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### SEVERAL HUNDRED REFUGEES, STRANDED ON REICH BORDERS, SEND CALL FOR AID

PARIS, April 5. (JTA) -- An S.O.S. call from several hundred Czech Jews who are spending Passover without food or shelter in no-man's-lands on the German-Dutch, German-Belgian and other German frontiers today reached the Joint Distribution Committee, which immediately took steps to alleviate their plight.

The largest group, including women and children, is stranded in the German-Dutch border area near Bentheim. Forbidden to enter Holland, the refugees have been without food for two days. They were expelled from Prague by the Gestapo (German political police) which gave them "blue cards" permitting them to leave the Reich, but without money or belongings.

Two Jewish families living at Bentheim have been helping the refugees, who are estimated to number 200, but they have been able to supply food only to the children. Efforts by a refugee committee in Holland to get them admitted to a frontier station have proved futile, since the Government is strict even in extending transit facilities to refugees.

The situation on the other frontiers has not yet been established in detail, but the Paris offices of the J.D.C. have communicated with the Jewish relief organization in Amsterdam asking it to dispatch food assistance to the refugees near Bentheim and have simultaneously contacted relief bodies in other countries bordering the Reich for urgent relief for the refugees stranded on their frontiers.

### 392 REFUGEES GIVE WORK TO 2,950 IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, April 5. (JTA) -- Three hundred and ninety-two refugees are giving employment to 2,950 persons, including 936 South African Europeans, 1,675 non-Europeans and 339 refugees, according to a survey of economic activities of refugees in South Africa submitted to the Jewish Board of Deputies. The report reveals that the refugees have founded several new industries previously unknown in Africa, such as chemicals, tube mills and road materials, and have also introduced new smelting and refining processes.

The survey covered 2,373 refugees chiefly resident in suburban areas. About 35 per cent of this number do not compete economically, since they comprise children and aged. Of a total of 1,541 who are gainfully employed, 557 work for themselves and 984 are employees.

REICH PLANS ANTI-JEWISH OUTBREAK IN BOHEMIA-MORAVIA, LONDON HEARS

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- It is rumored in London that the German Government has ordered anti-Jewish violence throughout Bohemia and Moravia on the model of the outbreak in Germany last November, the New York Times reported today. Two dates are mentioned -- next Saturday or the following one, the dispatch said. It was said that German troops had been ordered not to interfere and that the Czech police had been told not to intervene except in "extreme" cases.

BRITAIN REJECTS PROTESTS ON MACMAHON CORRESPONDENCE

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald today turned a deaf ear in the House of Commons to attacks on the Government's conduct in its recent publication of the MacMahon correspondence on Arab claims and to demands that the White Paper covering the correspondence be submitted for review to the Privy Council's Judicial Committee and the League of Nations Mandates Commission.

The attack was led by Tom Williams (Laborite), who asserted that the Anglo-Arab committee formed during the recent Palestine conference to prepare the correspondence for publication had exceeded its terms of reference by expressing opinions on the Balfour Declaration and the nature of British responsibilities in Palestine.

The correspondence comprises exchanges of letters between Sir Henry MacMahon, wartime British High Commissioner in Egypt, and Sherif Hussein of Mecca which form a large part of the Arab claim to independence in the Near and Middle East.

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Special Policeman Killed in Tiberias

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- A Jewish special policeman, Ephraim Horslay, was shot dead in Tiberias today while guarding an ice factory.

The Greek ship Astir left Haifa port this morning with a cargo of 638 Jewish refugees. The ship had been seized near the Palestine coast and brought to Haifa on suspicion of trying to land the refugees illegally. Three of the passengers, including a woman in child birth, were landed and taken to the Government Hospital. Police questioned two Nazi agents on board.

Censorship of press cables, which has been in effect for some time, will be lifted tomorrow.

