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### POLISH JEWS MANAGE TO ENTER SPAIN BEFORE NAZI OCCUPATION OF VICHY TERRITORY

LONDON, Nov. 15.(JTA)-- The Polish Government-in-Exile today received information that a number of Polish Jews managed to cross from unoccupied France into Spain prior to the complete occupation by the Nazis of the part of France which was under the administration of the Vichy Government.

The Polish Information Bureau today reported that more than 200 Polish doctors held a conference in Tel Aviv to discuss medical tasks in post-war Poland. This was the first conference of Polish physicians held in the Middle East. Three Jewish doctors were elected to the presidium of the conference, which was attended by Dr. H. Rosmarin, Polish Consul in Tel Aviv, who was one of the Jewish members of the Polish parliament before the war.

### QUISLING GOVERNMENT PUBLISHES LIST OF NORWEGIAN JEWS DEPRIVED OF THEIR PROPERTY

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 15.(JTA)-- The first list of 585 Norwegian Jews whose property has been confiscated by the Quisling administration following the arrest of the victims, was made public in Oslo today by the pro-Nazi Quisling Government. Further lists will be published before the end of the month. It is thought that the number of Jews whose property has been taken over by the state is even greater since the official list only includes the names of the heads of families.

All reports reaching here from Norway indicate that practically every Jewish male has been arrested. Even Jewish and half-Jewish professors of Oslo University have been sent to a camp. Among the interned are Professors Epstein and Jarosi who fled to Norway after the Nazis seized power in Germany. Prof. V. Goldschmidt, known throughout the world as an expert on mineralogy and geology, was also arrested by the Quisling police, but was subsequently released. Wives and daughters of the arrested Jews must report to the police daily.

### 3,000 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER PALESTINE IN LAST QUARTER OF 1942

JERUSALEM, Nov. 15.(JTA)-- Three thousand Jewish immigrants, together with their wives and children under the age of eighteen, will be permitted to enter Palestine during the three-month period ending December 31, it was announced here today in an official order appearing in the Palestine Gazette. One hundred non-Jewish immigrants will be admitted during the same period.

The immigration order also provides for the admission of 1,000 Jewish refugee children from France, if they can be extricated from that country and transported to Palestine.

The Palestine Gazette points out that under the quota of 75,000 certificates available over five years beginning April 1, 1939, for immigrants and refugees, 38,000 had arrived by Sept. 30; including 19,481 illegal immigrants who were authorized to remain.

VERY FEW JEWS LEFT IN LATVIA, CAPTURED NAZI OFFICER REPORTS

KUIBYSHEV, Nov. 15.(JTA)-- Very few Jews have been left alive in Latvia, a captured Nazi lieutenant, Paul Mildkraus, testified here today. He declared that not only were the majority of the 100,000 Latvian Jews executed "in accordance with the order of the Fuehrer," but thousands of Jews from Byelorussia, Lithuania, and Poland were also brought to Latvia and killed there in wholesale massacres.

The few Jews remaining in Latvia are not permitted to maintain any contact with the non-Jewish population, the Nazi prisoner stated. They must perform forced labor and are not allowed to use any means of transportation and are deprived of the right to buy medicine. Their bread ration is officially set at 75 grams a day, but they usually do not get even this meager ration and are literally starving to death.

The German officer, who was stationed in Latvia for a period of six months, admitted that "the city of Riga and its suburbs have been converted into a huge cemetery for tens of thousands of Jews, in addition to the many thousands that have been mowed down in a concentration camp near Riga." Asked whether he had taken any part in the mass-executions, the Nazi prisoner replied: "All I know is that we conscientiously carried out the orders of the Fuehrer. We were preparing ground for the rule of the German Reich."

DUTCH PRESS URGES MASS-PROTEST AGAINST JEWISH DEPORTATIONS FROM HOLLAND

LONDON, Nov. 15.(JTA)-- A campaign to bring mass pressure upon the Nazi authorities in Holland to halt the deportation of Jews from the country has been started by the Netherland underground press, the Dutch News agency Aneta reported here today.

The clandestine papers published the text of a letter urging that the greatest possible number of Dutchmen write to General Friedrich Christiansen, German military commander in Holland, calling upon him to discontinue "the pitiless deportations" of Jews for the sake of preventing "an unbridgeable chasm between your nation and ours." The letter reads:

"The deportation of our Jewish compatriots to Silesia and the Polish protectorate threatens to create an unbridgeable chasm between your nation and ours. Therefore, and still more because we feel violently assailed in our human dignity, traditions, honor and Christian faith, we ask you to respect this honor and faith and to use your influence to prevent these pitiless deportations.

