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### HITLER REITERATES THREATS AGAINST JEWS; SAYS JEWS OR GERMANS MUST BE ANNIHILATED

BERNE, Jan. 30. (JTA)-- Evidently worried at the defeat of his armies on the Russian front and over America's entry into the war, Adolf Hitler, addressing an audience of 10,000 Axis diplomats and Nazi party leaders in Berlin today, on the occasion of the ninth anniversary of his seizing power in Germany, reiterated his threats against the Jews, stating that in this war it is "either the Jews or the Germans" who will be annihilated.

In his effort to put the blame for Germany's present misfortunes on the Jews, Hitler said that nothing but "complete destruction" awaits the Jews. "I don't want to say anything about the Jews," he shouted, "except that they are our old enemies. The alternative is clear: Either the German people will be destroyed, or the Jews will disappear from Europe. The result of this war will not be the destruction of the Aryan people, but the complete destruction of Jewry. For the first time the old Jewish law is being applied - an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Addressing a warning to Jews directly, Hitler stated: "The more this struggle spreads - and this may be said to Jewry - the more anti-Semitism will spread." He then "predicted" that the end of the Jews is inevitable. "The hour will come when this enemy of all time will have finished its role for ten thousand years," he yelled to the applause of his Nazi listeners.

### SERBIAN GUERRILLAS ATTACK NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP AND LIBERATE 400 JEWS

LONDON, Jan. 30. (JTA)-- More than 400 Jewish internees confined by the Nazi authorities in a concentration camp in Yugoslavia were released in a lightning raid by a group of guerilla fighters who attacked the camp under the leadership of a Jewish commander, a report reaching Yugoslav circles here today stated.

The liberated Jewish prisoners immediately joined the guerilla forces, the report said. The number of Jews participating in the guerilla battle against the Nazi army in Yugoslavia is so large that a special Jewish news bulletin in the Serbian language is now being published by the Jewish guerillas. The clandestine publication, which appears under the title "Zidov," constantly calls upon the Jews in Yugoslavia to join the guerilla forces and avenge the massacres of Jews in Belgrade and other Yugoslavian cities.

As a result of the fact that a large number of Jews escaped from Sarajevo to the mountains to join the guerilla forces, the Nazi military authorities have issued an order providing the death penalty for Jews suspected of "intending to join" the Yugoslav fighters. At the same time General Draja Mihailovitch, the commander-in-chief of the guerilla forces, issued instructions to his units to attack as many concentration camps as possible in order to liberate the Serbian and Jewish patriots imprisoned there, the Yugoslav report declared.

POPULAR OPPOSITION TO ANTI-SEMITIC MEASURES GROWING IN FRANCE

ZURICH, Jan. 30. (JTA)-- Popular opposition to Vichy's anti-Semitic laws is increasing in all parts of France as the people become further aware of the fact that the measures have been introduced as a result of direct Nazi pressure, it is reported here today.

Anti-Jewish posters in France are frequently obliterated and defaced, with the word "Jew" being crossed out and the word "Boche" substituted, the report says. Even the signboard in front of the office of Xavier Vallat, Commissioner of Jewish Affairs, has been repeatedly defaced. In the Vichy Church of St. Louis a Jesuit priest, described as a "friend of Petain," delivered a sermon assailing the government's anti-Semitism.

The report also reveals that because of the refusal of non-Jewish professors to accept university posts from which their Jewish colleagues had been ousted and the avowed intention of many students to boycott the classes of any professor accepting such positions, the Ministry of Education has been forced to announce that "for reasons of economy" it will leave the posts vacant.

The Tribune de Lausanne, a Swiss newspaper, yesterday published an article from its correspondent in Vichy corroborating the fact that the French people want no part of the Nazi-fostered anti-Semitism. The correspondent writes: "The Jewish problem leaves the French divided or quite indifferent. Certainly one meets fanatical anti-Semites, but speaking generally, the French do not accept en bloc everything brought from outside, especially if they have the impression that there is a desire to impose certain theories and regulations. They are awaiting the time when they may settle these matters for themselves freely."

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Polish-Jewish Communists in Russia, the report says, objected to Ehrlich and Alter intervening in political matters. At present Ehrlich, who is suffering from a throat ailment, is in the prison hospital undergoing treatment, the report disclosed.

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POLISH JEWS ORDERED TO SURRENDER THEIR PRAYER SHAWLS TO KEEP THE GERMAN ARMY WARM

LISBON, Jan. 30. (JTA)-- German soldiers on the Russian front are now using Jewish prayer shawls to protect themselves from the frost, it was reported here today.

The report said that Nazi authorities in Poland ordered all Jews there to surrender their woolen prayer shawls for the use of the German troops on the Soviet front. The death penalty is provided for those not complying with the order.

Expecting a further retreat of the Nazi armies, the German military command ordered the deportation of all Jewish inhabitants from Stolpee, a town situated on the former Polish-Russian frontier near Minsk.

