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POLISH JEWS IN RUSSIA ENLIST IN POLISH ARMY THERE; NAZIS KILL 4,000 FOREIGN JEWS

LONDON, May 9. (JTA) -- British correspondents in Russia who are now visiting Polish military units in Western Ukraine today reported that Jews constitute six per cent of the Polish Army which is fighting against the Germans on the Russian front.

The Jews in the Polish fighting forces in Russia are all volunteers, the correspondents disclose. The Jewish refugees were exempted from the general mobilization which Gen. Sygmond Berling, commander of the Polish Army in Russia, proclaimed, since those born on Polish soil now claimed as part of the U.S.S.R. are considered Soviet citizens. Nevertheless, many of them enlisted voluntarily to fight for the liberation of Poland and to avenge the blood of the hundreds of thousands of Polish Jews killed by the Germans.

An underground report from occupied Poland reaching here today states that about 4,000 foreign Jews who were living in Poland before the war and were later interned by the Nazis in a camp near Hanover, have recently been executed. The report, received by Emanuel Szerer, Jewish Socialist member of the Polish National Council, also discloses that all "Jewish concentration camps" in the Lublin area have been liquidated. Some 2,000 "privileged Jews" who were confined in a camp reserved for writers, leaders of the Jewish communities and other intellectuals, were among those executed.

There are now a number of Jews working in the ruins of the Warsaw ghetto, the report says. They have been hired out to a German salvage firm which is clearing up the ghetto debris in order to obtain scrap metal for German war industries. In Vilna, the report reveals, there are only about 200 Jews. These are skilled workers employed by the Germans. Twenty of them were recently shot when a tunnel leading from the ghetto was discovered. Of the 6,000 Jews in Nowogrodek, only 200 remain.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT TAKES DRASTIC MEASURES TO DISCOURAGE ASSISTANCE FOR JEWS

STOCKHOLM, May 9. (JTA) -- The Hungarian Government today took drastic measures to discourage non-Jews in Hungary from assisting the Jews, who are being deprived of their property and placed in ghettos.

The correspondent of the Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet reports from Budapest that a series of orders issued by the Hungarian authorities provide severe punishment, including internment, for Hungarians who shelter Jews or help them in any other way. The correspondent also reports that since all Jews of Budapest cannot be herded into one ghetto, the authorities have established several ghettos in the suburbs of Pest, Kispest, and Szebet which are sections most exposed to air raids.

King Gustav of Sweden today attended a gathering of Swedish church groups at which Archbishop Erling Eidem denounced the anti-Jewish persecutions in Germany and in its satellite countries. "Might does not make right, and violence does not make justice," Archbishop Eidem said. "The people of a certain race and ancestry, like the unfortunate Jews, must not be persecuted or tormented because they belong to this race and ancestry. It is not only barbarous, it is sinful."

FORCE RESISTANCE OF JEWISH GUERRILLAS IN BELGIUM REPORTED BY GERMANS

LONDON, May 9. (JTA) -- Jewish guerrillas are operating in the Brabant section Belgium, it is revealed in the pro-Nazi newspaper Le Nouveau Journal, copies of which were received here today. The paper reports that the Gestapo recently arrested a group of terrorists in the Brabant province consisting of escaped war prisoners and a Jew."

The paper adds that there were many Jews among the members of the band, who set up fierce resistance when surrounded by the Germans. One guerrilla was killed and another seriously wounded. "The group had been responsible for the murders of many Belgians who were collaborating with the Germans," the report says.

300,000 JEWISH REFUGEES LIVE IN ASIATIC RUSSIA, J.D.C. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

CAIRO, May 9. (JTA) -- There are more than 300,000 Jewish refugees today in the Asiatic part of Russia and eighty percent of them are Jews from Poland, Charles Passman, a member of the Middle-East Advisory Council of the Joint Distribution Committee disclosed here upon arriving to attend a conference of J.D.C. officials.

Mr. Passman, who lives in Palestine, has just completed an inspection of the J.D.C.'s packaging and shipping offices in Teheran from where the American Jewish Relief organization is sending 6,000 food parcels monthly to Jewish refugees in Asiatic Russia. The chief problem in aiding these refugees, he said, was the difficulty in obtaining foodstuff and supplies in view of the general situation in the Middle East and the transportation problem from other centers.

The J.D.C. official is conferring here with American supply and relief officials on means of increasing the number of J.D.C. parcels to refugees in Russia to 10,000 a month. "It is expected that as a result of these talks and of efforts in other areas, sufficient supplies will be available to enable an increase in the monthly parcel service which will permit all Jewish refugees in Asiatic Russia to receive assistance," he said.

Mr. Passman paid warm tribute to the Soviet authorities for facilitating the relief work within Russia and praised the Iranian Government for the cooperation given the staff of the Joint Distribution Committee in Teheran. Dr. Joseph Schwartz, chairman of the European Executive Council of the J.D.C., is expected to arrive here within a few days to coordinate the work of various J.D.C. centers in this part of the world.

Project to Settle 3,500 Jewish Refugee Children in Biro-Bidjan is Announced

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- A project for the settlement of 3,500 orphaned Jewish child-refugees in the Jewish autonomous region of Biro-Bidjan, in which the Ambijan Committee will cooperate with regional authorities, was announced today by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, vice-president of the organization.

