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### ARREST OF JEWS IN FRANCE FOR DEPORTATION TO POLAND CONTINUES

BERNE, July 23. (JTA)-- The mass-arrests of Jews in France, which began in Paris last week, has spread to the unoccupied zone, according to a Berlin broadcast heard here today.

The Nazi broadcaster disclosed that 20,000 of the seized Jews are being held in a camp at Velodrome d'Hiver, a bicycle track near Paris. He reiterated that these Jews would be deported to Poland.

Only women expecting early confinements, nursing mothers and war widows are being spared so far, the broadcast stated. Children of arrested parents are being turned over to the child-caring agencies of the Union of Israelites in France, which was founded last year by the then Commissar for Jewish Affairs Xavier Vallat when he dissolved all existing Jewish organizations in the country.

### SOFIA JEWS TO BE CONFINED IN LARGE SINGLE GHETTO, INTERIOR MINISTER DECREES

ZURICH, July 23. (JTA)-- Jews in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, whose ouster from the city was decreed last week, will probably be confined in a large ghetto in one quarter of the city instead, it was reported today by the Sofia radio.

The Bulgarian broadcaster stated that Minister of the Interior Pictor Grabovski had issued an order designating various quarters of Sofia as ghettos, but that the Interior department at a meeting in Sofia has decided that it would be more advisable to concentrate all the Jews in one large ghetto.

It is expected that similar action will be taken against the Jews in other of the principal Bulgarian cities, since the decree last week provided for the expulsion of Jews from every large city in the country.

### SALONIKA JEWS BETWEEN EIGHTEEN AND FORTY-FIVE ORDERED TO FORCED LABOR

GENEVA, July 23. (JTA)-- The 60,000 Salonika Jews who were instructed by the Nazi occupation authorities to assemble in the town square of the city last week were ordered to gather there so that they might be registered for forced labor, it was revealed today in a Rome broadcast.

The Nazi decree provides that all male Jews between the ages of 18 and 45, except those engaged in war work, will be forced to labor on public works. Already 7,000 Salonika Jews have been placed at forced labor on road construction, the Italian broadcast stated.

The Bucharest radio today announced that all Jewish-owned property in Rumania, with the exception of synagogues and cemeteries, was now "at the disposal" of the government, and could be transferred to other owners.

LEADING ANTI-SEMITES AMONG 28 INDICTED FOR TRYING TO DESTROY ARMY MORALE

WASHINGTON, July 23. (JTA)-- Many of the nation's leading anti-Semitic propagandists are included in the list made public today by Attorney General Francis Biddle of twenty-eight persons charged with conspiring to wreck the morale of the armed forces of the United States. Indictments against these twenty-eight were handed down Tuesday by a special Grand Jury in Federal District Court here.

Among those named were Court Asher, Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, H. Victor Broenstrupp, C. Leon de Aryan, William Dudley Pelley, James B. True and Gerald B. Winrod.

Included in the evidence upon which the twenty-eight were indicted are numerous references to the alleged "Jewish character" of the war. The indictment charges that they tried to make the Army and Navy believe that "the war now raging in all parts of the world is a dishonest war waged at the expense and measured in blood and dollars of the people of the United States solely for the benefit of and to insure the continuance of world domination by "international Jewry-organized finance, Mongolian Jews, Communists and other persons and groups opposed to our republican form of government."

Also that "the Axis powers are fighting to free the world from domination by Communism and international Jewry." That "the public officials of the United States are planning to mingle the blood of Negroes, criminals and Jews with that of Christian-American soldiers and sailors." That statements of American public officials that our best interest is served by aiding the United Nations are "false and designed to conceal from the people the true fact that such public officials are under the control and domination of British imperialists and international Jews."

The indictment quotes 50 passages from articles and statements made and circulated by the defendants in support of these ideas. If they are convicted, they face maximum penalties of \$20,000 fines and 30 years in jail. Listed in the indictment are 30 publications and 28 organizations, including the Silver Shirts, the Black Legion and the Ku Klux Klan, which the defendants "organized or caused to be organized, supported, used, controlled, or contributed financially to" in furtherance of the alleged conspiracy.

SUFFERINGS OF EUROPE'S JEWS MARKED IN PRAYER IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, July 23. (JTA)-- The sufferings of the Jews of Europe were commemorated on the occasion of Tisha B'ab in a prayer offered at the opening of the session of the House of Representatives today by the Rev. Dr. James S. Montgomery, chaplain of the House.

"We would not allow the garden of Israel of God to die out of our grateful memory," the prayer said. "Her flowers are of perpetual bloom. We would hear again the voice of Moses and feel the warm, brotherly spirit of Jonathan and David, calling, pleading for tolerance and shaming man's inhumanity toward his brother man. Our Father of us all, amid the grim ghastly cruelties of the dictator lands, let thy righteous judgment fall and condemn eternally the wreckers of the world's glory, whose dust no epitaph will flatter and no sacred monument call back their deeds of darkness and death.

"Do thou hover above the synagogues of our country as thy children breathe again the spirit that once inspired old Judea as they view the far flung lands of a righteous God."

55,000 JEWS ALREADY DEPORTED FROM SLOVAKIA TO POLISH CAMPS

LONDON, July 23. (JTA)-- Fifty-five thousand Jews have already been deported from Slovakia and sent to the Government-General section of Poland, according to reliable reports reaching the Federation of Czechoslovakian Jews here today.

