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PARIS POLICEMEN DISMISSED FOR REFUSING TO ARREST JEWS; FRENCHMEN HIDE JEWS FROM NAZIS

LONDON, Aug. 13. (JTA)-- A number of French policemen in Paris have been suspended from service by order of the Nazi authorities for refusing to round up Jews for deportation to Nazi-held Eastern territories, the British radio reported last night. The identity cards of the dismissed police officials were stamped by the Nazis "Jewish Sympathizer."

It did not take long for the French police to indicate their disgust for the task of arresting Paris Jews for deportation which the Nazi occupational authorities have assigned to them, the British radio stated. The people of Paris, according to the broadcast, made clear their indignation at seeing Frenchmen carry out the order of the Germans to seize Jews for expulsion.

The arrested Paris Jews have been informed that the men would be deported to Bessarabia, the women to labor camps and the children would be confined to houses of correction, the British broadcast declared. It disclosed that despite the warnings of the Gestapo, a large number of French non-Jews have given shelter to Jews in Paris in order to save them from being seized.

MASSACRE OF 72,000 JEWS IN MINSK DESCRIBED BY ESCAPING EYE-WITNESS

KUIBYSHEV, Aug. 13. (JTA)-- An eye-witness account of the massacre of 72,000 Jews by the Nazis in the city of Minsk - 35,000 of them in one day in 1941 and the remainder at three other times in 1942 - was given here today in the form of a sworn affidavit to the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee by Sophia Ozerskaya, a Russian teacher who succeeded in escaping from Minsk after being under the Nazi occupation for about a year's time.

The witness, who is half-Jewish, owes her life to the fact that the Nazis took her for non-Jewish since her documents listed her father as a Belorussian. The mother of Miss Ozerskaya, being Jewish, was among the 35,000 Jewish victims massacred by the Nazis on November 7, 1941.

"Immediately after the occupation of Minsk by the Nazis," the testimony of Miss Ozerskaya reads, "the occupational authorities set aside twelve small and narrow streets into a ghetto for the Jewish population. Tens of thousands of Jews from Minsk and its suburbs were driven into this ghetto to languish in starvation amid the debris of burned down houses, and lived themselves in wrecked houses with fallen roofs.

"At first the Nazis planned to completely isolate the ghetto from the outside world with brick walls. Later, they changed their plan and contented themselves with erecting barbed wire fences. No Jew was allowed to leave the ghetto without

special permit. When this permission was granted, the Jew had to don a large yellow badge that his race might be apparent to the Germans outside the ghetto.

Jews Ordered to Deliver All Their Knives, Forks and Spoons

"To appear in the street outside the ghetto without a yellow badge meant to be instantly killed," the testimony of Miss Ozerskaya continues. "Any Nazi has the right to shoot at any passerby who might appear to him to be a Jew and who does not wear a yellow badge. Many Russians, Poles and Belorussians who were mistaken in the street for Jews were shot on the spot by Hitlerites. At the same time the wearing of the yellow badge by Jews exposed them to the Nazis as targets in the event they were disposed of their free will to take a shot.

"Soon after establishing the ghetto, the Nazi administration in Minsk had also organized a so-called Judenrat there whose function was limited to registering the Jewish dead which was growing from day to day, and to see to it that the Jews delivered the various contributions imposed upon them by the Nazi authorities. After having deprived the Jews of all their valuables, the Nazis ordered them to deliver, under death penalty, all the knives, forks and spoons in their possession, as well as underwear, clothing and kitchen utensils.

"Not a single day passed in the ghetto without Nazi gangs breaking into Jewish homes and pilfering everything they could lay their hands on," Miss Ozerskaya's affidavit reads. "Infuriated often because they found nothing of value in many of the houses of the impoverished population, the Nazi gangsters took their revenge by torturing and murdering their victims."

Nazis "Celebrate" Soviet Holidays with Huge Massacres of Jews

"On November 7, 1941, the anniversary day of the Soviet Revolution, detachments of armed Nazis entered the Jewish ghetto at five o'clock in the morning and surrounded five Jewish streets. All Jews living in these streets - men, women and children - were driven by the Nazis to the nearest square where they were lined up. Cries of horror mingled with the screams of babies and mothers and reverberated all over the city. The victims were all packed into trucks and driven to the outskirts of the city. There, near the former German cemetery at Calvaria, large deep graves had been prepared by the Nazis several days before, making their excavations with the aid of explosives.

"Anticipating the terrible designs of the Nazis, many Russians and Belorussians who had friends and acquaintances among the Jews, dragged from the ghetto, followed the Nazi trucks. I, Sophia Ozerskaya, was one of them. I followed the trucks to the very place of massacre. What I saw there, will never be erased from my mind. As the mass of Jews arrived at the ditches, German soldiers began first to hurl the children and suckling infants torn from their mothers' arms into the graves. Women were pushed in on top of the children. Next came the men. The German soldiers then opened fire from machine guns at this helpless human mass which continued to sway and sigh in the agonies of death.

"About 35,000 Jews of Minsk perished on that day in the ditches under Nazi machine guns. Among them were many mother with nine other relatives. The sun was already setting when the shooting ceased. The Nazis covered the collective grave with a thin layer of sand which moved and pulpitated for some hours over the bodies of

the suffocated and wounded but apparently not yet dead victims.

