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### FRANCE PLANS TO EMPLOY ALIENS IN WARTIME; JAILED JEWS HOPE FOR RELEASE

PARIS, April 2. (JTA) -- The Interior Ministry revealed today that preparations were under way for dealing with the country's more than 3,000,000 aliens in the event of war. The announcement brought hope to thousands of Polish, Rumanian, Austrian, Czech and German Jews who are willing to volunteer for service in the French army but are nevertheless held in jails as illegal aliens because their countries of origin would not readmit them.

The cases of those now in prison may be reviewed, it was indicated when leading statesmen and newspapers opened a campaign not only for a more liberal attitude toward aliens but for revision of the immigration and naturalization policies in order to enable them to join the French defense forces.

In connection with this campaign, it became known that: (1) Government plans have been completed for employment of the majority of aliens in various public works and national defense in the event of war, and for interment in concentration camps of political agitators; (2) Justice Minister Marchandeu is drafting a decree revising the immigration and naturalization regulations for submission to the Cabinet after Easter; (3) Frenchmen such as Yvon Delbos, Paul Boncour and Justin Godart are creating a society to be known as the "Friends of France," whose aim will be to rally all aliens "without distinction of race, nationality or religion," to the national defense.

Reversing the anti-alien sentiment that prevailed in the last few months, most Frenchmen now realize that the aliens can contribute greatly to defense of France. Some newspapers point out that during the Munich crisis, more than 100,000 aliens registered as volunteers. The papers estimate that a minimum of 500,000 aliens are ready to fight for France, while the remainder would be useful in the fields and factories, where a labor shortage is already felt because of increased production and the relative scarcity of young men under 30 who, in the event of war, would all be mobilized.

Advocating absorption of aliens, the liberal and Socialist press cite the United States and Australia as examples of what immigrants can do in developing a country. At the same time a number of statesmen are suggesting that a start be made in adjusting aliens to such specialized work as France may need if war develops. They point out that it is becoming increasingly difficult for coal operators, iron and steel masters and farmers to obtain French laborers.

Belgium Orders Registration of Illegal Residents

BRUSSELS, April 2. (JTA) -- Measures to regulate the status of refugees who entered Belgium illegally were announced today by the Justice Ministry. All such illegal residents must report immediately to local authorities to obtain provisional residential permits, which will be granted to those who are not considered undesirable because of subversive activities or criminal records.

HITLER RENEWS CALL FOR WORLD DRIVE ON JEWS; DENIES DESIGNS ON PALESTINE

BERLIN, April 2. (JTA) -- Reiteration of his thesis that the Jews must be fought throughout the world and a statement that Germany wants nothing in Palestine were contained in Chancellor Adolf Hitler's speech at Wilhelmshaven yesterday in which he proclaimed defiance of Great Britain.

Regarding the Jews, the Reichsfuehrer said: "State after state will either fall under the Jewish-Bolshevist pest or it will defend itself. We have done it and have now erected a national German people's State....I believe that a final understanding between nations will come sooner or later. Only when this Jewish wedge among peoples is removed can the establishment of cooperation among nations -- built on a lasting understanding -- be considered."

Of Palestine, Hitler declared: When, today, a British statesman demands that every problem which lies in the midst of Germany's life interest first should be discussed with England, then, I, too, could demand just as well that every British problem first is to be discussed with us. Certainly, these Englishmen may give me the answer: 'The Germans have no business in Palestine!' I answer that we want nothing in Palestine....I should like to raise the counter question: what right, for example, has England to shoot down Arabs in Palestine just because they defend their homeland? Who gives them this right?"

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Report 25,000 Nazis Will Become Moslems

LONDON, April 2. (JTA) -- Nazis have built a mosque in the heart of Berlin, opened a school for Moslem students and have decided to "convert" 25,000 Nazis to Mohammedanism to capture the sympathies of the Arabs, Reynolds News reported today. The newly-formed converts' organization, termed "Jamaite Musslimin," already has an understanding with the exiled ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, leader of the Palestine Arab extremists, the paper said. The converts will be sent to various Moslem countries as trade and political missionaries, it was declared.

ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE GAINS IN SLOVAKIA; THOUSANDS ROBBED, JAILED

PRAGUE, April 2. (JTA) -- Jews are being robbed, blackmailed and beaten by Hlinka Guards in a wave of anti-Semitic excesses throughout Slovakia, according to reports reaching Prague today. Thousands have been arrested and imprisoned for weeks at a time, it was said. They are kept 30 and 40 to a cell, often with so little space that they cannot sit or lie down. No reasons are given for the arrests and many have been seized without even being questioned.

