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### POPE APPEALS TO LAVAL FOR FRENCH JEWS; U.S. ASKED TO ADMIT 3,500 JEWISH CHILDREN

BERN, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- An urgent appeal by Pope Pius XII to the French Government in Vichy asking for an end to the deportations of Jews from France and for modification of the anti-Jewish laws was delivered to Pierre Laval, Chief of State, last Saturday by Monsignor Valerio Valeri, Papal Nuncio, it was learned here today.

At the same time Jewish welfare institutions in France issued an appeal to the governments of the United States and other democratic countries requesting that these countries admit 3,500 Jewish children whose parents have been deported from France to occupied eastern Europe by the Nazis.

The appeal by the Pope coincided with strongly-worded protests against racial and religious persecution in France sent to Marshal Petain last week by Cardinal Suchard, Archbishop of Paris, and Cardinal Gerlier, Archbishop of Lyon. The Papal Nuncio, in submitting the appeal to Laval, emphasized the interest of the Catholic world in the fate of the persecuted Jews.

The London radio today reported that the Nazis are planning to send to Germany 4,000 Jewish children picked up in Paris during the recent mass-arrests of 28,000 Jews there. German authorities in France intend to take all identification papers from the children, making it impossible for their parents ever to find them, the broadcast said.

"Many personalities have asked the Vichy government to try to prevent this crime, which constitutes a flagrant violation of the armistice conditions, but Vichy is not disposed to act," the British announcer stated.

Priests of Jewish origin who are forced to wear the yellow star in Paris are encountering general consideration and sympathy on the part of the Paris population, according to other reports reaching here. It is a common sight, the reports state, to see these priests showing the star with dignified ostentation, being surrounded in the streets and slapped on the back and shaken by the hand by strangers.

### Nazis Intend to Deport All Jews Who Entered France Since 1935

LONDON, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- The Nazi-controlled Paris radio today announced that all Jews who entered France after Hitler's seizure of power in 1935, will be rounded up and deported from the country.

Former Jewish lawyers and doctors affected by the anti-Jewish laws are now working as stevedores in the port of Marseilles, in the unoccupied part of France, it was reported here today. The report stated that the economic position of the Jews in unoccupied France is becoming more and more precarious. Very many Jews are being ousted from their jobs under the existing anti-Jewish laws and there is an organized effort to find new occupations for them, the report emphasized.

ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA FLOODS FRANCE; POSITION OF JEWS IS DESPERATE

LONDON, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- Seventy percent of the Jewish population in occupied France are living in abject misery and are facing starvation as a result of the anti-Jewish measures taken by the occupational authorities, the JTA was told here today by a young French Jew who, after escaping from a war prisoners' transport going to Germany, recently succeeded in reaching this country.

The JTA informant described the position of the Jews in occupied France as desperate, and declared that although many Frenchmen do their best to help the persecuted Jews, the anti-Semitic movement was undoubtedly making headway both in the occupied and unoccupied zones. He also spoke about the discriminatory treatment of Jews in German war prisoners' camps.

"I passed through three war prisoners' camps in the occupied zone before I made my escape from a transport just before reaching the German border," the informant declared. "No discrimination between Jews and non-Jews was made in the first camp, but in the second, detailed questionnaires had to be filled in by all prisoners, indicating their religious affiliation. There were twenty Jews among about five thousand prisoners, but I suspect that there were more Jews but they were afraid of acknowledging their faith," he continued. "Jews were not segregated from their fellow-prisoners while still on French territory, but special 'Jewish lists' were drawn up to be used for the segregation of Jewish prisoners in Germany.

"Later I had ample opportunity of speaking in unoccupied France to comrades who had witnessed the special treatment meted out to Jewish prisoners in the permanent camps. They were isolated in separate huts and were specifically barred from services organized by the prisoners, such as the internal police, library and kitchen service. At roll calls they were not allowed to line up together with their non-Jewish comrades, but had to stand separately. These rules did not apply to Jews in prisoners' camps in France, but nevertheless we were treated with the greatest suspicion and not permitted to work outside the camp.

