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12,000 JEWS IN WARSAW GHETTO STILL IN BATTLE WITH NAZIS, TRAVELER REPORTS

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, Aug. 24.(JTA)-- A traveler who arrived here today from Warsaw reported that the battle in the Jewish ghetto in Warsaw is continuing. He estimated that 12,000 Jews are still holding out. With the ruins about them, they have succeeded, nevertheless, in fortifying themselves in underground shelters.

The Germans, the traveler reported, shell the ghetto continuously, but they do not dare to penetrate into the interior. Any advance of the Germans in the ghetto is met with machine-gun fire by the embattled Jews.

The Jews in the ghetto continue to receive munitions and supplies through an underground system which connects the ghetto with the outside world, the traveler said. In sectors where they can no longer hold their positions, they flee through these underground passages and continue to fight in forests in the neighborhood.

"The morale of the fighting Jews is splendid," the Warsaw man stated. "They have sworn never to lay down their arms. They refused to speak to a special emissary sent by the Germans to negotiate cessation of resistance. The Nazis are surprised by the quantity of war material which the Jews have amassed in the ghetto. The only hope of the Germans is that the supplies of munitions will soon end in the ghetto and the resisting Jews will then be compelled to surrender."

PALESTINE WILL GET 1,000 MORE BRITISH POLICEMEN; FARMERS ASKED TO INCREASE PRODUCTION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24.(JTA)-- One thousand British policemen will shortly be added to the strength of the Palestine police force, it was stated here today.

The Palestine Government, through its acting financial secretary, A. L. Savage, today appealed to the Jewish farmers to increase the agricultural production of the country in order to make it as self-sufficient as possible. A Government spokesman also announced today that the Citrus Control Board has no intention of continuing in power after the war. Any plans for reconstruction which may come up during or after the war, will be discussed with the representatives of the citrus industry before their final adoption, he said.

JEWISH AGENCY DENIES REPORT THAT DR. WEIZMANN IS SERIOUSLY ILL

LONDON, Aug. 24.(JTA)-- The Jewish Agency for Palestine today issued a statement denying the report of the London Jewish Chronicle last week that Dr. Chaim Weizmann is seriously ill and that his friends in England are greatly concerned over his state of health.

The Jewish Agency statement said that "after spending his usual vacation in a country place, Dr. Weizmann returned to London and is now continuing his work."

GREEK NEWS AGENCY DESCRIBES DEPORTATION OF JEWS FROM GREECE TO POLAND

CAIRO, Aug. 24.(JTA)-- Deportations of Jews from Greece to Nazi-held Poland are continuing notwithstanding the protests of church leaders, including that of the Archbishop of Athens, the Hellenic News Service reported here today.

The Greek news agency estimates that for the period up to March more than 13,000 Jews were sent from Greece to Poland. In the town of Demotica, it reports, all Jews were rounded up on the main square, on May 4, and publicly lashed prior to their being packed into cattle trains for deportation to Poland.

"In two other towns," the Greek report says, "the Nazis collected all the Jews, deprived them of all their belongings and shaved off the heads of men and women alike. They then forced the men to strip bare and march nude through the streets to the railway stations where they were herded into cattle trains for deportation. Sixty to eighty persons were packed in each car. After the Jews left, the Nazis ransacked their homes, confiscating anything of value remaining. Much of the loot, especially the kitchen utensils, were sent to Germany."

DEPORTATION OF LAST JEWS FROM SLOVAKIA DEMANDED IN PRO-NAZI NEWSPAPERS

ZURICH, Aug. 24.(JTA)-- Renewed demands for the deportation of all remaining Jews in Slovakia are made in three leading Slovak newspapers reaching here today from Bratislava.

"The Jewish question remains unsolved as long as there is a single Jew still on Slovakian soil," the newspaper Guardista writes. It demands that baptised Jews also be deported.

