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LAVAL SPURNS POPE; 25,000 JEWS IN UNOCCUPIED FRANCE ARRESTED FOR DEPORTATION

LISBON, Aug. 27. (JTA)-- Ignoring the appeal of the Pope to Pierre Laval to discontinue the deportation of Jews from France to Nazi-held eastern territory, police today continued rounding up Jews in Lyons and in other cities of unoccupied France, according to reliable information reaching diplomatic circles here.

Approximately 25,000 foreign-born Jews have already been arrested in unoccupied France during the last three weeks for deportation to Nazi-occupied countries in eastern Europe. Today's raid in Lyons added 640 Jews to this total. They were arrested as persons who left Germany since Hitler came to power. The mass-arrests of Jews in Lyons today took place in spite of the severe protest lodged last week with Marshal Petain by the Archbishop of Lyons, Pierre Cardinal Gerlier.

The Paris radio announced today that by the end of this week the arrest of all Jews who entered France since Hitler seized power in Germany in 1933 will have been completed. De Brinon, the representative of the Vichy Government in Paris, was quoted as stating that the "Jewish program" has become a definite part of the policy of the Laval Government, and that neither intervention from the Pope nor anyone else will lead to the modification of this "program."

Cattle Trains Carrying Deportees Leave Lyons Every Three Days

The majority of the 25,000 Jews arrested in unoccupied France are being held in camps in Lyons from where they are being deported in cattle trains. Every three days a shipment of men is sent off, usually to occupied Polish Silesia where the Jews are being put to forced labor in coal mines. Their wives and children are left behind and kept in special camps, the report received here today states.

That the Pope is apparently determined to put further pressure upon the Vichy Government was seen here today in a report that Monsignor Carmelo Rosso, representing the Papal Nuncio, again saw Laval yesterday and conferred with him on the increased anti-Jewish persecutions both in occupied and unoccupied France. Simultaneously, the French ambassador to the Vatican, Leon Berard, arrived yesterday in Vichy from Rome and immediately conferred with Marshal Petain concerning the Pope's appeal.

An English-language broadcast from Berlin today estimated that the number of Jews who succeeded in crossing from France into Switzerland during the last ten days exceeds 500. It predicts that further escapes into Switzerland will be made impossible "because of the measures taken by the authorities in France to prevent the escape of Jews for whom there is no place in Western Europe."

GERMAN POPULATION NOT YET INFORMED OF ROOSEVELT'S WARNING ON NAZI ATROCITIES

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 27. (JTA)-- The population of Germany has not yet been informed of the statement issued last week by President Roosevelt to the Nazis warning of post-war reprisals for German atrocities against civilians in occupied countries, the Berlin correspondent of the Gotesborg Posten reports today. The Nazi censorship has prevented news of President Roosevelt's message from reaching the public in the Reich even indirectly.

In a German broadcast to the Netherlands East Indies heard here today, Max Blokzijl, a Nazi broadcaster, admitted that the Dutch people continue to manifest active sympathy for the Jews. "If the people of the Netherlands seem to have taken a sudden fancy to the Jews and openly demonstrate their feelings for them, they do so far less from sympathy with the Jews than from the sheer pleasure they derive from annoying the Germans," Blokzijl declared in an attempt to explain away the pro-Jewish demonstrations by the Hollanders.

650 JEWS AMONG LARGE CONTINGENT OF POLISH REFUGEES REACHING TEHRAN FROM USSR

TEHRAN, Aug. 27. (JTA)-- Thirty-thousand Polish refugees, of whom 650 are Jewish, arrived here today from Russia. The bulk of the Jewish contingent is composed of 450 orphaned children.

Polish official circles here stated that this was the third great "exodus" since the signing of the Polish-Russian agreement last year. The Polish Government is attempting to obtain the emigration of smaller groups in a steady flow instead of these large groups which tax the facilities of the relief organizations here which must provide the refugees with food, shelter and medical attention.

It was learned here today that the representatives of the Polish Government in Russia have so far succeeded in establishing contact with only about 500,000 of the estimated 1,500,000 Polish citizens still in the Soviet Union. Geographical difficulties have been the greatest obstacle in contacting these refugees, since most of them are in remote sections of the country. Reports reaching the Polish officials, however, indicate that many of the refugees are working side by side with the Russians on collective farms in the districts to which they were originally sent.

