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## AMERICAN JEWISH SOLDIERS FETED AT SEDERS THROUGHOUT ENGLAND

LONDON, April 3. (JTA)-- American soldiers, part of the A.E.F. stationed in Ireland and England, mingled with men of the armed forces of many of the Allied Nations at Passover services in crowded synagogues throughout Britain. Many of these soldiers were accommodated at seders in private homes, while others attended seders conducted by Jewish organizations.

One of the most crowded public seders was that sponsored by the Polish-Jewish Refugee Fund. Included among the guests was Polish Minister of Labor Jan Stanczyk and other prominent Polish and Czech officials. The seder conducted by the Ehrlich Society here was photographed by representatives of the British Ministry of Information and will be included in a future photographic exhibit to be arranged by the Ministry.

Chaplain Arraus of the Free French forces broadcast a Passover message to Jews of France over the British Broadcasting System. He called upon the French Jews to keep faith in "the triumph of justice which will soon come and will bring deliverance to mankind."

## 3,000 JEWS DEPORTED FROM SLOVAKIAN TOWN; ALL SLOVAK JEWS WILL LOSE CITIZENSHIP

STOCKHOLM, April 3. (JTA)-- Three thousand Jews, including many women, have been rounded up in the town of Sarissko, in the Zemplin district of Slovakia, and sent to forced labor camps, it was reported here today. Hlinka Guards, the Slovakian storm-troopers, cooperated with the Slovak police in seizing the Jews, the reports disclose.

In Bratislava, the Slovak capital, deportation of Jews to concentration camps and "ghetto towns" in the interior continues, the reports state. Speaking at a press conference in Bratislava, Sano Mach, Minister of the Interior, declared that the Jews will be deported from the country "in the same way as they came, with bags and packages in their hands and their return to Slovakia will be prevented." Another Slovak spokesman said that as a result of the deportation of the Jews, "Bratislava and Michalovec have now regained their Slovak character." Slovak authorities also revealed that all Jews will shortly be deprived of their citizenship.

Berlin correspondents of Swedish newspapers report today from the German capital that a large number of Jews charged with operating eighteen secret radio transmitters in Slovakia have been arrested.

U.S. SENATOR BARBOUR LAUDS HEROISM OF JEWISH SOLDIERS IN ADDRESS AT SEDER

NEWARK, April 3. (JTA)-- "The record made by the boys of Jewish faith in the last World War is unquestionably one of heroism and bravery," Senator Warren Barbour of New Jersey declared last night speaking at a Seder held in the local Y.M.H.A. here for 250 Jewish soldiers home on leave for the Passover period.

Stressing that the number of Jews in the United States' armed forces during the last war greatly exceeded the proportion of Jews in the general population, Senator Barbour warned that anti-democratic and anti-Semitic propaganda aimed at spreading the falsehood that Jews did not participate in the war in proportion to their numbers was nevertheless being disseminated. Stating that "we must rid our house of the enemy within," he emphasized that we are now at war to establish Liberty once and for all, for all Americans, white, colored, Jew and Christian.

JEWS HAULED OFF TRAINS IN BULGARIA BY POLICE; MANY ARRESTED

ANKARA, April 3. (JTA)-- Scores of Jews were hauled off trains running on the main railway lines of Bulgaria this week and placed under arrest for violating the recent decree that forbids Jews to travel, it was learned here today. The arrests took place when the Bulgarian police suddenly halted several trains and examined the papers of all the travellers.

Anti-Jewish activity in Bulgaria, which has been greatly intensified since King Boris openly aligned Bulgaria with Hitler, continues unabated, reports from Sofia disclose. An unnamed Jew was arrested this week for employing a Bulgarian who was wearing the uniform of a major in the Labor Corps.

Despite the government's campaign the Bulgarian people are evidently reluctant to accept its anti-Jewish policy, it is indicated by an article appearing in the Bulgarian newspaper Vecherani Dness reaching here today. Svetlozar Pavlov, a Bulgarian journalist, writes that: "There are still some naive people who think that the struggle against the Jews has been grafted onto Bulgarian life in blind imitation of foreign ideas."

DANES VIGOROUSLY RESISTING GERMAN ANTI-JEWISH POLICY, DANISH NAZI PAPER COMPLAINS

STOCKHOLM, April 3. (JTA)-- The Danish people are vigorously resisting the anti-Semitic policy introduced by the Nazi occupation authorities, it is revealed by several incidents reported in the Danish Nazi newspaper Faderlandet, which reached here today.

At a meeting of the Conservative students' organization, an anti-Semitic speaker was strongly assailed when he mentioned the Jewish question and was finally forced to leave the platform, the Faderlandet reports. When another pro-Nazi student shouted: "Since when have Danes been forbidden to discuss the Jewish question?" M. Doessing, a library director, replied: "Since April 9, 1940." The Nazis occupied Denmark on April 9, 1940.

The paper, which is the official organ of the Clausenists, the Danish Nazi party, also reports the "scandalous events" which took place at a meeting of the Copenhagen Merchants' Guild. Hagelund Petersen, a pro-Nazi merchant, arose, the Faderlandet relates, and stated that "it was undignified that Jews should be on the price control council and should inspect the businesses of white men." Petersen stated further that "Jews dominate Danish commercial life." His arguments were evidently unheeded by the merchant delegates, the Clausenist organ writes, because Jewish membership in the Guild was not prohibited.

1,200 DUTCH JEWS DIE AT FORCED LABOR IN NAZI MINES. OTHERS KILLED BY POISON GAS

LONDON, April 3. (JTA)-- All 1,200 Dutch Jews who were sent by the Nazis to the salt and sulphur mines near the Mauthausen concentration camp in upper Austria have died, it was reported by official Dutch sources here. Other Dutch Jews were killed by the Nazis in the course of poison gas experiments at the Mauthausen camp in which the Jews were used as guinea pigs, the Dutch government confirmed.