The newspaper Slovak, organ of the Hlinka Party, complains that the "Aryanization" of Jewish property in Slovakia has been carried out "only half-way." It charges the Czech population in Slovakia in allying itself with Jews. "The change in the international situation makes the Czechs bold like the Jews. They feel that their day is approaching," the paper writes. A similar article is also published in the newspaper Tatranske Hlasy.

NAZIS USE PNEUMONIA GERMS TO EXTERMINATE JEWS IN HOLLAND

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.(JTA)-- The Office of War Information today reported that Netherlands Jews who are prisoners of the Nazis in the notorious Vught Concentration Camp are subjected to systematic exposure in an attempt to bring on pneumonia. The report is based on the testimony of a Hollander who recently escaped to England. His account said that prisoners were forced to walk nude for four miles to a hut for medical examination.

The informant also said that the Nazi commander of the camp ordered presentation at roll-call of bodies of all internees who had died since the previous roll-call and that prisoners were made to bring the corpses in wheel-barrows.

FALSTEIN, ONLY JEWISH MEMBER IN AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT, RE-ELECTED

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 24.(JTA)-- Pilot officer Falstein, the only Jewish member in the Australian Parliament, has been re-elected by a greater majority than at any previous election. Efforts on the part of opposition political parties to capitalize on Falstein's supporting measures for admission of refugees apparently exerted no influence on the voters.

EIGHT-MILLION DOLLAR PLAN OUTLINED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24.(JTA)-- Plans for the development of Jerusalem were discussed here publicly by the Deputy Mayor of the City, Mr. Daniel Auster. There were two main plans for the development of the city, he said; The first provided for the uncovering of the Old City Wall; the second provided for the reservation of an area of 750 dunams between Mount Scopus and the Mount of Olives as an historic monument. The carrying out of this latter plan would necessitate the requisition of some land now in private hands. The execution of both plans would necessarily bring about the clearance of slums and make way for a modern well-planned commercial center.

To put these plans into effect there would be need for a loan of \$8,000,000 and the realization of such a loan would depend on the sanction of the Palestine Government. Mr. Auster expressed the hope that at least some part of these plans will be carried out when the war is over.

CONGRESSMAN ROGERS PLEDGES HIMSELF TO FIGHT IN CONGRESS FOR SAVING EUROPEAN JEWS

LONDON, Aug. 24.(JTA)-- Congressman Will Rogers, Jr., addressing a gathering of Jewish women here today, pledged himself to conduct a movement among members of the U.S. Congress to speed the task of rescuing the Jews of Nazi Europe. The Congressman will return to America in the middle of September in time for the re-opening of Congress.

The Inter-Allied Information Office has received information stating that the Nazis are continuing the mass-executions of Jews in occupied Russian territory, killing off now such Jews as were left alive as provisionally useful for Germany's war machine. The mass-slaughter of Jews is taking place especially in Wohlynia, on the former Polish-Russian frontier district.

AMERICAN JEWISH CHAPLAIN HELPS "FORGOTTEN COLONY" OF 15,000 JEWS IN INDIA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.(JTA)-- The Washington Star, in a cable from New Delhi, India, today reports that a "forgotten colony" of Indian Jews, with a history more than eight centuries old, has been rediscovered and resuscitated by an American Army chaplain, Rabbi Abraham Dubin of Flushing, Long Island.

"Rabbi Dubin is one of a group of American chaplains," the cable says, "who are working with American armed forces in India and China. Arriving in India, he discovered that some 15,000 Jews in this country had no rabbi, had practically lost contact with world Jewry, and were fast being assimilated by other Indian sects.

"The Indian Jews," the cable continues, "are mostly chocolate-skinned, like their fellow-countrymen, and show few Semitic characteristics. Most of them are laborers and miserably poor. Almost none are in business. Rabbi Dubin's efforts to revive the self-respect of this Jewish community have been strikingly successful. Frequently he conducts joint services between Indian Jews and Jewish, American and British soldiers. One of Rabbi Dubin's most striking meetings was the July 4 service when an international congregation of 700 prayed for rain for the drought-ridden area of India. Rain fell in bucketfuls five days later."