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HUNGARIAN TROOPS IN OCCUPIED YUGOSLAVIA CHARGED WITH KILLING 100,000 SERBS, JEWS

LONDON, May 7. (JTA)-- The Yugoslav Government-in-Exile today submitted to the British and Allied governments a document charging the Hungarian troops occupying northern Yugoslavia with torturing to death and murdering "at least 100,000 Serbians and Jews, including men, women and children."

Almost the entire Serbian and Jewish populations in the districts of Banat and Baeska occupied by Hungarian military units, have either been massacred or sent to concentration camps, the document stated. It asserted that the Serbs and Jews have been "entirely exterminated from the towns of Subotica, Horgos, Sombor, Backa-Topola and Novi-Sad."

TYPHUS RAGING AMONG REFUGEES IN SHANGHAI, GESTAPO CONDUCTING ANTI-JEWISH CRUSADE

LONDON, May 7. (JTA)-- A severe typhus epidemic is raging among the more than 20,000 Jewish refugees in Japanese-held Shanghai, according to reports reaching here today. The Jewish hospital there is jammed beyond its capacity and the mortality rate is extremely high since the Japanese have confiscated most available medical supplies for use by their troops.

Control over the Jewish refugees in Shanghai is reported to have been placed in the hands of the Gestapo by the Japanese. Christian Zissner, Gestapo chief, has launched an anti-Jewish crusade in the city. The "Beobachter in Asien," new Nazi paper, is conducting a violently anti-Semitic campaign and books by Jewish authors have been removed from all Shanghai libraries.

TURKISH OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY DISMISSES ALL JEWISH EMPLOYEES AS NO LONGER "NEUTRAL"

ISTANBUL, May 7. (JTA)-- All Jews serving on the staff of the official Turkish News Agency "Anatolia" have been dismissed, it was announced here today.

The dismissal, which affects 26 Turkish Jews, apparently is a result of German pressure. This is obvious from the statement published here declaring that the Jewish members of the Turkish news agency are no longer "neutral" in their work.

Reports reaching here from the Turkish-Bulgarian frontier indicate that many Jews who are doing forced labor on the Bulgarian railway line leading to Turkey have made attempts to cross the border into Turkish territory, despite the fact that the border is carefully guarded on both sides. The number of Bulgarian Jews sent to forced labor on the railway is estimated here to be more than 6,000 despite the fact that the Bulgarian newspapers have reported the total number to be 3,500.

The Zagreb radio today announced the opening there of an anti-Jewish exhibition. The exhibit shows the "pernicious activities of the Jews and the way in which the Ustachi regime has solved the Jewish problem."

NAZI PAPERS ADMIT CORRUPTION OF GERMAN OFFICIALS IN GHETTOS IN OCCUPIED LANDS

LONDON, May 7. (JTA)-- Nazi newspapers reaching here today through neutral countries openly describe the corruption which German officials are practicing in the Jewish ghettos in occupied countries, as well as the mounting resentment within the Reich against the Gestapo and higher Nazi functionaries.

The Deutsche Zeitung im Ostland, a Nazi newspaper published in Riga for the occupied Baltic States, reveals that Nazi officials are extorting money from Jews in the Riga ghetto under the pretext of securing permission for them to leave the ghetto. One such official, named Ernest Ledins, has been sentenced by the special court in Riga to ten years at hard labor, the paper reports.

The Schwarze Korps, official organ of the Gestapo, complains that the average German's hatred of officials of the Nazi party is growing visibly. "Nearly everyone knows some small trader who occasionally indulges in clandestine transactions, but the police time and again have experienced difficulty in apprehending him, because he is protected by the little man's solidarity. On the other hand, the little man, while not betraying his fellow, has great fun in suspecting and gossiping about high state officials and members of the Nazi party even if there is no truth in the rumors.

"Whenever a big man is accused and convicted," the Gestapo organ continues, "there is great satisfaction on the part of the general public. No sentence is considered too severe. Death sentences in such cases are universally applauded, but a sentence of mere penal servitude is criticized. People then say 'the judge must have been bribed with a gift of eggs in order to let the accused off so lightly.' Condemning the suspicious attitude towards the Nazi officials, the Schwarze Korps concludes by calling the "little man" to give up his prejudices and to report to the Gestapo "the multitudes of petty offenses now occurring in Germany."

ITALY DECREES FORCED LABOR FOR ALL JEWS BETWEEN 18 AND 55

LISBON, May 7. (JTA)-- Compulsory mobilization of all Jews in Italy between the ages of 18 and 55 was decreed yesterday by the Italian government, according to advices reaching here today.

The Jews will be used for forced labor and sent to do particularly arduous and unpleasant tasks in various sections of Italy, the reports indicate.

Persons found guilty of violating the new decree will be tried under martial law. The prefects (district administrators) have been assigned to carry out the mobilization.

RULER OF FRENCH JEWS IN PARIS TO CONFER WITH NAZI MASTERS

VICHY, May 7. (JTA)-- Louis Darquier de Pellepoix, French anti-Semite who has been appointed as Commissar for Jewish Affairs by Laval, has left for Paris to confer with German authorities there, it was learned here today.

Albert Levy, head of the Jewish Relief Committee in France, was appointed today president of the General Union of Israelites, the only authorized Jewish group. It will represent Jewish interests in all dealings with the authorities and administer relief.

JEWISH TEACHERS IN PALESTINE PROCLAIM STRIKE; SCHOOLS CLOSED

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA)-- The Jewish schools throughout Palestine were closed today following the proclamation of a strike yesterday by the Hebrew Teachers Association.

