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### REICH HALTS JEWISH EMIGRATION AS WARTIME LABOR SHORTAGE LOOMS

PARIS, April 14. (JTA) -- The tense international situation has prompted the Nazi authorities suddenly to reverse the Jewish emigration policy, according to reliable information reaching Paris today. News of the change came simultaneously with the return of Vice-Director Robert T. Pell of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee from Berlin, where he negotiated with the Government for execution of the Rublee agreement for an orderly evacuation of the Jews over a period of years.

While the German authorities indicated to Mr. Pell that they intended to make their fulfillment of the Rublee agreement contingent on actual establishment of the projected international corporation to extend loans to refugees for settlement overseas, highly authentic information from Berlin disclosed the following developments:

- (1) The German Government's central emigration office which was established in connection with the Rublee pact actually is not functioning.
- (2) Jews are no longer being given permits to leave the Reich, contrary to the previous policy of forcing Jews out of Germany legally or illegally.
- (3) A decision to consider the German Jews as "alien enemies" in wartime and isolate them in camps has definitely been dropped. Instead, they will be spread throughout the Reich and put to digging trenches for sanitary and other work.

This entire reversal of policy is attributed to an expected shortage of labor and sanitary help should war break out.

Mr. Pell's visit to Berlin was concerned chiefly with a memorandum which he handed to the authorities on behalf of the intergovernmental committee. The memorandum outlines what the committee has already accomplished in connection with fulfillment of the pact arranged by George Rublee, retired director, and Dr. Helmuth Wohlthat, of the Reich Economics Ministry. It also specifies what the committee expected the German Government to do in fulfilling its end of the bargain.

It was learned that in view of the tense international situation, the Berlin Government deferred a reply on the memorandum's demands but invited Mr. Pell to return within a fortnight when examination of the document will have been completed. By that time, too, the commissions investigating prospects of refugee settlement in British Guiana,

the Phillipines, Northern Rhodesia and other territories may be ready with their reports, in which the German Government is greatly interested.

German official circles, it was reported, were furious over Polish Foreign Minister Josef Beck's action in raising the Polish Jewish emigration issue during his recent visit to London. They consider it a maneuver to obtain colonies, since Poland cannot afford to lose its Jews now when their services are needed in the Polish army.

#### France Acts to Draft Aliens For War Tasks

PARIS, April 14. (JTA) -- A special Cabinet committee, presided over by Premier Edouard Daladier, last night considered granting protection to "stateless" persons and refugees in France in return for service in the event of war. The meeting followed adoption by the full Cabinet of decrees regulating the status of aliens in wartime. France has the largest number of aliens of any country in Europe -- about 3,000,000.

While the decrees will not appear in the official gazette for some days, it was believed the Government would classify aliens under three categories -- (1) those eligible for army service, (2) those undependable for army service but suited for public works, field work and fire brigades, and (3) undesirables, to be interned in camps.

Last night's meeting was concerned with "stateless" persons and refugees among the aliens. It was believed new decrees would grant protection to them, not presently enjoyed by those lacking passports, and would impose on them the obligation of service in the event of war, possibly conscription in special military units. Such measures will be received with joy by refugees from Germany, Austria and former Czecho-Slovakia, most of whom have already offered their services to the French Government.

Significance was attached to last night's meeting by the fact that it was presided over by Premier Daladier, a few hours after his declaration on the international situation. Those attending included Interior Minister Albert Sarraut, Justice Minister Paul Marchand-eau, Labor Minister Charles Pomaret, Agriculture Minister Henri Queuille and a Foreign Office representative.

Meanwhile, in view of the growing international tension, the League to Combat Anti-Semitism issued an appeal to the Jewish population of France to refrain from political discussions in streets, cafes, subways, omnibuses and other public places. Comparing the present days to last September's crisis, the appeal called on the Jews to maintain a dignified and restrained attitude and not to reply to provocative remarks.

A warning to Jewish community leaders in Meknes, French Morocco, to exercise caution and not permit "foreign provocateurs" to disrupt friendly relations between Jews and Arabs in Morocco was given tonight in Meknes by General Nogues before returning to Paris after investigating an Arab-Jewish clash which occurred on Tuesday. His investigation established that the clash, in which one Jew and one Arab were killed and seven Arabs were wounded, centered around a Jew who adopted the Moslem religion a fortnight ago. The convert, Abdulla Lahusin, was arrested for suspicious conduct. General Nogues left the city after being assured that complete order prevailed.

