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### AXIS AUTHORITIES ORDER JEWISH MALE POPULATION IN SALONICA TO APPEAR TODAY ON CITY SQUARE

CAIRO, July 10. (JTA)-- The entire Jewish male population in Axis-occupied Salonica, aged between 18 and 55, has been ordered by the occupation authorities to appear tomorrow, Saturday, on the city square with identifying documents, a Berlin broadcast reported today.

This is the first time that Jews in occupied Greece have received such an order. When orders of this kind are issued in Germany, they usually indicate that the Jews involved are to be deported. In Nazi-held Poland and in the German-occupied part of Russia, these orders are usually preliminary to the Nazis machine-gunning all the Jews. In Bessarabia and Bukovina, such orders are forerunners to the mass-expulsion of the Jews to camps in Transnistria.

Jews of Italian nationality living in Salonica are exempted from the order, the Berlin radio specified. There are about 60,000 Jews in Salonica, a large proportion of whom are men falling into the category which must appear on the city square tomorrow. No indication whatsoever was given in the Nazi broadcast as to the reasons for the Axis order.

### NEW FOOD RESTRICTIONS INTRODUCED IN PALESTINE; ARABS REPORTED BUYING JEWISH LAND

JERUSALEM, July 10. (JTA)-- New food restrictions were imposed in Palestine today by order of the government. Rice has been added to the list of rationed foodstuff and bakers were ordered to limit the sale of bread made of standard flour to one loaf.

The order issued today by the Palestine government also prohibits grocery-and-meat stores to use wrapping paper, except for meat and soiled food articles. It also fixes a uniform price for four kinds of meals served in restaurants and hotels. Simultaneously, the appointment of a price controller was announced for the purpose of checking profiteering on commodities.

The Land Department of the Palestine Government today published data revealing that Palestine Arabs have been purchasing large areas of land in the country during the last few months. The Palestine press similarly reports that many rich Egyptians have recently been buying land and houses in Palestine from Jews, offering unusually high prices.

### TURKISH GOVERNMENT REFUSES GERMAN DEMAND FOR EXTRADITION OF JEWISH REFUGEES

ISTANBUL, July 10. (JTA)-- The Turkish Government has refused an official request of the German embassy for the extradition to the Reich of German-Jewish refugees, it was learned here today.

At the same time, it was reported here that Hungary has deported to Germany 126 Jewish refugees sought by the Gestapo. The German Government has also secured the extradition of 516 German-Jewish refugees from Rumania and 75 refugees from Bulgaria. All of them have been turned over to the Gestapo, the report said.

ENGLISH JEWS OFFER HOSPITALITY TO AMERICAN-JEWISH SOLDIERS IN ENGLAND

LONDON, July 10. (JTA)-- Preparations are being made to accomodate Jewish soldiers stationed with the American forces in England in the homes of Jewish families here, it was announced today by Donald Cohen, secretary of the Jewish War Services Committee. A list of Jewish households willing to offer hospitality to Jewish soldiers from the United States and their Christian friends is now being drawn up, Mr. Cohen stated. The Jewish War Services Committee, he said, has already opened a center in Woburn House here which is largely patronized by both Jewish and Christian soldiers from America who receive tea, refreshments and tickets to the theatre and cinema.

The Association of Jewish Refugees here today adopted a resolution expressing horror at the Nazi atrocities against Jews. Another resolution passed by the refugees requests the British Government to permit the formation of a Jewish military force in Palestine and the organization of Palestine Jews into a Home Guard.

Meanwhile, an emergency meeting of the Poale Zion organization today called upon the labor movement of Great Britain to do its utmost to help secure the creation of a Jewish army and home guard in Palestine. "For the Jewish people, Palestine is the last stronghold from which there is no retreat," a resolution adopted by the gathering read. "For Jews, any military misfortune there spells the extermination of a community of more than a half-million people, and would deliver a death blow to the hopes and aspirations of the Jewish people."

TWO JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS DEFER ANNUAL CONVENTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ROOSEVELT PLEA

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA)-- Acting in accordance with the general recommendation of President Roosevelt to defer conventions not closely related to the war effort, the Independent Order Brith Abraham and the Agudas Israel Organization of America announced the postponement of their regular annual conventions this year.

In his annual report made public today, Herman Hoffman, Grand Master of the Independent Order Brith Abraham, calls upon the members of the Order to help destroy Hitlerism through all possible sacrifices. He also points out that the Jews of America must prepare themselves to make unusual sacrifices for the post-war economic restoration of European Jewry. "Millions of Jews who may survive after the war will be physically and financially ruined. They will face a dismal future unless help is sent to them by their American brethren," he points out in his report.

Emphasizing that the IOBA "has always been a staunch supporter of Palestine as a Jewish Homeland," Mr. Hoffman says in his annual message that "it is our fervent hope that, when peace shall be finally made, those seated at the peace table will bring about the establishment of Palestine as a haven for the homeless Jews."

Mr. Hoffman urges support of the Jewish organizations in America. He suggests that a "third front" should be established in America to stop discrimination and bigotry. "The growing seeds of anti-Semitism must be destroyed," he says.

The Agudas Israel, instead of its regular annual convention, will hold a "conference for Torah and religious life" at Belmar, New Jersey, attended by orthodox Jewish leaders from various cities, it was announced today.