RUSSIAN EYE-WITNESS CONFIRMS REPORT OF NAZI MASSACRE OF 40,000 JEWS IN KIEV

KUIBYSHEV, Aug. 27. (JTA)-- A Russian guerrilla fighter from Kiev who reached Kuibyshev today estimated that the Nazis have executed about 86,000 people in Kiev, of whom more than 40,000 were Jews. The Jews were massacred in a pogrom which lasted five days and five nights, the eye-witness reported.

A group of 200 Jews were hanged by the Nazis in front of their homes at Podol, a suburb of Kiev, the guerrilla fighter stated. The Nazis did not permit burial of the victims and they remained hanging for a week. More than 500 Jewish girls were taken by the Nazis from their homes in Kiev and sent to military brothels. A number of them committed suicide by throwing themselves out of windows, the Russian testified.

MARTYRDOM OF DR. CHERNIAKOFF COMMEMORATED AT MEMORIAL MEETINGS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 27. (JTA)-- The martyrdom of Jewish leaders in Nazi-held Poland was described here last night at two memorial meetings arranged respectively by the Jewish Labor Committee and by the American Federation for Polish Jews, eulogizing Adam Cherniakoff, president of the Jewish Council in the Warsaw ghetto who recently committed suicide rather than give his approval to the deportation of Jews from Warsaw.

JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS IN BRITAIN UNITE TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, Aug. 27. (JTA)-- The causes of anti-Semitism and the contributions which Jewish and Christian youth movements can make towards its eradication and the building of a better understanding between the two faiths were discussed at a conference organized by the Youth Council on Jewish-Christian Relationships here.

Representatives of 52 Jewish and Christian youth organizations took part in the conference. The speakers included Mr. W. Eagar, Rev. Dr. J.W. Perkes, Mr. Neville Leski and Mr. Z.F. Willis.

Dr. Parkes, in an historical survey, denied that there was a Jewish problem and said that there were Jewish problems which arose out of the conditions surrounding Jewish communities and were being solved as time went on. Anti-Semitism was a byproduct of the teaching of the early Christian Church, he said, whose interpretation of its historic background had unintentionally created hatred of the Jews. Mr. Leski described modern anti-Semitism as the main weapon of Fascism which, he said, had been used successfully in Europe and exported to the democracies.

Practical proposals were adopted by the Conference for securing the cooperation of youth leaders and national youth organizations in the work of the Youth Council.

JEWISH ORGANIZATION BUYS \$100,000 WAR BONDS; RAISES \$175,000 FOR WAR RELIEF

NEW YORK, Aug. 27. (JTA)-- District representatives from the United States and Canada will witness ceremonies marking the completion of the purchase of \$100,000 worth of War Bonds by the Jewish National Workers' Alliance, a fraternal benefit organization, at that body's annual conference opening tomorrow at the Hotel Astor here.

This sum has been appropriated out of the national treasury as a special contribution in addition to the more than \$500,000 worth of bonds already purchased by members and branches of the organization. The Alliance has also bought \$30,000 worth of Canadian Victory Bonds as a token of appreciation of the war effort of its affiliate groups across the border.

In a preliminary report sent to the members of the General Executive Committee and to the district representatives by Louis Segal, General Secretary, it is stated further that the Alliance has so far this year raised more than \$175,000 for United Nations War Relief, for American Red Cross and USO, and for Palestine. The two-day session will hear reports of the patriotic, Zionist, educational and fraternal work of the organization, which has 274 branches in 148 communities from coast to coast.

ZOA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP WILL REACH 50,000 BEFORE ANNUAL CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27. (JTA)-- The national membership of the Zionist Organization of America has reached an all-time high of 47,000, it was announced today by ZOA headquarters here in connection with the forthcoming 45th annual convention of the organization, which opens in New York on October 14. Last minute efforts are being made to boost the total membership to 50,000 before the opening of the convention, ZOA officials stated.

ASSER SAPHIR, PALESTINE JOURNALIST, ADVISER TO FIGHTING FRENCH, DIES AT 49

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27. (JTA)-- Asser Saphir, a well-known Palestine journalist and an adviser to the Middle Eastern division of the Fighting French foreign commissariat, died here today at the age of 49. Saphir, who was born in Palestine, served in the French army during World War I. After the collapse of France in 1940, he offered his services to Gen. DeGaulle and was recently promoted to the rank of captain in the Fighting French forces.