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GERMANS LEFT PRACTICALLY NO JEWISH CHILDREN IN POLAND, J.T.A. CORRESPONDENT FINDS

LUBLIN, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- There are virtually no Jewish children left in liberated Poland, the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency established here today. Among the approximately 1,000 Jewish survivors in Lublin and the vicinity there are only ten children. Six of them were found at the Majdanek camp.

Practically no Jewish children have been born since the occupation of Poland by the Germans. Of the ten Jewish children registered among the survivors here, there is only one child born since the outbreak of the war.

The destruction of the Jewish youth by the Germans is looked upon by the Jewish Committee here as one of the chief obstacles to the eventual development of revived Jewish life in Poland. It is pointed out that while ten or so years from now the Jews who survived German extermination will either be old or verging on middle age, there will be only a handful of Jewish young men and women, such as the ten in Lublin, and even they may prefer to emigrate from the country in order to forget the places where they lived through so much horror and where their parents and relatives were killed.

JEWISH UNDERGROUND LEADERS IN FRANCE DESCRIBE HOW THEY FOUGHT TO PROTECT JEWS

GRENOBLE, France, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- In a bare drab office, in Rue Jean Jaques Rousseau here, leaders of the Jewish underground organization today described how for four years they fought to protect 3,000 Jews living in this district and during ten bitter months matched wits with the Gestapo and its Vichyite aids.

They outlined to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent the complex secret organization by which they kept in regular contact with 400 families scattered in hiding throughout the Isere Department; how they maintained contact with other Jewish communities; and how Jews contributed to French resistance in this district.

They told of the underground railway through which hundreds of children were smuggled into Switzerland from Grenoble alone, and of the "Jewish army" which battled the Vichy militia and the Nazis and spirited young Jews to the Spanish frontier en route to Palestine.

They spoke with pride of the hundreds of young Jews serving with the Maquis and who are presently with the French Forces of the Interior fighting the Germans. Above all they spoke of the young Jewish men and women who risked their lives daily doing dangerous work of liaison, or who obtained or forged so many false identification papers, rationbooks and other vital documents that Grenoble supplied other areas. These youths travelled throughout the district caring for their "charges."

There were many martyrs and heroes among them. There is the 22-year-old German-Jewish refugee girl who was arrested in June while shepherding a party of 40 children into Switzerland. She persuaded the Gestapo to release the driver of the truck and the children under sixteen, but she and 12 children were imprisoned. She

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refused to avail herself of an opportunity to escape until all the children were released. It is believed she was executed. The children, who were freed by the Maquis, returned to Grenoble this week.

Then there was a 35-year-old rabbi from Tel Aviv who came to Grenoble in 1943 to direct the youth organization. He took a leading role in the "Jewish army" travelling all over the country in its behalf. He was seized together with 15 others by the Gestapo in Paris while on a mission to obtain arms and is believed to have been executed.

### Paris Rabbi Led Maquis Unit; Executed by Germans

No one knows how many Jews in this district fought with the Maquis, since all of them used false names and papers. But it is known that a 30-year-old Paris rabbi led a unit numbering 1,800 which fought the Nazis and militia in this area for months before D Day. He was arrested on June 10 and is believed to have been executed. A Jew who came to Grenoble from Lorraine commanded a large Maquis band, while another commanded a detachment of "franc tireurs partisans."

A less spectacular, but equally important task -- the distribution of Maquis literature and instructions -- was undertaken by a young Hungarian Jew who also acted as liaison between the Jews and the Maquis. In one of the most dangerous posts, head of the "United Committee for the Defense of Jews," which was composed of representatives of Jewish parties and organizations was a small gnome-like Lodz Jew who had been a welfare worker in Paris for 30 years. This man told the JTA correspondent how his group worked with similar bodies in Lyon and Paris. The committee received funds from abroad via Switzerland, and from local collections. They gave almost regular relief to the 400 families in hiding.

"The work of defense against deportations," he said, "was the most important job. During 1944 the committee distributed 1,200 sets of false identification documents, advised Jews to disperse when necessary, and helped them to move from one village to another." The committee sent hundreds of children to Switzerland and placed 70 in homes in the countryside. It is now trying to regain custody of children who were placed for safety in convents by parents who were subsequently deported.

One of the committee's functions, he said, was to aid young Jews to join the Maquis. It also raised a certain monthly sum for the Maquis, and was arranging for the formation of a separate Jewish unit when the city was liberated.

A most amazing aspect of the situation here is how the Jews managed to maintain communal life while every one of them was being hunted by the Gestapo and Vichy traitors. A young Zionist group met regularly and studied Hebrew, Jewish history and other subjects. Its leader was Georges Schnek, who directed the work of obtaining false documents. Schnek has a cousin in the United States named Rose Fushan, who is a lawyer in New York.

Jewish political groups also met frequently. On the anniversary of the Warsaw revolt they held a well-attended meeting here. Last year the Grenoble Jews celebrated Rosh Hashanah in a Catholic Church and Yom Kippur in a Protestant Church, since going to a synagogue was inviting arrest. The Jews here pay warm tribute to their non-Jewish neighbors who warned them of danger, hid them, and helped feed them.

At present the committee is attempting to compile a complete list of survivors, but this is a difficult task since many Jews have been using false names and moving frequently to evade detection.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION REVIVED IN LIBERATED RUMANIA; JEWISH PAPERS RESUME PUBLICATION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- The Zionist organization in Rumania has been reorganized since the entry of the Russian Army into that country and two of its periodicals have resumed publication, it is reported in a telegram received here today by the Jewish Agency from the president of the Zionist Organization in Bucharest.

