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NAZIS START EXPULSION OF JEWS FROM WARSAW GHETTO; COMMUNITY PRESIDENT COMMITS SUICIDE

LONDON, Aug. 16. (JTA)-- Mass-expulsion of Jews from the Warsaw ghetto "to an unknown destination in the east" was begun by the Nazis last week, according to reliable information reaching the Polish Government-in-Exile here today. At least 7,000 Jews are now being deported from Warsaw daily, the report said.

Dr. Cherniakov, president of the Jewish Council in the Warsaw ghetto, committed suicide rather than acquiesce in the order of the Nazi authorities that he submit a list of 100,000 Jews to be deported. He had been the head of the Jewish community in Warsaw since the outbreak of the war in 1939. Remaining in the same office following the Nazi occupation, he was held by the Nazi administration personally responsible for the activities of the Jews in the ghetto.

Three other members of the Jewish Council in the Warsaw ghetto are reported to have attempted suicide as a result of the pressure of the Nazi authorities in Warsaw upon the Jewish Council to "cooperate" in the deportation of the Jews from the ghetto. The Jewish Council is said to have been dissolved by the Nazi administration.

Panic Among Jews in Warsaw; Fate of Deportees is Unknown

Unprecedented panic has spread among the Jews in Warsaw as a result of the deportations, according to the reports received here. No indication whatever is given by the Nazis as to the fate of the deportees, except that they are being sent to occupied Russian territory. The fear prevails that the victims are slaughtered by the Nazis on their way to the alleged "unknown destination in the east."

The report received by the Polish Government-in-Exile here lacks details as to the system which the Nazis apply in the deportations. It remains unknown for the time being as to whether entire families are being expelled, or whether the deportation is separating husbands from wives and parents from children. The report indicates that further severe anti-Jewish measures may be expected in occupied Poland before the summer is over.

The two Jewish members of the Polish National Council, Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart and Samuel Zygelbaum, today paid tribute to the martyrdom of Dr. Cherniakov, who preferred to take his life rather than give approval to the Nazi deportations. Zygelbaum, who escaped from the Warsaw ghetto six months after the Nazi occupation, revealed that Cherniakov, who is a chemist by profession, always carried with him a vial of poison to be used for such contingencies where there was no escape from the Nazi pressure except through suicide.

Dr. Cherniakov, several times before, resisted the orders of the Nazi occupational authorities. In 1939 he refused their demand that Jewish girls be delivered by the Warsaw Jewish Council to German military brothels.

BRITISH PAPERS ASK FOR THE FORTIFICATION OF PALESTINE HILLS AND VALLEYS

LONDON, Aug. 16. (JTA)-- While some British newspapers are calling for the fortification of the mountains and valleys of Palestine and emphasize that the Jews can best check any landing of Nazi parachutists on the coastal plain, the Economist, leading British organ on economic questions, features an article today stating that "the most important problem at the moment is not how to satisfy Jewish ambitions but how to defend Palestine and the Middle-East."

"The weight of this defense cannot be borne by a Jewish force," the paper writes. "Even if expanded to the very maximum, such a force will have to fall on British and Empire troops. The Jewish genius can best serve the interests of Palestine and of the war effort by directing itself to the question of supplies in which it has already made some extraordinary achievements."

A different attitude is taken in an article published in the Tribune by Geoffrey Lanstowne, noted British journalist. Stressing the fact that the defense of Palestine is vital for the protection of empire communications, the writer argues that the triangle Haifa-Suez-Aden must be defended at all costs in order to keep the lines open for conveying store and reinforcements to the Middle East intact and to prevent the Nazis from forcing the backdoor to the Caucasus.

Jews Live in Palestine Regions Where Nazi Parachutists Could Land

"It is fortunate," Landstowne writes, "that the coastal plain and the valleys of Palestine where enemy forces and parachutists could land are settled by Jews. The natural defenses of the hilly areas in the Sinai peninsula and Judea, on which a second line of defense ought to be based, would present enormous difficulties to the invader, while a still better guarantee for successful resistance can be found in the loyalty and devotion of Palestinian Jewry to the Allied cause."

"Whatever their complaints against the British," the article continues, "the Jews of Palestine, like their fellow-Jews throughout the world, will always keep faith with the Allied cause. Hitler's chances in the Eastern Mediterranean would have been much fairer if it were not for the Jews in Palestine. The fact that there are 500,000 of them, spiritually and physically virile, a progressive civilized society, and with the consciousness of a nation in the making, is of paramount importance in relation to the fate of democracy and the issue of the war in that part of the world."

The article then goes on to point out that Palestine would have become a stimulus to the whole of the Middle East had it not in the years preceding the war been "the scene of much obstruction from feudal Arabs, Axis agents and also from stale, unimaginative British officials." After comparing the fact that thirty million Arabs in Egypt and East of Suez have not given any appreciable military support to the Allies, with the tremendous war effort of the half-a-million Jews in Palestine, the article concludes by urging more moral support and encouragement to be given to the fighting Jews of Palestine.

PERU WILL CONSIDER JEWS FROM AXIS LANDS AS FRIENDLY ELEMENTS, PRESIDENT SAYS

LIMA, Peru, (JTA - Air Mail)-- Jews of the Axis countries residing in Peru will receive friendly treatment, President Manuel Prado stated in his message to the Parliament. He informed the Parliament that so far, 103 Jews of the Axis countries have applied to the authorities in Peru to be considered as stateless.

