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ALL JEWS WILL BE "EVACUATED" FROM BUCHAREST; NAZIS "EXPLAIN" MASSACRES OF JEWS

ZURICH, Feb. 17.(JTA)-- Jews in Bucharest and other large Rumanian cities will be the first to be "evacuated" under the new plan to de-populate the larger centers in Rumania, it is reported in the Swiss press today.

The plan, which will result in the deportation of those Jews who have hitherto been permitted to remain in Old Rumania, is reported to have been designed by the Nazi military authorities who intend to make Bucharest their headquarters for the Balkans as a result of the improved Russian position on the Black Sea and the fear of Russia's retaking Bessarabia. The deported Jews will be restricted to residence in remote townships and villages.

The German radio stations today, for the first time, openly told the German people that mass-extirminations of Jews have been carried out by the German authorities in occupied territories. These executions, the Berlin radio "explained," were necessary as "a precaution against Bolshevism." The largest massacre of Jews took place in Latvia, the Nazi radio stated.

The St. Galler Tageblatt, a Swiss newspaper, today carries a report from Budapest declaring that the Hungarian Government has reached the conclusion that the anti-Jewish laws introduced under German pressure have brought great personal advantages to many individuals, but have not proved advantageous to Hungary as a whole. It is for this reason, the report states, that the anti-Jewish laws are now being eased. Not only have Hungarian export firms been exempted from dismissing Jewish employees, but Jews serving in labor battalions are not being compelled to work on Saturdays, and their families are now given the same compensation as that granted to families of Hungarian soldiers.

JAPAN'S NEW POLICY OF ANTI-SEMITISM ATTACKED BY PRESIDENT OF PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.(JTA)-- President Manuel L. Quezon of the Philippine Commonwealth today called Japan's new policy of anti-Semitism a tribute to the patriotism of Jews in the occupied islands. Praising Philippine Jews as "quiet, energetic and productive," he expressed the hope that he would be able to work with them again after the war in accordance with the Philippine principle of religious freedom.

There are between 1,000 and 1,500 Jews in the Philippine Commonwealth. Several hundred came as refugees from Nazi Europe. President Quezon gave some of them land from his personal estate on the Island of Luzon, and took great interest and satisfaction in their progress as farmers. Others went into business.

On January 26, Berlin broadcast the following news items for distribution to German papers: "The Japanese military administration in Manila has issued a stern warning to Jews living in the Philippines. Owing to the lenient and

magnanimous attitude of the Japanese authorities, it is stated that the Jews have tried to obtain advantages for themselves and made themselves guilty, not only of black market dealings and profiteering, but also of attempted espionage. In the future the authorities will meet such attempts with drastic measures." The Tokyo and Japanese-controlled Manila radios echoed this report.

Praises Loyalty of Philippine Jews; Says Japan is Aping Germany

In his statement today, replying to the Japanese anti-Jewish allegations, President Quezon said: "Translated from the crude tongue of Nazi-Japanese propaganda, these words are a tribute, unintended, to be sure, to the Jewish citizens and residents of the Philippines. They testify to the fact that the Jews are standing loyally and firmly at the side of the other groups in the Philippine population, risking their lives and their goods in opposition to the Japanese invaders. I am proud of this evidence of the rightness of the Philippine principle of religious freedom. It proves that all the religions in my beloved country are helping each other and fighting together in the cause of freedom.

"The people of the Philippines have never been guilty of the barbarous and divisive error of religious bigotry. Ever since the commonwealth was established, the majority of the Filipinos, who are Catholics, have lived peacefully and in friendship with their non-Catholic neighbors - whether Protestant, or Jewish, or Moh ammedan, or Pagan. The small number of Jews in the Philippines is a respected section of our population. After Hitler introduced official persecution into Germany, we offered our hospitality to a number of refugees, who came to the Philippines and quickly adjusted themselves to our way of life. These people were quiet, energetic and productive. They have become a welcome and loyal part of the Filipino population.

