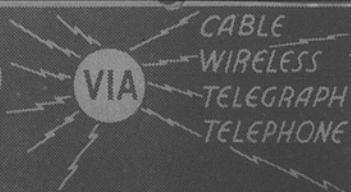


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### 3 MAJOR AGENCIES JOIN IN UNITED RELIEF DRIVE FOR REFUGEES; \$20,000,000 IS 1939 GOAL

NEW YORK, JAN. 12. (JTA) -- THE GREATEST RELIEF FUND-RAISING VENTURE IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN JEWRY EMERGED TODAY FROM THE UNIFICATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL AND THE NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE FUND INTO THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMEN, RABBIS ABBA HILLEL SILVER AND JONAH B. WISE, MENTIONED NO GOAL EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT WAS AT LEAST THREE TO FOUR TIMES THE SUMS RAISED BY THE AGENCIES DURING 1938, BUT IT WAS LEARNED THAT A GOAL OF \$20,000,000 HAS BEEN SET FOR 1939.

THE FIRST \$9,500,000 RAISED WILL BE USED TO MEET PRESENT COMMITMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS AS FOLLOWS: J.D.C., \$5,000,000; U.P.A., \$2,500,000, AND THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE, \$2,000,000. THE REMAINING \$11,500,000, OR WHATEVER PART OF THAT AMOUNT IS RAISED, WILL BE DIVIDED AMONG THE ORGANIZATIONS ON THE BASIS OF NEEDS BY AN ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE.

CREATION OF THE ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO SOLVE DIFFICULTIES OF WHICH LOCAL COMMUNITIES HAVE STRUGGLED WITH FOR YEARS BY CONCENTRATING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SHARING OF AMERICAN JEWRY'S RELIEF CHEST. THE COMMITTEE WILL COMPRISE TWO PERSONS NOMINATED BY THE J.D.C., TWO SELECTED BY THE U.P.A. AND A FIFTH MEMBER SELECTED BY THESE FOUR. THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE HAVE NOT YET BEEN NOMINATED.

THE PROGRAM OF AID WHICH THE UNITED FUND WILL SUPPORT WAS OUTLINED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMEN AS FOLLOWS:

"1. THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE AND EMERGENCY AID TO JEWS WITHIN GERMANY AND AUSTRIA AND TO THE GERMAN REFUGEES IN EUROPEAN AND OTHER LANDS, ENABLING MANY THOUSAND INDIVIDUALS, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, TO FIND NEW HOMES. THE J.D.C. WILL ALSO CONTINUE ITS EXTENSIVE PROGRAM OF RECONSTRUCTIVE AID AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THE JEWS OF POLAND, RUMANIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL EUROPE.

"2. THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL WILL PROMOTE THE IMMIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT IN PALESTINE OF MANY THOUSANDS WHO MUST LEAVE GERMANY AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO ESCAPE DESTRUCTION. IT ALSO MAINTAINS EXISTING INSTITUTIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF JEWS IN PALESTINE AND FOR THE THOUSANDS THAT HAVE COME THERE IN RECENT YEARS, ADVANCING THE UPBUILDING OF THE COUNTRY THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF IMMIGRATION, COLONIZATION AND LAND PURCHASE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES TO ENLARGE THE ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY OF THE COUNTRY.

"3. THE NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE FUND, INC., WHICH IS THE AGENCY CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEM OF GERMAN REFUGEES COMING TO THIS COUNTRY, WILL CONTINUE ITS WORK OF HELPING THESE REFUGEES ADJUST THEMSELVES TO THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT."

