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## ROOSEVELT REFUGEE PARLEY SET FOR JUNE 6 IN FRANCE; LEAGUE AID OFFERED TO U.S. ENVOY

GENEVA, MAY 11. (JTA) -- THE 28-POWER CONFERENCE CALLED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO LAY PLANS FOR FACILITATING EMIGRATION OF REFUGESS WILL BE HELD BEGINNING JUNE 6 IN EVIAN-LES-BAINS, FRANCE, IT WAS DISCLOSED TODAY BY LELAND HARRISON, UNITED STATES MINISTER TO SWITZERLAND, TO A LEAGUE OF NATIONS DELEGATION WHICH VISITED HIM TO OFFER COOPERATION.

THE LEAGUE OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ASSIST-ANCE TO REFUGEES, SOUGHT COORDINATION OF REFUGEE-AID WORK BETWEEN THE LEAGUE AND THE UNITED STATES. THEY EMPHASIZED THAT THE LEAGUE WAS GREATLY INTERESTED IN THE CONFERENCE CALLED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND ASKED MR. HARRISON TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF THEIR INTENTION TO RECOMMEND CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE LEAGUE AND THE AGENCY TO BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE ROOSEVELT PLAN.

THE DELEGATION INFORMED MR. HARRISON OF RECOMMENDATIONS THE COMMITTEE HAD DECIDED TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE LEAGUE'S PRESENT REFUGES ACTIVITIES. THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO INCLUDE CONSOLIDATION OF THE LEAGUE'S HIGH COMMISSION FOR GERMAN REFUGES WITH THE NANSEN OFFICE FOR "STATELESS" REFUGES, WITH THE NEW ORGANIZATION DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS, ONE FOR HOLDERS OF NANSEN PASSPORTS AND THE OTHER FOR GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN REFUGEES.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TIME AND DATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WAS MADE BY MR. HARRISON IN REPLY TO THE DELEGATION'S QUERY ON THE PROGRAM OF THE MEETING.

THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO SUBMIT ITS REPORT TO THE COUNCIL TODAY, WAS NOT EXPECTED TO PRESENT IT BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK IN VIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S PREOCCUPATION WITH THE SPANISH AND ETHIOPIAN QUESTIONS. THE COMMITTEE COMPRISES THE DELEGATES OF BRITAIN, FRANCE AND BOLIVIA.

PREOCCUPATION WITH OTHER QUESTIONS ALSO PREVENTED THE COMMITTEE OF THREE ON THE RUMANIAN JEWISH QUESTION FROM HOLDING A MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TODAY TO CONSIDER PETITIONS CHARGING RUMANIA WITH VIOLATION OF THE 1919 MINORITIES TREATY, BUT THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT COUNCIL SESSION. IT WAS LEARNED RELIABLY THAT THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT INTEND TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PETITIONS AT THIS SESSION, BUT WILL CONSIDER THEM PENDING ACTION AT THE COUNCIL'S SEPTEMBER SESSION.

#### CANADA HELD UNABLE TO ENCOURAGE IMMIGRATION

LONDON, MAY 10. (HAVAS) -- CANADA CANNOT GO OUT OF HER WAY TO ENCOURAGE IMMIGRATION TO THE DOMINION FROM ANYWHERE AS LONG AS UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM, VINCENT MASSEY, CANADA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, TOLD THE WOMEN'S ADVERTISING CLUB TONIGHT.

### BRAZIL PUTS DOWN FASCIST REVOLT

RIO DE JANEIRO, May II. (HAVAS) -- AN UPRISING AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT GETULIO VARGAS, SAID TO INVOLVE MEMBERS OF THE DISSOLVED FASCIST-INCLINED INTEGRALISTA PARTY, WAS PUT DOWN TODAY, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL SPOKESMEN. A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY FELINTO MULLER, CHIEF OF POLICE, SAID THE REBELS HAD SURRENDERED THE MINISTRY OF WAR AND NAVY, WHICH THEY HAD SEIZED EARLIER IN THE DAY.

(TWENTY PERSONS WERE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE UNSUCCESSFUL REVOLT, CHIEF MULLER TOLD THE UNITED PRESS. HE SAID THAT 500 PERSONS WERE UNDER ARREST AND THAT THE KNOWN DEAD INCLUDED FIVE GOVERNMENT POLICE AND SOLDIERS. HE ESTIMATED THE FINAL DEATH TOLL MIGHT REACH 50.)

