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LITHUANIAN PREMIER PLEDGES AID IN MOVE TO OUST JEWS FROM ECONOMIC LIFE

KAUNAS, May 2. (JTA) -- Lithuanian Jewry was alarmed and depressed today at an open Government move in support of the movement to exclude Jews from the nation's economic life, as fostered principally by the anti-Semitic merchants' association known as Verslininkai.

The move was signalized by the participation of Premier General Jonas Cernius at the opening session last night of the organization's annual congress. In the role of guest of honor, General Cernius flatly pledged the Government's support to the association in its efforts to eliminate Jews from Lithuanian trade and industry.

Jewish circles expressed surprise at this development, pointing out that the speech of the Premier and other prominent persons at the congress contradicted previous Government declarations as well as the Premier's assurances to the Jews shortly after he took office.

(On March 29, General Cernius said in a declaration read in Parliament that the Government would not infringe on the rights of minorities and would continue the centuries-old tradition of friendship between the Lithuanian people and the national minorities. He added that no one would be persecuted because of race or religion. On April 5, the Premier read in Parliament another statement warning that incitement against minorities would not be tolerated. In a private talk with Jewish representatives later, he promised that there would be no anti-Jewish restrictions in Lithuania's economic life.)

Greeting the congress last night in the name of the Government, General Cernius declared the Cabinet was governed by the same ideals as the Verslininkai and was aiming to realize the goal expressed in the slogan, "Lithuania for Lithuanians." The nation's cities, he said, must be "Lithuanized" and occupied by Lithuanian industrialists, merchants and artisans. The Verslininkai must work indefatigably in this direction "knowing that the Government is always backing them," the Premier added.

Other high Government officials, generals and Government adherents spoke in similar vein, stressing the necessity to replace "alien elements" in the nation's industry and trade by "genuine Lithuanians."

A report submitted to the congress stated that measures had been taken to establish in Lithuania, with the financial aid of American Lithuanians, large companies to prevent establishment of new Jewish enterprises intended to replace Jewish industries ruined by the

German occupation of Memelland. According to the report, efforts have been made to prevent Jews from obtaining permission to erect factories, Jewish merchants from being granted import licenses and Jewish contractors from obtaining Government contracts.

The report urged the Government to pass a rigid Sunday closing law and to shift the big provincial market days to Saturdays. Lithuanian enterprises, it declared, will in the future be marked by special signs.

A few delegates to the congress who opposed chauvinistic resolutions proposed for adoption were prevented from speaking.

It was announced that a delegation from the Verslininkai would shortly go to the United States to raise money for the projected enterprises.

JEW'S' HOMES RAIDED FOR CURRENCY AS SLOVAK TERROR MOUNTS; 30,000 LOSE CITIZENSHIP

PARIS, May 2. (JTA) -- Panic reigned today among the Jews of Slovakia as police raids and anti-Jewish legislation followed on the heels of widespread terrorism.

Jewish homes in Bratislava and other cities were raided in a search for currency. The action was taken under an order obligating all persons to register Slovakian money with the authorities, but Jewish homes were the only ones raided and those who had more than 30,000 kronen were told to give up the remainder or declare how they spent it.

Simultaneously, a law went into effect depriving 30,000 Jews of their citizenship on the ground that they were naturalized after 1918. Many of those denationalized came from families which lived in Slovakia for generations.

Signs reading "Jews Not Admitted" were displayed in Bratislava parks. Uniformed Nazi storm troopers halted Jews on the streets when walking in couples and asked each individually what they were talking about. If their replies varied, they were arrested on charges of holding anti-Nazi discussions.

The vice-president of the Bratislava Jewish Community was arrested with no reason given. Members of the Maccabi, Jewish sports organization, which was disbanded earlier, were interned in a concentration camp. A Dr. Neumann, one of about 100 Jews tortured in the town of Trnava, died last night of broken ribs.

Incidents of anti-Jewish terrorism were reported in provincial towns throughout the German "protectorate," with few exceptions. Heads of families were kidnapped, as was done in the early days of the Nazi regime in Germany, and their whereabouts and fate were not known.

In the town of Barjedow, the Jewish population was forced to meet a levy of 300,000 kronen and was forbidden to appear in the streets after 6 o'clock in the evening, and during the day allowed only on certain streets.