ITALY'S CROWN PRINCE HONORS WOUNDED JEWISH OFFICER RETURNING FROM SPAIN

ROME, April 14. (JTA) -- Crown Prince Umberto and a wounded Jewish lieutenant just returned from Spain were the chief figures today in a dramatic incident that afforded barbed commentary on Italy's new racial legislation.

Reviewing Italian wounded as they were being disembarked from a ship at Naples, Umberto unintentionally picked from the ranks Lieut. Bruno Fernari, a Jew, extended a special greeting and posed with him for a picture of the ceremonies.

Lieut. Fernari, 27, gave up engineering four years ago to join the Italian army. He suffered a leg wound during the Christmas fighting in Spain and was decorated twice for bravery. He also received a gold medal for horsemanship.

A few Jewish volunteers still remain with the Italian forces in Spain. Most of those who were sent back returned to find that they were no longer considered Italians but Jews, with the jobs they left to serve their country now barred to them because of the anti-Jewish laws passed in their absence. A disproportionately high percentage of Jewish volunteers were decorated and many were wounded in the last three months of the Spanish civil war.

ROUT OF PALESTINE REBELS CONTINUES; ARMS CACHE UNCOVERED

JERUSALEM, April 14. (JTA) -- Complete rout of Arab rebel forces in Palestine was set off by the flight and surrender in Syria yesterday of their commander-in-chief, Aref Abdul Razek, it was indicated in British military circles here today. Terrorist groups throughout Palestine were said to be disbanding and fleeing to Syria.

The main supply base of Abu Dura, the most important remaining band leader, was discovered at Silat el Hartiya, near Nablus. The cache contained a machine gun, 69 rifles, five land mines, a number of bombs, considerable ammunition, Very signal lights and a supply of gelignite, a gelatine dynamite. Also in the store were a number of field telephones, documents and uniforms, including one belonging to Abu Dura.

Britain May Let Refugee Children Enter Palestine

LONDON, April 14. (JTA) -- Headquarters of the Youth Aliyah movement, which sponsors immigration of children to Palestine, announced today that while the plan for sending 5,000 to 10,000 refugee children to private homes in the Holy Land had not yet materialized there was every hope that the British Government would grant the necessary permission.

An arrangement has been made with the Jewish National Council of Palestine under which Youth Aliyah centers in various countries will act as agencies for the registration, selection and transfer of these younger children under 15 in addition to those of the regular Youth Aliyah ages -- 15 to 18.

The Youth Aliyah also announced that 1,504 boys and girls reached Palestine between October, 1938 and April, 1939, and that a total of 4,500 landed there in the past five years. Among the latest arrivals were 668 from Germany, 500 from Austria and 237 from former Czecho-Slovakia, the remainder coming from Poland, Holland, Italy, Sweden Yugoslavia, England, Switzerland, Belgium, Denmark and France.

The first Youth Aliyah settlement in Palestine was started last February, after the first 1,500 children had completed their training with 75 per cent of them choosing agriculture as their life work.

ANTI-SEMITES IMPORTED FROM VIENNA FOR EXCESSES REMAIN IN PRAGUE

LONDON, April 14. (JTA) -- Hundreds of Germans schooled in anti-Semitic tactics were brought into Prague for anti-Jewish excesses scheduled for last weekend, which were later banned, it was reported here today. Several hundred of the anti-Semites, most of them from Vienna, were said to be still in the Bohemian capital.

Hanna Steiner, Women's Zionist leader in Prague, has been released by the Gestapo reportedly on 500,000 kroner bail. Publishers of the Jewish paper, Novy Czas, submitted a memorandum to the Gestapo appealing for permission to continue publication. A favorable reply was expected.

Refugees Halted at Yugoslav Border

BUDAPEST, April 13. (Havas) -- A train loaded with 500 Jewish emigrants from former Czecho-Slovakia has been halted for a week at Gyekenyes, a station on the Hungaro-Yugoslav border, the newspaper Uk Nemzedek reported today. Yugoslav authorities refused the emigrants permission to go to Trieste, where they had hoped to embark for Palestine, for the Jews really intended to settle in Yugoslavia, the paper said. The report said negotiations were under way between Yugoslav and Hungarian authorities to decide what to do with the emigrants, who in the meantime were not allowed to leave the train.

