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SWEDEN WILL ADMIT UNLIMITED NUMBER OF JEWISH REFUGEE CHILDREN FROM NAZI LANDS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 28. (JTA)—The Swedish Government today announced its readiness to admit an unlimited number of Jewish refugee children from German-held countries.

In making this announcement, the Foreign Office here emphasized that instructions will be issued to border officials to demand no passports or visas from Jewish refugee children reaching the Swedish frontiers and to admit them without any restrictions.

Reports reaching Sweden from Hungary indicate that the situation of the Jews in Budapest, who are said to be the only surviving Jews in the country, is worsening daily. The reports declare that almost all Jews from provincial towns have been deported and that the deportation of Jews from Budapest, started during the last few days, is continuing.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT IN DILEMMA OVER JERUSALEM MAYORALTY; JEW BECOMES ACTING MAYOR

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (JTA) — The political situation in Palestine became more complicated today as Daniel Auster, Jewish deputy mayor of Jerusalem, automatically became acting mayor of the city following the sudden death yesterday of Mustapha Bey Khalidi, the Arab mayor.

Mayor Khalidi, whose anti-Jewish remarks at an Arab mayors' conference in Jaffa recently, provoked a walk-out by Jewish members of the Jerusalem municipal council, died of a heart attack. He was 71 years old. Khalidi had been mayor of Jerusalem since 1939.

As the Jerusalem mayor is not elected but appointed by the Palestine Government, it is expected that the administration will face serious difficulties in deciding whether the next mayor should be an Arab or a Jew. The Jewish population of Jerusalem is much larger than the non-Jewish, including Moslems and Christians combined. The Jews also claim that ninety percent of the municipal taxes are paid by Jewish inhabitants.

CZECHOSLOVAK JEWS, LIBERATED IN ITALY, LEAVE TO JOIN CZECH ARMY IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Aug. 28. (JTA) — Farewell to a group of Czechoslovak Jewish officers leaving to fight with the Czechoslovakian Army in Russia was given here today at an impressive military service held "somewhere in England."

The officers are the first Czechoslovak Jews liberated from Axis Europe. They had left Czechoslovakia for Palestine in 1940. Their ship was sunk and they landed on an unpopulated island in the Mediterranean. Italian pilots intercepted the S.O.S. signals they flashed by means of hand-mirrors. They were taken later to internment on the mainland, at Ferramonti, where they were freed by the Allies.

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RED ARMY CAPTAIN REPORTS ON RESCUE OF JEWS IN ODESSA BY RUSSIAN INHABITANTS

MOSCOW, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Many Russians and Ukrainians in the city of Odessa were lauded here today by Capt. S. Eisenstein, a Red Army officer, for risking their lives to shelter Jewish families during the years of German-Rumanian occupation of the Black Sea city.

Capt. Eisenstein, who arrived here from Odessa, told how a Russian engineer, Leonid Suworovsky, in addition to hiding twenty-two Jewish families, also organized a "factory" where false identification documents were "manufactured" for Jews in order that they could pose as non-Jews and be spared Axis torture and extermination. Suworovsky's activities were discovered by the Gestapo and he was arrested and sentenced to seven years at hard labor, but on the eve of his arrest he managed to transfer the hidden Jewish families to a new hiding place and they all survived to be liberated later by the Russian Army.

Another Russian, Yakov Polishuk, is credited with rescuing sixteen Jewish families in Odessa by digging a huge cellar in an unfinished building in the heart of the city and hiding the Jews there. For more than two years the Jews did not dare to leave the cellar, while Polishuk, risking his life, delivered food as often as possible under the very nose of the occupation authorities. All the families are now alive in Odessa and full of eternal gratefulness to Polishuk to whom they owe their lives, Capt. Eisenstein reports.

An aged Russian woman Verena Lapina was executed by the Gestapo in Odessa for refusing to reveal the hiding place of a number of Jewish children for whom she arranged shelter in a neighboring village after keeping them for some time in her own house. Konstantin Studenko, a Ukrainian stevedore, is credited by Capt. Eisenstein with rescuing many Jews from a concentration camp near Odessa which he raided with the aid of other stevedores. The rescued Jews were delivered by the raiders to Russian partisan units which they joined.

ZIONIST-REVISIONISTS APPEAL TO JEWISH EXTREMISTS TO CEASE TERROR IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The Zionist Revisionist Party of Palestine today addressed an appeal to Jewish extremists to cease their terroristic attacks against government institutions. It stressed that these acts are harmful to the Jewish cause.

The appeal, published in *Hanashki*, official Revisionist organ, says: "Again we must tell the youth that this is not the right way. The recent outrages are not useful to the Jewish people and its aspirations. Such acts not only detract the world's attention from rescue problems, but also the attention of the Yishuv."

Terming the terrorism senseless, the appeal continues: "Shots and explosions silence the clamour of our brethren in need. Those who think otherwise are mistaken. Since those who have chosen terrorism speak about Hebrew patriotism, they ought to listen to the voice of the people and not assume the authority of determining the Jewish policy at their own discretion, a policy which is in conflict with general national interests."

