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### HUNGARIAN MINISTER ANNOUNCES GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO LIQUIDATE ALL JEWS IN HUNGARY

LONDON, July 4. (JTA) -- The Hungarian Government has decided to liquidate all Jews in the country, it was announced today over the Budapest radio by Ador Jaross, the Hungarian Minister of the Interior, while information received here from other sources confirmed reports that 400,000 Jews have already been deported from Hungary to Poland and that the deportation of 350,000 more Jews will start this week.

The announcement by the Minister of the Interior stated: "War cannot be carried on with a million enemies within our country. Therefore, the Jewish problem must be solved. And the government has decided to solve it. Only now have the real intentions of the Jews been revealed. We have discovered wireless transmitters, arms, hand grenades, explosives and huge fortunes in the vacated Jewish flats."

A message received here by the Polish government from the underground movement in Poland, dated June 25, says that approximately 400,000 Jews have arrived from Hungary and that room is being made in camps for hundreds of thousands of additional Jews. At the same time, the Robotnik, Polish Socialist paper published in London, reports today the details of how the Germans are exterminating thousands of Jews in gas chambers in the Oswiecim camp in order to make room for more deportees. The paper tells the gruesome story of how 3,800 Jews who were deported from Czechoslovakia to Oswiecim were treated well for some time and told to write letters to their relatives stating that they dwelt under "good conditions," but after the letters were sent off, all the 3,800 were driven into gas chambers and asphyxiated.

### Panic Among Jews in Budapest Grows; Jews Plead for Life

Reliable reports reaching here during the last few days state that panic has spread among the Jews in Budapest because of the deportations which are expected to start this week from the Hungarian capital. The Jews in Budapest, the reports state, are pleading for their lives. They are appealing to the Hungarian Government to classify them as Palestine citizens and to treat them as such, and on the other hand they are threatening, in despair, that reprisals will certainly be taken against Germans interned in Allied countries if they are murdered.

Most of the reports reaching here from Hungary through underground channels are extremely pessimistic regarding the immediate fate of all the Jews in Hungary. They emphasize that unless severe reprisals are taken in the countries of the United Nations, the Hungarian Jews will be annihilated as were the Jews of Poland and other occupied countries.

The London press reports today from Stockholm that the German press continues to complain that there are still Jews in the city of Budapest who have not yet been removed to the ghetto. "Many of the finest and most modern buildings in Budapest are displaying the Mogen David," the Deutsche Zeitung is quoted as grumbling. "It is high time that the Jews residing there were removed into the barracks in the poorest quarters of the city." The paper is also reported as expressing dissatisfaction with the fact that "of 11,000 Christians living in buildings marked with the Mogen David, only 500 protested."

KING OF SWEDEN APPEALS FOR HUNGARIAN JEWS TO REGENT OF HUNGARY

STOCKHOLM, July 4. (JTA) -- King Gustav of Sweden has personally intervened with Admiral Horthy, the Regent of Hungary, in behalf of the Hungarian Jews, it was learned here today.

The King sent a cable last Friday to Horthy urging him in the name of humanity to use his personal influence to save the Jews of Hungary from further persecution.

SWISS RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS REPORT NAZI KILLING OF 1,715,000 JEWS IN TWO CAMPS

NEW YORK, July 4. (JTA) --- More than 1,715,000 Jews have been put to death in only two German "extermination camps" within the last two years, it has been established by two non-Jewish relief organizations in Switzerland, the Geneva correspondent of the New York Times reports.

The correspondent states that the International Church Movement Ecumenical Refugee Commission with headquarters in Geneva and the Refugee Relief Committee of Zurich headed by Rev. Paul Vought, have made public figures showing that in the Nazi "extermination camps" in Auschwitz and in Birkenau, both in Upper Silesia, the following number of Jews have been killed between April 1942 and April 1944:

Poland.....	900,000	Yugoslavia, Italy and Norway.....	50,000
Netherlands.....	100,000	Bohemia, Moravia and Austria.....	30,000
Greece.....	45,000	Slovakia.....	30,000
France.....	150,000	Foreign Jews from various camps in	
Belgium.....	50,000	Poland.....	300,000
Germany.....	60,000		

Pointing out that "hundreds of thousands of Jews" were slain in other camps, the report says that to this total must now be added Hungary's Jews, tens of thousands of whom, it emphasizes, "have been slain or have died en route to Upper Silesia."

Deportation of Hungarian Jews Described by Church Commission

Discussing "malicious, fiendish, inhuman brutality" in the treatment of Hungarian Jews, the Ecumenical Commission says, "According to authenticated information now at hand, some 400,000 Hungarian Jews have been deported from their homeland since April 6 of this year under inhuman conditions to Upper Silesia. Those who did not die en route were delivered to the camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau in Upper Silesia, where during the past two years, it has now been learned, many hundreds of thousands of their co-religionists have been fiendishly done to death."

After a fortnight to three months' imprisonment, during which they were "selected" or worked to death, the Jews were led to the execution halls. These halls consist of fake bathing establishments handling 2,000 to 8,000 daily. Prisoners were led into cells and ordered to strip for bathing. Then cyanide gas was said to have been released, causing death in three to five minutes.

The bodies are burned in crematoriums that hold eight to ten at a time. At Birkenau there are about fifty such furnaces. They were opened March 12, 1943, by a large party of Nazi chiefs who witnessed the "disposal of 8,000 Jews from 9 o'clock in the morning until 7:30 that night," according to the report.