THE THREE-WAY AGREEMENT, WHICH IS FOR ONE YEAR, WAS REACHED AT A SERIES OF CONFERENCES HELD OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL MONTHS. THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED WERE: FOR THE J.D.C., PAUL BAERWALD, ISADOR COONS, JOSEPH C. HYMAN, HENRY ITTLESSEN, ALBERT D. LASKER, SAMUEL D. LEIDESDORF, DR. SOLOMON LOWENSTEIN, JAMES N. ROSENBERG, WILLIAM ROSENWALD, EDWARD M.M. WARBURG AND RABBI WISE; FOR THE U.P.A., RABBI ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, LOUIS LIPSKY, HENRY MONTOR, JUDGE MORRIS ROTHEBERG, RABBI SILVER AND RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE; FOR THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS, H.L. LURIE, CHARLES ROSENBLUM, WILLIAM J. SHRODER, JOSEPH WILLEN AND IRA YOUNKER.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT BY RABBIS SILVER AND WISE STRESSED THAT UNPRECEDENTED SACRIFICE ON THE PART OF THE AMERICAN JEWS WAS NECESSARY TO MEET THE INCREASING NEEDS OF MORE THAN 6,000,000 JEWS. THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES, THE STATEMENT SAID, REALIZED THE INCREASED NEEDS AND EXPRESSED A STRONG DESIRE TO MEET THEIR GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES. THE UNIFIED FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES WILL DISCOURAGE SPORADIC AND INEFFECTUAL ACTIVITIES OF NEWLY-FORMED COMMITTEES WHICH LACK EXPERIENCE AND FACILITIES TO COLLECT AND ADMINISTER THE FUNDS SO URGENTLY NEEDED IN THIS CRITICAL PERIOD, THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID.

#### REICH JEWS FEAR NEW REPRISALS OVER HOLLAND SHOOTING

BERLIN, JAN. 12. (JTA) -- HUNDREDS OF JEWS TODAY TURNED FRANTICALLY TO THE NETHERLANDS AND OTHER CONSULATES FOR INFORMATION ON THE ALLEGED ATTEMPTS AGAINST REICH DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN HOLLAND. ALTHOUGH NONE OF THE CONSULATES APPARENTLY KNEW OF THE REPORTED SHOOTING EXCEPT FROM THE REICH PRESS, GERMAN JEWRY WAS SUFFERING FROM ACUTE PANIC, RECALLING THE WAVE OF ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES AND THE \$400,000,000 "FINE" THAT FOLLOWED THE FATAL WOUNDING OF ERNST VOM RATH, GERMAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN PARIS, ON NOV. 7 BY A POLISH JEWISH YOUTH, HERSCHEL GRYNSZPAN.

THE JEWS' FEARS WERE NOT ALLAYED BY THE MEMORY OF A RECENT WARNING IN DAS SCHWARZE KORPS, ORGAN OF THE GESTAPO AND HITLER'S ELITE GUARDS, THAT "THE DAY A JEWISH OR JEWISH-BOUGHT WEAPON IS EMPLOYED AGAINST A GERMAN, THERE WILL BE NO MORE JEWS IN GERMANY."

#### NAZI PRESS WARNS JEWS

BERLIN, JAN. 12. (HAVAS) -- INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE A VIGOROUS PROTEST TO THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH SHOTS REPORTEDLY FIRED AT THE GERMAN LEGATION AT THE HAGUE AND AT THE HOME OF THE CHANCELLOR OF THE GERMAN CONSULATE-GENERAL AT AMSTERDAM WERE SENT TODAY TO GRAF VON ZECH-BURKERSBODA, GERMAN MINISTER TO THE NETHERLANDS. TODAY'S NAZI NEWSPAPERS WARNED THAT SUCH INCIDENTS MIGHT RESULT IN "MORE SEVERE REPRISALS" AGAINST JEWS IN GERMANY.

#### HOLLAND LEGATIONS GUARDED

THE HAGUE, JAN. 12. (HAVAS) -- POLICE GUARDS WERE REINFORCED TODAY AROUND THE GERMAN LEGATION HERE AND GERMAN CONSULATES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WHILE INVESTIGATION CONTINUED INTO THE CHARGE THAT GERMAN OFFICES HAD BEEN FIRED UPON DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS. AT AMSTERDAM A SMALL BULLET WAS FOUND IN THE RESIDENCE OF THE CHANCELLOR OF THE GERMAN CONSULATE GENERAL. AT THE HAGUE THE OFFICE OF THE LEGATION SECRETARY WAS SIMILARLY THE OBJECT OF A SINGLE SMALL SHOT, IT WAS STATED. IN THE FORMER CASE THE SHOOTING, IF ANY, OCCURRED DURING THE NIGHT, AND IN THE LATTER CASE IN THE LUNCH HOUR. IN NEITHER CASE WAS ANYONE PRESENT.

