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### NAZIS ORDER DEPORTATION OF 38,000 JEWS FROM BELGIUM FOR SLAVE LABOR IN REICH

ZURICH, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- Nazi authorities in Belgium have ordered the conscription of all foreign Jews for forced labor in Germany, it was announced today over the Paris radio.

In the broadcast, it was said that there are today 42,000 Jews registered in Belgium of whom 38,000 are foreign-born. It warned the latter not to make any attempt to escape deportation to Germany by crossing to neighboring countries "because a similar fate awaits them also in Holland and in France."

There were 82,000 Jews in Belgium when the Nazis occupied the country in 1940. The Nazi statement that today no more than 42,000 Jews are left indicates that many thousands of Jews have perished in Belgium under Nazi occupation since only a small number succeeded in getting away after the Nazi armies entered the country.

### SWITZERLAND MODIFIES EXPULSION DECISION; WILL PERMIT REFUGEES TO REMAIN

BERN, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- The decree of the Swiss federal authorities expelling back to Nazi-held territories all the Jewish refugees who entered Switzerland illegally since August 11 was modified by the Government today following numerous protests of the Swiss liberal press which very evidently reflected this general public sentiment.

While the Swiss frontier police will be strengthened to prevent further illegal entry of refugees into the country, those of the Nazi victims who have already entered Switzerland will be permitted to remain under the modifications of the terms of the Government's original decision. The modifications provide:

1. Refugees who entered Switzerland before August 11, and who announced themselves to the police on arrival, will not be expelled without cause.
2. Refugees who have been, or would be, held under the Swiss customs control while their cases are pending decision, must, without exception, be announced to the nearest police station.
3. The federal Department of Justice and Police reserves for itself the final decision in all cases under examination on the frontiers by the cantonal police chiefs.

The above modifications, arrived at after prolonged discussions between Swiss welfare organizations and the federal police, were received with great satisfaction by the Swiss population. The Swiss liberal evening press, in reporting the news, emphasizes that the revision of the original decision demonstrates that "the sacred institution of asylum remains unshaken."

SALE OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES PROHIBITED TO JEWS IN CZECH PROTECTORATE

ZURICH, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- An order prohibiting the sale of vegetables, fruit and mushrooms to Jews was issued this week in Prague by the Ministry of Agriculture, according to information reaching here today.

In Rumania, by an order issued this week, Jews are forbidden, beginning with October 1, to have in their employ any "Aryan" man or woman, whether for home service or in any other capacity.

HUGE MEETING IN MEXICO PROTESTS AGAINST NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 21. (JTA-Airmail)-- Indignation at the Nazi massacres of Jews in occupied Europe was voiced by thousands of Mexicans assembled here last night at the Palacio de Bellas Artes, the celebrated Mexican national theatre.

The protest meeting, first of its kind in Mexico, was arranged by the principal political and labor organizations in the country. The prominent speakers who condemned the Nazi persecutions and massacres of Jews included Antonio Villalobos, president of the Mexican Government Party; Vincente Lombardo Toledano, leader of the Mexican Labor Movement and president of the Latin-American Confederation of Labor; Felix F. Palavicini, former Mexican ambassador to Argentina who spoke in behalf of Mexico's intellectual world; General Felix Ireta, representing the Mexican Army; Congressman Felix Diaz Escobar, the president of the Mexican anti-Nazi Committee, and other prominent Mexican personalities.

Prof. Maximo Jose Cahn, eminent Spanish-Jewish philosopher, speaking in behalf of the Jewish Community, described the plight of the Jews under Nazi domination. A message from the Jewish Central Committee was read in which the representative body of the Jews in Mexico expressed its gratefulness to the Mexican political parties and personalities for arranging the impressive protest meeting. Expressing confidence in the victory of the democracies over the Nazis, the message emphasized that the Jews of Mexico are confident that the Mexican Government will severely suppress the "fifth-column" activities in the country which find their expression in anti-Jewish propaganda.

Jacob C. Potovsky, one of the leaders of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union of America, who was invited by the organizers of the meeting to address the audience in behalf of American labor, emphasized that the defeat of Hitlerism would bring freedom to humanity. National Mexican music was played at the meeting by the band of the Ministry of Navy.

Represented in the group which organized the protest meeting were the Government Party, the Mexican Workers' Confederation, the National Farmers' Confederation, the National Intellectual Workers' Federation, the Mexican Youth Federation, the Workers' University, the National Anti-Nazi Committee, the National Athenium of Arts and Science, the Miners' Union, the Federation of Unions of Government Employees, and various other groups.

21,000 JEWS IN SHANGHAI HELPLESS UNDER JAPAN; JDC WORKERS RENDER AID

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- Praise for the devotion with which representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee are conducting their relief work for thousands of refugees in Japanese-occupied Shanghai is contained in a wireless report sent from the S.S. Gripsholm by Morris J. Harris and James D. White, correspondents of the Associated Press now on their way from Shanghai back to the United States. The report estimates that 21,000 Jewish refugees are now helpless in Shanghai.

NEW JEWISH PARTY FORMED IN PALESTINE; ASKS LINKING OF ALL SEMITIC COUNTRIES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- An organization with the avowed aim of unifying the Semitic countries, including a bi-national Palestine, and linking an Arab federation of states to the democratic world, was founded here today.