"Now the Japanese are aping Nazi Germany by manufacturing their own anti-Jewish propaganda and persecution. I am convinced that Tokyo has announced this policy as a cheap way of pleasing the fanatical Nazis who are its allies, and as a trick to destroy the unity of Philippine resistance. The Nazi propaganda machine is undoubtedly exploiting this story to justify its brutal philosophy among those of its own citizens who are beginning to doubt.

"There is a sharp contrast between the principle of equality as practiced by the Filipino people, on the one hand, and the principle of prejudice and discrimination practiced by the Nazis and Japanese, on the other. This contrast marks one more sector in the moral conflict underlying this war. We shall be victorious in this as in every other sector. I look forward to the day when all the peoples of the earth are again able to work together peacefully and fruitfully to build a better world."

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZES ENTRY OF 500 JEWISH CHILDREN FROM EUROPE

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 17.(JTA)-- The Mexican Government today authorized the entry into Mexico of 500 Jewish refugee children from Europe. The first group of 100 children is expected to arrive here shortly, Jewish leaders stated.

No clear-cut statement could be secured here as to whether Jews will be included among the refugees from Poland whom the Mexican Government is ready to admit under the arrangement reached recently with Gen. Sikorski, the Polish Premier, during his visit here. Polish diplomatic officials have stated that no line will be drawn between Jews and Poles in selecting the refugees who will be sent to Mexico.

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PALESTINE INCREASES TAXES TO MEET \$4,000,000 BUDGET DEFICIT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17. (JTA)-- In a move to meet the current budget deficit of \$4,000,000, the Palestine Government yesterday announced a new series of taxes and a rise in the income tax rate.

Custom and excise duties on intoxicants and tobacco will be raised as will the fees for registering mortgages. An estate tax ranging from one to fifty percent will shortly be introduced and surtaxes will be placed on all incomes over \$8,500 annually. It is expected that the new measures will yield about \$3,400,000. The income tax rise hits middle-class businessmen, prosperous farmers and the better-paid civil servants hardest.

The government's announcement pointed out that among greatly increased expenditures arising from the war are: \$4,000,000 to subsidize food production, cost-of-living bonuses for low-salaried civil servants; \$2,160,000 for assistance to the citrus industry, and maintenance of wartime controllers' departments and air raid precautions and civilian defense services. It is also hoped that the new taxes will enable a reduction of the grants made to the Palestine Administration by the British treasury, which have totalled \$30,000,000 in the past three years.

AMERICAN WOMEN OPPOSED TO ANTI-SEMITISM, COUNTRY-WIDE SURVEY INDICATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA)-- Fully 75 percent of America's women condemn anti-Semitism and want to eliminate it, according to a country-wide survey of opinion among both Jews and Gentiles, published in the March issue of the new women's magazine "She." The importance of the influence of American mothers on their children in eliminating intolerance is emphasized in the editorial summary of the article, which states:

"While it is, perhaps, too much to hope that the present generation can be completely cured of prejudice, there is time to inculcate our children against this insidious malady. The fears and prejudices most people have are rooted in the fears and prejudices planted in their minds by their mothers. You can begin today by telling your children of the great achievements and fine spirit of the Jewish people. Instill in them the feeling that America is great and strong because it has brought together people of many races and many religions, and wolded them into a nation that cherishes freedom and tolerance above everything else."

The survey was conducted by "She" as a result of widespread comment that followed the publication in the same magazine a few months ago of an article "I Am a Jewess." In that article, an anonymous Jewish woman set forth in direct and poignant style the mental sufferings of a mother faced with the task of explaining to her children the curbs and limitations they face in the social and business world because of their religious beliefs. While a small minority expressed the opinion that some members of the Jewish people were "activated by an abnormal desire to get money as a means toward prestige, monopoly and self-aggrandizement," the great majority of those surveyed were united in describing the Jew as an "excellent, law-abiding citizen, honest, intelligent and energetic" who "loves his country and is the equal in culture and attainments of the highest in the land."