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TEXTS OF NAZI DECREES ISOLATING ALL JEWS IN POLAND RECEIVED IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 13. (JTA)-- The Polish Government-in-Exile today received the texts of two Nazi decrees ordering all Jews in the hundreds of cities and townships in Poland to move to 42 small townships designated as "Jewish residential localities" and to 13 ghettos in the districts of Warsaw, Radom, Lublin and Galicia.

The exodus of all Jews from other places in occupied Poland to the restricted areas was to be completed by December 1, 1942, the Nazi decrees provided. Any Jew found outside of the restricted "Jewish" townships and ghettos would be shot without trial, the orders warned. Non-Jews found guilty of feeding, housing, or aiding the Jews, or encouraging them to remain in the towns from which they were ordered to move would similarly be shot, the decrees stated. For not reporting the presence of Jews outside of the restricted "Jewish" areas, non-Jews would be sent to concentration camps.

The Nazi decrees also provide severe punishment for non-Jews found in the 42 townships and 13 ghettos which are to be inhabited by Jews only. Exceptions are to be made for those receiving special permission from the authorities. Similarly, Jews can leave the ghettos and the ghetto-townships only when they receive special permission, granted only to workers employed in war industries outside the restricted areas. Such workers are to be escorted by Nazi guards to their place of work where they are to be segregated from the non-Jewish laborers during working hours and returned to their ghettos at the end of the day under Nazi escort.

Jewish Councils responsible to the Nazi authorities for the conduct of the Jews have been established under the new decrees in all 42 "Jewish" townships and in the 13 ghettos in the larger cities. These Councils are also responsible for the food distribution in their localities. One of the Nazi decrees is dated November 1, the other is dated November 14, 1942. Jewish leaders from Poland now in England today expressed the belief that the complete segregation of all Jews in Poland in places isolated from the non-Jewish population has been motivated by the Nazi desire to prevent non-Jews from witnessing the Nazi extermination of the Jewish population.

ENGLAND WILL RATION MATZOH FOR PASSOVER FOR FIRST TIME SINCE WAR

LONDON, Jan. 13. (JTA)-- For the first time since the outbreak of the war, Jews in England will have their matzohs rationed this Passover under an order issued today by the Food Ministry.

The order will make it possible for Jewish families to receive five pounds of matzohs per person for Passover week, but the amount of matzoh received will be deducted from the food cards under the existing point system of foodstuff rationing. The order rationing matzohs was issued by the authorities after consultations with Jewish religious leaders.

JEWISH TEACHERS CALL STRIKE IN PALESTINE; DEMAND INCREASE IN WAGES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13.(JTA)-- All teachers in the Jewish school system in Palestine went on strike today demanding an adjustment in their wages to meet the higher cost of living which has risen to three times the pre-war level.

Addressing a press conference in Tel Aviv today, representatives of the Labor Department recently established by the Palestine Government announced that this department will remain in existence even after the war is over. It will continue to study the various labor problems in the country and will endeavor to improve relations between employers and employees and to create a central labor exchange system.

The Government officials emphasized that it is not the intention of the Palestine Administration to interfere with the achievements of the existing labor organizations or with the system of collective agreements. The government, however, will not allow the monopolization of work in the country by any one group, they added. They disclosed that post-war labor legislation is already being prepared by the Labor Department.

VICHY ORDERS SEPARATE LABOR CAMPS FOR JEWS; ALLIED COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES FORMED

LONDON, Jan. 13.(JTA)-- The establishment of separate labor camps for Jews and non-Jews in France was ordered today by the French Minister of Interior, the Vichy radio reported.

The broadcast said that the Minister of Interior has also ordered that all unmarried aliens aged between 18 and 50 who have entered France since 1939 be sent to labor camps. They are to be taken to the camps no later than March 1, the order provides.

The British press reported today that a joint British-American-French commission has been appointed in North Africa to review cases of political refugees. The commission is empowered to visit internment and labor camps, to examine evidence and to urge prompt release where necessary.

JEWISH BIRTH RATE IN PALESTINE DROPS TO "CATASTROPHIC" LEVEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13.(JTA)-- The Jewish birth rate in Palestine has dropped since 1924 to such an extent that a danger exists that the population gain resulting from recent Jewish immigration will be wiped out within two generations, it was stated here today by Prof. Abraham H. Fraenkel of the Hebrew University, in an address at the Nathan Strauss Health Center commemorating the twelfth anniversary of the death of the American Jewish philanthropist who founded the Center.

Speaking on the demographic problems of the Jewish population in Palestine, Prof. Fraenkel said that the drop in the Jewish birth rate is "catastrophic." The natural increase among Jews has decreased from 38.2 in 1924 to 20.7 in 1941, he stated. He appealed for more children "to replace those wiped out by the Nazis."

NAZI SOLDIERS IN NORWAY FORBIDDEN TO MARRY WOMEN FORMERLY BETROTHED TO JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 13.(JTA)-- German soldiers in Norway were told today over the Nazi-controlled Norwegian radio stations that they could be married after their twenty-first birthday, but not to women who were ever married to Jews. "The Fuehrer has decided that permission to marry women who were formerly betrothed to Jews shall be refused without exception to the members of the armed forces," the broadcast said.

SHORTAGE OF RESERVES FORCES HITLER TO DRAFT "HALF-JEWS" INTO NAZI ARMY

MOSCOW, Jan. 13.(JTA)--- "Half-Jews" and "quarter-Jews" have been serving in the Nazi army since last April, it was revealed today on the basis of documents seized by the Red Army when it captured the staff headquarters of the 298th infantry division. These documents reveal that as far back as last April the Nazi army was suffering from so great a shortage of reserves that it was necessary for Hitler to issue an order permitting the drafting of part-Jews.

