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## NAZIS MURDERED 14,000 JEWS IN KHARKOV, OTHERS DIED FROM STARVATION, IZVESTIA REPORTS

MOSCOW, Feb. 28.(JTA)-- Fourteen thousand Jews were killed in Kharkov during the Nazi occupation of the city and thousands more died of starvation, it is reported today by a special correspondent of Izvestia, the official organ of the Soviet Government.

The correspondent writes: "One day an edict was posted in all streets of the city ordering all Jews to move into barracks in District No. 13 and forbidding them from appearing in any other part of the city. Violation of this order would be punishable by death, the announcement stated. It added that non-Jews caught fraternizing with Jews would be similarly punished. Of the Jews who were forced to live in these barracks about 14,000 were shot during the time the Germans held the city. When the Nazis realized that they would be forced to flee from Kharkov, they tried to eradicate all traces of their bloody acts and burnt down the barracks as well as a Gestapo prison."

The Izvestia correspondent reports further that all during the occupation most of the population was denied food. Bread cards were given only to those who worked for the Nazis. He estimates that about 70,000 persons - Jews and non-Jews - perished from starvation.

## NAZIS EXECUTE SEVEN BERLIN JEWISH LEADERS; HOLD OTHERS AS HOSTAGES

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 28.(JTA)-- Seven leading members of the Reichsvertretung of Jews in Germany, which is the leading Jewish organization in the Reich, have been executed by the Nazis after many months of imprisonment, it was reliably reported here today.

The names of the seven victims is not disclosed, but the information reveals that they were shot on November 9, 1942. It also confirms that Alfred Selbiger, Moshavut leader, has been executed. At present all Jewish leaders in the Reich are considered hostages with many of them being held under arrest.

The German press reaching here today from Berlin is filled with anti-Jewish articles based upon Hitler's anniversary proclamation to the Nazi party last week. The articles repeat the usual anti-Jewish allegations and emphasize that it is the will of the Fuehrer that all Jews in Europe be exterminated before the war is over.

## NAZIS DEPORT ALL JEWS FROM THEREZIN FORTRESS TO TRANSNISTRIA

LONDON, Feb. 28.(JTA)-- The deportation of large numbers of Jews from the fortress of Theresien in the Czech Protectorate to the German-occupied part of the Ukraine known as Transnistria, which is under Rumanian administration, is reported today in the London press.

Thousands of Jews who were transported from their homes in Germany, Austria, Slovakia and the Czech Protectorate to the fortress are already en route to Transnistria, the report stated. The remainder will follow in the near future as a result of the Nazi plan to make the Protectorate "judenrein" in March, the account stated.

VICHY GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SEPARATE JEWS AND NON-JEWS IN FRANCE, RADIO ANNOUNCES

LISBON, Feb. 28.(JTA)-- Jews and non-Jews in France will shortly be "separated" and Jews will not be allowed to mingle with the rest of the population it was announced today over French radio stations. The broadcast followed on the heels of the recent announcement that all anti-Jewish regulations will be applied also to so-called "half-Jews," including Frenchmen who have two Jewish grandparents.

Today's broadcast did not indicate whether ghettos will be established to isolate the Jews from the non-Jewish population. It emphasized that half-Jews who entered France after August 10, 1927 will have their French citizenship cancelled and will be deported to eastern Europe.

French newspapers reaching here today from Paris report that the Nazi authorities have started rounding up Jews there, stopping people in the streets and asking them to prove their identity. More than 500 Jews were arrested in Paris during January for failing to wear the yellow Mogen David, the Pariser Tageszeitung states. The French anti-Semitic publication "Au Pilon" reports that the furriers association in Paris refuses to recognize "Aryan" owners of Jewish fur establishments which were confiscated under the anti-Jewish regulations. The association maintains that the former Jewish owners are still full-fledged members, the paper says.

ONLY 17 JEWS LEFT BY THE NAZIS IN SNIATYN; 5,000 REMAIN IN LWOW

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, Feb. 28.(JTA)-- An eyewitness arriving here today from the Nazi-occupied city of Sniatyn, Galicia, stated that only 17 Jews have been left alive by the Nazis in that city. There were 3,500 Jews in Sniatyn when the German army occupied it, he said. The seventeen Jews are all qualified artisans needed by German industries.

The same person reported that in Lwow, capital of Eastern Galicia, only 5,000 Jews are left. All others are dead, he said. There were more than 75,000 Jews in Lwow before the outbreak of the war. Many thousands of Jews escaped from Nazi-occupied Polish cities to Lwow in 1939 when this city was in the hands of the Russian Army, but thousands were deported by the Russian authorities from Lwow to distant parts of Russia prior to the entrance of the German armies into the city.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES SYMPATHY OVER JEWISH SUFFERINGS IN EUROPE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28.(JTA)-- The Palestine Government today expressed its sympathy "for the European Jewish communities suffering at the hands of the enemy" in a message sent to the Jewish National Council of Palestine. The message emphasized the determination of the British Government "in common with other Allies to bring to a speedy end the enemy's intolerable regime of crime."

An appeal to the National Educational Association in Washington to approach the United States Government to rescue Jewish children from Nazi Europe was cabled today by the Jewish Teachers Federation here.

SLOVAKIAN FASCISTS COMPLAIN THAT OWNERS OF FACTORIES TAKEN FROM JEWS MISTREAT EMPLOYEES

ZURICH, Feb. 28.(JTA)-- The "Gardista," organ of the Hlinka Guards in Slovakia, received here today, carries an article bitterly attacking employers who have enriched themselves by acquiring confiscated Jewish enterprises, but who "refuse to fulfill their duties to their Slovak employees, which even the former Jewish owners fulfilled."

