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DEPORTATION OF SOFIA JEWS WILL BE COMPLETED "AS PLANNED," BULGARIAN MINISTER SAYS

ZURICH, May 31.(JTA) -- The Nazi radio stations today broadcast a report from Sofia quoting the Bulgarian Minister of Interior Grabovsky as announcing that the deportation of all 25,000 Jews in the Bulgarian capital is continuing and "will be completed, as planned, on the appointed date."

Grabovsky reiterated a statement which he made last week that every Jew in Bulgaria is still allowed to leave the country and can emigrate to any place except Palestine and Turkey." After the deportation of the Jews from Sofia is completed, the deportation of baptized Jews will start, he added.

JEWS IN RUSSIA THREATENED BY SOVIET GENERAL WHO JOINED HITLER'S FORCES

STOCKHOLM, May 31.(JTA) -- Joining the Nazi anti-Jewish crusade, General Andrei Vlassov, the Russian commander who surrendered to the Germans and was appointed by the Nazis as "chief of the Committee to Liberate Russia" today announced that Jews will be deprived of all their rights in Russia should be ever succeed in "liberating" it.

Speaking at a meeting in Riga, capital of Nazi-held Latvia, the renegade General told his audience that "all nationalities in Russia, except the Jews," will be permitted to carry on their own national life. "The Jews were the main supporters of Bolshevism and must pay for plunging the Russian people into disaster," he declared. His speech, delivered in Russian, was broadcast to Russia, the Nazi Transocean news agency reported.

Provincial leaders of the Nazi Party were told today by Robert Ley, head of the Nazi Labor Front, to continue their merciless persecution of the Jews "with more vigor" and to always remember that "the annihilation of the Jews will lead to German victory,"

"It is either we, or the Jews," Ley said speaking before a conference of Nazi officials held in Cologne, the official German news agency DNB reported. "All those who enter the renks of the National Socialist Penty must remember that they have burned their boats and that there is no road back for them. Even if they were ready to return to the old world, it would not be possible for them to do so, because the Jews. ruling that world. would never forgive them.

"The last and hardest phase of our crusade against the Jews is yet to come," Ley continued. "We have a very difficult struggle to conclude, but we shall bring it to a victorious conclusion. Our attitude towards the Jews remains and will always be 'either they or we.'"

The Hamburger Fremdenblatt, which arrived here today, carries a report disclosing that there is still "an unknown number of Jews residing in the ghetto in Lodz." Most of these Jews are employed in textile factories working on German war orders and operated by Berlin-controlled industrial corporations. Operation of these factories would prove difficult if the skilled Jewish textile workers were deported from Lodz, the Nazi paper explains.

GEN. HALLER'S APPOINTEMENT AS FOLISH MINISTER FOR MIDDLE EAST PUZZLES PALESTINE JEWS

JERUSALEM, May 31.(JTA) -- Jewish leaders as well as Polish liberal circles here are greatly surprised that the Polish Government has appointed Gen. Josef Haller as Minister for the Middle East to succeed Prof. Stanislaw Kot. A resolution protesting Gen. Haller's appointment was adopted today at the 28th session of the Supreme Committee of the Revisionist Party.

Many Jews from Poland remember "Haller's Army" which terrorized the Jewish population in Poland after World War I. It is pointed out that his past anti-Jewish activities may make it difficult for him to secure the confidence of the Jews in Palestine.

JEWS, BALKARIANS RESIST NAZIS DURING INVASION OF JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN CAUCASUS

KUIBYSHEV, May 31.(JTA) -- A dramatic account of how the people in the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic in the Caucasus, near Georgia, united with the Jews, who have lived in the region for centuries, to resist the Nazi armies, is reported in the Caucasian press.

For hundreds of years the Jews in this part of the Caucasus had lived peacefully side by side with the neighboring Kabardians, Cherkas, Russians, and Balkarians. They had particularly close relations with the Balkarians, who considered themselves kinsmen of the Jews because they stemmed from the Khazars, who became converted to Judaism in the latter part of the eighth century.

When the Germans invaded the Caucasus they looted the Jewish and Balkarian settlements of gattle, farm equipment and clothing. In one village they drove together the entire population, which consisted, mainly, of aged men, women and children, and ordered the Jews to step to one side and the Balkarians to the other. When no one moved and the Germans threatened to open fire on the crowd, one aged Balkarian cried out; "We have been living together with the Jews for centuries and we shan't separate from them now." The Nazis replied by ordering the Balkarians to dig graves for the Jews, but still not a Balkarian moved.

