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NAZIS PLAN TO ASSEMBLE ALL BALTIC JEWS IN LITHUANIAN GHETTO

GENEVA, Aug. 4. (JTA) — Jews from all the Baltic countries will be assembled by the Masis in Lithmenia to be isolated there in the huge Jewish ghetto which the Nesis are now establishing in Slobodka, a suburb of Kaunas, the Novoye Slovo, a pro-Nazi Russian newspaper published in Berlin reports today.

The ghetto in Slobodks is plenned to take in at least 25,000 Jews, the Berlin paper states. It points out at the same time that of the 55,000 Jews in Kaunas only 10,000 remained in the city, the remainder having fled into Soviet Russia prior to the occupation of Lithuania by the German army. The establishment of the large ghetto in Slobodka also aims, therefore, at the isolation within its walls of Jews from Latvia and Esthonia.

Reporting about living conditions in Kaunas under the Nazi occupation, the pro-Nazi Bussian newspaper states that none of the residents in the city is permitted to leave his home between 10 P.M. and 6 A.M. Commodities are being secured on a barter basis only. No ome is certain whether he may not be arrested at any moment by the German occupational forces for violating any of the Nazi regulations.

UKRAINIAN NATIONALISTS OPPOSE NAZI PLAN TO EXPEL JEWS FROM GALICIA

LONDON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The possible mass deportation of Jews from the recently occupied districts of Lewew, Tarnopol and Stanislawow, in Galicia, which Germany procedumed last week as amexed to the Government General, is provoking serious worry among the Ukrainian population there, it was reported here today.

Leaders of Ukrainian Mationalist parties in Galicia feel that the balance of power which the large Jewish population holds in these districts would be destroyed in favor of Germans should the Jews be expelled into the ghettos in the interior of Nazihald Foland.

Bitter disappointment is felt among the Ukreinian Nationalists over the fact that the above three districts, which Hitler promised would constitute a part of the "liberated" Ukreine, have now been proclaimed a part of Nazi-held Poland. Aside from considering it a "brazen doublecross", the anti-Soviet Ukrainian leaders see in Hitler's action en indication that the Nazis are not at all certain about the outcome of the Russo-German wer.

10,000 JEWS EXECUTED IN RUMANIA SINCE RUSSO-GERMAN WAR

ISTANEUL, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Approximately 10,000 civilien Jews have been executed in Rumanie since the outbreak of the Russo-German war on the allegation that they were pro-Russian, Rumanian circles here estimated. In the territories of Bukovina and Bessarabia, regained from the Soviets, there is not a single Jew living today.

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JEWISH LABOR ORGAN ASKS RUSSIA TO PERMIT EMIGRATION OF JEWS TO PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The demand that the Soviet Government permit the emigration to Pelestine of Polish Jews released from exile under the Russo-Polish agreement of last week is advanced today in the Daver, organ of the Histadruth, the largest daily newspaper in Pelestine.

Commenting on the agreement, the Davar states that the pact is to be considered as of great importance to European Jewry, especially because thousands of Polish Jews will, under its provisions, be released from Sowiet detention. "The Soviets must also give the released Jews the freedom to choose their living places, including Palestine, in order to be able to build anew their destroyed lives," the Palestine labor organ writes.

TEL AVIV REPLACES DOLES FOR UNEMPLOYED WITH WORK

TEL AVIV, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The municipality of Tel Aviv today announced the abolition of doles for unemployed following the approval of an appropriation of L18,000, approximately \$72,000, for public works.

It is expected that the new public works program will provide employment for all able-bodied unemployed residents of the city for a period of three months. The work was apportioned according to the formula by which each party receives a certain share. The largest portion, 57g percent, was assigned to the Histadruth.

GESTAPO RENEWS ANTI-JEWISH TERROR IN THE REICH

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- With thousends of Germen families receiving official information daily about their kin being either killed or wounded on the German-Soviet front, the Nazi authorities in Berlin have decided to divert the attention of the grumbling population by resuming a severe campaign against the Jews in the Reich, it is reported here in the Social Demokratem, a Swedish newspaper.

The report, which comes from the Berlin correspondent of the paper, states that the notorious Palestine-born official, Elchmann, who was in charge of Jewish effeirs in Vienna and who was recently sent to the Nazi-occupied Beltic countries "to deal with the Jews there," has now been promoted to chief of the Gestapo section in Berlin dealing with Jewish matters. Elchmann is known for his brutality in the treatment of Jews in Vienna, many of whom he deported to the Lublin district in Nazi-held Polend. His promotion now, according to the Swedish correspondent, is explained by the Nazis as due to the fact that it became necessary to centralize surveillence over the Jews in the hands of an "experienced person."

Relating how Jewish houses in Berlin are now being raided by the police to check whether the Jews have any cash on head, or whether they have in their homes any of the foodstuffs the sale of which is prohibited to Jewish inhabitents, the Swedish correspondent indicates the campaign against the Jews is coupled also with arrests of "Aryans" who are suspected of expressing pessimistic predictions about the outcome of the war.

"The German Government," the correspondent writes, "has now seen itself compelled to introduce strict measures against so-called 'opposition groups'. These measures are first of all directed against the Jews still living in the Reich." The Gestapo is not having a hard job stirring up trouble for the Jews, since any kind of accusations can be invented against the Jews, the article in the Swedish paper states.

