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VILNA REPORTED "JUDENREIN"; LAST 14,000 JEWS "DISAPPEAR" FROM GHETTO

BERN, Sept. 15. (JTA)-- The city of Vilna, where Jews have been living since the 14th century, is now completely "judenrein," according to a report published today in Die Nation, a Swiss publication.

The last 14,000 Jews who were permitted to remain in the Vilna ghetto—because the German considered them "useful elements"—after the Nazi massacre of 60,000 Jews there during the two-week pogrom which started on May 7 and ended on May 20 of this year, have been deported, the report says. The suspicion exists that they too were killed after being taken from the ghetto. Most of these 14,000 were doctors, engineers and highly-skilled artisans.

The Deutsche Zeitung, a Nazi paper which reached here today from the Baltic countries, reports that spotted typhus is now raging throughout the Vilna district. The situation is so serious that the Nazis have established delousing stations at ten-mile intervals. In addition physicians and nurses are being rushed to supervise compulsory disinfection of the clothing of every inhabitant.

700 JEWS ARRESTED IN BUCHAREST; JEWS IN TRANSNISTRIA DOOMED

GENEVA, Sept. 15. (JTA)-- The Berlin radio today announced the arrest of more than 700 Jews in Bucharest. It also reported that Jews in Rumania who continue to employ "Aryan" servants will be sentenced to two years imprisonment under regulations issued yesterday by the Rumanian authorities.

Travelers from Rumania who reach Switzerland tell harrowing stories of the fate of the tens of thousands of Jews deported from various sections of Rumania to Transnistria, the part of the Ukraine occupied by the Rumanian army. They are convinced that the Jews in Transnistria will all die shortly. Thousands of them are dying due to lack of food and the hard labor which they are forced to perform. Sending food and clothing from Rumania to these unfortunates is forbidden.

"Ill nourished and ill clad, these Jews no longer look like human beings, but are walking corpses; it is impossible to look at them without crying," a Rumanian who visited Transnistria stated today.

POLICE MEASURES AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA ASKED IN SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 15.(JTA)-- The Swedish press, consistently combatting Nazi attempts to stimulate anti-Jewish feelings in the country, today issued a demand that the police authorities prohibit Swedish Nazis from parading in the streets with placards carrying anti-Semitic slogans.

The demand was provoked by the fact that such placards were carried this week by Swedish Nazis marching through the streets of Stockholm. The Stockholm newspapers today criticize the police for not confiscating these inciting posters. "While the Jews on the European continent are being inhumanly persecuted, Sweden's Jews, who are citizens like the rest of us, should not be publicly insulted," the Dagens Nyheter writes. Other Swedish newspapers emphasize that any attempt to stir up anti-Semitism in Sweden will meet stiff opposition.

32,000 JEWISH SOLDIERS KILLED IN BATTLE FOR POLAND; 61,000 CAPTURED

LONDON, Sept. 15.(JTA)-- A total of 32,216 Jewish soldiers in the Polish Army were killed during the German invasion of Poland in September, 1939, it was revealed here today by Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, one of the two Jewish members of the Polish National Council, on the basis of data compiled by his office.

Dr. Schwarzbart also established that 61,000 Jewish officers and soldiers were taken prisoner by the Germans during the same period. The Jews constituted 12 percent of the Polish Army when it was reorganized in France. They constitute 15 percent of the Polish armed forces in Russia which are now being transported to the Middle Eastern front.

Under the scheme providing shelter for Polish refugees in Palestine, a total of 1,735 Jewish refugees are registered with the Polish authorities in Palestine today, Dr. Schwarzbart was informed by the Polish Government-in-Exile. Of them 905 are permanently supported by the Polish authorities in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, including 94 rabbis and 148 relatives of Jewish soldiers in the Polish forces.

BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT LIMITS JEWISH FAMILIES TO THREE-ROOM MAXIMUM

ISTANBUL, Sept. 15.(JTA)-- The Sofia radio announced today that the Bulgarian Government has issued housing regulations for Jews which provide that a Jewish family of two is entitled to one room, a family of four to two rooms, and families of more than four persons may occupy a maximum of three rooms. At the same time the Sofia authorities ordered all Jews to surrender radio sets to the police. Failure to do so will be punished severely, the Bulgarian broadcaster stated.

A broadcast on the Belgrade radio today announced that the Serbian Council of Ministers has decreed that all Jewish-owned real estate and other holdings are now the property of the state.

