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### NAZIS TO FURTHER CURTAIL RATIONS FOR JEWS IN POLAND; PROHIBIT FAMILY KITCHENS

ZURICH, Aug. 19. (JTA)-- Measures indicating that the Nazi authorities in occupied Poland plan to further reduce the bread ration for Jews there, aggravating the already acute situation in the ghettos, are reported in the Nazi-controlled Polish press received here today.

In Lodz, Jews are no longer permitted to eat at home, the papers disclose. Family kitchens have been prohibited in the ghetto. The entire Jewish population in the Lodz ghetto must come to community kitchens and stand in line for its daily bowl of soup and slab of bread.

In Warsaw, where the bread ration for Jews is six pounds a month, this meager allowance will be further curtailed, as the more able-bodied population of the ghetto will be transferred for slave labor to Nazi-held Russian territory, the press from occupied Poland indicates.

### Middle-Name "Israel" Introduced by Nazis for Jews in Poland

The Krakauer Zeitung reports the execution of a Polish woman, Sofia Kwiatkowska, in the town of Oswiecim for providing Jews with bread. A German baker, Emil Morgenwek, was executed also as an accomplice in the deed, as were two Jews accused of having purchased the bread.

The two Jews are listed in the Nazi paper as Susman Israel Rath and Chaim Israel Waxman. The use in both instances of Israel as a middle name is significant, indicating apparently, that the Nazi regulation in Germany requiring every Jew to assume Israel as a middle name is now to be adopted in Poland. It has never been noted before in Poland.

According to reports received here, the normal resistance of the Jews in the ghettos to disease has been greatly reduced by the alleviation of undernourishment and starvation.

The number of pauperized Jews who depend entirely on soup kitchens has reached 500,000 in the Warsaw ghetto alone, the reports disclose. Even the allowance of a bowl of soup and a piece of bread for everyone is more theoretical than real as the supply always fails to go around. Actually, only 120,000 portions are distributed daily.

### NAZIS EXECUTE SEVERAL HUNDRED DUTCH AND BELGIAN JEWS IN VILNA, LONDON REPORTS

LONDON, Aug. 19. (JTA)-- Several hundred Dutch and Belgian Jews deported by the Nazis to eastern Europe were massacred in Vilna by the German occupational authorities there, the British radio reported today.

The report stated that massacres of Jews are frequent in the Baltic countries and are carried out by Gestapo units.

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS IN WASHINGTON IS PESSIMISTIC OVER SENDING FOOD TO POLAND

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19. (JTA)-- Inquiries today at the offices of the International Red Cross as to the real truth of a report that it planned to charter five Portuguese ships for food shipments to the starving populations in Nazi-occupied countries, especially Poland, brought the discouraging reply that there is only one steamer chartered to carry supplies for prisoners of war, and that this lone steamer is still at Lisbon, unable to sail for the United States to take on its cargo.

The report which led to the inquiry was to the effect that the Polish embassy had been asked if it could furnish any food for "mercy ships" for the starving Jews and Poles in occupied Poland. The embassy, it was said, had replied that it could furnish a full shipload if necessary.

The question of sending "mercy ships" for the Polish Jews was raised here again by the news that 15,000 tons of wheat and flour will be shipped every month from Canada to Axis-held Greece, with safe conduct through both the British and German blockades. A Swedish-Swiss commission will control the distribution of the food, under the supervision of the International Red Cross organization in Greece.

QUEBEC PREMIER URGES JEWS NOT TO LOSE COURAGE; SAYS DEFEAT OF HITLERISM IS CERTAIN

MONTREAL, Aug. 19. (JTA)-- Predicting the eventual defeat of Hitlerism, Prime Minister Adolphe Godbout of the province of Quebec today, in a statement to the Jews, bid them not to lose courage in face of the Nazi brutalities against the Jewish population in Europe.

