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### NAZIS ORDER WARSAW JEWS TO BUILD CREMATORIUM; WILL CLOSE JEWISH CEMETERY

LONDON, March 6. (JTA)-- The Jewish Community Council in the Warsaw ghetto has been ordered by the Nazi authorities to immediately erect a crematorium for disposing of the growing number of Jewish dead, it was learned in Polish Government circles here today.

The Jewish cemetery in the ghetto will be closed shortly, the Nazi authorities informed the Council. The closing of the cemetery and the order for the establishment of a crematorium is necessitated by the increase in deaths in the Warsaw ghetto, the Nazi authorities are reported to have told the leaders of the Jewish Community Council.

Polish Government circles today heard from Moscow that the Soviet authorities have returned to the Polish embassy the passport of Henryk Ehrlich, leader of the Jewish Socialist Bund party in Poland who is under arrest in Russia. In delivering Ehrlich's passport to the Polish authorities, the Soviet Government stated that the arrested Jewish socialist leader is considered a Soviet citizen. Ehrlich, who was born in the Polish city of Lublin, has been living in Poland all his life. The Polish Government in London is not inclined to accept the view of the Soviet authorities and intends to continue its representations for the release of the Jewish labor leader.

### MEATLESS DAYS INTRODUCED IN PALESTINE; BREAD MAY BE RATIONED

JERUSALEM, March 6. (JTA)-- Two meatless days each week were proclaimed for Palestine today in a new defense order issued by the Palestine authorities. Tuesdays and Wednesdays have been designed by this order as the days when the sale of meat will be prohibited throughout the country.

The rationing of bread is also expected here shortly as one of the measures to make Palestine self-supporting and less dependent on deliveries from overseas countries.

### ROMANIA ANNOUNCES CONFISCATION OF 2,000 JEWISH AND FOREIGN ENTERPRISES

GENEVA, March 6. (JTA)-- The Vichy radio today reported from Bucharest that "2,000 Jewish and foreign enterprises in Rumania were subjected to the control of the Secretary of State for 'Rumanization'."

Reports reaching here today from Rumania also state that the Nazi military authorities there have announced that 100 Jews will be arrested and executed for every German soldier assassinated on Rumanian territory by local terrorists. The announcement was apparently provoked by repeated killings of individual German soldiers in the oil fields of Rumania as well as in the province of Bessarabia.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS URGED "TO TAKE A STAND" ON STRUME TRAGEDY

WASHINGTON, March 6. (JTA)-- The House of Representatives was asked by Congressman Samuel Dickstein to take a stand on the Strume disaster which caused the death of more than 750 Rumanian Jews who were refused admission to Palestine.

"I feel that some definite stand on behalf of human rights taken by this House will perhaps avoid a similar disaster in the future," Congressman Dickstein said. "I cannot permit that human lives be placed in jeopardy simply because it does not suit a particular group or government to help human beings who are hunted on the face of the earth and cannot find a place to rest."

Congressman Dickstein quoted to the House the reports of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on the Strume sinking outside the Bosphorus and on the statement issued by the Jewish Agency for Palestine condemning the refusal to have the Strume refugees admitted to Palestine under the immigration quota. He pointed out that it does not matter whether any government wishes to accept the responsibility for the tragic death of the Jewish refugees. "The important thing," he said, "is that our civilized society did not know how to save the lives of 750 refugees who, in escaping persecution from their own country, found death on the high seas."

Reporting on his efforts to establish the facts of the Strume tragedy, Congressman Dickstein said: "The event calls for the strongest expression of public indignation by the people of the United States. The event itself may not mean much in these days when war news dealing with the fate of millions of people crowds the pages of our newspapers, but the death at sea of 750 persons is not something to be slurred over or disregarded even in these troubled times."