Then the Germans told the Jews to dig graves for the Balkarians, offering to spare them if they would do so. But, now, not a Jew moved. Suddenly the strained silence was broken by 90-year-old Abner Nosh, who said: "We shall rather dig our own graves then dig graves for our friends." Enraged, the Nazis opened fire on the crowd and the Jews and Balkarians fought back fiercely with knives, spades and axes. But the uneven battle soon ended and the Germans murdered those survivors who were unable to flee into the mountains and set fire to the village.

ARABS DEMAND SEAT IN COUNCIL OF ALL-JEWISH MUNICIPALITY OF TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, May 31.(JTA) -- A demand that the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv place an Arab on its municipal council was presented to the Palestine authorities today by a group of Arab land owners who possess land in the area recently incorporated into Tel Aviv as part of the project to have the city limits extended.

The Communist Party in Palestine, composed of Jews and Arabs, today ennounced its dissolution following the dissolution of the Comintern in Moscow. Separate Jewish and Arab Communist groups will continue to exist, but with no connection between the two. NEW YORK, May 31.(JTA) -- An appeal to the Jews in the United States from the Jews of Poland, asking for effective action to save the remmants of Polish Jewry and describing in detail the heroic resistance of the Jews in the Warsaw ghetto was made public here today by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the World Jewish Congress.

The appeal, which comes from the Jewish National Council of Poland and the Jewish Workers Committee there, reached London yesterday and was recabled to New York. Dated April 28, the appeal reads: "In the names of the millions of already murdered Jews, in the names of the burned and massacred, in the name of those fighting heroically, in the names of all of us who are condemned to death, we appeal to the world for help."

"For nine days the Warsaw Qhetto has been heroically fighting the SS troops and the Wehrmacht who have besiged us. The bombardment continues. The Ghetto is in flames. Women and children are perishing alive. Jewish fighters are inflicting heavy casualties on the enemies and burning German factories and munition stores. The enemy has lost 1,000 wounded and dead. The heroic resistance of the Warsaw Ghetto continues with a few strongholds holding out.

"The Jewish fighting organization shows great ingenuity and oourage. Klepfisch, an engineer, was one of the pillars of the determined resistance. He died like a hero. The German oruelities are gruesome. Many are burned alive while thousands are shot or taken to camps. The president of the Jewish Council was shot. A few thousand remain underground and in the store houses of the Ghetto. The store house defenses are being overcome after stiff resistance. The same is true of the shelters. The Germans shelled and set on fire one block of houses after another. Explosions and fires are everywhere. The Ghettos are surrounded by police who block the drain pipes. Those who flee are caught and shot. The epic heroism is near its end. Remnants of Jewish centers in the provinces are being completely wived out."

HATIKVAH SUNG IN LONDON AT JEWISH MEETING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR RUSSIA

LONDON, May 31.(JTA) -- An impressive pageant arranged by the Jewish Fund to Aid Russia and addressed by Lord Nathan and Lord Stragbolgi was presented here last night in the Stoll Theatre with Jewish men and women from all branches of the armed services, homeguard and civil defense units sitting on the platform.

The meeting opened with a message from Soviet Ambassador Ivan Maisky expressing appreciation to the Jews of England for their campaign to raise funds for sending twenty mobile units to the Russian Army and concluded with the singing of Hatikvah. Messages of greetings were received from Chief Rabbi Hertz of England and from the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Russia.

Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, addressing a Jewish workers' meeting last night in East London, appealed to the Jews of England to cooperate in the work of combatting anti-semitism in Britain as well as in plans for a unified post-war Jewish program. He announced his intention to stand for re-election to the post of president of the Board of Deputies. The elections will take place within a fortnight.

JOHANNESBURG JEWS RAISE \$140,000 FOR JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

JOHANNESBURG, May 31.(JTA) -- More than \$140,000 was raised here over the week-end for the Jewish National Fund at a dinner in the Carlton Hotel addressed by South African Minister of Justice Colin Steyn. Mr. Steyn expressed the hope that Jewish demands in Palestine would soon be granted.