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### LAVAL SAYS JEWS MUST BE EXPELLED FROM FRANCE; ARRESTS PROTESTING PRIEST

LISBON, Sept. 17. (JTA)-- While the Vatican City radio today voiced the Pope's condemnation of the deportation of Jews from France, it was learned here that Pierre Laval, the Chief of the French Government, has issued an order for the arrest of Father Chaillet, a prominent Catholic priest in Lyons, for preaching opposition to the Vichy policy of surrendering refugee Jews to the Nazis.

At the same time Laval, addressing a press conference of German and other correspondents in Vichy, announced that he "will take no lessons in humanitarianism from any country" and will continue to deport alien Jews from France despite protests from abroad. The announcement was apparently made as an indirect reply to the Vatican as well as to Secretary of State Cordell Hull who has denounced the deportations.

"No man and nothing can sway me from my determination to rid France of alien Jews and send them back where they came from," Laval said. "I will take no lesson in humanitarianism from any country. To Catholic cardinals and bishops who have intervened in favor of the Jews I can only say that everyone is master of his own trade. They handle religious affairs and I will handle government affairs. I am only applying to the Jews the same treatment prescribed centuries ago by the Catholic Church."

### No Yellow Badge In Unoccupied Zone For Time Being

Declaring that he has secured a promise from Nazi authorities in Paris that Jewish children will henceforth not be separated from their parents before deportation from Nazi-held France, Laval added: "I cannot say that I will never change my mind. At present, however, I have no intention of extending the anti-Jewish laws of German-occupied France to the part of France which is governed by regulations from Vichy. This includes also the order that Jews must wear yellow stars of David."

Father Chaillet, whose arrest has been ordered, is now interned at Privas, in Southern France, and is not permitted to leave his residence or to communicate with anyone. He was on the staff of Cardinal Gerlier, Archbishop of Lyons, who bitterly condemned the deportation of the Jews. It was in Lyons that the French population staged such violent demonstrations against the Jewish expulsions that the police were forced to appeal to the military governor for aid. When the governor refused to give such aid, he was dismissed by Vichy.

### Canadian Government Protests to Vichy Against Deportation of Jews

OTTAWA, Sept. 17. (JTA)-- The Canadian Government has lodged a strong protest with Vichy against the deportation from unoccupied France of thousands of Jewish refugees, it was revealed today.

An official announcement to this effect was issued here by the Department of External Affairs.

2,000 POLISH JEWS PERMITTED TO LEAVE RUSSIA FOR IRAN AND PALESTINE

LONDON, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- More than 2,000 civilian Jews from Poland who were stranded in Russia have been permitted by the Russian authorities to leave the country and were included in the second transport of Polish civilians which recently reached Iran. Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, Jewish member of the Polish National Council, announced today.

This announcement indicates that reports that the Russian Government, while permitting Poles to leave the USSR, considers all Polish Jews to be Russian citizens and refuses to grant them exit visas are unfounded. Among the 2,000 Jews who arrived in Iran are about 1,000 children who lost their parents in the present war. The Polish Ministry of Social Welfare is granting sixteen dollars a month support for the older children who will either be brought to Palestine or remain for the time being in Iran, Dr. Schwarzbart stated.

MOSCOW JEWISH COMMUNITY SENDS HIGH HOLIDAY GREETING TO JEWS ABROAD

TASHKENT, U.S.S.R., Sept. 17.(JTA)-- For the first time in the history of Soviet Russia the Jewish Community of Moscow, which now has its headquarters in Tashkent, serving thousands of Jews evacuated from the Ukraine, Byelorussia, Crimea and other Nazi-held parts of Russia, addressed High Holiday greetings to the Jews of the world, thus emphasizing that religion is no longer combatted by the Soviet regime.