Some of these 55,000 Jews have been sent to forced labor camps at Sewin and Koyszow, the reports state. The remainder have been concentrated in the cities of Lukow, Chelm, Miedzyrzecz-Podlaski, Lubertow, Ostrow, Rejowiec, Kamionka, Firlej, Opole, Naleczow, Zamosc and Oswiecim. One of the most notorious Nazi concentration camps in all of Poland is located in the last-named city.

Reports on the Bratislava radio today indicate that the population of Slovakia is still opposed to the persecution of the Jews. The Bratislava broadcaster quotes the pro-Nazi Slovak newspaper *Casovosti* as complaining that reports of the inhuman treatment of Jews by the Slovak authorities are being spread throughout small towns and municipalities in Slovakia in order "to undermine every radical measure of the government."

THOUSANDS MORE PALESTINIAN JEWS ENABLED TO JOIN BRITISH COMBAT REGIMENT

JERUSALEM, July 23. (JTA)-- Thousands of additional Palestinians will be enabled to join the British army, for combat and garrison duty, as a result of an easing of the enlistment requirements for the Buffs, British regiment stationed here to which 2,500 Palestine Jews are already attached, it was announced here today.

Under the new requirements the age limits for the Buffs have been raised from thirty-five to forty-five, thus permitting many ex-servicemen to join, as well as policemen. Those under thirty-five who have been previously rejected as medically unfit will be accepted for garrison duty with Palestine guard companies.

The military authorities hope that this relaxation of the requirements will relieve younger men for active combat duty and at the same time double the number of companies in the Buffs.

All township services except water supply in the cities of Tel Aviv and Petach Tikvah and in seventeen settlements were suspended today by a strike of the municipal employees against the Palestine Government's ruling that municipalities and local councils should no longer pay the living costs and expenses of these employees.

FIGHTING FRENCH HAIL JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO ALLIED WAR EFFORT

LONDON, July 23. (JTA)-- The contributions to the Allied war effort that have been made by Jews throughout the world and the activities of the Jews of Palestine, in particular, were lauded today in an editorial appearing in the newspaper "France," official organ of the "Fighting French," commenting on the meeting to protest Nazi atrocities held in Madison Square Garden in New York on Tuesday evening.

"It is natural that Jews who were the first victims of Hitler realize better than anyone else the necessity to put an end to the totalitarian barbarism," the De Gaulle paper writes. "One must recognize with Prime Minister Churchill (who sent a message to the New York meeting) that they are conscious of their duties and have not spared any efforts to assure the triumph of the Allies."

"In Palestine particularly they have offered the closest collaboration to the British Government ever since the outbreak of the war. Resolutions adopted at recent Jewish meetings have expressed the hope that the promises made by Lord Balfour after the last war will be fully kept on the morrow following this war."

SIXTY JEWISH CHAPLAINS NOW SERVING WITH UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, July 23. (JTA)-- Sixty Jewish chaplains, more than twice the number who served in the first world War, are now on active duty with the armed forces of the United States, it was announced here today by Dr. David de Sola Pool, chairman of the Jewish Welfare Board's Army and Navy Committee on Religious Activities. Fifty-four are in the Army, and six in the Navy, Dr. Pool said, adding that there is every likelihood of an appreciable increase in these figures in the near future.

Dr. Pool announced also that many civilian rabbis had volunteered for summer service in Army cantonments at which no regular chaplains are now stationed. Ten have already been assigned to camps in all sections of the country, and other posts will be filled as the need arises. The number will necessarily be limited, Dr. Pool said, in accordance with the policy of the Chief of Chaplains of delegating religious matters as much as possible to uniformed chaplains.

DICKSTEIN RENEWS REQUEST FOR PROBE OF ENEMY ALIENS

WASHINGTON, July 23. (JTA)-- Rep. Samuel Dickstein, Democrat of New York, speaking on the floor of the House of Representatives yesterday, repeated his proposal that his committee on immigration be given broad powers to investigate enemy aliens. The House voted down his resolution to this effect, 200 to 96, on June 18.

"This vote was not based on facts or reason or justification," Rep. Dickstein charged. "It was based purely on prejudice, hate and intolerance, aroused by a few men in this House who told the Congress we were going to open the door for a lot of aliens."

Dickstein had said earlier that one of the purposes of his proposed investigation was to remove the "enemy alien" stigma from refugees loyal to the United States. Although he made no formal move to reintroduce his resolution, Dickstein said this had been asked by several members of the committee.

CINCINNATI JEWISH WELFARE FUND TO MERGE WITH WAR CHEST

CINCINNATI, July 23. (JTA)-- In line with similar action in other cities, the Cincinnati Jewish Community Council has voted unanimously to carry its Jewish Welfare Fund into the Hamilton County War Chest for the latter's February 1943 campaign, it was announced today.

By this agreement, the Jewish Welfare Fund will receive about \$330,000-- the equivalent of the Fund's total last year, less some \$50,000 obtained for national and local civic defense activities. The merger is a war time emergency action.

President Herbert R. Bloch of the Council, William J. Shroder and Jeffrey L. Lazarus explained to the Council the "pros" and "cons" of the action. They are members of the War Chest Executive Committee.

LOUIS E. SPIEGLER NAMED HIAS GENERAL COUNSEL IN WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, July 23. (JTA)-- Louis E. Spiegler, attorney and communal leader of Washington, D.C., has been appointed as General Counsel and representative of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, in the nation's capital, where the Society maintains a special office dealing with cases affecting the welfare of Jewish immigrants and refugees. Announcement of the appointment was made today by Abraham Herman, President of HIAS.