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SIXTEEN AGED, SICKLY JEWS ONLY SURVIVORS OF LEIPZIG'S 15,000, JTA CORRESPONDENT FINDS

LEIPZIG, April 22, (JTA) -- Fifteen sick and aged men and one sickly woman are the sole survivors of Leipzig's 15,000 Jews of whom only about 5,000 succeeded in migrating before 1939. They are all quartered in a single house on Blumelstrasse.

A Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent visiting the "Jewish House," also found many non-Jewish wives and husbands of Jews, whose spouses - about 250 of them - were deported eight weeks ago, together with children ranging in age from four years.

The tremendous fur center in Leipzig, which was largely operated by Jewish employers and employees, was taken over by the Nazis, but has been almost completely destroyed by allied bombings. Likewise, publishing enterprises here, several of which - like the famous Fisher Verlag - were seized from Jews, have been three-quarters destroyed.

The eldest of the 15 surviving Jews is Richard Frank, a former knitgoods manufacturer, whose son-in-law Ernest Hyman lives at 345 Broad St., in Rod Bank, N. J. The woman is aged Hildegard Frank.

VIRTUALLY ENTIRE JEWISH POPULATION OF BOLOGNA WIPED OUT; FEW MAY BE IN HIDING

BOLOGNA, April 22, (JTA) -- Virtually the entire Jewish population of Bologna, which was captured yesterday by Fifth and Eighth Army troops, was wiped out a little over a year ago, a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent was told today.

Dr. Frank Patella, an American-born physician from New York City, who was stranded in Bologna at the outbreak of war with the United States, told the correspondent that the Germans rounded up all the Jews they could find, killed some and deported the rest. Dr. Patella said that a few Jews may have found refuge in Catholic institutions, but he was not sure.

LIST OF 1,000 CHILDREN AT BUCHENWALD ORPHANED; AGENCY ASKED TO TAKE THEM TO PALESTINE

BUCHENWALD, April 22, (JTA) -- Of the 1,000 children who have been found among the 4,500 Jewish survivors in this camp, only four of them are with their fathers. Many lost their fathers when nearly 5,000 Jews were evacuated from Buchenwald shortly before its liberation.

A secret school for the children in Buchenwald was run by Mordecai Striegler, a Warsaw writer, with the assistance of six Polish teachers. The school was in operation for six months, but was finally halted when Striegler was warned that it was becoming too dangerous.

A committee, which was formed here today, consisting of Striegler, Max Munk, Czech Jew, Tydor Heine from Frankfurt and Willi Jelliarich from Vienna, appealed to

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the Jewish Agency to secure Palestine immigration certificates for the children.

A typical, although almost unbelievable, story of how these youngsters were saved from the Germans was told to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent by Yisroel Slaffstein, who formerly lived in a small village in the province of San-danors in Poland. For almost four years he has been hiding his son, Josai, in one concentration camp after another to prevent him being killed by the Nazis.

When he was first arrested, Slaffstein said, his wife was sent to a death camp, but he was spared because he was an expert leather worker and was needed by the Germans. He bribed a Nazi officer with the entire stock of his small business to allow him to take his baby to the concentration camp with him. For a year-and-a-half that he spent in this small camp, Slaffstein saved the child by paying a weekly bribe to the camp commandant, a 55-year-old major from Leipzig. The bribe, consisting usually of coffee, tea or cigars, was collected by the 500 Jews in the camp.

After a year-and-a-half the inmates were sent to the Hesse munitions factory, because a radio had been found in the camp. Slaffstein and two other workers brought along children. The other children were shot, but Slaffstein saved his son by having him listed as an adult, through the cooperation of a trusty in command of the barracks.

When the Russians approached, the camp was evacuated and Slaffstein painfully carried the child to still another camp where the Jews were used to dig anti-tank trenches. When the Red Army also closed in on this camp, all the slave laborers were loaded into open freight cars and sent to Buchenwald. Slaffstein hid young Josai in a sack, and, again, with the aid of a trusty, had him listed as an adult. The U. S. men infrequently entered the camp, leaving the administration to the trusties, and he was able to keep the child's presence hidden until the camp was freed.

CHILDREN OF ALL JEWS DEPORTED FROM FRANCE MADE WARDS OF NATION UNDER NEW DECREE

PARIS, April 22. (JTA) -- All minor children, irrespective of nationality, whose parents or guardians were deported from France for political or racial reasons, have been placed under the provisional guardianship of the Office of Mutilated Veterans, War Victims and Wards of the Nation, under a decree issued here yesterday. The decree provides that responsible persons or institutions may be delegated as guardians for the children.

Meanwhile, David Scattiel, Jewish Agency representative here, today denied a report published in New York that children of alien Jewish deportees were being substituted for those of deported French Jews, in order to overcome the government's opposition to the emigration of 200 Jewish children to Palestine. Scattiel asserted that the Ministry of Deportees has refused permission for the emigration of any children, regardless of their nationality. He said that the case of each child is now being examined individually by the Ministry.

Scattiel announced that Ruth Kluger, a specialist in emigration, has arrived here to extend the activities of the Paris office of the Jewish Agency to all of liberated north-western Europe.

DEMONSTRATORS IN TEL AVIV DEMAND OPENING OF PALESTINE TO UNRESTRICTED IMMIGRATION

TEL AVIV, April 22. (JTA) -- A mass meeting called by the Left Poale Zion to mark the second anniversary of the revolt in the Warsaw ghetto was converted today into a large street demonstration for the immediate opening of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration. The demonstrators were dispersed without any incidents.