In Pezinok, all Jews were driven from their homes, tortured and forced to set fire to their synagogue. The beards of the rabbi and kosher slaughterer were shaven off and both were forced to eat non-kosher meat publicly. The rabbi was later taken to a cellar and forced to sit on the floor with a 62-kilogram weight on his lap and lift it in a sitting position. The entire Jewish population fled the town.

In Swatiyur, a 400-year-old synagogue was destroyed and Jews were beaten. In Zilina, Jews were forbidden to enter department stores and other public places. In Presov, Hlinka Guardsmen bombed a synagogue and plundered Jewish houses. In Kozmarok, Germans destroyed a synagogue by bombing.

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700 Leave Prague on Sealed Train

LONDON, May 2. (JTA) -- Private advices from Prague said today that a sealed train left Prague this morning bearing 700 Jewish emigrants to Vienna, where they are to embark on a Danube steamer for Rumania and thence to Shanghai. The refugees are supplied with a collective exit and transit visa issued by the Gestapo.

The refugees were without luggage, being permitted only knapsacks in which to carry their personal effects. Heartrending scenes were enacted at the Prague railway station, where hundreds of relatives and friends gathered.

A similar transport, numbering 760 emigrants, left Prague over the week-end.

BRITAIN MAY LIST PALESTINE JEWISH VOLUNTEERS FOR WAR SERVICE

LONDON, May 2. (JTA) -- War Secretary Leslie Hore-Belisha told the House of Commons today that his ministry and the Colonial Office were considering a proposal to compile a register of Jewish volunteers in Palestine for service in the event of war.

The Jewish national home in Palestine is far too strong to be destroyed or subjected to Arab rule, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, political chief of the Jewish Agency's London department, told a Zionist meeting last night. The Government should decide to postpone the whole Palestine business rather than to make a decision repudiating its promise, Prof. Brodetsky said. He stressed the Jews' loyalty to Britain, asserting that in any event the Jews would be found on the side of the democracies.

Attacking the Government for carrying on discussions with the Arabs without consulting the Jewish Agency, the Zionist leader reiterated the Jews' rejection of Britain's proposals for an independent Palestine state and expressed the belief that a British Government promise was not "a Hitler promise."

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3 Wounded in Attacks

JERUSALEM, May 2. (JTA) -- Two Jews and an Italian nun were wounded today in continuing disorders. The Jews were injured when three hand grenades were thrown at Jewish railway guards going to Samakh from Dagania. The nun was wounded during a two-hour street battle in Nazareth when British forces drove off an Arab band which invaded the town, set fire to the Government district office and attacked a bank and the police station billets.

JEWISH GROUP DONATES 3 PLANES TO POLISH DEFENSE

WARSAW, May 2. (JTA) -- Three ambulance airplanes were presented to the Government today by the Jewish Houseowners Union as other Jewish organizations enthusiastically continued efforts in behalf of the Polish national defense drive.

May Day meetings of Jewish laborite parties adopted resolutions expressing readiness to join in national defense. Public demonstrations were not held because of the general prohibition on May Day manifestations.

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INTIMIDATION OF REFUGEES SEEN BEHIND OUSTER OF NAZIS BY BRITAIN

LONDON, May 2. (JTA) -- Intimidation of refugees was reported today to be among the reasons leading to the expulsion of ten German residents by the British Government.

Expressing "profound shame" at the British Government's policy as "condemning to death and torture thousands of men, women and children knocking at the doors and asking succor," the Women's Liberal Federation has adopted a resolution urging a courageous and humanitarian policy toward refugees, stressing the "immeasurable advantage" to the British Commonwealth.

Seek to Rescue 200 Children From Zbonszyn

AMSTERDAM, May 2. (JTA) -- A campaign for funds to rescue 200 children among the Jewish deportees from Germany interned at the Polish border station of Zbonszyn and transfer them to Palestine has been started by the Federation of Polish Jews in the Netherlands. Palestine immigration certificates for the children have been secured, but guarantees of £70 a child are required, for which the federation is appealing to the Jews of this country.

2 ANTI-"ISMS" BILLS ADVANCE IN NEW YORK LEGISLATURE

ALBANY, May 2. (JTA) -- Two bills aimed at Nazis and other propagators of "isms" moved toward final passage in the Legislature today.

John J. McNaboe's "anti-Nazi bill" was passed by the Senate by a vote of 44 to 0. Under the bill persons conspiring in print or speech to deny other persons their rights under the State Constitution are guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment up to 10 years. The subject of bitter debate a week ago, the bill was approved last night without comment. Senator MacNaboe amended the measure last week to specify that constitutional rights consist of rights under the State Constitution. This was the focal point of last week's controversy.