EMILIO VALVERDE, A CHIEFTAIN OF THE INTEGRALISTAS, WAS REPORTEDLY AMONG THOSE ARRESTED. THE REBELS STARTED THEIR ATTACKS AT DAWN WITH GUNFIRE AND BOMBS. LOYAL FORCES SWIFTLY CRUSHED THE MOVEMENT AND RE-ESTABLISHED ORDER. THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW IN FULL COMMAND OF THE SITUATION, OFFICIAL SPOKESMEN SAID.

#### RACIAL PROPAGANDA BANNED UNDER ARGENTINE DECREE ON FOREIGN SCHOOLS

BUENDS AIRES, May II. (JTA) -- POLITICAL AND RACIAL PROPAGANDA ARE EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN IN SCHOOLS OPERATED BY FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS, UNDER THE DEGREE PUTTING SUCH SCHOOLS UNDER GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION, TEXT OF WHICH WAS MADE PUBLIC HERE TODAY. THE DEGREE ALSO FORBIDS INSTRUCTION IN ALL IDEAS CONTRARY TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ARGENTINE CONSTITUTION. ISSUANCE OF THE DEGREE BY PRESIDENT ROBERTO ORTIZ FOLLOWED AN INVESTIGATION OF NAZI SCHOOLS WHICH DISCLOSED VIOLATIONS OF THE ARGENTINE EDUCATION LAWS. THE EDICT DOES NOT AFFECT SCHOOLS OPERATED BY JEWISH GROUPS.

### BILL CURBING JEWS ASSAILED IN HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT

BUDAPEST, May II. (JTA) -- THE BILL RESTRICTING JEWS IN THE NATION'S ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL LIFE WAS SHAPPLY ATTACKED IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES TODAY BY COUNT GEORG APONYI, WHO DECLARED THAT APART FROM ITS INHUMANITY IT CONTAINED UNJUSTIFIED LIBELS AND REFLECTIONS AGAINST THE HUNGARIAN JEWS.

Stressing Jewish services to Hungary, Count Apony i Ridiculed the Implication of the Bill that Jews who had adopted the Christian Religion Before August 1, 1919, were better than those who had embraced Christianity After that date. (Converts prior to 1919 are exempt from provisions of the Bill.) Count Apony i described the proposed Law as a concession to Radical, Demagogic agitation.

DR. ISTVAN MILOTAY, RIGHT RADICAL DEPUTY AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF UJ MAGYARSAG, DEFENDED THE BILL, ASSERTING JEWS COULD NOT BE ASSIMILATED. EVEN DISRAELI AND BLUM, HE DECLARED, ALTHOUGH EXTERNALLY ASSIMILATED SPIRITUALLY REMAINED JEWS.

### LODZ TEXTILE FIRMS SHUT OFF CREDIT TO DANZIG HOUSES OVER ANTI-JEWISH SIGNS

WARSAW, MAY II. (JTA) -- TEXTILE FIRMS COMPRISING NEARLY THE ENTIRE INDUSTRY IN THE CITY OF LODY SERVED NOTICE ON DANZIG CONCERNS THAT THEY HAD TERMINATED CREDIT RELATIONS WITH THEM BECAUSE OF DISCRIMINATIONS AGAINST JEWS.

CIRCULARS MAILED BY THE LODZ FIRMS TO THEIR DANZIG CUSTOMERS DECLARED RESUMPTION OF CREDIT WAS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL SIGNS ANNOUNCING THAT "JEWS ARE NOT WANTED" WERE REMOVED FROM THEIR SHOP WINDOWS. THE SIGNS, THE CIRCULARS STATED, PREVENTED JEWISH AGENTS OF THE LODZ COMPANIES FROM CALLING UPON THE DANZIG STORES.

SIMILAR ACTION IS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN BY TEXTILE CONCERNS IN WARSAW, KRAKOW, LWOW AND TARNOW.

THE SOSNOWIEC DISTRICT COURT YESTERDAY SENTENCED TWO MEMBERS OF THE ANTI-SEMITIC NATIONAL RADICAL PARTY TO PRISON TERMS OF THREE AND TWO YEARS RESPECTIVELY FOR BURNING A JEWISH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENT LAST FEBRUARY. THE DEFENDANTS WERE CONVICTED OF POURING GASCLINE ON THEIR VICTIM AND IGNITING IT.