According to the order, which was countersigned by both Hitler and Von Keitel, then German commander-in-chief, it was decided to draft into the army persons who had fifty percent "Jewish blood" or whose wives were half-Jewish and those who, themselves, had twenty-five percent "Jewish blood," or whose wives were quarter-Jewish. The first category - those who were half-Jewish - were to be kept isolated from the rest of the Nazi soldiers, and in no event could become officers. The second category - those with only twenty-five percent Jewish blood - were to be treated, however, no differently than any of the other soldiers and might become officers. Promotions of this latter group, however, have to be approved by Hitler.

HUNGARY MOBILIZES MORE JEWS FOR LABOR SERVICE ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT

ZURICH, Jan. 13.(JTA)--- The Budapest radio announced today that all Jews born in 1909, 1912, 1915 and 1918 are being called up for immediate military service and will be assigned to labor battalions on the sectors of the Russian front which are being held by the Hungarian forces.

Reports reaching here in recent months disclosed that about a quarter of a million Hungarian Jews are already in labor battalions at the front, where they are used to construct fortifications and roads under heavy enemy fire with little protection, and, in general, are mistreated by the Hungarian officers, receiving little food and clothing.

ASK ENLISTMENT OF ADDITIONAL 10,000 PALESTINIAN JEWS IN BRITISH FORCES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13.(JTA)--- An appeal for the enlistment of an additional 10,000 Jews in the British armed forces was voiced today by Mayor Israel Rokaah of this city, at a meeting here opening the drive for the Jewish War Needs Fund. He urged all groups within the country to abandon their differences and join in support of the front. At the same time he appealed to Britain and her allies to establish and equip a Jewish army.

Following a short memorial service at which Chief Rabbi Herzog paid tribute to the tens of thousands of Jews who have been murdered by the Nazis in Europe, the meeting adopted a resolution asking that the gates of Palestine be opened to those refugees who are able to escape from Nazi-dominated countries.

David Ben Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, commenting on the New Year's Day plea for unity between Jews and Arabs broadcast by High Commissioner Sir Harold MacMichael, told the meeting that "we Jews have always showed good-will but we have not seen good-will manifested by the Palestine Government." The Jews continue the fight for a homeland in Palestine, Ben Gurion said, because they know that the Atlantic Charter will not solve their problems.

MORE JEWISH REFUGEE CHILDREN LEAVE IRAN FOR PALESTINE

LONDON, Jan. 13.(JTA)-- A contingent of Polish-Jewish refugee children numbering 235 left Teheran this week for Palestine, in addition to the 600 who departed for Palestine last week, it was announced here today.

The new group, containing children ranging in age from three to sixteen years, is proceeding by ship. It was also announced by Youth Aliyah officials here today that fifty Jewish children from Hungary have reached Istanbul en route to Palestine.

ALBERT KAHN LEAVES \$35,000 FOR JEWISH RELIGIOUS AND PHILANTHROPIC PURPOSES

DETROIT, Jan. 13.(JTA)-- The sum of \$35,000 was bequeathed for Jewish religious and philanthropic purposes by the late Albert Kahn, world-famous architect of Detroit and builder of the largest war plants in the United States, it became known today when his will was made public.

The Detroit Jewish Welfare Fund is to receive \$20,000 under the provisions of the will; \$10,000 will go to the Detroit Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and \$5,000 to Temple Beth El, of which Mr. Kahn was a life-long member. The son of a rabbi, Albert Kahn was, at one time, a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple Beth El of which Rabbi B. Benedict Glazer is the spiritual leader.

WAR SITUATION BRINGS MORE CASES TO JEWISH CONCILIATION COURT OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.(JTA)-- The Jewish Conciliation Court of America, which is considered a clearing house for personal and public problems that cannot be solved either through the general courts or public institutions, at its annual meeting today re-elected Dr. Israel Goldstein as president for his 15th term. Mrs. Rebekah Kohut, Judge Jacob Fanken and Dr. Moses Hymanson were elected vice-presidents.

The annual report presented to the meeting pointed out that problems of adjustment to new war conditions brought more persons before the Jewish Conciliation court in 1942 than ever before. On the other hand there have been less cases of non-support of parents by their children or wives by their husbands, because of the improvement in the economic conditions of the workers.

MILWAUKEE DEDICATES HONOR ROLL FOR 1,150 JEWISH MEN AND WOMEN IN ARMED SERVICES

MILWAUKEE, Wis. Jan. 13.(JTA)-- An honor roll bearing the names of the 1,150 Jewish men and women from Milwaukee known to be serving in the armed forces was dedicated here last night at Temple Emanu-El-B'ne Jeshurun. The ceremonies were in honor of the service men and women drawn from the Jewish community of about 25,000, according to the Milwaukee army and navy committee of the Jewish Welfare Board, sponsor of the event. The honor roll included the names of the 20 Jewish women who are serving in the auxiliary forces of the nation. It is believed that possibly 100 more Jewish men from Milwaukee are in the armed forces but their names have not been obtained.

The speakers at the dedication were Col. C.J. Otjen, district commander of internal security; acting Mayor John L. Bohn; Edward H. Moldman, chairman of the army and navy committee of the JWB; Sol J. Kahn, a member of the committee; Charles Aaron of Chicago, representing the National Jewish Welfare Board; George C. Goetz of the Milwaukee USO and others.