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NAZIS MASSACRED 5,000 JEWS IN OREL; BODIES FOUND ON NEARBY HIGHWAY

LONDON, Aug. 9.(JTA)-- The Tass, a Soviet news agency, today reported from Moscow that the Nazis massacred 5,000 Jews in the city of Orel, which last week was re-occupied by the Russian army.

"First the heads of the Jewish families were summoned by the Gestapo. They were never seen afterwards. Subsequently, whole families were led away from their homes and were found murdered on the Bolkhov highway, near the shooting range of the Dynamo factory," the Moscow report said.

JEWS IN BUCHAREST CELEBRATED FALL OF MUSSOLINI, RUMANIAN PAPER CHARGES

LONDON, Aug. 9.(JTA)-- Jews in Bucharest celebrated the fall of Mussolini with "joyful demonstrations in the Jewish quarter of the city," the Rumanian anti-Semitic newspaper Porunca Vremii charges.

"The Jews," the paper writes, "have failed to show any restraints of decency and allowed themselves to be carried away by challenging demonstrations in their homes and in the Jewish quarter." The paper adds that "Rumanian Jews, passing themselves for Rumanians, are spreading defeatist rumors in the cafes," and are "compromising Rumanian interests and dignity."

The Rumanian newspaper, Timpul, reports that up to December 6, 1942, more than 92,000 buildings had been "Rumanized," including 32,000 in Transylvania, 38,000 in Bessarabia and 22,000 in Northern Bucovina. This included 291 buildings belonging to Jewish community and welfare institutions. During the same period about 500,000 hectares land were expropriated in Bessarabia, Bucovina and Transylvania.

The Bucharest radio today reported that all business enterprises in Rumania have been ordered to employ two Rumanians for each Jew still in their employment. These instructions were issued "in order that Jewish workers could be replaced by Rumanians at a moment's notice," the broadcast explained.

Jews in Slovakia Jubilant over Mussolini's End, Nazi Press Claims

Emulating the pro-Nazi press in Rumania, the Slovakian Nazi newspapers are similarly accusing the Jews of "open jubilation" over the fall of Mussolini. The newspaper, Grenzboten, published in Bratislava, states that "the Jews have grown impudent and are speaking loudly of the fact that they have celebrated the fall of the Duce with thanksgiving services." The Nazi paper urges the immediate removal of "the dangerous Jews" from Bratislava.

The Slovak Nazi paper Gardista, in similar vein, concludes that if there are certain circumstances which make the deportation of some Jews difficult, they should be confined to labor camps under most stringent control. The paper reveals that of the 95,000 Jews in Slovakia, about 18,000 are still in the country. Of them three thousand reside in Bratislava, the paper says.

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U.S. URGES ENGLAND TO BAR DISCUSSIONS ON PALESTINE FOR THE DURATION, PEARSON REPORTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.(JTA)-- Official circles in Washington are astir with intrigue regarding the question of Palestine, it was disclosed today in an article by Drew Pearson, noted Washington columnist.

"Ex-Secretary of War Pat Hurley and the State Department are in hot debate over Palestine and the Jews," the article reveals. "Zionist leaders are upset over a proposed statement by the U.S. and British Governments, barring any further discussion now of Jewish settlement in Palestine. Churchill and Eden oppose barring further discussion of the question, but the State Department is pushing them.

"The question arose after Pat Hurley, now a Major General, visited Arabia, where he called on the famous chieftain, Ibn Saud, now recognized as the most powerful of Arabs. He spoke strong words against the Jews in Palestine, said he was determined to drive them from all Arab lands. Hurley reported he told Ibn Saud, diplomatically, he agreed.

"After Hurley's return to the U.S., the State Department prepared a new policy for approval of the White House and the British Government to bar further discussion of Palestine and the Jews until after the war," Mr. Pearson states. "The State Department men who prepared and pushed it are:

"1. Wallace Murray, Hull's political adviser on the Near East, ardent champion of the King of Italy.

"2. Adolf Berle, Assistant Secretary of State, original Brain Trustee, who began some time ago to "build up" a series of buffer states in Hungary and Poland against Russia.

"3. Harold Hoskins, former chief investigator for Berle, now in the Army, who was raised in Syria, where his father was an official in the Syrian Protestant College, Beirut, and expert on the Arabic language. When in the State Department, Hoskins, an admirer of the Arabs, was sent by Berle to Capitol Hill to interview Congressmen who had signed the Zionist petition for a Jewish army.

"This new policy, when sent to London, got a rebuff, but under pressure from Washington, Churchill and Eden yielded," Mr. Pearson writes.

Rabbi Wise Appeals to President Roosevelt to Postpone Decision

"News of this maneuvering leaked out and alarmed some of the President's close advisers," Mr. Pearson continues. "While many of them do not necessarily believe in Jewish settlement in Palestine, they do emphatically believe that the door should not be closed to discussion of the question, as they believe it is healthy for all peace problems to be discussed.

"Rabbi Stephen S. Wise came to see the President several days ago. When he entered the Executive Office, the State Department's proposed policy was lying on the President's desk, awaiting his approval.

"Rabbi Wise persuaded Roosevelt to postpone decision for a while and the matter is in abeyance. The State Department has been trying to get Secretary of War Stimson to support Hull. Stimson replied that he favored a frank discussion but has not yielded."

Mr. Pearson also discloses that Senator Langer of N.D. served notice that if the State Department puts through its plan, he will demand an investigation.

REVISIONISTS OFFER UNITY TO ZIONISTS ON BASIS OF BEN-GURION'S RECENT SPEECHES

LONDON, Aug. 9.(JTA)-- The New Zionist Organization today issued a declaration announcing that "unity between the two Zionist organizations could be brought closer than ever before" if David Ben-Gurion, leader of the Histadruth, would make clear whether his recent speeches as well as his article of last week in the Palestine newspaper Hetzofeh can be regarded as his acceptance of the Revisionist slogan, "a Jewish State on both sides of the Jordan."

