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GESTAPO TORTURE OF JEWS IN WARSAW PRISONS REPORTED; LIST OF GUILTY NAZIS PUBLISHED

LONDON, Oct. 18. (JTA)-- Nazi cruelties inflicted upon Jews in Gestapo prisons are described today in the official organ of the Polish Government, which announced last night that it had compiled a list of 3,000 Nazi war criminals in Poland selected for post-war trial on charges of instigating atrocities against the civilian population, including the mass-executions of Polish Jews and the introduction of ghettos.

The first ten Nazi leaders slated for punishment include the German governor for Poland, Hans Frank, charged among other things with the establishment of ghettos; Ludwig Fischer, the Nazi governor for Warsaw, responsible for mass-executions of Jews; and the Gestapo leader S. Globotchnik, charged with killing thousands of Jews in the Lublin district.

The torture of Jews in the prisons was related in testimony given by a Polish civilian who succeeded in escaping from Poland after being held for six months in a Gestapo prison in Warsaw. He revealed that Jews are shot daily in the courtyards of the prison after being compelled to dig their own graves.

Jewish Prisoners Compelled to Dance and Shout "Hitler is a Great Man"

The Jewish prisoners, his report states, are separated from the non-Jewish when taken into the prison yard for exercise. Then they undergo a special kind of exercise which consists of holding hands and dancing around in a circle shouting "Hitler is a great man."

"The favorite sport of the Gestapo guards is to force non-Jewish prisoners to punch the faces of the Jewish prisoners," the eye-witness writes. "Jewish newcomers are forced to sleep during the first two weeks of their confinement in a cupboard containing two pails which serve as an improvised lavatory. They always faint. But when other prisoners try to help them by opening the cupboard door, the Gestapo guards who keep an all-night watch rush in and beat up all the prisoners in the cell."

The escaped Polish civilian also relates a story of how a Jewish prisoner in the Warsaw jail went mad and shrieked as he had been taught to, "I am a dirty Jew," when witnessing another Jew being tortured in the cell. The tortured Jew was charged by the Gestapo with having a large stock of clothing hidden away.

"In front of all of us prisoners, the Gestapo men tried to force the Jewish merchant to 'confess' that the charge against him was justified and to reveal where the clothing was hidden," the Pole writes. "When the Jew repeatedly denied the charge, he was lashed with a leather whip interwoven with strands of steel wire. He collapsed and was left on the floor unconscious for several hours. When he regained consciousness, the torture was resumed in front of us with such brutality that it was no wonder that one of the Jewish prisoners became insane."

ZOA, HADASSAH CONVENTIONS CLOSE; ADOPT UNRESTRICTED JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA)— A resolution demanding that "the gates of Palestine be opened to Jewish immigration; that the Jewish Agency be vested with control of immigration into Palestine; and that "Palestine be established as a Jewish Commonwealth integrated into the structure of the democratic world" was adopted last night at a joint session of the Zionist Organization of America and the Hadassah, meeting at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria.

The resolution also opposed the program of the newly-formed Ichud party, which advocates a bi-national state in Palestine, but endorsed "the policy of friendship and cooperation with the Arabs of Palestine affirmed by successive Zionist Congresses."

Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia was reelected president of the Zionist Organization and Dr. James G. Heller of Cincinnati was reelected as chairman of the national advisory committee of the ZOA. Dr. Harry Friedewald of Baltimore and Judge Julian Knox of New York were chosen as honorary vice-presidents.

Mrs. Tamar de Sola Pool was reelected president of Hadassah after a heated session provoked by her announcement that she did not wish to run for reelection because of the delegates' adoption of the resolution repudiating the Ichud program. Since she had been a leader of the fight to have the Ichud policy endorsed by the Hadassah, Mrs. Pool said she did not feel that she should continue as president after the organization had demonstrated that it disagreed with her on this issue. However, she was eventually prevailed upon to accept the nomination and was elected. Miss Juliette Benjamin was reelected secretary of the Hadassah. At the same session the women's Zionist organization adopted a budget of \$1,210,000 for war emergency activities, health and education programs, child welfare, refugee care and land reclamation work in Palestine. The delegates voted to send \$5,000 to Miss Henrietta Seid in Palestine "to be used for any project she wishes to further."