BOSTON COURTS TO HAVE THEIR FIRST "KOSHER" TRIAL

BOSTON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- For the first time in the history of Boston Jewish religious life, the civil courts are asked to judge a conflict in connection with the problems of kashruth. As a result of an injunction obtained by Irving Keller head of the Stadium Packing Company, a group of six nationally known Orthodox rabbis are forbidden to ban the products of the company and may not interfere in the selling of what it proclaims as Kosher products.

The injunction forbids some of the leading Orthodox leaders in the country to interfere with the business of the slaughter house until after a decision is handed down by the local courts. Named in the injunction are Rabbi Eliezer Silver, Rabbi Isacih Karlinsky, Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, Rabbi Abraham I. Zelmanovitz, Rabbi Judah Leib Seltzer and Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik.

The battle began when a newly formed local Orthodox Rabbinical committee placed the slaughter house under its supervision. The owner of the slaughter house expressed his desire to allow all rabbis to come into his place of business to study conditions and see to it that the keshruth laws are adhered to. He objected to having only one rabbi as the supervisor and also insisted that he had the right to hire whatever reputable shochtim he saw fit.

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, who had been the supervisor of the slaughter house and who insisted that no other rabbis be allowed to come in, brought to Boston five of the leading rabbis in the country to take a hand in the controversy.

Irving Keller, owner of the slaughter house claims that he had been threatened by the rabbis that an "issur" (religious ben) would be placed upon his place of business. He further explained that, fearing that he may have to close up his establishment should this happen, he decided to take out an injunction against the rabbis.

PROMINENT RABBIS VOLUNTEER TO SPEND SUMMER IN ARMY CAMPS

NEW YORK, Aug. 4, (JTA) -- Army comps without regular Jewish chaplains are to receive nine rabbis who have volunteered to spend the Summer at the more isolated posts to provide for the spiritual needs of Jewish soldiers. The arrangement was ennounced yesterda by the Rev. Dr. David de Sola Pool, chairman of the National Jewish Welfare Board committee on religious activities. The chaplains will hold no military rank.

The religious leeders who have accepted these temporary assignments include Rabbi William Rosenblum, New York, now stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass; Rabbi Charles Mantinhand, Williamsport, Pa., assigned to Fort Tommouth, N.J.; Rabbi Sidney Bogner, New York, at Camp Forrest, Tenn.; Rabbi Solomon Goldfart, Brooklym, on duty at Pine Camp and Madison Barracks N.Y.; Rabbi William B. Schwartz, Lawrence, Long Island, serving the men at Camp Blanding and the Jacksonville Neval Base, Fla.; Rabbi E. Charles Sydney, Fortland, Oregon, resident chaplain at Camp San Luis Obispo and Camp Roberts, California; Rabbi David Sherman, Boston, stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga.; Rabbi Bertrand F. Jonatsan, New York, assigned to Fort Riley Kansas, and Rabbi Samuel Teitelbaum, Fort Smith,

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RACE EXPERTS TO DISCUSS MEANS OF COMBATTING NAZI RACIAL THEORY IN USA

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The question as to how to forestell the spread of Masi-Fassist racial theory in the United States will be thoroughly discussed by race experts at the Williamstown Institute of Human Relations at a five-day session opening August 24th, it was announced here today. The forum is sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Prof. Carlton J. H. Hayes, noted Catholic historian, who will be one of the participants, today issued a statement emphasizing the positive value contributed by immigrants to the development of the United States: "Cultural diversity has characterized America ever since its discovery," he declared. "In the last 100 years this land has witnessed the most glorious pageant of immigration in all history. America has welcomed the sons and daughters of every fragment of age-old civilization. Together we are destined to create a new kind of republic—a democracy of cultures as well as a free society of individuals. At our disposal are the values and ideas, the arts and knowledges, the laws and technics of the people of every civilized tradition."

BRAZIL LEGALIZES STATUS OF TOURISTS WHO CANNOT RETURN TO THEIR NATIVE LANDS

SAO PAULO, Brasil, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Aliens who entered Brazil as tourists, but who are not in a position to return to their native lands because of the present international situation, are permitted to remain in the country by a decree issued today by the Minister of Justice.

The decree legalizes the stay of all those who have long overstayed the term for which they were admitted. It will remain in power "until further orders are issued." The decree is not to be applied to people who entered the country illegally or who otherwise violated the immigration laws.

YAAD LEUMI SENDS RELIEF TO JEWS IN BAGDAD

JEFUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The Executive of the Vaad Leumi, the Jewish National Council, today sent a first installment of £1,000 to relieve the suffering of the Eagded Jews, resulting from the pogroms that broke out there during the abortive Nazi-inspired coup by Rashid All Gelieni. An additional £2,000 is to be sent within the next month.

Both the Iraquian consul general and the American consul general, Pinkerton, paid courtesy visits today to Chief Rabbis Isaac Herzog and Ben-Zion Uziel.

10,000 JEWS IN TISHA B'AV PROCESSION IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- More than 10,000 Jewish pilgrims from all parts of the country participated in the traditional Tisha B'Av procession to the Wailing Wall yesterday.

SCHWARTZBART ASKS FOR "PEACE AND BREAD" FOR JENS IN POST-WAR EUROPE

LONDON, Aug. 4. (JTA) — Jews in Europe have the same right to cherish hopes for "Peace and bread" in a post-war world as the other oppressed nations, declared Ignacy Schwartzbart, Jewish member of the Polish National Council, in a speech today before a victory campaign meeting of the North London Jewish National Fund.

Enforced evacuation, he maintained, will not enswer the demends of European Jews for equal rights and freedom. Pelestine will not be built up by forced evacuation of Jews from other countries, he said, but as a result of Jewish faith in a Jewish National Home.