"Such a statement would lead not only to unity between the NZO and the Zionist Organization, but would also make possible the waging of a unified Zionist political offensive," the declaration of the New Zionist Organization read.

The London Economist, leading British weekly newspaper devoted to economic problems in the British Empire, carries an article from Palestine highly lauding the development of the Jewish labor unions in the country. This development, the article stresses, has resulted in the upbuilding of a model system of relations between the workers and the employers. The writer points out that while the Palestine Jewish workers are well organized, Arab labor has lagged in organization and is still working under primitive conditions and at low wages. The article criticizes the Palestine Government for accepting the Arab standard as the basis for wages on public works.

HOLLAND WILL AVENGE THE MURDER OF DUTCH JEWS BY THE NAZIS, OFFICIAL ORGAN SAYS

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.(JTA)-- The Nazi murder and wholesale expulsion of Dutch Jews from Holland will be avenged, the Netherlands News, organ of the Dutch Government-in-Exile, states in commenting on the Nazi announcement that "the Jewish problem in Holland has been solved" and that the several thousand Jews remaining are in concentration camps, awaiting final deportation.

"The Netherlands, which presented humanity with many great lawgivers and has ever led the world in religious and racial tolerance, cannot breathe freely and take up its place among the leading democratic nations before it has obtained the full measure of justice for the murder of these innocent and defenseless citizens," the article says.

"The wholesale murder of the Jewish Netherlands is to us a heinous crime - worse in its horrifying barbarism than the destruction of Warsaw, or the razing of Lydice," it declares. "While those towns were annihilated in wild fury and with paranoiac vandalism, the destruction of Holland's Jews has been a coolly calculated business, a cat-and-mouse game, atrociously drawn out over months and years.

"One hundred eighty thousand Netherlands citizens - loyal and respected burghers, thrifty and useful to their motherland - have been murdered in a large number of ways, resembling each other only in that they are unspeakable. It is of no interest to us whether among these victims of Hitlerian madness there were Jews, half-Jews or adherents to any other creed. All we know is that the wanton slaughter of Rotterdam has now been repeated many times over. All we will remember is that such abominable mass murder must be avenged."

JEWS CAN STILL BE RESCUED FROM POLAND, UNDERGROUND APPEAL SAYS

LONDON, Aug. 9.(JTA)-- A message from the underground movement in occupied Poland reaching here today states that "there are still possibilities for saving the surviving Jews" and appeals for practical rescue measures to be taken by the Allied Nations. The message was addressed to the Jewish member of the Polish National Council, Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, and to the representative of the Jewish Bund, the Jewish labor party of Poland.

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JEWISH CAPTAIN IN AMERICAN AIR FORCE DECORATED SIX TIMES FOR BRAVERY

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.(JTA)-- The Jewish Welfare Board today reported that Capt. Oscar R. Krebs, a 24-year old navigator in the American Air Force in Europe, has been decorated six times for valiant work against the enemy. Captain Krebs holds the Distinguished Service Cross, the Air Medal, three Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal, and the Purple Heart.

Injured in a crash landing on returning from a bombing mission over Germany, Captain Krebs staged a swift recovery and returned to action. He has been in service two and a half years, leaving his medical studies at the University of Alabama to enlist in the Air Corps. The son of Samuel Goldberg, of New York, the captain assumed his mother's maiden name, Krebs, at her death eight years ago as a means of perpetuating her memory. He has a brother, Emanuel, serving with the Seabees.

The Jewish Welfare Board also announced that its Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities has just concluded the first series of conferences for Jewish chaplains covering the entire country.

In meetings held at Atlanta, Richmond, Boston, St. Louis, Dallas and San Francisco, more than 125 Jewish chaplains met to exchange ideas and to discuss their work. Rabbis David de Sola Pool, Philip S. Bernstein, Barnett R. Brickner, Chaplain Aryeh Lev, Mr. Benjamin Rabinowitz and Mr. Milton Weill, chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the JWB, joined with the chaplains of various regions of the country to discuss the work of the chaplain.

Jewish Ace Killed in His 13th Bombing Attack Over Berlin

LONDON, July 25 (JTA--Air Mail)-- Moishe Hendin, who, before the war was a farmer in the Kadimah collective in the Crimea, has been killed in his thirteenth bombing flight over Berlin, according to a message received here from the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Kuibyshev.

Hendin took part in twelve successful Soviet air raids over Berlin, in which he unloaded his bombs over the German capital. Recently, while making his thirteenth flight over Berlin, his plane was hit by enemy anti-aircraft shells and caught fire, and Hendin was burned to death. The Kadimah collective farm was evacuated when the Germans approached the Crimea to Kazakhstan, where it was joined with the local collective farm Frunze.

M. Kalinin, President of the Soviet Union, has personally handed the Order of Lenin to a Jewish guerrilla fighter named Simon for his daring deeds. Simon's guerrilla detachment, by mining railway lines, succeeded in causing the derailment of 13 enemy troop trains. The detachment also blew up 18 heavy trucks carrying more than 2,000 German soldiers.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA CABLES \$500,000 TO PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.(JTA)-- The sum of \$500,000 was cabled by the Jewish National Fund of America to Palestine for new land acquisition, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, announced today. This represents one of the largest single remittances made in recent years. A total of \$3,451,006.74 has been remitted by the Fund since October 1, 1942.

In announcing the remittance, Dr. Goldstein stated that there has been an increase of over 40% in the income from the traditional sources. It was also announced that the Jewish National Fund has raised over \$1,000,000 from its traditional fund raising program.