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### "ARYANIZATION" DRIVE PUSHED IN PRAGUE; JEWS OUSTED FROM KEY POSTS, PROFESSIONS

PRAGUE, March 31. (JTA) -- "Aryanization" of Jewish businesses and dismissal of Jewish directors and employees are being carried out in a wholesale manner, it was established today.

Two Jewish directors of the famous Rudolf Masse publishing house have "resigned" and a purge of Jewish employees has been effected in the great newspaper and book publishing firms of Melantrich, in Prague, and Kittle, in Moravska-Ostrava.

The Prague Chamber of Goods and Stock Exchanges has dismissed all its Jewish employees, including Dr. Eekstein, general secretary, and has called a special meeting to "solve the Jewish question." At the same time the Chamber of Engineers ordered all its Jewish members "immediately and of their own free will" to liquidate their enterprises, and appointed Chamber representatives to complete unfinished work.

Among other Jews who have lost important posts are R. Mandelik, president of the Cartel of Sugar Refiners. All Jewish employees of central organizations in the sugar industry have also been dismissed.

It is reported from Moravska-Ostrava that Dr. P. Maerz, head of the Zionist Organization, has been released from prison. Engineer Ernst Frischer, head of the former Jewish Party, is still imprisoned.

The Slovakian authorities have decreed that commissars are to be installed in all Jewish factories and shops.

### Synagogue Razed in Slovak City

PRESOV, Slovakia, March 31. (Havas) -- An anti-Semitic mob ran riot through the streets of Presov last night, burning a synagogue and severely beating up a number of Jewish residents.

Agitators incited the riot after reports spread through the town that six Jews were among 11 persons arrested for allegedly operating a clandestine radio station, which assertedly broadcast reports designed to "create panic" among the Slovak population.

### 250 Prague Youths to Go to Palestine

PARIS, March 31. (JTA) -- Arrangements for removal of 250 Jewish youths from Prague to Palestine have been completed, it was announced today by the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association. The youths, most of them refugees from the Sudeten areas, are held in a training camp near Prague and have been ordered to leave the country by April 15.

HUNGARIAN CARDINAL, BISHOP HIT ANTI-JEWISH BILL; SEEK EXEMPTION FOR CONVERTS

BUDAPEST, March 31. (Havas) -- Criticism of the proposed anti-Jewish legislation drastically restricting Jewish participation in Hungary's economic and cultural life was voiced today before a Senate committee by Justinian Georg Cardinal Seredi, Primate of Hungary.

He said exceptions should be made in the case of those Jews who had for a long time been decent, hard-working citizens of the country.

"In the name of justice, love of our fellow man and patriotism the conference of bishops deemed it necessary to examine and criticize the bill. Since each of the bill's articles affects the Christian religion, as a faithful representative of that Church I consider it my duty to draw attention to the errors and dangers of the bill. Christian principles must be stressed everywhere in the nation's life.

"It is therefore an unhappy thing that the bill draws distinctions between Christians. If the bill were intended to hamper Jewish immigration and end social and economic preponderance of Jews in general, it ought to have been based on other principles. I should like to see a distinction made between Jews who before application of the law were already citizens of Hungary and others.

"If it is just to repress Jewish abuses in the social realm, it is also necessary to reject the Jewish spirit, but exception must be made for honest citizens who either in the Jewish or Christian religion have achieved honest work."

Mgr. Julius Glattfelder, Bishop of Csanad, was even more intransigent than Cardinal Seredi. "I cannot admit," he said, "that persons who obtained jobs by legitimate means should be forced out of them....It is not true to say that the bill does not affect Christianity. The re-Judaization of Christians is a breaking with the 2,000-year-old Christian Church and the 1,000-year-old Hungarian idealism. It is absurd to stress the rights of flesh and blood and to speak of pure-blooded Christians and half-blood Jews as if men were to be bartered like horses. One must be mad to question that as well as flesh and blood there is also man's soul."

MEMEL CONFISCATES \$17,000,000 IN JEWISH PROPERTY

KAUNAS, Lithuania, March 31. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities of Memel have formally confiscated all Jewish property, valued at an estimated \$17,000,000, it was learned here today. Germans were at the same time forbidden to pay debts to Jews, of whom several hundred still remain in the territory recently taken by Germany from Lithuania.

SHIP-BOUND REFUGEES FIND HAVENS THROUGH ACTION BY HIAS-ICA

PARIS, March 31. (JTA) -- A number of Jewish refugees who have been shunted from country to country on four German steamers have finally found havens, it was announced today by the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association, which had successfully intervened on their behalf. The four steamers were the last of eight German vessels which had been plying the oceans between Germany and the Americas for the last two months trying to land a total of 411 refugees in various ports.

