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### SIX TRAINS CARRY DEPORTED JEWS FROM HUNGARY TO EXTERMINATION CAMP IN POLAND

LONDON, June 19. (JTA) -- The Polish Government-in-Exile today reported that six trains carrying adult Jews from Hungary passed Polish railway stations in the Cracow district between May 16 and May 27. The trains were going in the direction of the notorious "extermination camp" at Oswiecim.

The report stated that the Nazis in Hungary are separating children from their parents and are deporting the children to Poland in separate trains. Sixty-two cars packed with children between two and eight years of age arrived in Poland from Hungary on May 30.

The Czechoslovakian State Council in London today adopted a resolution denouncing the execution of 7,000 Jewish internees who were transferred recently by the Germans from Theresienstadt, Czechoslovakia, to an extermination camp in occupied Poland and killed in gas chambers there.

"This new crime committed by the Nazi savages," the resolution reads, "a crime which is unbelievable in its ghastly horror, will be punished, as will all their previous crimes." The Council confirmed a declaration by President Benes that all those who ordered and who carried out this crime will not escape just retribution and merciless punishment. It called upon the people of Czechoslovakia to do their utmost to "save their Jewish fellow citizens."

The Slovakian radio reported today from Bratislava that Jewish-owned land confiscated by the Slovakian authorities in 17 villages was "liquidated" by the Land Office last week. In 15 of the villages the land was auctioned off, while in the remaining two villages, the Land Office gave the land to Slovakian peasants.

### POLISH JEWS WHO ESCAPED FROM GHETTOS TO ITALY LIBERATED IN ROME

LONDON, June 19. (JTA) -- Among the 4,000 Jews liberated by the Allied armies in Rome were a number of Polish Jews who succeeded in escaping from ghettos and reaching Rome during the nine months of the German occupation of the city, the Dziennik Polski, official organ of the Polish Government-in-Exile, reports today.

The paper also reports that twelve Jewish soldiers of the Polish Army, who fought in the ranks of the Kosciussko Division on the Italian front, were executed by the Germans after being taken prisoner at Cassino.

Lauding the "splendid work" done by Palestine Auxiliary Territorial Service units in liberated Italy, a Reuter's correspondent today reported from the Italian front that "Palestine is expected to provide a substantial proportion of the 6,000 more girls urgently wanted for work in the liberated parts of Italy." The Palestine Auxiliary Territorial Service units are composed chiefly of Jewish women.

GERMAN RACIAL OFFICE PROCLAIMS EX-PREMIER IMREDEY A FULL-FLEDGED "ARYAN"

ZURICH, June 19. (JTA) -- Bela Imredy, the Hungarian anti-Semite who in 1939 resigned as Premier of Hungary when it was established that one of his maternal great-grandparents was a Jew, was today proclaimed a full fledged "Aryan" by the German Federal Office for Racial Research.

A statement issued by this office and made public over the Budapest radio said that "as far as it can be ascertained none of Imredy's ancestors were Jewish."

The announcement contradicts Imredy's own statement, made on the day of his resignation from the premiership. At that time he admitted that one of his ancestors was Jewish, adding, however that "everyone has the full right to be an anti-Semite even if he has 25 or 50 percent Jewish blood."

FRENCHMEN RECEIVE JEWISH FURNITURE TO REPLACE BELONGINGS DEMOLISHED IN AIR RAIDS

BERN, June 19. (JTA) -- Fifty truck-loads of confiscated Jewish furniture have been distributed in Paris during the last few days to people who suffered from Allied air raids, the Paris radio reported today.

The broadcast revealed that an agreement has been reached under which a proportion of furniture confiscated from Jews is assigned for distribution among Frenchmen who lost their movable property in air bombing.

German radio stations throughout the Reich continue to tell the people of Germany that the Allied invasion is the work of American Jews who wish to secure the extermination of the Germans. The broadcasts also advise the people in satellite countries to show no mercy to Jews and to aid in carrying out the anti-Jewish laws.

JEWISH AGENCY EXPERT INVITED BY AGROJOINT TO STUDY SETTLEMENT WORK IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- David Stern, chief of the Agricultural Department of the Jewish Agency, has arrived here from Palestine en route to the Dominican Republic where he will make a survey of the Jewish settlement and report his findings to the Agrojoint. He is making his trip at the invitation of the Agrojoint in New York.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today Mr. Stern expressed the view that Palestine will be able to easily adjust itself in the transition period from war to peace, if the government will only cooperate in Jewish economic plans. Large markets, he said, are open in all neighboring countries for Palestine-made goods and Palestine is in a position to compete in workmanship with any country.

An expert in colonization, Mr. Stern is of the opinion that Palestine Jews now serving in the armed forces will face no unemployment upon their return to civil life, since there is place for them in the agricultural development of the country. He emphasized that the Palestine Government must facilitate the settlement of the Jewish war veterans by granting land for colonization which will be carried out with the aid of Jewish funds.

Mr. Stern said that the Jews in Palestine will strongly oppose any partition schemes. He pointed out that much land can still be acquired. There is a tremendous shortage of houses, he declared, predicting a building boom as soon as the war is over.

ODESSA NOW HAS ONLY 1,500 JEWS; ABOUT 100,000 KILLED BY THE GERMANS

MOSCOW, June 19. (JTA) -- In the city of Odessa, where more than 150,000 Jews resided before the outbreak of the war, only 1,500 Jews remain, Soviet municipal authorities reported today. They established that of the approximately 100,000 Jews who were unable to evacuate the city prior to its occupation by the Germans and Rumanians, about ninety-nine thousand were massacred by the occupation troops.

