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### NAZI LABOR FRONT TAKES OVER SUPERVISION OF 60,000 JEWISH WORKERS IN WARSAW GHETTO

STOCKHOLM, June 5. (JTA)-- The Nazi Labor Front, the organization which supervises the labor system in the Reich, has assumed complete control of the 60,000 Jews in the Warsaw ghetto who are compelled to work for German industrial firms, it was reported here today from occupied Poland.

A staff of three Nazi directors and 60 assistants has been ordered by the Labor Front headquarters in Berlin to proceed to Warsaw and assume supervision over the factories in which Jewish laborers are employed. The Jews working in these factories, mostly tailors, shoemakers, furriers and tinsmiths, are now compelled to work twelve hours a day receiving a small remuneration, of which one-fourth is paid in food and the remainder in cash.

The Nazi Labor Front intends to introduce the same system for Jewish laborers in all ghettos throughout Poland, the report said. In the meantime, they have permitted full resumption of work on the Hechalutz farm in Grochow, near Warsaw. This farm has been closed down since the Nazis established the Warsaw ghetto and drove all the Chalutzim from Grochow into the ghetto. For months the Chalutzim, despite threats of severe punishment, repeatedly returned to the Grochow farm until the Nazis permitted them to continue their work there on condition that they return each evening to the Warsaw ghetto. Under the new arrangement, the Jewish farm-workers will now be permitted to live in Grochow provided that they don't leave the grounds of the farm. A Nazi commissar has been appointed to prevent any violation of the rules set by the Gestapo.

### No Jews Remain in Lublin; Jews Arrested in Cracow for Anti-Nazi Activities

The "Svenska Dagbladet" reports today that on April 20 the last group of Jews were expelled from Lublin proper into the ghettos which the Nazi authorities have established on the outskirts of the city. Simultaneously, the Nazis liquidated the Yeshivat Chachmei Lublin, the greatest Jewish orthodox theological seminary in the world, and confiscated the famous library there which had 12,000 rare volumes.

In Cracow the Gestapo arrested six Jews after discovering a secret printing plant where songs were printed praising England and hailing the Polish armed forces in Scotland.

The expulsion of all Jews from the Polish city of Kazmierz is reported in the press here today. The Nazis permitted only a few Jews to temporarily remain in the city as specialists, the report says.

**ABRAHAM GOLDBERG, NOTED ZIONIST LEADER, DIES OF HEART ATTACK**

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA)-- Abraham Goldberg, writer, lecturer, Zionist leader and chairman of the Jewish section of the Russian War Relief in this country, died here today from a heart attack while riding in the subway. He was 59 years old.

Born in the Ukraine, he came to the United States at the age of 18 and took an active interest in the Zionist movement here. He was one of the founders and president of the Poale-Zion party in America in 1901 and co-founder and first secretary of the Order Sons of Zion. He was also one of the founders and many times president of Histadruth Ivrit, the organization to promote the Hebrew language and literature among Jews in America.

During the last World War he was active in the creation of the Jewish People's Relief Committee and in the campaign for the establishment of the Palestine Jewish Legion in which several thousand young American Jews saw active service as volunteers. As chairman of the political committee of the Zionist Organization of America, he was instrumental in having the resolution in favor of a Jewish Homeland in Palestine adopted in both houses of Congress. He was a member of the World Zionist Actions Committee, a member of the Council of the Jewish Agency, of the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress, and of numerous other Jewish organizations.

He was the editor for more than 15 years of the Yiddische Folk, official Zionist organ, and was a member of the editorial staff of the Jewish Morning Journal. He was also the author of several books. The Zionist Organization of America, the Jewish Writers Club and many other groups of which he was a member have issued statements mourning his death. The funeral is scheduled to take place Sunday afternoon.

**FOUR MORE JEWS EXECUTED BY NAZIS IN RETALIATION FOR HEYDRICH'S DEATH**

LONDON, June 5. (JTA)-- The names of four more Jews who have been executed by the Nazis in the Czech Protectorate in the indiscriminate reprisals that have followed the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, were released here today by the Czech government, which announced that the total number of executions has now reached 155, including 29 women.

In Prague, Dr. Max Sachs, 59, was shot for living without permission in the home of a Czech hairdresser, Emanuel Grof, who was also executed. In Brno, Mordechai Abeles, 57, Ivan Waltig, 46, and Moric Judenberg, 50, were executed for "approving the assault on Heydrich."

These executions bring the known number of Jews put to death by the Nazis to six, two Jewish women having been shot last week-end. Czech circles here state that many other Jews have undoubtedly met with a similar fate, but their names are not yet known.

**MANY BELGIAN CHRISTIANS UNEMPLOYED AS RESULT OF OUSTER OF JEWS FROM COMMERCE**

ZURICH, June 5. (JTA)-- The extent to which Belgian commerce has been dislocated as a result of the recent Nazi order eliminating Jews from trade was indicated today in an announcement on the Brussels radio, disclosing that widespread unemployment of Gentiles has followed the closing down of Jewish enterprises.

The announcement, issued by the Union of Manual and Intellectual Workers, promised that the organization would do its utmost to assist the large number of technicians, commercial travellers and other employees who formerly worked for businesses that have been suspended by the German military command because the owners were Jews.

