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NAZIS BEGIN LARGE-SCALE DEPORTATIONS OF DUTCH JEWS TO POLAND AND OCCUPIED RUSSIA

ZURICH, July 26. (JTA)-- Large-scale mass-deportations of Jews from Holland to Poland and occupied sections of Russia began this week, according to reports reaching here today. Special trains each carrying six hundred Jews are reported to be leaving Amsterdam daily for Eastern Europe.

At the same time it was learned here that the property of all deported Jews will be confiscated by the Germans. The deportees are allowed to take along only thirty-five pounds of luggage, each. Scores of Jews in Amsterdam, fearing that their deportation to Poland and Russia is imminent, are committing suicide daily, the reports state. It is estimated that there are about 160,000 Jews in Holland at present - about 80,000 Dutch Jews and approximately an equal number of Austrian, German and Czech Jews who fled to the Netherlands as refugees.

During the past few months the Germans have been concentrating most of the Dutch Jews in the Amsterdam ghetto, explaining that this would facilitate the expulsion of all Jews from the country. In the last few weeks the pro-Nazi Amsterdam radio has been broadcasting virulent attacks on the Jews and warning the Dutch people to be prepared "not to see a Jew left in the country."

The Nazi-controlled Hilversum radio station heard here this morning announced that a special important broadcast was to be made tonight and urged all Dutchmen to listen.

Netherlands Premier Denounces Deportation of Jews As "Crime Against All Dutchmen"

LONDON, July 26. (JTA)-- The mass-deportation of Dutch Jews to Eastern Europe was denounced today as "a crime against all patriotic Dutchmen" by Peter Gerbrandy, Premier of the Netherlands Government-in-Exile, broadcasting to the people of Holland.

Describing the deportations as "the latest example of Nazi savagery," the Dutch premier warned his listeners that "a similar horrible fate awaits the 3,000,000 Dutch people whom the Nazis are planning to wrench from their homes in order to depopulate Holland." He urged the population of Holland to "bear stoically this new crime against the Jews and to remain steadfast and cling to your faith that the weapons of tyranny will never permanently conquer the citadels of the human spirit."

FRENCH PEOPLE OPPOSE NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEWS, SWISS CORRESPONDENT REPORTS

BERNE, July 26. (JTA)-- The French people are actively opposed to the deportation of Jews by the Nazis, it was indicated in an article in the Swiss newspaper Basler Nachrichten today. The article said that the recent round-ups of Jews by the Nazi occupation authorities were "the topic of all conversation" in the Paris area, and that the majority of the French people "simply does not understand such measures." Other reports reaching here today from Paris stated that a large number of French police officers have been arrested by the Germans for refusing to carry out the Nazi orders to round up the Jews.

The Fighting French station at Brazzaville, in French Equatorial Africa, heard here today, said that the number of arrests had now reached 50,000. According to the Madrid radio, aliens are still being arrested in Paris to be sent to Silesia.

PROPERTY OF JEWISH GROUPS IN BULGARIA WILL BE SEIZED; ALL JEWS TO BE HELD IN TWO GHETTOS

ZURICH, July 26. (JTA)-- The Bulgarian Government, which has embarked on a wide-spread anti-Semitic campaign affecting both the cultural and economic life of the country, since the passage by the Bulgarian Parliament earlier this month of a series of "Nuremberg laws," today issued the latest of a series of anti-Jewish decrees.

The Sofia radio announced that Jewish religious and educational organizations are no longer permitted to own any kind of real estate. Such property will be taken over by the Government, the Sofia broadcaster stated. He also announced that property in Bulgaria belonging to Jews who have left the country since the outbreak of the war would likewise be seized. Compensation for this property will be paid in the form of government bonds which will be redeemable over a period of twenty years, according to the official decree.

At the same time the Sofia radio disclosed that in addition to the large ghetto which will be established for all the Jews of Sofia, another ghetto in which all Jews residing in other sections of the country will be concentrated will soon be set up. No indication was given as to where this ghetto will be located.

