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MASS-POGROMS ON JEWS THROUGHOUT GALICIA; VICTIMS SEND S.O.S. TO DEMOCRATIC NATIONS

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, Feb. 7.(JTA)-- Unprecedented panic among the remaining Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland is reported in brief code messages which continue to reach here from various sections of the Government General, especially from Galicia, where large-scale pogroms are being carried out in the ghettos by special Gestapo units.

The messages indicate that if steps are not taken immediately to force the Nazis to discontinue their renewed mass-executions of Jews, there will not be a single Jew left alive in all of Poland very shortly. Pieced together, the brief S.O.S. messages, coming from different sources through underground channels, make it clear that while the Nazis have deported all the Jews from the Warsaw ghetto, they are not resorting to deportations in other towns, but are murdering the Jews on the spot.

Following a pogrom in the Lwow ghetto which lasted several days, the Gestapo chief for Eastern Galicia this week personally supervised a pogrom on Jews in the Galician town of Drohobycz, and himself participated in the execution of the victims. One of the Jewish leaders of Drohobycz who was killed by the Gestapo chief in cold blood while other Jews were forced to look on was Dr. Bardasz, who was well known throughout Galicia.

All indications point to the fact that the mass-annihilation of the Jews in Galicia is being carried out by a special "travelling unit" of the Gestapo created for this purpose. The unit moves from one town to another executing Jews in the various ghettos. At present the major Jewish ghettos in Galicia are located in Cracow, Lwow, Tarnopol, Drohobycz, Stanislawow, Rawa-Russka, Zlotchov, Stry, Sambor, Borislaw, Brzezany, Czortkow, Przemyśl, Rzeszow, Tarnow and Bochnia.

GIRAUD EASES CURB ON JEWS; 170,000 SAYING ANTI-JEWISH LAWS ARE "INTERNAL AFFAIR"

LONDON, Feb. 7.(JTA)-- A formal denial of reports which had quoted Gen. Giraud as stating that the Jewish question in North Africa is "an internal affair" of the French administration, has been issued in Algiers, it was reported here today.

The report says that Gen. Giraud, when interviewed by journalists, told them that certain questions concerning local life in North Africa are not of interest to the outside world. Some journalists interpreted this declaration as applying especially to the question of anti-Jewish laws. "This interpretation was the subject of an official denial in Algiers," the report asserts.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Algiers that the new War Committee set up by Gen. Giraud has acted to ameliorate the conditions of the Jews in North Africa. The committee has decided that Jews may enlist in the French armed forces and has confirmed the steps announced last week to restore property confiscated from Jews by the Vichy administrators and to readmit Jewish children to primary and secondary schools. However, the committee has not yet acted to readmit hundreds of Jews barred from the professions, the Algiers report indicates, but merely announced that the question was "under consideration."

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High officials of the Palestine Government, receiving the delegation, which represented the Jewish National Council of Palestine, expressed regret over the fact that Jewish organizations in the country reacted unfavorably to the announcement, suspecting that the government's warning was aimed at casting a slur on Jewish volunteering. In issuing the statement counselling against using violence to force people to enlist, the Palestine administration had in mind preventing individual incidents from marring the good reputation which Jewish voluntary enlistment has acquired, they said.

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RUMANIAN ANTI-SEMITIC PARTY URGES "JEWISH REGIMENTS" BE SENT TO RUSSIAN FRONT

ZURICH, Feb. 7. (JTA)-- A suggestion that Jews in Rumania, who are excluded from military service under the existing anti-Jewish laws, be drafted into the army and organized into special "Jewish regiments" for service on the Russian front, is published in the Rumanian anti-Semitic newspaper Porunca Vremi which reached here today from Bucharest.

"While Rumanians are dying on the battle front, the Jews remain happily alive," the organ of the anti-Semitic Iron Guard Party writes. "With our warriors under the threat of Russian machine-guns, we may as well form at least a few Jewish regiments for the Eastern front. We wonder whether it was altogether wise to exclude the Jews from our army, even though they may act as spies and may spread defeatism and anarchy."

General Baseanu, the mayor of Bucharest, in an article in the newspaper Universul, complains that "Jews negligently carry out their compulsory labor duties as street-cleaners." He warns the Rumanian supervisors of severe punishment if they continue to treat the Jews leniently, and announces that unless the situation improves a collective fine will be imposed upon the Jewish community, the money to be used for hiring non-Jewish street-cleaners.

