

MOSCOW CONFERENCE DECISIONS INCLUDE PUNISHMENT OF NAZIS FOR CRIMES AGAINST JEWS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18. (JTA)-- Secretary of State Cordell Hull, addressing a historic joint sessions of both Houses of Congress today, indicated that the Moscow tripartite conference definitely kept in mind the fact that "Hitler has reserved for the Jews his most brutal wrath." He told Congress that "sure punishment will be administered for all these crimes."

His statement, interrupted by vigorous applause, came as an obvious reply to the criticism leveled in some quarters against the fact that the Moscow conference failed to speak out specifically on crimes committed by Hitler against the Jews. Secretary Hull said:

"The Conference also served as an occasion for a solemn declaration by the heads of the three Governments with regard to the perpetrators of the bestial and abominable crimes committed by the Nazi leaders against the harrassed and persecuted inhabitants of occupied territories - against people of all races and religions, among whom Hitler has reserved for the Jews his most brutal wrath. Sure punishment will be administered for all these crimes."

RUMANIA ORDERS REPATRIATION OF JEWS DEPORTED TO TRANSNISTRIA, SWITZERLAND HEARS

GENEVA, Nov. 18. (JTA)-- Anticipating the re-occupation by the Russian armies of all the territory in the Ukraine now administered by Rumania, which they have named Transnistria, the pro-Nazi Rumanian Government intends to repatriate the thousands of Jews who have been deported from various parts of the country to Transnistria, it was reported here today.

This information, Jewish circles said, comes from unimpeachable sources. Only Rumanian Jews will be repatriated from Transnistria, the report stated. Russian Jews in Transnistria will have to remain where they are.

No reason is given for the sudden decision of the Rumanian Government to repatriate the deported Jews. The report states however, that Rumanian officials in Transnistria have been ordered to start the repatriation within a few days. It is also reported that Jewish leaders in Bucharest were told by the authorities to arrange for the reception and maintenance of the repatriated Jews.

In view of the fact there are at least 75,000 Rumanian Jews in Transnistria, there will not be sufficient trains to transport them, since all available trains are being placed at the disposal of the retreating army. "Most of the repatriated Jews will have to hike to the Rumanian interior," the report said.

JEWISH AGENCY DECIDES TO NEGOTIATE ON UNITY WITH REVISIONISTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA)-- The executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine today decided to appoint a special committee to negotiate on unity with the New Zionist Organization which is outside of the official Zionist movement and was opposed to the creation of a Jewish Agency with non-Zionist participation. The newspaper Haboker, in reporting this development, says that the Agency added the proviso that the New Zionist Organization must first approach it.

GERMAN AUTHORITIES REFUSE TO MAKE PUBLIC NAMES OF JEWS DEPORTED FROM DENMARK

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 18.(JTA)-- The German occupation authorities refuse to make public the names of Jews deported from Denmark, according to a report appearing in the Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter. The newspaper gives Werner Best, German Minister to Denmark, as the source of the ruling.

Best has also announced that Danes deported by mistake will not be allowed to return home, the Dagens Nyheter adds. It is likely that the latter decision is motivated by the Nazis' desire not to have reports concerning the fate of the deportees circulating within Denmark. Previously, the Germans had promised to return all deported Danes.

The newspaper Nya Dagligt Allehanda reports that an enterprising and ingenious Danish youth succeeded recently in removing all valuable property from a Copenhagen synagogue which is closely guarded by German police. Posing as a Nazi policeman the young Dane and six accomplices filled 43 boxes with holy books and synagogue regalia and even succeeded in requisitioning two trucks to carry away the synagogue property. By the time the Germans discovered that they had been hoaxed the boy and his helpers were gone.

AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN RULING MANDATED TERRITORIES SUGGESTED

LONDON, Nov. 18.(JTA)-- Joint rule of all mandated territories by the United States, Britain and the French Committee for National Liberation until after the general post-war peace settlement, was suggested today by Lord Strabolgi, Laborite peer, addressing a meeting to welcome the repatriated Palestinian soldiers who arrived here aboard exchange ships several weeks ago..

Lord Strabolgi said that the Jews fighting within the ranks of the United Nations are an answer to Hitler's plot to exterminate them. He urged that thousands of additional Jews in Palestine and the neutral countries enroll in the Jewish units in Palestine, declaring that such service will strengthen Jewish claims to Palestine.

GERMANS ESTABLISH SEPARATE CONCENTRATION CAMP IN BELGIUM FOR AGED JEWS

LONDON, Nov. 18.(JTA)-- A new concentration camp for the exclusive use of aged Jewish men and women "whom it is not worthwhile to transport anywhere" has been established by the Germans in the village of Schuet, a suburb of Brussels, it is reported today by Belgian circles here.

The report says that aged Jews from all sections of Belgium are being brought to the Schuet camp, but, as yet, there is no indication as to what the Nazis plan to do with them.

MINISTER OF INTERIOR INVITES YUGOSLAV JEWS IN PALESTINE TO RETURN HOME AFTER WAR

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18.(JTA) Yugoslav Jewish refugees in Palestine were today invited to return to their homeland after the war by Vladeta Millechevitch, Minister of the Interior in King Peter's cabinet. Millechevitch told a meeting of the Yugoslav Jewish Settlers Association that "we will welcome the Jews and their talents will be fully appreciated."

King Peter, who is also visiting Palestine, today received three Jewish refugee children from Yugoslavia, who described the plight of the Jews and asked his assistance. The King promised to do all possible to assist the Jews in Yugoslavia and stressed that "all are suffering as brothers in a common plight."