The greeting, signed by Samuel Chobrutsky, president of the Moscow Jewish Community, was sent through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. It reads: "Please convey to the Jews of the world, through the press, our hearty and warm congratulations and best wishes for a happy New Year. May the forthcoming year bring health, happiness, success and peace. May the New Year be a year of victory over the brutal and bestial enemy of mankind, a year of final destruction of Fascism, a year of liberty and prosperity for all progressive nations, including our own Jewish nation."

NAVY DEPARTMENT ORDERS LEAVES FOR JEWISH EMPLOYEES ON YOM KIPPUR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- All naval stations and shore establishments were notified today by Ralph A. Bard, Assistant Secretary, that the Navy Department desired that as many employes of the Jewish faith as could be spared without impairing the prosecution of urgent work be excused from duty on the Day of Atonement, from sundown Sunday to sundown Monday.

In his message Mr. Bard said that "religious tolerance was American doctrine" and instructed that employes thus excused should make up lost time if possible so there would be no loss in productive hours. Absence would be charged to annual leave if due, otherwise to leave without pay.

JEWISH RECORD IN WAR HALLED AT DEDICATION OF SERVICE FLAG FOR 320 JEWS

LYNN, Mass., Sept. 17.(JTA)-- Dedicating a service flag in honor of 320 Jewish boys of Lynn now serving in the armed forces, Attorney General Robert T. Bushnell of Massachusetts emphasized that American Jews in this total war are living up to their traditions.

Pointing out that the 320 young men in the service represent 2,500 Jewish families in the city of Lynn, the speaker said: "Despite all of the insinuations of people among us who are attempting to do advance work for Hitler, there is no evidence that American Jews have been any less appreciative of what America has offered or any less willing to fight for American principles than any other strain among the American people."

4,000 AGED JEWS DEPORTED FROM REICH AND WESTERN EUROPE TO THEREZIN FORTRESS

LONDON, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- Four thousand Jews between 65 and 85 years of age were deported from Germany and Nazi-held countries in Western Europe last month and reached the fortress prison of Theresin in Czechoslovakia on August 15, according to information received by the Czechoslovak Government-in-Exile here today.

The 4,000 aged Jews were placed in barracks built in Theresin by younger Jews who had been brought from the Czech Protectorate to the fortress city during the past eight months. The report received by the Czechoslovak Government here estimates that approximately 60,000 Czechoslovakian Jews have passed through the fortress of Theresin en route to Nazi-occupied Poland where they are put to forced labor building roads without being properly fed and with no medical care.

While the men and women under fifty years of age are being transported from Theresin to deserted villages in Poland for road building, the elderly Jews remain in Theresin on a starvation diet and under the most unsanitary conditions. Those unfortunately who fall sick, as well as those accused of breaking the rules, are "transferred" to the dungeons of the ancient castle which are fifteen feet under the ground, where they disappear forever, the report states.

AT P ATTACKS ON BUDAPEST USED BY NAZI PRESS FOR ANTI-JEWISH INCITEMENT

ZURICH, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- Nazi newspapers in Budapest are utilizing the Russian air raids on the Hungarian capital to stir up increased anti-Jewish feelings by alleging that Jews are signalling to the Russian fliers by violating blackout regulations.

The Budapest press reaching here today reports that a number of Jews were fined this week for blackout violations during the recent Russian air attack on the city. The pro-Nazi newspapers carry inciting articles saying that severe punishment should have been imposed upon the Jews. They demand that in the future such cases be handled by the public prosecutor rather than by police courts.

The Budapest daily, Pester Lloyd, which was received here today, reports that the Hungarian government has decreed that 24,000 yolks (approximately 26,000 acres) of Jewish-owned farm property seized by the state from 11,000 small land-owners will not be turned over to Christians by the government, but will be sold by the Jewish proprietors directly. Those entitled to purchase such farms are "Aryan" small farmers, agricultural laborers, war invalids and war orphans.

U. S. PROPAGANDA LITERATURE IN HEBREW REACHES PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- A shipment of American propaganda literature in the Hebrew language arrived here today for distribution among the Jewish population.