The steamer St. Martin, after vainly trying to disembark its passengers at every Latin American port, was on the way back to Germany and certain concentration camps for the refugees, when it was permitted to land its cargo at Lisbon. The steamer Oceanisa, after a similar experience, was allowed to land its passengers at Gibraltar with the approval of the

British Government. The two remaining ships, the Cap Norte and the Artigas, were allowed to disembark the refugees at Montevideo, Uruguay, whence they will go on to Chile with the permission of the Chilean Government.

Believing that further successful intervention will be impossible, the HIAS-ICA has reiterated its warnings to all steamship companies not to engage in "adventurous emigration" practices. Simultaneously, the organization appealed to Latin American countries to follow the example of the United States, Australia and the Union of South Africa in setting definite immigration quotas as a means of eliminating racketeering.

Directors James Bernstein and Edouard Oungre of the HIAS-ICA praised the governments of Venezuela, Chile and Ecuador for helping in emergency cases of ship-bound refugees, declaring they had saved many from desperate positions. They emphasized, however, that the refugee problem could be solved if every country of immigration set definite quotas.

#### CANADIAN MINISTER GETS PLEA BY NATIONAL GROUPS TO ADMIT REFUGEES

OTTAWA, March 31. (JTA) -- Representatives of national refugee-aid organizations today called upon Thomas A. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources, with an appeal for generous admission of refugees to Canada. The meeting was in camera, but it was announced afterwards that Mr. Crerar gave the delegation a "most friendly reception." The plight of Jewish refugees was said to have been specially emphasized.

Senator Carine Wilson (Liberal, Ottawa) headed the delegation. Six members of the delegation represented the Montreal Conference to Aid Victims of Nazi-Fascist persecution, five were from Ottawa organizations and four from Toronto.

The delegation included: the Rev. Dr. D. L. Ritchie, dean of the United Theological College and chairman of the Montreal conference; Raoul Trepanier, chairman of the Montreal Trades and Labor Congress and vice-chairman of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada; Prof. R.B.Y. Scott of the United Theological College; Louis M. Benjamin, lawyer and co-chairman of the Montreal conference; N.S. Gray, vice-chairman of the People's Committee Against Anti-Semitism, and Charles Rosen, of the Jewish Assistance and Social Organization, Inc.

Meanwhile, cards appealing for admission of refugees to Canada, many of them signed by prominent Canadian residents of Quebec province, were beginning to pour in on Mr. Crerar. They represent the first lot of 50,000 cards recently distributed by the Montreal conference as a counter-campaign to the petition introduced in the House of Commons by Wilfrid LaCroix (Liberal, Quebec-Montmorency) and bearing the signatures of members of the St. Jean Baptiste Society and some other organizations in Quebec.

The cards read: "Humanity stands aghast at the helpless plight of hundreds of thousands of refugees, victims of Nazi-Fascist persecution. Many of these refugees can enrich Canada culturally and economically. I, as a Canadian, urge my Government to share with other democratic countries the solution of the pressing problem by admitting into Canada a generous number of refugees."

#### Baldwin Fund Reaches £465,000

LONDON, March 31. (JTA) -- The Lord Baldwin Fund for Refugees has received contributions totalling £465,000, it was announced today. Of the total, £220,000 have been allocated to various commitments in connection with bringing over, maintaining and training refugee children. Ninety thousand pounds have been apportioned to the Council for German Jewry and the Christian Council for Refugees, to be used in assisting adult refugees temporarily resident in Great Britain. The remainder of the sum has not yet been allocated.

5 Refugees on Hunger Strike in London

LONDON, March 31. (JTA) -- Five refugees from Moravia, threatened with deportation by the British authorities, went on a hunger strike today in Croydon Police Station. They are part of a group of refugees who arrived at Croydon airport yesterday in a chartered plane from Warsaw. The authorities ordered the plane to return with its passengers, but the pilot refused on the ground that they had threatened to commit suicide during the return journey. The hunger strikers are being attended by a doctor. Twelve others in the party are being detained at the Wallington Police Station.

DOROTHY THOMPSON GROUP TO BRING GRYNSZPAN'S PARENTS TO AMERICA

PARIS, March 31. (JTA) -- Herschel Grynszpan, Polish Jewish youth who last November killed a German Embassy official here, expressed delight today when news reached him in his cell that the American Journalists Defense Committee headed by Dorothy Thompson had decided to bring to America his parents, who are among several thousand deportees from Germany still marooned in the Polish frontier town of Zbonszyn.