FASCIST OFFICIAL DENOUNCES ITALIANS WHO ARE FRIENDLY TO JEWS

ZURICH, Sept. 15.(JTA)-- A call to all members of the Fascist party to denounce any Italian "who is lacking the courage to break with Jews" was issued in Trieste by Pietro Piva, the federal secretary of the party.

"The Jewish problem in Italy is not alarming because it is subject to the vigilance of our party, but certain Italians lack racial feelings and frequently act as shields for Jews. It is against these Italians that we must act," Piva's order states.

HISTADRUTH WILL MOBILIZE 16,000 MORE MEMBERS FOR MILITARY SERVICE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 15.(JTA)-- A resolution to mobilize 16,000 more Histadruth members for the British forces and the internal defense units in Palestine was adopted here this week at the closing session of the forty-seventh Histadruth conference, which devoted the major part of its deliberations to issues revolving about the war and the security of the country.

The resolution on enlistment asked that 10,000 more members join the armed forces, 5,000 go into the police units, which now have a military status, and 1,000 form a kernel for the Jewish infantry battalions which are to be formed as part of the new Palestine Regiment.

Other resolutions adopted by the delegates demanded an increase in the allowances for soldiers and their families in view of higher living costs; asked adequate sanitary, technical and financial conditions for workers engaged in the war effort; protested the new manpower law, which places all workers under the control of the Palestine Administration and rejected the Jewish Agency's agreement with the New Zionist Organization.

Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency, addressing the conference, expressed regret over the fact that the Colonial Office had failed to confer with the Agency prior to announcing the formation of the new Palestine Regiment. Eliezer Kaplan, Agency treasurer, revealed that the Palestine Government is preparing a plan for the development of the country within the framework of the economic development of the entire Middle East. Discussing colonization and allied activities, several speakers disclosed that the Zionist Organization has invested about \$9,000,000 in Palestine since the beginning of the war.

TASHKENT MARKS FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE

TASHKENT, U.S.S.R., Sept. 15.(JTA)-- Hundreds of workers, Red Army men, collective farmers, doctors, writers and artists jammed the Uzbek Theatre of Opera and Ballet here at a meeting marking the first anniversary of the formation of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, which has its headquarters in Kulbyshov. Twenty thousand rubles were donated by the gathering to the fund to purchase 1,000 tanks and 500 bombers as a "Jewish gift" for the Red Army.

DOMINICAN OFFER TO REFUGEES HAILED AS AID TO WORLD ORDER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.(JTA)-- The generous offer of the Dominican Republic to receive permanently Axis-harassed refugees was hailed here today as a valuable laboratory experiment looking toward a worldwide resettlement solution, in a study of refugee resettlement problems, issued by the Brookings Institution.

The results of colonization in the Dominican Republic can be of great experimental significance, inasmuch as most other possible areas of settlement are likewise in the tropics or semitropics and a favorable outcome of the Dominican project would indicate that refugee colonies could be successful elsewhere under similar conditions, the report emphasizes. A colony of nearly 500 has already been established by the Dominican Republic Settlement Association at Sosua. If the results of the Dominican experiment demonstrate that establishment of refugees promotes the prosperity of the country which opens its doors to them, it is possible that other American republics which could absorb a much larger number of immigrants might be willing to act favorably, the report says.

COMMISSIONER CLARIFIES APPLICATION OF LAW FOR ALIENS IN ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.(JTA)-- All non-citizens in the armed forces who entered the United States legally can become naturalized American citizens 90 days after being inducted, regardless of whether or not their remaining in the United States after entry was legal, according to an interpretation of the provisions of the Second War Powers Act received today by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born from Earl G. Harrison, United States Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization.

Officials of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born announced today that they would now seek a further change in the naturalization laws to enable any alien in the armed forces of the United States to become an American citizen regardless of whether his entry into the country was legal or not.

SHOFAR BLOWN IN ROSH HASHANAH CEREMONY IN BOSTON CATHEDRAL

BOSTON, Sept. 15.(JTA)-- An extraordinary recognition of Rosh Hashanah marked an inter-faith ceremony, probably unique in the history of American religious life, when the Shofar was blown on Sunday, the second day of the Jewish New Year, from the steps of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. Rabbis and Christian clergymen joined in the unusual service.

In accordance with the Hebrew tradition, the Shofar was blown by Israel Feather of Temple Mishkan Tefila, New England's largest Conservative synagogue, at the opening of the service. Students from Harvard University lined both sides of the church portico and accompanied with trombones and clarinets the singing throng of 1,000, many in uniforms of the armed forces, gathered on the Lafayette Mall of Boston Common and on the street and steps before the church.