COLOGNE NAZIS DIGGING SEWERS WHILE JEWS RUN CITY, BRITISH CORRESPONDENT REPORTS

LONDON, April 22. (JTA) -- A 45-year-old former Jewish journalist, Friedrich Jacoby, has been appointed chief of prison guards in Cologne, the correspondent of the Sunday Dispatch reports today. A few weeks ago, a Jew, Ernest Winkler, was named police chief of the city.

The correspondent writes that "Jacoby is humanizing the prison in which so many of his faith were killed," adding that "the Nazis of Cologne are digging sewers and trenches, while the Jews they baited are running the city."

It was learned today that, at the last minute, Samuel S. Silverman, Laborite N. P. and a leader of the World Jewish Congress, was included in the Parliamentary delegation which flew from here to inspect the horror camps uncovered by the British and American armies in Germany.

HITLER HAS WON HIS WAR AGAINST JEWS, SAYS SWEDISH PAPER, SCORING MURDER OF DEFENSELESS

STOCKHOLM, April 22. (JTA) -- In an editorial pointing out that Hitler's doom is sealed, the Sydvenska Dagbladet says that he did succeed, however, in winning his war against the Jews.

"The Nazi war against Jewry," the paper states, "was not war in the accepted meaning of the word. It was nothing but mass-murder of defenseless people, the most terrible pogrom in the history of mankind."

An article in the Stockholm Tidningen asserting that the average German is innocent of crimes against Jews is severely criticized in the liberal press here. The Hergon Tidningen writes that "the German people must bear responsibility for the proceeds of Nazism" and adds that "the German people should have opposed pogroms in their initial stages."

JEWISH AGRICULTURAL CAPITAL IN PALESTINE MORE THAN DOUBLED SINCE WAR; 54 NEW COLONIES

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- The capital invested in Palestine agriculture has risen from \$16,000,000 at the outbreak of the war to \$40,000,000 today, it was disclosed at the closing session of the annual conference of the Jewish Agricultural Workers Organization. It was also reported that 54 new agricultural settlements have been established since the war.

The conference voted to send a delegation to High Commissioner Lord Gort to protest the obstacles placed in the way of Jewish agricultural development by the White Paper. It also urged that special attention be paid to arranging for the settlement in new colonies of demobilized soldiers and children arriving from liberated European countries.

The Jewish National Fund headquarters here today announced that world receipts for the first six months of the Jewish calendar year totalled nearly \$4,000,000, representing an increase of 26 percent over the similar period last year. Jews in the United States contributed more than \$2,000,000 of the total.

CHAIM WEIZMANN'S CONDITION SATISFACTORY FOLLOWING OPERATION FOR EYE AILMENT

LONDON, April 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann is progressing satisfactorily after an operation on his eye performed yesterday, it was announced today. Dr. Weizmann has been ill for several weeks.

ASK BIG THREE TO PROCLAIM GERMAN ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS AS WAR CRIMES

WASHINGTON, April 22. (JTA) -- Following Prime Minister Churchill's announcement of a forthcoming statement on atrocities by President Truman, Premier Stalin and himself, the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation today appealed to President Truman and Foreign Secretaries Molotov, Eden and Stettinius, who Prime Minister Churchill announced were drafting the statement in Washington, to proclaim that German crimes against Jews, even committed in Axis territory, will be punished as war crimes.

BERLE WARNS AGAINST POST-WAR ANTI-SEMITISM AT DINNER IN BRAZIL FOR WEIZMANN INSTITUTE

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 22. (JTA) -- There must be no anti-Semitism in the post-war world, U. S. Ambassador Adolph A. Berle Jr. said here, addressing a banquet held to launch a drive for funds for the Weizmann Memorial Institute which is to be established in Palestine in honor of the world Zionist leader. Berle paid tribute to Dr. Weizmann as "a great leader in science and a leader of his people in its worst days since the captivity in Egypt."

Diplomats of 23 nations attended the dinner, including the Acting Foreign Minister of Brazil, as well as scientists, educators and other Brazilian notables. Speakers, besides Mr. Berle, included Prof. Inacio Azevedo Amaral, president of the Brazilian committee for a Weizmann Institute and Mrs. Rachel Yarden, Latin-American representative of the Jewish Agency.

ELLIOT E. COHEN APPOINTED EDITOR OF NEW CONTEMPORARY JEWISH RECORD

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- Elliot E. Cohen has been appointed editor of the Contemporary Jewish Record, a leading review of Jewish thought and culture, according to an announcement today by Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, which publishes the magazine.

Under Mr. Cohen's editorship, it is planned to issue the magazine as a monthly under a new name, beginning in the fall of 1945, it was announced. Founded in 1939, the periodical has heretofore been published bi-monthly.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WILL BE HELD IN JERUSALEM TODAY

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- Kaddish - which is rarely, if ever, recited for non-Jews - will be said for the late President Roosevelt at a memorial meeting to be held here tomorrow under the auspices of all Jewish national institutions.

Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog and Ben Zion Usel will officiate at the services, and both will deliver eulogies for the late world leader. Prayers composed especially for the occasion will also be recited.

Funds To Be Raised for ORT Vocational School In Honor of Roosevelt

New York, April 22. (JTA) -- A special fund in memory of President Roosevelt will be raised by the New York Region of the Women's American ORT, it was announced here today.

The money will be turned over to the World ORT Union in Geneva with the understanding that the fund is to be used to construct and maintain an ORT Vocational School. A location in North Africa, scene of many of the late President's historic conferences, is being considered.