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JEWS EXPELLED FROM SUB-CARPATHIAN TOWNS IN HUNGARY; BLOCKED ACCOUNTS INTENSIFY MISERY

ZURICH, April 5. (JTA) -- The deportation of all Jews from the city of Munkacs and other towns in the sub-Carpathian regions of Hungary was reported here today from Budapest, at the same time that a German-language broadcast on the Budapest radio announced that new anti-Jewish decrees were published in today's Official Gazette. The new decrees prohibit Jews in Hungary from wearing army or police uniforms.

The plight of the Jews in Hungary has been worsened as a result of the fact that all bank accounts have been blocked. Jewish funds are being used to defray the cost of the German occupation army which is estimated to be more than \$4,000,000 a day.

Concerned over the continued protests by Cardinal Seredi against the anti-Jewish measures, the German military authorities in Hungary have placed the Cardinal and a number of Bishops under house arrest, it was reported here today. Other reports reaching here from Budapest state that 314 Jewish actors have been expelled from the Hungarian Chamber of Actors under the new anti-Jewish regulations.

The Slovakian Minister of Interior, Sano Mach, is quoted in a broadcast today over the Bratislava radio, as stating that only 8,000 Jews now remain in Slovakia which before the war had a Jewish population of 90,000. Mach emphasized that "in the last two months the number of Jews in the country has been materially reduced" and added that during March many Jews were sent to labor camps.

JEWS AGENCY DENIES CHARGES OF NON-COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT IN CHECKING TERROR

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- The charge that the Jewish community in Palestine has failed to cooperate with the Palestine authorities in checking terrorist activities in the country was termed "preposterous" today by Bernard Joseph, acting head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Replying to the accusation made yesterday by Chief Secretary John V. Shaw of the Palestine Government, Mr. Joseph said that Jewish organizations were doing everything in their power to prevent a recurrence of further acts of violence. He pointed out that the primary responsibility for maintaining order rested with the police, emphasizing that the authorities were spending \$12,000,000 for security in a tiny country and that the country was "entitled to expect the police force to have the information to enable them to track the culprits down."

Mr. Joseph accused the police of "inexcusable negligence" in handling the problem, citing the escape of a score of terrorist suspects from the Latroun detention camp and the assignment of only two policemen in Haifa, when a citizen notified the police of a wounded gangster's presence, instead of a squad. As a result, one of the policemen, a Jew, was killed and three other gangsters in the vicinity escaped.

The Jewish Agency spokesman denied that there was any connection between the Jewish authorities' refusal to cooperate in the White Paper policy, under which further Jewish immigration is banned except for unfilled quotas, and alleged public unwillingness to cooperate in maintenance of law and order. "We oppose the White Paper," he said, "but at the same time vigorously oppose such terrorism."

15,000 JEWS IN CZERNOWITZ BELIEVED SAVED BY RUSSIAN ARMY FROM RETREATING GERMANS

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- Of the 50,000 Jews who lived in Czernowitz before the war, about 15,000 may have been saved by the Russian Army which re-captured that Rumanian city last week, it was reported today by Jewish refugees from Rumania who arrived in Haifa last night, having left Czernowitz on March 21, nine days before the Russians drove the German armies out of the city.

The refugees, most of whom were confined in a labor camp near Czernowitz, also expressed the belief that many of the 75,000 Jews deported to Transnistria are still alive, since the Germans retreated so hastily that it is unlikely that they were able to carry out any large scale massacres.

Some 3,000 Jews in a "Trans-Bug" labor camp under German supervision were less fortunate, the refugees said. All of these, including aged persons and children, are reported to have been executed a few weeks before the Nazis retreated across the Bug River.

Most of the 240 refugees who arrived yesterday were in the labor camp near Czernowitz for the past 16 months. They said that the Rumanian attitude towards Jews had become friendlier in recent months, almost in direct proportion to the speed of the advancing Red Army. Early this year Jews were allowed to remove the yellow star which they had been forced to wear.

Among the arrivals - 208 of whom came from Czernowitz and 32 from Bucharest - are the widow and child of the late Chief Rabbi Mark of Czernowitz who was killed by the Nazis in 1942. The refugees, after escaping from the camp, travelled to Bucharest and from there to the Bulgarian Black Sea port of Varna, where they embarked for Turkey.

PALESTINE JEWS CONCERNED AT DELAY IN ISSUANCE OF CURRENT IMMIGRATION QUOTA

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders here are concerned at the failure of the Palestine Administration to issue the immigration schedule for the three-month period beginning April 1. The usual procedure heretofore has been for the administration to notify the Jewish Agency in advance of the number of certificates that would be made available to it. Whether the delay has any connection with the fact that the White Paper ban on further Jewish immigration - with the exception of 20,000 refugees-- is now in effect, is not known.

JEWS "GUERRILLA VILLAGE" OPERATES BEHIND GERMAN LINES DESTROYING MILITARY OBJECTIVES

MOSCOW, April 5. (JTA) -- Front-line reports told today of an unusual "guerilla village" -- in Byelorussia -- its entire population of 150 Jews, self-sufficiently moving about behind the German lines, fighting and preserving its village character. The name of the village is withheld.

The villagers were organized by a 26-year-old local Jew, Isaac Blatt, who had learned guerilla tactics and returned to lead the Jews of the village into the forests to save themselves from the Germans. The Jewish guerillas were able to obtain food from the pinched stocks of the peasantry by offering the services of the village's artisans. They had among them tailors, carpenters, mechanics, leather workers, tin-smiths, printers, woodworkers, blacksmiths and others. They have to their credit several hundred Germans killed, troop trains wrecked and garrisons smashed.