Mass-Massacres Repeated; 8,000 Jewish Women Killed in One Day

"The massacres of Jews were repeated by the Nazis on February 23, 1942, the anniversary day of the Red Army. 18,000 Jews were lined up in Minsk on that day and driven on foot to the Jewish cemetery where they were machine-gunned. On March 8, 1942 another massacre took place in which 8,000 Jewish women were placed on trucks and carried away to their death outside of the city limits. On April 29, preceding the May Day holiday, another 11,000 Minsk Jews were massacred by the same Nazi methods.

"The inhuman and savage murdering carried out by the Nazis has intensified the hatred against them among the entire non-Jewish population in Minsk. The Nazis have also killed thousands of Poles, Russians and Belorussians in Minsk, but the Jews there have suffered most from the brutality of the Nazis," Miss Ozerskaya's testimony states.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT WARNED OF PERIL FOR JEWS IN PALESTINE IN EVENT OF EVACUATION

LONDON, Aug. 13. (JTA)-- The warning that the British Government assumes a great responsibility before history in not permitting the Jews of Palestine to organize themselves into a Jewish Army for their own defense, was sounded here today by Dr. Norman Maclean, one of the King's chaplains and former moderator of the Church of Scotland.

In a message made public today, Dr. Maclean recalls the Arab threat that "if the British ever leave Palestine, the Jewish National Home will be converted into a Jewish national cemetery." The evacuation of Palestine will not mean that the British Empire will not in the end emerge victoriously from the present war, but it may mean the end of the Jews in Palestine, the message points out.

"Should this be the end of the Balfour Declaration, then Britain will have to answer a terrible indictment at the bar of history," Dr. Maclean writes. "To deny men the right to organize their own defense is to connive at their destruction." By refusing to sanction the establishment of a Jewish Army in Palestine, the promised national home is revealed as neither Jewish, nor national, nor yet a home, the distinguished churchman concludes.

ENTIRE MANPOWER IN PALESTINE PUT UNDER STRICT GOVERNMENT CONTROL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA)-- The entire manpower in Palestine was placed today under the strict control of the Palestine Government. New measures toward this end were announced by Eric Mills, recently appointed controller of manpower.

The announcement explains that a balanced disposal of the available man and woman power is essential for the defense of the Near East and listed the first series of occupations which are deemed essential for the war effort.

DECENT CHRISTIANS WILL NOT HELP EXECUTE ANTI-JEWISH LAWS, DANISH CHURCH ORGAN SAYS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 13. (JTA)--The pro-Nazi newspaper Faederlandet today severely attacked the opposition of the Christian church to anti-Semitism, which is reflected in official Danish church organs. The attack was especially provoked by an article in the local church gazette of Sonderbourg which stated that no decent Christian would lend his hand to any of the Nazi anti-Jewish laws.

AMERICAN CLERGY CONDEMNS PERSECUTION OF JEWS; CONGRESSIONAL RECORD PUBLISHES TEXTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. (JTA)-- Statements of the American Christian clergy condemning the persecution of Jews in Europe are published in the Congressional Record, inserted by Samuel Dickstein, member of the House of representatives.

The Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of San Antonio, is quoted as follows: "As the fields of Europe run red with the blood of our Jewish brethren, every American is shocked and horrified at this awful slaughter of innocent people. Not since the pagan explorers of Rome loosed their fury on the early Christians has the world witnessed anything so terrible as the organized frenzy of the German Government which now strikes down our Jewish brothers with ruthless barbaric cruelty. But God is not mocked. Justice and peace will return to this tired world. On your day of grief and mourning, we join with you in profound sympathy and earnest prayer. May our common Father in Heaven give consolation to our Jewish brethren in their hour of bitter suffering. May the satanic madness that now scourges Europe be cast from the earth. May peace and justice and charity soon return to the hearts of men."

Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara, of Kansas City, in his statement says: "Our profound sympathy goes out to the Jewish people for the terrible slaughter of so many thousands of their race by the savagery of the Nazis. The blood of the innocent victims cries to Our Father in Heaven against the perpetrators of these outrages against human brotherhood and brands them with the brand of Cain. In these tragic days of grief and mourning of the Jewish people, may we all understand that we are our brothers' keepers. May all who profess the Christian faith especially understand the declaration of Pope Pius XI that "all Christians are spiritually Semites."

Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, in his statement declared: "This war is a struggle between sets of values. The fact that the churches and synagogues refuse to give up their claim to the inherent rights of man because of his divine origin is the one promising hope for civilization today. Christians and Jews must stand firm together for the values of the Judeo-Christian tradition."

JEWS IN LATIN AMERICA OBSERVE WORLD-WIDE FAST; DR. WEIZMANN MARKS DAY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 13. (JTA)-- Cables received here today by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from Argentina and Brazil indicate wide response by those Jewish communities to the world-wide "Day of Fasting and Prayer" proclaimed by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

The synagogues in Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro were crowded with Jews offering prayers for a speedy victory of the United Nations and for the Jewish victims of Nazi terror in Europe, the cables stated. Similar reports were received also from Mexico.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, was one of the Jewish leaders who observed the fast day in New York. He attended the special prayers at a Brooklyn synagogue together with Leon Gelman, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, and Rabbi Wolf Gold, president of the World Mizrahi Organization.