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ROOSEVELT ISSUES WARNING TO NAZIS AGAINST ATROCITIES IN OCCUPIED LANDS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21. (JTA)-- President Roosevelt today issued a formal statement warning the Axis nations against atrocities committed on the civilian population in occupied countries. He emphasized that the invaders will have to pay for their "barbaric crimes" and slaughter of innocent civilians.

"The Government of the United States has been aware for some time of these crimes," the President's statement said. "Our Government is constantly receiving additional information from dependable sources and it welcomes reports from any trustworthy source which would assist in keeping our growing fund of information and evidence up to date and reliable.

"The United Nations are going to win this war," the statement continued. "When victory has been achieved, it is the purpose of the Government of the United States, as I know it is the purpose of each of the United Nations, to make appropriate use of the information and evidence in respect to those barbaric crimes of the invaders, in Europe and in Asia. It seems only fair that they should have this warning that the time will come when they shall have to stand in courts of law in the very countries which they are now oppressing and answer for their acts."

Referring to a previous statement which he made on October 25, 1941, in which he condemned the Nazi executions of innocent civilians in the occupied territories, President Roosevelt said that he was issuing today's warning in response to a communication which he received through the Secretary of State from the Allied Governments of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Luxembourg, Norway and the French National Committee in London, calling his attention "to the barbaric crimes against civilian populations which are being committed in occupied countries, particularly on the continent of Europe."

According to this communication, the President said, acts of oppression and terror in the occupied territories have taken such proportions and forms as to give "rise to the fear that as the defeat of the enemy countries approaches, the barbaric and unrelenting character of the occupational regime will become more marked and may even lead to the extermination of certain populations."

Asked at his press conference today if he had heard the sentiment reported to have been expressed by members of Governments-in-Exile that they wanted "only one week" to dispose of those responsible for the acts of the invaders, President Roosevelt replied that the sober judgment of everyone concerned was in favor of considered judicial process.

DEPORTATIONS THROW FRENCH JEWS IN PANIC; NAZIS CLOSE SYNAGOGUES IN FRANCE

LISBON, Aug. 21. (JTA)-- Panic is wide-spread among the Jews in both occupied and unoccupied France as a result of continued deportations of Jews to Nazi-held eastern territories, according to word reaching here. The conviction is growing among the Jews in France that the Vichy government is not inclined to resist the Nazi pressure for further anti-Jewish action.

In fear of being rounded up for deportation, according to this report, Jews in Paris are abandoning their homes and wandering on the highways, vaguely hoping that by some manner of means they will be able to reach the Swiss frontier and succeed in crossing it. The recent mass arrest of 28,000 Jews was the occasion for the beginning of these wanderings.

Regardless of age, sex or physical condition, graybeards and children, the frail and even wounded are being packed into cattle-wagons. They are usually told that they are off for a 20-day journey, but no provision is made for their food en route. They are pushed into the cattle-wagons and transported under special Gestapo guard.

French Crowds Demonstrate in Paris Before Departing Jewish Trains

On every occasion of the departure of a "Jewish train" with deportees, crowds of French people at the railroad stations burst into spontaneous demonstrations, the report states. Singing the Marseillaise, they openly display their sympathy with the victims, but are prevented by German soldiers from approaching the trains.

To avoid imprisonment for wearing a yellow star as expression of sympathy with Jews, French non-Jewish students in Paris are now wearing yellow armbands with the inscription "dog owner," the report adds.

It was reported here also that Dr. Solomon, the son-in-law of the famous French scientist, Prof. Langevin, was executed by the Nazis in Paris on the charge of anti-German activity. His wife was sent to a concentration camp.

Interior of Synagogues Confiscated; Torahs Turned Over to Jews

Charging that "synagogues are nests of anti-German propaganda," the Nazi authorities have closed down all synagogues in Paris and throughout the occupied parts of France. The Torahs of all the "liquidated" synagogues were placed under the care of the Jewish Central Committee in Paris. The interior fixtures were confiscated by the Nazi occupational administration.

Protests made to the Vichy Government by Catholic, Protestant, Quaker and other organizations with regard to the ruthless deportations of Jews from both occupied and unoccupied France, as well as with regard to other anti-Jewish measures, have produced no results. Officials of the French government in Vichy simply "explain" that the deportations of Jews are being carried out "because the Jews are undesirable elements."

9,000 MORE JEWS WILL BE DEPORTED FROM UNOCCUPIED FRANCE THIS MONTH

BASEL, Aug. 21. (JTA)-- Approximately 9,000 more Jews now held in concentration camps in unoccupied France will be deported to Nazi-held Eastern Europe before the end of this month, the Basler National Zeitung, a leading Swiss daily newspaper reported today.

Describing the brutal conditions under which 4,000 Jews were deported from unoccupied France recently to do slave labor in the coal mines of Polish Silesia, the Swiss democratic paper states that most of the deportees were in a lamentable physical condition after a winter of privation in which they had had little to subsist on except turnip soup. Though the deportees, herded in cattle trains, were to travel twenty days to the place of their destination, they were not provided with food or any other supplies for the journey, the Basler National Zeitung establishes.