"The torture of our Jewish compatriots we experience personally, but pain will not break us. To the contrary. Though we were beaten on the field of battle, you know from the history of your own nation that military defeat is insufficient to subjugate a nation forever. Therefore we adjure you not to disappoint us. If, after the conclusion of a peace, you wish to live together with us like humans, then do not allow hatred to burn so deeply in the hearts of our people that thoughts of revenge will dominate all other considerations.

"We therefore appeal to you in the name of justice and charity, on behalf of our Jewish compatriots and for the future of our two peoples and of Europe. The fact that we write anonymously is not our shame, but is on the heads of those who punish every utterance of injured humanity and wounded national dignity with death, concentration camp or prison."

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The text of the section of the statement dealing with the treatment of Jews and other minority groups reads: "We feel a deep sense of revulsion against the cruel indignities heaped upon the Jews in conquered countries and upon defenseless peoples not of our faith. We join with our brother Bishops in subjugated France in a statement attributed to them: 'Deeply moved by the mass arrests and maltreatment of Jews, we cannot stifle the cry of our conscience. In the name of humanity and Christian principles our voice is raised in favor of imprescriptible rights of human nature.'"

"We raise our voice in protest against despotic tyrants who have lost all sense of humanity by condemning thousands of innocent persons to death in subjugated countries as acts of reprisals; by placing thousands of innocent victims in concentration camps and by permitting unnumbered persons to die of starvation. The war has brought to the fore conditions that have long been with us. The full benefits of our free institutions and the rights of our minorities must be openly acknowledged and honestly respected."

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"We protest the distortion of anthropology which falsely assigns inborn superiority to some one 'race' and assigns others to inborn inferiority. Ethnological studies rouse enthusiasm for the inventions and social life of many peoples of all races and make it impossible to assent to the dogma that civilization depends upon the enslavement of one race by another."

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730 RABBIS REBUKE OPPONENTS OF ZIONISM; STRESS NEED FOR JEWISH HOMELAND

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.(JTA)-- More than 730 rabbis, including the heads of all the national rabbinical associations and drawn from all sections of religious Jewry in America, yesterday issued a joint pronouncement severely rebuking Jewish opponents of Zionism as dealing a "cruel blow" to the Jewish people. The statement declares that "the defeat of Hitler will not of itself normalize Jewish life in Europe" and points out that after the war "Europe will be so ravaged and war-torn that large masses of Jews will elect migration to Palestine as a solution of their personal problems."

Prominent among the signatories are Rabbi James G. Heller of Cincinnati, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; Rabbi Louis M. Levitsky, of Newark, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America; Rabbi B. L. Levinthal of Philadelphia, member of the praesidium of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis; Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein of New York, president of the Rabbinical Council of America and Rabbi Israel Goldstein of New York, president of the Synagogue Council of America.

The declaration is a rejoinder to a statement recently made by a group of Reform Rabbis regarded as unfriendly to the Zionist cause. The pronouncement of the 733 Rabbis was released by a group of ministers occupying prominent pulpits in various cities including Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein of Rochester, Barnett R. Brickner of Cleveland, Mordecai M. Kaplan of New York, Israel H. Levinthal of Brooklyn, Joshua Loth Liebman of Boston, Jacob R. Marcus of Cincinnati, Abraham A. Neuman of Philadelphia, Louis I. Newman of New York, David de Sola Pool of New York, Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, Milton Steinberg and Stephen S. Wise of New York.

The statement refutes the charge that Zionism is a secularist movement and asserts that "it has its origins and roots in the authoritative religious texts of Judaism" and scores anti-Zionism as "a departure from the Jewish religion." It defends the political program of the Zionist movement as an indispensable means for assuring large scale Jewish colonization in the Homeland and affirms that "the settlement of a half-million Jews in Palestine since the last war was made possible by political action which culminated in the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate." It adds "there can be little hope of opening the doors of Palestine for mass Jewish immigration after the war without effective political action."

Scouting the idea that the Jews in Palestine should be prevented from ultimately constituting a majority of the population, the rabbinical pronouncement declares that those who are opposing the movement render "a grave disservice" and adds "it may well be that to the degree to which their efforts are at all effective, Jews who might otherwise have found a haven in Palestine will be denied one." They also state "to the Jews of Palestine facing the gravest danger in their history, and fighting hard to maintain morale and hope in the teeth of the totalitarian menace" anti-Zionist agitation comes as a "cruel blow."

"Jews, and all non-Jews who are sympathetically interested in the plight of Jewry, should bear in mind that the defeat of Hitler will not of itself normalize Jewish life in Europe," the statement says. "Following an Allied victory, the Jews of Europe, we are confident, will be restored to their political rights and to equality of citizenship. But they possessed these rights after the last war and yet the past twenty-five years have witnessed a rapid and appalling deterioration in their position. In any case, even after peace is restored, Europe will be so ravaged and war-torn that large masses of Jews will elect migration to Palestine as a solution of their personal problems."