NAZI POLICE LEVY HEAVY ILLEGAL TAXES ON JEWS FOR PASSPORTS

BERLIN, JAN. 12. (JTA) -- IN RECENT MONTHS, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY, JEWS HAVE BEEN MULTICD FOUR TO FIVE MILLION MARKS BY THE BERLIN POLICE AS THE PRICE OF PASSPORTS. THE MONEY, WHICH POLICE SAID WOULD EVENTUALLY BE USED IN BEHALF OF POOR JEWS, LIES IN A SPECIAL ACCOUNT TO THE CREDIT OF THE BERLIN POLICE PRESIDENCY.

MARKED DOWN FOR ILLEGAL LEVIES ARE SAID TO BE BERLIN'S 900 WEALTHIEST JEWS AS LISTED IN THE PUBLISHED RETURNS OF THE REGISTRATION OF JEWISH PROPERTY ORDERED BY FIELD MARSHALL HERMANN GOERING LAST JUNE. THE LISTED PERSONS MUST HAND OVER A "HELLDORF CONTRIBUTION," NAMED FOR WOLF VON HELLDORF, BERLIN POLICE PRESIDENT, BEFORE THEY ARE GRANTED PASSPORTS. NO JEWISH WELFARE OR EMIGRATION ORGANIZATION HAS SO FAR SEEN ANY OF THE MONEY COLLECTED.

MEANWHILE, NEITHER DR. HJALMAR SCHACHT, PRESIDENT OF THE REICHSBANK, NOR ANY OTHER REICH REPRESENTATIVE TODAY CONTACTED GEORGE RUBLEE, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL REFUGEE BUREAU, WHO, FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S 90-MINUTE CONFERENCE WITH DR. SCHACHT, WAS WAITING FOR A SECOND APPOINTMENT TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION OF THE JEWISH PROBLEM.

THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT CERTAIN INFLUENTIAL NAZI QUARTERS SEE THE RUBLEE VISIT TO DR. SCHACHT AS SO MUCH WASTED EFFORT. IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT THE SCHACHT EMIGRATION PLAN, CONSIDERED ABROAD AS A TYPICAL PIECE OF NAZI EFFRONTERY, IS CONSIDERED HERE AS A COMPROMISE WITH THE NAZI RADICALS, WHOSE HATRED OF THE JEWS BLINDS THEM EVEN TO THE ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES OF THE PLAN.

THE MODERATE NAZIS, WHO BEFORE DR. SCHACHT'S VISIT TO LONDON AND THE REJECTION OF THE PLAN THERE HAD FILLED THE AIR WITH RUMORS THAT SOMETHING WOULD BE DONE FOR THE JEWS, NOW ASSERT THAT MR. RUBLEE CAME TO BERLIN WITH NOTHING MORE THAN ACADEMIC IDEAS AND VAGUE, HUMANITARIAN SYMPATHIES, BOTH OF WHICH ARE ANATHEMA TO THE NAZIS. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS EASY TO UNDERSTAND THE PESSIMISTIC ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH THE DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING HELD.

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BERLIN PARLEYS HELD "BLACKMAIL"

LONDON, JAN. 12. (JTA) -- THE FINANCIAL NEWS TODAY DENOUNCED AS "YIELDING TO BLACKMAIL" THE DISCUSSIONS OF MONTAGU NORMAN, GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND, AND GEORGE RUBLEE, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL REFUGEE BUREAU, ON EMIGRATION IN BERLIN AND WARNED THAT THEY WOULD ONLY CREATE ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER NAZI PRESSURE. "IF THE SUGGESTION WERE, BY IMPLICATION, THAT THE MOMENT THE NEGOTIATIONS BROKE DOWN, FURTHER MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST THE UNFORTUNATE HOSTAGES (THE JEWS), THEN IT CAN BE SAID THAT NEVER IN MODERN HISTORY HAS THERE BEEN A MORE HEINOUS PROPOSAL," THE EDITORIAL ASSERTED.