A large number of Jews are desperately trying to leave the German-"protected" State, leaving behind all their belongings. Several of them succeeded in reaching Prague. Hundreds of others are wandering in the mountains near the Slovak-Polish frontier, but have been barred from Poland by reinforced border guards.

The Jewish situation is better in the cities where a majority of the population is Czech, but on the other hand is more desperate in the predominantly German areas. All banks and post offices have made out lists of "Aryan" depositors to prevent Jews from drawing on their accounts. The maximum which Jews may withdraw is 1,500 kronen weekly, and then only on money deposited before March 15.

Difficulties are made for Jews desiring to emigrate. Long queues wait before police stations and Gestapo headquarters to obtain passports and emigration permits. Often Jews are told at the end of a day's waiting that no more applicants will be received that day. The press campaign against Jews continues to be intensified. "Aryanization" of Jewish businesses is proceeding apace.

The majority of the Czech population shows no enthusiasm for the anti-Jewish campaign, but keeps silent on this as on other measures introduced by the Germans in their country.

#### BECK TO DISCUSS JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM POLAND IN LONDON TALKS

LONDON, April 2. (JTA) -- Emigration of Jews from Poland will be among the subjects discussed Tuesday between the British Government and Foreign Minister Jozef Beck of Poland, the Sunday Times reports.

"The question of Jewish emigration undoubtedly will be raised by Col. Beck, even though the subject is not arousing the same enthusiasm in London as in Warsaw," the Times said. "Poland would like to find a home in the British Empire for some 50,000 Jews yearly to take the place of the pre-war emigration of Polish Jews to the United States. Beck, however, does not intend to raise colonial claims." Other points said to be scheduled for discussion include the Danzig problem, a British-Polish defence pact and a loan for Poland.

#### Jews Aid Polish Defense Loan

WARSAW, April 2. (JTA) -- Several Jewish personalities were among representatives of all Polish parties who attended a reception by President Ignace Moscicki at the old Royal Palace in connection with the air defense loan, in the raising of which Jews are playing a prominent part. Trades unions affiliated with the Bund (Jewish Socialist party) and the Poale-Zion (laborite Zionist organization) have subscribed to the loan and have appealed to their members to follow the organizations' example individually.

Meanwhile, the authorities prohibited the opening, scheduled for today, of an exhibition entitled "The Jews in Poland," sponsored by the central organization of Jewish schools. The initiators of the project are intervening with the authorities to seek lifting of the ban.

#### ROMANIA POSTPONES ANNOUNCEMENT ON CITIZENSHIP REVISION

BUCHAREST, April 2. (JTA) -- Results of the citizenship revision, scheduled to be made public on March 31, have been postponed until May 1, the Justice Ministry announced today. Fifty thousand appeals against decisions withdrawing citizenship remain to be considered, mainly in Czernowitz, Maramassiget, Soroka and Kishinev. It is understood the results of the revision will be communicated to the League of Nations Secretariat, as well as the British and French Embassies.

#### B'Nai B'rith Lodge Dissolved

CERNAUTI, Rumania, April 2. (JTA) -- A local lodge of the International Order B'nai B'rith American-organized Jewish fraternal organization, has been dissolved by the authorities for what was termed illegal and harmful activities, it was announced today.

PALESTINE POLICE ARREST 641 ON STEAMER; ILLEGAL ENTRY SUSPECTED

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA) -- A coastal patrol of British police today seized the 1,335-ton Greek steamer "Astir" off the coast of Palestine and brought her into port at Haifa, arresting 641 Jews aboard, under suspicion of attempting to enter Palestine illegally. The vessel's crew was also held. Following recent discovery of two ships trying to land Jewish emigres secretly, the authorities took strictest precautions to prevent illegal immigration. A new coast-patrol of 100 British constables was formed, with six fast steam vessels and ordered to guard the Palestine coast. The Astir was caught by one of these patrol vessels off Nathania.

Meanwhile, the military authorities placed Acre under curfew following an unsuccessful attempt on the life of M.F.D. Corfield, assistant district commissioner. Two Arab terrorists fired six shots at Corfield, none of them taking effect although one penetrated his hat. Four Jews were injured today in continuing disorders, one in Safed, one near Lydda and two in Jerusalem's Old City quarter.

More than L76,000 has been expended by the Kofer Hayishub, Jewish defense and redemption fund, in the seven months of its existence, it was announced today. Expenditures for defense of colonies totalled L15,000; for maintenance and training of ghaffirs (supernumerary policemen) L35,000 and for urban security measures, L13,000. Reporting on the fund's activities, Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv told a district conference that the work of the "Jewish Defense Ministry" would continue. He said the organization's work was appreciated by the Government, which recently advised the Jews to fortify two Sharon colonies.

