

JEW'S IN "DEATH CAMP" REVOLT, SET FIRE TO EXECUTION CHAMBERS AND BARRACKS

LONDON, Sept. 22.(JTA)-- Jewish prisoners in the notorious Treblinka concentration camp in Poland revolted in August, setting fire to barracks and other buildings and also to the gas chambers in which thousands of Jews have been executed according to a report reaching the Polish Government-in-Exile here today. The report does not give any further details.

Reports reaching here in the past year from underground sources in Poland have indicated that the Treblinka camp has become the chief execution center for the Jews in Poland. As the Polish ghettos were liquidated by the Germans, the residents were, in many cases, sent to Treblinka. According to one report it is the most modern and efficient execution center erected by the Nazis, with facilities, the Germans have boasted, for murdering 5,000 persons a day in the gas and steam chambers.

The illegal Polish radio SWIT was heard here today broadcasting an appeal to Poles to assist the Jews fleeing from ghettos and concentration camps. The broadcaster urged the Poles to feed and shelter the fugitives in order to prevent their apprehension by the Nazis.

PALESTINE "ARMS TRIAL" NEARING END; DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION TO SUM UP

JERUSALEM, Sept. 22.(JTA)-- The trial of two Palestine Jews before a military tribunal on charges of gun smuggling, which has been proceeding for the past seven weeks will be concluded on Friday, it was indicated in court yesterday when the last defense witness was heard. The prosecution has presented 36 witnesses and the defense 24.

The attorney for Abraham Rachlin, one of the two defendants, will give his summation this afternoon, and the attorney for Leib Sirkin, the other defendant, will be heard on Thursday. Friday will be devoted to the summation by Major Baxter, the prosecutor, after which the court will adjourn to consider its decision.

The defense witness yesterday was a police handwriting expert, Arieh Ragolsky, who testified that writing in the army "pay book" belonging to one of the soldiers from whom Rachlin and Sirkin are alleged to have purchased arms was "more dissimilar than similar" to Sirkin's writing. Cross-examined by the prosecution, which intimated that Ragolsky's testimony was motivated by the fear that he would be assassinated by "Jewish terrorist groups" if he testified otherwise, the handwriting expert maintained that his statements were accurate and were given without intimidation from any source. In attempting to shake Ragolsky's testimony, Major Baxter read to the court several anonymous leaflets issued last year which threatened death to Jewish policemen "for helping a foreign power fight Jewish forces."

BRITISH M.P. WHO ESCAPED FROM NAZIS DESCRIBES MASS EXECUTION OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Sept. 22.(JTA)-- The execution of 7,000 Russian Jews whose bodies were used for road-fill was described in the House of Commons today by Commander R.M. Prior, a veteran of the Dieppe raid, who secured the information from a German soldier.

Commander Prior was captured during the Dieppe raid by the Germans and escaped only recently. During his imprisonment he met an Alsatian soldier who had been conscripted into the German army and sent to Russia. The soldier told Commander Prior that he had witnessed the execution of the 7,000 Jews, who were lined up before ditches into which their bodies were subsequently thrown and covered with dirt. Later German engineers used the filled-in ditches as part of a road they were constructing.

RELIEF MEASURES FOR JEWS OF NORTH AFRICA DESCRIBED BY JDC AIDE

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.(JTA)-- The situation of the Jews in French North Africa, especially in Tunisia which was under Nazi occupation, was described here today by Kurt Peiser, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Charities in Philadelphia who has just returned from Algiers by plane after spending four months in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia in behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Mr. Peiser, who is one of the first relief workers to return from that area, emphasized that in addition to the efficient job being done in North Africa by the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations, there is great need for private relief agencies. The chief problem facing Jewish relief groups now, he said, was to provide housing for the thousands of refugees from bomb-devastated cities and to improve sanitary and health conditions. The food shortage has been alleviated to a great extent, he added.

