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60,000 JEWS EXECUTED IN VILNA LAST MONTH IN CONTINUOUS TWO-WEEK POGROM

STOCKHOLM, June 16. (JTA)-- More than three-quarters of the 60,000 Jews who remained in Vilna under Nazi occupation were executed last month in a mass-slaughter which has no equal in Jewish history, according to an eye-witness who succeeded in escaping from Vilna on May 24, and reached Sweden yesterday.

Interviewed by correspondents of American, British and other newspapers, the eye-witness, a Pole, stated that only 20,000 Jews who were classified as "useful elements" were left alive in the Vilna ghetto. They consist mostly of doctors, engineers and highly-skilled artisans needed in industries working for Germany. The remaining 60,000 were massacred during a two-week continuous pogrom which started on May 7 and ended on May 20.

The Jews in Vilna, the eye-witness said, had been concentrated in two ghettos which the Nazis established soon after their occupation of the city. Shortly before the massacre, the Nazis, however, transferred all Jews into one ghetto located in the Baksht section of the city.

"On May 7," the Polish eye-witness continued, "trucks driven by the Nazi-controlled police suddenly appeared at the gates of the ghetto. Jewish men, women and children were rounded up and herded into the trucks which carried them to the suburb of Ponary. There they were lined up and machine-gunned, while the trucks returned to the ghetto to bring new groups of victims."

"For fully two weeks - until May 20 - a continuous stream of trucks plied back and forth carrying more than 60,000 Jews of all ages to the execution place. While the massacre was going on, the dead were stripped of their clothing, which was sent back to the police headquarters in the city, apparently for use by the Nazis. The non-Jewish population was unable to intervene, since it was obvious that the order to kill all the Jews came from Berlin."

The Pole, who had been living in Vilna for many years, escaped from there to Warsaw and then to Danzig, where he stowed away aboard a Swedish steamer bound for Stockholm.

MORE THAN 100,000 ROMANIAN JEWS HELD IN TRANSNISTRIA CAMPS, BUCHAREST REPORTS

ISTANBUL, June 16. (JTA)-- More than 100,000 Rumanian Jews have already been "transferred" by the Rumanian authorities to the Transnistria district in the occupied Ukraine, it was reported here today from Bucharest.

The Jews deported to Transnistria are not permitted to move from one camp to another under penalty of death. Large numbers of them are reported dying of starvation, of hard labor to which they are driven, and of the complete absence of medicines which the Rumanian authorities refuse to supply. (Earlier reports this month from Istanbul stated that more than 30,000 Rumanian Jews died in Transnistria from typhus during the winter.)

ECONOMIC APPROACH TO THE REFUGEE PROBLEM IS URGED BY REFUGEE ECONOMIC CORPORATION

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA)-- The advantages of the economic approach to the refugee problem were emphasized here today in a report issued by Charles J. Liebman, president of the Refugee Economic Corporation, which reviews the work of the Corporation for the last two years.

Pointing out that the refugee Economic Corporation has played a major role in the opening of new lands for settlement through the economic approach, the report says that "new and greater settlement possibilities will continue to develop as governments are convinced that intelligently planned refugee immigration enriches the national economy and culture of the receiving countries.

Discussing the far-flung settlement activities of the Corporation in various parts of the globe - from the United States to Australia - Mr. Liebman reports that small farm and industrial projects were set up in Australia under the corporation's direction, and these made such a favorable impression on the Australian Government that the refugee quota was increased from 600 in 1938 to 5,000 in each of the last three years. Other projects were established in Bolivia and Palestine and negotiations for settlements in British Honduras and the Philippines were well advanced when the war broke out. An experimental dairy farm is operated by refugees at Van Eden, N.C., and it is hoped to settle additional families there.

War Prevents Settlement of 10,000 Refugees in the Philippines

The outbreak of the war in the Far East has disrupted refugee work in the Philippines, to where about 1,000 refugees immigrated under a program of selective immigration worked out by the Refugee Economic Corporation in cooperation with the American High Commissioner, the Philippine Government and a local group of American businessmen. A commission of experts has already reported favorably on an area in the Philippines and outlined a plan for the colonization of 10,000 refugees. An understanding between the Corporation and the Philippine Government regarding the terms of entry and the conditions of settlement had been reached when war broke out, the report discloses.

"Beyond the exigencies of the present situation there is the problem of post-war rehabilitation of refugees," Mr. Liebman said in his report. "Experience underscores the necessity of laying strong foundations now for that reconstruction. Notwithstanding the war, the democratic governments of the world maintain their interest in this phase of the problem."

Data on Post-War Refugee Immigration Compiled

Research and field studies made under the auspices of President Roosevelt's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees with funds supplied by the Refugee Economic Corporation have provided comprehensive data on areas to which refugees from war-torn Europe might emigrate after the war, Mr. Liebman declared. In its work of economic rehabilitation, the corporation has "looked sceptically upon panaceas and overly ambitious proposals," he reported. It refrained, he said, from placing all its investments in one locality or relying too heavily on one type of project.

Officers of the corporation besides Mr. Liebman are Bernard Flexner, vice-president; Albert D. Lasker, treasurer; George W. Naumburg, secretary, and Emery H. Komlos, assistant secretary. The board of directors include George Becker, Paul Baerwald, Bernard Flexner, Philip S. Frieder, Harry F. Guggenheim, Henry Ittleson, Albert D. Lasker, Charles J. Liebman, George W. Naumburg, William Rosenwald, Percy S. Strauss, Robert K. Strauss, Eric M. Warburg and Max M. Warburg.

