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106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.CHINA ORDERS REPATRIATION OF JEWS FROM SHANGHAI TO GERMANY; THOUSANDS ARE PANIC STRICKEN

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14. (JTA) — Thousands of Jews who escaped from Nazi Germany and Austria to Shanghai, and spent the war years here under the most difficult circumstances, are panic stricken today as a result of an order by the Chinese Government in Chungking declaring that all Germans and Austrians in China, including Jews, must return to their native lands.

The order specifies that only refugees who can produce "valuable guarantees," either Chinese or foreign, will be exempted. They will need permission both from the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to remain in Shanghai, or in any other part of China. Technicians who can contribute to China's development will be permitted to stay, and may even be given employment by the Government, providing that the Interior and Foreign Ministries approve.

Though the order of the Chinese Government is not directed against the Jewish refugees, many of the 15,000 Jews who found shelter in Shanghai are affected by it. A large number of them came from Austria and Germany during the Nazi persecutions, since Shanghai was the only place in the world where they could enter without any visas.

Approximately 3,000 Jewish refugees died in Shanghai during the war. About 12,000 others lived on relief received from the Joint Distribution Committee. Almost all of them were held by the Japanese in the Hongkew district behind barbed wire, and were forced to live in terribly crowded and unsanitary barracks.

16. JEWISH LEADERS GATHER TO MAP PLANS FOR EXTENSIVE AID TO JEWS IN EUROPE AND PALESTINE

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 14. (JTA) — Leaders from more than 600 Jewish communities throughout the United States began arriving here today to attend a three-day conference of the United Jewish Appeal at which plans for aid to Jews in Europe and Palestine in 1946 will be mapped.

The conference, opening tomorrow at the Hotel Chelsea, will be addressed by Zionist and non-Zionist leaders and will hear reports from Jewish leaders in Europe who survived Nazi mistreatment, despite spending many months in concentration camps. Dr. Leo Baeck, former Chief Rabbi of Berlin, and Joseph Rosenzhaft, a survivor of the battle of the Warsaw Ghetto, will be among the principal speakers who will present first-hand information on the position and the needs of the Jews in Europe and in the camps for displaced persons in Germany.

The Zionist speakers will be led by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. Earl G. Harrison, American member of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, who stirred public opinion in the United States with his report to President Truman on the deplorable situation of the displaced Jews, will also be one of the chief speakers. The conference will also be addressed by Edward M.

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L. Warburg and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, leaders of the Joint Distribution Committee, who have just returned from an extensive survey of Jewish conditions in Europe.

The urgent need for the bare necessities of life and means for reestablishing Jews in their respective countries were outlined at an interview in NYC today by Jewish leaders who arrived from Italy, Holland and Belgium to report to the UJA conference on conditions in their lands. Dr. Renzo Levi of Rome, vice-chairman of the Jewish Relief Association of Italy, spoke on the immediate needs of Italian Jewry. Dr. Salo Kleerkoper of Amsterdam, noted economist and president of the Jewish Coordinating Committee of Holland, depicted conditions of Dutch Jewry. Paul Phillipson of Brussels, leader of the Jewish community in Belgium, pictured the situation of the surviving Jews in his country.

### Report Anti-Semitism Still Strong in European Countries

Living in nations that had no pre-war record of anti-Semitism, these Jewish leaders all told of Germany's attempts to indoctrinate the people of their lands with anti-Jewish feeling. They related how these efforts succeeded in varying degrees in different countries. However, all three were united in their praise of the work done by Catholic and other non-Jewish organizations in helping the Jews during the period of Nazi occupation.

Dr. Kleerkoper told of Holland's first political strike, in 1942, when the residents of Amsterdam stopped all public services as a protest against the anti-Jewish regulations being put into effect by the Nazis. "What started out," he said, "as a move to help the Jews became a national event, with Dutch flags, dug out of hiding places, flying. Nevertheless, today, as a result of the combined efforts of Dr. Goebbels and a native fascist group, there are definite signs of anti-Semitism. Even among enlightened Hollanders there has been talk of a quota system, limiting the number of Jews."

