

NAZIS MASSACRE 700,000 POLISH JEWS; THOUSANDS EXECUTED IN MOBILE GAS CHAMBERS

LONDON, June 25. (JTA)-- More than 700,000 Polish Jews - a third of the entire Jewish population - have been massacred by the Nazis in Poland since last summer, it was charged in a detailed report received here today through underground channels by Samuel Zygelbaum, Jewish member of the Polish National Council.

Thousands of these victims were killed by gas, the report revealed. In the city of Lodz alone 55,000 Jews were executed in gas chambers carried on trucks. 5,000 Jews were exterminated in mobile gas chambers in the towns of Kolo, Bugaj and Isbica.

Describing horrible scenes of the mass-slaughter of Jews in Eastern Galicia, the report states that the pro-Nazi Ukrainian police "cooperated" with the Nazis in rounding up Jews between 14 and 60 years of age. The victims were then assembled in the town squares, or at cemeteries, where they were either machine-gunned or blown up with hand grenades.

No mercy was shown even to women, the report says. Inmates of Jewish hospitals, orphan homes and institutions for aged were summarily shot. In some towns the Jews were told that they were being deported to "unknown destinations," but were killed as soon as they reached the neighboring woods.

500,000 Jews Executed in Vilna and Kaunas Districts Since October

The report also estimates that 500,000 Jews were massacred by the Nazis in Lithuania and in the Vilna district since last October. It states that 15,000 Jews were murdered in the city of Rowno, Wolhynien, in the course of a pogrom which lasted three days and three nights. The victims included men, women and children. About 5,000 Jews were massacred in the small town of Nancewicz, near Beranowice.

In the city of Lwow, capital of Eastern Galicia, no less than 35,000 Jews were executed, the report estimates. About 15,000 Jews were slaughtered in Stanislawow; 5,000 were killed in Ternopol; 2,000 were exterminated in Zlochow; 4,000 in Brzelany. Thousands of Jews were also massacred in a number of other Galician towns, including Zborow, Kolonja, Sambor, Stryj, Drohobyz, Rawa-Ruska, Zbaraz, Przemysl, Kutu, Sniatyn, Stalezczyki, Brody. In many places there were several successive pogroms.

Jews Hiding in Woods as Executions Continue

The entire Jewish population of many small towns in Galicia are still hiding in the woods, since the Nazi executions of Jews continue, the report informs. In order to make the extermination of the Jews more "systematic" the Nazis have introduced a system of marking each Jew in accordance with his possible "usefulness." The Jews left alive in Lwow have been divided into three categories and marked accordingly. Jews in the first category, classified as "useful working elements,"

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wear the figure 1 besides the yellow badge. The second category, which consists of Jews able to work but not yet ordered to do so, must wear the figure 2, and the third category, of Jews unfit to work, wears the figure 3. Persons of the latter category do not dare to appear in the street for fear of being caught and executed.

The general feeling prevailing among the Jews, the report continues, is that even the people classified in the other categories will gradually be killed. The Nazi authorities cynically state that every Jew in Europe will be exterminated by the Germans five minutes before the war ends, regardless of which side is victorious.

Jewish Communities Must Submit Daily Quota of Victims

In many places the Jewish community councils are forced by the Nazis to select daily a number of local Jews for execution, the report states. The victims are then picked up by Gestapo men and by pro-Nazi Ukrainian auxiliary police, and transported on trucks to their death.

In Cracow, fifty Jews were shot on the doorsteps of their homes. In the city of Slonim, 9,000 Jews were massacred. No Jew was left alive in the townships of Zyrowice, Lachowice, Mir, Kolow and other towns in the Slonim district.

25,000 Jews "Disappear" from Lublin; Warsaw Jews Shot in Streets

Massacres of Jews, though on a smaller scale, are also being carried out in the Warsaw ghetto. Since April, Jewish men and women have been dragged out of their houses in Warsaw and killed by Gestapo agents in the street in broad daylight. The Jews in the ghetto are afraid that nights of terror are in store for them.

Systematic killing of Jews is also going on in Radom and in Tarnow where the Gestapo men are visiting the ghetto daily, dragging men and women out of their homes and shooting them in courtyards or in the street. More than 2,000 Jews were massacred in Lublin in March prior to the deportation of the entire Jewish population from the city. The victims were mostly children from orphanages, patients in the ghetto hospital and inmates of the Jewish homes for aged. About 25,000 Lublin Jews were deported at the same time in a sealed train for an "unknown destination" and no trace of them has been found since, the report says. 5,000 Jews from Lublin are now being held in barracks at Majdanek-Tatarow, a Lublin suburb.

RABBINICAL CONVENTION ASKS ROOSEVELT TO FACILITATE FOOD SHIPMENTS TO GHETTOS

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., June 25. (JTA)-- An appeal to President Roosevelt to facilitate shipping food to Jews in the ghettos of Eastern Europe through the International Red Cross, was voiced today in a resolution adopted at the 36th annual convention of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada meeting at the Hotel Ostend here. Several of the rabbis pointed out that the Jews in the ghettos actually have the status of civilian prisoners, and as such have the right to receive food from outside.

The convention also decided to launch a campaign to raise a half-million dollars for the Emergency Committee to Aid Refugee Yeshiva Scholars and Rabbis. More than \$50,000 in cash pledges were donated by the delegates themselves today.

JEWS MUST BE PERMITTED TO SETTLE IN SYRIA, CONFERENCE ON NEAR EAST IS TOLD

CHICAGO, June 25. (JTA)-- The problem of Jewish settlement in the Near East could best be solved by settling Jews over the wider area of Syria rather than in Palestine alone, Count Carlos Sforza, former Italian Foreign Minister who was the first Italian statesman to break with Mussolini, declared here today in a lecture at the Harris Memorial Foundation Institute on the Near East of Chicago University. Fifty experts on the Near East are participating in a series of round-table discussions at the Institute.