269 Barred from Palestine Held at Constanza

CONSTANZA, Rumania, April 2. (JTA) -- The Rumanian steamship Sandu arrived here yesterday from Palestine with 269 refugees, who were barred from the Holy Land on the ship's arrival there. The authorities were reported to be preventing the refugees from disembarking for lack of proper documents. On its return voyage from Palestine, the vessel touched at Turkish and Greek ports, but the refugees were not permitted to land.

100 Refugee Children Reach Palestine Today

NEW YORK, April 2. (JTA) -- In a Passover message sent to its 81,800 members, Hadassah announced that it had assured a "jubilant Passover" for 100 Jewish refugee children from 10 European countries by negotiating their transfer to Palestine in time for the Passover services. The young people will arrive in Haifa Monday.

126 To Be Trained in Holland

AMSTERDAM, April 2. (JTA) -- Two transports comprising 126 refugee children from Berlin, Hanover and Vienna, arrived here yesterday under the auspices of the Youth Aliyah Committee. They will be trained for reemigration to Palestine. Another group of 19 which has been under care of the committee left for Palestine yesterday.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL CHARGES LIBEL IN MENTION OF JEWISH PARENT

BUDAPEST, April 2. (JTA) -- The first libel action based on allegations of Jewish origin was filed here today by Emil Meisner, a member of the Supreme Economic Council, and his brother against the publishers of the Hungarian Jewish Lexicon for stating that their father was of Jewish descent. After the plaintiffs had produced a genealogical tree covering the past century, the Court ordered the defendants to delete the passage from the lexicon.

PASSOVER BROADCASTS EMPHASIZE AMERICAN JEWRY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AID REFUGEES

NEW YORK, April 2. (JTA) -- Declaring that the refugees of Central Europe are the victims of "an unnatural disaster bitterer than war," Dr. Stephen S. Wise, honorary chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, declared this afternoon that a new type of war is being "lawlessly waged against the refugees" in which they suffer "all of war's hardship and hurt without even the poor glory of self-defense." He stressed American Jewry's responsibility to aid refugees. Dr. Wise, together with I. Edwin Goldwasser, treasurer of the Appeal, participated in a Passover eve program over a National Broadcasting Company network.

In another Passover program broadcast over the Columbia Broadcasting System this afternoon Rabbi Samuel H. Goldenson of Temple Emanu-El declared the lesson of the supreme value of individual liberty and freedom which the Jews drew from their experience in bondage in ancient Egypt was particularly important at this time "when brute force is fast becoming the sole arbiter and tribal notions predicated upon fictitious racial differences are determining human conduct." The program was sponsored by the Joint Distribution Committee.

ITALY DEFERS EXPULSION OF JEWS FROM RHODES

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA) -- The Italian Government has postponed to May 15 the expulsion of foreign Jews from Rhodes scheduled for April 15, it was reported here today.

Shortage of Naval Officers Reported

LONDON, April 2. (JTA) -- The News Review reported today that the Italian navy, because of the anti-Jewish legislation, is experiencing a shortage of trained officers. Four Jewish admirals and 44 other high officers were dismissed from the naval service under the newly-adopted race laws.

ROMANSH URGE JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE

GENEVA, April 2. (JTA) -- One of the world's smallest minorities groups, the Romansh-speaking Swiss, has taken up the cause of the Jews. The Protestant minister, Rev. Theophile Grin, a Romansh leader, has launched a new movement, known as La Deliverance, to organize Swiss support for establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine. A manifesto urges the Swiss Government to petition Great Britain to fulfill the Balfour Declaration's promise of facilitating establishment of a Jewish National Home in the Holy Land.

(Romansh is a Rhaeto-Romanic dialect spoken in Grisons canton of Switzerland.)

BULGARIA ASSURES JEWS OF PROTECTION

SOFIA, April 2. (JTA) -- Interior Minister N. Nedeff assured a delegation from the Central Consistory of Bulgarian Jews that measures were being taken to safeguard the Jewish population. Meanwhile, the anti-Semitic Ratnitzi Organization, protesting internment of its leader, Prof. Kantartjieff, launched a violent anti-Jewish and anti-Government campaign. The police are expected to take steps for dissolution of the organization.

MILLIONS OF GERMANS ASHAMED OF HITLERISM, EX-ENVOY ASSERTS

PHILADELPHIA, April 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Ernst Wilhelm Meyer, former first Secretary of the German Embassy, said in a speech here yesterday that "millions of Germans refuse Hitlerism and feel ashamed of it." Dr. Meyer addressed the 43rd annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences at a session held at the Bellevue Hotel. When Dr. Meyer resigned in 1937 he denounced Hitler as an arch enemy of Western civilization.