In Belgium and Italy, as well as Holland, the chief problem is that of the displaced persons, the three community leaders reported. Italy has 33,000 of them, while the other nations have almost as many. Suffering from the ravages of life in internment camps, these people all look forward to leaving Europe even though there is a possibility of their obtaining citizenship in the lands where they have found temporary refuge.

Another pressing problem, the three said, is that of the children. All over Europe, there are Jewish children who have grown up either in hiding or internment. Dr. Kleerkoper cited examples of Jewish children raised as anti-Semites, and the problem of reabsorbing youngsters who have long been separated from their families into Jewish life.

The three Jewish leaders all agreed that there must be some outlet for the uprooted Jews who feel that they cannot remain in Europe. Dr. Phillipson emphasized that if Palestine is not reopened to Jewish immigration, some other refuge must be found.

### PRIME MINISTER SMUTS APPEALS TO JEWS TO PATIENTLY AWAIT DECISION ON PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A cable appealing to the Jews of Palestine "to calmly and patiently await the findings of the Anglo-American inquiry commission" was received here today from Field Marshal Jan C. Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa, who is well known for his pro-Jewish sentiments on the Palestine issue. The cable was addressed to Rabbi Meier Berlin, leader of the World Mizrahi Organization.

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600,000 JEWS MURDERED BY NAZIS, GESTAPO REPORT REVEALS AT NUREMBERG TRIAL

NUREMBERG, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A German secret police report estimating that the Nazis murdered 6,000,000 Jews in Europe was submitted today to the International Crimes Tribunal, as U.S. prosecutors completed the "Jewish" section of their case.

The prosecutors placed before the court an affidavit by Wilhelm Hoettl, assistant to Ernst Kaltenbrunner, who was former Chief of the Nazi Security Police, stating that "approximately 4,000,000 Jews have been killed in the various extermination camps, while an additional 2,000,000 met death in other ways, the major part of which were shot by operational squads of security police during the campaign against Russia."

Hoettl said that his estimate was based on figures submitted to him by Adolf Eichman, Palestine-born Nazi, who was the chief exterminator of Jews for the Gestapo. He also revealed that Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler thought that the Eichman figure was too low.

Major Francis Walsh, Assistant U.S. Prosecutor, also presented to the court detailed records of how tens of thousands of Jews were wiped out during the liquidation of the Warsaw Ghetto, 434,000 murdered in Galicia, and 120,000 in the Baltic countries.

A report by "Action Group A", dated Jan. 1942, tells how native anti-Semitic forces in Lithuania were encouraged to launch pogroms immediately after the occupation of the country by the Germans. The report said that "the Security Police were determined to solve the Jewish question with all possible means, and most decisively, but it was desirable that the Security Police should not put in an immediate appearance, at least in the beginning, since extraordinarily harsh measures would be apt to stir up even the German circles. It had to be shown to the world that the native population itself took the first action."

Nazis Had Difficulty in Launching Pogroms in Baltic States

The report admits that "to our surprise, it was not easy at first to set in motion an extensive pogrom. Limatis, a leader of a partisan unit, who was used for this purpose, succeeded in starting a pogrom on the basis of advice given him by a small advance detachment acting in Kovno, in such a way that no German order, or German instigation, would be noticed from outside." The report then gave details of how many Jews were killed in the various pogroms.

In a section devoted to Latvia, it discloses that it "proved even more difficult to set in motion similar actions in Latvia," but eventually pogroms were started and all synagogues in Riga destroyed and hundreds of Jews killed. In Estonia, it continues, "no opportunity presented itself to instigate pogroms."

