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### 258 JEWS EXECUTED BY GESTAPO IN BERLIN FOR ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO BOMB ANTI-SOVIET EXHIBITION

STOCKHOLM, June 14. (JTA)-- Two hundred and fifty-eight Jews have been executed in Berlin by the Gestapo, and their families deported to Eastern Europe, for allegedly attempting to blow up the anti-Bolshevist exhibition now on view in the German capital, according to reliable reports reaching here yesterday.

The Gestapo claimed to have discovered five time bombs at the exhibit on May 27, the reports state. Immediately, they charged a "Jewish plot" to destroy the anti-Russian exposition and proceeded to round up a large number of Berlin Jews allegedly implicated in the "plot." Although Jews are easily discernible wherever they appear because of the Mogen Davids which they are compelled to wear and are barred from the principal streets in Berlin, including the one on which the exhibition was located, the Gestapo asserted that it had definite proof that the Jews were responsible for planting the bombs.

The arrested Jews were sentenced and transferred to the Alexanderplatz police station. Their wives and children were simultaneously confined in the Lawerowstrasse Synagogue, the only one left in Berlin - which is now used by the Nazis as a concentration center for Jewish deportees. Early the next day - May 28 - the Jews were removed from the Alexanderplatz police headquarters and taken by trucks to the S.S. barracks at Gross Lichterfelde, in the suburbs of Berlin, where they were lined up and machine-gunned en masse. Later, when transportation facilities were available, the families of the victims were herded into trains and deported to an unknown destination in Eastern Europe.

Following the shootings, which were not announced in the German press or by the Nazi radio, the leaders of the Jewish community in Berlin were summoned to headquarters and informed of the executions. They were warned that, if "any further Jewish attempts were made to harm Germans," 15,000 Jews would be shot, 5,000 each, in Prague, Berlin and Vienna.

Disclosure of the executions comes on the heels of the warning by Propaganda Minister Goebbels, writing in *Das Reich*, that "the Jewish race would be exterminated throughout Europe and beyond" in retaliation for continued Allied bombings of German cities.

### MASS-SUICIDES OF JEWS IN HUNGARY REPORTED AS RESULT OF POLICE RAIDS

BERNE, June 14. (JTA)-- A wave of Jewish suicides was reported here today from Hungary as a result of police raids on Jewish homes. An average of 500 raids take place nightly in Budapest among Jews, foreigners and anti-Nazi Hungarians, the report said. Some 800 people have been arrested in the last two weeks.

Many Jews committed suicide while the police were knocking at the doors of their homes, the report reveals. The Hungarian authorities are now considering prohibiting the sale of aspirin without a doctor's prescription, since in most of the suicides the victims took their life by swallowing a large number of aspirin tablets.

JEWS URGED TO PLEDGE AID TO USSR ON FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF SOVIET-NAZI WAR

KUIBYSHEV; June 14. (JTA)-- Jews throughout the world were called upon today to observe the first anniversary of the Nazi attack on Russia by pledging on June 22 - the day of the anniversary - to fully support the Soviet armies in their fight "to annihilate the Nazis in 1942," and to help in raising a fund for 1,000 tanks and bombers as a Jewish contribution to the Soviet war effort.

The call was issued by the Jewish anti-Fascist Committee here. It stated that Soviet Jews on that day will take a vow to avenge "the tortured, the burned, the massacred Jewish women and children," in addition to the general oath which they took as Soviet citizens a year ago, on the day when Nazi forces invaded Soviet territory.

Announcing that the tanks which will be built from Jewish contributions will be named after Jehuda Halevi, Bar Kochba, Spinoza, as well as after Soviet-Jewish war heroes, the appeal says that "responsibility for the existence of the Jewish people lies with all Jews collectively as with every Jew individually." It refers to the Jewish fights "against the Hamans of all times" and emphasizes that "the Jewish people must be saved from extinction."

"Together with all peoples of our country," the appeal reads, "the Jews of the Soviet Union vowed to sacrifice themselves, to give up their property and their very lives in the struggle with sanguinary fascism. With our blood, with the blood of our children and of our brothers and sisters, we signed this vow. Fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, are now fighting on all fronts, from east to west and from north to south, on airplanes and ships, on tanks and submarines, at machine-gun and trench-mortar, in cavalry and partisan detachment, at ammunition lathe and in collective farm field, under hail of bombs. Wherever they are, they carry deep in their hearts the oath and fulfil it as loyal sons of their Soviet fatherland, as loyal sons of the Jewish people."

NEW ANTI-JEWISH ECONOMIC DECREES ISSUED BY LAVAL GOVERNMENT

VICHY, June 14. (JTA)-- Further anti-Jewish economic restrictions were announced here today by the Laval Government following the promulgation last week of a number of similar orders. The new measures deal with transferring Jewish property into "Aryan" hands in both occupied and unoccupied France.

The official gazette here today lists Nahum Aronson, internationally known Jewish sculptor, who is now in the United States, among the persons whose French citizenship has been revoked. Aronson is the holder of a French decoration in recognition of his artistic works, many of which are in French museums.

QUEEN WILHELMINA APPOINTS TWO JEWS TO HIGHEST DUTCH COUNCIL

LONDON, June 14. (JTA)-- Two Jews are among the seventeen members named by Queen Wilhelmina to the Netherland's Extraordinary Advisory Council here, it was learned today when the composition of the Council was announced.

