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JEWS EXPELLED FROM KALISH AND TARNOPOL; 600 DEPORTED BELGIAN JEWS REACH POLAND

GENEVA, Aug. 14. (JTA)-- The expulsion of the entire Jewish population from the city of Kalish, in occupied Poland, to the ghetto in Lodz is indicated here today in reports from Cracow. According to these reports, the Jews have also been deported from the city of Tarnopol, Galicia.

A "Jewish train" carrying 600 Jews deported from Belgium, reached Cracow this week under special Gestapo guards. The majority of the deportees are over fifty years of age. Most of them were immediately sent to the Cracow ghetto, the rest scattered over various districts. More transports of Jews from Belgium are expected to reach Cracow before the end of the month.

GERMANY WILL BROOK NO CHRISTIAN INTERVENTION FOR JEWS, NAZI LEADER WARNS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 14. (JTA)-- The Nazi Government will permit no intervention in behalf of the Jews, the people in Holland were told by the leader of the German Nazi Party there, according to a report published in the Dutch press reaching here today.

The warning was sounded at a Nazi ceremony in Rotterdam marking the deportation of a large number of Dutch Jews to occupied Eastern territories. "No Jew will be left in Western Europe," the Nazi leader, Dr. Schmidt, said.

The disclosure that all Jews in Holland who have been converted into Catholicism have been transported to occupied Poland was also made by Dr. Schmidt in his address on this occasion. This, he said, was done in retaliation for a protest against the deportations of Jews from Holland addressed by Protestant and Catholic church leaders to Seyss-Inquart. "We consider the Jews our worst enemy and all those who intervene for them will be punished to share the Jewish fate," the Nazi leader declared.

ITALIAN ANTI-JEWISH LAWS EXTENDED TO LIBYA; FRENCH JEWS SEEK REFUGE IN CORSICA

CAIRO, Aug. 14. (JTA)-- The Italian anti-Jewish laws have been extended to the Jews of Libya, according to a broadcast in the Arab language heard here today from the Nazi radio station at Zeesen.

In the same broadcast it was also stated that approximately 3,000 French Jews have taken refuge in Corsica since the issuance of the order requiring Jews in occupied France to wear Mogen Davids.

NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS IN POLAND DEPLORED BY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14. (JTA)-- Nazi massacres of Jews in Poland and other parts of occupied Europe are condemned in statements issued by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the World Council of Churches, and the Church Peace Union. The statements, sent to the Synagogue Council of America on the occasion of the fast of Tisha B'Ab, are reproduced in the Congressional Record as extension of remarks of Congressman Samuel Dickstein.

Dr. Samuel McCrea Caver, executive secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, said in his statement: "On the occasion of the fast of Tisha B'Ab, the hearts of hosts of Christians beat in sympathy with you as we think of the Jews facing massacre in Poland and undergoing incredible suffering in many parts of Europe. Sharing with you in the spiritual heritage of Israel, we are conscious of a great historic indebtedness. Confronting a common threat to freedom and justice, we feel bound to you in a common defense of the best values in our civilization. We join you in praying that Jews and Christians alike may prove steadfast in this hour of fiery trial and work together for the triumph of the right."

Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, American secretary of the World Council of Churches, issued the following statement: "The sensibilities of mankind have been so dulled by repeated shocks during recent years that further news of bloody terror at the hands of savage Nazis does not arouse public outcry of amazed outrage that otherwise would rise to heaven. The massacre of helpless Jewish citizens in Poland and other lands overrun by cruel, heartless Hitlerite hordes are on a par with the worst calamities of the Dark Ages. The conscience of all true Christians should smart with recollections of those past wrongs perpetrated against Israel by those who dared call themselves Christians. There is small comfort, however, in the realization that those who today most hate the Jew hate him most for having given to the world the founders of Christianity. The World Council of Churches, like every other agency of aroused Christendom, is urging church members everywhere to guard against the poison of anti-Semitism wherever found. Let the story of murdered thousands in Poland be a warning to any who think they can play with dynamite. It is surely an explosion which shatters civilization. A righteous God in heaven will avenge the wrongs of his children, but He lays upon all believers everywhere the task of upholding law and restoring order to that high purpose. Let us rededicate ourselves in the name of God, whose servants we are and whom we serve in synagogue or church."

Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, general secretary of the Church Peace Union, declared: "Christians everywhere share the sorrow of their Jewish brothers as they recall the black shadows of Tisha B'Ab. We protest the hideous crimes in Poland and other countries under the hateful domination of the Nazis. Hitler is using anti-Semitism as a propaganda wedge toward degradation and division in unconquered countries, including our own. He has sworn to exterminate the Jews from Europe, but they are no longer without support in that the entire democratic world has vowed to exterminate Hitler's military machine. Christians everywhere, stirred by compassion and a fellowship of indignation, are determined that in the post-war reconstruction Jews will receive just opportunities in Europe, Palestine, and throughout the world. Full individual equality as well as religious and other cultural freedoms must be guaranteed everywhere. With weighted conscience, the Christian world extends its hand of brotherly sympathy as we fight the common foe together."

HIGH COMMISSIONER AUTHORIZED TO BRING TO PALESTINE PEOPLE DETAINED IN BRITISH COLONIES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA)-- Defense regulations which are certain to have far-reaching consequences were published in the Official Gazette today. These regulations vest the High Commissioner of Palestine with power to arrange the transfer to Palestine of persons legally detained in the United Kingdom and in British colonies and possessions.