BREAD RATIONING IN PALESTINE DECLARED UNNECESSARY AFTER INTRODUCTION

JERUSALEM, June 16. (JTA)-- Bread rationing, which was introduced in Palestine in April, has become unnecessary as a result of the substantial reserves of wheat in the country, it was reported here today at a session of the Jewish National Council of Palestine.

A review of the supply situation in Palestine was given at the session by Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. Mr. Kaplan disclosed that during the first quarter of 1942 the Palestine imports were more than double those of the same period last year. Commodities valued at \$22,000,000 were brought into Palestine in the first three months of this year, he reported. What Palestine needs now is more raw material for industrial work as well as more qualified workers, he said.

The session decided to elect a central supply committee for the purpose of cooperating with the economic department of the Jewish Agency on problems concerning the Yishuv's food supply. Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, eulogized Abraham Goldberg, the late American Zionist leader, at the session. A memorial meeting for Goldberg was also held by the Association of Jewish Journalists in Palestine.

JAPANESE GENERAL PREDICTS SEVERE ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES FOR 100,000 JEWS IN FAR EAST

LISBON, June 16. (JTA)-- The Berlin radio today quoted an article written by a Japanese general indicating that Japan is preparing severe measures against the Jews in Japanese-occupied territories.

"Although there are not more than 100,000 Jews in the Far East, we must take measures against them in order to avoid their destructive influence," the Nazi radio quoted the Japanese general. "To us, the Jews of the Far East are no different than the Jews in America or in Europe who wish to see our enemies victorious."

PALESTINE TO HOLD PRO-SOVIET MEETINGS ON ANNIVERSARY OF NAZI ATTACK ON RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, June 16. (JTA)-- Mass-meetings dedicated to Soviet Russia will be held throughout Palestine on June 22, the first anniversary of the Nazi attack on the U.S.S.R., according to a decision adopted here today by the Histadruth, the Jewish Labor Federation of Palestine.

The decision was made after consultation with the political department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. Collection of funds for Russia's war effort will be conducted on June 22 throughout the country as an expression of the Yishuv's interest in a Russian victory over the Nazis.

Twenty-nine national emblems, including the Blue-White Zionist emblem, were honored in Jerusalem as throughout Palestine the population observed United Nations Day. Special services here were attended by officials of the Palestine administration, the consular corps and the military authorities, including representatives of United Nations units stationed in Palestine.

PRO-JEWISH SENTIMENT IN ITALY WORRIES MUSSOLINI'S MINISTRY OF PROPAGANDA

GENEVA, June 16. (JTA)-- The pro-Jewish sentiment among the Italian people has prompted Mussolini's Ministry of Propaganda to publish a special booklet in which the people of Italy are told that "the Jews are actually responsible for the present war."

The booklet, copies of which reached here today, is entitled "Jews Want War." It contains many anti-Jewish allegations, including the one made in the last few issues of the defunct American publication "Social Justice" that in 1933 the Jews held a secret conference where it was decided to engineer a war against Germany.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI REFUSES TO ADMIT ENEMY NATIONALS AS STUDENTS

COLUMBIA, Mo., June 16. (JTA)-- The University of Missouri has closed its doors to citizens of countries at war with the United States, Dr. Frederick A. Middlebush, president of the university, said today. The action would affect a number of students, citizens of Hungary and Germany, who were students during the term just closed, if they sought to re-enroll. At least two have received their first citizenship papers.

Dr. Middlebush stated that the university's curators had adopted a resolution "that it be the policy of the board of curators that citizens of the countries at war with the United States not be admitted as students." It is understood, however, that exceptions may be made in individual cases upon appeal to the board.

JEWISH NATIONAL WORKERS ALLIANCE OPENS DRIVE FOR WAR RELIEF FOR RUSSIA

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA)-- A two-month campaign to raise funds for war relief for Russia was opened today by more than 275 branches of the Jewish National Workers Alliance in the United States and Canada. The organization hopes to send at least two mobile X-ray ambulance units, medical supplies and 50,000 packs of cigarettes to the Red Army.

Upon the conclusion of this drive, similar campaigns will be undertaken for China, Greece and other of the United Nations. The Alliance has already sent two ambulances to England and an X-ray ambulance to the Allied forces in the Middle East. An ambulance was given to the Canadian Red Cross by the Toronto branches of the Alliance last Sunday.

CONFERENCE OF JEWISH PIONEER WOMEN URGES INCREASED CIVILIAN DEFENSE EFFORT

DETROIT, June 16. (JTA)-- Members of the Pioneer Women's Organization were called upon yesterday to intensify their civilian defense and war effort activities, in a resolution adopted at the closing session of the five-day convention of the group here.

Other resolutions hailed President Roosevelt's recent statement on Palestine, sent to the second annual dinner of the American Palestine Committee on May 25; called upon the United Nations to facilitate increased immigration to Palestine "and thus help solve the labor shortage in the war industries;" and voted a \$150,000 quota for the Moasoth Hapsoloth, the Palestine Working Women's Council, which is the sister organization of the Pioneer Women.

David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, told the delegates at the closing session that victory for the democracies was the only hope for Jewish freedom. He called upon the Jews of America for greater action in behalf of Palestine and Zionism.

The Pioneer Women also voted to raise \$50,000 towards construction of the Jewish National Fund's Brandeis Colony in Palestine; pledged that it would plant 5,000 trees in Palestine yearly and decided to contribute \$10,000 to the Jewish Teachers College Building Fund in New York.

NEW YORK EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE PRESENTS TWO TORAHS TO U.S. NAVY

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA)-- Two scrolls of the law were presented today to the United States Navy by the Educational Alliance here at graduation exercises of its Jewish Religious School. Chaplain Joshua L. Goldberg, U.S.N.R., accepted the scrolls on behalf of the United States Navy.