TWO-DAY POGROM IN LWOV GHETTO; MANY REPORTED KILLED; MUCH PROPERTY DAMAGED

GENEVA, July 10. (JTA)-- A two-day pogrom in which "many Jews were massacred and much Jewish property damaged" was reported here today as having taken place in Lwow, Nazi-held capital of Eastern Galicia.

The pogrom, which was carried out at the end of June, has left the Jews remaining in the city fearful that new anti-Jewish outbreaks may be expected any day, the report stated. No further details of the pogrom are as yet available here.

Foreign observers are inclined to believe that the Nazis have decided on a policy of exterminating the Jews through mass-murder in order to save as much food as possible for the Nazi armies in Eastern Europe. Though the Jews are not given anything but a very meager ration of bread, the Nazis seem to be eager to save even this small quantity of bread since Germany is not able to get enough foodstuffs from the Ukraine to even feed her own troops on the Russian front.

Refugee Governments Ask Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin for Action on Nazi Massacres

LONDON, July 10. (JTA)-- The Allied Refugee Governments in London have decided to send a joint diplomatic note to Premier Churchill, President Roosevelt and to Premier Stalin asking for measures which will make the Germans feel that they will pay heavily for the massacres of Jews and other innocent civilians, the London Daily Telegraph reports today. A copy of the note will also be sent to the Vatican, the paper reports.

The Polish National Council, at the conclusion of a two-day session which was devoted to the question of the Nazi atrocities against the civilian population in Poland, today adopted a resolution to appeal to the United Nations asking them to devise immediate retaliatory measures against the Nazis supplementary to punishing them after the war. The resolution emphasizes among other things, that the Nazis are now carrying out "a plan to slaughter practically the whole Jewish population of Poland."

In an editorial on the mass-executions of Jews and Poles by the Nazis, the London Daily Telegraph, which is one of the leading papers in England, says that attempts to exonerate the German people misrepresent the real facts. "It is improbable that the German people are ignorant of the truth. It is fair to assume that even Goebbels cannot deceive them all the time, and it will be fair to act on that assumption when the day of reckoning comes," the editorial states.

Demonstration in New York Will Condemn Nazi Mass-Murder of Jews

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA)-- A call to the Jews here to participate in a mass-demonstration against the Nazi massacres of Jews in occupied territories was issued today on behalf of the American Jewish Congress, the B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Labor Committee.

The mass-demonstration, arranged jointly by the three organizations, will take place in Madison Square Garden on July 21. Prominent leaders of American Jewry will be among the speakers condemning the Nazi atrocities against civilian Jews. Armed defense for Jews in Palestine will also be demanded at this mass-meeting.

The Rabbinical Council of America issued a call to all rabbis throughout the United States to memorialize the Jewish victims of Nazi brutality on July 23, the day of Tisha B'ab.

NAZI SPY, POSING AS A FRIEND OF JEWS IN GERMANY, WILL FACE SPEEDY TRIAL

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA)-- The Nazi spy, Herbert Karl Friedrich Bahr, who was arrested aboard the diplomatic exchange ship Drottningholm, will face a speedy trial, it was announced today. Full information of the arrest released here indicated that the 29-year-old spy was posing as a "friend of Jews in Germany," and not as a Jewish refugee as was generally reported yesterday when the news of his arrest was made public by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Inquiry at the FBI office here elicited the information that Bahr was provided by the Nazi military espionage office with full information concerning a Jewish family in Germany in order to be able to explain to U.S. authorities how he happened to be in possession of \$7,000 in American currency. He was instructed by the Nazi espionage headquarters to say that a Jewish friend of his in Germany, a member of the old Social-Democratic party, had been beheaded by the Nazis, that the man's wife had sold a valuable stamp collection for \$7,000 and given him the proceeds to take out of the country for her.

PALESTINIAN AND AUSTRALIAN JEWISH SOLDIERS HONORED FOR SERVICES IN MIDDLE EAST

JERUSALEM, July 10. (JTA)-- Six Palestinian soldiers today were awarded decorations by the British military command for distinguished services in the fighting in the Middle East.

Sergeant Max Eisenberg of Tel Aviv, a member of the Palestine Pioneer Corps, received the Military Medal for his gallantry in action while Corporals Berlin, Hirschheimer and Robinson of Jerusalem, and Aircraftmen Brandt of Kiryat Heim and Teich of Tel Aviv were mentioned in the official dispatches. All of them are attached to the ground staff of the Royal Air Force.

At the same time, two Jewish officers serving with the Australian Army in the Middle Eastern theatre were similarly honored. Colonel J. Steigrad was made a commander of the British Empire and Major A. Fineberg was created a member of the Order of the British Empire.

ZIONIST LEADERS SUMMONED FOR URGENT CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK ON MONDAY

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA)-- More than 100 Zionist leaders from all parts of the country have been summoned to come to New York to attend an urgent conference which will be held on Monday, July 13, at the Hotel Astor, it was announced here today.

The conference was called in connection with the serious war situation in the Middle East. It will take place several hours before the general meeting of New York members of all Zionist groups called for the same evening at the same hotel. It is expected that Dr. Chaim Weizmann will address this meeting. The principal speakers will include Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Dr. Nahum Goldman and Emanuel Neumann. Both the conference of the Zionist leaders and the general meeting have been convoked by the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs to hear reports on political activities in Washington concerning the Zionist cause and the post-war status of Palestine.

The Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs today reported that a sum of \$40,000 has been put at the disposal of the Zionist Executive in Palestine by Hadassah in connection with the Jewish war effort there.