

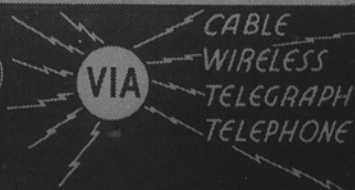
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### 2 AUSTRIAN JEWS DIE IN CONCENTRATION CAMP; COMPOSER REPORTED SUICIDE

VIENNA, MAY 18. (JTA) -- JAKOB EHRLICH, WHO UNTIL ANSCHLUSS WAS THE ONLY JEWISH MEMBER OF THE VIENNA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, DIED YESTERDAY IN THE DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP NEAR MUNICH, ACCORDING TO NOTIFICATION SENT TO HIS WIFE BY THE POLICE TODAY. THE CAUSE OF HIS DEATH WAS NOT KNOWN HERE. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD HIS BODY MIGHT BE BROUGHT TO VIENNA FOR BURIAL.

IT WAS ALSO LEARNED TODAY THAT JOHANN KOTANYI, PROMINENT VIENNESE JEWISH MANUFACTURER, WHO WAS CONFINED IN THE CONCENTRATION CAMP ON APRIL 10, DIED TEN DAYS AGO. A FEW DAYS BEFORE HIS DEATH HE WROTE TO HIS FAMILY, SAYING THAT HE WAS IN GOOD HEALTH.

HERMANN LEOPOLDI, THE JEWISH COMPOSER AND COMEDIAN, DIED YESTERDAY AT THE AGE OF ABOUT SIXTY. HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE.

WOLF PAPPENHEIM, A LEADER OF THE ORTHODOX AGUDATH ISRAEL, HAS DIED HERE AT THE AGE OF 90. HE WAS CO-FOUNDER OF THE FAMOUS SCHIFF SYNAGOGUE.

### CZECH JEWISH PARTY ASKS PROTECTION AGAINST BOYCOTT

BRNO, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, MAY 18. (JTA) -- ERNST FRISCHER, PRESIDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN JEWISH PARTY, DEMANDED BEFORE THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE PARTY'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE TODAY THAT THE CZECH JEWS BE GIVEN PROTECTION AGAINST AN ANTI-SEMITIC BOYCOTT, BEING WAGED ESPECIALLY IN THOSE DISTRICTS "WHERE NOW AUTONOMY IS VIGOROUSLY DEMANDED" (THE SUDETEN GERMAN AREA).

PARLIAMENT DEPUTY ANGELO GOLDSTEIN DENIED THAT THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS HAD PROCLAIMED A BOYCOTT AGAINST GOODS FROM SUDETENLAND. HE ASSERTED THAT THE AMERICANS AND AMERICAN JEWS HAD HELPED TO CREATE THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN STATE AND REGARDED IT AS THE FOCUS OF HUMANITY AND DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE.

MR. FRISCHER WAS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT. OTHER OFFICERS ARE O. ZUCKER, E. SCHWARZBARTH AND M. GOLDSTEIN, VICE-PRESIDENTS, AND DR. ZELMANOVITZ, GENERAL SECRETARY.

ZIONISTS TO PERMIT ANTI-PARTITIONISTS TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMISSION

JERUSALEM, MAY 18. (JTA) -- The PALESTINE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL DECIDED TODAY TO PERMIT BOTH ZIONIST LEADERS FAVORING THE PARTITION OF PALESTINE AND THOSE OPPOSING IT TO APPEAR BEFORE BRITAIN'S PALESTINE PARTITION COMMISSION. THE CONFERENCE APPROVED THE ZIONIST EXECUTIVE'S POLICY IN REGARD TO THE COMMISSION AND ELECTED A POLITICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF SIX.

DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN AND THE ENTIRE ZIONIST EXECUTIVE ATTENDED THE MEETING, WHICH WAS OPENED BY MENACHEM M. USSISHKIN. MOSHE SHEROK REPORTED ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION, FOLLOWED BY A DEBATE.