J.N.F. PLANS "UNIVERSAL GOLDEN BOOK" TO MARK WEIZMANN'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund today decided to mark the 70th birthday of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, which is to be observed on Nov. 27, by launching a "Universal Golden Book" the proceeds of which will be devoted to a special land project in Dr. Weizmann's honor.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE ASKS PUNISHMENT OF AXIS NATIONS FOR ANNIHILATING JEWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Declaring that Axis crimes against the Jewish people "cannot go unpunished without destroying the legal and moral foundations upon which our civilization rests," the American Jewish Conference today submitted an eight-point proposal to Secretary of State Cordell Hall urging the United Nations to take into consideration the following demands of American Jews:

1. Among the crimes to be made punishable under this policy, there be expressly included the publicly announced intent of the Axis nations and their allies and associates to annihilate the Jewish people, and all acts whereby they sought to accomplish this aim, before and during the war, within their own and occupied territories.

2. In all trials of those guilty of crimes against civilian populations, criminal acts performed against the Jewish people shall be duly specified as part of the indictment.

3. Those charged with specific crimes against individual Jews, or with acts designed to bring about the ultimate annihilation of Jewish communities, such as deprivation, starvation, deportation, unendurable forced labor, and mass murder by whatever means, in territories occupied by the enemy, shall be prosecuted with the utmost energy and vigor in the national courts of the states where such crimes were committed, irrespective of the nationality of the accused or of the victims.

4. The prosecution of those guilty of these acts against the Jews in Germany and in the territories of her allies and associates, as well as of crimes not confined to single territories, shall be within the jurisdiction of the contemplated international court for the trial of war criminals.

5. The United Nations shall agree among themselves to declare as common criminals, and shall so declare, all those guilty of these acts against the Jews, and shall require the Axis nations, their allies and associates, the neutral nations and any other country where the criminals may seek asylum, to surrender or extradite all persons thus designated. Provision for the surrender of these criminals by the Axis Powers, their allies and associates, shall be included in the terms of the armistice.

6. Representatives of the respective Jewish communities shall be consulted in the preparation of evidence against these criminals, and shall be recognized in the national courts as amici curiae ("friends of the court"), and provision shall be made to this effect.

7. Representatives of the Jewish people shall be officially admitted as amici curiae before the contemplated international prosecuting body and the international court for the trial of war criminals. The constituting acts of these bodies shall contain the necessary provisions to this effect.

8. The Commission for the Investigation of War Crimes, or such other body as may be constituted for this purpose by the United Nations, shall receive and give due consideration to all suggestions which may be submitted to it by a representation of the Jewish people, and it shall grant such a representation a locus standi.

"Since their rise to power, the leaders of the Nazi regime in Germany have repeatedly and consistently proclaimed the extermination of the Jewish people as a

major aim," the memorandum said. "Both before and since the beginning of the war, they have pursued this aim with unrelenting vigor and brutality, utilizing every measure of degradation and despoliation, including forced labor, starvation, deportation and mass murder. This campaign of terror and annihilation has been carried out with unexampled bestiality in consort with Axis allies and associates, and with the connivance of Nazi followers and subordinates in their home countries and their collaborators in occupied territories. These crimes cannot go unpunished without destroying the legal and moral foundations upon which our civilization rests."

The memorandum was prepared by the Conference Commission on Post-War, whose co-chairmen are Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath of Cincinnati and Hayim Greenberg of New York.

#### ANTI-SEMITES IN ECUADOR BLAME JEWS FOR CURE ON FOOD SPECULATION

QUITO, Ecuador, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic propagandists in Ecuador are using the small tradesmen's resentment of certain government food regulations to stir up anti-Jewish feelings.

Following the appointment of Juan Wurfel, an Austrian non-Jew, as director of food supplies to combat the shortage of essential food commodities and curb rising prices, a leaflet was distributed in Quito charging that Wurfel was a Jew and urging the population to end the "Jewish provocations" of the new food director.

The leaflet, which was printed on a press previously used for Nazi propaganda literature, was circulated widely despite an official statement by the Jewish community to the effect that Wurfel was not Jewish.

It is expected that the leftist political parties and President Ibarra will issue statements replying to the anti-Semitic propaganda. Shortly after he assumed office last May, after a successful revolution, President Ibarra condemned anti-Semitism and said that there was no place for it in Ecuador.

#### DEMOCRATIC POLES IN SWITZERLAND PLEDGE FULL RIGHTS FOR JEWS IN POST-WAR POLAND

GENEVA, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The Democratic Union of Poles in Switzerland, comprising several thousand civil and military internees, issued a statement here today pledging that religious and racial discrimination will be barred in post-war Poland.

Stressing that Jews will have the same rights as all other citizens, the statement promises reparations for the sufferings inflicted upon the Jews during the German occupation. It points out that these principles have already been invoked in the liberated sections of the country which are being governed temporarily by the Committee of National Liberation.

#### FORMER VICE-MAYOR OF TEL AVIV DIES; WAS CO-FOUNDER OF THE ALL-JEWISH CITY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Arieh-Leib Esterman, former vice-mayor of Tel Aviv, died here today. He was 75. He was one of the founders of the city and was a delegate to a number of Zionist Congresses representing the General Zionists of Palestine.