Meanwhile, official French investigators have returned from Germany where they checked young Grynszpan's statements and studied his records. Their return concludes the investigation process, although some documents which they brought still require translation from German to French.

Grynszpan's lawyers today predicted that his trial will not take place "for a good several months" and certainly not in May as had been previously forecast. They were pleased to learn of the plan to bring his parents out of Zbonszyn as this would enable them to testify during the trial.

Central Jewish organizations which received the American group's request to contact the elder Grynszpans immediately transmitted the news to Warsaw, where they must apply for visas. Doubt has been expressed that the visas will be quickly granted since the Polish quota to the United States is filled for several years ahead. At the same time, it is hoped that the American consul at Warsaw may consider the special circumstances of the case and grant visas to the aged couple.

EDUCATION AGAINST RACE BIAS URGED IN HARVARD REPORT ASSAILING PREJUDICE IN UNIVERSITIES

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 31. (JTA) -- A severe indictment of the attitude toward Jews in some American universities and a recommendation that "liberation of its students from racial or religious prejudice" should be part of the university's education function were contained in a report made today by a special committee on personnel to President James Conant of Harvard University.

Charging that anti-Semitic feeling "has made it difficult for Jews otherwise eligible to obtain initial appointments and, there is reason to believe, has retarded their advancement to higher rank when appointed," the report continued:

"No graver reflection could be cast on the academic profession than that any of its members should be willing to compromise time-honored educational and scholarly standards by racial or religious discrimination.

"The committee is informed that certain members of the (Harvard) faculty object to the appointment of Jews to the tutorial staff in the belief that they are unacceptable to

undergraduates. The extent of this undergraduate attitude can easily be exaggerated -- in a number of departments Jewish tutors have met with conspicuous success. In any case, it is the committee's view that the university should regard as a part of its educational function the liberation of its students from racial or religious prejudice. To this end it is essential that appointments to the teaching staffs be made solely on grounds of professional qualifications for the position in question."

#### NAZI TERRORISM UNDERSTATED, ROY HOWARD FINDS; REICH CAPITALISTS HELD DISILLUSIONED

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- Reports of Nazi anti-Jewish terrorism have been "understated rather than exaggerated," Roy W. Howard, president and editor of the New York World-Telegram, said today in the fifth of a series of articles from Paris on the European situation.

"Discussion of the liquidation of Jews is virtually taboo in friendly German circles today," Mr. Howard declared. "Professional Nazis have closed their minds to reason, justice and human consideration. Argument is futile. To the average, normal German the subject is distasteful.

"Many will tell you the situation needed correction because the Jew was crowding the German out of the professions and forcefully substituting his own culture and philosophy for that of the Germans. But very few even attempt a defense of the frightfulness and terrorism, which have been understated rather than exaggerated. This is true even as to some persons who are high in the Nazi party, though there is little evidence that any of these men made a serious attempt to moderate the purge."

Discussing economic aspects of Nazism, Mr. Howard reported that German capitalists and industrialists "now realize their fatal error in employing Hitlerism to escape something else. Today they realize that the cure is almost as bad as the malady."

#### KAUNAS PUTS 18, INVOLVED IN EXCESSES, IN LABOR CAMPS

KAUNAS, March 31. (JTA) -- The Interior Ministry today committed to labor camps 18 persons, including those responsible for smashing windows in Kaunas synagogues recently and others guilty of anti-Jewish excesses in the provinces.

#### PALESTINE ARABS URGE EGYPT TO MEDIATE WITH BRITAIN

CAIRO, March 31. (JTA) -- Palestine Arab leaders, who conferred here last night with Egyptian officials, were understood today to have asked the Egyptian Government to mediate with Great Britain on the Palestine question before the British Government issues its statement of policy. It was learned that they asked the Egyptians to obtain a shorter transitional period than contemplated before establishment of an independent state and a better type of Jewish immigrants, namely, capitalists.

The conferees were Premier Aly Maher Pasha and Amin Osman Pasha, who recently flew to Beirut to see the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, and Yacoub Ghussein and Hussein Khalidi, Palestine Arab leaders.

#### British Leader in London Urges Pledges to Jews Be Kept

LONDON, March 31. (JTA) -- Britain's pledged word to the Jews must be honored in full, it was declared today by John McGovern, Independent Laborite, in an address in East London. Mr. McGovern urged recognition of the right of the Jewish people to continue immigration to Palestine on the basis of the country's absorptive capacity and to build up a "great, progressive agricultural country which is steadily raising the standard of the Arab people." He demanded arms for the Jews to defend their lives and interests.