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THOUSANDS OF JEWS ARRESTED IN PARIS JAMMED INTO CONCENTRATION CAMP

BERNE, Aug. 3. (JTA)-- The Velodrome D'Hiver, a bicycle track near Paris, is so tightly packed with Jews arrested by the German occupation authorities that the internees find it impossible to even stretch their legs, the Paris correspondent of the Social Democratic Berne newspaper, Tagwacht, reports today.

Describing the situation of the Jews confined in the camp, the Swiss correspondent writes: "The famed Velodrome D'Hiver is now packed with the most miserable human beings of both sexes. It is impossible for them to stretch their legs, nor have they room to lie down and sleep. They must stand in line for hours when they wish to use the lavatory. Some of the younger Jewish women have been forced into brothels patronized by German soldiers."

He confirmed the reports that scores of Jews committed suicide when Gestapo agents came to seize them. "During the days between July 15 and 25 we went through Hell," the correspondent states. "Many cases came to my knowledge where women and their children jumped from windows. But this did not deter the Nazis. The arrests continued."

The Tagwacht today carries a front-page editorial commenting on the arrests entitled: "We Cannot Remain Silent."

SOVIET PRESS CITES HEROISM OF JEWISH SOLDIERS, NURSES, DOCTORS AT FRONT

KUIEYSHEV, Aug. 3. (JTA)-- The exploits of Jewish heroes and heroines who have distinguished themselves in the course of the battles being waged on all fronts in Russia are featured today in the Soviet press.

Especially lauded is Isaac Tkatch, a lathe operator from a small town near Vinitza, whose fierce resistance to a Nazi attack prevented the Germans from crossing a strategic river. When the fascist troops launched a midnight surprise attack on the village in which Tkatch was stationed, he and twenty-two other Red Army men spread along the river bank adjoining the village. Armed with a sub-machine gun and hand grenades Tkatch accounted for sixteen Germans although badly wounded midway in the battle.

Lea Kontorowitsch, a Jewish student who volunteered for duty as a nurse at the front, is cited for her refusal to leave the battlefield although she had been wounded three times. Continuing her

nursing duties in the heat of the battle, she was hit a fourth time and died immediately. Published today is a letter written by the commander of the unit with which she was serving to the director of the institute at which the young nurse had studied before volunteering, in which the officer states that the men in his command "will never forget Lea's heroism." Included in a list of those decorated at the front, published today, are the names of the Jewish doctors Brynicka, Davidson, Bruk, Fulmacht and Ginsburg.

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HUNGARY EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES IN FILLING POSITIONS VACATED BY JEWS

ZURICH, Aug. 3. (JTA)-- The Hungarian authorities are experiencing great difficulty as a result of the ousting of Jews from positions in the economic life of the country, it is revealed in a report published in the "Magyar Orszag," reaching here today.

According to the report, the Hungarian Minister of Propaganda has issued an appeal to the population encouraging them to take over positions which the Jews have been forced to give up. "Hungarians must not be nervous or hesitant," the appeal says. "They must learn to assume responsibility."

NINE PERCENT OF JEWISH POPULATION OF SOUTH AFRICA SERVING IN BRITISH ARMY

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 3. (JTA)-- More than 8,000 South African Jews, about nine percent of the total Jewish population of the Union of South Africa, are serving with the British forces, of which 3,000 are on the Middle Eastern front, it was reported today at the fourteenth biennial congress of the Board of Deputies of South African Jews, which opened yesterday.

Gerald Lazarus, president of the Deputies, revealed that 131 of the Jewish soldiers had been killed in the Libyan and Egyptian campaign, while 127 were wounded and 229 are missing, and were probably captured by the Nazis. These figures exclude the casualties suffered in the fall of Tobruk, which it is feared are quite high, Mr. Lazarus said. He disclosed that 13 Jews fighting in North Africa have been awarded decorations and 21 have been mentioned in official dispatches. The heroism of the Jewish troops "has opened the eyes of some confirmed anti-Semites," Mr. Lazarus stated and relations between Jews and non-Jews in the forces are excellent.

Full support of the Allied war effort and a demand that a post-war order must provide complete equality for Jews as individuals in whatever country they live and as a national entity was contained in a resolution adopted today by the 350 delegates.

ORTHODOX GROUPS IN PALESTINE PROTEST CINEMA PERFORMANCES ON SABBATH

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3. (JTA)-- A campaign by extremist sections of the orthodox groups in the Yishuv against the "desecration" of the Sabbath by motion picture theatres that begin to sell tickets and start their performances before nightfall on Saturday has precipitated several outbreaks of violence here.

On Saturday, a small group of Orthodox demonstrators before several of the cinemas were beaten up. That night two small bombs exploded outside the Orion and Zion theatres without causing any damage. The orthodox adherents charge that the "desecration" of the Sabbath is preventing the coming of the Messiah and consequently postponing victory.

PLOT TO INJURE PROMINENT JEWS INDICATED IN NAZI CHART SEIZED BY FBI

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 3. (JTA)-- The existence of a Nazi plot to injure hundreds of prominent American Jews was indicated here in material seized when Federal Bureau of Investigation agents rounded up 150 German aliens in this city yesterday.

A chart found in the home of one of the arrested men listed the names of hundreds of prominent Jews, with their occupation, including any public office they held and close associates. In some cases words which had appeared next to some of the names had been scraped off, apparently with a pen knife. It is believed that the words indicated criminal intent of some kind. The FBI laboratory was able to restore enough of the letters to make the deleted words legible, it was said here.

ANTI-SEMITIC AGITATOR DENOUNCED IN CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS

OTTAWA, Aug. 3. (JTA)-- An anti-Semitic agitator who edited a Fascist paper in Winnipeg was denounced on the floor of the Canadian House of Commons by M.J. Coldwell, Cooperative Commonwealth leader, who demanded to know why the government has not taken some action against him.

Coldwell pointed out that Charles Crate, editor of a Fascist periodical, "The Thunderbolt," had sought to stir up racial hatred in Canada by declaring that the three enemies of the country were the Jews, Catholics and Masons, and was "still writing to people saying that the cause of the present war was the Jews."

EFFORTS TO SAVE SLOVAKIAN JEWISH CHILDREN FAIL

ZURICH, Aug. 3. (JTA)-- Negotiations to obtain exit visas for 300 Jewish children in Slovakia have so far been unsuccessful, according to reports reaching here today.

The neutral nation was willing to grant the children a temporary permit on condition that should they not be able to return to Slovakia after the war, they would be in possession of visas to go to another neutral country. But even this deferred permit appears to be unobtainable. All the children are under 16 years of age and their parents, in most cases, have already been deported by the Slovakian Government.

BRITISH JEWS URGED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR JEWISH EDUCATION BY COMMUNAL TAXATION

LONDON, Aug. 3. (JTA)-- The Jewish community of Great Britain was called upon to introduce communal taxation to finance Jewish educational activities, in a resolution adopted today at the closing session of the two-day conference of Jewish educators here.

Prof. Selig Brodetsky, chairman of the Board of Jewish Deputies, urged that modern Jewish education show the role of Palestine in Jewish life. Other speakers stressed the need for Bible instruction in Hebrew.