FOREIGN JEWS IN ITALY URGE BRITAIN TO AID MASS SETTLEMENT IN U.S. OR DOMINIONS

ROME, JAN. 12. (JTA) -- THOUSANDS OF FOREIGN JEWS IN ITALY, FACED WITH EXPULSION BY MARCH 12, TONIGHT URGED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO FACILITATE THEIR SETTLEMENT IN ONE GROUP IN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA OR AUSTRALIA, AS PRIME MINISTER NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN DISCUSSED THE JEWISH QUESTION WITH PREMIER MUSSOLINI.

THE MAJORITY OF THE EIGHT TO TEN THOUSAND FOREIGN JEWS, WHO MUST EMIGRATE BY NEXT MARCH UNDER A FASCIST DECREE, ARE PREPARED TO MOVE EN MASSE AND ESTABLISH A SELF-SUPPORTING COLONY, A JEWISH DELEGATION SAID IN THE SECOND MEMORANDUM IN TWO DAYS ON THE SUBJECT SUBMITTED TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY HERE.

DESCRIBING THE INABILITY OF LOCAL JEWISH COMMITTEES TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEM, THE STATEMENT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD FIND A SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION, AND CONCLUDED WITH AN URGENT PLEA TO PRIME MINISTER CHAMBERLAIN TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THEIR DESPERATE NEED.

BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH THE JEWS' SITUATION AND PROMISED TO INFORM PRIME MINISTER CHAMBERLAIN OF THE MEMORANDUM. THE FIRST MEMORANDUM, DELIVERED LAST NIGHT, EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN ANY ACTION THAT THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER WOULD TAKE REGARDING THE JEWISH PROBLEM. IT URGED INTERVENTION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE EMIGRATION DEADLINE UNTIL A LAND OF SETTLEMENT COULD BE FOUND FOR THE JEWS AND TO INDUCE THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT THOSE EXPELLED TO TAKE SOME OF THEIR POSSESSIONS.

THE JEWISH QUESTION WAS TOUCHED ON IN PASSING IN A REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS DURING THIS EVENING'S TALK BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER CHAMBERLAIN AND PREMIER MUSSOLINI, IT WAS LEARNED, BUT INFORMED SOURCES SAID THAT MR. CHAMBERLAIN WOULD NOT SEEK AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ITALIAN DICTATOR ON THE QUESTION UNTIL AFTER HIS AUDIENCE WITH POPE PIUS TOMORROW. ALL CIRCLES ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE, EXPRESSING THE CONVICTION THAT IT WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT BEARING ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS HERE. IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE PONTIFF WOULD SEEK TO INDUCE MR. CHAMBERLAIN TO USE HIS UTMOST INFLUENCE WITH PREMIER MUSSOLINI AGAINST RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN ITALY.

MEANWHILE, THE BELIEF IS GROWING THAT AN AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SOME FORM OF JEWISH STATE IN EASTERN ETHIOPIA IN EXCHANGE FOR TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS IN ITALY, WITHOUT ANY ACTUAL STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF THE PROJECT AND WITHOUT OBTAINING THE OPINIONS OF THOSE AFFECTED.

#### ITALIAN MUSIC PUBLISHERS BAN JEWS' WORKS

ROME, JAN. 12. (JTA) -- A MEETING OF MUSIC INDUSTRY OFFICIALS AT THE MINISTRY OF POPULAR CULTURE DECIDED TODAY TO BAN PUBLICATION OF ALL OPERETTAS WRITTEN BY JEWS. A COMMISSION OF ITALIAN MUSICIANS WAS APPOINTED TO STUDY THE SITUATION.

