FRANKFURT IS "JUDENREIN," NAZIS ANNOUNCE; URGE MERCILESS EXTERMINATION OF JEWS

STOCKHOLM, May 11. (JTA)—The German city of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, where Jews have been residing since the 15th century and which was known as a center of Jewish orthodox learning, is now completely "judenrein" the Nazi radio announced today. Also the entire province of Hesse-Nassau.

The announcement was made during a speech delivered in Frankfurt by the local Nazi district commissioner, Sprenger, and broadcast throughout Europe. "The birthplace of Goethe, once the metropolis of Jewry, has been restored to its reputation as the spiritual center of Southern Germany after being cleansed from the alien Jewish influence," he said.

The Nazi Labor Commissioner, Dr. Robert Ley, addressing the same gathering, called upon all Germans "to continue their fight against Jews without any compromise." He echoed the slogan proclaimed by Goebbels last week that "the Jews must be destroyed because they are the eternal enemy of Germany's expansion," and added that no Nazi leader will have done his duty unless he actively participates in the work of annihilating the Jews.

Swedish Press Predicts New Anti-Jewish Terror in Nazi-Held Territories

Swedish newspapers today predicted a new wave of anti-Jewish terror in Germany and in all Nazi-occupied territories. They also foresee greater pressure by the Nazis upon their satellite countries in order to force them to adopt the same policy of merciless extermination of the Jews.

The Svenska Dagbladet, a Stockholm newspaper, reports that official circles in Berlin have definitely decided to intensify anti-Jewish activities. They hold that what the Nazis have done to the Jews up to now is not enough. They emphasize that they see in the extermination of the Jews "a decisive contribution to the conclusion of the war."

The Berlin correspondent of the same newspaper reports today that though it is impossible to forecast the nature of the new anti-Jewish measures which the Nazis are planning, such measures are definitely being prepared. At the same time the Nazi press service reports today from Berlin that courses in the Arab language were introduced this week all over Germany for members of the Hitler Youth organization.

Deportation of Jews is Causing Difficulties for Rumania

The Swedish press also reports that the deportations of Jews in Rumania to the Axis-held Russian territory of Transnistria, as well as the mass-interment of Jews in various labor camps have produced great difficulties for the local non-Jewish population.

Quoting the Rumanian newspaper Universul, the press here relates that the municipal council of the Rumanian city of Tulcea is seriously handicapped by the fact that it has been unable to find a competent director for the city's public utilities since all Jewish engineers have been deported from the town.
JEWISH AGENCY DECIDES TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE IN WASHINGTON

JERUSALEM, May 11. (JTA)-- The Zionist Actions Committee, supreme Zionist body next to the World Zionist Congress, will meet here next Tuesday to discuss a number of important political questions, including the sending of a delegation to the United States in connection with the decision of the Jewish Agency to establish an office in Washington. The session will also discuss the question of intensifying Zionist political activities in London by strengthening the World Zionist Executive there.

In addition to political problems, the Actions Committee will also take up various plans for post-war reconstruction in Palestine. Prior to the meeting of the Actions Committee, the Jewish National Council of Palestine will hold a special meeting with the participation of representatives of various local Palestinian organizations, for the purpose of adopting a united stand on the questions which the Actions Committee is to decide upon.

Leaders of various Zionist groups, including the General Zionist Party "A" and the World Mizrachi Organization, today held separate conferences to clarify their attitude towards the various points on the agenda of the Actions Committee.

WARSAW GHETTO FINALLY LIQUIDATED DESPITE HEROIC RESISTANCE, SECRET POLISH RADIO SAYS

LONDON, May 11. (JTA)-- Despite the almost super-human resistance put up by the Jews of Warsaw - aided and armed by the Polish underground - the ghetto there has been completely liquidated by Nazi troops, according to a broadcast by the secret Polish radio SWIT, heard here last night.

The Polish broadcaster was heard appealing to Poles in the Warsaw area to assist those Jews who succeeded in fleeing the ghetto, by providing shelter and food.

SWIT also announced that Leon Blum, former premier of France, is now confined in the newly established concentration camp at Majdanek in central Poland. It added that many Jews who fled the Warsaw ghetto and were subsequently apprehended are also confined there as are leading Jewish political figures from various occupied European countries.

The new camp holds about 16,000 prisoners, divided into five sections, the broadcast said. The first is for Jews; the second for Jews and Poles who have been sentenced to death; the third for prisoners transferred from Pawlik prison in Warsaw; the fourth for victims of street roundups; the fifth being reserved for women. Under command of S.S. troops, the warders are both Germans and Ukrainians. The barracks are said to be unheated and full of vermin, with daily rations consisting of 300 grams of bread and a half pint of soup.

PALESTINE JEWS CABLE CONGRATULATIONS TO TUNISIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY

JERUSALEM, May 11. (JTA)-- The leading Jewish institutions of the Yishuv today cabled their congratulations to the Jewish community in Tunis, felicitating them on their deliverance by the Allied forces.

(According to cabled reports from Tunis, 30,000 Jews were liberated when the Nazis were driven from the city. They had been forced to pay exorbitant fines levied by the German military authorities and were compelled to wear yellow Mogen David badges. They were also required to turn over 1,500 Jewish homes to quarter Nazi soldiers. John McVene, National Broadcasting Company correspondent in Tunisia, reported last night that when he entered the city in the vanguard of the American troops, scores of Jews, assuming he was an army officer, greeted him, saying: "We have waited for you so long.")
NAZI COMMANDER IN NORTH AFRICA SURRENDERS TO AMERICAN JEWISH OFFICER

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA) -- Checking with its Bureau of War Records, the National Jewish Welfare Board today established that Lieut. Albert Klein, to whom Major General Fritz Kreuse, artillery commander of the Afrika Corps surrendered in Tunisia, is a 22-year-old Jewish boy from Waukegan, Ill. He is married and has been in service for two years.