Commenting on the difficulty involved in confiscating Jewish-owned enterprises and property, the Bulgarian radio stated that a special "economic police force" was being formed to assist the regular police in "ferreting out" Jewish property.

SHIPMENT OF FOOD TO STARVING JEWS IN GHETTOS DEMANDED BY SPEAKERS AT LONDON MEETING

LONDON, July 26. (JTA)-- Food shipments to the ghettos of German-occupied countries "where hundreds of thousands of Jews are starving to death" were urged today by several of the speakers addressing a mass-meeting in Trafalgar Square, called to ask the Allied governments to send food to Belgium, Poland, Greece and other occupied nations.

Meanwhile, it was learned today that the Board of Deputies of British Jews, which met in closed session this week, has authorized a commission to arrange the details of expending £5,000 monthly to purchase an estimated 1,000 food parcels to be sent to the Polish ghettos. Shipment of such parcels awaits final clearance with the British Government and the International Red Cross.

JAPANESE NEWSPAPER URGES INTERNMENT OF SHANGHAI JEWS IN GHETTO

BERNE, July 26. (JTA)-- Creation of a ghetto to hold all the Jews in Japanese-held Shanghai is urged in an unnamed Japanese newspaper quoted today by the Rome radio. Before Pearl Harbor there were an estimated 20,000 Jewish refugees in Shanghai and several thousand other Jews.

The Japanese paper, as quoted by the Italian broadcaster, stated that internment of the Jews in a ghetto is necessary "in order to prevent the Chinese from being exploited by the Jews."

MINUTE OF SILENCE ON NOON OF JULY 30 TO COMMEMORATE JEWS, POLES MURDERED BY NAZIS

LONDON, July 26. (JTA)-- Twelve o'clock noon on July 30 has been set for the observance of one minute of silence to commemorate the Poles and Jews massacred by the Nazi occupation forces in Poland, it was announced here today. Polish women in Britain today urged that this minute of silence be observed throughout the world.

NAZIS INTRODUCE SEVERE ANTI-JEWISH RESTRICTIONS IN BELGIUM

ZURICH, July 26. (JTA)-- Hard on the heels of the reports from Holland concerning the deportation of Dutch Jews, information was received here today of new rigid restrictions on the Jews of Belgium.

Jews in Antwerp are forbidden, under the new regulations, to enter theatres or cinemas and to attend concerts, lectures or public meetings. Both in Antwerp and Brussels, Jews are now compelled to ride in special "Jim Crow" sections of street cars, usually the front platforms of the cars.

DANISH EYE-WITNESS REPORTS HORRIBLE CONDITIONS OF JEWS IN OCCUPIED RUSSIAN TERRITORY

STOCKHOLM, July 26. (JTA)-- One of the first eye-witness accounts of the conditions under which the Jews who failed to escape from Nazi-held Russian cities are living is contained in an article, reaching here today, by a special correspondent of the Flensburg Nachrichten, which is published in the town of Flensburg on the German-Danish frontier.

The correspondent, who is on a tour of German-occupied Eastern European territories, reports that "wherever Jews are still living in Eastern Europe they have been herded into ghettos behind barbed wire and are being used in groups for forced labor on reclamation work. In the easternmost German-held cities, where skilled artisans are scarce, Jews are allowed to work at their respective trades, producing goods needed by the German army."

Commenting on the extreme housing shortage that exists in the Latvian town of Dvinsk, sixty percent of whose residents were Jewish, and in Minsk, where about half the population were Jews, the Danish correspondent attests to the effectiveness of the "scorched earth" policy. He reveals "that three-quarters of the houses in both towns were destroyed by the Jews before the Germans captured the cities."

The article concludes with the observation that "the disappearance of the Jews has created the atmosphere of a purge in Dvinsk, Minsk and Vilna."

JEWISH CHILDREN IN POLISH GHETTOS PLEAD FOR FOOD AND CLOTHES

LONDON, July 26. (JTA)-- Two heart-rending letters from young Polish Jews which reached the Polish Government today indicate that the reports of the starvation and epidemics in the ghettos, which have seeped out from time to time, are not in the least exaggerated.

