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NAZI EXECUTION OF 15,000 JEWS IN BORISOV REPORTED BY SOVIET GUERRILLA OFFICERS

MOSCOW, March 9. (JTA)-- The mass-execution by the Nazis of 15,000 Jews in the occupied town of Borisov, 75 miles west of Smolensk, was described here today by two commanders of Soviet guerilla detachments who, after long months of operating behind the Nazi lines, reached Moscow to report on what is going on in Nazi-held White Russia.

The two leaders of the Russian partisan fighters both stated that the policy of the German administration in the occupied Soviet territory is "to completely exterminate the Jews." Under the pretext that the Jews are helping the Russian guerillas, mass-executions of Jews are taking place in practically every town and village in occupied White Russia.

Emphasizing that their reports could be confirmed by at least 500 eye-witnesses, the two guerilla officers gave the following details:

"After capturing Borisov, the Germans ordered all Jews there to wear a special armband and to live in a ghetto for which they set aside one of the streets fenced with barbed wire. Then an announcement was suddenly posted stating that the Jews were helping the Soviet partisans and would be held responsible. This was a lie since none of us, partisans, could enter the ghetto, nor could the Jews leave it.

7,000 Jews Dig Their Own Graves; Children Buried Alive

"The next day after the announcement appeared, a pogrom started in the ghetto. Jewish homes were plundered by German soldiers from five o'clock in the morning until several hours later. Then all the 7,000 Jews who remained in Borisov were marched off in groups to the outskirts of the city and ordered to dig their own graves. When the graves were dug, the victims were lined up and shot by Nazi firing squads. No difference was made between men and women. Only the children were not shot. The Nazi soldiers threw the children into the graves alive, occasionally knocking some of them unconscious with the buttends of their rifles.

"The shooting of the adults was carried out carelessly, and many of the victims were only slightly wounded when thrown into the grave. As the graves were not deep and were filled with earth in a hurry, the non-Jewish population which was forced to witness the horrible scene actually saw the graves 'breathing' for two hours during which many of the victims were apparently still alive.

"Several days later, after disposing of the local Jewish population, the Nazis brought some 8,000 more Jews to Borisov from the western part of occupied White Russia, and executed them in the same manner. This same fate was meted out to all Jews in the

township of Shamkovo. The Jews of Shamkovo were harnessed to coaches in place of horses and were forced to haul their executioners to the place where the entire Jewish population of the township was shot by firing squads after being forced to dig their own graves.

"Following the two mass-executions in Borisov, all three Nazi newspapers published in White Russia - one in the Russian and two in the White Russian languages - cynically reported that "the Jewish problem in White Russia is now solved, but there are still five million Jews left alive in the United States."

JEWISH DELEGATION WILL DISCUSS STRUME CASE WITH STATE DEPARTMENT

PHILADELPHIA, March 9. (JTA)-- A Zionist delegation will shortly leave for Washington to discuss the Strume case and Britain's policy in Palestine in general with high officials of the State Department, it was learned today.

United States intervention with the British government looking toward changes in the policies and personnel of the British administration in Palestine, was urged yesterday in a resolution adopted at the session of the national administrative council of the Zionist Organization here, attended by 150 delegates from all sections of the country. Declaring that while the primary responsibility for the Strume tragedy lies at the doors of the Nazis, the resolution stated that "the Palestine administration which callously rejected the despairing pleas for admission cannot escape moral responsibility for the tragic sequel."

The meeting, which was opened with impressive memorial rites for the Strume dead, also adopted resolutions calling for the return to Palestine of the Jewish refugees interned on the island of Mauritius, the release of the passengers from the steamer Derien who have been interned in Palestine for more than a year and the creation of a Jewish fighting force in Palestine.

Among the Zionist leaders who addressed the council were Judge Louis E. Levinthal, the ZOA president; Emanuel Neumann, director of the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs; Dr. James G. Haller, president of the council, and many others.

NAZI INVASION OF PALESTINE IN SPRING IS LIKELY, BEN-GURION DECLARES

BOSTON, March 9. (JTA)-- Hitler's desperate need for oil makes it likely that an attempt will be made by the Axis to get to the oil fields of Iraq and Iran through Turkey or Egypt and Palestine or both it was prophesied last night by David Ben-Gurion in an address at the closing dinner of the Greater Boston Palestine Pioneer Campaign in the Hotel Bradford here.

"Palestine occupies a singularly important position in the Middle East at this moment because of the commercial pact that Turkey has concluded with Hitler which means that her attitude in the case of a Nazi invasion is very doubtful," he said. "The new Egyptian government has made clear its unwillingness to fight on the side of the democracies and even to defend its own country from a Fascist invasion. Even the Iraq government can hardly be expected to fight for England," Ben-Gurion stated. He ridiculed Britain's excuse of lack of equipment as the reason for her refusal to accept Jewish help and to establish a Jewish army.

It was announced at the dinner that \$45,000 had been raised in the Greater Boston area for the Histadruth and the Pioneer workers of Palestine.

RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT DECLARES 120 PROMINENT BUCHAREST JEWS ARE HOSTAGES

STOCKHOLM, March 9. (JTA)-- About 120 of the most prominent Jews of Bucharest, including Dr. William Filderman and Chief Rabbi Shafraan, were notified this week by the Rumanian authorities that they are considered hostages for any acts of "Jewish sabotage" that may take place in the country, according to a report from Berlin published today in the Svenska Dagbladet, a Swedish newspaper.