### INVESTIGATION OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN POLISH ARMY DEMANDED BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- The British Government has made representations to the Polish Government-in-Exile concerning the complaints of Jewish soldiers in the Polish Army that they were mistreated by anti-Semitic officers and soldiers, it was disclosed in the House of Commons today by Foreign Minister Anthony Eden.

Eden revealed that a number of Jewish "deserters" from the Polish Army have recently been transferred to the British forces because they maintained that they were no longer able to tolerate the conditions in the Polish army. Queried by Tom Driberg, Independent, as to whether it was true that many Polish Jewish soldiers and sailors were awaiting court martials on charges of desertion, and whether their transfer to the British forces could be arranged, Eden replied that under an arrangement with the Polish Government some Jewish deserters had been transferred "which constituted an entirely exceptional departure from normal principles of transfers from one Allied army to another."

The Foreign Minister added that "His Majesty's Government took the opportunity to represent to the Polish Government the desirability of a thorough investigation of the men's grievances and of remedying any that might be found to exist." The Polish Government, he said has taken steps to ensure that the policy of opposing all manifestations of anti-Semitism will be brought to the attention of all ranks of the Polish armed forces.

Eden concluded by stating that the British and Polish Governments had agreed that in view of the necessity of maintaining morale and discipline in all forces which are preparing to take part in the forthcoming invasion, it was not deemed advisable to make any further transfers. Both Driberg and Emanuel Shinwell, Labor Party leader in Commons, indicated that they still felt that the transfers could be effected without serious dislocation of war plans, and Driberg stated that he would raise the matter again.

### LORD ROTHSCHILD GIVEN BRITISH AWARD FOR "DANGEROUS WORK UNDER HAZARDOUS CIRCUMSTANCES"

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- Baron Victor Nathaniel Rothschild has been awarded the "George Medal" for "dangerous work under hazardous circumstances" it was announced last night. Rothschild, who is a great-great-grandson of Nathan Rothschild who established the family in England, and a nephew of the late Lionel Walter Rothschild to whom the Balfour Declaration was addressed, is an administrative assistant in the War Office, engaged on highly secret scientific work. At present he is working with the Ministry of Supply's Scientific Research Board.

Baron Rothschild, who is only 34, has been recognized for many years as one of the most promising young scientists in Britain. He expressed surprise at the award today, adding that "if it means I am helping to hurt the Nazis, I am glad." Lord Rothschild visited the United States in 1939, where he conferred with American scientists.

### "WINGATE FOREST" WILL BE PLANTED IN PALESTINE BY JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- A "Wingate Forest" in honor of Maj.-Gen. Orde C. Wingate, British commando chief who died in a plane crash in Burma last week, will be planted in the Maale Hamisha Hills by the Palestine Jewish National Fund, it was announced today. The Jewish Agency announced that it will hold a memorial meeting for Gen. Wingate in the Yeshurun Synagogue here tomorrow.

NEW YORK GOVERNOR ASSAILS BRITAIN FOR CLOSING PALESTINE TO JEWISH IMMIGRATION

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- The demand that "the doors of Palestine be opened and opened permanently" was voiced here last night by Governor Thomas E. Dewey, addressing a dinner at the Hotel Plaza opening the 1944 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

Assailing the action of the British Government in halting Jewish immigration to Palestine by putting the White Paper immigration ban into effect, the New York Governor said,

"I do not underestimate the difficulty of the present situation, but a way can and must be found by our government, working with the British, to bring an end to the operation of the White Paper. For more than twenty years every President of the United States has supported Palestine as a Jewish homeland. The failure to find a home for the helpless victims of Nazi oppression must be regarded with abhorrence by Jews and Christians alike.

"With fine vision the Jewish people founded a homeland in Palestine. The evil ideology planted by Hitler and inculcated in the youth he has dominated for twelve years will not easily be eradicated in the years ahead. Many thousands of European Jews will want to go to Palestine after the war and build a new life for themselves and their families. The doors of Palestine must be opened and opened permanently."

Rabbi James G. Heller, of Cincinnati, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, declared that the Jews in many parts of the world are living through a veritable "Thirty Years' War," but that the Jewish response to "the greatest calamity in our history" has been a "magnificent effort." The result has been "an achievement of which we ought to be intensely proud," he added. "Both in administration and in the generosity of the giving of the American Jewish community, it is a noble task nobly met," he said.

Jewish Accomplishments in Palestine Lauded at Writers Luncheon

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- A proposal for a vast post-war irrigation and hydro-electric project for Palestine was described yesterday to 1,800 persons who attended the final Book and Author Luncheon of the 1943-'44 season at the Hotel Astor.

In picturing the Middle East as a region ideal for a reclamation project, Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, who is assistant chief of the soil conservation service of the Department of Agriculture, traced the collapse of its ancient agriculture. This, he said, led to the desert wastes of today. He pointed to the accomplishments of the Jews in Palestine, and emphasized that the Jews have kept faith with the Balfour agreement. "They deserve something better," he said. "I propose a Jordan Valley Authority similar to our own Tennessee Valley Authority. I propose to take fresh water from the Jordan River for irrigation and to replace it in the Jordan Valley with water from the Mediterranean which could be brought by canal through hydro-electric plants and thence down the valley to the Dead Sea."

Jewish Labor Organizations Demand Immediate Abrogation of "White Paper"

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine, representing several hundred thousand organized Jewish workers, both A.F.L. and C.I.O., today demanded the immediate abrogation of the White Paper which bars further Jewish immigration into Palestine, and called for the reconstitution of that country as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth. In a declaration unanimously adopted at a meeting of its members, the Committee also urged passage by Congress "at the earliest opportunity" of the pending Palestine resolutions.