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### NAZIS CONFIRM OVER 20,000 JEWS ARRESTED IN PARIS BY GESTAPO

ZURICH, July 22, (JTA)-- Confirmation of the report that the Nazis have arrested more than 20,000 Jews in Paris during the last week, was given today on the German-controlled European radio stations.

Most of the Nazi stations today broadcast a report that about 28,000 Jews had been seized in Paris because "they refused to wear Mogen David badges or committed other offensive acts."

The broadcasts are interpreted here as being motivated by the Nazis' desire to allay the indignation which has been aroused by the reports that thousands of Jews had been arrested without cause for deportation to Eastern Europe.

### THOUSANDS OF JEWS EVACUATED FROM NAZI-HELD LANDS SETTLED THROUGHOUT RUSSIA

KUIBYSHEV, July 22, (JTA)-- Hundreds of thousands of Jews evacuated from various sections of Nazi-occupied Russia have been settled throughout the Soviet Union where they have the possibilities of continuing their lives as "Soviet citizens and Jews," it was stated today by Jacob Sternberg, Soviet-Jewish writer who recently returned from a tour of many of the regions where the Jews have been settled.

What makes this evacuation different from that of 1914 when many Jews were forced to leave the same areas, is the fact that today "the progressive and national culture of the Jews" accompanies them, Sternberg pointed out. Jewish literature and the Jewish theatre flourish in these new Jewish settlements, some of which are in far-distant Siberia.

He stressed that at the very outset of the Nazi invasion of Russia, many Jewish communities in the western Ukraine, ~~White~~ Russia, Moldavia, Lithuania and Latvia, fell to the Germans. All the Jews would have fallen into the hands of the Germans if not for their timely and brilliant evacuation, carried out with the aid of the Government, the Russian-Jewish writer declared. What destruction occurred, and it was on a large-scale, was the work of the Jews themselves, who did not wish to leave "even a rag" for the invader, he said.

### ENTIRE WORLD CALLED UPON TO COMMEMORATE MURDERED JEWS ON JULY 30

JERUSALEM, July 22, (JTA)-- The Central Representation of Polish Jewry here has decided to call upon the Yishuv to join in Polish Premier Sikorski's appeal to the world to observe a minute of silence on July 30 as a protest against the Nazi murders in Poland, it was announced here today.

Reviewing the atrocities committed in Poland the Polish-Jewish body particularly stressed that the minute of silence would commemorate the hundreds of thousands of Jews who have been massacred there.

CHURCHILL, LEHMAN, WISE SCORE NAZI ANNIHILATION OF JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA)-- Prime Minister Winston Churchill added his voice to the swelling protests against the merciless annihilation of European Jewry by the Nazi forces of occupation, in a message read last night to the 20,000 persons assembled in Madison Square Garden to assail German atrocities against the civilian populations.

Pointing out that "the Jews were Hitler's first victims," the Prime Minister hailed the contributions to the war effort which have been made by Jewish communities all over the world, and particularly stressed the role of Palestine Jews in both war industry and actual combat. He recalled that last October 25 he and President Roosevelt had "expressed the horror felt by all civilized people at Nazi butcheries and terrorism and our resolve to place retribution for these crimes among the major purposes of the war."

Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York stated that he brought from the 14,000,000 people of New York State, "regardless of race or creed, a message of sympathy and hope to the Jewish people and to other oppressed peoples who have been the victims of untold sufferings and who are now threatened with calculated annihilation." Touching on the dangers that face Palestine the Governor declared: "Palestine built up through the courage, sweat and effort of brave pioneer men and women is in danger. The Jewish people of Palestine wish for nothing but the opportunity of standing side by side with their non-Jewish brothers in the fight for freedom and against the brutal despoilers who respect neither God nor man. I do not want to see a Jewish army created. I am confident that the people of Palestine generally want no separate Jewish army. But the thousands of brave, strong, young Jews of Palestine who have built up their land for the benefit of all - Christian, Jew and Mohammedan alike - should be given the opportunity of defending their homes and the products of their bitter toil... They should be permitted to fight side by side with their British and American friends in behalf of our common cause - the defense of democracy, of freedom and of security."

