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## EXECUTION OF JEWISH LEADERS IN NORWAY DEMANDED IN REPRISAL FOR DEATH OF NAZI

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 25. (JTA)-- The chief rabbi of Norway and other Norwegian Jewish leaders who were recently imprisoned by the Nazis in Oslo and Trondheim are now in danger of being executed as hostages as a result of the killing of a Quisling frontier policeman by two Jews in a train en route to the Swedish frontier.

The policeman, Arne Vam, was a clerk in a cooperative store in Oslo until the Nazis invaded Norway. He then joined the Quisling Party and worked for the Gestapo, denouncing Jews and anti-Nazis. Last Thursday night he was shot when he entered the compartment of a train near the station of Skieborg, to ask the passengers to produce their passports. The passengers in the compartment, Hermann Feldman from Trondheim and William Scherman from Oslo, both Jews, are reported to have shot him, later jumping from the train together with a third passenger, Harald Jonson.

The train was stopped at the next station and all Jewish passengers on it were arrested. According to press reports the two Jews who jumped from the train were also arrested later and are alleged to have told the police that they killed the Quisling official because of his activities against the Jews of Norway. It is believed that they intended to illegally cross into Sweden since the position of the Jews in Norway has become more precarious during the last two weeks as a result of mass-arrests and Nazi threats to deport all Jews to occupied eastern territory.

Further arrests of Jews, as well as executions of Jewish hostages and the possible expulsion of all Jews from Norway are feared here since it is expected that the Nazis will use the death of the Quisling official as a pretext for severe measures against the Jewish population. Some of the pro-Nazi papers, in reporting the murder of the Quisling policeman, demand that some of the 800 Norwegian Jews who are now imprisoned by the Nazis in various jails as hostages, including the chief rabbi, be executed in reprisal.

## BULGARIA IMPOSES MILLION LEVA FINE UPON JEWS FOR VIOLATING ANTI-JEWISH LAWS

BERN, Oct. 25. (JTA)-- Fines of one million leva, approximately \$12,000 at the pre-war rate of exchange, have been imposed in Sofia upon nineteen Jews on the pretext that they violated the anti-Jewish laws, it was reported today over the Rome radio.

Another report stated that following the intervention of the leaders of the church in Bulgaria, the government decided to exempt from wearing the Mogen David all Jews who have been converted to the Greek-Orthodox, Catholic or Protestant religions.

## LONDON JEWS HAIL VISIT OF ELEANOR ROOSEVELT TO BRITAIN

LONDON, Oct. 25. (JTA)-- A mass-meeting in the Jewish-populated East End section of London today paid tribute to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt "as the first lady of a land which has not only become the home of 5,000,000 Jews, many of whom were oppressed in other countries, but has given them full freedom and equality." Yesterday thousands of East End Jews lined the streets and cheered when Mrs. Roosevelt passed en route to visit the air raid shelter at Stepney.

ONLY 500 JEWS LEFT IN BESSARABIA; JEWS IN CZERNOVITZ FORBIDDEN TO PRAY IN SYNAGOGUES

ISTANBUL, Oct. 25.(JTA)-- A reliable survey of the position of the Jews in Rumania reaching here today reveals that only 500 Jews remain in Bessarabia where the Jewish population numbered more than 200,000 last year. In Bukovina, where more than 100,000 Jews lived, there are about 15,000 left, all of them concentrated in the city of Czernovitz.

Tens of thousands of Jews in Bessarabia were massacred by German and Rumanian troops while the remainder were deported to Rumanian-controlled territory in the Axis-occupied Ukraine. Many of the deportees died on the way and the others are starving in the reservations where they are kept. In Bukovina, according to the survey, more than 10,000 Jews were executed and 75,000 were deported to devastated towns in Transnistria.

"The deportations of Jews from Bukovina still continue," the survey states. The Jews who are still in Czernovitz are not permitted to pray in synagogues or to maintain any schools for their children. They are not allowed to leave their homes except between 10 A.M. and 1 P.M. and are prohibited from leaving their ghetto even during those hours."

The Jews deported from Czernovitz to Transnistria are usually sent in freight cars in groups of 1,100 to 1,800, the report discloses. They are permitted to take along with them no more than 500 lei per family which is changed at the rate of sixty lei for one German mark. The money, however, is spent by the victims at the assembly centers before they even start on their trip, since they are charged 300 lei for a jug of drinking water at these centers.

HUNGARIAN PREMIER CALLS FOR "MERCILESS FIGHT" AGAINST JEWS; ANNOUNCES HIGHER TAXES

ZURICH, Oct. 25.(JTA)-- Nikolas von Kallay, Hungarian Premier yesterday told the Hungarian Parliament that "the destructive influence of the Jews must be combatted and therefore the fight against the Jews must continue mercilessly."

Announcing that in addition to sending all able-bodied Hungarian Jews to forced labor in Nazi-held territories, a higher tax will be imposed upon the Jewish population in the country, the Hungarian premier added that the removal of Jews from key positions in the economic life of Hungary will be conducted "more thoroughly." He also predicted that the Jews of Hungary will never get back the land confiscated from them no matter what the outcome of the war will be.

TREATMENT OF JEWS IN POLISH ARMY WILL BE DISCUSSED BY POLISH NATIONAL COUNCIL

LONDON, Oct. 25.(JTA)-- Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbardt, Jewish member of the Polish National Council, today announced that he will raise the question of the treatment of Polish Jews in the Polish armed forces at the next meeting of the Council.

The question will be raised in connection with reports from Russia that Jews serving in the Polish Army there are being excluded from the units which are being transferred for service in the Middle East. The Polish Government intends to reply to this query at the session of the Council in a manner which will clear up certain misunderstandings, it was declared here today.