BRITISH EDITOR URGES JEWISH STATE IN HONDURAS

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- A proposal for establishment of an autonomous Jewish state in British Honduras under the joint protection and guarantee of Britain and the United States was made today by William E. Simmet, editor of The Crown Colonist. Writing in the magazine, Overseas, organ of the Overseas League, Mr. Simmet said such a state could be a daughter settlement of the Jewish National Home in Palestine. He pointed out that British Honduras, a territory the size of Palestine, had a population of only 50,000.

The soil is rich and fertile, the writer declared, and has large areas in the interior suitable for cultivation. The climate is subtropical and the higher parts, near the Guatemalan border, are "particularly healthy." Mr. Simmet said there was ample scope for mixed farming and fruit-growing. He said new roads had been built and the old ones extended. He suggested that Britain transfer administration of the colony to responsible Jewish authorities, declaring that in Honduras there was no hostile people or possibility of international complications.

PASSOVER SERVICES BANNED IN PRAGUE; EMIGRATION SUSPENDED

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- No Passover services were held in Prague, it was reported here today, because all synagogues and prayer houses were ordered closed and distribution of matzoth by the Jewish Community was prohibited by the police at the last minute, leaving the needy Jewish population without the means of observing the Feast of Liberation. On the other hand, Seders in Jewish restaurants were overcrowded.

The granting of exit visas from Bohemia-Moravia, suspended this week because of the international crisis, is expected to be resumed next week, but it is believed that Jews will not be allowed to leave the country in the event of an international conflict. Hundreds had been leaving daily before the suspension.

Meanwhile, the anti-Jewish drive is continuing full force. Insurance companies have stopped payments to Jews, with exceptional payments obtainable only by special permission of the authorities. Adolf Ruby, president of the Czech National Committee, broadcast an announcement of elimination of "foreign elements" -- meaning Jews -- from political, economic and cultural life.

NO ANTI-JEWISH RESTRICTIONS IN LITHUANIA, PREMIER PROMISES

KAUNAS, April 5. (JTA) -- Premier Jonas Cernius today read in Parliament a Government declaration stating that incitement against minorities would not be tolerated. In a private talk with Jewish representatives, General Cernius added that there would be no anti-Jewish restrictions in Lithuania's economic life.

PIG'S HEAD NAILED TO SYNAGOGUE DOOR IN LONDON

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- Synagogues in North London are receiving the special attention of police during Passover week as a result of the desecration of the Burma Road Synagogue. A pig's head was found nailed to the door of the synagogue four days ago, but the fact was kept secret until today in order not to alarm worshippers, many of whom are refugees. The Passover services were not disturbed.

PROTESTANT CHURCH IN YUGOSLAVIA CURBS CONVERSIONS

BELGRADE, April 5. (JTA) -- The Congress of the Protestant Church, with the Protestant Bishop of Yugoslavia attending, decided today to accept Jews as converts only after a one-year trial period.

A certificate of "Aryan" descent is necessary to cross the Yugoslavian frontier, it is stated in a prospectus regarding the tourist season sent to Germany by Putnik, the semi-official travel agency.

36 MORE DENATURALIZED BY POLAND

WARSAW, April 5. (JTA) -- A second list of denaturalized Polish Jews has been published, containing the names of 36 residing in South America, Russia and South Africa. Denaturalization is being carried out under a law enacted last year empowering the Government to deprive of their citizenship Polish nationals who have been out of touch with Poland for more than five years or whose activities are deemed harmful to the State.

EDUCATOR URGES TEACHING AND PRACTICE OF RACIAL EQUALITY IN SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- Writing in the current issue of The American Teacher, organ of the American Federation of Teachers, Federation President Jerome Davis urges that schools teach racial equality and "demonstrate it in the school and community life."

