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### NAZI DECREE FORBIDS JEWS IN POLAND TO BUY ANY FOOD EXCEPT RATIONED BREAD, SUGAR

BERNE, March 27. (JTA)-- The Jewish population in Poland, already living under conditions of virtual starvation, has been forbidden to purchase any food except rations of bread and sugar, by a new Nazi decree reported in the German newspapers reaching here today.

At the same time, the Nazi authorities in Poland are cancelling the Polish passports of the Jews in the ghetto and are replacing them with special "Jewish passports." Polish passports of more than 500 Jews in Warsaw were recently taken up. Similar action has been taken in Lodz and other cities.

With German reverses on the Soviet front forcing the Nazis to withdraw some of their troops from Poland, specially trained Ukrainians have taken over guard duties in most of the Jewish labor camps. The Ukrainians have been officially instructed to maintain the Nazi standards of severity in dealing with the Jewish inmates of the camps.

### SPREAD OF TYPHUS AMONG JEWS IN HUNGARY AND YUGOSLAVIA REPORTED BY NAZI PRESS

ZURICH, March 27. (JTA)-- Nazi papers report today that typhus has broken out among the Jews interned in the Zvornik concentration camp in Yugoslavia and also in the Jewish quarters of the Hungarian towns of Győr-Rep and Hodmőzö-Vasarhely. Local authorities in the two Hungarian townships have isolated the areas where typhus has been found and the Jewish communities are hampered in their efforts to combat the epidemic by the scarcity of food and medicine.

The Hungarian Minister of the Interior has admitted that a typhus epidemic in Carpatho-Russia has assumed alarming proportions. He mentioned particularly the town of Kőrösesmező where almost the entire Jewish population has contracted the disease.

### WAR CONDITIONS MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR ENGLISH JEWS TO SECURE MATZOHs

LONDON, March 27. (JTA)-- Many Jews in England have so far been unable to secure matzohs for Passover as a result of the war conditions, it was revealed today when the Beth Din, the rabbinical council, appealed to rabbis throughout the country to devise means of securing sufficient matzohs for all English Jews.

Declaring that there was a serious shortage of matzohs, the Beth Din asked those persons who were well supplied to spare whatever quantities they could for distribution among those who have been unable to secure any of the unleavened bread. A special appeal will be made tomorrow from the pulpits of all synagogues, in order to make possible a last-minute distribution of matzohs.

"SOCIAL JUSTICE" THREATENS AMERICAN JEWS WITH POGROMS

DETROIT, March 27. (JTA)-- Apparently undisturbed by the reports that the Department of Justice has ordered an investigation into its dangerous un-patriotic propaganda, Social Justice, mouthpiece of Father Coughlin, today published inciting anti-Jewish articles threatening the Jews of America with pogroms.

Alleging that "Jews plot to ban Social Justice," the anti-Semitic organ writes that it could discontinue publication of its own volition seizing this opportunity to blame the Jews for its liquidation. "Were we to succumb to such a satanic temptation, the pogroms which crimsoned the soil of Europe would rank as a poor second to what would occur on the streets of New York," the mouthpiece of the Detroit priest says.

Another inciting article, covering the entire back cover-page of the magazine, under the title "And They Killed Christ," exploits the death of Jesus in an attempt to impress its readers with the idea that Jews have been murderers ever since the time of Christ.

SATURDAY EVENING POST ASKED TO WITHDRAW ISSUE CARRYING "CASE AGAINST JEWS" ARTICLE

NEW YORK, March 27. (JTA)-- A demand that the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post, containing an article by Milton S. Eyer entitled "The Case Against the Jews" be withdrawn from circulation "in the interests of America and in the interests of our soldiers," was made today by the Non-Sectarian anti-Nazi League.

"The article might more aptly have been called 'The Case for the Nazis' or 'The Case Against America,'" said the letter signed by Prof. James H. Sheldon, chairman of the League's board. The letter, addressed to the publishers, pointed out that the article "plays into the hands of Nazi propagandists and will be used in further attempts to split the unity of the United States at war."

JEWISH AGENCY ISSUES URGENT CALL FOR MEN AND WOMEN TO JOIN BRITISH FORCES

JERUSALEM, March 27. (JTA)-- Declaring that "Jewish honor and the rescue of Palestine" necessitates the most urgent action, the Jewish Agency for Palestine today issued a proclamation calling upon able-bodied Jewish men and women in Palestine to join the British forces "to defend our country and the Middle East."

The Agency's proclamation stated that "masses of volunteers are needed for Jewish units within the British forces." It also urged "thousands of women to join the Palestine Women's Auxiliary Territorial Corps." It particularly appealed to childless, married persons, between the ages of twenty and thirty to enlist, and requested that those in other categories join immediately without waiting their turn.

DR. WEIZMANN IS EXPECTED IN THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS

NEW YORK, March 27. (JTA)-- The arrival of Dr. Chaim Weizmann in New York is expected any day, according to advices received from London by American Zionist leaders.

The American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs today announced that it has received more than 600 messages from rabbis in the United States approving the formation of a Jewish military force in Palestine. Congressman Andrew L. Somers, of Brooklyn, in a speech before the House yesterday asked that President Roosevelt appoint an American general to find the best and most expedient way to create a Jewish military unit in the Middle East composed of Palestine Jews.

JEWISH YOUTH IN UNOCCUPIED FRANCE FACED WITH STARVATION OR WORKING FOR NAZIS

LONDON, March 27. (JTA)-- Jewish youths in unoccupied France find themselves faced with the tragic dilemma of starving or working in armament factories which supply the Nazis' war machine, according to information reaching Free French circles here today.

