HUNDREDS OF TOWNS IN POLAND MADE "JUDENREIN," NAZI GOVERNMENT REPORTS

ZURICH, Dec. 23. (JTA)-- Hundreds of towns, large and small, have been made "judenrein" by the Nazis in occupied Poland during the last few months, it is disclosed in an official report published by the Nazi government in Berlin newspapers which reached here today.

The report, issued by the Secretary of State for Security in the Government General, reveals that the huge ghettos in Radom and in Lublin have been abolished because not a single Jew remains in those cities, where tens of thousands resided during the first months of the Nazi occupation, in addition to the Jews from Germany and other Nazi-held countries who were deported to the Lublin ghetto by the thousands.

The Warsaw ghetto is now the only ghetto left in Central Poland, in addition to twelve ghettos in Galicia, the report states. Jews are also permitted to live in 42 smaller townships of which twenty-five are in Galicia. Until the Nazi occupation, Jews in Poland were living in about 700 cities and townships.

The official Nazi report says that until recently Jews were permitted to live in the Warsaw, Lublin, Radom, Cracow districts and in the East Galician district! At present, the report reveals, Jews in the Warsaw district can reside in the Warsaw ghetto and in five townships of the district only. These are designated as "Jewish townships" and the Jewish population there is not allowed to maintain any contact with the non-Jews.

In the Lublin district, the report continues, there are no more ghettos, but Jews are still scattered in a number of "Jewish townships." The same situation prevails in the Radom district. All ghettos were abolished after the deportation of most of the Jews from there. Those Jews who still remain are held in four "Jewish townships," Sandomierz, Szydlowiec, Radomsko and Ujazd. In the Cracow district Jews are isolated in the Krakow ghetto and in the four "Jewish townships," Przemysl, Rzeszow, Tarnow and Bochnia.

The largest number of Jewish ghettos is in Galicia, the report points out. In addition to the Krakow ghetto there are also 11 ghettos in the East-Galician cities of Lwow, Tarnopol, Stanislawow, Zloczow, Rawa-Ruska, Brzescany, Czortkow, Stryj, Drohobycz, Sambor and Boryslaw. The "Jewish townships" in Eastern Galicia are enumerated in the report as follows: Sobrka, Jaroslaw, Nowygrudek, Rudki, Jaworow, Lubaczow, Buskow, Sokal, Bukaszow, Podhajce, Rohatyn, Skalat, Trembowla, Zborow, Zbaraz, Buczac, Borszow, Kopyczynce and Tlsto.
SWEDISH GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATING TO SAVE NORWEGIAN JEWS FROM DEPORTATION

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 23 (JTA)-- The Swedish Government will make an important statement in parliament shortly after the new year in connection with plans to help Jews persecuted by the Nazis; it is reported today in the Svenska Dagbladet.

The paper reveals that negotiations are now being conducted between Sweden and Norway regarding means of rescuing Norwegian Jews from deportation to Nazi territories in Eastern Europe. It is impossible at present to reveal the details of these negotiations, but when they are concluded, the public will be informed, the Swedish newspaper writes. It emphasizes that the Swedish press is maintaining silence about the negotiations "in the interest of the unhappy victims."

NAZI FORBID CZECHS TO GIVE FOOD TO JEWS AS GIFTS

BERLIN, Dec. 23 (JTA)-- Fruits, vegetables, jam, fish, poultry, which Jews in the Czech Protectorate have long since been forbidden to buy, may not even be given to them as gifts by non-Jews, the Minister of Agriculture at Prague, M. Bryby, announced today, to forestall Christians using the occasion of Christmas to present food to their Jewish friends, it is reported here today.

At the same time Slovak newspapers reaching here from Bratislava bitterly reproach "intellectuals" in Eastern Slovakia for "sabotaging" the work of the Hlinka Guards (the Slovakian storm troopers). "Despite these 'intellectuals,' the Hlinka Guard will take steps to insure the solving of the Jewish problem," the newspaper Gardista, official Guard organ, writes.

SWISS ORGANIZATION REPORTS DIFFICULTIES IN SAVING JEWISH CHILDREN FROM NAZIS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23 (JTA)-- The "Projuventtute," Swiss child welfare agency, has notified the Jewish National Council here that there are tremendous obstacles in the way of bringing Jewish children from Nazi-occupied countries to Switzerland, it was revealed here today.

The Yugoslav Jewish Settlers Association here today announced that it has dispatched, through the Red Cross, the first bundles of food and clothes to be sent by the organization to Yugoslav war prisoners in Germany.

A report from France a few months ago to the effect that the young daughter of Bernard Singer, well-known Polish Jewish journalist, had jumped from a window when she saw her mother being dragged off for deportation by the police was declared today to be incorrect. According to the latest word reaching Mr. Singer, who is now in Palestine, both his wife and daughter are now in Marseilles.