(A JTA dispatch from Zurich on March 24 reported that thousands of Jews had died at the Mauthausen camp as the result of being subjected to poison gas experiments by the Nazis.)

The Jews, who were rounded up in Amsterdam last year as a result of the anti-Nazi riots which occurred there and sent to the Mauthausen camp in cattle trucks, were sent to work in the mines without the protection of modern appliances designed to overcome the noxious effects of the sulphur fumes, the Dutch government disclosed. When reports of this tragedy first began to leak out, the Dutch officials protested to the International Red Cross which asked the Nazis for permission to visit the mines. The Germans, however, refused the Red Cross' request, stating bluntly that: "This is our affair."

IRAQ GOVERNMENT GRANTS \$80,000 FOR RELIEF OF VICTIMS OF BAGHDAD POGROMS

JERUSALEM, April 3. (JTA)-- The Iraq government has granted about \$80,000 to Jewish victims of the pogroms which took place in Baghdad during the short-lived premiership of pro-Nazi Rashid Ali Gailani last year, according to reports reaching here from Baghdad today.

A special committee consisting of representatives of the Baghdad Jewish community and of the government will distribute the funds. The Jewish community has already spent approximately \$100,000 in aiding the pogrom victims, besides allotting about \$25,000 to purchase clothing for children of murdered and injured Jews.

Several hundred Jewish refugees from Bulgaria and Rumania who arrived in Baghdad towards the end of last year and early this year are awaiting Palestine immigration certificates, the reports from the Iraqi capital state. Meanwhile, the Palestine government today ordered the release of children between the ages of eleven and fifteen, who have been confined in the internment camp at Atlit for more than a year.

NAZIS IN GREECE PREVENT JEWS FROM SECURING FAIR SHARE OF SHIPMENTS OF FOOD, MEDICINE

ISTANBUL, April 3. (JTA)-- Greek Jews have received very little benefit from the shipments of food and medicine which were sent to Greece with British permission, it is reported here today.

Axis officials throughout the country have seen to it that as few supplies as possible are distributed to Jews. In Salonika, for instance, Jews received only five percent of the share to which they were entitled.

VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT FINES NEWSPAPER FOR PUBLISHING ANTI-SEMITIC ARTICLES

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 3. (JTA)-- The government of the Federal district has fined the weekly newspaper, Voice of Commerce, about \$50 for a series of anti-Semitic articles, declaring they "intend to disturb public order," it was learned here today.

PERSONS GUILTY OF THWARTING RUMANIA'S ANTI-JEWISH DECREES TO BE SEVERELY PUNISHED

BERNE, April 3. (JTA)-- A special decree providing severe punishment for persons obstructing the enforcement of the regulations for the "Rumanization" of Jewish property has been issued by the Antonescu government, the Donau Zeitung reaching here today reports. At the same time, Nicolae Stoinescu, the Rumanian Minister of Finance, admitting that Rumania had had grave financial difficulties during the past fiscal year, attributed part of the trouble to the elimination of Jews from the economic life of the country.

The new decree provides that every transaction concerning Jewish property consummated since Sept. 6, 1940 must be reported to the authorities. If investigation discloses that the transaction was purely a nominal one which was entered into to thwart the "Rumanization" regulations, the business or property involved will be confiscated and the transaction will be considered an act of sabotage. Persons found guilty of such "sabotage" will be punished by sentences of five to fifteen years in prison, the Donau Zeitung states.

AMERICAN CLERGYMEN SEND PLEA FOR REFUGEES TO ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

NEW YORK, April 3, (JTA)-- Moved by the recent sinking of the S.S. "Struma" as a result of which 768 refugees fleeing from pogroms in Rumania and barred from Palestine perished in the Black Sea, thirty-one American clergymen sent a cable yesterday to the Archbishop of Canterbury appealing for his intercession with the British Government so that other "homeless Jews be accorded refuge in the land of their fathers," it was announced today by the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs.

Among the signatures attached to the cable are those of Dr. Henry Atkinson, Director of the Church Peace Union; Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Pastor of Riverside Church, New York; Bishop A.W. Moulton of Utah; Dr. Daniel A. Poling of Philadelphia; Prof. S. Ralph Harlow of Smith College, Northampton, Mgr. John A. Ryan of Washington, D.C.; Bishop Charles C. Seligman of Oklahoma; Dr. M. Ashby Jones of Atlanta, Ga.; and Dr. John Haynes Holmes of the Community Church, New York.

Jews, POLES BARRED FROM RECEIVING SPECIAL RATIONS DISTRIBUTED IN POLISH TOWN

ZURICH, April 3. (JTA)-- Special rations of eggs, lemons, apples and oranges, which were distributed this week to residents of the town of Kalish in the Nazi-annexed section of Poland, were not made available to Jews and Poles, the Ostdeutscher Beobachter reports today.

The paper also reveals that the recent Nazi order to the Warsaw Jewish community to construct a crematorium immediately was necessitated by the fact that there is no more burial space remaining in the Warsaw Jewish cemetery.

CROATIA TAKES PRIDE IN FIGHTING TOGETHER WITH GERMANY AGAINST JEWS, MINISTER STATES

GENEVA, April 3. (JTA)-- Croatia takes "joyful pride in fighting shoulder to shoulder with greater Germany against Jewry throughout the world," declared Croatian Minister of State Tortich opening an "Anti-Masonic Exhibition" at Osijek, the Donau Zeitung reports today. The exhibition, the Nazi Balkan paper writes, "provides documentary evidence of the role of Judaism."