While the Jews in the Nazi-occupied section of France have been set to compulsory labor under the same conditions prevailing for Jews in Germany, those in the unoccupied zone have not been officially forced to work in factories. Constant tightening up of the anti-Jewish restrictions by Vichy, however, is gradually depriving these youths of all opportunities to earn a livelihood, except by joining the training centers which have been established by the Vichy authorities to supply labor for factories working on German war orders.

Apparently the chief reason for the recently increased Nazi pressure on Vichy for more rigid application of the anti-Jewish decrees is the desire to secure Jewish manpower in unoccupied France for use by the Germans, the Free French circles declared.

GOV. LEHMAN, PROF. EINSTEIN LAUD JTA'S IMPORTANCE IN JEWISH LIFE

NEW YORK, March 27. (JTA)-- Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Prof. Albert Einstein, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Wendell L. Willkie and many other Jewish and non-Jewish personalities today joined the numerous organizations and institutions throughout the country in sending messages of congratulations to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary.

Governor Lehman, in his message, stated: "I have been acquainted with the work of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency ever since its inception. It has devoted itself to the gathering and distribution of information concerning those of our faith here and abroad. It has furnished to the press and to individuals accurate and impartial information and has frequently interpreted Jewish life to the non-Jewish world. It has rendered a very real service. Please accept my congratulations and my best wishes for continued success."

Prof. Einstein sent the following message: "The information disseminated by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency regarding all major problems concerning Jewish life is considered by me as of great merit and importance. The JTA has made a valuable contribution to the solidarity of the Jewish people and we can, therefore, not be without it."

Wendell L. Willkie, in a statement, wrote: "I was delighted to learn that this is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and want to offer my most sincere congratulations on the fine work you have done and are doing. The Agency has at all times lived up to the best traditions of newspaper coverage. I hope that in the years to come you will have even greater success in a world where freedom of the press as you have practiced it, will be once again assured to all peoples."

Mrs. Roosevelt, in a letter of congratulations, declared: "I have been interested to learn that the Jewish Telegraphic Agency is celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of its existence and I am happy to have an opportunity to extend congratulations and best wishes to all those connected with this organization. I hope that during the years to come the Agency will be in a position to render even greater service to those it has served so faithfully for a quarter of a century."

Mrs. Felix M. Warburg, in lauding the JTA, said: "I never miss reading the reports of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and feel that it keeps me in close touch with

the Jewish happenings all over the world. May the time be not too long distant, when there can again be more hopeful news of our poor brethren in the war-torn world. With good wishes for the next 25 years of the JTA in a better, juster world."

#### Zionist Leaders Praise JTA as a National Jewish Institution

Judge Louis E. Levinthal, president of the Zionist Organization of America, sent the following message of congratulations: "During the past twenty-five years the Jewish Telegraphic Agency has rendered immeasurable service not only to the Jewish people but to the cause of justice and truth, which are best served by the dissemination of accurate information to the largest number of people in the quickest possible time. This quarter of a century has witnessed world-shaking events, many of which have had a catastrophic effect upon our people. There is no doubt that the JTA has played a vital role during this period, and by means of its world-circling chain of correspondents, has been enabled to record accurately Jewish conditions which might otherwise have escaped notice and attention. For this accomplishment alone, it is deserving of highest praise. Those of us who are interested in Jewish life have come to regard the JTA as a pillar of the community - one of the necessary national institutions of the Jewish people."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, in his statement, declared: "The Jewish National Fund of America has had numerous occasions to appreciate the services of the JTA. Later this year the Balfour Declaration will have its 25th anniversary. These years, punctuated by the phenomenal development of Jewish life in Palestine and by the persistent struggle of the Jewish people against efforts to whittle down the Balfour Declaration, have been eventful and newsworthy. Palestine, which is central to the life of the Jewish people, has occupied a great part of the attention of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency during these 25 years. May the JTA grow in strength and influence, so as to be in a position to serve the Jewish people in the eventful war and post-war periods which are ahead."

Mrs. David de Sola Pool, National President of Hadassah, said in her message: "In times like these, when anti-democratic forces, of which anti-Semitism is not the least-dread manifestation, threaten the ideals for which America stands, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency fulfills a great function not only in the interests of the Jewish people but in support of democracy and freedom everywhere. We congratulate you on your achievements and your services of the past twenty-five years, and we assure you that Hadassah will always continue to turn to you for valid and authentic news."

Mrs. Edward Jacobs, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and prominent Hadassah leader, in congratulating the JTA, stated: "During the last quarter of a century, when it became of paramount importance to understand the position of the Jews the world over, and when it was necessary to receive information quickly in accordance with the instantaneous transmission methods of the times, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency proved of inestimable help. I am grateful for the assistance received in having an all-world canvass for my own particular tasks on behalf of Jewish endeavor."

A.S.W. Rosenbach, President of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, said: "The Jewish Telegraphic Agency is to be commended for its service in unfolding accurately and faithfully all sides of the Jewish scene throughout the world - the good news with the bad news, the stories of disintegration of Jewish hope with the stories of progress and growth. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency has always shown an understanding of the importance of Hebrew University as a constructive force in Jewish hope, and has helped immeasurably in presenting it to the non-Jewish Press as well as to the Jewish Press. May the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's task be lightened in the coming years by an ever-increasing measure of news of rehabilitation and general achievement."