165,000 Jews Died in Poland in 1941. More Than 72,000 in Warsaw

Reliable information reaching here today from Poland states that 165,000 Jews died there in 1941. In Warsaw alone there were 72,279 Jewish deaths. The number of dead in the Jewish ghetto in Lodz reached 17,542. The highest mortality was registered during the month of July when 7,412 Jews died in the Warsaw ghetto.

Thirty Jewish cabinet makers were reported today to have been sent by the Nazis to the concentration camp in Oswiecim charged with setting fire to a furniture factory in the city of Radomsk. The fire broke out soon after some of the workers in the factory were punished by the Nazis for slackness. The whole factory went up in flames during the night.

NAZIS ADMIT EXECUTION OF JEWISH WAR PRISONERS; BLAME JEWS FOR "UNCIVILIZED WARFARE"

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 30. (JTA)-- Attempting to justify their killing of Jewish war prisoners, the Nazis in a radio broadcast today from Berlin alleged that "Jewish units from Biro-Bidjan now fighting on the Crimean front are ignoring the rules of civilized warfare and shoot wounded Germans."

The Nazi broadcast also asserted that Jewish guerillas are sniping at German soldiers. In the Minsk district Nazi military units are still being attacked by Jewish guerillas, the broadcaster said. He disclosed that a German regiment was recently engaged in a fight with the guerillas in the Minsk section, and that as a result of this battle "twenty-two guerillas were killed and sixteen Jews were executed in the city of Bobruisk for assisting the guerillas."

The Moscow radio today reported that hundreds of bodies of frozen Jews who the Nazis drove to the Soviet front for compulsory labor are being found every day by the advancing Russian troops. The retreating Nazi soldiers are robbing the Jews of their clothes and leaving the bodies naked, the Soviet broadcast stated.

BELGIAN WELFARE INSTITUTIONS CROWDED WITH DESTITUTE JEWISH CHILDREN

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 30. (JTA)-- Belgian welfare institutions in Antwerp are jammed with Jewish children whose parents are now unable to provide for them as a result of the restrictions on Jewish employment and businesses, it is revealed in an article published in the Dutch Nazi paper, Volk en Staat, reaching here today.

The Nazi organ attacks the chief child welfare officer in Amsterdam saying that he is a Jew. "Maybe he performs his duties conscientiously," the article states, "but even so he has no right to his position. We demand that the authorities remove him along with other Jews."

BLUM'S ILLNESS NOT EXPECTED TO DELAY "WAR GUILT" TRIAL AT RIOM

VICHY, Jan. 30. (JTA)-- The illness of former French premier Leon Blum, who is reported confined to his bed at Bourrassol Manor, will not delay the opening on February 19 at Riom of the "war guilt" trials of Blum, Daladier, Gamelin, former Air Minister La Chambre and former armaments chief Jancomet, it was indicated here today.

The 215 prosecution witnesses who will be called to give testimony, chosen from among 900 heard at preliminary hearings, have been marshalled and the dossier, containing more than 100,000 documents, has been prepared. The defense, it is reported, also plans to call nearly 200 witnesses to aid in answering the 180-page indictment. At the rate of four hearings a week the trials are not expected to terminate before the beginning of summer and a decision will probably not be handed down until June or July.

MANY JEWISH PROFESSIONALS AMONG DEPORTEES EXPELLED FROM PRAGUE

LONDON, Jan. 30. (JTA)-- A great many Jewish writers, journalists, professionals and communal workers, including Dr. Oscar Rosenfeld, former editor of the Vienna Neue Welt, were among the thousands of Jews deported from the cities of Prague and Brno this week, it is reported here today by Czech circles.

DR. NELSON GLUECK NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF U.A.H.C.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 30. (JTA)-- Dr. Nelson Glueck, scholar and archaeologist, has been named executive director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, a post which he will assume July 1. He will continue as Professor of Bible and Biblical Archaeology at the Hebrew Union College, the rabbinical seminary of reform Jewry at Cincinnati, and will serve as a member of the faculty of the Institute of Advanced Study at Princeton until June.

3,000 RABBIS AND TALMUDIC STUDENTS FIND HAVEN IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA)-- More than three thousand rabbis and Talmudical students from Nazi-held European territories have found sanctuary in Palestine since the beginning of the war, according to information received today by the Federated Council of Palestine Institutions.

The Council which embraces in its program 133 independent religious, educational and welfare institutions in Palestine with a combined annual expenditure of \$1,285,000, is striving to focus the attention of American Jewry on the added needs of these institutions.

JEWISH REFUGEES SETTLED ON FARMS IN WESTERN CANADA

MONTREAL, Jan. 30. (JTA)-- Twenty-five Jewish refugee families numbering 110 people have been settled upon 3,790 acres of land in Western Canada since the formation of the Land Settlement Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, according to a report made public here today.

The refugees have invested \$30,000 in their farms and have received from the Land Settlement Committee loans amounting to \$15,000. Some of them have already made repayments on their loans and the progress accomplished can be considered satisfactory, the Committee stated.