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### MOSCOW RELEASES NAMES OF FRENCH JEWS KILLED BY GESTAPO IN "DEATH CAMP" IN POLAND

MOSCOW, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The first list of names of Jews murdered by Germans in the "extermination camp" in Majdanek, near Lublin, was secured here today by the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from the Russian authorities investigating the Gestapo annihilation of innocent civilians in the liberated Lublin area.

The list contains chiefly names of French Jews, transported to Poland and killed in the "death chambers" of the Majdanek camp. Thus far only one record book with six hundred names has been made accessible to the press. Scores of such books with thousands of Jewish names are expected to be "deciphered" within the near future.

### REPRESENTATIVES OF JEWISH RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS SPLIT ON SELECTION OF REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Two representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee today left by plane for Turkey on a delicate mission of adjusting the misunderstandings arising between representatives of the Jewish Agency and the JDC in Istanbul over the question of rescue of Jews from the Balkan countries.

The misunderstandings are due chiefly to differences of opinion with regard to the system of selecting the refugees in Rumania for transportation to Palestine through Turkey. It is understood that Charles Passman, one of the representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee who left for Turkey today, also has been authorized by the executive of the Jewish Agency to act as he thinks fit in order to coordinate the rescue work. It was admitted here that the misunderstandings which have developed in Istanbul are greatly hampering the carrying out of the rescue work.

A transport of 367 Jewish refugees from Rumania arrived here today, consisting of 204 men, 122 women and 41 children. It was also learned here that Chief Rabbi Sholem Alsheikh of Yemen, who is 90 years old, left on foot for Palestine from Yemen. He has been known for more than sixty years for his Kabbalistic works and for the story of his travels over the Arabia desert to discover the lost ten tribes.

### COMMITTEE TO AID VICTIMS OF MUSSOLINI'S RACIAL POLICY ESTABLISHED IN ROME

ROME, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The establishment of a National Committee to Aid Victims of Fascist Racial and Religious oppression was announced here today. Prof. Mario Congianni is chairman of this committee.

The new organization will gather data on racial persecutions and will collect signatures from Italians opposed to the Fascist racial policy. It will ask the Italian government to support a campaign for moral and material aid for the victims of racial persecutions under Mussolini's regime.

Hungarian newspapers reaching here today report that a city official named Jozsef Voros was sentenced to four years penal servitude in Rimassonabab for stealing confiscated Jewish property valued at 300,000 pengoes - about \$60,000 - from a municipal warehouse.

STARVATION DRIVES HIDDEN JEWS IN ATHENS TO SURRENDER TO GESTAPO

CAIRO, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Jews in Athens who managed to escape deportations to "death camps" in Poland and had been hidden for many months by non-Jewish friends in the Greek capital under the very nose of the Gestapo, are now beginning to give themselves up to the German authorities because of despair and starvation, it was reported here today by the Greek Information Service.

The report estimated that about 10,000 Jews succeeded in eluding the Gestapo. Many of them took to the mountains as guerrillas, but others were hidden in Christian homes in the Greek capital, or live under false identity documents issued to them by the Greek police. As the food rationing becomes more and more meager, the hidden Jews prefer to surrender to the Gestapo rather than draw on the meager rations of their hosts. A pound of bread on the black market in Athens costs now 200,000 drachmas, the report states.

Chief Rabbi Koretz of Salonica is blamed by the authorities for the deportation by the Germans of about 45,000 Salonica Jews to Poland. While in Athens the Gestapo were frustrated, they succeeded in Salonica, owing to the appeasing attitude of Chief Rabbi Koretz who handed over the German authorities a list of members of the Jewish community in the belief that the Germans would keep their promise not to institute any deportations, the report says. The report further reveals that about 3,000 Salonica Jews nevertheless succeeded in escaping deportation and are now distinguishing themselves as guerrilla fighters in the mountainous Greek regions.

Three Greeks in Salonica, the brothers Reacanatti, have been put on the list of war criminals by the Greek Government for denouncing Jews to the Gestapo, the report adds. Knowing practically every Jew in Salonica, they "told" on any Jew venturing out from hiding.

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During his stay in Poland, Dr. Retinger met a number of Jewish friends, members of the Polish Socialist Party, who had not left their hiding cellars more than two two years. The Zionist Party and the Jewish Labor Bund are still functioning in Poland among the illegal groups, he said. He revealed that during the anti-Nazi revolt in the Warsaw ghetto, eighteen Zionist and three Bund battalions participated in the fighting.

"A small number of Dutch and Belgian Jews are still in Warsaw," Dr. Retinger stated. "I saw them doing forced labor. They are kept in the ghetto and wear black-violet striped clothes like convicts." Dr. Retinger doubted the recent report that Leon Blum, former French Premier, died in a "Jewish extermination camp" in Poland. A member of the underground movement was assigned to establish Blum's whereabouts, and if he had been in Poland, the Polish underground movement had sufficient means to save him. But no such evidence was found by the underground movement which usually is well informed on such things, Dr. Retinger declared.

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ANGLO-AMERICAN STATEMENT ON RESCUE SKIPS OVER QUESTION OF ADMITTANCE TO PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- British and American officials admitted here today that the joint statement issued last week by the governments of the United States and the United Kingdom, announcing acceptance of Hungary's offer to permit the emigration of Jews from Hungary to Palestine and other lands was deficient in not clarifying the issue as to whether Jews from Hungary would be admitted in Palestine.

Fear was expressed here during the week-end that the offer made by the Hungarian Government to permit the emigration of Jews from Hungary may not materialize now that it has become known that the German Government is refusing transit visas for Hungarian Jews to Sweden and Switzerland and promises no safe conduct of such Jews to any destination.

The War Refugee Board was in the meantime informed by the American Palestine Foundation that a sum of \$650,000 has been forwarded by the Foundation to its headquarters in Jerusalem to be used for the rescue and rehabilitation of Hungarian Jews in line with the policy announced last week by the governments of the United States and of Britain.

The United Jewish Appeal announced financial aid of American Jews will be given for the construction of 2,500 small housing units in Palestine to house refugees from Hungary and the Balkan countries who are expected to emigrate to Palestine.

HIAS-ICA REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT ITALY; WILL STUDY RESUMPTION OF REFUGEE AID

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Permission has been granted for a representative of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association to proceed to the liberated part of Italy with a view to studying the possibilities for resuming refugee aid work in the liberated area, it was announced here today by Abraham Herman, president of the Hias. Mr. Herman stated that he was informed by Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, that arrangements have been made for Mr. Raphael Spanien, representative of Hias-Ica to visit Italy.

More than 67,000 American relatives and friends of refugees abroad have sought the cooperation of Hias during the last six months in the matter of rescuing their kin and possibly facilitating their immigration to Western Hemisphere havens of refuge, a Hias report states. More than 30,000 Americans have availed themselves of the services of the Society's Refugee Relatives Registration Program which has as its purpose the re-establishment of contact with their kin in countries already liberated or those to be liberated soon.

The report also disclosed extensive activities in the field of Americanization and naturalization. The Society's Citizenship Bureau aided in the preparation of 3,882 applications for first and second citizenship papers, in obtaining 933 records of arrival, necessary for naturalization proceedings and conducted 23 classes in citizenship. These were attended by 897 immigrants.

The report described the widespread interest of the public in the food and clothing service for refugees abroad. Hias accepts the requests of American relatives and friends to dispatch food and clothing packages for designated individuals in the Soviet Union in accordance with arrangement made with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee under which the stock piles of the organization in Teheran, Iran, are made available for dispatching clothing and food packages going to the refugees in the U.S.S.R.