Anti-Semitism Takes Root; Not Likely to Disappear After War

"When I arrived at Paris, I found the city flooded with anti-Semitic propaganda. Inciting anti-Jewish posters covered the walls in all districts. Special anti-Jewish propaganda films were included in the daily programme of cinema shows, and a vast amount of anti-Semitic literature is produced and widely distributed. These publications do not by any means emanate exclusively or even to a large part from German sources, but are mostly prepared and circulated by reactionary French circles. Leading in the popularization of the anti-Semitic theory is the 'Nouvelle Revue Francaise,' and one of the most venomous anti-Semitic writers is Ferdinand Celine, a former leader of the Popular Front, who, after a journey to Russia, joined the party of Jacques Doriot and published a book entitled 'Mee Culpa.' His latest book, 'Les Beaux Draps,' surpasses in anti-Semitic violence anything published by a Goebbels or a Streicher. It is not astonishing, therefore," the JTA informant continued, "that under such circumstances the anti-Semitic poison is spreading rapidly among the French population, and while there is also opposition to it, it is difficult to imagine that the effects of this propaganda will disappear, even after the liberation of France.

"The Jews in occupied France," he said, "have been completely ousted from trade and professions, and their businesses were taken over. Their means of subsistence are rapidly diminishing, and one frequently sees Jews trying to sell their last valuables, or the remainder of stock they succeeded in putting aside at the time their businesses were transferred, in order to buy food at exorbitant prices on the black market which is in the hands of the Germans. When the registration of French Jews was ordered, only very few Jews evaded this as most of them were confident that they could rely on their non-Jewish friends for help in avoiding the consequences of the official measures."

DELEGATION OF ZIONIST LABOR GROUPS PRESENT \$40,000 CHECK TO SOVIET ENVOY

LONDON, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- A joint delegation representing the Histadruth, the Hechalutz and the Palestine Labor Political Committee today visited Soviet Ambassador Ivan Maisky and presented to him a check for \$40,000 collected among the Jewish workers in Palestine for the Russian Army.

Led by Berl Locker, a Histadruth leader, the delegation asked Ambassador Maisky to convey to the Government and people of Russia "a message of solidarity from the Jewish workers in Palestine who are watching with feelings of sympathy, hope and pride the epic struggle of the Soviet armies." The delegation stressed that "the fate of small Palestine is conditioned upon the fate of the world outside." A Nazi invasion of Palestine would spell the annihilation of the Yishuv and jeopardize the national hopes, Mr. Locker, speaking for the delegation, stated.

Referring to the conference of the League to Aid Russia which is now taking place in Palestine with Soviet diplomats in attendance, Mr. Locker, when presenting the check to Maisky, said: "This modest gift is an expression of the feelings of hope on the part of the Jewish workers in Palestine that victory will strengthen the bonds of friendship and brotherhood now forged between them and the peoples of the USSR, including its Jewish citizens." It is understood that the \$40,000 will be used to purchase two sets of sterilizing equipment for the Russian Red Cross. The apparatus will carry inscriptions in Russian, Yiddish and Hebrew.

NAZI ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS DESCRIBED IN "BLACK BOOK" PUBLISHED IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- Documents and eye-witness testimony describing the Nazi atrocities committed upon Jews in Poland and in the occupied part of Russia were published here today in the form of a "Black Book" issued in Yiddish by the government publishing house.

The book gives an authentic picture of the massacres of Jewish men, women and children in the occupied territories and registers the Nazi acts of torture in Lodz, Warsaw, Lublin, Chelm, Hrubeshov and other Polish cities. It emphasizes that its material is only a part of the "horrible story which our tortured brothers and sisters in the temporarily seized Soviet territory have to tell."

A foreword to the book points out that "the crimes committed by the Fascist henchmen on Soviet soil and those committed by them in the occupied countries of other freedom-loving peoples will not be forgotten on the day of judgement." It emphasizes that "the facts in the book are given in their stark nakedness without any exaggeration."