# FIRE RAZES JEWISH QUARTER IN LITHUANIAN RESORT

KAUNAS, MAY 11. (JTA) -- FIRE TODAY RAZED A LARGE SECTION OF THE JEWISH QUARTER IN SPA POLANGEH, RENDERING MANY HUNDREDS HOMELESS. AN ESTIMATED 200 HOUSES WERE LEVELED BY THE BLAZE, WHICH DESTROYED ALL SHOPS, A SYNAGOGUE, A BANK AND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS.

# LIBEL ON RELIGION NOT COVERED BY LAW, COURT HOLDS; ANTI-SEMITIC AGITATION DENOUNCED

NEW YORK, MAY II. (JTA) -- AN INDICTMENT AGAINST ROBERT EDWARD EDMONDSON, ANTI-SEMITIC PAMPHLETEER, FOR LIBELING THE JEWISH RELIGION WAS DISMISSED YESTERDAY BY JUDGE JAMES G. WALLAGE OF GENERAL SESSIONS COURT ON THE GROUND THAT NEW YORK STATE'S LAW DID NOT COVER GROUP LIBEL. IN HIS DECISION, JUDGE WALLAGE DENOUNCED EDMONDSON, BUT HELD IT WAS WISER TO "BEAR WITH SCANDAL-MONGERING THAN TO EXTEND THE CRIMINAL LAW TO BECOME AN INSTRUMENT OF OPPRESSION."

JUDGE WALLACE ALSO DISMISSED, ON HIS OWN MOTION, INDICTMENTS AGAINST EDMONDSON ALLEGING THAT HE HAD LIBELED SECRETARY OF LABOR FRANCES PERKINS AND DEAN VIRGINIA C. GILDERSLEEVE OF BARNARD COLLEGE, ON THE GROUND THAT "THESE INDICTMENTS ON THEIR FACE DO NOT SET FORTH A CRIME."

DISMISSAL OF THE INDICTMENTS WAS SOUGHT RECENTLY BY FIVE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS AND AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, IN BRIEFS FILED WITH THE COURT. MAYOR LAGUARDIA HAD TAKEN THE INTITATIVE IN JUNE, 1936, IN OBTAINING THE INDICTMENTS, AND SINCE THEN THERE HAD BEEN SEVERAL POSTPONEMENTS OF EDMONDSON'S TRIAL.

"THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT AS TO THE DEFAMATORY NATURE OF THE PUBLICATIONS MENTIONED,"
JUDGE WALLACE SAID IN HIS 19-PAGE DECISION. "THEY ARE PALPABLY THE OUTPOURING OF A FANATICA
AND BIGOTED MIND. NEVERTHELESS, THEY HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED FOR YEARS AND HAVE NEVER PROVOKED
A BREACH OF THE PEACE IN THIS COMMUNITY, NOR, IN SPITE OF THEIR VIRULENCE, ARE THEY APT TO-"

STRESSING THAT "WE MUST SUFFER THE DEMAGGGUE AND THE CHARLATAN IN ORDER TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE DO NOT LIMIT OR RESTRAIN THE HONEST COMMENTATOR ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS," JUDGE WALLACE STATED REGARDING THE LEGAL ASPECT OF THE CASE:

"IT MAY BE, AS THE LEARNED DISTRICT ATTORNEY SUGGESTS, THAT THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION LAW PERMITS US TO CONSTRUE THE WORD 'PERSON' TO MEAN PERSONS OR A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS, AND

OF COURSE, A MALICIOUS PUBLICATION, WHICH HAS A TENDENCY TO INJURE ANY PERSON, CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION IN THEIR BUSINESS OR OCCUPATION. IS INDICTABLE UNDER OUR PENAL LAW.

"THE QUESTION NOW TO BE CONSIDERED IS WHETHER OR NOT THE STATUTE HAS BEEN OR SHOULD BE EXTENDED BY JUDICIAL CONSTRUCTION SO AS TO SUSTAIN AN INDICTMENT FOR INVECTIVE AGAINST MUCH LARGER GROUPS, SUCH AS ALL THE JEWS, OR ALL THE CHRISTIANS, OR ALL THE DEMOCRATS, OR ALL THE REPUBLICANS.