The organization, to be known as "Ichud" (Unity), was established at a meeting of 60 Palestine notables called together by Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and long a proponent of a bi-national Palestine. Among those who attended the meeting were Miss Henrietta Szold and Prof. Martin Buber, noted German-Jewish philosopher.

A presidium was elected consisting of Dr. Magnes, Miss Szold, Dr. Buber, Moshe Smilansky, president of the Jewish Farmers' Association, Chaim Kalvarisky, former head of the Arab department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and others.

In outlining the program of the new organization, Dr. Magnes urged the creation of a committee for the preparation of a plan for a bi-national Arab-Jewish State in Palestine. He also suggested the elimination from the by-laws of the Jewish National Fund of the paragraph which provides that land acquired by the JNF is for Jews only. A number of those present at the conference expressed opposition to the formation of the Ichud organization.

NAZIS WANT THE LAST 20,000 JEWS "REMOVED" FROM SLOVAKIA

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- The deportation of the last 20,000 Jews from the Nazi-puppet state of Slovakia is demanded in the Slovakian Nazi newspaper Grenzboten reaching here today.

"The 20,000 Jews still remaining in our country are the most dangerous because they are the richest," the paper declares. It is most urgent to remove them, it adds, because "they bribe Slovak officials and thus undermine public morale." It charges them also with "spreading false rumors about the State, the Premier and the President."

The German-Slovak Society in the city of Trnava adopted a resolution urging the Slovak government to expel all the Jews from the city. The resolution was transmitted to the central authorities in Bratislava, the Slovak press reports.

More than 100 Jews were arrested last week in Bratislava, charged with obtaining employment certificates illegally. The Guardiste, organ of the anti-Semitic Hlinka Guards which was received here today, carries an article severely attacking a Slovakian cement factory for still retaining 16 Jews in its employ.

CHIEF RABBI HERZOG APPEALS TO POPE TO INTERCEDE WITH NAZIS AGAINST DEPORTATIONS OF JEWS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- Chief Rabbi Herzog of Palestine has asked the Pope's representative in Jerusalem to endeavor to obtain the Pope's intercession with Germany for the cessation of the deportations of Jews from Nazi-held European countries, it was revealed here today at a conference of Slovak Jews.

Such intervention by the Pope has proven ineffective, the conference was told by leaders of Slovakian Jewry now in Palestine. Speakers at the conference reported that tens of thousands of Slovak Jews were deported to the Lublin district in occupied Poland.

JEWISH AGENCY LEADERS STRESS IMPORTANCE OF WILLKIE'S VISIT TO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- The importance of Willkie's stop-over in Palestine was emphasized here today by Jewish Agency leaders who expect to confer with him upon his reaching Jerusalem.

M. Banczyk, vice-chairman of the Polish National Council, arrived in Jerusalem on a special mission. He will remain in Palestine for a fortnight and visit the centres of Polish civilian refugees as well as the military units. He will also confer with the Representation of Polish Jewry in Tel Aviv.

Taking effect on September 15, all licenses issued to civilian owners of motor vehicles in Palestine will be cancelled, an official announcement today stated. Exception will be made only for those needed for the protection of life of the civilian population.

JEWISH SOLDIERS FROM PALESTINE ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON SPECIAL MISSION

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- The first group of Jewish Palestinian soldiers to reach the United States since the outbreak of the war arrived this week in New York, it was announced here today by the Hadassah headquarters.

The group, consisting of six men under British command have come here on a special mission, the announcement said. Sergeant Sinai Leichter is the leader of the group. He is a graduate of the Hebrew University. The six, all Polish-born, are between the ages of 24 and 37. Several of them are married.

LEADER OF "FREE ITALIAN" MOVEMENT SAYS FORMATION OF JEWISH ARMY IS IMPORTANT

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- Count Carlo Sforza, who was recently elected head of the Free Italian world movement, today declared that he considers the formation of a Jewish Army in the Middle East as a matter of "utmost need and great importance."

The leader of Italian anti-Fascists made this statement to a delegation of the Argentine Committee for a Jewish Army, composed of Miguel Elkin, Jose Mirelman and Amedeo Revere. Count Sforza assured the delegation that the Free Italian movement will support the national Jewish cause.

BRITISH LABOR PARTY DEMANDS RETALIATION FOR NAZI ATROCITIES ON CIVILIANS

LONDON, Aug. 25. (JTA)-- A resolution condemning the Nazi atrocities on the civilian population in occupied countries was delivered here today by the national executive of the Labor Party to Anthony Eden, British Foreign Minister.

The governments of the United Nations are called upon in this resolution to "bring for stern justice at the close of the war all those who have taken part in the organization and perpetration of the outrages, from the highest to the lowest." In accepting the resolution, Eden assured the delegation of the Labor Party that the British Government fully sympathized with its purposes. A copy of the resolution was also delivered to the American Ambassador, Winant.

The British Labor Party is arranging to hold an international protest meeting against the Nazi atrocities on September 2. The speakers at this meeting will include members of the Polish, Czechoslovakian and other governments-in-exile, as well as Samuel Zygelbaum, Jewish member in the Polish National Council.