Assurances that the Polish Government "wants to forget the misunderstandings of the past" in its relations with the Jews of Poland, were given today by Prof. Olgiers Gerka, chief of the nationalities department of the Polish Ministry of Information, at a reception for a group of Polish-Jewish refugees who recently arrived here from Shanghai.

REPORT THAT REFUGEE CHILDREN WILL BE HELD AS HOSTAGES CONSIDERED NAZI PROPAGANDA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.(JTA)-- The Nazi report that the French Government has held up issuing exit visas to refugee children because of "inimical propaganda" conducted against France and Germany in the United States could not be confirmed at the State Department today. Officials here know of no new difficulty in the negotiations for the transfer of the children to the United States.

It was pointed out here that the German report is probably just a Nazi propaganda scheme. The United Nations, it was declared, could hardly be expected to stop telling the world our story of the war in return for permission to relieve the consequences of a single Nazi crime. The State Department has emphasized that the children were left destitute in the first place by the deportation of their parents to Germany. The opinion prevailing here is that both the French Government and the Nazis are, at least, as anxious to be rid of the refugee children as this country is to have them.

PROF. EINSTEIN CALLS UPON AMERICAN JEWS TO CONTRIBUTE TO RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.(JTA)-- An appeal to the Jews of America to "give their full support to the Jewish Council for the Russian War Relief" was made here today by Prof. Albert Einstein in a message to more than 2,000 representatives of fraternal and benevolent Jewish organizations attending a testimonial dinner given in honor of Prof. Einstein by the Jewish Council which is collecting funds for Russian war relief activities.

Emphasizing that only his health prevented him from attending the dinner, Prof. Einstein declared in his message that "as friends of human progress, as Americans, and not least as Jews, we have the very strongest reasons for giving our utmost to the struggle of the Russian people for freedom."

Reviewing the role played by Russia in the present struggle for the freedom of all nations, Prof. Einstein praised the Soviets' cultural and scientific achievements and said that "if Russia were defeated by the German hordes, we in America and in England would be in a very bad way." He emphasized that Jews must remember that "in Russia there is not only a formal but an actual equality of nationalities and cultural groups of every sort."

REFUGEES INTERNED IN TRISCORNIA WILL SOON BE RELEASED, HIAS LEARNS

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.(JTA)-- Refugees who are able to satisfy the Cuban authorities as to their sincere devotion to the cause of the democracies in the struggle against the Axis powers will be freed from Triscornia, the immigration station where refugees and recent arrivals in Cuba are being detained for a variety of reasons, it was reported today by the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society on the basis of a report received from the Centro Israelite de Cuba.

Eighty refugees who were interned at Triscornia have been permitted to land during the month, the report said. Among those who received the permits were men and women of Dutch, Yugoslavian and Russian nationalities. The Cuban Department of Immigration, according to assurances given by its Director General, is striving to release all Jewish refugees from internment camps in the near future, the report added.

EXEMPTION OF ANTI-NAZI FROM ENEMY-ALIEN RESTRICTIONS STUDIED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.(JTA)-- Although Attorney General Francis Biddle stated last week that he is considering the removal of the "enemy alien" stigma from certain categories of Germans in this country, along the same lines as his exemption of Italian aliens, responsible sources here today expressed the opinion that at least another three months will elapse before he can take such action. It was emphasized that when action does come, it will be less sweeping than in the case of the Italians.

In a letter addressed to the American Civil Liberties Union, Mr. Biddle stated that extension to other alien groups of the principle exempting Italians from enemy-alien restrictions "is being carefully studied." No proof of loyalty will go unheeded, Mr. Biddle said.

EXILED GOVERNMENTS' ATTITUDE TOWARD JEWS RECORDED BY AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.(JTA)-- The publication of a new pamphlet, Governments-in-Exile on Jewish Rights, prepared by the staff of the Research Institute on Peace and Post-War Problems of the American Jewish Committee, was announced today by Max Gottschalk, director of the Institute. This study deals with the attitude towards the Jews of the exiled governments of the following nine countries: - Poland, Norway, Fighting France, the Netherlands, Yugoslavia, Greece, Czechoslovakia, Luxembourg and Belgium.

The publication contains selected statements by the officials and representatives of these exiled governments, which demonstrate their decision to grant equal rights to Jews, and also a description of the situation of Jewish communities in each of these countries as well as the structure of the governments-in-exile. This pamphlet is the third in the series entitled "Jews and the Post-War World," edited by Abraham G. Duker.

NO PROSECUTION FOR EMPLOYERS MISTAKENLY HIRING INELIGIBLE ALIENS FOR WAR WORK

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.(JTA)-- Employers who mistakenly hire ineligible aliens for confidential war work are not liable to prosecution if the employment was given in good faith, Attorney General Francis Biddle announced yesterday.

Mr. Biddle pointed out that the requirement that aliens not be employed in certain work has resulted in the barring of many native-born citizens unable to furnish documentary proof of their citizenship. This circumstance has seriously affected the manpower supply, he said.

It was again emphasized that aliens cannot be taken for only a very few confidential jobs, and even these are not barred to them if they get permission from the War or Navy Departments. Aliens who misrepresent their status, of course, are subject to severe penalties.

AMERICAN JEWS ESTABLISH CHILDREN'S HOME IN ENGLAND NAMED AFTER BALFOUR

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.(JTA)-- To honor the memory of Lord Balfour on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, which will be observed on November 2, a children's home in England has been named the Arthur James Balfour Home, it was announced here today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Jewish Section of the Interfaith Committee for Aid to the Democracies.