The Hebrew press to which the American Consulate despatched the first copies of the various publications received the material with warm greetings. Some editors, however, point out that the style in which the propaganda is written is not exactly the style now used by the press in Palestine. "This is especially true with regard to technical expressions," one paper comments.

NAZIS COMPLETE SEIZURE OF 9,000 JEWISH ENTERPRISES IN LODZ

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- The Nazi occupational authorities in Poland have completed the seizure of 9,000 Jewish commercial and industrial enterprises in the city of Lodz and have now begun taking over more than 7,000 shops and factories belonging to Poles, it was revealed in the Litzmanstadter Zeitung, reaching here today.

JEWISH CAPTAIN KILLS 1,700 GERMANS; BLIND JEW SAVES RUSSIAN DIVISION

KULBYSHEV, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- The Russian press today devotes much space to descriptions of heroic acts by Jews on the Russo-German front, featuring especially the case of Capt. Moshe Ladsun, Commander of an artillery unit which destroyed 14 Nazi tanks, 51 cannons and annihilated more than 1,700 German soldiers. Directing the operations against the enemy from a tank under heavy fire of the Nazis, Ladsun succeeded in driving the German forces back three kilometers.

The dramatic tale of how Yankel Cohn, a former Minsk tailor, was blinded on the battlefield, but nevertheless succeeded in saving a Russian division from being surrounded by the enemy, is also one of the stories featured in today's press. Cohn was fighting in a unit which was attacked and almost annihilated by strong German air and infantry units. A piece of shrapnel struck him in the eyes. Wounded and blind, he heard his dying commander order someone to warn the Russian forces in the rear that strong German units had destroyed the Russian vanguard and were about to surround the entire division. He crawled blindly in the direction of the woods where the nearest field headquarters were located and delivered his commander's message, thus saving the entire division from destruction.

The heroic acts of a 60 year-old Jewish partisan, Abraham Brisniak, and another Jewish partisan known as "grandfather Leizer," are similarly described in the press today. Leizer is younger than Brisniak. He is only 53 years old.

MOSCOW JEWISH APPEAL FOR TANKS AND BOMBERS HAS SOVIET APPROVAL, LITVINOV SAYS

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.(JTA)-- The appeal issued by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Russia to the Jews in democratic countries to contribute to a fund for 1,000 tanks and 500 bombers which will be given to the Russian Army as a Jewish gift in appreciation of its heroic fight against the Nazis, has the full approval of the Moscow government, it was announced by Maxim Litvinov, Soviet Ambassador, in a letter made public here today.

The letter, addressed to the Jewish-American section of the International Workers Order, a fraternal organization, reads: "I wish to inform you that the appeal of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow, for the collection of funds, has the full approval of the Soviet Government, and any statements to the contrary are most malicious. I am unable to answer the other two questions in your memorandum, but it is understood that should the acquisition of tanks and planes be regarded as not feasible, the funds collected may be diverted to the purchase of medicines, hospital equipment, warm clothing, portable movie-projectors and portable radio-stations."

LAW PROHIBITING JOB DISCRIMINATION IN NEW YORK STATE WILL BE RIGIDLY ENFORCED

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 17.(JTA)-- The New York State law prohibiting racial and religious discrimination by holders of war contracts will be rigidly enforced, it was announced here today by Frieda S. Miller, State Industrial Commissioner and chairman of the Committee on Discrimination in Employment of the State War Council. The law, enacted several months ago, provides a fine of not less than \$50 or not more than \$500 for employers failing to comply.

"For more than a year our committee has been waging a campaign against bigoted hiring practice," said Miss Miller. "If appeal and persuasion fail to convince holders of war contracts that they should hire an applicant on his merits - regardless of his race, color, creed or national origin, such employers will be served with a formal order. If they fail to comply with the order they will be prosecuted."