Reviewing the destruction of Jews throughout Europe, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, who presided at the meeting, said: "Tomorrow will be the eve of Tisha B'ab, the destruction twice or thrice of the holy Temple of Jerusalem. Tonight we meet not only to sorrow over an ancient grief but also over a limitless wrong of our own day, the Nazi threat to destroy the Jewish people. Great as is our sorrow, deepfelt as is our grief, we do not mourn the destruction of the Jewish people. The destruction of the Jewish people can never be. Its Temple may be destroyed, its people plundered and stricken and wounded, but the eternal people shall not be destroyed." Rabbi Wise asked "our great-hearted, liberty-loving fellow-Americans to join with us in solemn condemnation of the infamy of the Axis." He also urged the British to allow the formation of a Home Guard in Palestine to defend the country against the Axis armies in Egypt.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge who recently returned from the Middle Eastern front paid tribute to the Jewish volunteers from Palestine and stated that "I like to believe that the day is near when a Jewish army of Palestine will march side by side with the armies of the United Nations in this fight for freedom and for the redemption of mankind."

Frank Goldman, vice-president of the Supreme Lodge of B'nai B'rith, one of the organizations sponsoring last night's demonstration, voiced his protests against the "Nazi savagery." He also disclosed that "the Central Administrative Board of B'nai B'rith yesterday adopted a resolution urging that immediate steps be taken by the proper authorities to enable the Jewish population resident in Palestine to defend themselves against Nazi aggression, and to afford them the opportunity to make a maximum contribution to the United Nations in the achievement of an early victory."

MARTYRED JEWS TO BE MEMORIALIZED IN TISHA B'AB SERVICES TODAY; CLERGYMEN SCORE MASSACRES

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA)-- Messages of leading Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergymen expressing sorrow and indignation over the Nazi massacres of Jews and other civilian peoples of occupied Europe, have been received by the Synagogue Council of America, central body representing all religious groups within American Jewry, it was announced today. The Council has issued a call to all rabbis and congregations to commemorate the victims of Nazi persecution on Tisha B'ab, traditional day of Jewish mourning, which will be observed tomorrow.

In Washington, Congressman Samuel Dickstein, speaking in the House of Representatives, pointed out that Tisha B'ab this year will not only commemorate the day upon which ancient Jerusalem was destroyed but "synagogues throughout the land will add the note of contemporary mourning and indignation over the mass-murders by Nazi executioners of nearly 1,000,000 Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe. The Jewish people count their 'Lidices' in the thousands." Rep. Dickstein inserted in the Congressional Record the appeal of the Synagogue Council, asking its 1,300 member congregations to hold special services mourning the victims of the Nazis and reviewing the destruction of European Jewry.

Among the clergymen who sent messages to the Council were: the Most Reverend Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City; Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, general secretary of the Church Peace Union; Most Reverend Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of San Antonio, Texas; Harry C. Graham, national director of the Holy Name Societies; Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, executive director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Special Tisha B'ab messages were also addressed to Jews in the United States by Chief Rabbi Joseph Hertz of Great Britain and Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine.

TWO DEFENSE FIRMS DENY THEY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST JEWS

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 22. (JTA)-- The President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice yesterday heard representatives of the Carl L. Norden Co. of New York and the Titeflex Metal Hose Co. of Newark, argue for a reversal of the committee's earlier finding that they had discriminated against Jews. The committee took the pleas under advisement, and Executive Secretary Lawrence W. Cramer said its decision would be rendered soon.

BRITISH PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND RAISED HALF-MILLION DOLLARS, MRS. SILVERMAN REPORTS

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA)-- British Jewry this year doubled their contributions to the Palestine Foundation Fund, despite war-time conditions, it was disclosed today by Mrs. Archibald Silverman, of Providence, Rhode Island, prominent Zionist worker, who returned this week from an eight-week tour of the United Kingdom and Eire. About a half-million dollars was raised, she said.

While in London, Mrs. Silverman saw Lord Cranborne, the Colonial Minister; United States Ambassadors Winant and Drexel-Biddle and Neville Butler of the Foreign Office.

JACOB SIMON, UNITED PRESS CORRESPONDENT IN PALESTINE, DROWNED AT TEL AVIV

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA)-- Jacob Simon, 36, for many years the Palestine correspondent of the United Press, was drowned yesterday while swimming with a group of American journalists off the shores of Tel Aviv.