VICHY GOVERNMENT DEPORTS 4,000 JEWS FROM UNOCCUPIED FRANCE FOR NAZI LABOR

LISBON, Aug. 16. (JTA)-- The Paris radio today reported that 4,000 Jews, seized in unoccupied France, were deported during the week-end to unknown destinations for forced labor. The same broadcast claimed that "40,000 Jews with their families have already been deported by the French Government in Vichy to East European territories."

Boasting of the cooperation which the Gestapo is receiving from the Vichy Government in rounding up Jews for deportation, the Nazi-operated Paris radio stated that the Vichy authorities are "pitiless" with Jews who try to cross from German-occupied France into the unoccupied zone. These Jews, when apprehended upon their reaching the unoccupied territory, are thrown into camps for deportation to the East, the broadcast said.

The "Rassemblement Populaire," pro-Nazi organization of Jacques Doriot, has opened negotiations with other French groups for the formation of a single anti-Semitic, totalitarian party, the Nazi-controlled Paris radio also announced. The party would "continuously fight against Jewry," according to the broadcast.

Situation of Jews in Unoccupied France Is Growing Worse, JDC Reports

NEW YORK, Aug. 15. (JTA)-- The situation of the Jewish population in unoccupied France is growing increasingly worse, it was disclosed here today in an announcement that Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, European chief of the Joint Distribution Committee, had returned to his post in Lisbon from the unoccupied zone, where he consulted with Jewish welfare leaders on new problems which have arisen in connection with the administration of relief.

In making the announcement, Joseph C. Hyman, the JDC's Executive vice-chairman, said that the recent Vichy decree establishing a Union of Jews in France represented a serious development insofar as rendering aid was concerned. This body, he explained, has been made responsible for all Jewish welfare activities. The Union is composed of two sections, one for the occupied and the other for the unoccupied zone, and each is directed by nine Jews under the supervision of the Department for Jewish Affairs of the Vichy Government.

"The establishment of the Union means," Mr. Hyman declared, "that all French Jewish organizations are to be liquidated and their funds pooled into a central treasury. Naturally, this has posed certain problems to the Jewish relief organizations whose work the JDC is to a great extent financing." He pointed out further that Vichy laws providing internment or compulsory labor for Jews who entered France after 1935 if they showed no means of support, the exclusion of large numbers of Jews from numerous professions, and other discriminatory measures, were creating greater and greater hardships for foreign and native Jews alike. In addition, he said, the 10,000 Jews in the internment camps and the 8,000 - 10,000 in labor camps were undergoing extreme privation and constituted a special problem.

MASS-ARRESTS OF JEWS IN BUCHAREST; NEW ANTI-JEWISH ORDER IN BULGARIA

ZURICH, Aug. 16. (JTA)-- Mass-arrests of Jews in Bucharest have taken place during the week-end, the Berlin radio reported today. No details were given.

The Nazi radio also reported that the Bulgarian Government issued an order prohibiting Jews from owning any real estate at spas and health resorts under the "law for the protection of the Nation."

SENATE HEARS REPORT ON JEWISH STARVATION IN POLAND

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. (JTA)-- Congressional circles today discussed the question as to what can be done here for the starving Jews and Poles in Nazi-held Poland, following an impressive speech delivered in the Senate last Thursday by Senator James M. Mead on Nazi atrocities in Poland.

In his stirring address, Sen. Mead stated that "in the ghetto of Warsaw alone, in 1941, about 50,000 Jews died of starvation." The death rate of Jews in the Warsaw ghetto today is 6,000 a month, he said. He predicted that as a result of the murderous policy of the Nazis in Poland, "it will not be long before there are no Jews left in the Polish ghettos."

B'NAI B'RITH WILL FURNISH HOSPITALITY FOR AMERICAN SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. (JTA)-- Expansion of B'nei B'rith's war-time cooperation with the American Red Cross to include assistance in furnishing hospitality and recreational facilities to Expeditionary Forces through the Overseas Service Clubs of the Red Cross was announced today by Henry Mensky, president of B'nei B'rith.

Among the B'nei B'rith units whose cooperation will be made available to the Red Cross overseas field workers are those in London, Leeds, Hull, Manchester, Nottingham and Sunderland, all in England; Glasgow, Scotland; and Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt. The lodges in Egypt and those in London have been cooperating for several months in furnishing hospitality and recreational facilities to United Nations soldiers, sailors and airmen.

This new field of B'nei B'rith war service is an extension of its arrangement with the Red Cross through which B'nei B'rith's lodges and auxiliaries in the United States are collaborating with the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Service Councils to meet the welfare and recreational needs of both hospitalized and able-bodied service men in army camps.

500 STUDENTS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY ENLIST FOR MILITARY SERVICE ON MIDDLE-EASTERN FRONT

NEW YORK, Aug. 16. (JTA)-- More than 500 students of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem have enlisted for military service with the armed forces on the Middle-Eastern front, it was disclosed today in a statement issued by Dr. A.S.W. Rosenbach, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

The statement, based on the annual report of the Hebrew University just received here, says that the university has greatly increased its research program during the past year and is taking a leading role in helping to solve war problems in connection with the allied war effort in the Near East. The university is cooperating with the military authorities and the War Supply Board established by the Government, of which Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the university, is chairman. Service is also being given by the University to other departments of Government including the Public Works Department, the Department of Agriculture, the Development Department, the Department of Health and the Geological Advisory Office.

Hebrew University's war work is connected largely with the general development of production in Palestine and the Middle East, the report shows. New processes have been devised by university scientists for the manufacture of materials hitherto imported and surplus crops are being utilized for war uses. Precision instruments and medical apparatus, such as X-ray tubes which can no longer be obtained from Europe, are being constructed and repaired in the university laboratories.