AMONG THE FIRST EXPECTED TO TESTIFY, AND PROBABLY THE FIRST OF ALL, WILL BE PINCHAS RUTTENBERG, ELECTRIC POWER MAGNATE. MR. RUTTENBERG'S PALESTINE ELECTRIC CORPORATION HAS IMPORTANT INTERESTS AT STAKE. ITS PRINCIPAL GENERATING PLANT ON THE RIVER JORDAN SOUTH OF LAKE TIBERIAS LIES IN THE TERRITORY OF TRANSJORDAN AND, UNDER THE TENTATIVE SCHEME OF PARTITION PROPOSED BY THE PELL ROYAL COMMISSION WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE ARAB STATE. ONE SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE TO THE ROYAL COMMISSION PLAN WOULD ADD A STRIP OF TERRITORY IN TRANSJORDAN, INCLUDING THE POWER PLANT, TO THE JEWISH STATE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT MR. RUTTENBERG WAS SET DOWN AS AN EARLY WITNESS IN DEFERENCE TO HIS PLANS TO GO ABROAD. IN VIEW OF HIS GENERAL AVERSION TO PUBLICITY, IT IS ASSUMED HIS TESTIMONY WILL BE GIVEN BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

THE LIST OF GOVERNMENT WITNESSES HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC BUT IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE MANY WHO APPEARED BEFORE THE ROYAL COMMISSION -- HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, LAND AND FISCAL EXPERTS, WITH THE POSSIBLE ADDITION OF MILITARY WITNESSES.

THE PRINCIPAL WITNESSES FOR THE JEWISH AGENCY, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, WILL BE DR. WEIZMANN, MR. SHEROK AND DR. ARTHUR RUPPIN. THESE AND OTHER AGENCY WITNESSES WILL REPRESENT THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE "JA-SAGERS," THE WING OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT WHICH FAVORS NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREAT BRITAIN ON THE PARTITION PLAN.

CHIEF AMONG THOSE FROM WITHIN THE ZIONIST RANKS WHO WILL SPEAK AGAINST PARTITION IS EXPECTED TO BE MR. USSISHKIN. WHILE IT IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED IN JEWISH AGENCY CIRCLES THAT MR. USSISHKIN CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO REFRAIN FROM TESTIFYING AS TO HIS GROUNDS FOR OPPOSING THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTRY, AND EXPRESSING HIS INTENSE FEELING ON THE SUBJECT, THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME DISPOSITION TO PRESS HIM TO LIMIT HIS TESTIMONY TO THIS SPECIFIC POINT, WHILE HE IS INSISTING ON A FREE HAND TO TAKE UP ANY SUBJECTS HE WISHES. OTHER ANTI-PARTITION WITNESSES WILL BE PROFESSOR BENJAMIN AKZIN, REPRESENTING THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, AND RABBI MOSHE BLAU, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD AGUDATH ISRAEL ORGANIZATION, ORTHODOX NON-ZIONISTS.

THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY IS INFORMED THAT WHEN THE COMMISSION RETURNS TO LONDON IT WILL CONDUCT FURTHER HEARINGS, AND AT THAT TIME IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT NON-ZIONISTS OPPOSING PARTITION WILL BE AMONG THOSE HEARD.

IT SEEMS UNLIKELY, FROM THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS, THAT ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ARABS WILL TESTIFY. A NUMBER OF ARAB POLITICIANS TOLD THE J.T.A. THAT THERE IS NO LIKELIHOOD THIS TIME OF ABANDONMENT OF THEIR BOYCOTT AT THE LAST MINUTE, AS OCCURRED IN THE CASE OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION. THEY SAID THEY FELT THEY HAD NOTHING TO GAIN, ADDING THAT IN ANY CASE THEY WERE POSITIVE PARTITION WOULD NEVER EVENTUALIZE.

STILL, THERE ARE UNDOUBTEDLY A NUMBER OF MODERATE ARABS WHO WOULD AT LEAST COME FORWARD TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION WITH THEIR OBJECTIONS TO THE PLAN IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE CAMPAIGN OF TERROR BY WHICH THE ARAB BOYCOTT IS BEING ENFORCED. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS CAMPAIGN, PLUS THE POLITICAL PRESSURE ACCOMPANYING IT, MAY BE JUDGED FROM THE FACT THAT EMIR ABDULLAH OF TRANSJORDAN FELT CONSTRAINED TO ISSUE A PUBLIC DENIAL THAT HE HAD SUBMITTED A MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSION.

