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GESTAPO MURDERS PROMINENT RABBIS IN POLAND; DEATH TOLL AMONG CHILDREN MOUNTS

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- The murder by the Gestapo of two prominent rabbinical families in Poland was reported here today together with the news that death and disease among Jewish children in the ghettos are increasing "at an appalling rate."

The two rabbis killed are Tobias Horowitz of Sanok and his brother-in-law the rabbi of Blazowa. Rabbi Horowitz was a member of the Central Council of the world orthodox organization, Agudas Israel. They were executed together with their wives and children in the town of Rymanow.

The question of sending medical supplies and concentrated food to children in Poland, as well as to those in other Nazi-held countries, will be raised in London again as soon as the report of the Swedish Red Cross, which is supervising the distribution of food in Greece, reaches this country. The food situation in Poland is reported to be especially desperate among Jews since the Nazis have introduced a rigid control to prevent Jews from securing any kind of foodstuffs from Polish peasants.

NAZI ADMINISTRATION IN HOLLAND ORDERS ALL JEWISH PEDDLERS TO SURRENDER LICENSES

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- Intensifying their drive against the Jews of Holland, Nazi authorities there this week ordered all Jewish peddlers to immediately surrender their licenses, the Dutch newspaper *Algemeen Handelsblad*, reaching here today, reports.

The order deprives the Jews of Holland of their last positions in commerce. They will no longer be permitted to buy and sell even rags and bones.

The Latvian newspaper "Tevija" which reached here today from Riga reports that the Latvian population has been urged by the Nazi commissioner Fust "to make every effort to ensure the annihilation of the Jews." Addressing a public meeting in Riga, the Nazi official said, "Everybody must know that the Jews are responsible for the present war, and everybody must fulfill his duty in helping to exterminate them."

RUMANIA CONFISCATES ONE HUNDRED JEWISH COMMUNAL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING SYNAGOGUES

BERN, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- A list of 100 Jewish communal buildings in Rumania confiscated by the authorities is published in the Rumanian newspaper *Currentul*, reaching here today from Bucharest.

The list includes synagogues, Jewish orphanages, homes for Jewish aged, Jewish hospitals, schools and kindergartens. Private residences of rabbis are also mentioned in the list.

NAZIS APPROACH POLES WITH OFFER TO COOPERATE IN EXPULSION OF JEWS

ZURICH, Oct. 20.(JTA)-- Polish circles here today learned of an offer made by Nazi leaders in Poland to leaders of anti-Semitic Polish groups, suggesting that the latter cooperate with the Nazi administration in "driving out all the Jews from Poland."

In exchange, the Nazi leaders expressed their readiness to permit the "co-operating elements" in Poland to take over what Jewish property the Nazis did not want for themselves.

"The common work of liquidating the Polish Jews constitutes a field in which Polish-German relations could prosper," Nazi spokesmen are reported to have stated, when making the offer. The Polish circles here emphasize, however, that they do not know of a single case of a Pole accepting the Nazi offer.

JEWISH PARTICIPATION IN POST-WAR RELIEF IN EUROPE DISCUSSED IN LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 20.(JTA)-- Matters concerning Jewish cooperation with the United Nations in carrying out post-war plans for relief and reconstruction were discussed today by a delegation of the Board of Deputies of British Jews which was received by Richard K. Law, British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

The delegation, composed of Prof. Selig Brodetsky and Leonard Stein, also visited members of the Polish Government and discussed with them a number of problems concerning Jewish life in post-war Poland.

DOCTORS AND NURSES LEAVE FOR IRAN TO BRING 700 JEWISH CHILDREN TO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20.(JTA)-- A staff of Jewish doctors and nurses will leave Palestine for Iran within a few days to arrange the transfer to Palestine of 700 Jewish children from Poland who arrived in Teheran after leaving Russia, it was announced here today.

At the same time, arrangements are being completed here to receive the children. The setting-up of a special children's village to house all the young refugees is under discussion. Temporarily, they will be sheltered in four reception camps which will be established in one of the Jewish colonies.

PERSECUTION OF JEWS NOT A DOMESTIC AFFAIR, AMBASSADOR WINANT SAYS

LONDON, Oct. 20.(JTA)-- The view that the persecution of Jews in any country is a matter of international concern and cannot be considered a purely domestic matter, was expressed today by Mr. John G. Winant, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, in the course of a speech delivered at Leeds University.

"The Jewish persecution in Germany," Mr. Winant said, "is no longer a domestic issue. The trouble was that our world had been losing the sense of solidarity, the sense of certain decencies without which no civilization could keep up its immunity against the disease of barbarism. What was true of our attitude towards minorities was also reflected in our indifference to the fate of other nations. A slow decay of conscience was taking place in a world of declining economic stability."

JEWISH AGENCY ASKED TO FORM DEPARTMENT FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS IN EUROPE

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- The Council of Continental Zionists today decided to petition the Executive of the Jewish Agency to establish a special Galuth department to deal with immediate and post-war problems of Jews in Nazi-held European countries.