#### SENATE BODY APPROVES FRANKFURTER AFTER HEARING HIS TESTIMONY ON CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

WASHINGTON, JAN. 12. (JTA) -- THE SENATE JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE TODAY FILED WITH THE FULL COMMITTEE A REPORT UNANIMOUSLY FAVORING THE CONFIRMATION OF PROF. FELIX FRANKFURTER AS SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, AFTER CLOSING ITS THREE-DAY HEARINGS WITH TESTIMONY BY PROF. FRANKFURTER. THE FULL COMMITTEE WILL MET NEXT MONDAY.

PROF. FRANKFURTER HAD BEEN QUESTIONED AT LENGTH ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP TO THE CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION AND WHETHER HE BELIEVED IN MARXISM. HE SAID THE UNION HAD CONSULTED HIM ON "MAJOR ISSUES." UNDER QUESTIONING BY SENATOR BORAH HE DECLARED THAT SOME TIME AGO HE HAD SUPPORTED THE REQUEST OF THE KU KLUX KLAN TO HOLD A MASS MEETING IN BOSTON BECAUSE "CIVIL LIBERTIES MEAN LIBERTIES FOR THOSE WE LIKE AND THOSE WE DETEST."

QUESTIONED CONCERNING THE DATE AND PLACE OF HIS BIRTH, HE SAID THAT HE WAS BORN IN NOVEMBER, 1882 IN VIENNA IN "WHAT WAS AUSTRIA." HE WAS ALSO QUESTIONED ABOUT THE CITIZENSHIP OF HIS FATHER, WHICH HE ANSWERED TO THE COMMITTEE'S SATISFACTION. THE RACIAL ISSUE DID NOT ARISE AT THIS MORNING'S HEARING, AS IT DID YESTERDAY WHEN ALLEN ZOLL, A SUPPORTER OF FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN, DECLARED THAT THE ADDING OF A JEW TO THE SUPREME COURT WOULD INCREASE ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE UNITED STATES.

#### LEAGUE OFFICIALS CONFER WITH CZECH LEADERS

PRAHA, JAN. 12. (JTA) -- SIR HERBERT EMERSON, LEAGUE OF NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, AND HIS ASSISTANT, LORD DUNCANNON, CONFERRED WITH THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ON PLANS FOR EMIGRATION OF 1,200 POLITICAL REFUGEES AND 3,000 JEWISH REFUGEES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE LEAGUE OFFICIALS ADVISED THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY THAT THEY WERE GREATLY CONCERNED OVER THE FATE OF THESE REFUGEES AND THAT THE CZECH GOVERNMENT WAS ANXIOUS TO SPEED THEIR EMIGRATION.

POLISH PREMIER BANS "VIOLENCE, CHICANERY" IN FIGHT ON JEWS; SEJM HEARS PROTEST ON ANTI-SEMITISM

WARSAW, JAN. 12. (JTA) -- THE POLISH GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO SOLVE THE JEWISH PROBLEM "WITHOUT VIOLENCE AND CHICANERY," PREMIER FELICJAN SLAWOJ-SKLADKOWSKI TOLD THE SEJM LAST NIGHT. "THE JEWISH QUESTION MUST BE SETTLED NOT BY FORCE, BUT BY GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION WITH JEWISH EMIGRATION ASSOCIATIONS," HE SAID.

THE PREMIER MADE THE STATEMENT IN REPLYING TO THE JEWISH DEPUTY LEIB MINZBERG, WHO HAD PROTESTED AGAINST SPREADING ANTI-SEMITISM IN POLAND. GENERAL SLAWOJ-SKLADKOWSKI SAID THAT THE DEPUTY'S SPEECH WAS CALCULATED TO SHOW HOW BAD WAS THE JEWISH POSITION IN POLAND. THIS, HE SAID, WAS INCONSISTENT WITH THE DESIRE OF THE JEWS TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AS TO A MECCA, WHICH HE DECLARED TO BE INADMISSIBLE. HE WAS APPARENTLY REFERRING TO THE DESIRE OF POLISH JEWS FACING EXPULSION FROM GERMANY AND ITALY TO BE REPATRIATED.

