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Warsaw Fights Again

While the reverberation of the guns of the victorious Russian Army was being heard by the inhabitants of Warsaw, that heroic populace, led by its intrepid Underground, arose to liberate Poland. Men, women and children, armed with meager weapons, once again declared war against Hitler-Germany. Their initial blows were successful. The hated enemy retreated and large parts of the city were seized by the People's Army of Liberation. However, the ultimate defeat of this heroic insurrection is doubtless, unless adequate help reaches the gates of Warsaw quickly. It is needless to explain the effect that such a defeat would have on the population of Poland, which has been ceaselessly drained of its best blood since the outbreak of the war in 1939.

An unprecedented whispering campaign is being conducted concerning the present uprising of the people of Warsaw. We are told that the insurrection resulted from petty political disagreements among various Polish leaders; that the uprising came prematurely; that no agreements had been made with the military leaders of the United Nations. Idle talk. Let future historians delve into it and obtain a true picture of the events that took place. What matters today, while the fight against tremendous odds goes on, while our Polish brethren, as well as the remnants of Polish Jewry are gallantly shedding their blood fighting Germany on the gloomy streets of the Polish Capital, is that weapons be sent to them, that they be provided with as much help as possible so that their deliverance from the Nazi murderers be accelerated.

Regardless of whether they chose the right moment, regardless of whether an agreement with the military command of the United Nations had been made or not, the people of Warsaw have once more revealed their immortal love for freedom and their hatred against the common enemy of mankind.

The men and women of Warsaw deserve our full help and our greatest admiration. They have crowned the Polish Capital with a new glory.

TOMASZ ARCISZEWSKI'S MESSAGE FROM UNDERGROUND POLAND

Tomasz Arciszewski, chairman of the Polish Socialist Party and one of the most prominent leaders of the Polish Underground Movement, left Poland on the 17th of July, 1944. Upon his arrival in London, he was appointed by the Polish Government-in-Exile as Deputy of President Raczewicz in the place of General Sosnkowski. Mr. Arciszewski, who for almost half a century served the working population of Poland, leading its struggle for an independent and Socialist Poland, delivered a message from Underground Poland at a conference with a delegation of the General Jewish Workers' Union of Poland ("Bund"), which was held in London on the 8th of August, 1944.

"I convey to you the hearty greetings of the Polish Socialist Party in Underground Poland," Mr. Arciszewski started his comprehensive description in which for over one hour he told of the present uprising of Warsaw, the situation of the remnants of the Polish Jews, the Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto and the resistance movement of Jewish labor in Poland. Only a part of Mr. Arciszewski's message can be published.

"In the present uprising of Warsaw the entire population participates," Mr. Arciszewski said. "All are fighting or helping the fight, both the Poles and the Jews who have survived. For all of them immediate help is very urgent." During the conference, Mr. Arciszewski received a new S.O.S. call — demand for arms — from comrades of fighting Warsaw and read it to the "Bund" delegation. Speaking about the Jews, Mr. Arciszewski confirmed the reports about the German atrocities against them. Deeply moved, he related a few heartbreaking examples of cruelties against Jewish children which he himself witnessed. He described how three Germans once came into a certain place, which cannot be named now, to take away two Jewish children. The children tried to escape, they ran around the room, they cried, wept, begged for mercy, the inmates intervened with the Germans, but of no avail. The three Germans mercilessly deported the two Jewish children. This incident evidently deeply impressed Mr. Arciszewski. He cannot speak about it without being moved to the depths of his heart.

To help avoid the deportation and murder of other Jewish children at that time, Mr. Arciszewski himself hid a few of them and saved their lives.

Mr. Arciszewski also spoke about the Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto. "Thanks to the P.P.S., the Polish Underground Army supplied the Warsaw Ghetto with arms. We were then very strongly impressed by the fight. We all felt" — as Mr. Arciszewski said — "that we should join the Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto and start an all-Polish insurrection, but we could not do it. We had no arms and the general situation on the fronts and inside Poland made it impossible." Mr. Arciszewski particularly stressed the decisive part played by the "Bund" in the Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto. "The "Bund" — he said — "was the main power that organized and led the Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto. The "Bund" prepared for it long before the fight started and it suffered the greatest losses during the weeks of heroic fighting. Only one fighting detachment of about seventy persons, among them a number of "Bundists," managed to escape from the burning ruins of the Ghetto. All other heroes fell in the struggle."