The project includes provision for the establishment of two new modern children's settlements in Biro-Bidjan where the youngsters whose parents were killed by the Nazis will be permanently settled and where their re-adjustment and rehabilitation can be arranged for in an environment suited to their problems, since Yiddish is the official language of the schools and all public institutions. Two vocational schools will also be provided for the training of the refugee children for future employment and useful citizenship. Full details of the project will be made public on May 16, at a dinner at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria given on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Jewish Autonomous Region.

JS MUST BE PREVENTED FROM RETURNING TO POLAND, POLISH GOVERNMENT ENVOY WARNS

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders here today displayed great interest in a confidential Polish report which warns that mass repatriation of Polish Jews after the war would be considered by the local population as "an invasion against which it would defend itself even in a physical manner." The report asks the Polish Government-in-Exile to immediately start a campaign for the creation of a national home for Jews in "an Eastern European territory."

Polish official circles here told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the report does not represent the opinion of the Polish Government. "It merely expresses the sentiments of certain groups in occupied Poland," an official said. The document published in the Jewish newspaper "The Day," is credited to the official underground representative of the Polish Government-in-Exile in occupied Poland. It is stated to be part of a secret survey on the general situation in Poland sent by this representative to the Polish Government in London. The text, as translated from Polish, reads:

"Among our nation's problems, there is also the Jewish problem. This problem, though it has had the appearance of an inner problem has, in reality, always been connected with international problems and influenced our position abroad. To an even greater extent, we believe, this will be the case at the liquidation of the present situation in which international Jewry belongs to one of the warring sides.

"The mass murders of the Jews in Poland, which were carried out by the Germans, increased our Jewish problem but did not eliminate it entirely. There will be a considerable number of Jews who will be saved and their re-immigration at the end of the war may lead to a situation where we will have to reckon with a Jewish population of one to two million. Because of the horrible persecution of the Jews in Europe, public opinion of the world will be even more sensitive to their fate and will be concerned about their interests.

Poles Have Taken Over Jewish Positions

"In our country, at the moment, the Christian sympathies with the Jews predominate, but there is also, in the eastern portion of Poland a very acute antagonism in attitude toward Jews. This antagonism still remains from the time of the Bolshevik occupation.

"In the country as a whole there is also an objective situation which is independent of psychological elements and because of which the return of the Jews to their positions and trades is absolutely out of the question, even in a considerable number. The non-Jewish population has taken over the positions of the Jews in towns and cities, and in a large part of Poland it is evidently a change which is a character of finality.

"The population would consider the mass re-immigration of the Jews not as a return to their previous positions but as an invasion against which it would defend itself even in a physical manner.

"It would thus be very tragic for our political situation that just at the moment when our borders would have to be determined, when we shall have to obtain alliances, enter alliances, create federation, that Poland should be placed before the opinion of the world as the country of militant anti-Semitism. All elements

are hostile to us would utilize this factor in order to oppress us and rob us of the fruits of the so dearly bought victory.

### Jewish State in "Eastern Europe" Suggested

"The government does well in assuring the public opinion of the world that there will be no anti-Semitism in Poland, but anti-Semitism will not exist in Poland only if the Jews who escaped from the pogroms do not endeavor to return en masse to the Polish cities and towns. The country sees only one way out of this difficult situation, that the Polish Government should, in due time, possibly immediately, take initiative in the creation of a national home for the Jews of eastern Europe.

"This program must be worked out in contact with the Jewish circles of the Zionist type. And as for the future state, the program must look toward an eastern European territory rather than either Palestine which is too crowded, too exotic, and makes conflicts with the Arab world, or to a tropical colony to which the Jewish masses would not desire to emigrate. It would be too early to determine the type of territory in question.

"Our position in this matter should not bear an anti-Jewish character but one of Jewish friendship. The Jews are a people; they have a right to a territory of their own, and they have a right to create in this territory all classes and elements of population.

"Exile is a curse for the Jews, and for the horrible persecutions that the Jews have suffered they deserve a reward which should, first of all, concern those nations which have in the course of centuries offered hospitality to the Jews and which are represented in the conclusion of the peace and who will participate in the economic defense of the new world.

"We do not know how easy an action in this direction would be, but we consider it as urgently necessary to intensify the work in this direction both politically and propaganda. Insofar as the program itself is concerned, it appears to us much more realistic at the time of the general revision of the borders and the creation of the government combinations than it would be at the time of a settled and enduring peace."

### B'Nai B'Rith Convention Lauds Monsky for Initiating American Jewish Conference

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- The National War Service Convention of the B'nai B'rith today paid tribute to Henry Monsky, president of the organization, for having initiated "those steps which resulted in bringing the American Jewish Conference into being."

Inclusion of a representative of the 54,000 B'nai B'rith Women on all national B'nai B'rith committees and commissions was provided for the first time in a series of constitutional amendments adopted today. Creation of a B'nai B'rith youth commission to govern the activities of Aleph Zadik Aleph, B'nai B'rith's youth organization for boys, and the B'nai B'rith Girls, was approved.

### Abraham L. Freedman Elected President of Philadelphia Jewish Community Council

PHILADELPHIA, May 9. (JTA) -- Abraham L. Freedman has been elected president of the newly-named Philadelphia Jewish Community Relations Council, formerly known as the Philadelphia Anti-Defamation Council, it was announced here today.