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### SINKING OF TURKISH SHIP MAY HALT REFUGEE TRANSPORTATION; TWO OTHER REFUGEE SHIPS ARRIVE

ANKARA, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The sinking of the 200-ton Turkish motor ship Mefcure in which more than 250 Jewish refugees perished in the waters of the Black Sea on their way from the Rumanian port of Constanza to Turkey, may mean the end of further transportation of refugees aboard Turkish ships, it was stated here today.

The break of diplomatic relations between Turkey and German was followed by an order directing all Turkish ships home from foreign ports. There is no indication that this order will be relaxed, especially after the loss of the Mefcure.

Meanwhile two other Turkish ships carrying 815 Jewish refugees arrived safely today from Rumania at the Igneada harbor. One of these ships is the Bulbul carrying 500 Jews, and the other is the Morina with 315 Jewish passengers.

It was ascertained here today that the majority of the refugees who lost their lives yesterday on the Mefcure were Polish and Rumanian Jews. Only five of the refugees and six members of the crew survived. Since they are confined to a military zone, inaccessible to correspondents, details of the attack of the ship are lacking.

According to information available here, the Mefcure was sunk by shell-fire seven miles off the Turko-Bulgar border. (In London, the British news agency Reuter reported today that the Mefcure was torpedoed by an unidentified submarine and that 277 Jewish refugees perished when the ship went down.)

### 2,000 HUNGARIANS HELD FOR CONCEALING JEWISH PROPERTY; BUDAPEST MAY EASE RESTRICTIONS

ZURICH, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The arrest of more than 2,000 Hungarians in the city of Nagyvarad on the charge of concealing Jewish property amounting to forty million pengoes - approximately eight million dollars - is reported in German newspapers reaching here today from Hungary.

Among those arrested are municipal officials and others of prominence of Nagyvarad. Forty leading Hungarians were arrested also in the city of Koloszar on the same charge, while a number of Christians in the city of Szarszegen, have been fined under the same charge, the papers reported.

The Hungarian press reaching here from Budapest reports that as result of the many protests against the internment of Jews in the ghettos, the Budapest chief of police was authorized to use his own judgement in granting freedom to Jews beyond the specific anti-Jewish restrictions. The papers declare that if the intellectual or manual work of a Jew is in the public interest, then his freedom to carry on the work must not be restricted.

Slovakian newspapers reaching here today carry articles complaining that the number of Jews has increased in the towns Banska-Stavnica, Novo-Mesto and Nad-Vahon.

NOT A SINGLE JEW LEFT ALIVE IN LUBLIN BY RETREATING GERMANS, JTA IS TOLD IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed here today that virtually no Jews are to be seen in the Lublin area liberated by the Russian Army. "You can tell American and Canadian relatives who are seeking information about Jews who lived in or near Lublin, or have been evacuated to places in the Lublin area, that very few Jews are known to have remained alive in that region," the JTA correspondent was told.

Vasili Grossman, noted Russian-Jewish writer, who returned today to Moscow from the liberated part of Poland, stated that he did not see a single Jew in the entire city of Lublin. The mass-murder of Jews in Lublin area has no parallel in world's history, he declared.

"I have heard many groans and seen many tears in Poland, but no groans or tears of Jews," Grossman reported. "There are no Jews in Poland. They have all been slaughtered, from schile old men down to newborn infants. Their corpses have been burned to ashes. In Lublin, a town with the largest Jewish population in Poland, where over 40,000 Jews once lived, I did not see a single Jew - man, woman or child."

The Russian correspondent established that the Germans organized more than thirty "death houses" for Jews where tens of thousands of victims were gassed, and their bodies carried by conveyors to electric furnaces where they were burned. Some of the places where such "death houses" existed were identified by the correspondent. They include Ponary, near Vilna; Bolshoi-Trostinets near Minsk; Belzhitsa near Rava-Russka, Novy-Dvor and Sabibur. The "death house" at Sabibur, near Lublin, was known as the burning place for Jews brought by the Germans in special trains from France, Holland, Germany, Belgium and Austria.

"The Sabibur death factory was removed to Chelm. The site where it stood was plowed up and planted to wheat, and the keenest investigator will be hard put to find any trace of this monstrous shambles. In Chelm, last year, malodorous smoke poured from the chimneys of the death factory. I was told this was oil smoke, which settled in the throat and made breathing difficult," Grossman concluded.

AGENCY TO FIND RELATIVES IN LIBERATED EUROPE ESTABLISHED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The establishment of a central body which will seek to locate relatives of American Jews in the liberated parts of Europe was announced here today. The new agency, to be known under the name Central Location Index, was formed jointly by the Joint Distribution Committee, the Hias, the National Refugee Service, the National Council of Jewish Women, the American Committee for Christian Refugees, the American Friends Service Committee and the International Migration Service.

In announcing the establishment of the Central Location Index, Moses A. Levitt, president of the newly created agency, emphasized that the new institution will not deal directly with individual applicants. Persons desiring to apply for location service can do so through member agencies or their affiliated and cooperating organizations throughout the United States if they have not previously done so. The member agencies in turn will register the names with the Central Location Index for clearance, after which the extensive overseas facilities of the member agencies, of the International Red Cross and of public and semi-public bodies, will be enlisted in the location of displaced people as rapidly as changing conditions permit.

