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GESTAPO RAIDS WARSAW SYNAGOGUES; SEIZES 2,000 JEWS FOR FORCED LABOR

LONDON, Oct. 2.(JTA)-- The Polish Government here received a report today from the underground movement in Warsaw that 2,000 Jews were seized by the Gestapo in synagogues in the ghetto during Rosh Hashanah services and were transported from the synagogues directly to labor camps for forced labor.

In one synagogue, on Franciszkanska street, Gestapo officers drove all male worshippers into a neighboring yard, where trucks were awaiting the Jews. The officers then selected all able-bodied men, herded them into the trucks and carried them to an unknown destination. The families of the deported Jews have not received any word from them.

A spokesman of the Polish Government today declared that information received in London reveals that Hitler has decided to "dissolve" all Jewish ghettos in Poland by transferring the Jews from there to Nazi-held devastated Russian territory where they are to do forced labor.

ALL JEWISH LAND IN HUNGARY MUST BE CONFISCATED WITHIN THREE MONTHS, PREMIER ORDERS

ZURICH, Oct. 2.(JTA)-- Premier Von Kallay of Hungary has instructed the officials in charge of enforcing the anti-Jewish laws that the expropriation of all Jewish-owned land in the country must be completed by December 31, 1942, the Budapest newspaper Magyar Ország, reaching here today, reports.

The paper also reports that the police arrested a number of owners and managers of industrial and commercial enterprises who employed more Jews than the law permits. Fines ranging from 250 to 6,000 pengos were imposed upon them by the court. At the same time a number of merchants were sentenced to terms ranging from four to six months on the same charge.

NAZIS SEIZE 1,000 CHILDREN AS HOSTAGES; DEPORT DUTCHMEN FOR AIDING JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 2.(JTA)-- Reports reaching here today from Holland state that the Nazi authorities there have seized 1,000 Jewish children as hostages in an attempt to check anti-Nazi sabotage sweeping the country.

The first deportations of Dutch "Aryans" from Holland as punishment for helping Jews are announced officially in the Nazi newspaper, Deutsche Zeitung of Amsterdam, which reached here today.

The list of deported "Aryans" includes two Dutchmen charged with hiding Jews slated for deportation, one charged with smuggling Jews across the Belgian frontier, a sailor from Rotterdam who is charged with procuring false identity cards for Jews, and a Rotterdam insurance agent charged with attempting to aid Jews conceal their assets.

JEWISH WELFARE ACTIVITIES IN WAR TIME WILL BE DISCUSSED AT CLEVELAND CONFERENCE

CLEVELAND, Oct. 2.(JTA)-- Jewish welfare leaders from six states will gather here Oct. 10 and 11 at the East Central States Regional Conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to discuss welfare activities in war-time.

"The two-day conference is expected to be in the nature of a stock-taking of the Jewish community in war time," Jerome N. Curtis, chairman of the East Central States Region, declared today. "It should provide a comprehensive picture of what is happening to the Jewish community locally and nationally during a war period. Material will be presented analyzing the changes now taking place on the economic and religious fronts of Jewish communal life and relating this to the total American scene. Discussions on the effect of the war on communal planning for welfare work will cover the fields of family and individual welfare, Jewish education, civic protective work, coordination of social services and other fields where notable changes have occurred. Consideration will be given to planning a year-round program of interpretation and education for welfare fund campaigns. Coordination and administration of welfare services through a central body will also be discussed."

The large-city section will be under the direction of Eugene Freedheim, vice-president of the Jewish Social Service Bureau and Philip Bernstein, both of Cleveland. Discussion leaders will be Abraham Sreer, president of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit, Alfred J. Wilner of the Pittsburgh Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and James H. Miller, president of the Euclid Avenue Temple and Budget Chairman of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Cleveland. Sam Maeller, president of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Indianapolis, will be chairman of the meeting. The smaller-cities section will be under the direction of Walton Strauss and Ben Wolfe, president and executive, respectively, of the Jewish Community Council of Erie. Discussion leaders will be Mrs. Edgar Warner, president, Jewish Welfare Society of Erie, and Dr. Nathan Salom, Budget Chairman of the Port Wayne Jewish Federation.