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#### TERRORISTS KILL 2 ARAB NOTABLES

JERUSALEM, May 18. (JTA) -- ARAB TERRORISTS TODAY KILLED TWO ARAB NOTABLES AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED ANOTHER. ONE OF THE VICTIMS, ACHMED RAIBID, MEMBER OF THE NASHASHIBI FAMILY, WAS SLAIN IN AN EARLY MORNING RAID ON THE VILLAGE OF SIF IN THE JENIN REGION. HIS BROTHER, MUHAMID, WAS WOUNDED. THE OTHER SLAYING OCCURRED IN FRONT OF THE ACRE POST OFFICE.

A LARGE BAND DAMAGED PLANTATIONS AND BUILDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT AGRICULTURAL STATION AT FARADIA NEAR JENIN. AN ARAB, MOHAMMED HASSAN, WAS HANGED IN ACRE PRISON UNDER A SENTENCE PASSED BY THE HAIFA MILITARY COURT ON MAY 10.

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#### NO POLICY CHANGE SEEN IN MacDONALD'S APPOINTMENT

LONDON, May 18. (JTA) -- THE SHIFT OF MALCOLM MacDONALD FROM SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINIONS TO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COLONIES, IN WHICH POSITION HE ADMINISTERS THE PALESTINE MANDATE, HAS BEEN WELCOMED IN RESPONSIBLE JEWISH AGENCY CIRCLES, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY.

AGENCY CIRCLES STRESSED HIS INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PALESTINE SITUATION GAINED BY CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH HIS FATHER, THE LATE FORMER PRIME MINISTER RAMSAY MacDONALD, WHEN THE "MacDONALD LETTER" ON PALESTINE WAS PUBLISHED IN 1931, AND ALSO HIS BRIEF TERM AS COLONIAL SECRETARY IN 1935.

IT WAS BELIEVED THAT MR. MacDONALD'S APPOINTMENT WOULD NOT LEAD TO ANY IMMEDIATE MODIFICATION IN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON PALESTINE, SINCE HE, HAVING CONSIDERABLE KNOWLEDGE OF PALESTINE AFFAIRS, ALREADY HAS INFLUENCED THE CABINET'S POLICY.

IN VIEW OF MR. MacDONALD'S STRIKING SUCCESS IN THE DOMINIONS, HIS ENERGY AND ABILITY IN HANDLING THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE TREATY WITH IRELAND, IT WAS GENERALLY BELIEVED HE WOULD EXERCISE A FIRM HAND ON PALESTINE AND WOULD UNHESITATINGLY TAKE ANY ACTION RECOMMENDED BY BRITAIN'S PALESTINE PARTITION COMMISSION.

THIS VIEW WAS SHARED BY OFFICIAL AND DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES ACQUAINTED WITH THE PALESTINE SITUATION, WHICH FELT THAT FORMER COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM G.A. ORMSBY-GORE FELT HANDICAPPED BY HIS ZIONIST SYMPATHIES AND WAS UNABLE TO TAKE THE LINE HE PREFERRED, LEANING OVER BACKWARD IN ORDER TO BE IMPARTIAL. MR. MacDONALD, THOUGH LIKEWISE FRIENDLY TO ZIONISM, WAS NOT BELIEVED TO FEEL CONSTRAINT IN SHAPING HIS ACTIONS ACCORDING TO HIS OWN JUDGMENT.

#### FIRE CAUSES HEAVY DAMAGE IN JEWISH CITY IN POLAND

WARSAW, May 18. (JTA) -- FIRE TODAY PARTLY DESTROYED FIVE STREETS IN THE DENSELY POPULATED JEWISH CITY OF SLONIM IN THE NOWOGRODEK DISTRICT. THE BLAZE WAS STILL IN PROGRESS TONIGHT, BRINGING FIRE BRIGADES FROM BARANOWICZE AND WOLKOWYSK. THE STREETS WHICH BORE THE BRUNT OF THE FIRE WERE GLUCHA, DLUGA, ZWIRKI, WIEZENNA AND PILSUDSKI.

LABOR DISCONTENT SPREADS IN PALESTINE; SITDOWN IN HEDERA; STRIKE THREATENED IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, MAY 18. (JTA) -- LABOR DISCONTENT SPREAD TODAY, MARKED BY A SIT-DOWN DEMONSTRATION IN THE HEDERA TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, A THREATENED GENERAL STRIKE IN TEL AVIV AND THE ARREST OF TWELVE JEWISH WORKERS IN PETACH TIKVAH ON A CHARGE OF ASSAULTING AN EMPLOYER.