Central Location Index will not undertake any personal message service to persons in occupied countries. This service is being given by the American Red Cross which agency also receives inquiries regarding persons in occupied countries.

EX-GOVERNOR OF JERUSALEM WARNS ZIONISTS; CRITICIZES U. S. PARTIES FOR PALESTINE STAND

LONDON, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Stating that the Zionists are rendering "a poor service to thousands of Jews who could anyhow never get into Palestine, by allegedly deriding and discouraging every alternative" for rescue, Sir Ronald Storrs, former governor of Jerusalem, came out last night with a sensational article in the evening standard in which he insists that the development of Jewish interests in Palestine must be gradual and must be decided in the light of local conditions and possibilities.

The Jews in Palestine must look to develop by negotiating and reaching an agreement perhaps with a federation of neighboring Arab states, and not by bayonets and bombs, Sir Ronald writes. The British policy in Palestine at the moment is a policy that commands something that is near to a unanimous Arab support, he points out.

Sharp criticism is also voiced by Sir Ronald against the planks on Palestine adopted by the Republican and the Democratic parties in the United States at their conventions in Chicago. "It is an ironic paradox," asserts Sir Ronald, "that Allied citizens, co-signatories of the Atlantic Charter, controllers of some of the greatest open spaces in the world, should seek to prove their sympathy with persecuted European Jewry not by opening their own doors, but by forcing yet more myriads into a densely populated and protesting country the size of Wales, of which they themselves are neither the owners nor the mandatory controllers, nor even members of the League which controls the mandatory."

"It is for America and the British Empire, so solicitous for these unfortunates, to be generous and hospitable - Russia has led the way - at their own expense; and for Zionists to remember that they render poor service, to the thousands who could anyhow never get into Palestine, by deriding or discouraging every alternative," he concluded.

CATHOLIC PRIESTS IN LITHUANIA COURAGEOUSLY SHIELDED JEWS FROM GESTAPO

MOSCOW, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- With part of Lithuania now liberated by the Russian armies, a picture emerges showing Catholic priests in Lithuanian towns often actively though futilely intervening with the German occupation authorities for the life of Jews and often risking their own lives to hide Jews from Nazi extermination.

Especially courageous was the behavior of a Catholic priest in the small Lithuanian town of Vidkule who hid fifty Jewish children in his church and called, in his sermons, upon Lithuanians to give every possible assistance to Jews. When Gestapo agents learned that he had secreted Jewish children and came to the church to get them, the priest met the Gestapo officials on the threshold, saying, "You will enter the church only over my dead body."

After brutally beating the priest, the Gestapo broke into the church and dragging the children out, burned them alive. The priest was arrested soon afterwards and shot.

Similar incidents took place also in other townships in Lithuania. In a small town near Vilna the local priest succeeded in hiding in his house a Jewish family, the only family to survive the wholesale massacres organized by the Germans in that township. The Bishop of Vilna circulated an epistle calling upon all Catholics to give to the Jews utmost assistance.

DEAN ALFANGE RESIGNS FROM EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Dean Alfange, noted leader of the American Liberal Party, today announced his resignation as co-chairman of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, giving as his reason lack of sympathy for its political affiliations.

"While I fully sympathize with the humanitarian purposes of the Emergency Committee to save the Jewish People of Europe, I do not approve of its political affiliations," the statement said. "Though I am a Christian, I have been a life-long Zionist and a firm believer in the political aims of Zionism as exemplified by the world Zionist movement headed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

"I believe that the most effective way of eradicating anti-Semitism is by creating an independent Jewish state in Palestine through which the Jewish people can express themselves on equal terms with the other peoples of the world.

"Lack of statehood implies lack of equality which, in turn, leads to world-wide discrimination. Zionism is therefore the means of attacking anti-Semitism at its source and should be supported by all liberal thinking citizens, irrespective of their faith."

Jewish Representation in United Nations' Councils Demanded

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A demand that Jews be given a place in the councils of the United Nations when their interests are involved was voiced today by Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah speaking from Washington to the second national conference of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, held at Hotel Commodore.

The senator estimated that thirty-five percent of the total Jewish population of Europe has been massacred by the Germans. "Let the representatives of a people who have lost more than one-third of their population in this war, participate in the settlement of the peace and in the planning of a better world in which their nation too can live in freedom," he appealed.

Carlos Davila, former Rumanian Minister to the United States, addressing the conference said that the fate of European Jews cannot be divorced from the fate of all democracy.

"If a democratic revolution takes place in all European countries, there will be no more discrimination than there is in the United States," he said. "Social discrimination may continue for a while, but there, as here, the spreading of real democracy will gradually wipe out racial and religious differences.

"I consider it a point of honor for the democrats in my country not only to restore to the Jews all civil, economic and political rights but to see to it that they will be indemnified for all their losses, and that the responsible perpetrators will be punished. But this must be done by ourselves, the Rumanian people, as a debt of honor to our Jewish brethren."

MOSHE GLEMBOTSKY, FORMER EDITOR OF AMERICAN ZIONIST ORGAN, DIES IN PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Moshe Glembofsky, well-known Jewish writer who resided in the United States for more than four years, died here today from a heart attack. He was 62 years old. Glembofsky did most of his writing under the pen-name M. Ben-Eliezer. He was born in the vilna district and came to the United States in 1906 where he served as editor of the Zionist organ Das Yiddish Folk. Subsequently he came to Palestine.