The Security Police report adds: "From the beginning it was expected that the Jewish problem in the East could not be solved by pogroms alone. In accordance with basic orders, however, cleansing activities of the Security Police were aimed at complete annihilation of Jews. Special detachments, reinforced by selected units, therefore performed extensive executions, both in towns and rural areas." It adds that some civil authorities offered resistance against carrying out large-scale executions, but this resistance was met by citing the fact that the executions were "a matter of carrying out orders."

The situation in Galicia was described in a report submitted in June, 1943, by Group Leader Katzmann to his superiors in Berlin, entitled "Solution of the Jewish Question in the District of Galicia."

JEWS IN BUENOS AIRES FEAR PROVOCATIONS; APPEAL TO MINISTER OF INTERIOR FOR PROTECTION

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Anticipating further anti-Jewish disturbances during the week-end, a delegation representing the Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism today called upon Minister of the Interior Felipe Urdapilleta and asked him to take measures to prevent attacks on Jews.

The Minister was told by the delegation that the Committee had learned of preparations being made by certain groups in Buenos Aires to provoke anti-Jewish excesses at the conclusion of pro-Peron election meetings. He assured the delegation that all necessary steps will be taken to deal with such provocations.

DISPLACED POLES WRECK SYNAGOGUE IN BELSEN CAMP; DESECRATE TORAHs; NONE ARRESTED

LONDON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The British Government today received a report from the Belsen camp in Germany revealing that the synagogue which the displaced Jews established there was wrecked by Polish residents of the camp on December 6, on the last night of Chanukah.

A report reaching Jewish circles here states that about sixty Poles broke into the Belsen synagogue last Thursday evening and demolished the interior. They also desecrated two Torahs and tore up all the prayer books. The next morning the British military authorities doubled the guards, but no arrests were made. A non-Jewish woman who tried to stop the Poles was severely beaten.

ROME HAS FIRST YESHIVA IN 200 YEARS; 130 STUDENTS TO RECEIVE RABBINICAL TRAINING

ROME, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- For the first time in 200 years a Yeshivah has been established in Rome to train orthodox Jewish youth for the rabbinate.

The Yeshivah, named "Meor Hagolah" (The Light of the Galuth), was organized by Rabbi Oshry, former Chief Rabbi of Kaunas, Lithuania. An Italian Jew has given a magnificent building to house the institution in which 130 students have already registered. The students are young Jews from Lithuania, Poland, Hungary, Rumania and Czechoslovakia.

JOSEF KRAMER, THE "BEAST OF BELSEN", AND TEN OTHERS HANGED FOR ATROCITIES IN CAMPS

LONDON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Josef Kramer, the "Beast of Belsen", Irma Grese, chief woman guard at the camp, and nine other of the Belsen S.S. guards were hanged yesterday at Hamelin, Germany, by an official British hangman, it was announced this morning in a dispatch from Field Marshal Montgomery's headquarters at Hamburg.

The eight men and three women executed were convicted by a British military court at Lueneburg on Nov. 17, after a nine-week trial. Nineteen defendants received varying prison terms, and 15 were acquitted.

JEWS IN ATHENS HOLD DEMONSTRATION FOR FREEDOM OF IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE

ATHENS, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Jews in Athens held a protest meeting yesterday demanding freedom of immigration into Palestine. Jewish shops were closed and a delegation of 60 Jewish repatriates from the Oswiecim concentration camp sent a memorandum to the British Ambassador.

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# PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ASKS JEWS ABROAD TO BROADCAST SUPPORT FOR BEVIN STATEMENT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government has contacted several leading Jews abroad and asked them to record statements appealing to the Jews in Palestine and in their respective countries to accept the Bevin statement on Palestine, it was learned here today. The recordings will be rebroadcast over the Palestine radio.

It was also established today that the British embassy in Cairo encouraged the representative of Transjordan to add his signature to the decision of the Arab League to boycott Jewish-made goods from Palestine. The Transjordan representative was at first reluctant to sign the boycott declaration.