Meanwhile, the Senate advanced to the order of final passage the Devany "isms" bill, already passed by the Assembly and sponsored in the Senate by William C. Martin, Syracuse Republican. The measure bars from the civil service and teaching positions those who advocate overthrow of the Government.

WORKMAN'S CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP TOTALS 72,000, BALTIMORE PARLEY TOLD

BALTIMORE, May 2. (JTA) -- The Workmen's Circle gained 8,000 new members and 50 branches in the past two years, bringing its membership to 72,000, J. Fishman, organization committee chairman, reported today to the 39th annual convention of the Jewish fraternal organization. The convention, which opened on Sunday, is continuing to Friday.

President Roosevelt was hailed for his efforts to obtain a ten-year moratorium on war by 500 delegates and more than 2,000 guests attending the opening session at the Lyric Theater. The audience rose in a tremendous ovation when the President's peace efforts were discussed by Abraham Cahan, editor of the Jewish Daily Forward. Mr. Cahan also warned that the danger of Hitlerism and anti-Semitism threatened Jews throughout the world.

In a presidential message, J. Weinberg reported that the organization has more than \$7,000,000 on hand, distributed \$100,000 in sick benefits last year and spends \$500,000 annually for its schools throughout the country, as well as \$250,000 a year for its sanatorium.

HUNGARIAN LEADERS PONDER BERLIN BID TO SPLIT TIES WITH POLAND

BERLIN, May 2. (Havas) -- Hungary's visiting statesmen left Berlin for home today, reportedly to deliberate on totalitarian proposals which would wean their country away from Poland in favor of an axis-arranged friendship with Rumania and Yugoslavia.

According to well-informed German sources and quarters close to the Budapest party, Hungarian Premier Paul Teleki and Foreign Minister Stephen Csaky were strongly advised by Chancellor Hitler to "soft pedal" Hungarian territorial claims against Rumania.

While an official communique asserted the German-Hungarian talks had shown "complete identity of views," the banquet toasts exchanged here and information from competent Reich sources gave no reason to believe that any new agreements were concluded between the two countries. Sources close to the Wilhelmstrasse formally denied that Hungary had been asked to enter into a customs union with the Reich. To all intents and purposes, it appeared, Hungary's strategic position on the European chessboard remained unchanged.

The Teleki-Csaky visit here brought one positive result -- satisfaction of the Reich's demand for recognition of the German Volksbund in Hungary. The German Minority League, headed by Dr. Franz Basch, held its first authorized meeting while the Hungarian Premier and Foreign Minister were visiting here.

BRAZIL REPORTED READY TO INCREASE ENTRY QUOTAS FROM GERMANY, POLAND

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 2. (JTA) -- Reports in official quarters that immigration quotas for Germany and Poland would be increased today led hundreds of refugees and others with relatives in Europe to besiege the Foreign Ministry, the refugee-aid society and private agencies, seeking permission to bring their kin to Brazil. It was believed that a large proportion of the applications would be granted.

PALESTINE POLICY OUT SOON, BRITAIN TELLS CAIRO IN REPLY TO ARAB PROPOSALS

CAIRO, May 2. (JTA) -- The British Government's answer to the last proposals for solution of the Palestine question drawn up by a pan-Arab conference here were transmitted to Premier Mohammed Mahmoud Pasha today by British Ambassador Sir Miles Lampson. The document acknowledged receipt of the Arabs' views and adds that the British Government's policy on Palestine will be announced soon.

EUROPE'S TYRANTS DOOMED TO DEFEAT, ADLER TELLS PARLEY OF WOMEN'S RELIGIOUS GROUP

NEW YORK, May 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary, prophesied tonight that "the ruthless masters of Europe's destiny" would go down to defeat, as had other empire-builders in history, and the subject peoples would return to their former status. He addressed a dinner at the seminary in connection with the 21st annual convention of the Women's League of the United Synagogue of America.

Urging Jews to take "a philosophic outlook" and a "long view of history," Dr. Adler pointed out that not one of the world empires of ancient times existed today. "The ruthless masters of Europe's destiny will also go," he said, "and what they have attempted to put together will revert to the states as their populations desire. Poland, dismembered by Austria, Prussia and Russia in 1772, was rightfully reestablished as a nation by the Treaty of Versailles. May it continue to be an independent nation."