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### JEWS IN FLIGHT AS HITLER TAKES OVER MEMEL; ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE PRESSED IN CZECH AREAS

LONDON, March 22. (JTA) -- The few thousand Jews remaining in Memel were added today to the stream of Europe's refugees as the pre-war German territory was returned to the Reich by Lithuania.

Dispatches from Kaunas said hundreds of Jewish families from Memel were converging on the Lithuanian capital. The Memel correspondent of the Berliner Zeitung reported that trains leaving the territory were crowded and the roads were jammed with all kinds of vehicles filled with Jewish refugees headed for Kaunas. One report said German storm troopers had halted the flight of Jews and other refugees from the territory.

Actually, the number of Jews in Memel when it was surrendered to Chancellor Adolf Hitler was comparatively small, since a gradual exodus had been in progress since the Munich agreement last September. Before Munich the Jewish population of the territory was approximately 6,000. By the end of 1938 it had decreased to about 5,000. Hundreds more began to leave as Nazi anti-Semitism and agitation for return to Germany were intensified, and the number of Jews had dwindled to about 3,000 by the early part of 1939.

Meanwhile, the anti-Semitic campaign continued in the German-occupied areas of former Czecho-Slovakia. The Prague newspaper Venkov, former organ of the Czech Agrarian Party, demanded introduction of the Nuremberg Laws in Bohemia and Moravia since "true friendship and economic cooperation with Germany is impossible as long as the Czechs and Germans have different ideas on the Jewish question."

The Association of Czech Shopkeepers in Prague was reported to be preparing signs reading "Aryan Business" for distribution to non-Jewish shops and advised its members that it would be to their interest to display these signs.

Neutral observers in Prague, according to Havas News Agency, estimated that well over 10,000 persons had been rounded up by the Gestapo in Bohemia and Moravia, despite an official statement that no more than 600 had been taken into custody since German occupation. Most of the persons were detained for real or suspected leftist tendencies, these observers said. Most of the arrests reportedly were made on the basis of a "blacklist" prepared by Konrad Henlein's Sudeten German Party over a number of years.

### A.F.L. FAVORS BAN ON ENTRY TO U.S. "FOR FEW YEARS," SENATE COMMITTEE TOLD

WASHINGTON, March 22. (JTA) -- The American Federation of Labor "heartily favors" temporary closing of this country's gates to immigration, the Senate Immigration Committee was informed today.

Testifying at a hearing on the Reynolds alien restriction and deportation bills, Paul Schaarenberg, the federation's legislative representative, declared the A.F. of L. "heartily favors the closing of our gates for a few years to aliens to set our own house in order."

(Both the A.F.L. and the Congress of Industrial Organizations have gone on record, however, in support of the Wagner-Rogers bill for admission of 20,000 child refugees of all faiths from Germany.)

The statement was in regard to one of Senator Robert R. Reynolds' bills which would suspend all permanent immigration to this country for ten years or until the nation's unemployed were back at work. However, another of the Reynolds measures providing for fingerprinting of aliens was opposed by the A.F. of L. spokesman. J.H. Patten, representing the Immigration Restriction League, testified in support of the Reynolds bills.

#### ARABS TO BE CONSULTED IN PREPARATION OF NEW PALESTINE ENTRY SCHEDULE

JERUSALEM, March 22. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government was understood today to be planning to introduce a policy of consulting the Arabs on Jewish immigration.

High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael, it was reported, will consult Arab as well as Jewish opinion before final approval of the forthcoming immigration schedule, which is now under preparation. The current schedule expires March 31.

Abraham Arwas, 30-year-old employe of the Jaffa District Office, was shot dead today inside the district offices at Ramleh. His Arab assailant escaped, firing at a Jewish car. Ramleh was put under curfew.

Joseph Gurion, an editor of the suspended Revisionist newspaper Hamashkif, was today sentenced by the administrative authorities to a term of six months in the Government concentration camp at Acre. He had been arrested early this month in a roundup of Revisionists following disturbances that greeted reports of the British plan to set up an independent Palestine state.

Expressing the hope that he would be overruled by the Appeals Court, British Magistrate Howard today sentenced 17 Jews who entered Palestine illegally last month to three-month prison terms and deportation. All the accused pleaded guilty. One of them, Max Brickner, explained that he had escaped from a German prison. Another, A. Levi, said he was a German pilot in the World War and had escaped from Germany after the Gestapo had offered a 5,000-mark reward for him.

A group of 160 Jews who left Czecho-Slovakia shortly before occupation by German troops arrived at Tel Aviv yesterday as the first refugees from the former Republic to reach Palestine. They include the famous poet, Max Brod; the journalist, Dr. Felix Weltsch, and a number of Zionist leaders.

#### Coast Guards Capture Ship With 270 Refugees

HAIFA, March 22. (Havas) -- Palestine coast guards today captured a small ship allegedly attempting to smuggle 270 European Jews into the Holy Land. The ship flew the Rumanian flag and was called the Sanotu. It was badly overcrowded and had no accommodations for the large crowd of refugees, who came from various European countries. The crew and passengers were placed under arrest and the ship was confiscated.

Nazi Protectorate Over Palestine Seen Pledged to Mufti

WARSAW, March 21. (JTA) -- A plan to make Palestine a German protectorate was reported today by the Yiddish newspaper Moment. According to the newspaper, Chancellor Adolf Hitler has given assurances of such action to Haj Amin el Husseini, ex-Mufti of Jerusalem who has been directing Arab terrorism in Palestine from his exile in Lebanon.