JEWISH REFUGEES FROM POLAND PERSECUTED BY POLES IN MEXICAN SETTLEMENT

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 18. (JTA)-- Jewish refugees from Poland living in the camp at Santa Rosa established in Mexico by the Polish Government-in-Exile for Poles coming from Iran and India are being terrorized by Polish refugees, it is disclosed by the Mexican labor paper "El Popular" on the basis of an investigation made by a special correspondent.

Though there are only 27 Jews among the 700 Poles in the camp, the Jewish men, women and children there are addressed as "mangy Jews" and often beaten. Cries of "Jews to Palestine" and "Death to the Jews" can be heard often in the camp. Swastikas have been drawn on the entrances to the sleeping quarters of the Jews, and stones and mud were thrown through the windows of the room where Jews pray on holidays. Even the few Jewish children in the camp are reported to be persecuted without any attempt by the Polish administration of the camp to put an end to the anti-Jewish hooliganism.

Anxious to rescue the Jews from these indignities, the Jewish Community Council in Mexico City offered to take them from the Polish camp and maintain them with community funds. The Polish camp administration, however, rejected the offer, declaring that "the Polish authorities make no distinction between Jews and non-Jews." At the same time it penalized the Jews for sending a complaint to the Polish Ambassador in Mexico, to the United States Ambassador there who represents the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation, and to Jewish relief organizations in New York.

The group of 27 Jews consists of 15 persons who came from Russia to where they escaped after the German army invaded Poland, and 12 who reached Bombay. Several of the latter had immigration visas to the United States when arriving in Bombay, but all of them had to sign a statement pledging acceptance of the terms of the Polish-Mexican agreement which provides for their return to Poland after the war and prohibits them from doing any work while in Mexico. They assert, however, that the Polish Consul at Bombay told them at that time that their signing of the statement was a mere formality, that they would have freedom of action in Mexico, and if they so wished, they could arrange for their entrance to the United States.

Jews Confirm Mistreatment by Polish Officials

The 15 Jews who came from Russia complain of ill treatment by the Polish authorities in Russia after the signing of the Soviet-Polish pact of 1941. They relate how they were forced to change their names and pretend they were non-Jews in order to be accepted by the Polish army which was organized on Russian soil. They confirm reports by the Jewish Agency for Palestine that even Jews who were accepted by the Polish army were later eliminated by various means and also that Jewish soldiers were ousted from transport trains carrying Polish military units from Russia to Persia. The Jews complained to the Soviet authorities and secured their intervention. In this manner some of the Jews now in the camp here came to Iran.

After reaching Iran 250 Polish soldiers of Jewish faith were refused food and shelter by the Polish command there, Felix Pridecky, one of them, testified here. The Jewish soldiers were compelled to sleep in the streets. English officers who saw this intervened with Polish colonels, and only then were the Jewish soldiers sent to Teheran. Many Polish Jews were, at the same time, arrested by Polish military

authorities on their arrival at the Iranian border station of Paheva. Without any reasons being given, the Jews were held for six weeks in the Polish prison in Iran.

#### Instigators of Anti-Jewish Activities Remain Unpunished

In the four months since the Polish colony of Santa Rosa was established the directorship of the camp has done nothing to counter the spirit and activities of anti-Semitism, it is stated. Recently a new leader of the colony, Bohdan Szmajko, arrived. Mr. Szmajko is a Polish career diplomat who was Poland's representative to the Franco government in Spain during the Spanish Civil War. He posted a notice in which he warned all instigators of unrest that they would be interned until the end of the war if they attacked Polish citizens of Jewish faith. The same night the warning was ripped down. It was never replaced.

Commenting on the findings of its reporter "El Popular" wrote: "The bloody racial wave unleashed by Hitler against the Jews in Europe is reaching our country and presents alarming characteristics, which could degenerate into a shameful tragedy for the good name of our nation should they continue unchecked or if they are not stopped in due time.

"In the Polish colony organized in the ex-Hacienda Santa Rosa, near the city of Leon, state of Guanajuato, those Poles through whose veins flows Jewish blood are suffering humiliations, vexations, personal aggressions and violent threats by their own non-Jewish compatriots. But the gravest aspect of this situation is that the Polish Minister in Mexico, to whom a report has been made on the conditions prevailing in Santa Rosa, has taken a passive attitude, compelled undoubtedly to behave in such a way due to his status as a converted Jew."

#### CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE OPENS HEARINGS TODAY ON RESCUE OF JEWS FROM EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.(JTA)-- Public hearings on the Baldwin-Rogers resolutions urging that the President appoint a commission on immediate action to save the Jews of Europe, will begin tomorrow before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Senator Guy M. Gillette, Iowa Dem., denounced today as "unsubstantiated" the charge that relief sent to Europe through the blockade would be "a form of lend-lease to the enemy." The latter statement was made on Nov. 10 in the British Parliament by Dingle M. Foot, Parliamentary Undersecretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

Senator Gillette is a member of the subcommittee studying the Taft-Gillette bill urging that the United States help send immediate relief to the starving populations of Europe. At hearings before the subcommittee today, Major William W. Hoffman, executive director of the Belgian War Relief Society, told of the British Government's opposition to relaxing the blockade.

Spyros P. Skouras, president of the Greek War Relief Association, testified that since the Commission of Neutrals had been formed to administer Allied relief in Greece, the Germans have lived up to the terms of the agreement. "It is not too much to say," he added, "that this relief has saved the Greek people from extinction."

#### JUNIOR HADASSAH WILL HOLD CONVENTION IN CLEVELAND

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.(JTA)-- Junior Hadassah, the Young Women's Zionist Organization of America, will hold its twentieth annual convention in the Hotel Statler in Cleveland, during the Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 25 to 27, it was announced here today.