JEWISH REFUGEES IN SIBERIA ASK FOR REMOVAL OF ANTI-SEMITIC POLISH OFFICIAL

KUIBYSHEV, Feb. 28.(JTA)-- Sixty Jewish refugees from Poland evacuated to Barnaul, Siberia, today addressed a letter to Jewish organizations in the United States and England complaining of ill-treatment by the representative of the Polish Government in Barnaul and asking them to intervene with the Polish authorities for his removal.

The Polish representative, Pastelnik, is accused of stimulating anti-Semitism among the Polish refugees in Barnaul district and of discriminating against Jews in the distribution of relief. The letter of the Jewish refugees emphasizes that they complained to the Polish embassy in Kuibyshev on two occasions but received no reply.

As a result of the activities of Pastelnik among the Polish refugees, slogans such as "Death to Jews" and "Poland must have no Jews" have been revived among the Poles in the Barnaul district, the letter charges. Polish children are educated in an anti-Jewish spirit by their Polish teachers despite the fact that anti-Semitism is prohibited on Russian soil. In the distribution of relief, the letter points out, the Polish official has introduced four categories. The first to receive relief coming from abroad are Polish nobility, the second are other Polish "Aryans," the third category consists of "privileged Jews" such as Pastelnik's tailor, barber and others who serve him, while all other Jews are in the fourth and last category.

DR. WEIZMANN TO ADDRESS TODAY'S DEMONSTRATION AGAINST NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.(JTA)-- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who is now in this country, will be one of the principal speakers at a demonstration against the Nazi massacres of Jews which will be held tomorrow at Madison Square Garden here, arranged jointly by the American Jewish Congress, American Federation of Labor, the C.I.O., Church Peace Union and the Free World Association. Supporting the meeting are the B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Synagogue Council of America and other national Jewish organizations.

The American Jewish Committee, through Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, its president, sent a message expressing good wishes for the success of the demonstration. "As president of the American Jewish Committee," the message read, "I wish you every success in your effort by the meeting of March 1st to bring to the attention of the American people the almost incredible extent of the Nazi atrocities against the Jews of Europe. We have every reason to believe that the slaughtered are numbered in the millions, and the continuation of these horrors day after day constitute an unprecedented offense to the conscience of mankind. Millions of our fellow Americans have reacted with the deepest sympathy and understanding in this crisis. It is our task to strengthen their hands in their effort to aid us by bringing home to everyone a full realization of the cruelty of the Nazi terror. I am certain that with this knowledge, the heart and the soul and the conscience of America will be united behind the effort to save the lives of those who remain."

Mr. Henry Monsky, in a statement issued today in behalf of the B'nai B'rith, emphasized that "it is most important that the declaration of sympathy issued by the Allied Governments should be implemented by concrete measures." He suggested the following program: 1. To rescue those who still survive and can escape to territories under the jurisdiction of the United Nations, and to such havens of refuge that can be established. Palestine has an important and natural place in such considerations. 2. To intervene with neutral countries for admission of such survivors. 3. To set up such activities as will result in prompt relief. 4. To use every means for the cessation of the atrocities directed against Jews and other civilians.

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NATION OWES EVERLASTING DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO SGT. MEYER LEVIN, SAYS GEN. MARSHALL

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.(JTA)-- General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, has written to Mrs. Leah Levin, mother of the late Sergeant Meyer Levin of the Air Force, declaring that "the nation owes Sergeant Levin an everlasting debt of gratitude."

"It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of your son in the Southwest Pacific area," General Marshall wrote. "I realize that there is little that can be said to alleviate your grief, but I hope that you will derive some consolation in the knowledge that Meyer Levin served in the best traditions of the Army and of the American way of life."

DAVID H. SULZBERGER EN ROUTE TO LONDON TO CONFER ON JEWISH REFUGEE PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.(JTA)-- The arrival in Lisbon of David Hays Sulzberger of New York, prominent philanthropic leader, who is en route to London where he will confer with British governmental and private officials concerned with the refugee problem, was announced today by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee. During his stay in London, Mr. Sulzberger, who will represent the J.D.C. there, will discuss many aspects of the present and post-war refugee situation.

DR. GOLDSTEIN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.(JTA)-- Dr. Israel Goldstein, under whose administration the Jewish National Fund in the United States raised an amount of approximately \$10,000,000 for land purchase and reclamation work in Palestine since 1934, was unanimously chosen president of the Fund for his tenth consecutive term, the J.N.F. announced today.

A Board of Directors of 54 and an Administrative Committee of 16 were chosen to carry on the fund raising activities and to administer the affairs of the Jewish National Fund. I.M. Kowalsky and Jacob Sincoff were chosen co-treasurers; Louis Segal, honorary secretary; Mendel N. Fisher was again named Executive Director.

DENVER JEWISH HOSPITAL RECOMMENDS PROGRAM TO PREVENT TUBERCULOSIS

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.(JTA)-- A positive program to prevent tuberculosis from becoming a serious post-war problem is recommended by the National Jewish Hospital at Denver, pioneer free medical center for the tuberculous poor, in the institution's 43rd annual report released at its regional headquarters here today by Dr. Charles J. Kaufman, medical director of the hospital.

The report discloses that each year a number of refugee physicians are selected from applicants and awarded a one year residency at the hospital which includes maintenance and a personal allowance. Through this help they have become familiar with American medical practice and after completion of their residency find places in communities where their services are needed and welcomed. Several of these physicians have stayed at the hospital to become part of its permanent medical staff.