The Quakers, according to the correspondent of the National Zeitung, have opened a fund with which to provide food for future deportees, but it is admitted that this will only prove a drop in the bucket as far as relieving the wholesale misery.

Switzerland Orders Escaped Refugees to Return to Occupied France

The Basler National Zeitung sharply protested against the action of the Swiss Government this week, ordering the expulsion of all refugees who succeeded in escaping from occupied France and other Axis-held territories into Switzerland. The order provides that such refugees who entered the country since August 11 be returned to the places from whence they fled.

Swiss Federal authorities today considered the question of making this order retroactive to July 31. They assert that the number of refugees, principally Jews, seeking to cross from France into Switzerland is growing daily. Reporting that many of the refugees have already been deported by the Swiss authorities, the Basler National Zeitung, in its article condemning these expulsions, declares that the Swiss Federal Government is assuming "a horrible responsibility."

"Indescribably gruesome scenes have taken place at the border," the Swiss paper writes. "Nobody can doubt that such refugees are threatened with certain death. Many cantonal governments share the belief with an overwhelming majority of the Swiss people that this means abandonment of the right of asylum which, in view of the frightful state of racial refugees, cannot be justified." A similar protest was made this week by another Swiss paper La Sentinelle.

NAZIS DRAFT JEWISH SPECIALISTS IN HOLLAND FOR SKILLED WORK IN GERMANY

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 21. (JTA)-- The Nazi authorities have resorted to drafting Dutch Jews of special skills for work in Germany proper because of the acute shortage of highly skilled labor, it was learned today.

Disclosure of this development was made when the Amsterdam Jewish Council was compelled by the Gestapo to publish a special announcement in the Joodsche Weekblad, warning that all Jews not obeying within two days a summons to work in the Reich would be arrested and sent to the salt and sulphur mines in Upper Austria.

NAZI AUTHORITIES DISSOLVE JUDENRAT AND JEWISH POLICE IN WARSAW GHETTO

LONDON, Aug. 21. (JTA)--- Nazi authorities in occupied Poland have dissolved the Jewish Council in the Warsaw ghetto and have instead appointed a Nazi official to supervise Jewish affairs, it was reported here today by officials of the Polish Government-in-Exile.

The dissolution of the Jewish representative body followed the death of L.M. Charniak, president of the Jewish Council, who committed suicide rather than comply with the order of the Nazi authorities to submit a list of 100,000 Jews for deportation from the Warsaw ghetto.

The Jewish police force in the ghetto has similarly been liquidated, the report received here by the Polish Government revealed. The functions of the Jewish police have been transferred to Ukrainians and Lithuanians who now perform police duties in the Warsaw ghetto under Gestapo control.

Another report reaching Polish official circles here states that the police throughout Nazi-hold Poland have received orders from the Nazi authorities to shoot without warning any Jew disobeying the curfew regulations. Eight Jews who cooperated with Polish peasants in derailing a German military train which was proceeding to the Russian front were executed in the city of Bialystok, the report said. Thirty German soldiers are reported to have lost their lives as a result of the derailment.

JEWS IN ENGLAND START \$200,000 CAMPAIGN FOR AIDING REFUGEES IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Aug. 21. (JTA)--- Chief rabbi Joseph H. Hertz and Viscount Cecil were today elected president and chairman respectively of the United Appeal launched by the Federation of Jewish Relief Organizations in England, the Polish-Jewish Refugee Fund, the orthodox Keren Hatorah, the Jewish Religious Emergency Council, and other Jewish relief groups, for the purpose of raising \$200,000 for Jewish war refugees in Russia and in other countries.

Chief Rabbi Hertz today announced the postponement of the Day of Protest Against Nazi Atrocities which was scheduled to have taken place throughout all Jewish communities in England on August 23. The postponement was taken to allow more time for the effort now being made by the chief rabbi to unite all organizations for participation in the manifestation.

PRAYERS FOR ROOSEVELT AND VICTORY MARK OPENING OF ORTHODOX CONVENTION

BELMAR, New Jersey, Aug. 21. (JTA)--- Prayers for President Roosevelt and for speedy victory of the United Nations marked the opening session here last night of the three-day Conference for the Strengthening of Judaism called by the Agudas Israel of America. The conference was attended by prominent rabbis and other religious leaders from all parts of the country.

The principal speakers at the opening session were Jacob Rosenheim, president of the World Organization of Agudas Israel and Rabbi Eliezer Silver of Cincinnati, president of the Agudas Israel of America. Rabbi Silver, dwelling on the sufferings of the Jewish communities in Nazi-occupied territories, emphasized that the Jews in America must now become more active in fostering Jewish religious traditions formerly staunchly observed by Jews in Poland and other Nazi-hold lands.