When the JDC representatives arrived in Tunis, they found the city filled with Jewish refugees from other sections of Tunisia, whose homes had been destroyed either by the Germans or during Allied bombings, and who had been stripped of all their possessions by the Nazis. During their occupation of Tunisia, Mr. Peiser disclosed, the Germans extorted 58,000,000 francs in fines from the Jewish communities and conscripted 8,000 Jews for forced labor on pain of executing the communities' leaders if the laborers were not forthcoming. Temporary housing has been secured for most of the native refugee Jews, he said, but with the advent of the rainy season shortly more permanent structures will have to be found for them.

UNITED NATIONS URGED TO EXTEND ASSISTANCE TO JEWISH CHILDREN IN POLAND

TEL AVIV, Sept. 22.(JTA)-- An appeal to the United Nations to extend immediate effective assistance to the thousands of Jewish and Polish children in occupied Poland was issued today in connection with the observance on Sept. 26 of a "day of protest" to bring to the attention of the world the massacre of tens of thousands of children by the Germans in Poland.

At a press conference here Prof. Kazimierz Grzybowski, head of the Polish Information Bureau, stressed that Jewish children have been slaughtered to the same extent as non-Jewish. Dr. Henryk Rosmarin, Polish consul in Tel Aviv, said that thousands of Jewish youngsters were murdered in Radom, Bendin and other Polish cities.

JEWS OF U.S.S.R. SEND ROSH HASHONAH GREETINGS TO AMERICAN JEWRY

TASHKENT, U.S.S.R., Sept. 22. (JTA)-- A Rosh Hashonah message to the Jews of the United States on behalf of the Jews of the U.S.S.R. was issued to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today by Samuel Chobrutsky, president of the Moscow Jewish Community, which has been functioning here since its evacuation from the Russian capital when the city was in danger of falling to the Nazis. The message reads as follows:

"The New Year of 5704 is being ushered in to the terrible crash of guns and the ominous whistle of shells. As have been the previous two years, it is born in the flame of the fire that has engulfed the world, and its path is covered with blood. But in the sky, which has hung leaden over us since the outbreak of the war, we can now see light breaking. Over the noise of the cannonades we can hear voices prophesying that victory is near, victory of good over evil, of light over darkness, of justice over brutality, of God's word over Satan's machinations.

"Standing at the cradle of the New Year we look into the future with hope and trust that this year, with the help of God, will bring us release from all the terrible misfortunes of war and will heal the bloody wounds that the war has caused. To our profound regret, this hope cannot be shared by millions of our brethren who are subjected to superhuman tortures and death by the Fascist beasts. But the knowledge that the day of payment and vengeance is near gives us some relief.

Soviet Jews See Freeing of All Russia in Coming Year

"We Jews of the Soviet Union are looking to the coming year with doubled expectations and hopes. The splendid victories of our heroic Red Army under the leadership of our wise leader, Stalin, the titanic struggle and victory at Stalingrad, the glorious liberation of Orel, Kharkov, Taganrog, Tchernigov, and thousands of other towns and villages that suffered under the yoke of fascist oppressions gives us assurance that in the coming year, with the help of Providence and the force of our weapons, the enemy will be banished from our country and our native land will be freed, and we, on equal footing with all the nations of our great country, shall again live the free life we lived before this bloody war.

"Brother Jews of the great republic across the sea: With joy we inform you that the time of liberation is near. Our people will soon return to their homes and our voice, the voice of the Jewish community of Moscow, will be heard again, in the near future, from Moscow, that city which surprised the whole world with its heroic struggle and victory.

"From the heart of the U.S.S.R. we shall, with God's help, again represent religious Soviet Jewry and establish contact in its name with the Jews of all the world. And now on the threshold of the New Year we send you from Tashkent our warm greetings and hearty wishes that in the coming year our united armies shall bring the long-awaited release to suffering mankind, that the enemy shall finally disappear from the face of the earth, that the day which is breaking over the world shall turn into a beautiful morning and the voice of God, the voice of justice and law, shall drown forever the Satanic calls of the enemies of mankind.

"We wish that the coming year will be for all of us a year of splendid victory, a year of good fortune, a year of great achievements in which will be completely realized the beautiful words of our New Year prayer: 'Be still you prosecutor! Take his place, Defender!'"

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