WEIZMANN APPLIES FOR PATENT ON NEW CHEMICAL PROCESSES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23 (JTA)-- The development by Dr. Chaim Weizmann of several improvements in connection with the enzymatic processes was revealed today when an application for a patent on these discoveries was published here in the Palatino Government's Official Gazette.
HUNGRY JEWISH WOMEN LASHED TO DEATH BY NAZIS FOR PICKING MUSHROOMS

MOSCOW, Dec. 23, (JTA)-- Twenty-five Jewish women were lashed to death by the Nazi police authorities in the village of Kharitovskii in the occupied section of Russia, because, driven by hunger, they picked wild mushrooms without first securing permission, it was revealed today in the Soviet press on the basis of reports brought by guerrillas who have been operating behind the German lines.

In the village of Zaitseva, the partisan fighters report, the Nazis killed all the Jews, burning forty of them alive. In other small villages in the Orlov district the Jews were also massacred, some being hung, others shot and still others burned. In one town the Nazis threw their victims into a huge boiler which was used for rendering hog fat and built a roaring fire underneath it. Old women as well as children perished in this holocaust.

In Starobin 700 Jews were crowded into a slaughter house which had been drenched with kerosene and were burned alive, Pravda reports. Scores of other towns where the Jewish population was wiped out is also listed today in Pravda.

Jewish Committee in Russia Lauds Allied Declaration

The Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Kalyshev issued a statement today, signed by 46 prominent Jewish artists, writers and scientists, hailing the recent declaration by the Allied nations which condemned the atrocities which the Nazis have inflicted upon the Jews in all occupied countries and pledged retribution.

Stressing that the declaration is "a big event in the history of the Jewish people," the statement points out that whereas previously the persecution of Jews aroused individual protests by representatives of civilized nations, today the governments of the mightiest and most progressive powers in the world have come to the defense of the Jewish people.

HUBERMAN PRIZE FOR MUSIC AWARDED IN TEL AVIV; BIALIK PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23, (JTA)-- The sixtieth birthday of Bronislav Huberman, Jewish refugee violinist who founded the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, was marked here today by the award of the Huberman Prize for Music to Alexander Borokowitz.

At the same time the Tel Aviv municipality announced the winners of the annual Bialik awards for literature and science. Haim Hazaz won the prize for literary achievements, while Dr. Nahum Slushtoch was honored for his research work in the field of science.

The eighty-second birthday of the late Ludwig Zamenhof, father of Esperanto, the international language, was observed here today by the Palestine Esperanto Club which is one of the few places in the country where Jews and Arabs meet for the purpose of fostering general humanitarian ideals. Arab and Jewish speakers addressed the gathering.
B'Nai B'rith Appeals for Rescue of Survivors of Nazi Massacres in Europe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, (JTA) -- Rescue of survivors of Nazi massacres in Europe and immediate arrangements for a court to try the perpetrators of the crimes were asked today by B'Nai B'rith in a statement made public by its president, Henry Minsky. The statement reads:

"The statements of sympathy expressed by the United Nations, President Roosevelt, and such organized groups as the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the Catholic Bishops, have made a profound impression upon our people. It is important for us to know that the civilized world has not yet been immunized to horror and will not remain silent in the face of the annihilation of helpless civilian populations. It must be borne in mind that just as the Jews were the first victims of persecution, and now of mass murder, so the Democlean sword of extermination is hanging over the heads of all peoples who incurred the wrath of the Nazis. Germany has already served notice that a veritable charnel-house is being prepared for these hostages of different faiths and nationalities.

"To trust that the declaration on the part of the Allied Governments will be followed by concrete measures (1) to rescue those who still survive and can escape to territories under the jurisdiction of the United Nations, (2) to intervene with neutral countries for their admission, and (3) to make arrangements now for a tribunal to punish the perpetrators of the atrocities."

Mexico Bars Mass Immigration from European Countries

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17, (JTA--Air Mail) -- Mass immigration from European countries to Mexico is now barred by new regulations issued this week. The new Interior Department immigration regulations provide that only individual cases may now be considered and each one will require separate consideration. Hitherto there was a limited quota for most countries outside the Americas.

National of "American countries" and Spain may be admitted as immigrants except with limitations determined by national defense requirements. Investors will have to deposit $20,000 if they desire to reside in Mexico City, $10,000 if they wish to live in the provinces. Their admission will be provisional for five years. A cash deposit of $2,000 will be required as a guarantee that they will invest their money within six months, but if they comply with this requirement, they can then receive $1,500 back in cash.

Limitations on European immigration were dictated, it is believed, partly by the Nazi invasion of Vichy France, cutting off the main source of refugee expeditions, partly by recent scandals about the handling of refugee immigration.

10,000 Jews and Non-Jews in Uruguay Protest Against Nazi Atrocities

MONTEVideo, Uruguay, Dec. 23, (JTA) -- Ten thousand Jews and non-Jews at a meeting here adopted a resolution demanding the creation of a Jewish army, Jewish representation in the councils of the United Nations and a Jewish state in greater Palestine, as the only answer to the Nazi drive to exterminate the Jews of Europe. The meeting was attended by the United States and British ambassadors.

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