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### 530,000 GERMAN JEWS DEPORTED TO RUSSIA; DEPORTATIONS FROM VIENNA RESUMED

STOCKHOLM, July 14. (JTA)-- More than 530,000 German Jews have already been deported from Germany to Nazi-occupied parts of Russia, it was reported today from Berlin.

At the same time Swedish newspapers today carry reports from their Vienna correspondents disclosing that mass-deportations of Jews from Vienna to occupied Poland were resumed this week under the most brutal circumstances, resulting in many sick and blind Jews committing suicide.

No distinction is made as to age and sex in the renewed deportations, the Vienna correspondents report. Even the "green letters" giving the deportees three days' notice to prepare for expulsion are no longer sent. The victims are taken from their homes directly to transportation centers from where they are sent in cattle trains to Eastern European territories.

A number of Jewish patients in a Vienna hospital committed suicide when the Nazi police came to drag them from their beds to the transportation center. Inmates of the Jewish Home for Blind similarly took their lives when informed that they were being deported. Not a single Jew of those still remaining in Vienna is certain that within a few hours he may not be among the victims held for deportation, the neutral correspondents relate.

The suspension of the deportation of Jews from Vienna during the winter months was due chiefly to the lack of freight cars, the Swedish journalists emphasize. They describe Jewish life in Vienna today as a constant torture, with Jews being completely isolated from any contact with the rest of the world.

### AXIS SUBMARINES IN PALESTINE WATERS; GERMAN JEWS REFITTING BRITISH WARSHIP

CAIRO, July 14. (JTA)-- Axis submarines are now operating in the waters along the shores of Palestine, according to an announcement made today over the Rome radio.

Foreign correspondents stationed in Cairo were taken today by British naval authorities to a "port somewhere in the Middle East" where they were shown a British warship being refitted largely with the assistance of Jews who escaped from Nazi Germany to Palestine and who are now working for the British Navy.

Most of the refugee Jews working on the British warship can hardly speak English. They are working as technicians, skilled workmen and expert engineers. The port to which the correspondents were taken was one which used to handle the Palestine tourist trade and citrus exports and where railway engines and enormous quantities of war material are now being rapidly and easily unloaded.

JEWS IN RUMANIA LIVE IN CONSTANT FEAR, REPORT REACHING WASHINGTON STATES

WASHINGTON, July 14. (JTA)-- "The Jews in Rumania are living in constant fear without knowing what the next day will bring," it is emphasized in a report released here today dealing with the situation of the Jews in the Nazi-dominated country of Premier Antonescu. The report, which comes from reliable sources, reached the United States through neutral channels.

Confirming that several thousand Jews were executed in the city of Jassy and that the province of Bessarabia is now completely "judengrein," the report says wild stories of gruesome acts allegedly perpetrated by the Jews upon Romanians are being circulated in order to justify the anti-Jewish atrocities.

"Racial discrimination against the Jews goes on uninterruptedly," the report informs. "It began with a total expropriation of rural property, and this was applied even to those who were born Christians but one of whose parents was a baptized Jew.

"With the outbreak of the war and the retreat of the Russians many stories were circulated at the expense of the Jews. All destruction, the burning of bridges, devastation of Rumanian property, every military act of destruction, was not charged to the Red Army nor to the Russian population which was carrying out Stalin's orders to destroy every thing in sight, but charged only to the 'Jewish commissars.' 'Odessa could not have held out so long if it had not been for the stubbornness of the Jews,' was a typical report circulated by the Rumanians. An investigation of what the Jews actually had done to cause such charges to be brought against them did not disclose one solitary action for which they could have been held responsible," the report establishes.

Reveals How Chief Rabbi Zirelsohn and 40 Jewish Leaders Executed

The report tells how Chief Rabbi Zirelsohn of Bessarabia and other Jewish leaders there were executed. "On the very first day of the installation of the Rumanian and German commands at Kishinev, a group of 40 Jewish representatives headed by Rabbi Zirelsohn called to offer their homage to the new regime, and they were taken into a closed court yard and shot. While the idea was German, the shooting was done by Rumanians," the report reveals.

"The union of Jewish communities and every other Jewish organization have been dissolved by a decree issued in 1941," the report continues. "In their stead a Jewish central bureau was created with branches in every district capital, and this bureau took over all the Jewish institutions. But there was not much to take over, because all the Jewish hospitals, asylums, etc., had been taken over by the government and converted into military hospitals, as have many Jewish schools.

"With the dissolution of the Jewish communities, a census of inhabitants having Jewish blood in their veins was ordered. All those, no matter of what religion, having one Jewish grand-parent, even if their parents had been baptized, had to register with the central office as Jews. In their despair and seeking a means of saving themselves and their families, many Jews embraced Christianity, and there is now a strong tendency in that direction.

"While there is a law which was enacted by the Iron Guard regime forbidding the church to baptize Jews, the Catholic Church ignores it and keeps on baptizing them. Moreover, it has even facilitated the conditions required for conversion. Thus, while a Catholic priest used to demand several months preparation of the would be proselyte in the study of the Catholic catechism, they baptize them now without previous preparation. In this manner Jews are being baptized and admitted into the Catholic church. Whether or not to become baptized is a chief subject of conversation among Jews," the report concludes.