The extermination of the Odessa Jews began as soon as the Nazis entered the city, the report says, quoting accounts of the few survivors. A special detachment of Jews was set to work demining areas which the Germans suspected had been mined by the Russian troops before they evacuated the city. Before their task was finished every member of the detachment was dead. Thousands of Jews were thrown into prison and many were shot.

Some weeks after the German occupation many Jews were ordered to proceed to the village of Dalnik, on the outskirts of Odessa. En route hundreds were killed. A ghetto was also established in the Slobodka district of Odessa. After the Rumanians began deporting Jews to Transnistria - the name they gave to the section of the Ukraine between Odessa and the Rumanian border - the Odessa Jews were ordered to appear at the freight yards, from where they were shipped to villages in Transnistria. Many died from exposure before boarding the cars and during the trip, since the temperature hovered around 25 degrees below zero. Hundreds of frozen corpses were strewn along the tracks by the German guards.

Of the Jews who were not deported, about 16,000 were burned to death in a building which had been used to store dynamite; 1,000 were taken out to sea in barges and drowned; and many were machine-gunned in anti-tank ditches near the village of Domavenka. Still others were driven to suicide. In the ghettos and camps many persons became insane from torture and mistreatment. This was especially true of thousands of women and girls violated by the German guards. Many thousands died from hunger, cold and disease. Typhoid fever, particularly, killed thousands.

The report describes how the few, pitiful survivors in the camps and ghettos were fed by the Red Army men, nursed and clothed; and then moved back to Odessa, which most of them had not seen for more than two years.

AGUDAS ISRAEL CONVENTION APPEALS FOR UNITED FRONT OF ALL PALESTINE JEWS

JERUSALEM, June 19. (JTA) -- An appeal to all sections of the Palestine Jewish community to unite to defend Jewish rights in Palestine was issued here yesterday at the conclusion of the three-day conference of the Agudas Israel, extreme orthodox organization. The conference also urged Jewish-Arab peace and an honest solution of the Jewish-Arab problem "without affecting Jewish rights granted by the Mandate."

Other resolutions adopted by the 180 delegates from all parts of the country demanded abrogation of the White Paper; absolute fulfillment of the Mandate "which is also the best guarantee of Arab rights;" and assurances that the Torah will be the basis of the constitution of any future Palestine regime.

Resolutions dealing with internal affairs of the organization urged establishment of Agudah agricultural settlements, publication of its own daily newspaper and establishment of special educational institutions for boys and girls "in the spirit of the Torah."

## TVA HEAD SAYS \$150,000,000 PALESTINE IRRIGATION PLAN IS "TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE"

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- David E. Lilienthal, chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, addressing more than 100 Jewish leaders at a luncheon at the Hotel Baltimore, expressed the conviction that the \$150,000,000 Jordan Valley Authority project which is now being developed here by the Commission on Palestine Surveys at the recommendation of Dr. Walter D. Lowdermilk, U. S. soil reclamation expert, was "soundly conceived, technically feasible and economically practicable."

Mr. Lilienthal defined the guiding principles of the TVA and pointed out their possible application in the case of Palestine. He said that the experts at work on the Jordan Valley Authority project include "some of the best and foremost engineers in the world."

Emanuel Neumann, directing head of the Commission of Palestine surveys, who presided at the luncheon, paid tribute to Mr. Lilienthal's achievements as head of the TVA and expressed gratitude for the encouragement and guidance given to the commission in its task of elaborating a reclamation and development program for Palestine.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, executive member of the Jewish Agency, said the Commission on Palestine Surveys appointed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann opened a new chapter in Zionist history by utilizing the creative genius and technological and scientific resources of America for Palestine upbuilding. Addresses were also delivered by Dr. Stephen Duggan, Director of the Institute of International Education, and Robert Szold, a member of the Survey Commission.

## BRITH SHOLOM CONVENTION ENDORSES ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE PORTS

ATLANTIC CITY, June 19. (JTA) -- The projected establishment in the United States of a temporary refugee shelter was endorsed here today at the closing session of the 39th annual conference of the Independent Order Brith Sholom. The convention also went on record urging intensified rescue efforts for the Jews of Europe and supporting the activities of the major Jewish relief and rehabilitation agencies.

The concluding session of the convention, which was scheduled for tomorrow, was cancelled to permit members to attend the funeral of Dr. Harry Ericsson of Norristown, Penn., one of the delegates, who was drowned here yesterday. This afternoon's session was addressed by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization. The following officers were elected; Alex F. Stanton of Philadelphia, Grand Master; Frank E. Bernstein of N. Y., Vice-Grand Master; and Maurice E. Cohen, of Philadelphia, Grand Treasurer.

## B'NAI B'RITH CANCELS CONVENTION OF ITS MID-WESTERN LODGES TO MEET WAR-EFFORT NEEDS

CHICAGO, June 19. (JTA) -- Acting on the results of a referendum taken by mail, District Grand Lodge No. 6 of B'nai B'rith, comprising 190 local lodges and 51,000 members in eight mid-western states and part of Western Canada, today announced cancellation of its three-day annual convention which was scheduled to open on July 2 here. The step was "motivated by a patriotic desire to speed up our war effort," the announcement said. A War Emergency meeting of the executive committee will be held in lieu of the contemplated convention.