Jews Ordered to Leave Memel

KAUNAS, April 14. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities of Memelland have ordered all remaining Jews to leave the newly acquired German territory under threat of heavy penalties, it was reported here today. Efforts of forty Jewish families to enter Lithuania from Memel have so far failed.

HUNGARIAN ANTI-JEWISH BILL SLATED TO GO INTO EFFECT APRIL 25

BUDAPEST, April 14. (JTA) -- The bill imposing severe new restrictions on Jews in the nation's economic and cultural spheres will be enacted and put into effect about April 25, it was predicted here today.

Meanwhile, it was revealed that Justice Minister Tasnadi-Nagy has not accepted a suggestion that preferential treatment of war veterans be extended to all holders of the Charles Troops Cross which was awarded to all who fought at the front at least three months. He is understood to have insisted that exemptions be restricted to the bearers of several decorations.

With regard to war invalids and former war prisoners, only minor ameliorating amendments have been adopted in committee of the Upper House. Provisions in the bill referring to converts were modified under pressure of all church representatives headed by the Primate. As amended, the clause now stipulates that a Jew baptized before January 1, 1939, whose ancestors lived in Hungary before 1848, will be regarded as a citizen with full rights 20 years after his conversion.

The joint committee continued its debate on the bill today with a plenary session of the Upper House convened for tomorrow.

Bill to Curb Jewish Entry Voted Down in South Africa

CAPE TOWN, April 14. (Havas) -- A bill aimed at restricting Jewish immigration in the Union of South Africa, called the Anti-Jewish Aliens and Immigration bill, was rejected today in the Chamber by a vote of 81 to 17. Only nationalist members voted in favor of the bill, which was introduced by Eric H. Loeuw, Nationalist.

MOSLEMS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST ITALY IN SYRIA, MOROCCO

DAMASCUS, Syria, April 14. (Havas) -- Violent anti-Italian demonstrations took place throughout Syria today at the end of the regular Friday Moslem religious services. Paraphrasing their usual religious chant, thousands of worshippers pouring out of the Omayyades Mosque here shouted "there is only one God and Mussolini is his enemy!"

The demonstrations here and in other Syrian and Lebanese cities were provoked by the Italian occupation of Albania. About 30,000 persons gathered in front of the Omayyades Mosque to hear several orators, among them a woman, denounce the Italian action in extremely violent terms. The demonstrators then paraded through the city. Authorities took special precautions to protect Italian-owned buildings but no disorders were reported. Anti-Italian speeches were also pronounced at the mosques in Aleppo and Beirut.

Popular resentment against the Italian coup seemed to be extending to the economic field. The Arab press proposed a boycott of Italian goods. Pamphlets calling for such a boycott also were distributed in Beyrouth.

CASABLANCA, April 14. (Havas) -- Italy was called "Public Enemy No. 1 of Islam" tonight by throngs of Moroccan Moslems as they filed out of the great mosque here after Friday prayers. They formed a parade, and hanging festoons of macaroni to their native smocks uttered cries of derision against Italy and marched on the Italian consulate, where they were turned away by a strong police detachment. The demonstrators then went to the offices of the civil administration and handed in a protest against Italian policy in Moslem countries and especially the annexation of Albania.

NAZI PLOT TO OVERTHROW LITH GOVERNMENT DENIED IN KAUNAS

KAUNAS, April 14. (Havas) -- Official circles tonight denied Polish press reports of a Nazi-inspired plot to overthrow the Lithuanian Government and replace it with a pro-German regime headed by former Premier Juozas Tubelis. They declared the reports were without foundation.

POLISH JEW OFFERS TO ESTABLISH AVIATION SCHOOL ON HIS ESTATE

WARSAW, April 14. (JTA) -- An offer to establish a training school for Jewish pilots on his estate at Zielonka, near Warsaw, was made to the Government today by Henryk Doctorowicz, a Jewish landowner. Doctorowicz has subscribed 10,000 zlotys (about \$2,000) to the national air defense loan.

2 SOCIALIST JOURNALISTS SENTENCED IN POLAND FOR REPORTS ON JEWS

WARSAW, April 14. (JTA) -- The Radom District Court today sentenced two Polish Socialist journalists to prison terms of two and three months for publishing disquieting reports on the endangered position of the Jews following the pogrom at Przytyk in 1936. Execution of sentence was deferred for two years.