"It is estimated that out of the entire Jewish population of pre-war Poland, 200,000 were left alive in G.G., 40,000 in camps and 160,000 hidden among the Poles. Besides, there are some Jews in the Ghetto of Lodz and perhaps in some other places in Poland, that are incorporated into Germany as 'Wartheland'."

"The mass-murder of the Jews is still going on. The Nazi hangmen search for hidden Jews and, if they catch them, the Jews and those hiding them are executed on the spot."

"Despite tremendous losses, the Jewish Underground Labor Party "Bund" is still active." Mr. Arciszewski tells about a special Underground paper of the "Bund," that was published on May Day. In the middle of July, before Mr. Arciszewski left Poland, a prominent leader of P.P.S. met with a leader of the "Bund" and they discussed some actual political problems. Mr. Arciszewski himself held conferences with Polish and Jewish representatives regarding matters of help and relief for the Jews.

"Within the framework of the Polish Underground State, a Council to help the Jews is working. A representative of the Jewish Socialist Party "Bund" occupies the second leading position, after the representative of the Polish Socialist Party, in this Council."

"This Council helps the Jews who escaped the Nazi murderers and are hiding in various parts of the country." Mr. Arciszewski enumerated some of those hiding-

places to the "Bund" delegation. For obvious reasons they cannot be revealed.

LATEST REPORT FROM THE UNDERGROUND JEWISH LABOR MOVEMENT OF POLAND

Our delegation in London recently received a new authentic report from the Underground Jewish Labor Movement of Poland, which covers events up to the end of May, 1944. It is the largest report ever received through underground channels. It contains a full description of the life of the Jews of Poland from the time that the Nazis commenced their wholesale annihilation of the Jewish population. We will publish this report as soon as it reaches us from London. The following are excerpts from the report contained in a cable, which we received from our representative and member in the Polish National Council in London, Dr. Emanuel Scherer:

NEWEST REPORT GENERAL JEWISH WORKERS UNION UNDERGROUND POLAND LARGEST YET RECEIVED ABOUT 25,000 WORDS NEARLY 80 TYPEWRITTEN PAGES BESIDES ENCLOSURES STOP CAN MENTION VERY FEW ITEMS STOP DETAILED DESCRIPTION ANTI-JEWISH CRUELITIES UNTIL END MAY 1944 STOP DURING LIQUIDATION CAMP LWOW JEWISH WOMAN STARTED RESISTANCE ATTACKING HANGMAN WITH KNIFE STOP FEW HUNDRED JEWS ESCAPED THOUSANDS MURDERED STOP MAJDANAK ALL JEWISH PHYSICIANS REFUSING AID MURDER 18,000 JEWS COMMITTED SUICIDE CUTTING VEINS STOP DETAILED EYEWITNESS REPORT MASS-MURDER DEATH CAMP SZEBNIA IMPOSSIBLE TO CABLE STOP BORISLAW AFTER RESISTANCE 1,000 JEWS ESCAPED MEMBERS BUND LIQUIDATED STOP EYEWITNESS REPORTS SO-CALLED BLOCK NUMBER TEN OSWIECIM WHERE JEWISH WOMEN SUFFER GUINEAPIGS TORTURES STOP UNKNOWN DETAILS BEFORE AND DURING BATTLE WARSAW GHETTO REVEALED STOP ARMED RESISTANCE DECIDED BY OUR YOUTH FEBRUARY 1941 STOP DURING JULY'S LIQUIDATION 1942 ALL BUND DEFENSE DETACHMENTS MOBILIZED READY FOR ACTION LACKED ARMS STOP OCTOBER 1942 JEWISH FIGHTERS ORGANIZATION FORMED QUOTE WE HAD THEN FIGHTERS

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GROUPS IN ALL SECTORS BUT NO FIREARMS
UNQUOTE BEFORE BATTLE JEWISH FIGHTERS
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MANDER JEWISH POLICE AND JUDENRAT
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GERMANS KILLED JEWISH FIGHTERS LOSSES
ONE STOP ZAMENHOFA STREET 50 GERMANS
KILLED JEWISH LOSSES NONE STOP AFTER
SIMILAR RESULTS SECOND DAY GERMANS
STARTED BURN GHETTO USING GAS BOMBS
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ANNIVERSARY ISSUE BUND BULLETIN STOP
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WITH REPRESENTATIVE POLISH DEMOCRACY
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POLISH UNDERGROUND GOVERNMENT STOP
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INGS STOP PUBLISHED PRINTED MAY DAY
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STOP SINCE FEBRUARY 1944 SIX ISSUES
BULLETIN STOP ON SOLEMN MAY DAY MEET-
INGS BUND EXECUTIVE DECIDED CONVEY

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ALL BUND MEMBERS JEWISH LABOR COMMIT-
TEE WORKMENS CIRCLE.