"Racial prejudice," Dr. Davis declares, "must be painted in its true colors, just as murder, theft, and lying are. The man or woman who insinuates that someone must not be elected because of his race should be pilloried as a traitor to American ideals. In the schools, over the radio, in the press, and in the moving pictures, the great achievements of Jewish and Negro writers, thinkers, and doers should be recorded so that no American could longer tolerate the myth of Nordic superiority."

SOVIET HONORS JEWISH THEATER ON ANNIVERSARY

MOSCOW, April 5. (JTA) -- Solomon Mikhoeles, art director of the Moscow State Jewish Theater has been awarded Soviet Russia's highest distinction for dramatists -- the title "People's Artist of the U.S.S.R." -- and 17 other members of the company have been decorated on the occasion of the theater's twentieth anniversary.

VLADECK EXHIBITION OPENS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- A two-week exhibition devoted to the life and accomplishments of the late B.C. Vladeck, the writer and Jewish laborite leader, has been opened in the Central Jewish Library, sponsored by the library and Jewish Labor Committee. The Vladeck family, cultural leaders and representatives of various organizations participated in ceremonies opening the exhibition.

EGYPTIAN JEWISH SENATOR DECORATED BY NETHERLANDS

AMSTERDAM, April 5. (JTA) -- Queen Wilhelmina has conferred the distinction of Commander of the Order of Orange-Nassau upon Ailan Cattawi Bey, only Jewish member of the Egyptian Senate.

JEWISH REFUGEES IN CHINA BARRED FROM JAPANESE-CONTROLLED AREAS

SHANGHAI (JTA) -- The number of Jewish refugees in Shanghai, which is increasing with every week, now exceeds 4,000. The International Settlement authorities show great sympathy with the refugees and place no obstacles in the way of their admission, but the Japanese authorities are not permitting the refugees to leave the settlement either for Northern China, or Manchukuo, Inner Mongolia and other territories under Japanese control. Only highly qualified specialists can, after great difficulties, obtain permission to settle in these territories.

About 20 per cent of all the Jewish refugees in Shanghai have succeeded in obtaining employment of one kind or another. The rest depend on the relief granted to them by the three refugee committees in Shanghai. There have been several cases of suicide among the Jewish refugees.

BRITISH INDUSTRIALIST DEMANDS TRADE BOYCOTT OF GERMANY

LONDON (JTA) -- The demand that all democratic countries boycott German trade is made in a letter to The Times by Sir Alexander Roger, a director of the Midland Bank and a well-known British industrialist.

"Now is the time for all democratic countries to come together for a common purpose. Let us all cease trading with Germany," Sir Roger declares. "Let the German ships arriving

in democratic ports find that labor declines to handle their ships. Let all Germans in democratic countries be asked to apply for naturalization papers within 30 days or politely requested to leave the country.

"No violence is necessary -- no blockade is necessary. Let such countries as approve of Germany's policy and its consequences to them continue to trade with them. Merely let it be said that just as soon as Germany ceases to impose her domination on races other than German, just as soon as she agrees to disarmament, just as soon as she is willing to resume world trading on the basis of free instead of regimented economy, the commercial sit-down strike will cease.

"Compensation will require to be provided for the loss of business suffered by regular traders with Germany, but the cost to the country would be infinitesimal compared with the cost and horrors of war; any attempt to secure undue profit to be regarded as high treason. If I do not mistake the temper of the peoples comprising the Commonwealth of British Nations, they would readily accept a policy such as I outline. I am equally certain that no country in Europe, Africa, Asia, or the Americas wants to trade with Germany with political domination looming ominously in the near distance as a certain consequence.

"In Germany itself, behind the apparently magnificent facade of strength and unity, there are millions of peace-loving citizens who detest the policy of the red Radicals who control their Government. The truth of what their Government is doing is concealed from them, and the effect of their Government's policy on world opinion is either unknown or their knowledge is distorted by lying propaganda. But nothing could conceal from the people of Germany the cataclysmic effect of the democratic countries ceasing to trade with her -- and the fate of her rulers could safely be left to the German people."