BRITISH, SOUTH AFRICAN GROUPS JOIN PROTESTS AGAINST PALESTINE ADMINISTRATION

LONDON, March 6. (JTA)-- Protests against the Colonial Office and the Palestine Administration for their failure to admit the Strume refugees continued here today as Jewish organizations, the British press and South African Zionist groups added their voices to the demand for a change in Britain's policy toward Jewish immigration into Palestine.

A resolution declaring that by its attitude in the Strume case "the Palestine administration has departed from the honored British tradition of offering sanctuary to those fleeing from political and religious persecution" was adopted today at a memorial meeting of the Anglo-Palestine Club. The resolution urged the British government "to take steps to make impossible" a repetition of such a disaster.

The New Statesman and Nation, leading British weekly, in an editorial on the Strume sinking, demands an inquiry into the tragedy. It declares that the loss of lives lies on the threshold of the British authorities in Jerusalem and the Colonial Office.

The South African Zionist Federation in Johannesburg cabled the Colonial Secretary protesting the Palestine administration's part in the Strume catastrophe, it was learned here today.

Revision of official British policy toward the Jews in Palestine is also demanded in an editorial in the Manchester Guardian. Expressing the hope that appointment of Viscount Cramborne as head of the Colonial Ministry will bring a new approach to Palestine affairs, the Guardian writes: "No community would fight Hitler with more loyalty to the Allies than the Jews."

DEWEY HAILS FEATS OF JEWISH SOLDIERS IN ADDRESS AT B'NAI B'RITH VICTORY RALLY

NEW YORK, March 6, (JTA)-- The part played by Jewish soldiers in the last war and the feats of individual heroism already performed by Jewish men in the armed forces in the present war were hailed here last night by Thomas E. Dewey, Republican party leader and former New York County district attorney, in an address delivered at a "Wake Up America" rally sponsored by the Manhattan lodges of the B'nei B'rith.

Appealing for complete national unity in the struggle against the Fascist powers, Mr. Dewey emphasized that we must "know and root out our homegrown enemies." Evidently referring to the recent exposes of Nazis and anti-Semites who held or hold leading positions in our defense setup, Mr. Dewey declared: "The technique of the fifth column is carried out by native traitors. They may not even work as foreign agents. They work for love of a foreign system or hatred of their own free system."

BRITISH NOW IN STRONG POSITION TO DEFEND PALESTINE, EGYPT, SYRIA, LYTLETON STATES

LONDON, March 6. (JTA)-- The British Imperial forces in the "Near and Middle East" are now in a better position to defend Egypt, Syria, Palestine and the Suez Canal than they were before the recent "Libyan offensive," it was stated at a press conference today by Capt. Oliver Lyttleton, Secretary of State for the Eastern Mediterranean area.

Questioned on the activities of Axis fifth-columns among the Arabs, Lyttleton replied: "We have an organization to deal with it." Asked whether he did not believe that Palestine's potential contribution to the war effort was adversely affected by the refusal to establish Jewish units there, Lyttleton replied that "recruitment in Palestine is on a small scale." He denied, however, that this small scale recruitment was the reason for Britain's refusal to form a Jewish Army. He hinted that there were other reasons which prevented full use of Palestine's manpower. Queried as to whether he was satisfied that Palestine's industrial war potential was being fully used, the Secretary of State, who is to become Minister of Production, replied evasively that he was generally dissatisfied with the war production in any country.

When pressed to discuss the political situation in the Near East in general and in regard to its effect on the creation of a Jewish force in Palestine, Lyttleton referred to "Oriental complexities" and problems of the Near East, but declined to discuss political details of the situation. Discussing the economic front he emphasized that efforts were being made to make the Near Eastern countries self-supporting which would greatly contribute to solving shipping problems.

LONDON-BORN JEWISH GENERAL OF CHINESE ARMY EXECUTED BY THE JAPANESE

WINNIPEG, March 6. (JTA)-- Morris Abraham Cohen, the fifty-year old Chinese General, known as General Ma, a former resident of Winnipeg, has been captured and shot by the Japanese, according to a report published in the Winnipeg Tribune last night.

