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LONDON, Nov. 7 (U.P.)—The Germans have almost wiped out Austria's 200,000 Jews by extermination or deportation. Prisons and concentration camps are jammed with Austrian anti-Germans, but sabotage, aided by foreign workers, is increasing. Austrians generally know that Germany is losing the war.

These reports reached London today through Austrian underground channels to fill in further a picture of conditions in the country. For two years the Germans have been killing Austrian Jews or sending them to eastern European ghettos, reports said, and almost all Vienna's 150,000 have disappeared.

Occasionally a Jew may be seen in a Vienna street, thin, underfed, with ragged clothing and split shoes, always wearing sewed to the left breast pocket a big, yellow Star of David inscribed "Jude." Jews are arrested at midnight or in the early morning hours. The green police trucks take them to an empty synagogue, used as a transit station, where there are tightly crowded rows of straw sacks for beds on the stone floor. Thence the Jews are taken in cattle cars or ancient unheated passenger coaches to the ghettos of eastern Poland, Latvia or occupied Russia. Reports suggest that many die on the way or after arrival.

Apartments and shops previously used by Jews have been seized by the Germans, whom the Viennese have named "white Jews," reports say. A reliable informant said that the Austrians, who once accepted the persecution of Jews with relative apathy, were now so horrified at the result that, despite the danger, they aided, as far as they could, the few Jews left.

The recent big increase in the number of executions of Austrians is due largely to sabotage and other anti-German activities, chiefly by Austrian workers, reports said. The German-controlled papers publish only a small proportion of the names of those executed, chiefly as a deterrent. Such announcements as are made cite sabotage, espionage or listening to and spreading foreign wireless reports.

Informants say that several new concentration camps have been established to take care of the overflow of those charged with anti-German activities. The notorious German "people's courts" meet almost daily to hear evidence against suspects. It was reported that sixty persons had been sentenced at Graz in a single trial some time ago and that forty had been executed.

Austrian Socialists here say that, despite the closest watch by German Gestapo operatives and merciless penalties, sabotage is generally increasing, with hundreds of thousands of foreign workers helping considerably. Informants said, however, that really widespread sabotage could hardly be expected for the moment because the slightest suspicion led to the arrest and disappearance of the man concerned. Relatives or friends seldom learn the fate of those who disappear.

Many Austrians now listen to foreign radio programs, especially those of the British Broadcasting Corporation, informants said. "No Viennese or Austrian believes any longer in a Hitler victory," one informant reported. "Nazi broad-

casts and newspapers are not believed. Austrians get their information from British broadcasts despite threats of punishment. The people have a first-class mutual information service."