Speculation was rife in Jewish circles as to whether the new decree covers also the possible return to Palestine of the several hundred Jews interned on the island of Mauritius after having been deported as immigrants who entered the country illegally.

Another regulation announced in the official Gazette provides that no worker can relinquish his job in any of the war service occupations without the consent of his employer. Exceptions are made where the worker has written permission from the controller of manpower.

The list of war service occupations as published in the Official Gazette includes employees of the Palestine railway system, Haifa harbor, the post and telegraph system, the Department of Public Works, and all skilled and semi-skilled workers in plants operated by the Army, Navy and the Royal Air Force.

An official statement published by the Palestine Government today explains that it was essential to bring the country's manpower under a central direction "owing to increased recruitment, the extension of industry and the need for increased food production." The statement goes on to say that there is the danger of "facing a shortage in certain types of skilled labor which would place serious obstacles in the way of attaining that degree of industrial production which is essential for the prosecution of the war in this part of the Middle East."

LORD WEDGWOOD ASKS FOR ARMED TRAINING OF 250,000 JEWS IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Aug. 14. (JTA)-- Declaring that he "would put the Jews to defend Jerusalem, because nobody could do it better," Lord Wedgwood, addressing a mass-meeting here last night, demanded that 250,000 Jews be armed and trained for the defense of Palestine.

Lord Wedgwood also urged that "British officers commanding Jewish battalions should swear by the Bible to fight to the last under all circumstances, never surrendering, because this is the only way for Jews to fight." The gathering adopted a resolution urging the Government to accept the Jewish offer of an adequate fighting force in Palestine.

In an article appearing today in a local paper, Major A. Rabinowitz, senior Jewish chaplain with the Jewish forces in the Middle East, today revealed that the entire defense works which helped to check the offensive of the Nazi army in Egypt, had been built by Jewish seppers. "I am proud of the fact that these defenses are 100 percent the work of Palestine Jews," the Jewish chaplain says in his article.

The Jewish units which participated in the building of the defenses included a Jewish company of artisan workers attached to the Royal Engineers, a similar unit attached to the Royal Army Service, and a transport unit. All members of these organizations, including the commanding officers, are Jews.

SERGEANT MEYER LEVIN, KELLY'S JEWISH BOMBARDIER, GETS ANOTHER JAPANESE SHIP

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA)-- The parents of Meyer Levin, the New York Jewish boy who as Captain Colin Kelly's bombardier bombed and sank the Japanese battleship Haruna in the first American victory of the war, today received the cheerful news that their son has hit another 12,000-ton Japanese ship in the Coral Sea Battle.

The twenty-five-year-old Jewish hero who was a corporal at the first sinking, has now been promoted to sergeant, he wrote to his parents here. He said that returning from the Coral Sea battle to Australia, his big Flying Fortress encountered heavy weather and the fuel ran low. When two of the engines cut, the commander ordered the crew to bail out. A cattle driver helped Sergeant Levin round up his comrades, all unhurt.

Meyer Levin received the Distinguished Service Cross for the sinking of the Japanese battleship Haruna soon after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He is a graduate of Brooklyn Technical High School and was a student of the Brooklyn Engineering School for Aviation. He enlisted in the Air Corps on June 6, 1939.

PELLEY MAY SERVE STATE TERM IN NORTH CAROLINA BEFORE BEGINNING 15-YEAR FEDERAL TERM

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 14. (JTA)-- Federal authorities said today that William Dudley Pelley, anti-Semitic leader of the Silver Shirts who faces a 15-year prison term for sedition, "might" be required first to serve a term in North Carolina for violation of a state law.

Pelley, whose motion for a new trial on the sedition charge was denied, has filed notice that he would appeal to the Circuit Court at Chicago. The anti-Semitic leader also is wanted by North Carolina on a conviction under the state's blue sky laws.

Oscar R. Ewing, New York attorney who prosecuted Pelley, said there was "every possibility" that Pelley would be turned over to North Carolina before beginning his 15-year federal term. Pelley also faces trial on another federal indictment charging him and 26 others with subversive activities.

PALESTINE GETS TORAH COMMEMORATING SCROLLS BURNED BY NAZIS IN EUROPE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 14. (JTA)-- A Torah scroll written by hand by Palestine's foremost rabbis and kabbalists for the special purpose of commemorating the thousands of Torahs burnt and destroyed by the Nazis in Europe was presented today to the Great Synagogue. The scroll represents many months' labor on the part of the devout scribes.

Addressing the ceremony of presentation, Rabbi Avigdor Amiel said that "as the Torah is eternal, so are the Jewish people, and no enemy can destroy them." The ceremony was marked with a memorial service for the Jewish and Allied victims fallen in the war.

JACQUES BUCHENHOLTZ DIES IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 14. (JTA)-- Jacques Buchenholz, one of the founders of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency when it was organized twenty-five years ago in Holland under the name of Jewish Correspondence Bureau, died here suddenly yesterday from a heart attack while walking in the street.

Buchenholz, who was 47 years old, has been living in Argentina for the last 14 years, taking an active interest in Jewish life. He was born in Antwerp, Belgium.