ZIONIST OFFICIAL LEAVES FOR TEHRAN TO AID JEWISH REFUGEES; HOPES TO ENTER RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, July 14. (JTA)-- Hoping eventually to be admitted into Russia as a representative of the Jewish Agency, Elihu Dobkin, head of the Zionist immigration department, today left Palestine for Teheran to organize relief there for the approximately 800 Polish Jews stranded in Iran on their way from Russia to Palestine.

The Palestine Government today appointed Eric Mills, chief of the Immigration Department, to the post of controller of man-power in Palestine. It also started a campaign for the sale of Palestine War Bonds similar to those issued by the U.S. Treasury. The proceeds will be lent to the British Government as a sterling loan. Each bond costs fifteen shillings and will be redeemable in ten years at twenty-and-a-half shillings.

WEIZMANN CALLS UPON U.S. JEWS TO HELP DEFEND PALESTINE; INDICATES IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA)-- Indicating that important negotiations are now being conducted between leaders of the Jewish Agency and the American and British Governments with regard to the Jewish position in Palestine, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, addressing a meeting at the Hotel Astor here last night, called upon the Jews of America to be ready for practical work.

Dr. Weizmann deplored the fact that the British Government, although it promised the establishment of a Jewish military formation in Palestine eighteen months ago, has not as yet kept its promise. He expressed the hope that the danger to Palestine will pass, but added that it is the duty of the Jews in America to help the Jews of Palestine to defend themselves regardless of whether Britain permits the establishment of a Jewish fighting force under British command.

Emanuel Neumann and Dr. Nahum Goldman addressing the meeting, which was arranged by the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, reported on the campaign which the American Zionist leadership is conducting in the United States to secure British permission for the formation of a Jewish military unit in Palestine as well as on the American Zionist's work for post-war Palestine. The meeting, attended by about 5,000 persons, was presided over by Judge Louis E. Levinthal, president of the Zionist Organization of America.

Prominent British Public Figures. Parliamentarians Join Jewish Army Committee

LONDON, July 14. (JTA)-- Seven more members of Parliament, including Oliver Locker-Lampson, Conservative, and Graham H. White, Laborite, have joined the Jewish Fighting Force Committee, whose purpose is to secure British permission for the formation of a Jewish military force within the British Army, it was announced here today.

Ten other prominent public figures who announced their adherence to the committee today include the noted economist Harold Laski; J.J. Mallon, leading British social worker; R.D. Blumenfeld, editor and publicist; Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, Lady Snowden and Sylvia Pankhurst.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF JABOTINSKY'S DEATH OBSERVED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA)-- The second anniversary of the death of Vladimir Jabotinsky, founder and leader of the Zionist-Revisionist movement, was observed here today. A number of delegations from various organizations visited Jabotinsky's grave and laid wreaths upon it.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL URGES RABBIS TO INVITE CHRISTIANS TO JOIN IN MOURNING NAZI-MASSACRED JEWS

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA)-- All rabbis throughout the country were urged today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, in his capacity as president of the Synagogue Council of America, which includes all the rabbinical groups in the country, to arrange community gatherings in which Christians should be invited to join "in a fellowship of mourning and indignation" over the Nazi massacres of Jews in Europe.

In a letter addressed to every rabbi in the United States, Dr. Goldstein informed the spiritual leaders of the Jewish communities that "the great central organizations of American Jewry, namely the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Labor Committee, which, respectively, are taking other measures to meet the situation, have unanimously expressed deep satisfaction with the action which the Synagogue Council has undertaken in proclaiming July 23, the day of Tisha B'ab, as a day of grief and mourning for the victims of the Nazi massacred in the hundreds of Jewish communities of occupied European countries.

"You and your synagogue have a solemn privilege and obligation on the occasion of Tisha B'ab this year to provide for your people an outlet for this sorrow, to memorialize the martyred dead, to sustain the hope and courage of the living and to enlighten the minds and stir the sympathies of our Christian fellow Americans," Dr. Goldstein declared.

NEW REGULATIONS WILL RETARD NATURALIZATION OF ALIENS IN ARMED FORCES, NRS ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA)-- The War Department has issued directives which tend to retard or restrict procedure on citizenship for aliens in the armed forces, it was reported today by the National Refugee Service.

Under the new War Department instructions, aliens of two categories will be subject to further investigation than was required under the procedure as originally set up on May 29 which permitted all aliens in the armed forces to petition for citizenship after three months of service. For such expedited citizenship, provided under the terms of the Second War Powers Act, many of the usual naturalization requirements were waived, and an application form, N-405, was prepared for alien service men requesting citizenship under the new procedure.

However, more recent War Department instructions tend to restrict the granting of this simplified citizenship. Original instructions, covering even aliens of enemy nationality, called only for approval by the petitioner's immediate commanding officer before a hearing by naturalization authorities. Under the latest instructions, such approval will not be granted to certain classes of aliens without the prior concurrence of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, (Army Intelligence) in the area where the petitioner is stationed.

The aliens so affected fall into two classifications. The first includes aliens of countries designated as "enemy" or "allied" with the enemy, namely Japan and subject countries of the Japanese Empire; Germany (including Austria); Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary, Rumania, Finland and Thailand. The second group includes aliens who came to the United States after January 1, 1938, from the following countries: France, Poland, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Greece, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Albania, Latvia, Estonia or Lithuania. Petitioners from either of those groups of aliens, therefore, will undoubtedly be subject to a waiting period pending the approval or disapproval of the Assistant Chief of Staff designated in the new instructions, the NRS announcement warned.