Born in the Jewish section of London, Cohen came to Winnipeg at the age of 12. In 1922 he went to China where he became associated with Dr. Sun Yat Sen, founder of the Chinese Republic. Later he was commander-in-chief of the Chinese Nationalist Army.

HUNGARIAN JEWISH VINE GROWERS ARRESTED, THEIR VINEYARDS CONFISCATED

ZURICH, March 6. (JTA)-- Several Jewish vine growers in the famous Hungarian vine-growing district of Tokay have been arrested for sabotage and their vineyards confiscated, the Rome Radio announced today. The Jews are accused of planning to carry out acts of sabotage in protest against recent anti-Jewish laws adopted by the Hungarian parliament. The confiscated grape arbors have been handed over to Hungarian farmers.

GERMANY OF RS INCREASED TAXATION ON JEWS IN POLAND; TAX ON RATION CARDS

BERLIN, March 6. (JTA)-- German newspapers reaching here today announce a new Nazi plan to impose higher taxes on the Jews in Poland. The taxes will be collected monthly and in some cases even weekly.

"The Jews in the ghettos must appreciate the welfare protection which they are enjoying under German supervision," the Deutsche Finanzblatt writes explaining the new measure. Special taxes will also have to be paid by Jews for ration cards and for funerals.

French newspapers arriving here today report that the Vichy authorities have issued an order temporarily suspending the transmitting of mail and money orders from the post offices in unoccupied France to Nazi-held Poland. An exception is made for the central post office in Vichy. No reason is given for this measure. More than 8,000 money orders were transmitted from unoccupied France to Poland during 1941.

S. B. JACOBSON, J.D.C. OVERSEAS REPRESENTATIVE, RETURNS TO U. S.

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA)-- S. Bertrand Jacobson, a member of the overseas staff of the Joint Distribution Committee who has been on relief assignments for the past three years, arrived today in New York from the Island of Jamaica where he had arranged for the welfare of 152 Jewish Polish refugees rescued by the J.D.C.

Mr. Jacobson, who was in the American consular service before becoming affiliated with the J.D.C., headed the J.D.C. branch office in Budapest, supervising operations for the Balkan area. When Hungary declared war on the United States, he left Budapest for Lisbon, where the J.D.C. headquarters are located. From Lisbon he went to Jamaica as escort for the Polish Jewish group.

Mr. Jacobson reported that the people of Europe, even those in the Nazi countries who want to see the Nazi tyranny removed, have gathered new hope since America became one of the Allies. "As for living conditions," Mr. Jacobson said, "they are pretty frightful. Europeans are hoping that just as in the last war America will implement its military aid with all-out relief."

UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF AMERICA TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL CONVENTION IN ATLANTIC CITY

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA)-- The United Synagogue of America, central body for Conservative Judaism in the United States, will hold its 1942 Biennial Convention over the weekend of April 24 at the Hotel St. Charles in Atlantic City, N. J., it was announced here today.

Reflecting the present crisis in world affairs, the convention will highlight consideration of the role of the synagogue during the war period. Action will also be sought on such emergency-created problems as strengthening the individual congregation and its constituent organizations and vitalizing the conservative movement in American Jewish life.

FUNERAL OF DR. SCHANFARBER, PROMINENT RABBI, TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO TUESDAY

CHICAGO, March 6. (JTA)-- Funeral services will be held here on Tuesday for Rabbi Tobias Schanferber, rabbi emeritus of the Temple Kehilath Anshe Mayriv here, who died in Miami this week at the age of 79. Coming to Chicago forty-four years ago Rabbi Schanferber was invited by Dr. Emil Hirsch to be co-editor of the Reform Advocate. Later he became editor of the Chicago Israelite and Sentinel. Born in Cleveland, Rabbi Schanferber was graduated from the University of Cincinnati and the Hebrew Union College. He served congregations in Mobile, Toledo, Fort Wayne and Baltimore.