One of the letters, written by a young boy in the Lublin ghetto to his brother in England, states: "Our entire family has died, partly from lack of food and partly from spotted fever. I also had spotted fever, but I recovered. I live only to suffer a little longer and to struggle for life. How long I will be able to continue the fight I do not know. Please send me food parcels and any old clothes - even rags."

The other letter was sent by a twelve-year-old Jewish girl in the Warsaw ghetto to her eighteen-year-old sister who is working on a farm somewhere in England. "I am now alone," the younger sister wrote. "Our parents have died. Please send me a parcel of food. Love and kisses."

The letters were sent through the facilities of the International Polish Red Cross with only the name of the addressees in England. The latter turned them over to the Polish minorities department.

JEWISH NATIONAL AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY IN PALESTINE MARKS FIFTIETH YEAR

JERUSALEM, July 26. (JTA)-- The Jewish National and University Library, which is located on the Hebrew University grounds on Mt. Scopus, is now the largest library in the Middle East, it was stated today by chief librarian Prof. Gotthold Weil, at a press conference on the occasion of the institution's fiftieth anniversary which will be celebrated July 29.

The library now contains more than 400,000 volumes, including the world's largest collection of Hebraica, as well as one of the largest collections of Hebrew incunabula, and an extensive collection of medical works. Included in the collection of Hebraica are ninety-five percent of the volumes printed in Hebrew throughout the world during the last five centuries, including a unique haggada published in 1482 and one published in 1941 with illustrations by the noted Polish-Jewish cartoonist Arthur Sayk. A comprehensive collection of Orientalia is also housed in the library.

The library's activities are now geared to the war effort, Dr. Weil, who was formerly librarian of the German State Library in Berlin, stated. ~~It furnishes information~~ required by doctors, engineers and other specialists and technicians engaged in war work. He appealed to the people of Palestine and overseas to become a new source for the collections which used to come from European countries that are now in the hands of the Nazis.

BOSTON TO HOLD MASS-RALLY TO PROTEST NAZI ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS

BOSTON, July 26. (JTA)-- A mass-protest meeting to condemn Nazi atrocities against Jews, similar to those held last week in New York and Chicago, will be sponsored in Boston by the American Jewish Congress, the B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Labor Committee and other Jewish groups, it was announced here today. The exact date of the meeting will be decided upon this week.

J.D.C. RECEIVES NAMES OF BALTIC JEWS NOW REFUGEES IN SIBERIA

NEW YORK, July 26. (JTA)-- The Joint Distribution Committee this week received a list of 238 names of Jews from the Baltic countries of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia who are now refugees in Siberia, it was announced today. In addition to the names, the list gives the cities of origin of the refugees. American relatives seeking more information concerning the people whose names appear on it may call at or write to the J.D.C. office here.

PIONEER WOMEN SEND \$5,000 TO PALESTINE FOR PATS RECREATION CENTERS

NEW YORK, July 26. (JTA)-- A sum of \$5,000 has been sent by the Pioneer Women's Organization to the Working Women's Council in Palestine for the establishment of recreation centers and temporary training quarters in Palestine for members of the Palestine Auxiliary Territorial Service who now number 1,500, it was announced today.

These funds are in addition to \$10,000 which was cabled last week for immediate defense measures necessitated by the emergency situation on the Middle Eastern front. This latter sum is to be used for the protection of children, their removal to safety zones, the support of agricultural training farms for women, and assistance to the families of men in the armed services.

STEAMERS CARRYING JEWISH REFUGEES WILL NOW DOCK IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, July 26. (JTA)-- The HIAS pier service, which greets incoming refugees from Europe and arranges the formalities connected with their debarkation, will extend its activities from New York to this city as a result of the fact that refugee steamers will now dock here because of the crowded facilities in New York, it was announced today by Isaac A. Asofsky, executive director of the HIAS.