The Jewish leaders, the Berlin report reveals, were all ordered to appear at a certain hour in the Temple Choral, the largest synagogue in the city. There a government communication was read to them informing them of the decision to hold them collectively responsible for any acts of sabotage which may be ascribed to Jews. The communication added that until further notice they may stay at their homes and even move freely in the city.

The Svenska Dagbladet correspondent also reports that tomorrow, March 10, has been set for the deportation to the Transnistria area, the Rumanian-held sections of the Soviet Ukraine, of all Jews who have not completed their compulsory labor service or are unable to prove that they worked at clearing snow.

URGE RELIGIOUS REFUGEES FROM GERMANY BE EXEMPT FROM ORDER EVACUATING ALIENS FROM COAST

LOS ANGELES, March 9. (JTA)-- A recommendation that political and religious refugees from Germany be exempt from the order evacuating enemy aliens and that their "special knowledge of conditions in Germany" be used to discover fifth columnists and saboteurs was made here today before a Congressional committee investigating national defense migration.

The suggestion was advanced by Carey McWilliams, Chief of the California Division of Immigration and Housing, in the course of testimony at a public hearing of the committee. He stressed the urgent need for reclassification, either by separating refugees from the enemy alien group or licensing "stateless" refugees, or hearing and clearing them individually of the enemy alien stigma. "The registration figures will show that one-half of the 13,000 Germans in California are anti-Nazi 'stateless' refugees who have their first papers and who are presumably as loyal as any other," McWilliams said.

Thomas Mann, noted German author, testifying at the Committee hearings voiced a strong plea against mass evacuation of German refugees, deploring the paradoxical situation of refugees who fled from oppression and now find themselves in danger of another type of oppression, though the very fact of their flight established them as enemies of Hitler.

TECHNOCRATS DEMAND CLOSING OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE ORGANIZATIONS, NEWSPAPERS

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA)-- The suppression of all foreign language organizations throughout the United States and the abolition of all foreign language newspapers, advertising and radio broadcasts is urged by Technocracy, Inc., a political organization, in its program made public here today in the form of a full-page paid advertisement in the "New York newspapers."

Outlining a number of suggestions necessary for "total war strategy," Technocracy, Inc. demands that "all foreign language periodical publications, foreign language advertising, and foreign language radio programs for American consumption" be suppressed. It also asks that "the Government of the United States... shall abolish all foreign language and hyphenated American organizations, associations, and fraternal societies regardless of whether they have been formed to promote political, commercial, cultural, educational, linguistic, artistic, or other relationships."

AGUDAH APPEALS TO INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO SEND FOOD TO JEWS IN POLAND

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA)-- The World headquarters of the Agudas Israel organization has asked the International Red Cross in Geneva to find ways and means of sending food to the starving Jewish population in the Polish ghettos, it was announced by the Agudah office here today.

The announcement said that "it may be assumed that the action will be supported by the Polish government and will meet with benevolent consideration in American Government circles."

SOVIET-JEWISH YOUTH RECEIVES POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF "HERO OF THE SOVIET UNION"

MOSCOW, March 9. (JTA)-- Lido Chaikin, a Soviet-Jewish youth has received the posthumous award of "Hero of the Soviet Union" it was reported today over the Moscow radio.

Chaikin was the leader of a partisan group which was driven from the Penovsk district by the Germans. Taking their broadcasting equipment with them the band operated their own wireless station for a few days. Then Chaikin spread the Soviet communiques by word of mouth in the Nazi-held area. Captured by the Gestapo he was tortured to death, but died with the cry "Long Live the USSR" on his lips.

JEWISH CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY IN PALESTINE OPENS SESSION IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, March 9. (JTA)-- The Jewish Constituent Assembly of Palestine, the Assefath Hanivcharim, opened its three-day session here today to discuss various political and educational problems of Jewish life in Palestine. The Assembly will also vote on the budget for the Vaad Leumi, the Jewish National Council of Palestine.

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER REACHES LONDON ON IMPORTANT ZIONIST MISSION

LONDON, March 9. (JTA)-- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the United Palestine Appeal in America, today reached London to confer with Dr. Weizmann and other Zionist leaders on important Zionist problems and to assist in the launching of the Keren Hayesod campaign in England. It is expected that Dr. Silver will have an opportunity to discuss Palestine questions with a number of leading British statesmen.

VICE-PRESIDENT WALLACE, OTHER LEADERS, HAIL CENTENARY OF ISAAC M. WISE TEMPLE

CINCINNATI, March 9. (JTA)-- Messages congratulating the Isaac M. Wise Temple here on the occasion of its centenary have been received from Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, Thomas Mann and many other notables, it was announced today.

Vice-President Wallace's message reads in part: "In these days of stress, when the ideals of democracy are being threatened on every side, it is heartening to contemplate a house of worship that, for a hundred years has existed in this country as a source of inspiration and encouragement. It is of particular significance that this temple, which has become the center of an important movement among our fellow citizens of Jewish faith, should have been founded largely by people who had turned their backs upon tyranny and oppression in their homelands."