Establishment of the protectorate, the report stated, would follow an uprising by 50,000 Arabs, equipped with German arms, to be set off by imposition of the British Government's projected new policy in Palestine. The report, it was learned, originated in Warsaw Zionist Revisionist circles.

New Moslem Congress on Palestine Slated For Cairo

CAIRO, March 22. (JTA) -- An Arab Moslem Interparliamentary Congress will probably be convened by the Egyptian Government next month, it was learned today, to examine the Palestine question in the light of new documents published recently in London.

JEWISH DEPUTIES WALK OUT AS POLISH PARLIAMENT ADOPTS SHECHITA BAN

WARSAW, March 22. (JTA) -- The Sejm today adopted a bill providing for complete prohibition of shechita, Jewish ritual method of slaughtering animals, by the end of 1942. The method has been under partial proscription since 1937. Passage of the measure, which had been recommended by a parliamentary commission on Feb. 28, was marked by a demonstration by the five Jewish deputies, who walked out of the Sejm in a body.

Government supporters of the bill opposed demands by radical anti-Semites for introduction of the complete ban on shechita before 1942, pointing out that dislocation of the meat industry could be avoided only by gradual imposition of the ban.

In the debate on the measure, Deputy Emil Sommerstein protested against its disregard of the Constitution and the Jewish religion. "An old religion and an old people," he declared, "will not be broken by this new blow."

Jews throughout Poland are refraining from use of meat for the period from March 14 to March 31 as a protest against the law.

JEWELOWSKI, FORMER DANZIG SENATOR, HELD AS TAX EVADER

GDYNIA, Poland, March 22. (JTA) -- Julius Jewelowski, Jewish former senator in Danzig, has been arrested in the Nazi-controlled Free City on charges of tax evasion. His arrest on undisclosed charges had been previously reported.

DR. ISAAC HUSIK DIES AT 63; PHILOSOPHER, EDITOR OF JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY

PHILADELPHIA, March 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Isaac Husik, professor of philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania and editor of the Jewish Publication Society, died here this morning of a heart attack. He was 63 years old.

Dr. Husik, who was born in Russia, received his education at the University of Pennsylvania, faculty of which he joined in 1911 as a lecturer in philosophy. He had also been associated with the faculties of Gratz College, Columbia University Summer Session, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the Hebrew Union College, the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Yeshiva and Yeshiva College.

Among Dr. Husik's books are: Judah Messer Leon's Commentary on the Vetus Logica, History of Medieval Jewish Philosophy, and a translation of Stammler's Theory of Justice. He also translated and edited Albo's Sefer Ikkarim, 5-volume book of fundamental Jewish religious principles, and was the author of many articles and monographs on philosophy and jurisprudence. Dr. Husik was editor of the Jewish Publication Society since 1925.

#### NOTED HISTORIAN WARNS OF "FRIGHTFUL EMOTIONAL EXPLOSION" HERE IF WAR COMES TO EUROPE

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA) -- War in Europe will bring an "emotional explosion" here that will be "immense and frightful," Prof. Charles A. Beard, noted historian, predicts in the current issue of the American Mercury, first under the editorship of Eugene Lyons, author and former United Press correspondent in Moscow.

Declaring America "should and can" stay out of any European conflict on the grounds that the nations directly concerned have the means and power to check German and Italian domination if they so desire, Prof. Beard writes in an article, "We're Blundering Into War."

"If and when war comes in Europe, the emotional explosion in the United States will be immense and frightful. Missionaries and members of the great American boarding house will seek to bend American policy to fit their ideological or national or racial passions. The difficulty of maintaining any reasoned policy will be increased by the fact that Germans and Italians in the United States will be shouting for 'peace'."

Prof. Beard also warns that involvement in a war, on the basis of experience during the Wilson administration, "makes it certain as death and taxes that civil liberty would perish in the United States as soon as war is declared."

#### PAN-AMERICAN PARLEY OF DEMOCRACIES MAPS FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM

MONTVIDEO, March 22. (JTA) -- A declaration addressed to democratic parties and organizations in the 21 American republics calling for unity in defense of democracy, a fight against racial, political and other manifestations of Fascism and a boycott of the products of all totalitarian nations was being drafted today by the Committee on International Affairs of the Inter-American Congress of Democracies, which represents liberal, radical and labor organizations from various countries of this continent.

(The New York Times correspondent in Montevideo said police authorities threatened to close the congress if delegates did not comply with the prohibition on utterances for or against the government of any country, as specified in the police permit for the parley. As a result, the congress decided to achieve as much as possible at private committee meetings, behind closed doors.)

#### BOSTON COURT BARS REFUGEE'S FUNDS TO NAZIS

BOSTON, March 22. (JTA) -- Judge Abraham E. Pinanski yesterday issued a permanent injunction which will restrain the Old Colony Trust Company here from turning over to the Dresden Bank of Germany \$3,900 which had been assigned to the Nazis under duress by Sigfried Weil, a refugee from Germany. Weil inherited the money from his uncle, Louis Weil, who came to America and became a baker, and died in Boston in 1937.

Weil was forced under threats of death to make the assignment of the money that he had inherited while in a German concentration camp. Upon arrival in Palestine, he cabled the firm of Wasserman and Wasserman, Boston attorneys, to take up his case. The Dresden bank had already made demands on the Boston bank, but the Old Colony did not hasten to turn over the money. Yesterday, when Attorney Leonard Salter of the Wasserman firm appeared before Judge Pinanski's court, the bank's attorneys offered no objection to the injunction.