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BUCHAREST JEWS WILL BE DEPORTED TO GHETTOS IN MOLDAVIA, MAZIS REPORT

BERN, Feb. 25.(JTA) -- Nazi newspapers reaching here today report that German officials in Rumania plan to establish ghottos in a number of districts in Moldavia, to where Jews from Bucharest and other cities in Old Rumania will be deported.

The Donau Zeitung, a Nazi newspaper published in Belgrade for the Balkan countries, declares that "all Bucharest Jews without regular occupations will be sent to these new ghettos together with their families." The ghettos will be under German administration.

Prague nowspapers reaching here today earry warnings by the authorities, admenishing the non-lewish population in the Czech Protectorate not to give any shelter to Jews and "to see to it that no Jew is left in any of the Moravian towns." This, the warning says, is in the interest of the Czechs thomselves. The same newspapers report that the "thorough removal" of Jews has been speeded up in all of Boheria and Moravias Entire regions, such as Jeein, have already been made "judenreins"

GERMAN ARMY EXTERMINATES 10,000 JEWS IN BREST-LITOVSK; POISON GAS USED

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, Feb. 25. (JTA) - Reports from inside Poland disclosed today that regular German army troops, using poison gas and gunfire, had massacred 10,000 Jews in the Brest-Litovsk region last fall, and that the slaughter there is continuing.

Troops from Wehrmacht units assigned to exterminate the Jowish population gassed large numbers of Jows in scaled barns and shot to death groups of 60 persons in woodlends near Brest-Litwesk. Most of the killing was done in October and November. Massacres were relatively few in December and January, but this month they have been increasing.

One cycwitness account tells of a Gorman licutenant who, after directing one of these operations, had a nervous shock and was committed to a made house.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT RECEIVES APPEAL FROM PALESTINE FOR NORTH AFRICAN JEWS

LOHDON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The British Government today received a momorandum from the Jovish National Council of Pelestine asking it to intervene to secure the release of all Jows still interned in North Africa. The memorandum was transmitted through the Pelestine Government.

The London Times correspondent in Algiers today reports that the anti-Jewish laws in North Africa are being releved very slowly. Other correspondents report from Algiers that Gen. Jean Bergeret, Scoretary General of the new administration, has declared that "nobody who was imprisoned because he was a Jow, Freemason or Do couldist is among the remaining 5,800 political prisoners in North Africa."

SELECTION OF 4,000 CHILDREN FOR EMIGRATION TO FALESTINE STARTED IN BULGARIA

LOHDON, Feb. 25.(JTA) -- Steps have already been taken to select those Jewish children who will emigrate from Bulgaria to Palestine in accordance with the agreement negotiated by the British Government under which 4,000 Jewish children and 500 adults will be permitted to leave the country, it was ammounced today in the House of Commons by Colonial Secretary Capt. Oliver Stanley. Capt. Stanley added, however, that he was unable to state when transportation to Palestine would be available.

Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, replying in Commons to a question as to whether the restrictions on the entry of alien Jews, especially elderly relatives of refugees already in Britain, would be removed, confined himself to citing the statement made in Parliament yesterday by Foreign Secretary Edon. The essence of Edon's statement was that the only effective means of aiding the Jews in Europe was a victory of the Allies. Morrison rejected the suggestion that he receive a delegation to discuss refugee problems, pointing out that he had seen such a group recently. He referred to the all-party delegation which saw him two weeks ago and demanded more effective measures to help Jews in Mazi-held countries.

JEWS IN HUNGARY ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED DEMONSTRATION AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH LAWS

ZURICH, Fob. 25.(JTA) -- Jews in Budapest were arrested yesterday for allegedly demonstrating in the streets against the anti-Jewish laws in Hungary, it was reported today by the Transocean, a Nazi news agency.

A sharp attack is made in the Budapest newspaper "Magyarsag" against the journalist Hugo Csergoe, described as the "Jowish chorus leader," for a speech in which he expressed the hope that the Jows of Hungary will regain their lost rights. "We shall continue," Csergoe is quoted to have said, "in the footsteps of Vilmos Vazsonyi (lete Minister of Justice, the only Hungarian Jew ever to have held Cabinet rank), and we declare that the restoration of lost rights and liberties is not just a Jowish demand, but an oternal ideal of humanism; and that is why we shall reconquer them. Hungary has lived for two conturies in the liberal spirit and the transitory period we are now living through cannot deflect us from our proper course."

ALTER AND ERLICH, JEWISH LABOR LEADERS, EXECUTED IN RUSSIA, WASHINGTON HEARS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The execution by the Soviet authorities of Victor Alter and Henryk Erlich, two internationally-known leaders of the Jovish Socialist Party "Bund" of Poland, was reported today by reliable quarters on the basis of information reaching here from Russia. They were tried and convicted in December, 1941 "for spreading propaganda among Soviet troops for the cenclussion of a separate peace with Germany," the report said.

The two leaders of the Jewish labor movement escaped from the Nazis at the end of 1939. They were arrested by the Soviet authorities in the castern part of pre-war Poland which was then cocupied by the Russian Army. In September, 1941 they were released as the result of the pact between the Soviet and the Polish Governments which granted ammosty to all Polish citizens who were in Russia at that time. Soveral weeks later they were re-arrested in Kuibyshov.

MOSCOW JEWISH CONFERENCE SENDS MESSAGE TO STALIN ON NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS

MOSCOW, Fob. 25. (JTA) -- A mossage sont to Premier Joseph Stalin, in which a phrase in Hebrew was included in the text, for the first time since the Soviet Revolution, to emphasize the plight of the Jews under the Nexis, was made public today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee. It was adopted this week by the annual conference of the Committee held here, attended by soldiers from the front and Jewish dologates from all parts of the U.S.S.R.