"The Jewish world," Count Sforza said, "wants a 'national home' to show the other peoples that the Jews are endowed with positive possibilities for becoming agriculturists, producers, artisans, if only the Europe which parked them for centuries away from the fields gives them a chance to prove that they are not in the least the parasitic types of the anti-Semitic legend.

"This cannot possibly ever come off in Palestine. Palestine is a sacred name for the Jews, and for the Christians and Moslems as well, but it has not enough good soil, not enough water, not enough natural resources to enable the Jews to try the experiment under fully normal conditions."

Syria alone offers the opportunity to balance in a tolerable national life the return of the Jews with the maintenance of the Arabs and the presence of Christians and at the same time give the Jews regions in which they may become agriculturists, Count Sforza contended. The presence of a third element, racially homogeneous with the preponderant Moslems and the minority Christians might make Syria as peaceful as Switzerland.

Urges Jewish Mass-Immigration to Euphrates Region

"The Euphrates region, the Djesireh, is almost completely depopulated," he said. "It might answer all the moral and economic requisites of a Jewish mass-immigration. Another fact, as new as it is strange, might promote Jewish immigration in Syria: the Bedouins are weary of their everlasting migrations. Their only hope and ideal is now to become settled cattle folk. If the Bedouins settle down, the extent of the territory they needed will be reduced, and the arrival of Jewish settlers will be made possible.

"Another favorable factor is that the Bedouins, unique among the Arabs, have no religious intolerance. Not the slightest anti-Christian or anti-Jewish movement is to be feared from them if they are satisfied with their lot."

Europe must realize that the Near East no longer is a passive element for the schemes of the Great Powers, Count Sforza said. Though the revived Arab self-consciousness is mainly moral and sentimental, the Arabs have achieved successes in practical politics. Egyptian demonstration of capacity and efficiency in government, and a devotion to the common man, and the political progress made by Ibn Saud, illustrate Arab potentialities, Count Sforza said.

ANTI-SEMITIC DECREE OUSTS 3,200 JEWISH EMPLOYEES FROM JOBS IN BUDAPEST

ZURICH, June 25. (JTA)-- More than 3,200 Jews in Budapest lost their jobs this week as a result of the order issued recently in Hungary prohibiting Jews from holding positions as managers of buildings, hotels, and as hotel clerks, it was reported here today.

F.D.R.'S MOTHER'S HOME TO BECOME INTER-FAITH CENTER FOR HUNTER COLLEGE STUDENTS

WASHINGTON, June 25. (JTA)-- The residence in New York City of the late Sara Delano Roosevelt, mother of the President, will be converted into an inter-faith social, cultural and religious center for the 12,500 students of Hunter College, New York City's municipal college for women, it was announced here today by the office of Stephen J. Early, secretary to the President.

The plan to establish such a center originated with Dr. George N. Shuster, president of Hunter, when he learned that the Roosevelt houses on 65th Street, near the college, were for sale. Jewish, Catholic and Protestant leaders became interested in the project and approached the President, who replied, in a letter to Dr. A.L. Sachar, national director of the Hillel Foundation: "I am really thrilled at the thought of the use of the houses as a symbol of inter-faith amity." The President agreed to decline all other offers until the necessary funds could be raised. After four months of work on the part of a committee representing the three major religious denominations - composed of John S. Burke, Henry Monsky and Charles H. Tuttle - the required funds were secured and the houses purchased.

The center, which was officially presented to Hunter College yesterday, will be known, by permission of the President, as the Sara Delano Roosevelt Memorial House. It will open at the beginning of the school year in the Fall. The Newman Club will assign Catholic counsellors to the house; the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation will assign Jewish counsellors; and the Protestant groups are expected to assign workers from the Y.W.C.A. The house will also be the center of a "House Plan" which will serve the intellectual and social activities of the students, functioning under joint student and faculty leadership.

In a letter to Mr. Monsky, who is president of B'nai B'rith, President Roosevelt wrote "I have a feeling that my mother would have been so happy in knowing that the houses were to be used for such a splendid purpose that she would have wanted me to give its sponsors every opportunity."

REP. DICKSTEIN BROADCASTS TO NATION APPEALING FOR CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON "ENEMY ALIENS"

NEW YORK, June 25. (JTA)-- Congressman Samuel Dickstein of New York, in a nation-wide radio broadcast tonight, appealed to the people of the United States to exert pressure on their Congressmen to secure adoption of a House resolution allowing the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, of which Rep. Dickstein is chairman, to hold hearings for the purpose of segregating loyal aliens from subversive aliens and of exposing the latter.

Charging that his resolution was defeated through the efforts of a "handful of people who were afraid that some alien might derive some benefit from this legislation," the Congressman asked the American people to "communicate with your Congressman and let him know how you feel about it." He pointed out that the failure to separate loyal from disloyal aliens was depriving the national war effort of persons with valuable skills.

PORTUGUESE STEAMER BRINGS 600 REFUGEES FROM EUROPE; PIERRE DREYFUS ABOARD

NEW YORK, June 25. (JTA)-- More than 600 refugees from Europe, the majority of them Jews, arrived here today on the Portuguese ship Sarpa Pinto. They included a number of children whose parents are in Nazi concentration camps. Pierre Dreyfus, son of the famous Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, was one of the passengers. The vessel's voyage from Lisbon to New York was arranged by the Joint Distribution Committee.