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### NAZIS RESUME DEPORTATIONS OF JEWS AS STALIN PROMISES LIBERATION OF POLAND

STOCKHOLM, March 15. (JTA)-- Poles, Jews, Ukrainians and Russians in Nazi-occupied Poland were told yesterday, in a message by Josef Stalin broadcast over the Soviet radio stations, that the day of their liberation from the Nazis is not distant. The message urged them "to register all the atrocities committed against them by the Nazis, in order that the guilty should be punished for their terror and barbarism."

Telling the population of Poland that "the Soviet Army is approaching the Polish frontiers," Stalin emphasized in his message that the enslaved people of Poland should be ready to take revenge for all the oppression and torture which they are now suffering under the Nazis.

Meanwhile, the German military command, preparing for any eventuality which the Spring may bring to the Nazi armies on the Soviet front, is reported today to be continuing the deportation of Jews from certain Nazi-held sections in Poland which are now being fortified at a feverish pace. Most of the Jews have to proceed to Warsaw where they will be added to the 500,000 Jews already jammed in the Warsaw ghetto.

### Nazi Administrators in Poland Replaced by Gestapo Officials

A drastic reorganization of the Nazi administrative staff in occupied Poland is also reported to have started in connection with the Spring military plans. Local German administrators in various cities in Poland, whom the Gestapo feels have been "softened up" by corruption and bribery, are being supplanted with more ruthless Nazi officials. This reorganization especially affects the Jews in Poland, since the new Nazi administrators, all of whom come from Gestapo ranks, are displaying special zeal in persecuting the local Jewish population in an effort to justify their appointments.

The Krakauer Zeitung, reaching here today from Poland, carries the news that the Nazi commissar for Lwow has been replaced by a Nazi officer from Austria named Moekler. "The appointment of Moekler means that Lwow will now be ruled with a steel fist," the Nazi newspaper writes. It also reports that the Director for Internal Affairs in the Government General has been replaced by Siebert who is a notorious Gestapo leader.

### 240,000 JEWS EXECUTED BY GESTAPO IN UKRAINE, JDC REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA)-- Two hundred and forty thousand Jews who had been deported from Germany and all parts of Central Europe to the German-held Ukraine were murdered by the Gestapo, according to the testimony of Hungarian soldiers returning from the eastern front, it was revealed here today by S. Bertrand Jacobson, American relief worker, who left Budapest with the American diplomatic mission on January 16th.

Mr. Jacobson, representative of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Eastern Europe for the past two years, quoted one Hungarian soldier as

declaring that at one great tract of land, near Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, he saw the ground "move in waves." The Germans, he said, had just conducted a mass execution of Jews and had buried their victims even before life left them.

#### Extermination of Hungarian and Yugoslav Jews Described

In an interview here today, the American relief worker accused the Gestapo troops of having murdered fifty percent of the 18,000 Jews who had been rounded up by the Hungarian authorities in Carpatho-Russia and the Hungarian provinces and deported in cattle-cars to German-held Galicia.

Charging that the only policy the Germans have for solution of the Jewish question is extermination and destruction, the American relief worker declared that this policy was being pursued in every country the Nazis dominate.

The Jewish population of Yugoslavia, he declared, had been reduced from 68,000 before the invasion of the country to a maximum of 25,000 today. When the Nazis occupied Belgrade, he said, they took "terrible measures" of revenge against the patriots who had resisted them. Jews of the capital, he said, were rounded up and taken in trucks, a hundred at a time, to nearby forests where they were executed. Today, he reported, there are virtually no Jews left in Belgrade and only a few in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, where the Jewish question was put in the hands of the Italian-trained Ustachi.

Deportations from Vienna to Galicia and the Ukraine are still continuing, Jacobson reported, and there are now only 30,000 Jews left in Austria, most of them aged and infirm.

#### 45,000 Bukovina Jews Deported to Galicia

The American relief worker told of the deportation from the province of Bukovina to Galicia and the Ukraine of from 45,000 to 50,000 Jews. The Rumanian government had accused them, he said, of having welcomed and aided the Russians in their occupation of the province. Further deportations, which took place last September and October, were halted only after courageous representations to the authorities by the president of the Bucharest Jewish community.

The Joint Distribution Committee did everything possible to aid the deportees, Mr. Jacobson declared. Wherever possible they were provided with food and clothing, and subsidies were given to Polish committees to enable them to render aid.

Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Mr. Morris C. Troper, chairman of the European executive council, described the Committee's normal program of activities, which include relief of the distressed Jewish populations, maintenance of Jewish schools and medical services, and reported the measures taken to ensure their continued functioning through a network of local committees despite the fact that the war has severed connections with the Committee here. They pointed out that although the Committee has been unable to bring financial help to these territories, their programs are continuing with funds borrowed locally in the expectation that after the war the JDC will repay the obligations incurred.

#### WOMEN IN PALESTINE NAMED OFFICERS, SERGEANTS, CORPORALS IN AUXILIARY SERVICE

JERUSALEM, March 13. (JTA)-- The Palestine Official Gazette today announces a number of promotions in the Women's Auxiliary Service. Reporting that 49 women, the majority of them Jewish, have completed their training course in the Service, the official organ of the Palestine Government states that four of them have been named as officers, 10 as sergeants, and 11 as corporals.

SLOVAKIA DEPORTS JEWS FROM "GHETTO TOWNS" INTO NAZI-HELD GALICIA

ZURICH, March 15. (JTA)-- The deportation to Nazi-held Galicia of thousands of Slovakian Jews held in ten "ghetto towns" near the Polish frontier started this week under an arrangement reached between the Nazi authorities in Poland and the Slovakian government, according to advices reaching here from Slovakia.