"Since the outbreak of the present war," the statement reads, "the Jewish people have given to the world, from the depths of greatest trial, a splendid example of patience and abnegation. In spite of the dire persecution they have sustained at the hands of the mad hordes of Hitler thirsting for carnage and devastation, they have carried their heads high, pending the hour of justice and deliverance.

"With unshakeable confidence in the outcome of this war, we ask the Jewish people not to lose courage, but to exert its fullest efforts for victory. Since we are certain of defending the Faith against Neo-Paganism, brotherly love against hate, and tolerance against barbarism, with the help of God victory will be ours."

SIXTY PROMINENT AMERICAN JEWS ASK FOR SECOND FRONT; SUPPORT MOSCOW JEWISH APPEAL

CHICAGO, Aug. 19. (JTA)-- Sixty prominent American Jews, including many rabbis from all parts of the country and leading figures in B'nai B'rith, American Jewish Congress and other Jewish organizations, today issued here a joint appeal to the Jews of the United States calling for a policy of all-out effort to defeat Hitlerism in 1942 by opening a Western front, supporting the appeal of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Russia for tanks and planes for the Russian Army, and "pledging to fight to the last drop of blood for the preservation of American independence."

Those who signed the appeal include Rabbi Saul Silver, president of the Hebrew Theological Seminary; Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, New York; Rabbi Rudolf I. Coffee, San Francisco; Rabbi Felix S. Mendelsohn, Chicago; S.E. Komarko; Ira Eisenstein; Dr. Simon Federbush, president of Hapoel Hamizrachi of America; Lena L. Orlow, vice-president of the Women's Supreme Council of B'nai B'rith; Rabbi Bernard Drachman, president of Jewish Sabbath Alliance of America; Benjamin Samuels, ex-president of the B'nai B'rith District #6, Chicago. Directors of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at a number of universities throughout the country also joined in the appeal.

HUNDREDS OF HUNTED JEWS REACH SWISS FRONTIER SEEKING ESCAPE FROM FRANCE

BERN, Aug. 19. (JTA)-- Hundreds of hunted Jews of France are making desperate efforts to cross the Franco-Swiss frontier into Switzerland but are being turned back by the Swiss authorities, it is reported today in the newspaper La Sentinelle.

Many who do succeed in crossing the frontier, are later apprehended and must make the return journey, the Swiss paper states. The paper protests against "the turning over of prosecuted and helpless people who hoped to find asylum in our country and who are certain to face death in many cases when sent back."

The Paris newspaper Le Petit Parisien, reaching here today, states that the deportation of 4,000 "homeless Jews" from unoccupied France "is only the beginning of the expulsion of all French and alien Jews." The pro-Nazi paper charges the Jews in France with "demoralizing the French community."

French People Reluctant to Buy Jewish Property in Paris

The reluctance on the part of the French to buy houses which formerly belonged to Jews is indirectly revealed in the Nazi-controlled Paris newspaper "Le Matin." An article in this paper says that "buying Jewish real estate is an excellent operation which does not involve any risk."

To "prove" that the French buyers need not fear any dispossession after the war, the pro-Nazi paper finds an analogy in the case of property in France nationalized during the time of the First French Republic which was not restored to the former owners when monarchy followed. "The laws governing the Jews in France, as proclaimed by the French Government in Vichy, are valid also for occupied France," the paper reassures those with qualms.

FRENCHMEN NOT INFLUENCED BY ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN, ESCAPED DEFENDER OF BLUM REPORTS

LONDON, Aug. 19. (JTA)-- "Frenchmen are not anti-Semites," Felix Guoin, former vice-president of the Socialist group in the French Chamber of Deputies, declared at a press conference here today after reaching Britain this week.

Guoin, who defended Leon Blum at the Riom trial, said that the campaign against Jews in France has no effect whatsoever on the French people "because everybody knows that it is being conducted under orders from Berlin."

Forty Jews who succeeded in escaping from France to Algeria in the hope of avoiding possible deportation to Eastern Europe were arrested in Oran today, the Paris radio announced.