The Council further decided to organize in London in the near future an exhibition depicting in graphic detail the contributions and sacrifices that Jews all over the world are making towards effective prosecution of the war. An appeal for material, suggestions and assistance will be sent to all Jewish organizations in Great Britain.

SPAIN DENIES DISSOLUTION OF JEWISH RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- Denying reports which have appeared in the London press, the Spanish Embassy here, in a statement issued today, declared that "there is no truth in the allegation that any decree has been issued providing for the dissolution of Jewish religious institutions in Spain."

This denial, the J.T.A. is informed, follows representations made to the Spanish Ambassador by Mr. H. A. Goodman, Political Secretary of the Agudath Israel World Organization, and was issued after consultation with the Spanish authorities in Madrid.

PROTESTANT CHURCH IN FRANCE ENDORSES PROTEST AGAINST DEPORTATION OF JEWS

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"The National Council of the Reformed Church of France," the statement reads, "meeting for the first time since the application of measures against the Jews - among whom are many Christians - was informed of demarches which its president, in the name of the Federation of French Protestants, has made in writing and verbally to the highest State authorities. The Council associated itself fully with the president."

"The Reformed Church of France cannot remain silent before the suffering of thousands of human beings who have received asylum on our soil," the statement continues. "The Christian Church would have lost its soul and reason for existence if it did not maintain divine law above human contingencies."

BEVERLY HILLS CHURCH HOLDS SPECIAL SERVICES TO PRAY FOR JEWS IN FRANCE

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20. (JTA)-- A solemn mass to offer prayers for the thousands of persecuted Jews in France was held in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Beverly Hills last Sunday, with Rev. Father Raphael Collard, Belgian-born missionary, officiating and with clergyman of all faiths cooperating.

Following the sermon, which bitterly condemned anti-Semitism as an anti-Christian manifestation, the hundreds of people of all faiths who were gathered in the church donated funds to the Hollywood chapter of the French War Relief to be used to aid the Jews in France. The mass, which was approved by Archbishop Cantwell of Los Angeles, was endorsed by Gov. Culbert L. Olson of California and Mayor Brown of Los Angeles.

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FORMER LITHUANIAN MINISTER REVEALS THOUSANDS OF LITHUANIAN JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS

KUIBYSHEV, Oct. 20.(JTA)-- The massacre of thousands of Jews in many small towns in Lithuania was reported here today by M. Bilevithius, a former member of the Lithuanian Government.

Mr. Bilevithius told a correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that almost all the Jews living in the towns of Vilkovishky, Tavrik, Olita, Mariampol and Neushtadt were wiped out by the German troops. At Vilkovishky the Germans entered the town early in the afternoon. By that time the streets were already filled with corpses of persons - including many Jews - who had been killed during the Nazi bombardment. That evening all the Jews were ordered to report at the local church. About 100 of the strongest men were chosen to dig trenches, while the remainder of the Jews were taken out and shot and their bodies flung into the pits. The same procedure was followed in the other towns, the former Lithuanian official stated.

A 72-year-old Jewish woman from Mariampol, Faiga Reibsteint, who escaped from there, together with her son, told the JTA today that the Germans had murdered four of her sons, fourteen grandchildren, four daughters-in-law and two great-grandchildren. The entire family of Isaac Fein, a school-teacher from Neushtadt, was murdered, including his father and mother, his wife and their two children and two of his brothers and an eleven-year-old sister.

A Russian writer who escaped from Minsk reveals in the Soviet press today that the massacres of tens of thousands of Jews were carried out by gangs of criminals imported from Berlin to aid the Gestapo. "Jewish men were forced to drag carts containing heaps of Jewish corpses to burial grounds outside the city," he writes. "The German Commissar-General von Kube ordered all the Jews who remained alive confined in a ghetto, bounded by Gorki, Staroslobodskaya, Storozevskaya and Ludamantskaya streets, which was enclosed by high walls and barbed wire. Here the Jews were tortured by the Gestapo men and cries could be heard in the ghetto all day and all night. Jews were driven to work early in the morning and returned late at night.

"Von Kube finally decided, however, that the Jews were too much trouble. All the ghetto residents were then driven to the outskirts of the city and tens of thousands were mowed down by machine guns. They were buried in a long moat which extended for many kilometers," the escaped eye-witness reports.

HADASSAH PRESIDENT DECLARES SHE IS "STRONG ADHERENT OF JEWISH COMMONWEALTH"

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.(JTA)-- Mrs. David de Sola Pool, who was reelected president of the Hadassah, today issued a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency asking correction of the report published yesterday that she had been a proponent of the Ichud group. Terming this report a "complete misunderstanding of her position," Mrs. Pool said:

"I have always, throughout my long Zionist activity, been a strong adherent of the Jewish Commonwealth. Mine is and has been that fundamental Zionism which looks with disfavor on any whittling down of Zionist principles. I was and am still an adherent of the position taken by the Biltmore Manifesto which was the basis of the joint Hadassah-Zionist Organization of America resolution of October 17. I am now, and have always been, inextricably identified with all Hadassah stands on the fundamental matters which this Manifesto and resolution express."