The Gardista, official organ of the anti-Semitic Hlinka Guard, which reached here today, carries a report that Jews in Slovakia will henceforth be forbidden to move from their present quarters, under an order issued by Sano Mach, Slovakian Minister of Interior. The order will remain in force until the transfer of all Slovak Jews to the "ghetto towns" is completed.

Another order issued by Mach cancels the regulations which exempted Jews holding labor permits from wearing the yellow Mogen David.

JEWS IN HUNGARY ARE AN ANTI-SOCIAL ELEMENT, NEW PREMIER DECLARES

BERNE, March 13. (JTA)-- The new Hungarian Premier, Nicholas von Kallay, today announced that he intends to introduce a bill in parliament next week, speeding up the expropriation of Jewish agricultural land and transferring it to non-Jews.

The Premier made his announcement in the course of an address which he delivered before a meeting of the Government Party. The expropriation of Jewish agricultural possessions has been proceeding in Hungary for some time. "The economic suppression of the Jews is the basis for improvement in Hungary's economy. The Jews as a community and as individuals are an anti-social element," the new Premier said in his address.

CANADIAN LABOR MINISTER REBUKES DEPUTY FOR ANTI-ALIEN SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT

OTTAWA, March 13. (JTA)-- Canadian Minister of Labor Humphrey Mitchell, speaking today in the House of Commons, administered a sharp rebuke to deputy Jean Francois Pouliot who criticized the "policy of making Canada the dumping ground of all the nations of the world."

Mr. Mitchell told Pouliot, who has demonstrated his bias against immigrants on many occasions, that "I do not think it is well that utterances should go forth from this House which would have for their purpose the splitting of this nation, not into two racial groups only, but into a dozen racial groups. In this very difficult period I do not think any member of this House should rise in his place and cast reflections on men and women who have made a distinct contribution in building up this Dominion of Canada."

Pouliot had also protested against allowing immigrants and sons of immigrants to serve in the Canadian forces "where they would be entitled to the same privileges as red-blooded Canadians who enlist in the army."

PROMINENT NORWEGIAN JEWISH FAMILY DESTROYED BY GESTAPO TERROR

STOCKHOLM, March 15. (JTA)-- After having executed the two Issaksen brothers of Trondheim, last Sunday, on the charge of listening to British broadcasts from London, the Gestapo in Norway proceeded to imprison a third brother, and torture a fourth until he was driven insane and had to be sent to a mental hospital, it is reported here today from Oslo.

A sister of the Issaksens died from shock when informed that they had been executed, the Oslo report states.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEW HAS SIXTY RELATIVES SERVING IN EVERY BRANCH OF ARMED FORCES

JOHANNESBURG, March 15. (JTA)-- Solomon N. Bernstein, a member of the South African Civic Guards, has no less than sixty relatives in active service, it was revealed here today. These include relatives by marriage as well as blood relatives.

Many of them are in the South African Army. Others, living overseas, have enlisted in England, Canada and Australia, and are today serving in all parts of the world. They are to be found in every branch of armed defense, and they range in rank from ratings and privates to captains and majors.

CANADIAN JEWISH LEADER URGES THE INTENSIFICATION OF WELFARE ACTIVITIES

TORONTO, March 15. (JTA)-- The need for strengthening, intensifying and expanding Jewish welfare programs and budgets for the coming year since they are "directly contributing to the war effort," was stressed at the fourth annual meeting of the United Jewish Welfare Fund and Service Councils, by Samuel J. Zacks, retiring president.

Reporting on the results of the Fall campaign of the Welfare fund, Mr. B. Vise, chairman of the appeal, revealed that 6,469 contributors had pledged a sum exceeding that of last year by \$60,000. The Women's Service Council raised \$16,900. The meeting, which was attended by 350 Welfare Fund contributors and Service Council members, elected Morris S. Till as president of the organization for the coming year.

LIVES OF STRUMA REFUGEES SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ENDANGERED, N.Y. TIMES WRITES

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA)-- Emphasizing that there can be no justification for the fact that the 769 Rumanian refugees on board the Strums were sent back to the Black Sea to drown when the freighter sank, the New York Times in an editorial today writes:

"The Struma was a problem. There is some evidence that in earlier incidents, at least, the Nazis have taken a diabolical pleasure in presenting the British with such problems. It may be difficult to say precisely what the answer should have been. It is not difficult to say what it should not have been. No matter what policies fell by the wayside, not one of those lives should have been endangered. These refugees were soldiers, as we all are now, in the war against evil. They were comrades of the men on Bataan, of the men holding the line in Burma, of the men facing the Japanese in China. They were of the flesh and blood of the free peoples.

"Nothing that can have been gained by the failure to save them is of any value compared with the moral loss that their disaster brought about. Let us leave it to our enemies to be careless of human life--that is their philosophy. Our cause cannot survive without the simple, old-fashioned virtues of mutual helpfulness and compassion."

South African Zionist Federation Protests Palestine Government's Policy

JOHANNESBURG, March 15. (JTA)-- Declaring that although the people of Palestine were willing to sacrifice their own food to permit the entry of the Strume refugees, the Palestine government remained adamant in its refusal. N. Kirschner, chairman of the executive committee of the Zionist Federation of South Africa, stated today that this "latest wrong drives us to secure a world position for ourselves."

Mr. Kirschner spoke at a meeting held here to commemorate the memory of the Strume dead. A resolution protesting the policy of the Palestine administration was adopted at the memorial.