The Bucharest newspaper Currentul reports that two priests of the Hungarian Reformed Church in Rumania are charged by the Rumanian authorities with issuing false certificates of baptism to seventy-four Jews in order to make it possible for them to enter Hungary, since only baptized persons are admitted. They are also charged with falsifying church registers in the cities of Galati, Braila, Ploesti and Bustoani which were in their charge. One of the priests is reported to have escaped to Hungary, and the Rumanian paper states that his extradition is being demanded by the Rumanian Government. Baptized Jews are permitted to enter the Transylvanian section of Hungary which formerly belonged to Rumania. They are, however, prohibited to go from there into pre-war Hungarian territory.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PLEDGE AID TO ALIENS WHO WISH TO BECOME AMERICAN CITIZENS

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA)-- Further aid to non-citizens who wish to acquire "official status as Americans" was pledged yesterday by government officials and representatives of national service and welfare organizations attending the annual conference of the National Council on Naturalization and Citizenship held at the Hotel Roosevelt.

Earl G. Harrison, Commissioner of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, said that the total number of naturalizations last year totaled 250,000, which represented "a 50 percent increase over the annual number of five years ago." In addition to those, he stated, there are thousands of applications awaiting court action and other thousands of non-citizens who are attending classes to assist them in qualifying for the status of citizens. "The sincerity and good-will of our non-citizen groups," he concluded, "have been apparent to the entire nation and it has been heartening to see how little alien baiting there has been up until now."

LORD BEARSTED'S SON DECORATED FOR HEROISM IN MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA)-- Major Peter Samuel, son of Lord Bearsted, has been awarded the Military Cross for "gallant and distinguished service in the Middle East," it was reported here today.

NEW POLICE REGULATIONS FOR JEWS ANNOUNCED IN SLOVAKIA

ZURICH, Feb. 7.(JTA)-- Strict regulations ordering Jews in Bratislava to report their movements or change of status to the police have been issued by the Director of Police, M.J. Dvorsky, under a new decree of the Slovakian Ministry of the Interior, the "Slovenska Pravda" reports.

The regulations provide that reports are to be made on : (1) the return of a Jew from custody, a concentration camp or a labor camp; (2) Change of address, both on leaving one district for another or on arriving in a district with the approval of the Ministry of the Interior; (3) death of a Jew; (4) Birth of a Jew (to be reported by the parents); (5) marriage of a Jew; (6) change of creed; (7) Grant of exemption by the President.

JEWISH FARM SCHOOL TRAINS KENTUCKY MOUNTAINEERS FOR FARM WORK

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.(JTA)-- The National Farm School in Bucks County, Pa., in cooperation with the Farm Security Administration and the State Department of Public Instruction, today began to train the first contingent of farmers from the mountain areas of Kentucky.

Under arrangements that have been worked out with the Farm Security Administration, the National Farm School will accept groups of 20 to 25 of the Kentucky farmers for periods of three to four weeks of intensive training. They will receive day-by-day experience in the most common and essential tasks of Eastern farming. As they show progress and give evidence of their adaptability, they will be sent on to farms in need of labor and will be replaced by other groups at the school.

Dr. H.B. Allen, president of the School, today pointed out that the orientation program for Southern farmers will in no wise interfere with the School's long-established three-year course of instruction, nor with the one-year units of specialized training regularly available to boys of 16 years and over. The usual quota of students in those courses will enroll March 31. The School year regularly opens with the spring planting season and continues uninterrupted for twelve months. Deserving candidates from all parts of the U. S., are accepted in these courses. Tuition and maintenance are free, support coming largely from voluntary contributions.

GREEK JEWS IN AMERICA AID NAZI VICTIMS IN GREECE; HAILED BY OFFICIAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.(JTA)-- A renewed pledge of freedom of worship in post-war Greece was contained in a statement today by George Haniotis, Director of the Greek Office of Information, hailing the contribution of \$6,000 by Jews of Greek descent to the Greek War Relief Association.

"I am sure," Haniotis said, "that the people of Greece will greatly appreciate the donation of \$6,000 by the Jews of Greek origin in New York to the Greek War Relief. One of the aims of this war is freedom of worship, and the gesture of the Jews of Greek origin in New York, together with their statement that Greece is a country where religious tolerance has always existed, is also an appreciation on the part of the Jews of the fight of Greece, which, true to those high human ideals, accepted tremendous sacrifices in order to see them prevail in the world. This war is also their war, and they have proved it, fighting in the ranks of the Greek army during the Axis invasion."