At the final combined session, at the Manhattan Center today, Mayor La Guardia, Mrs. Pool, Louis Lipsky, former president of the ZOA, and Dr. Alexander Loudon, Netherlands Ambassador to the United States were among the speakers. Dr. Stephen S. Wise, who presided, referring to last night's joint session at which the resolution calling for a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine had been adopted, declared that "the common action of the two organizations spelled the certain end of all defeatism." Mrs. Pool, discussing Palestine's part in the war, declared that "the Free French and the Free Poles have a foothold in the Middle Eastern battle area today only because free men live in Palestine." Mr. Lipsky assailed the British administration of the Palestine mandate and emphasized that the Jews there have "used their opportunities to their own credit and to the credit of the Empire." Dr. Loudon also lauded Palestine's war efforts for their great value to the United Nations.

Also stressing the role that Palestine is playing in the Allied war effort in the Near East, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, who was unable to be present at the convention because he is convalescing from a recent illness, sent a message in which he urged that the democracies of the world, including the United States, further the demand of the Jewish people "to rebuild Palestine as their commonwealth, free and unhampered." Dr. Weizmann's message deprecated Britain's failure to make full use of the available Jewish manpower in Palestine. He appealed to American Zionists to maintain unity in their ranks so as to best foster the Zionist cause.

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PALESTINE GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPLY STANDARD "UTILITY" CLOTHES AT FIXED PRICES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA)-- The population of Palestine will henceforth be able to purchase standard "utility" clothes, supplied by the Palestine Government at fixed prices, it was announced today in the Official Gazette. The clothes will be made of standard cloth in a few styles. Such wearing apparel has been available to the people of England for some time.

Other regulations governing the purchases of foodstuffs were issued today by the administration. A purchaser of sugar, flour or bread must do all his buying in one store. At the request of the consumer, a retailer will issue a "commodity linking card" for these products. The card must be presented when making all purchases and does not take the place of ration coupons which still must be surrendered for each product bought.

New Ration System for Food Will be Introduced in Palestine

Sharp dietary differences among the Palestine population will result shortly in institution of a new rationing system based on points, it was learned today.

The government will soon announce a "point restriction scheme" to go into effect November 1 in order to "ensure equitable distribution" of commodities which are scarce by limiting purchases and to enable the poorer classes to buy a fair share.

The new system will be modelled on the British system except that it will cover a far larger number of food and clothing articles. Each person will be allotted 800 points monthly. Other systems of rationing are impractical in Palestine, it was explained, because one million people (Arabs) eat one diet, and a half million (Jews) eat another that is totally different. Therefore, any system of direct rationing, as of sugar, for example, must give one section of the community more than it wants and the other less.

SOUTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS ASKED TO ADMIT JEWISH CHILDREN FROM FRANCE

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA)-- An announcement made public here today by the Hias-Ica Emigration Association discloses that Sir Herbert Emerson, the League of Nation's High Commissioner for Refugees, has addressed an urgent plea to all South American Governments, urging them to follow the example of the United States and admit refugee children from unoccupied France whose parents have been deported to Nazi-held territory.

1,500 JEWISH FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS PLEDGE SUPPORT TO NEW YORK CHARITY APPEAL

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA)-- Delegates from 1,500 Jewish fraternal and benevolent organizations, representing memberships of 300,000, unanimously passed a resolution today to support the 1942 merged appeal of the New York and Brooklyn Federations of Jewish Charities on behalf of the 116 health and welfare agencies affiliated with the two Federations.

The delegates, assembled at the eighth Convention of the Council of Fraternal and Benevolent Organizations, also elected Judge Jonah J. Goldstein of the Court of General Sessions, as president of the Council. Judge Goldstein succeeds James S. Hays who served as president for two successive terms. In a resolution adopted by the delegates, appreciation was expressed to Mr. Hays for his "sincere leadership and able guidance."