PELLEY, ANTI-SEMITIC SILVER SHIRT LEADER, FACES MORE CHARGES IN WASHINGTON TODAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19. (JTA)-- Deputy marshals left Washington last night for the Federal penitentiary at Terre Haute, Ind. to bring back William Dudley Pelley, the anti-Semitic leader of the Silver Shirts, who was sentenced last week to fifteen years in prison for sedition, to be arraigned here tomorrow before the Federal District Court of Columbia on the charge of conspiring to undermine the morale of the armed forces.

Charles B. Hudson, editor of the anti-Semitic bulletin "America in Danger," and James True, who invented a weapon which he called "the kike-killer," this week withdrew their non-guilty pleas in abatement, contesting the legality of the grand jury that indicted them on charges of conspiring to impair the morale of the armed forces. Although Hudson's plea came from Omaha and True's was filed in Washington, both of the long and complicated documents had the same wording.

ANONYMOUS ANTI-ZIONIST AND ANTI-BRITISH PROPAGANDA FLOODS NEW YORK MAIL

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA)-- Postal authorities here were puzzled today over the flood of anonymous anti-Zionist and anti-British propaganda sent by unknown sources through the mails, some of it being mailed from New York and some from Jersey City, N.J.

Propaganda material mailed yesterday to men of prominence and to editors of various American publications included a resolution allegedly passed by the Indian National Congress Party, controlled by Gandhi-Nehru, stating that "the Congress deplores that in Palestine the Jews have relied on British armed forces to advance their special privileges."

Declaring that the resolution had been passed at the Tripuri session of the party, on March 11, 1939, the anonymous material, printed on a U.S. postcard but carrying no signature and no return address of the sender, quoted the text as follows: "The Congress has previously declared its full sympathy with the Arabs in Palestine in their struggle for national freedom and their fight against British Imperialism and has condemned the policy of the mandatory power in Palestine. Subsequent events have disclosed the continuance of a reign of terror maintained by the British army and policy in the name of law and order. The courage, determination and sacrifices made by the Arabs in the struggle have evoked the admiration of the people of India who desire to convey to them again their greetings and good wishes for the complete success in the attainment of their objectives."

"While sympathizing with the plight of the Jews in Europe and elsewhere, the Congress deplores that in Palestine the Jews have relied on British armed forces to advance their special privileges and thus aligned themselves on the side of British Imperialism. The Congress trusts that the Arabs will endeavor to find a basis.... to establishing an independent democratic state in Palestine."

ROLLING SYNAGOGUE DESIGNED FOR SOLDIERS IN DESERT TRAINING

INDO, Calif., Aug. 19. (JTA)-- Dedication ceremonies were held here today at Camp Young for the smallest synagogue in the world - a synagogue on wheels. Jewish soldiers in desert training had no place to worship. Rabbi Isadore Franzblau solved their problem by converting the rear end of a station wagon into a portable house of worship.

MEZUZAS MUCH IN DEMAND BY BRITISH TROOPS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ZOA REPORTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19. (JTA)-- Information released here today by the headquarters of the Zionist Organization of America states that Mezuzas are very much in demand amongst British troops stationed in the Middle East. Australians in particular--Jews as well as non-Jews--regard the little scrolls as very lucky amulets. Many of the Australian soldiers have sent Mezuzas to their relatives at home urging that they should be put on the doorpost as a guard against air raids.

An "Institute for the Research of Palestine and the Near East" has been established in Palestine under the auspices of the Polish Government-in-Exile, the same report reveals. Its aim is to give Polish officers, officials, and intellectuals now in Palestine an opportunity to study at first hand, all the problems of the Near East. Special attention will be paid to the problems relating to the upbuilding of the Jewish National Homeland in Palestine. A lecture hall for the Institute has been placed at its disposal by the Hebrew University at Jerusalem. Most of the lectures will be delivered by Jewish specialists, including professors and lecturers from the University.