The message, which pledges a maximum effort by Russian Jews to win the wor, reads: "Millions of our brothers and sisters, like the sens and daughters of the other people who have fallen under the yoke of Hitler, are being bled white. There are no limits to the sufferings of the Jewish masses. Doom and extinction hover ever them. The enguish of methers and the cries of children who have been buried alive have shaken the entire world. 'Eben Mikir Tizal' (The Hebrew words for 'The stenes in the wells are crying outs')

"But shoulder to shoulder with all the people of the Soviet Union, the Jewish people are defending their country, their honor and their rights. Permeated with unbounded love for their country and with an unquenchable thirst for vengeance, the sons and daughters of the Jewish people are fighting with unprecedented courage, calling for a relentless struggle against Fascism. On the bettlefields all over the world Jewish fighters are manifesting selflesseness and heroism. Their militant exploits shall remain immertal and go down in the great history of our people."

ARCHBISHOP WARNS LITHUANIAN OFFICIALS NOT TO HELP NAZIS EXTERMINATE JEWS

LONDON, Fob. 25.(JTA) -- The British radio last night reported from Stockholm that the Archbishop of Nazi-coupied Lithuania, Most Rov. Joseph Skvireckas, has varned all Lithuanians against helping the Nazis to execute Jaws. He denounced the Nazis as "murderers of Jaws and persecutors of Polos" and appealed to Lithuanian officials "not to commit the sin of lending a head to the German atroctices."

"In the shows of the Church," the Archbishop said, "I condemn the hands of those who continue to share in the murdaring of Jows, persecution of Poles and peoples of Polish origin. I condemn those who expel those people from their hams and who deport them. Lithuanian officials must realize that such activities are not a part of their duties." The London Times today praised the "outro-ordinarily courageous attitude" of the Archbishop and asserted that "the Gorman orimes have united all the persecuted peoples."

BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONFISCATE STOCK IN WAR INDUSTRIES HELD BY JEWS

ZURICH, Fob. 25.(JTA) -- The Bulgarian Government has officially decreed that Jews are no longer allowed to own shares in wer industries or to do business with thom. Shares in such industries held by Jows will be confiscated by the state, the Macrichten fur den Aussenhandel, a Nazi commercial newspaper, reports.

The Bulgarian Wechenshau, a Sofia newspaper, reports that there are still 25,865 Jows in the Bulgarian capitale

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100 MEDICAL UNITS NAMED "MEYER LEVIN" WILL BE SENT TO RUSSIAN ARMY AS JEWISH GIFT

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.(JTA) =- One hundred medical field units bearing the name of Master Sergeant Meyer Levin, the Jowish soldier hero killed in the Pacific, will be sent to the Russian Army as a gift of the United Jewish War Effort, it was announced here today.

The New York Times, in an editorial today, lauds Levin's career as "an example of patrictism, courage and devotion." Emphasizing that there is no doubt that Levin gave his life to save the lives of his mates, the editorial concludes: "Sergeant Levin made his last flight as a volunteer. He did not have to go on this particular flight. He went because he was an expert spotter and because he was a model soldier. It was Moyer Levin, calling 'I hope you make it,' who saved the survivors who were found. Wherever he is, he lies wrapped in glory."

AMERICAN JEWISH LABOR ORGANIZATIONS HOLD "DAY OF MOURNING AND PROTEST" TODAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.(JTA) — The members of the Workmen's Circle, a Jewish labor fraternal organization, will gather simultaneously in 100 meeting places in Greater New York tomorrow to voice the protest of Jewish Labor against the Nazi butchery of Jews in Europe.

The protest meetings which have been called jointly by the Workmen's Circle and the Jewish Labor Committee will mark a "Day of Protest and Mourning" proclaimed by the national executive committee of the Workmen's Circle in the name of its 75,000 members in the United States. Similar protest demonstrations will take place tomorrow throughout the country.

SENATOR JOHNSON BECOMES NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE FOR A JEWISH ARMY

MEW YORK, Feb. 25.(JTA) -- The acceptance by U.S. Senator Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado of the national chairmanship of the Committee for a Jewish Army was amnounced last night by the New York headquarters of the Committee.

Senator Johnson, in a statement to the press, said: "I refuse to believe that this world has grown so callous, so inured to the diabolical actions of the Nazi murderers that it can sit back and do nothing while four million human beings in Europe face the same fate that two million of their brothron have already experienced."

JEWISH RELIGIOUS TEXTBOOKS FREE FROM INTERFAITH PREJUDICE, SURVEY SHOWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) — The Synagogue Council of America has for a number of years scrutinized Jewish religious school textbooks for statements that might create prejudices against other faiths, it is revealed in the report of its Committee on Textbooks, published in the current issue of the Contomporary Jowish Record. The report shows that Jewish religious school textbooks have been remarkably free from interfaith prejudice.

BOSTON JEWISH PUBLISHER PRESENTS MATERIAL ON PRESIDENT WASHINGTON

BOSTON, Fob. 25. (JTA) -- A reproduction of Gilbert Stuart's "Athenaeum" portrait of George Washington, together with a collection of historical meterial dealing with the first President's life and achievements, were presented yesterday by Alexander Brin, noted Jewish newspaper publisher and author, at the lumber of the Advertising Club of Boston at the Hotel Statler, attended by more than 500. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was the guest speaker.