Isidore Sobeloff, executive director of the Detroit Jewish Welfare Federation and Gustave Kann, president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Pittsburgh will discuss community financing and war chests at the closing session, which will terminate the conference.

DETROIT JEWS BUY \$2,500,000 BONDS IN ONE MONTH

DETROIT, Oct. 2.(JTA)-- A total of more than \$2,500,000 in War Bonds was bought by Detroit Jews in groups during the past month, it was learned here today.

The synagogues alone sold more than \$1,250,000 in Bonds, with only half the synagogues participating thus far. In addition, Knollwood Country Club is buying \$1,000,000 in Bonds, the campaign closing on Oct. 12. Franklin Hills Country Club has already purchased \$385,000 in Bonds. Landmanschaften and other groups are conducting lively drives.

AMERICAN TEACHERS WILL GET MANUAL ON COMBATING RACIAL INTOLERANCE IN SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.(JTA)--"American Unity," the first issue of a monthly manual for teachers, published by the Council Against Intolerance in America, appeared today. The aim of the periodical, which will be sent free to a selected list of teachers and administrators, is to combat intolerance in the classroom, the Council announced.

ESTHONIAN OFFICER GOES MAD WITNESSING EXECUTION OF 14,000 JEWS IN RIGA

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.(JTA)-- The Belgian Information Center here today released a report stating that 14,000 Jews were killed by the Gestapo in Riga last April in mass-executions which continued for 14 days. Among the executed were several hundred Dutch Jews and about 100 Jews from Belgium, the report declared.

"The head of the Gestapo directed the executions which took place in a wide field where a big ditch had been dug," the report states. "The order was given to the Jews to disrobe completely. Then followed an indescribable scene, men and women crying, crawling on their knees, begging the German executioners for mercy, but without any effect. These unfortunates, who included young children, were lined up at the edge of the ditch and mowed down with machine guns. When the executions were completed, the ditch was filled without anyone bothering to ascertain whether any of the victims were still alive. An Estonian officer who witnessed the executions was unable to stand this spectacle and suddenly went mad.

"Various pretexts were given by the German authorities when the Dutch or Belgian Jews were sent to the East," the report continues. "It appears that in the beginning the Nazis proposed to employ them at difficult and urgent work, as for example, road building. These orders were changed and the unfortunates were executed with the other Jews of the Baltic countries."

"WAR-TIME ZIONIST CONGRESS" CONCLUDES IN PALESTINE; ISSUES MANIFESTO TO WORLD JEWRY

TEL-AVIV, Oct. 2.(JTA)-- The "war-time Zionist Congress" at its concluding session here today issued a manifesto to the Jews of the world pledging that Palestine Jewry "will guard Palestine's might" and urging Jewish communities in Nazi-held countries to courageously await the day of liberation.

The congress also cabled a message of greeting to Dr. Chaim Weizman, president of the World Zionist Organization, who is now in the United States, and to the Zionist Organization of America asking for "increased deeds for Zion."

POLISH GOVERNMENT PROMISES RELIEF FOR POLISH JEWS ESCAPING FROM FRANCE TO SWITZERLAND

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.(JTA)-- "The Polish Government-in-Exile has taken suitable steps to assure material help for the Jewish-Polish citizens who have succeeded in escaping from France to Switzerland," a statement released by the Polish Information Center here today announced.

The Polish Government has also taken appropriate diplomatic steps for the purpose of "assuring Polish Jews in France with the most effective protection and has made concrete suggestions," the statement said. "Foreign Minister Raczynski recently received Dr. Ignacy Schmartsbart, a Jewish member of the Polish National Council, who some time ago presented to him a memorandum on the situation of Jewish-Polish citizens in France and suggested appropriate preventative measures," the announcement added.