One of the Jewish members in the important Dutch body is M. Sluyser, former editor of the Amsterdammer Het Volk. The name of the other Jew was not made public for fear of Nazi reprisals against members of his family who are still in occupied Holland.

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STOCKHOLM, June 14. (JTA)-- Reports reached here today from Nazi-occupied Poland telling of the horrible conditions under which the entire Jewish population of Lublin is now living, after being expelled into a neighboring village.

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The reports also reveal that the Nazi authorities in Warsaw last week opened a railway station in the ghetto to facilitate the transportation of raw material into the ghetto and the shipping of goods manufactured there by the 60,000 Jewish artisans forced to work in factories producing commodities for the German army.

The Hamburger Fremdenblatt, which reached here today from Germany, confirms the fact that a station has been opened in the Warsaw ghetto. It also confirms that the Jewish workers in the ghetto receive miserable pay and work for at least 12 hours daily. They are supervised by special Nazi "experts" who were sent from Berlin to the ghetto for this purpose, the paper states.

WIDE-SPREAD OPPOSITION OF SLOVAK LEADERS TO GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-JEWISH POLICY REVEALED

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Describing a concentration camp where Jews who are to be deported are confined, the Gardista correspondent writes that "the conditions at the camp are good considering the nature of the prisoners. The camp commander, however, showed us basketfuls of letters, telegrams and petitions from deputies, public officials, civil servants and preachers, seeking to intervene for the Jews. The commander assured us that 'all these interventions on behalf of the prisoners are naturally thrown into the wastepaper basket, but we keep a record of all the senders for evidence.'"

The Gardista also reveals that a pastoral letter issued by the Protestant bishops of Slovakia, condemning the "Government's reckless anti-Semitism," was recently read in ninety-five percent of the Protestant churches in the country. The paper denounces the bishops for intervening for the Jews. The entire Slovak press, received here today, attacks ambassador-at-large Polyak for his attempt to retain a Jewish cattle expert, Turpeltaub, on his estate at Zablati. The press reveals that the ambassador threatened to resign if Turpeltaub was sent to a concentration camp, but the police eventually surrounded the estate and arrested the Jew.

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PRESIDENT CAMACHO OF MEXICO THANKS JEWISH REFUGEES FOR OFFER OF AID

MEXICO CITY, June 14. (JTA)-- The President of Mexico, Manuel Avila Camacho, in a personal letter to the Association of German-speaking Jews which represents the Jewish refugees from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia, expressed the thanks of the Mexican Republic for the refugees' offer of their "physical and moral efforts for the inexorable fight against Nazi-Fascism until its total annihilation."

The President's letter read: "In reply to the message you addressed to me on May 15 on the occasion of the assault on the Mexican ship "Potrero del Llano," in which Mexican seamen lost their lives, I thank this Association in the name of the Government of the Republic for their fraternal feeling which inspires your conceptions as well as your support to the policy which this Administration has come to develop in international affairs. Please accept my affectionate greetings."

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM RECEIVES RARE PAINTINGS AS GIFT IN MEMORY OF FELIX M. WARBURG

NEW YORK, June 14. (JTA)-- In memory of the late Felix M. Warburg, the Metropolitan Museum of Art received last week three paintings and three drawings as a gift from Mrs. Warburg and their children, it was reported today. These are in addition to the important collection of prints given last year which was especially rich in etchings and drypoints by Rembrandt.

The earliest of the paintings in the new group is a "Madonna and Child" by a follower of Botticelli. Another of the paintings is a "Portrait of a Horologist," by Cornelius Jonson the Younger, who lived during the second half of the seventeenth century. The third painting, a "Portrait of a Man," is by Wilhelm Drost, Dutch, done about the middle of the seventeenth century.

The drawings in the new gift are closely related to Rembrandt. One is a small "Adoration of the Shepherds," attributed to Samuel van Hoogstraeten (1627-78). A second, a picture of Saint Jerome, is by an unidentified artist, but it shows the influence of Rembrandt. The third drawing, a landscape, is thought possibly to be the work of Rembrandt.

TIME BOMB EXPLOSION IN TEL AVIV WRECKS OFFICE OF GERMAN-JEWISH DAILY

TEL AVIV, June 14. (JTA)-- A time bomb planted by unknown terrorists exploded here last night wrecking the printing press and premises of the German-Jewish daily Neuste Nachrichten and setting fire to adjoining garages and workshops. Six drivers who were in the garages at the time of the blast were slightly injured.

The explosion is believed to be connected with an incident that took place yesterday morning when four unidentified youths halted a car carrying bundles of the Neuste Nachrichten outside of Jerusalem, and threatened the driver with injury if he did not cease delivering the paper.

PIONEER WOMEN IN AMERICA WILL CONSTRUCT GIRLS' VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN PALESTINE

DETROIT, June 14. (JTA)-- A vocational school for the training of Jewish girls will be erected in Palestine at Ramath Gan, near Tel Aviv, by the end of the year, with funds raised in America, it was announced today at the eighth convention of the Pioneer Women's Organization, meeting here. A \$50,000 drive to secure the funds to construct the school was launched at the convention.

The 400 delegates present were urged to mobilize the 10,000 members of the organization throughout the country for increased participation in civilian defense activities, in an address delivered by Sara Feder, a member of the national secretariat of the group. Dvora Rothbard, co-secretary with Miss Feder, was elected sole national secretary, following the latter's resignation.