RESCUE CAMPAIGN FOR HUNGARIAN JEWS

The American Representation of the General Jew-
ish Workers' Union of Poland was informed about the
plight of the Jews in Hungary, under Nazi domination,
by a cable from its London representative, Dr. Eman-
uel Scherer, dated July 6th, 1944, which reads as
follows:

JUST INFORMED 400 THOUSAND HUN-
GARIAN JEWS DEPORTED POLAND ANNIHILA-
TION STOP 350 THOUSAND FACING LIQUI-
DATION NEXT DAYS STOP SUGGESTING
AMONG OTHER PROPOSALS SWITZERLAND
SWEDEN TURKEY GIVE THEM CITIZENSHIP
AND THUS FULL PROTECTION STOP DO
ALL POSSIBLE IMMEDIATELY STOP MAKING
ALL EFFORTS HERE THROUGH POLISH RESCUE
COUNCIL STOP DONT NEGLECT FINANCIAL
HELP

After receiving this cable, the American Repre-
sentation of the General Jewish Workers' Union of
Poland cabled the following appeal on the 9th of July,
1944, to the Prime Ministers of Switzerland, Sweden
and Turkey:

THE ONLY SLIGHT CHANCE TO RESCUE THE
LIFE OF MANY THOUSAND OF HUNGARIAN JEWS
FACING ANNIHILATION IS TO DECLARE PUB-
LICLY THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT GIVES THEM
CITIZENSHIP AND WILL PROTECT THEM AS
CITIZENS OF YOUR OWN COUNTRY STOP IN
THE NAME OF HUMANITY WE IMPLOR YOU TO
TAKE THIS LAST MINUTE STEP

We received the following letter from the Swiss
Legation, in reply to our appeal, dated August 2nd,
1944:

*The Swiss Government informed me that you sent the
following cable to the President of Switzerland on July
11th:*

*"Prime Minister of Switzerland Bern. The only slight
chance to rescue the life of many thousand of Hungarian
Jews facing annihilation is to declare publicly that your*

government gives them citizenship and will protect them as citizens of your own country stop In the name of humanity we implore you to take this last minute step"

I have been asked to tell you that the Swiss Government has always followed with deepest sympathy the plight of the persecuted Jewish people in Europe and that it has done whatever was possible and in the reach of its power to alleviate the hardship of those unfortunate people, and especially in helping them to emigrate to places offering a safe haven. Unfortunately, Swiss endeavors in this direction have been hampered by the attitude and the legislation of third countries which fact, I suppose, is well known to you.

Your proposition to convey publicly Swiss citizenship to the Hungarian Jews is legally and technically impracticable. Not only would such a step be inconsistent with the Swiss Constitution and the pertinent Swiss laws, but, in addition, it can be stated with certainty that the German authorities or the Hungarian authorities would never recognize such an action as really binding and valid in the sense of international law.

Very truly yours,

For the Minister of Switzerland:

Counselor of Legation

The King of Sweden also acknowledged the receipt of this appeal by his government and informed the American Representation of the General Jewish Workers' Union of Poland, through a special messenger, about the assurances given to him by Admiral Nicholas Horthy of Hungary, that the plight of the remaining Jews of Hungary would be alleviated. The messenger conveyed the sympathy of the King for the tortured Jews.

TRACING HUNGARIAN JEWS

From the many thousands of Jews of Hungary, who were marked for deportation by the Nazis to the death camps in Poland, the Nazis selected some two thousand, whom they sent to Gdynia, a former Polish port on the Baltic Sea.

These two thousand Hungarian Jews, who are now in Gdynia, are being compelled by their Nazi jailers

to write letters to their relatives drawing a very favorable picture of their life under the Nazis.

JUSTICE IN HITLER-GERMANY

The well-known Berlin magazine "Deutsches Recht" published the following new regulations on the 13th of May, 1944, which German lawyers in present day German courts, under the Nazi regime, must observe:

1) Legal defense of Jews, Gypsies and Poles in Germany's courts is strictly prohibited. Only on very rare occasions, when such defense is absolutely necessary, will the Government make an exception. All such exceptions require written Government permits. A German lawyer, who defends a Jew, a Gypsy or a Pole without obtaining such special permission in advance is subject to severe punishment.