JEWS IN GREAT BRITAIN MOURN TRAGIC DEATH OF DUKE OF KENT

LONDON, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- Jewish leaders and organizations throughout Great Britain today sent messages of condolence to King George and the Royal family on the tragic death of the King's youngest brother, the Duke of Kent, who was killed in the crash of a Sunderland bomber in Scotland yesterday. The Jewish Agency for Palestine sent a message to Viscount Cranborne, the Colonial Secretary, requesting him to express its sympathies to the King, and also sent condolences to Queen Mary, the Duke's mother, and to the Duchess of Kent.

Chief Rabbi Hertz, in a message to the King on behalf of Jewish communities throughout the Empire, conveyed "deepest sympathy in your great sorrow on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent during performance of duty for the nation." The Chief Rabbi likewise sent messages to Queen Mary and the Duchess. Condolences were also sent by the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Anglo-Jewish Association.

ARMED MEN INVADE OFFICE OF JEWISH CULTURAL ASSOCIATION IN BUENOS AIRES, STEAL RECORDS

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- Three armed men, believed to be members of one of the Nazi groups in this city, today invaded the offices of the Jewish Cultural Association here and fled with membership records and other files.

The gunmen wounded a woman caretaker and overpowered three members of the Association who were in the headquarters when the robbery took place. Despite the fact that Argentina has seemed to be leaning slightly toward the United Nations since Brazil's declaration of war, anti-Semitic agitation by Nazi newspapers and groups in the country is still allowed to continue unmolested.

DR. WEIZMANN IN MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL FOR REST, CHECK-UP

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, who is now in this country, has entered Mount Sinai hospital here for "a rest and a diagnostic survey" his physicians revealed today.

THREE MORE TORONTO JEWS LISTED AS MISSING AT DIEPPE

TORONTO, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- The names of three more Toronto Jewish boys have been added to the growing list of Canadian soldiers reported missing after the raid on Dieppe. They are Private Morris Lozdon of the Royal Toronto Regiment, Private Jack Gorelik and Private Leon Manger, both of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Regiment. Their families today received official notification from the military authorities.

CHIEF RABBI JUDA L. LANDAU OF JOHANNESBURG DIES AT SEVENTY-SEVEN

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- Chief Rabbi Juda Leo Landau, who has been a leading figure in Jewish life in South Africa for nearly forty years, died here today at the age of 77 after a protracted illness.

The chief rabbi was equally noted for his devotion to the Zionist cause, and his activities as a scholar, poet and playwright. A one-time president of the South African Zionist Federation, Dr. Landau was associated with Dr. Theodore Herzl when the organized Zionist movement was in its infancy. In Galicia, where he was born in 1866, later in Vienna, where he studied for the rabbinate and in England where he spent three years before emigrating to South Africa, Rabbi Landau was an active worker for Zionism.

His literary career began in 1879 when at the age of thirteen he wrote his first published poem. At fifteen he had already written a long epic poem, the "Love of Jonathan," which appeared in the "Hemaskir." A play, "Bar Kochba" appeared when he was eighteen and a steady stream of poems, dramas and scholarly works followed in subsequent years. Several of his works were published in America, including one of his most famous, "Don Yitchok Abarbanel."

In 1900, Dr. Landau came to London to attend the fourth Zionist Congress. At the advice of Dr. Moses Gaster he remained in England for three years studying, writing and acting as rabbi of the North Manchester Congregation. In 1903 he accepted a call from the New Hebrew Congregation in this city. He soon became a leader of South African Jewry, participating in communal, educational and literary activities. He held the chair of Hebrew at the Witwatersrand University.

YOUNG ISRAEL SETS \$1,000,000 QUOTA FOR WAR BONDS SALE

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA)-- A quota of a million dollars in war bond sales by the end of this year has been set by Young Israel branches throughout the city, it was announced today by J. David Delsman, president of the National Council of Young Israel.