FAMILIES OF PALESTINE JEWISH SOLDIERS TO RECEIVE SAME ALLOWANCES AS ENGLISH

LONDON, Oct. 2.(JTA)-- The British Government is considering raising family allowances of Palestinian Jewish soldiers to the same level as that of soldiers of the United Kingdom, Arthur Henderson, Under-Secretary of War, declared in the House of Commons.

BIRO-BIDJAN JEWISH ADMINISTRATION SENDS FIRST DIRECT MESSAGE TO JEWS IN AMERICA

BIRO-BIDJAN, U.S.S.R., Oct. 2.(JTA)-- An appeal to the Jews of the United States and Great Britain "to safeguard the future existence of the Jewish people by helping the heroic Red Army in every way possible," was issued here today by the Administration of the Jewish autonomous province. This is the first time the Jews of Biro-Bidjan have ventured to contact the Jews of the democratic countries.

"We, the Jews of the Jewish autonomous province in the USSR, who for the first time after centuries of suffering and pogroms have been given the possibility to build our homeland on Soviet territory, appeal to you, our brethren in America and Great Britain, to compare the blossoming towns and villages which have been developed in a short time on the banks of the vast swampy region of Siberia, with the ruins of Minsk, Berdichev, Vinnitsa, Zhitomir and other Jewish-populated cities invaded by Nazi hordes," the appeal says. "For the last fifteen years our Jewish autonomous province in Biro-Bidjan has undergone marked development, with new settlements springing up, collective farms and tractor stations organized, and with factories, schools, clubs and even a Jewish State Theatre functioning.

"We could enumerate the names of thousands who barely eked out a living in their small Ukrainian towns, who have successfully adjusted themselves as workers, agricultural laborers and intellectuals, brought up in a Jewish way in our Jewish province. A cabinet maker, Israel Goldmacher, and a milk-maid Leah Lishanskaya - ordinary Jewish people - are now our deputies in the Supreme Council of the U.S.S.R. We have subscribed twenty-three million roubles to the State Loan of 1942. We contributed eight million roubles to the State Defense Fund. Over two million roubles have been collected among us to present the Red Army with bombers and tanks as a special Jewish gift. Our collective farms turned over to the State Defense Fund thousands of tons of potatoes, vegetables, meat, honey and other food-stuff. We sent 2,000 collective and 80,000 individual gifts amounting to over 500,000 roubles to our soldiers at the front. Last winter we contributed, in addition, 65,000 pieces of warm clothing for the men at the front. Our boys fighting as parachutists in the rear of the enemy and as gunners at the front are distinguishing themselves in the battle to annihilate the Nazi invaders.

"In these decisive days, we of the Jewish autonomous province of Biro-Bidjan, appeal to every Jew in the world not to stand aside. Each Jew everywhere, in every way possible, must aid our fighting armies. Only thus can we secure a safe existence for the Jewish people and for all mankind," the appeal concludes.

DR. KLIGLER, ARRIVING FROM PALESTINE, LAUDS HEBREW UNIVERSITY'S ACHIEVEMENTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.(JTA)-- Dr. I. J. Kligler, American head of the Hebrew University's department of hygiene and bacteriology, who is cooperating with the United States Medical Organization in the Near East, has arrived in the United States, it was announced today by the American Friends of the Hebrew University here.

In a statement issued here today, Dr. Kligler stressed the importance of the Hebrew University and Palestine in making the Middle East Supply Center more self-sufficient, and thus relieving the strain on over-taxed British shipping. "It is a fact of major importance," he said, "that Palestine is recognized today as the center of scientific activity in the Middle East. The University has taken the lead in obtaining this recognition from the civil and military bodies, and there can be no doubt that the scientific research done in this center will affect favorably both Palestine and the Middle East in the days of peace and economic and social reconstruction."