DEPUTY MINZBERG, SPEAKING AT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SEJM AFTER THE WINTER RECESS, STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF UNITY OF ALL FORCES IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE POLITICAL CONVULSIONS IN THIS PART OF EUROPE DURING THE NEW YEAR. HE DECLARED THAT POLAND, AS A GREAT POWER, WAS ENTITLED TO COLONIAL ASPIRATIONS, BUT ASSERTED THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE REALIZED BY DEPRIVING 30 PER CENT OF THE CITIZENS OF THEIR RIGHTS.

HE PROTESTED AGAINST THE SPREAD OF THEORIES OF HATRED IMPORTED FROM GERMANY AND AGAINST THE SEGREGATION OF JEWISH STUDENTS IN "GHETTO BENCHES." HE ALSO URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO LIQUIDATE THE BORDER CAMP AT ZBONSZYN WHERE SEVERAL THOUSAND JEWISH DEPORTEES FROM GERMANY ARE INTERNED.

CLOSING OF TRINIDAD TO REFUGEES CREATES SERIOUS SITUATION IN EMIGRANT AID

NEW YORK, JAN. 12. (JTA) -- WHILE SEEKING TO IRON OUT THE DIFFICULTIES OF 37 REFUGEES STOPPING HERE EN ROUTE TO PERU AND 10 EN ROUTE TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, THE NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR AID TO REFUGEES AND EMIGRANTS COMING FROM GERMANY TODAY FOUND A NEW SERIOUS SITUATION CREATED BY THE ACTION OF TRINIDAD IN CLOSING ITS DOORS TO REFUGEES.

A SPECIAL PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BRITISH WEST INDIAN ISLAND DECLARES THAT AFTER JAN. 15 ALL ALIENS WHO LEFT CENTRAL EUROPE WITHIN THE PAST TWO YEARS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED "UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS" AND WILL NOT BE ADMITTED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

THE PROCLAMATION WILL CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR MANY REFUGEES WHO HAVE BOOKED PASSAGE TO TRINIDAD AS FAR AHEAD AS JULY, IT WAS SAID BY MISS CECILIA RAZOVSKY, DIRECTOR OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE. A NUMBER OF REFUGEES ARE NOW ON THEIR WAY TO THE ISLAND, SHE SAID, AND EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO INSURE THAT THE PROCLAMATION WILL NOT BE MADE RETROACTIVE. THERE ARE AT PRESENT 450 REFUGEES IN TRINIDAD, MISS RAZOVSKY SAID. THEY ARE FACED WITH A SHORTAGE OF HOUSING FACILITIES, BUT THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE HAS AGREED TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THEM.

THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE HAS ALSO APPEALED TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC NOT TO APPLY RETROACTIVELY A DECREE REQUIRING A \$500 TAX OF ALL IMMIGRANTS WITH ONE-WAY PASSPORTS -- WHICH MEANS GERMAN JEWS. TEN AUSTRIAN REFUGEES, WHO ARRIVED IN NEW YORK ON THE S.S. GEROLSTEIN ON JAN. 2 EN ROUTE TO THE WEST INDIAN REPUBLIC, ARE REMAINING HERE WHILE THE COMMITTEE TRIES TO ASSIST THEM. THEY HAD ALREADY SENT THEIR PERSONAL BELONGINGS TO SANTO DOMINGO. ALL TEN HAVE FILED CERTIFICATES WITH THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES FOR PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE DIFFICULTIES OF 37 REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED HERE ON THE CHILEAN LINER IMPERIAL YESTERDAY EN ROUTE TO PERU WERE TEMPORARILY SETTLED TODAY. THEY HAD FEARED THAT THEIR VISAS WOULD PERMIT THEM TO REMAIN IN PERU ONLY 48 HOURS, BUT WHEN THEIR DOCUMENTS WERE EXAMINED THIS MORNING, IT WAS DISCOVERED THEY HAD TOURIST VISAS.