2) In order to avoid trouble for himself, a German lawyer should decline from defending "political criminals." (The explanation offered is an elaborate one and there is no need to cite it here.)

3) This regulation deals with the types of offenses, that German lawyers are permitted to defend. The regulation stipulates, that even in such cases truly German lawyers, in order to escape harm to themselves, should deliberately confine themselves to the function of helping establish a true picture of the crime in question and avoid any attempt to exploit ambiguous points in favor of their clients.

NAZIS DO BUSINESS WITH RUINS OF WARSAW GHETTO

The well-known German firm "Willy Meyer," that opened a branch in Warsaw on Hoza Str. No. 23, just received a permit along with an order from Berlin to clean up the ruins of the former Warsaw Ghetto. Two thousand prisoners have been placed at the disposal of this firm to accomplish that task. "Willy Meyer" has already started working. The debris from the former buildings is being taken away and is intended for use in the regulation of the Vistula River banks. Bricks as well as scrap metal are being turned over to the military authorities. Large Ghetto buildings and remaining walls are being demolished with the help of explosives.

CANADIAN COMMONWEALTH FEDERATION AND THE JEWISH LABOR MOVEMENT OF POLAND

The following is an exchange of letters on the occasion of the outstanding victory achieved by the Canadian Commonwealth Federation in the general elections in Saskatchewan, Canada, on the 15th of June, 1944:

July 13, 1944

Mr. David Lewis, General Secretary
Canadian Commonwealth Federation
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Comrades:

The news of your magnificent victory in the general election, which took place in Saskatchewan on June 15, 1944, reached us at a time when all of us were deeply depressed by the recent developments in our native country, Poland and above all, by the current information that the Nazis are systematically proceeding with the annihilation of the remnants of Jewry there. We were then, as we are now, proud, because of your well earned victory, which is surely a big step forward toward a Socialist Government of Canada.

But at that moment we were entirely occupied hunting relentlessly for means and ways to rescue the victims of unheard of Nazi cruelty. That is the reason why we did not convey to you immediately our heartiest congratulations and our best wishes. We hope that you will accept them now, notwithstanding the fact that they are somewhat belated.

We are deeply convinced that all the evil that Fascism and Nazism stand for, is tied up with the degenerated, capitalistic way of life. Any advancement of the people the world over toward Socialism, of which your last victory is an outstanding example, is therefore a new blow against the sworn enemies of mankind, a new step forward toward an order of social justice, political as well as economic equality of people, regardless of their race or creed.

The new socialist way of life, which is looming on the horizon of a world, reddened with the blood of millions of human beings, cannot return life to the already slaughtered and tortured Jewish victims of Nazism and Fascism. But it will guarantee for all a lasting peace among people and nations, based on economic stability and equality, real freedom and real democracy, a new order which will create conditions also for the Jewish masses, scattered

throughout the world, to live among other people on an equal footing, with equal rights for their future cultural and national advancement, an order where anti-Semitism will be outlawed and definitely erased from the surface of the earth.

Comradely yours,

EMANUEL NOWOGRODSKY

July 24, 1944

Mr. Emanuel Nowogrodsky,
175 East Broadway, Room 401,
New York, N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Comrade Nowogrodsky:

Forgive me for not having earlier acknowledged your letter of July 13 congratulating us on the victory of the CCF in Saskatchewan last month. I need not assure you that the members of the National Executive feel deeply the sentiments and aspirations expressed in your letter. It is precisely because our view is similar to your eloquent statement that we are pressing forward with all our effort and energy for a Socialist victory in every part of Canada.

Please convey our appreciation to your associates and convey to them and accept yourself my own personal greetings.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID LEWIS,

National Secretary

"BEFORE THE EYES OF THE WORLD"

The above is the title of the first pamphlet on the Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto which was published in Poland by the Polish Underground at the end of 1943.