The strike was called in an effort to force the Jewish National Council of Palestine, the institution in charge of the Jewish school system, to submit to the demand of the teachers for an increase in salary. The Council has been negotiating with representatives of the teachers for several weeks trying to prevent the strike. The instructors claim that the high cost of living in the country makes it impossible for them to exist on their present salary.

NAZI GOVERNOR OF VIENNA SAYS CITY WILL BE "JUDENREIN" BY END OF THIS YEAR

STOCKHOLM, May 7. (JTA)-- Baldur von Schirach, Nazi governor of Vienna, addressing a meeting there announced that "the evacuation of Jews is continuing at such a rate that it can be expected that by the end of this year Vienna will be entirely free of Jews," the Svenska Dagbladet reported today.

Swedish newspapers report that the Nazi authorities have established a huge concentration camp in Poland for all Jews deported from Belgium, Holland, France, Czechoslovakia and Norway.

HUNGARY CANCELS LICENSES OF JEWISH DRUG STORES

ZURICH, May 7. (JTA)-- The Hungarian Official Gazette reaching here today publishes a decree withdrawing the licenses of Jewish drug stores.

At a session of the Hungarian parliament this week Premier Nicholas von Kallay was asked how he planned to solve the Jewish problem in the country. The Premier is reported to have replied: "The Jewish question must be dealt with in gradual stages in order to avoid undesirable complications in our economic system. While the Jewish problem in Hungary is primarily a matter of principle, it consists of a number of questions which will be settled with the solution of the entire problem."

LEHMAN ANNOUNCES HE WILL NOT RUN FOR GOVERNOR; SIGNS BILLS BARRING RACIAL BIAS

ALBANY, May 7. (JTA)-- Gov. Herbert H. Lehman today announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election to the post of Governor of New York State, a position he has held for four terms. He added that he will not accept nomination even if nominated.

"When my duties as Governor are over I expect to devote all my time and energy exclusively to the war effort. I have no doubt there will be many opportunities for service in the war service," he said in a statement issued here.

Last evening Gov. Lehman signed two bills prohibiting racial and religious discrimination by employers in New York State. The first bill requires public utilities, labor organizations and all firms doing defense and war work to submit to the State Labor Dept. pertinent records on their employment policies. It also gives Frieda S. Miller, State Industrial Commissioner, sweeping power to investigate and prosecute war contractors in the state who discriminate against job applicants because of race, creed or color.

A second bill which Gov. Lehman signed makes it a misdemeanor for a war plant to refuse employment because of national origin, race, creed or color, and establishes a fine of \$50 to \$500 for violations of the law.

POLISH RABBI, LEADER OF INSURRECTION AGAINST RUSSIA, RECALLED BY SIKORSKI

LONDON, May 7. (JTA)-- Rabbi Dob Berush Meisels, Polish patriot who was one of the twelve senators in the Cracow revolutionary government of 1846 and a leader in the Polish insurrection of 1861 against Russia, was recalled today in a message sent by President Wladyslaw Sikorski to the Association of Polish Rabbis in Britain. The message expressed the hope that the "rabbis will continue the tradition originated by Rabbi Meisels in the common fight for the liberation of Poland."

President Sikorski's wire was in reply to a message sent last week by the Association pledging its loyalty to the cause of a free Poland.

An interpellation regarding the fate of the Jewish Socialist leaders, Victor Alter and Henryk Ehrlich, who are imprisoned in Soviet Russia despite their being Polish citizens, was made today in the Polish National Council by Samuel Zygelbaum, one of the two Jewish members of the body. The interpellation asks the Polish Government whether it is prepared to use all means at its disposal to secure the release of the two Polish-Jewish Socialists.

SURVEY OF JEWISH FORCED LABOR IN NAZI-DOMINATED COUNTRIES PUBLISHED HERE

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA)-- A general survey of Jewish forced labor in Nazi-dominated Europe was published here today by the Institute of Jewish Affairs of which Dr. Jacob Robinson is director.

The survey, which is based on fragmentary authenticated material now available, deals with Jewish forced labor in the Reich, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Rumania and other countries either occupied or dominated by the Nazis.

NEW YORK B'NAI B'RITH PRESENTS FIRST ALL-NYLON FLAG TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, May 7. (JTA)-- Two American-made flags, one of nylon and the other rayon, were presented to President Roosevelt at the White House yesterday by members of the B'nai B'rith Executive Council of Metropolitan New York. The nylon flag was the first of its kind ever made.

SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER SUPPORTS JEWISH NATIONAL HOME IN PALESTINE

JOHANNESBURG, May 7. (JTA)-- A hope for a "better future for the Jews and for humanity" was voiced today by Senator H.A. Conroy, Minister of Lands in the government of the Union of South Africa at an impressive banquet opening the annual Keren Hayesod campaign here. Conroy conveyed greetings from Prime Minister Smuts and expressed his own support of a Jewish National Home in Palestine.

A successful campaign is anticipated by Keren Hayesod leaders here, since donors are doubling and tripling their last year's contributions.

ANTI-SEMITIC NEWSPAPER IN ARGENTINE SUSPENDS PUBLICATION

BUENOS AIRES, May 7. (JTA)-- Publication of the notorious anti-Semitic newspaper Pempereo was suspended here yesterday. The paper was pro-Nazi.

DR. BRODY, FORMER CHIEF RABBI OF PRAGUE, DIES IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA)-- Dr. Chaim Brody, well-known Jewish historian and former chief rabbi of Prague, died here today at the age of 74. He was the head of the Schocken Institute in Palestine for Research on Hebrew Poetry.