The Palestine press reports that Jewish civil servants who participated in the general strike called by the Jews in Palestine on Nov. 14, have received a severe warning from the Government that they will be dismissed if they strike again. In the meantime, a day's pay was deducted from their salary. The Hebrew paper Davar asks why Arab civil servants were not punished when they participated in political strikes.

A military court in Haifa today sentenced a Jewish youth, Eliezer Hamo, to twelve months imprisonment on the charge that four bullets were found on him. At the same time, two Arabs charged with the possession of revolvers and ammunition were acquitted "because of lack of sufficient evidence."

## MEMBERS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN INQUIRY COMMISSION RECEIVE OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The State Department today published the exchange of correspondence between the United States and the British governments setting forth the Anglo-American agreement on the Palestine Inquiry Commission, under which each country will pay its own members and personnel, other expenses being jointly shared by the two governments.

The members of the Anglo-American inquiry group today received the instructions under which the commission is to carry on its investigation within 120 days.

The instructions consist of the four-point "terms of reference" adopted by the American and British governments and made public on Nov. 13, when the establishment of the commission was announced simultaneously in Washington and in London.

## SENATE TO DISCUSS PALESTINE RESOLUTION ON MONDAY; SIMILAR RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The resolution on Palestine passed by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will be presented to the Senate on Monday, it was learned here today.

Meanwhile, Rep. Daniel J. Flood, Democrat of Pennsylvania, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, today introduced an identical resolution and called for "immediate Congressional action" on Palestine.

Addressing the House yesterday, Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York, accused Britain of the "deepest depravity and inhumanity" in her treatment of Jews in the British zone in Germany and charged the British Government with "perfidy on Palestine."

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CONGRESS HEARS PLEA FOR OSWEGO REFUGEES; ACTION OF CANADA ON REFUGEES CITED AS EXAMPLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A plea for a "uniform policy" permitting the refugees at Fort Ontario, in N.Y., to apply for permanent residence in the United States was made by Rep. Samuel Dickstein of New York in a speech in the House of Representatives.

Rep. Dickstein said that the Canadian Government has very recently admitted to citizenship 3,500 refugees who had entered Canada similarly to those now at the shelter at Oswego. He declared that the refugees would not be welcomed back in any European country and added that the responsibility for settling them in this country rests with the executive branch and not with Congress.

RABBI WOLSEY RESIGNS AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Rabbi Louis Wolsey, one of the founders of the American Council for Judaism, today announced his resignation as vice-president of the organization. He gave no reason for his action.

The Council today sent a cable to the Jewish Agency protesting against the request by the Palestine Office of the Jewish Agency in New York for 1,600 Palestinian immigration certificates, including 1,000 for Salutzim from the United States.

"Funds of American Jews raised through the United Jewish Appeal come from Zionists, anti-Zionists, and non-Zionists for resettlement of the displaced and alleviation of suffering. We strongly oppose depriving 1,600, or any number of displaced people in Europe, of immigration certificates in order to make them available for resettlement of American Jewish youth in Palestine," the cable said.

JEWISH COMMITTEE IN POLAND RECEIVES CLOTHING SENT BY CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS

MONTREAL, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress announced today that it has received acknowledgment from Dr. Emil Sommerstein, president of the Central Committee of Polish Jews in Warsaw, of receipt of 75 tons of clothing the Congress sent for relief of the surviving Jews in Poland.

The shipment, which included thousands of varied items of clothing, was a part of the relief program conducted by the United Jewish Refugee Agencies of Canada in cooperation with the Joint Distribution Committee. Similar transports have gone to France, Yugoslavia and Belgium.

BRITH SHOLOM CONFERS POSTHUMOUS AWARD ON LATE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The national award committee of Brith Sholom announced today the selection of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt as the recipient, posthumously, of its 1945 annual award.

The award, which is "conferred upon persons who have distinguished themselves in the service of our country and in human endeavors" will be presented to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt at a dinner Sunday evening at the Warwick Hotel in Philadelphia.

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