The Polish clandestine magazine "Wolność" (Liberty), No. 1-2 (26-27), dated January-February, 1944, published the following review of this pamphlet:

"The pamphlet "Na Oczach Swiata" gives a sketchy description of the battles in the Ghetto of Warsaw. It is not a history, but rather a painful and tragic reminder of the events, that we all witnessed while the burning Ghetto was shrouded in smoke, while the sound of cannons and machine-guns reached us from behind the Ghetto walls . . . The first pages draw a true picture of the prevailing circumstances in the Ghetto until the armed resistance of the Ghetto inhabitants broke out in April, 1943. An ever-growing premonition of something even more dreadful than their deportation, than the method of their deportation gradually overwhelmed the Jews of Warsaw. However, the result was not a general paralysis, but a de-

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terminated will to fight. *The Jewish Underground Fighters, who roused the Ghetto populace to wage armed resistance against the enemy, knew that they were doomed to die. They chose to die in defense of their human dignity. The description of the Battles in the Ghetto, related by eye-witnesses, who succeeded in escaping death and the quotations from reliable reports, published in this pamphlet for the first time, congeal our blood and increase our hatred and condemnation against the German criminals, whose conduct has been even lower than that of animals.*

"In conclusion, the pamphlet reviews the attitude of Polish Underground newspapers towards the Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto, which, without exception, expressed sympathy and compassion for the heroic defenders of the Ghetto. The booklet, as a whole, is an ardent appeal to the conscience of the world, the indifferent, outside world, which did not believe in the tragedy of the Warsaw Ghetto, even long after it had occurred. Just as previously published documents depicting the events in Oswiecim, Pawiak and street executions, this new pamphlet brings additional evidence accusing the German murderers."

LEAFLET TO THE JEWISH WORKERS

On Monday, July 31st, 1944, when the Jews of New York met en masse in Madison Square to call the attention of the world towards the tragic plight of the Hungarian Jews under Hitler domination, the American Representation of the General Jewish Workers' Union of Poland published and distributed the following pamphlet:

AMERICAN REPRESENTATION OF THE GENERAL JEWISH WORKERS' UNION OF POLAND

* * *

Jewish Workers!

For over two years there has been coming to us from the Hitler slaughter house, a call for urgent help and assistance. Two and one-half years ago we published the first rescue call — the report from the underground Jewish labor organization ("Bund") in Poland, about the first massacred and gassed 700,000 Jews in the infamous death camps. Since then we have constantly been receiving reports about new slayings. Reports are streaming in from the death valley calling for assistance and rescue. Czerniakov, Chairman of the Jewish Community of Warsaw, and Zygielbojm, "Bund" representative in the Polish National Council, committed suicide. Both gave their lives in order to arouse the conscience of the world. The civilized world however, remained unmoved by the des-

perate calls for help and assistance. The non-Jewish community remained indifferent. Even the Jews failed to give expression to their horror and indignation at the atrocities. Even those who on some occasions protested against the Hitler gory deeds satisfied themselves with mere words.

To date practically nothing has been done to supply food and medical supplies to the ghettos and labor camps. To date the neutral countries have not been pressed by the International Red Cross in order to care for and accord war-prisoner status to the victims of Hitlerism. No special rescue council of the United Nations has until now been brought into existence. The doors of the entire world are still closed to the Jewish victims.

The largest centers of Jewish cultural and social life have been ruthlessly demolished. We are horrified and grieved at the fate that has befallen the millions of our brothers and sisters overseas. There is no more urgent task than the need to dedicate all our strength and effort to the rescue of the surviving Jewish people.

Let the neutral countries proclaim that they will take under their protection the Jewish victims of Hitlerism!

Let a warning be issued to the effect that all those who are guilty of aiding Hitler in the persecution of the Jews will mercilessly be punished.

Havens in all allied neutral countries must be provided for all victims of Nazism!

The hour of decision is approaching. Sons of America and England are storming Hitler's fortress. The forces of the Soviet Union are in a whirlwind campaign to enter Berlin. Any day now, all cities formerly inhabited by Jews, will once again be free. We are soon to face the problem of reconstructing hundreds and thousands of demolished homes and rehabilitating similar numbers of Jews who have until now been hiding in forests and mountains.

The giant people's demonstration, Monday, July 31st, in New York, must not leave anything undone until the formerly big Jewish centers are once more on their feet.

To rescue every Jewish survivor; to heal the wounds of those still alive; to rebuild Jewish life; to destroy Anti-Semitism and all types of bigotry; to construct a new and better world of justice, social and national equality and freedom — a socialist world order — these are the aims towards which we must strive and fight until their ultimate achievement. To dedicate ourselves to these noble purposes is the minimum we owe the dead and the best way to remember the living.

New York, July 31, 1944