IN THE JEWISH COLONY OF HEDERA SEVERAL HUNDRED JOBLESS DEMONSTRATED TODAY AND A SIT-DOWN WAS LAUNCHED IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE. YESTERDAY, 50 MEN AND WOMEN BESIEGED THE HEDERA AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL AND DEMANDED THAT JEWS REPLACE ARAB CITRUS WORKERS IN JEWISH GROVES. IN THE EVENING THEY WERE EVICTED BY THE POLICE. THIRTY-TWO MEN AND FOUR WOMEN WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, BUT IMMEDIATELY RELEASED.

IN TEL AVIV, A MEETING OF TRADE UNION OFFICIALS AND LABOR MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PROTESTED AGAINST THE REFUSAL OF THE CITY TO SUPPORT THE SEPARATE SCHOOL SYSTEM OF THE HISTADRUTH HAODIM, PALESTINE JEWISH LABOR FEDERATION, AND AUTHORIZED THE TEL AVIV CENTRAL UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CALL A GENERAL PROTEST STRIKE AT ITS DISCRETION.

THE TWELVE WORKERS WERE ARRESTED IN THE PETACH TIKVAH ON THE COMPLAINT OF A JEWISH CITRUS GROWER, WHO ALLEGED THAT THEY HAD ATTACKED AND INJURED HIM FOR NOT REPLACING AN ARAB EMPLOYEE.

NEED FOR DEFINITE REFUGEE POLICY STRESSED IN COMMONS

LONDON, MAY 18. (JTA) -- THE NEED FOR FORMULATING A DEFINITE BRITISH POLICY ON THE REFUGEE QUESTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EMIGRATION CALLED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AT EVIAN, FRANCE, BEGINNING JULY 6 WAS STRESSED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY BY MISS ELEANOR RATHBONE, INDEPENDENT.

MISS RATHBONE URGED ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO ELIMINATE WHAT SHE CALLED THE PRESENT COMPLETE LACK OF COORDINATION AMONG DEPARTMENTS DEALING WITH THE REFUGEE QUESTION. RICHARD A. BUTLER, UNDERSECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PROMISED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL.

BOYCOTT GAINS IN POLISH PROVINCES; TOWN LEASES MARKET TO ANTI-SEMITES

WARSAW, MAY 18. (JTA) -- THE ANTI-JEWISH BOYCOTT HAS GAINED STRENGTH IN MANY PROVINCIAL CENTERS, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION REACHING HERE TODAY. THE TOWN COUNCIL OF MASZOW-LUBELSKI HAS DECIDED TO LEASE THE ENTIRE MARKET PLACE TO THE CHRISTIAN MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION. SINCE JEWS ARE BANNED BY THE ASSOCIATION, JEWISH TRADERS ARE AUTOMATICALLY BARRED FROM USE OF THE TRADING CENTER. A DELEGATION OF JEWISH LEADERS HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PROTEST TO THE CENTRAL AUTHORITIES HERE.

NATIONALISTS HAVE LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN TO BAN JEWS FROM THE NEW INDUSTRIAL REGION IN THE SANDOMIERZ AND GDYNIA DISTRICTS. THE TOWN OF KALISZ HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY HARD HIT BY THE BOYCOTT.

PERETZ PRIZES AWARDED TO THREE YIDDISH NOVELISTS IN POLAND

WARSAW, MAY 18. (JTA) -- THE JEWISH PEN CLUB AWARDED "PERETZ PRIZES," NAMED FOR THE FAMOUS YIDDISH WRITER, I.L. PERETZ, TO THREE NOVELISTS FOR THE BEST YIDDISH NOVELS PUBLISHED IN THE LAST THREE YEARS. THE WINNERS ARE JOSHUAH PERLE, FOR HIS "EVERYDAY JEWS," LEIB RASZKIN, FOR "MEN OF GLOBOVIC," AND AARON ZEITLIN, FOR "LAND IN FLAMES."