"IT IS MY OPINION THAT SUCH AN INDICTMENT CANNOT BE SUSTAINED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE, AND THAT NO SUCH INDICTMENT AS ONE BASED UPON DEFAMATORY MATTER DIRECTED AGAINST A GROUP OR COMMUNITY SO LARGE AS 'ALL PERSONS OF THE JEWISH RELIGION' HAS EVER BEEN SUSTAINED IN THIS OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION.

"PUTTING ASIDE THE CONSIDERATION OF THE RATIONAL BASIS OF CHIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR LIBEL, I AM OF THE OPINION THAT THE SOUNDEST RULE THAT HAS BEEN ENUNCIATED ON THE SUBJECT OF GROUP LIBEL IS THIS: THAT AN INDICTMENT CANNOT BE PREDICATED UPON DEFAMATORY WRITINGS ASSAILING A CLASS OR GROUP, UNLESS DIRECTLY, OR BY IMPLICATION, SOME INDIVIDUAL IS LIBELED."

### BINAL BIRITH ELECTS MONSKY PRESIDENT; MAPS FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-CEMOCRATIC INFLUENCES

WASHINGTON, MAY II. (JTA) -- HENRY MONSKY, OMAHA ATTORNEY, WAS TONIGHT ELECTED INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH TO SUCCEED THE RETIRING PRESIDENT, ALFRED M. COHEN OF CINCINNATI, WHO HELD THE POST FOR THIRTEEN YEARS, AS THE OPDER'S FTETEENTHICTRIENTIAL CONVENTION DREW TO A CLOSE.

THE CONSTITUTION WAS AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR THREE VICE-PRESIDENTS INSTEAD OF TWO.
THEY WERE ELECTED AS FOLLOWS: GEORGE I.M. GOLDEN, SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT;
ARCHIBALD MARX, NEW ORLEANS, SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, AND LOUIS FABRICANT, NEW YORK, THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT.

MR. Monsky, who is 48 years old, is a past president of B'nai B'rith's District 6, and is active in the National Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the National Conference for Palestine, and several local and national civic organizations, having founded Omaha's Community chest. He has been a leading official in Omaha drives of the Joint Distribution Committee and was chairman of the committee which initiated B'nai B'rith's Wider Scope fund-raising plan, serving as chairman of the \$2,000,000 campaign from 1927 to 1929. He is a member of the executive committee of the Committee on Cooperation, representing the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress and B'rait B'rith.

LAST NIGHT A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED WHICH GRANTS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE A FREE HAND TO PROCEED WITH AN AGGRESSIVE PROGRAM OF COMBATING "SUBVERSIVE" AND ANTI-DEMOGRATIC INFLUENCES. THE RESOLUTION, DESCRIBED BY MR. COHEN AFTER LAST NIGHT'S SESSION AS "NOT A REVERSAL OF POLICY," GIVES THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORITY TO DEVISE WAYS AND MEANS AGGRESSIVELY TO CARRY OUT ITS PURPOSE AND INTENT. MR. COHEN STATED THAT THE ISSUE OF THE ANTI-MAZI BOYCOTT, ISSUE DID NOT ARISE AT THE CLOSED MEETING. HE DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SPECIFIC PLAN TO BRING UP THE BOYCOTT ISSUE, BUT COULD NOT GIVE ASSURANCE THAT IT WOULD NOT ARISE.

THE RESOLUTION STATES: "IN THE INTEREST OF PROTECTING DEMOCRACY AGAINST ITS ENEMIES, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS DIRECTED TO CONTINUE ALL EFFORTS TO CRYSTALLIZE PUBLIC OPINION AND FURTHER TO EMLIST THE ALD OF THE LIBERTY-LOVING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, MEN OF ALL CREEDS OF WHATEVER NATIVITY, IN A DEFINITE PROGRAM TO PREVENT THE PRESS AND DESTROY THE EFFECT OF ALL SUBVERSIVE, SINISTER AND THREATENING INFLUENCES ALIKE TO JEW AND CHRISTIAN, OUR NATION AND OUR CIVILIZATION, AND INIMICAL TO THE HAPPINESS, WELFARE, PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE PEOPLE OF ALL DEMOCRATIC NATIONS."