POLISH PRELATE WANTS BESSARABIA FOR JEWS; URGES MIXED COMMITTEE "TO SOLVE JEWISH PROBLEM"

LONDON, June 5. (JTA)-- The suggestion that Bessarabia be set aside for large-scale Jewish settlement after the war, in addition to Palestine, coupled with a proposal for the establishment of a mixed Polish-Jewish committee "to work out a plan for the solution of the Jewish problem" was made here today at the Polish National Council by the Catholic prelate Sygmont Kaczynski who is a member of the Council.

"During my recent visit in the United States, I met a number of Jews there who favored such a solution," Prelate Kaczynski stated. He added that he believes that Soviet Russia will agree to transfer Russians and Rumanians from the Bessarabian province to their native lands, in order to make room for the Jews. Prelate Kaczynski was the head of the Catholic Press Service in pre-war Poland which spread anti-Jewish propaganda.

This is the second time within a week that members of the Polish National Council who were known to be anti-Jewish have put forth suggestions "for solving the Jewish problem" in post-war Poland. The other member to voice such a proposal was Mrs. Sofia Zaleska of the anti-Semitic Endek party, who on Thursday introduced in the Council a resolution urging the forthcoming peace conference "to solve the Jewish problem in Europe."

Arka Bozek, former president of the Association of Poles in Germany, at today's session of the Polish National Council declared that he does not want his country "to be shamed by its treatment of the Jews." He said that "the Poles are not an ungrateful people and will not repay the Jews for their loyalty the way the Germans did."

PALESTINE POLICE PROCLAIMED MILITARY FORCE FOR DURATION OF WAR

TEL AVIV, June 5. (JTA)-- Problems of increased war production in Palestine were discussed here today by the representatives of the Palestine government and the Association of Jewish Industrialists, while the Official Gazette published an order proclaiming the police force of the country a military force for the duration of the war.

The Inspector General of the Palestine police force was automatically given the military rank of Brigadier General. Other police officials are to receive ranks equal to their police titles. Under the order in the Official Gazette, the entire Palestine police force will be employed for military duties in the defense of Palestine. Exception is made only for the section composed of special constables.

The Palestine Jewish units of the British forces engaged on the Libyan front have started the publication of their own Hebrew paper "Ha'hayal Haivri" (The Jewish Soldier). Davar, Jewish laborite organ, today carries an editorial criticizing the "Hebrew zealots" who caused disturbances in Tel Aviv this week when they protested against the use of languages other than Hebrew at public meetings. "Exaggerated ardor will not result in any solution of the problem," the paper writes. It also criticizes the organizers of foreign-language meetings for "disregarding the feelings of the Yishuv."

CHRISTIAN LEADERS ASK FREEDOM FOR JEWS IN EUROPE AND JEWISH HOME IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA)-- Declaring that "the destiny of the Jews is a matter of immediate concern to the Christian conscience and the amelioration of their lot is a duty that rests upon all who profess Christian principles," 75 Christian leaders, clergymen and laymen today issued a statement expressing the hope that it will be possible for Jews "as for all others" to live in post-war Europe "in dignity and freedom." At the same time the statement appeals for the creation of a Jewish Homeland in Palestine.

Pointing to the tragedy of the Jews in Central Europe, the statement reads: "We, the undersigned Christian clergymen and laymen, having given careful consideration to the status of our Jewish brethren in these lands, have arrived at the following conclusions: We look forward to the triumph of democracy in Central Europe and to the establishment there of a social structure conformable with accepted Christian principles, in which it will be possible for Jews as for all others to live in dignity and freedom.

"Nonetheless, the difficulties in the way of a general rehabilitation of the Jewry of Central and Eastern Europe are very great. Anti-Semitism, long endemic in this part of the world, has been intensified by Nazi indoctrination. It has become so deeply rooted that Jews have lost hope of living there with any degree of security. They have been largely excluded from the economic life of Central Europe. The task of rehabilitating them economically would be difficult under any circumstances. It will be extraordinarily difficult amidst the dislocations of post-war reconstruction.

Large-Scale Jewish Emigration from Europe Foreseen

"For large segments of European Jewry migration represents the only practical program. Such migration need not and should not be either total or coerced. But that great numbers of Jews will choose to move from Europe after the war is over seems inevitable. Their right to find for themselves homes where they can live a fuller life, free from fear and want, is indisputable. We believe, furthermore, that large-scale migration will serve to reduce pressure against those Jews who elect to remain where they are at present.

"Of all the lands available for migration in the post-war world, Palestine is the most practicable. Experience with the refugee problem during the past decade has demonstrated the reluctance of all peoples to open up their territories to mass migration - a reluctance likely to be even more pronounced when the nations of the world confront the tasks of post-war reconstruction."

Emphasizing the moral and political claims which the Jews have on Palestine as well as the fact that "sober estimates of Palestine's absorptive capacity indicate that it still has room for large additional numbers," the statement says: "In the light of all those considerations, we are convinced that the post-war world ought to encourage large-scale migration of European Jews to Palestine. To this conclusion we have been brought also by considerations of equity. Simple justice would demand that somewhere in the world this gifted people enjoy the privilege of every historic people, that of living a normal, free, self-respecting life of its own.

"In reaching this conclusion we recognize fully the rights of the Arabs in Palestine. We believe that every guarantee should be accorded them of free participation in the political life of the land and of full cultural and social autonomy. However, we cannot overlook the fact that the Arab world has abundant opportunity for political self-determination in many lands, whereas the Jewish people have no such hope except in Palestine."