Lieutenant Klein is reported to have delivered the American "unconditional surrender" ultimatum to Gen. Kreuse. He gave the Nazi general twenty minutes to decide, after reaching the latter's headquarters near Bizerte. The German general agreed to surrender and was then questioned by the American Jewish lieutenant prior to being taken to the headquarters of Major Gen. Omar N. Bradley.

Speaking at a press conference today, Frank L. Weil, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, outlined the activities of the J.W.B.'s Bureau of War Records which compiles reports of Jewish participation in the armed forces. He spoke of the cooperation which the Bureau is given by the military authorities in its research work, and related how Jewish communities throughout the country are assisting in compiling lists of Jews in the service. Milton Weil, chairman of the public relations committee of the Jewish Welfare Board, presided at the conference. Dr. Samuel C. Kohs, director of the J.W.B.'s Bureau of War Records, gave interesting details on how the material on Jews in the Army and Navy is collected.

HUNGARIANS SHOOT RUSSIANS CAUGHT TALKING TO JEWS IN OCCUPIED VILLAGES

KULBYSHEV, May 11. (JTA) -- Russians or Ukrainians caught talking to Jews in Hungarian-occupied villages in the Soviet Ukraine were summarily executed, according to the text of an order issued by the Hungarian military authorities, a copy of which--secured from a captured officer--was made public here today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee.

The order, which was divided into three sections, instructed "all Jews to register with the military authorities immediately," warned that "any Jew failing to do so would be shot" and stated that "every Russian found talking to Jews will be shot."

The Committee also released the testimony of the captured Hungarian officer, a Major Cicelorraine, who admitted that the order was mainly "theory" and that in practice, all the Jews in the captured villages were executed within 24 hours after the Hungarian troops entered.

MUFTI URGES PRO-NAZI MOSLEMS IN YUGOSLAVIA NOT TO BE DISCOURAGED BY AXIS DEFEAT

ZURICH, May 11. (JTA) -- A gathering of Moslems in Sarajevo, occupied Yugoslavia, last night, addressed by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, was told not to be discouraged by the Axis defeat in North Africa, a Nazi radio broadcast reported today.

The ex-Mufti, who is engaged in spreading pro-Axis propaganda, was tendered a dinner by local Moslems. He emphasized that "the fight against the British and the Jews must continue" and compared the situation of the Moslems under the Yugoslav regime with that of the Arabs in Palestine under the British administration.

Figures on the "Aryanization" of Jewish firms in the Nazi-puppet state of Slovakia published in the newspaper Gardista reaching here today from Bratislava reveal that 1,541 members of the anti-Semitic Hlinka Party have secured Jewish enterprises and that 1,117 major Jewish establishments in Slovakia have passed into German hands.
JEWISH WRITERS ACT TO SECURE STRICTER OBSERVANCE OF SABBATH IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, May 11. (JTA)-- Leading Jewish writers, poets and journalists in Palestine gathered here today at a conference called to discuss means of encouraging observance of the Sabbath.

The conference decided to take the following steps: Establish a permanent Council for Observation of the Sabbath. Issue a proclamation to the Yishuv. Start special radio broadcasts and publish articles on the subject. Open libraries on the Sabbath and arrange talks, singing of religious songs, and recital of ancient Jewish sagas and torah readings in public places.

J.D.C. SENDS KURT PEISER TO NORTH AFRICA; DR. SCHWARTZ LEAVES FOR EUROPE

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA)-- The Joint Distribution Committee today announced that it has sent Kurt Peiser, well known welfare executive, to North Africa to organize increased aid for refugees there and assist the native Jewish population of Tunisia.

Mr. Peiser sailed from an Eastern seaport for Lisbon together with Joseph J. Schwartz, chief of the J.D.C. work in Europe. From Lisbon he will proceed to North Africa to carry on relief activities there. Mr. Peiser has taken a leave of absence from his position as executive director of the Federation of Jewish Charities of Philadelphia to join the overseas staff of the Joint Distribution Committee on a volunteer basis. In conjunction with Dr. Schwartz, he will also consult with and advise the local relief committees in Casablanca and Algiers, through which the Joint Distribution Committee has been operating for the past two years on behalf of native and refugee Jews.

"During Mr. Peiser's stay in North Africa his services will be available to Governor Lehman's Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations, to which the J.D.C. recently gave an initial sum of $25,000 for non-sectarian work in North Africa," Mr. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the J.D.C., declared. He disclosed that refugees are being released from camps on the basis of maintenance guarantees which the Committee gives.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS PUBLISH VOLUME ON MILITARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICAN JEWES

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA)-- The military contribution of the Jews in America in every war is described in a volume published today by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States under the title "Jews in American Wars." The authors are J. George Fredman and Louis A. Falk.

"It is out of desire to spread the truth that this book has been written," the authors explain in their foreword. "The military contribution of the Jews to the upbuilding of our nation is too little known and we believe it important at this time to retell the story of the patriotism of the Jew, not to impress our fellow Americans with the virtues of Jews, but because the facts of American history are the best answer to libels which endanger the unity of our country."

The authors show that in every war in which America has engaged, Jews contributed men to the fighting forces above their proportion in the general population. The book carries a message from President Roosevelt to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States declaring that "The American people need no reminder of the service which those of Jewish faith have rendered our nation. It has been a service with honor and distinction. History reveals that your people have played a great and commendable part in the defense of America during the World War and prior wars, and have contributed much in time of peace towards the development and preservation of the glory and romance of our country and our democratic form of government."