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JEWS MOBBED IN STREETS OF BRATISLAVA FOLLOWING ALLIED RAID ON SLOVAK CAPITAL

ZURICH, July 4. (JTA) -- Jews were mobbed in the streets of Bratislava, the capital of the Nazi puppet state of Slovakia, following a recent Allied air-raid on the city, it is disclosed in Slovak newspapers reaching here today.

Following the attacks on the Jews, the latter were rounded-up by the police and set to forced labor clearing the streets of the debris left by the Allied bombers. From the newspaper accounts, it appears that the crowds were egged on by members of the fascist Hlinka Guard organization.

One paper quotes Sano Mach, Slovakian Minister of the Interior responsible for execution of the anti-Jewish measures, as stating that "the people who attacked the Jews knew who was responsible. It is easy to imagine what would have happened had not the police interfered and taken the Jews to work in the afflicted quarters. We must not allow acts of vengeance, but we cannot keep silent concerning the way the people feel."

GESTAPO ASSIGNS SPECIAL DIVISION TO ROUND UP FUGITIVE JEWS FOR DEPORTATION

GENEVA, July 4. (JTA) -- An indication that there are still some Jews remaining in Holland, despite the German boast that the country has been cleared of all its Jewish residents, is seen in a report in collaborationist Dutch newspapers revealing that a special Gestapo division has been assigned to rounding-up fugitive Jews. Reports reaching here several months ago estimated that, at that time, there were about 10,000 Jews hidden in the homes of Dutch patriots.

A French underground newspaper received here today discloses that a pro-Nazi mountain guide recently betrayed to the Germans ten fugitive Jews whom he had agreed to take across the Pyrenees into Spain. The same guide, the paper says, turned three American officers over to the Nazis.

COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE ANTI-SEMITISM IN POLISH ARMY LEAVES FOR SCOTLAND

LONDON, July 4. (JTA) -- The commission appointed by the Polish National Council to investigate the causes of anti-Semitism in the Polish Army left today for Scotland where the Polish armed forces are stationed, it was announced here. It was explained that the commission could not leave any earlier because the British observer who was to accompany the commission was detained in connection with preparations for the Allied invasion of Europe.

LATIN-AMERICAN WORKERS WILL URGE CREATION OF PALESTINE AS JEWISH STATE AFTER THE WAR

MEXICO CITY, July 4. (JTA) -- A proposal that Palestine be declared a Jewish state, after the war, will be submitted in the name of five million organized Latin American workers to the World Labor Conference which will be held this year in London, it was revealed here today by Lombardo Toledano, secretary of the Latin American Labor Confederation.

Mr. Toledano disclosed this plan in the course of a conference with Louis Segal, secretary of the Jewish National Workers Alliance. He expressed the belief that the conference will endorse the proposal. In the meantime, he intends to circularize a memorandum among all labor groups in the Latin American countries affiliated with the Confederation urging them to organize special labor committees to support Jewish aspirations in Palestine.

UNRRA SESSION WILL BE HELD IN MONTREAL IN SEPTEMBER; MEETING WILL BE BRIEF

WASHINGTON, July 4. (JTA) -- The second session of the Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration will open in Montreal on September 15, it was announced here today by Director General Herbert H. Lehman. The session was originally scheduled to be held in June, but was postponed because of restrictions on travel from Britain during the period before the launching of the invasion of Europe.

A statement issued here today declares that it is expected that the forthcoming session of the UNRRA Council will be brief. The meetings will take place at the Windsor Hotel. The session will deal chiefly with a number of matters of policy and with receiving reports and recommendations from Mr. Lehman and various UNRRA committees.

United Nation Monetary Conference Admits UNRRA Representative

BRETTON WOODS, N. H., July 4. (JTA) -- The United Nations monetary conference which is taking place here has decided to admit a representative of the UNRRA on the assumption that the UNRRA and the Bank for Reconstruction will have to work closely together.

An American expert at the conference said, "The UNRRA and the Bank for Reconstruction will have to dovetail their activities and may in many cases be complementary in their function."

It is taken for granted here that the UNRRA may initiate as relief measures various projects which the Bank will then want to finance for permanent reconstruction. In some cases, where the UNRRA may be unable to finance emergency reconstruction projects, it may call upon the bank for financial aid, it is foreseen here.

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARIANS URGED TO PRESS FOR RELEASE OF MAURITIUS INTERNEES

EDINBURGH, July 4. (JTA) -- An appeal to all Scottish members of Parliament to press for the release of the 1,500 Jewish refugees who have been interned on the island of Mauritius for more than three years was issued here today by Norman MacLean, former Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

Dr. MacLean charges that the internees, who were sent to Mauritius, which is off the coast of Madagascar, when they were apprehended attempting to enter Palestine without visas, are being "made a sacrifice to the dead idol of appeasement."

Z.O.A. ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, RULING ZIONIST BODY, WILL MEET IN PHILADELPHIA

WASHINGTON, July 4. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of America today announced that its Administrative Council, the ruling Zionist body, will meet next Sunday at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Philadelphia. The session will observe the twenty-second anniversary of the passage of the Palestine Resolution in both houses of Congress on June 30, 1922, and the 40th anniversary of the death of Theodore Herzl, founder of modern Zionism, which occurs on July 11th.

EDWIN J. SCHANFARBER, PROMINENT COLUMBUS JEWISH LEADER, DIES AT 58

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 4. (JTA) -- Edwin J. Schanfarber, 58, prominent in Jewish welfare activities in this city, died suddenly over the July Fourth week-end. Mr. Schanfarber, who was a well-known Columbus attorney, was a past president of B'nai B'rith District 2 and a former president of the Columbus United Jewish Fund. He was one of three B'nai B'rith delegates to the first session of the American Jewish Conference.