

Lodz Jewry Pays Million Mark Ransom

EXPULSION ORDER POSTPONED

Geneva, January 30th.

A RANSOM of 9,000,000 marks has been paid by the Jews in Lodz to the Nazi authorities for the revocation of a new expulsion order until spring, it is learnt from a reliable source.

With the aim of the "de-judaisation" of the largest Polish city annexed by the Reich, the Nazi authorities in Lodz ordered the expulsion of Jewish residents from many streets. The order, which affected 50,000 Jews, had to be carried out within the shortest possible time. It was, however, revoked at the eleventh hour and its execution was postponed until spring after the Jewish Community had paid a ransom of 9,000,000 marks.

The blind vandalism of the Nazis is demonstrated by news which has just reached here of the wrecking of the Warsaw flat of Elias Mazur, the well-known Jewish industrialist and former President of the Warsaw Jewish Community.

Thirty-five Jewish women were picked up by the Nazis in the streets of Warsaw and brought to Mr. Mazur's private flat where they were forced by the Nazis to smash up the furniture, tear up all the valuable paintings and the books, and cut to pieces the clothes, linen and bedding.

NAZIS DESIRE BLOCK OF ANTI-SEMITIC STATES

London, February 2nd.

MR. LEONARD STEIN, President of the Anglo-Jewish Association, in presenting the report of the Joint Foreign Committee at a meeting of the Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association, said that an interesting sidelight on the anti-Jewish fanaticism of the Nazi leaders was provided in the recently published French "Yellow Book," which contained a report made by the then Czech Foreign Minister, M. Chvalkovsky, to the French Minister in Prague about his interview with Hitler and Ribbentrop. Both these Nazi leaders insisted, according to M. Chvalkovsky, on the establishment of a block of anti-Semitic States around Germany and regarded the Jewish question as one of the chief points in their policy, stating that the solution of the Jewish question in Germany had been much too mild.

NAZIS TAKE OVER LEIPZIG JEWISH HOSPITAL

Paris, January 28th.

THE Jewish Hospital in Leipzig has been taken over by the Nazi authorities and all the Jewish patients have been ejected, according to a report in the "Leipziger Neueste Nachrichten."

The increased need of hospital beds for wounded German soldiers, the paper states, has made it necessary to mobilise all hospital accommodation in Leipzig and the city could not spare the Jewish Hospital which has now been taken over by the Municipality. All Jewish doctors and nurses have been dismissed and the Jewish patients removed "to another place," the paper concludes.

PLIGHT OF VIENNA JEWS 900 in Open Air Stadium

Bucharest, January 26th.

NINE thousand Jews who had been kept under arrest in Vienna since September, have now been transferred to an open-air sports stadium, where many of them have already died of starvation and exposure, according to reports reaching here.

Most of these Jews are either Polish citizens or stateless. Their families are being informed at the average of 50 a week that they can come to the stadium to receive the urns with the ashes of their fathers and sons. They are charged 300 marks for each urn.

It is further reported here that 1,700 Jews were transported from Vienna to Lublin in December. Only about 300 of them are still in Lublin, the rest having fled across the Russo-German frontier.

Another party of Vienna Jews who should have been sent to Lublin were instead placed in barracks in the Gaensbacher-gasse in Vienna. Food is provided for them by the Vienna Jewish Community.

CONFISCATION OF JEWISH PROPERTY IN SLOVAKIA

Paris, January 29th.

THE Slovakian Government has completed the draft of a decree ordering all the Jews of Slovakia to hand over their immovable property to "Aryans" at a price to be fixed by Government experts. The decree is reported to provide that payment to the Jewish owners is to be made in Government securities repayable within ten years.

NEW WAVE OF PANIC IN WARSAW

JEWS SENT AWAY FOR FORCED LABOUR

Paris, January 30th.

A RENEWED wave of panic is reported among the Jewish population of Warsaw following Nazi raids on Jewish houses and the carrying off of able-bodied Jews who are sent away for forced labour to unknown destinations.

Thousands of Jews are said to be hiding in Warsaw and other Nazi-occupied towns of Poland for fear of being dragged away by the Nazis and torn from their families. The only Jews seen in Warsaw streets at present are old men, and even they are not free from molestation by Nazi soldiers who seem to take special pleasure in forc-

ing them to sing and dance in the streets.

With the prohibition of shechita, it is estimated that the majority of the half million Jews in Warsaw have not tasted meat since the Nazi occupation of the city.

The "Boersenzeitung" of Berlin, in announcing the decision of the Nazi authorities in Poland to conscript all Polish Jews between the ages of 14 and 60 for forced labour, adds cynically that the length of this term of forced labour may be prolonged if "the educational aim" of this measure is not achieved within a given period.

1,100 REFUGEES PERMITTED TO ENTER CHILE

Paris, January 28th.

ELEVEN hundred Jewish refugees have been given permission to enter Chile, the Hias-Ica Emigration Association (Hicem) announces here.

The President of the Chile Republic, the announcement states, had recently decreed the total stoppage of Jewish immigration. The decree applied even to those refugees who had already in their possession permits to enter the country. A considerable number of Jewish emigrants who were en route to Chile were suddenly faced with complete disaster.

As soon as the President's decree became known, the Hicem sent one of its representatives in South America to Santiago. At the same time, the Hicem addressed an appeal to the High Commissioner for Refugees under the Protection of the League of Nations to intervene with the Chilean authorities.

As a result of these steps, the Chilean authorities decided to admit to Chile the 1,100 Jewish passengers of three boats already en route for Chile. They prohibited, however, these immigrants from residing in Santiago and Valparaiso, and insisted that they should be dispersed and settled in different localities in the southern part of the country.

MENUHIN CONCERT IN AID OF PALESTINE CONSERVATOIRE

New York, January 29th.

YEHUDI MENUHIN, the famous Jewish violinist, has announced that he has pledged his first scheduled New York concert engagement of 1940, set for December 2, entirely for the benefit of the Palestine Conservatoire of Music in Jerusalem, which affords training for talented refugees from Central Europe as well as for selected Jewish and non-Jewish students in Palestine.

Menuhin will receive no remuneration for his appearance on this regularly scheduled concert with a leading orchestra and conductor. He has asked the privilege of purchasing the first box for the occasion and has offered to pay for his own "standing room" on the stage.

The young violin virtuoso was impressed with the aims and needs of the Palestine Conservatoire in conversations with Mr. Emil Hauser, founder and honorary director of the institutions, and Dr. Judah Leib Magnes, President of the Hebrew University.



CUTHBERT'S for DANCING SHOES — LADIES' and MEN'S