"We hope soon to renew emigration work to Palestine," the telegram adds. The message, received here through Turkey, was read at the session of the Small Zionist Actions Committee now meeting here.

The committee also heard a report concerning the absorption and housing of new immigrants in Palestine. Moshe Shapiro, head of the Labor Department of the Jewish Agency, disclosed that 14,500 persons entered the country since last October. They came from Yemen, Rumania, Turkey, Poland, Bulgaria and Greece. Among them were 1,750 children, mainly from Transnistria, Turkey and the Fieramente internment camp in Italy.

The recent immigrants, Mr. Shapiro said, differ greatly from previous newcomers, being former members of the middle class who have been stripped of everything including their health, and who are badly in need of convalescence. Many of them are suffering from tuberculosis. As a result, he added, the Agency's relief budget has grown from about \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.

The labor chief pointed out that in the last 18 months 4,100 Yemenite Jews have arrived here, while only 9,000 came in the previous 23 years. About 1,500 additional Yemenite immigrants are stranded in Aden under miserable conditions awaiting permission to embark for Palestine, he stressed.

An organization of Palestine citizens who have families living in German-held territory or in concentration camps today announced that it has appealed to Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain, Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and to the Archbishop of Canterbury urging them to intervene to secure the exchange for Germans held by the Allies of 1,200 Jews whose relatives reside here. The announcement said that 159 of the number were confined in the Belzenbergen camp in Germany.

JEWISH MEDICAL CONFERENCE OPENED IN PALESTINE; U.S. ADMIRAL ADDRESSES GATHERING

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- The 14th Palestine-wide Jewish medical conference, opened here today to discuss ophthalmological, endemical and epidemic diseases. Chief speaker at the opening session was United States Admiral Charles Stephenson who advocated that more attention be paid to preventive medicine, "so that your gorgeous hospitals will be half-empty and the population will be healthier and live longer."

POLICE RAID PALESTINE TOWN, ARREST SEVERAL TERRORISTS AND SUSPECTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- A police cordon was thrown around the town of Petch Tikvah for several hours today, while constables searched for suspected terrorists. Several known terrorists were arrested and a number of persons were detained for interrogation. There were no incidents.

ETRE AGREES TO ADMIT 500 JEWISH REFUGEE CHILDREN; INTERVENES WITH BERLIN

LONDON, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- The Government of Eire has agreed to admit 500 Jewish refugee children from German-occupied Europe, it was learned here today. It is also reported that diplomatic representatives of Eire in Berlin are continuing their representations for the release from concentration camps of Jews who are nationals of Latin American countries.

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AMERICAN JEWS CONTRIBUTED \$82,000,000 FOR RESCUE WORK DURING FIVE YEARS OF WAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- In the five-year period since the outbreak of world War II, Jews in 4200 communities throughout the United States contributed a total of \$82,000,000 to the United Jewish Appeal in a concerted effort to save large numbers of Jews in European lands from annihilation by the Nazi regime, says a report on war rescue operations since September 1, 1939, made public today by Rabbi James S. Heller, William Rosenwald, and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, national chairman of the U.J.A.

During the past five years, the report states, the Joint Distribution Committee appropriated the sum of \$47,530,900 for a world-wide rescue and relief program during which it helped 79,000 Jewish men, women, and children escape from Europe to havens of safety in the Western Hemisphere and Palestine.

As the major haven for refugees fleeing from hate-ridden lands, Palestine has absorbed more than 55,000 Jews with the aid of the United Palestine Appeal during the five years of war. A total of \$48,102,000 was spent in Palestine by the agencies receiving their American support through the United Palestine Appeal for the establishment of 39 agricultural settlements, the adjustment of new immigrants, the development of 400 war industries, the acquisition of 228,102 dunams of land, and for aid in the enrollment of more than 50,000 Jewish men and women in the British armed forces and Palestine Home Guard.

For the program of adjustment and integration aid for large numbers of the 215,000 Jewish refugees who have found a haven in the United States since the beginning of the Nazi regime, the National Refugee Service spent a total of \$11,837,200 in the past five years. With the entry of the United States into the war, this agency devoted its energies to retraining the newcomers to share in the war effort both on the production and battle fronts.

In outlining the rescue activities of the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal, Rabbi Heller, Mr. Rosenwald, and Rabbi Wise pointed out that the rapid progress of the Allied armies is speeding the beginning of the era of reconstruction and the end of the era of destruction for Jews and other peoples on the European continent. They emphasized that as the prison walls set up by the Germans are torn down by the advancing forces of the United Nations, the road is being cleared for large-scale rehabilitation effort which will tremendously increase the needs of the United Jewish Appeal and its constituent agencies.

CONFERENCE OF CANADIAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES ASKS FREE PALESTINE IMMIGRATION

SASKATOON, Canada, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- A two-day conference of 40 Jewish communities in Western Canada concluded today after voting to ask the British Government to open Palestine to Jewish immigration and to facilitate the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth there. Members of the provincial government and Jewish leaders, including Isaac Hamlin, national secretary of the "Gevorkshafen Campaign," addressed the conference. The delegates also voted to support the activities of the Histadruth in Palestine.

U.S. JEWISH TROOPS PRESENT GIFT TO BRITISH SYNAGOGUE IN APPRECIATION FOR HOSPITALITY

LONDON, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- A Jewish National Fund "Golden Book" certificate has been presented to the Hebrew Congregation of Chester by American and British Jewish troops to which the community had extended its hospitality. Presentation ceremonies were held in the synagogue with British and American chaplains presiding.