JEWISH ENTERPRISES TO BE SUPPRESSED AFTER CENSUS, REICH PAPER ASSERTS

BERLIN, MAY 18. (Havas) -- JEWISH ENTERPRISES IN GERMANY WILL BE "LIQUIDATED AND SUPPRESSED" AFTER THE CENSUS ORDERED BY MARSHAL HERMANN GOERING IS COMPLETED, THE NATIONAL SOZIALISTISCHE REICHSSPEIGEL SAID TONIGHT.

COMMENTING ON THE ECONOMIC DICTATOR'S ORDER TO ALL GERMAN AND FOREIGN JEWS TO DECLARE WHATEVER PROPERTY THEY OWN IN THE REICH, THE COMBAT, ORGAN OF THE NAZI PARTY LEGAL OFFICE DECLARED SUCH BUSINESSES WOULD NOT BE TURNED OVER FOR OPERATION BY "ARYANS," BUT WOULD BE DRIVEN OUT OF EXISTENCE.

JEWISH-OWNED PROPERTIES WHICH ARE NOT BEING OPERATED "IN THE SPIRIT OF THE FOUR-YEAR PLAN" OR WHICH ARE DEEMED TO HAVE GAINED UNDUE ADVANTAGE FROM GERMAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY WILL FALL UNDER THE AX, THE PUBLICATION SAID.

THE NAZI PARTY NEWS SERVICE, COMMENTING ANEW ON GERMANY'S CURRENT ONION SHORTAGE, DECLARED THAT AFTER JEWS HAD PUSHED UP THE PRICE 400 PER CENT HERE, IT WAS FOUND IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN SUPPLIES FROM EGYPT BECAUSE JEWISH SPECULATORS HAD ALSO BEEN ACTIVE THERE.

"IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH OF OUR COUNTRYMEN WOULD SERIOUSLY PROPOSE THAT WE PAY OUT FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR A FOOD WHICH REALLY DOES NOT PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN OUR NOURISHMENT?" THE ARTICLE ASKED. IT ENDED WITH THE HOPE THAT SPECULATORS WOULD BE LEFT WITH UNSALEABLE STOCKS OF ONIONS ON THEIR HANDS.

INTERESTS OF JEWS AND UNITED STATES CAPITALISTS WERE SERVED BY GETULIO VARGAS, PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL, WHEN HE PUT DOWN THE RECENT UPRISING IN RIO DE JANEIRO, THE DANZIGER VORPOSTEN, ORGAN OF THE NAZI PARTY, ALLEGED TODAY. THE ARTICLE AROUSED PARTICULAR INTEREST HERE BECAUSE THE GERMAN PRESS, PREVIOUSLY EQUALLY VIOLENT, HAS CEASED ITS ATTACKS ON VARGAS SINCE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR SILVA MONTIZ DE ARAGAO CALLED AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TUESDAY, PRESUMABLY TO PROTEST.

"CERTAINLY VARGAS IS A POPULAR HERO, NOT OF THE BRAZILIANS, BUT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE. CERTAINLY HE IS A LIBERATOR, NOT OF BRAZIL BUT OF AMERICAN HIGH FINANCE WHICH IS TEMPORARILY FREED OF THE WORRY THAT A REALLY BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT FIRST THINK OF ASSURING FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE FROM NEW YORK," THE PAPER SAID.

SPAAK WINS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN BELGIAN PARLIAMENT

BRUSSELS, MAY 18. (Havas) -- PREMIER PAUL-HENRI SPAAK, PLEADING FOR BELGIUM'S RETURN TO TRUE DEMOCRACY INSTEAD OF THE "CARICATURE" OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT HE SAID HAS HELD SWAY IN RECENT YEARS, WON A CONVINCING VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR HIS NEW CABINET TONIGHT IN ITS FIRST TEST BEFORE THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

SPAAK'S OWN SOCIALIST FOLLOWERS AND THEIR LIBERAL AND CATHOLIC ALLIES IN THE MAJORITY COALITION GAVE THE GOVERNMENT 132 VOTES, AGAINST 38 CAST BY THE OPPOSITION. FIFTEEN DEPUTIES ABSTAINED. TAKING THE FLOOR AGAIN TODAY TO ENLARGE ON THE INITIAL MINISTERIAL DECLARATION HE READ WHEN THE CABINET WAS PRESENTED BEFORE BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT TUESDAY, THE PREMIER REPUDIATED CLASS WARFARE.