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### ITALY SETTING UP BODY TO LIQUIDATE JEWISH PROPERTY

ROME, May 8. (JTA) -- The newspaper Popolo d'Italia announced today establishment of a Government organization after May 11 to liquidate and administer Jewish interests. The newspaper reminded Italian Jews that they have until that day to register their immobile wealth and their interests in commercial or industrial enterprises of which they are proprietors, directors or partners.

Italian Jews living abroad have until August 9 to register their wealth. When registering, Jews are requested to announce whether they wish to avail themselves of the right to donate their immobile wealth to non-Jews, to descendants not considered of the Jewish race, non-Jewish spouses, educational institutions or charities.

The sum of 20,000,000 lire, it was announced, has been allotted for administration expenses by the liquidation institute. "Privileged" Jews must also register their interests but are not subject to liquidation. According to the law, the category of "privileged" comprises distinguished war veterans and their ascendants or descendants to the second generation. Hitherto, however, exemption has been granted officially only to a handful of prominent persons while consideration of remaining applications for exemption is proceeding at an extremely slow pace, with no prospect of a decision before many months.

Estimates of Jewish wealth affected by the registration decree are not yet available.

### BRITAIN TO ANNOUNCE GUIANA POLICY TOMORROW; PLAN TO SETTLE 3,000 SEEN

LONDON, May 8. (JTA) - The British Government's policy on refugee settlement of British Guiana will be announced Wednesday in a White Paper, it was stated today.

The White Paper will coincide with publication of the Anglo-American experts commission's report on its recent survey of the South American colony, undertaken under the auspices of President Roosevelt's Advisory Committee on Refugees and with the cooperation of the British Government. The report will be published without appendices.

Issuance of the White Paper and the report will be accompanied by a statement in the House of Commons by Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald.

(It was learned in Paris that the commission's report recommends settlement of 3,000 to 5,000 refugees as an experiment. Although no budget is specified it is assumed that initial investments will amount to a minimum of \$20,000,000.)

Ban on Refugee Doctors Asked in Belgium

BRUSSELS, May 8. (JTA) -- The Belgian Medical Association moved today to ban foreigners from the practice of medicine in Belgium. Acting on behalf of the association's 48 branches, the executive committee issued a statement demanding that the right to practice medicine be reserved for Belgians and naturalized Belgians having Belgian diplomas. The committee cited the danger of an alien invasion of the profession and similar restrictions in neighboring countries.

Transit Camp to be Set Up in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, May 8. (JTA) -- The Union of Swedish Missions announced today its decision to establish a transit camp for refugees at a cost of 75,000 kronen. Newspapers, meanwhile, demanded establishment of labor camps for refugees who do not have documents or for other reasons are unable to leave the country.

Epidemic in Shanghai Refugee Camp

SHANGHAI, May 8. (JTA) -- More than 100 cases of scarletina, a mild form of scarlet fever, were reported today to have broken out in the camp established for German Jewish refugees here. One death has been recorded in the epidemic to date.

BRITISH MINISTERS DISCUSS PALESTINE DECISION

LONDON, May 8. (Havas) -- Key members of the British Government met this morning to consider the proposals for settlement of the Palestine problem. Present at the meeting were Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir John Simon, Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald, Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax, the Marquess of Zetland, Secretary for India; Home Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare and Walter Elliot, Minister of Health.

It was understood that suggestions adopted at the recent Cairo conversations were discussed.

CZECH JEWS SUBMIT NOTE TO GOVERNMENT PARTY

LONDON, May 8. (JTA) -- Prague advices said today that a memorandum on the Jewish problem has been submitted by the Union of Czech Jews to the Party of National Unity. A delegation representing the Union was received by a special commission of the party, named to deal with economic questions connected with the Jewish problem.

An agreement for common use of the synagogue in the town of Rakovnik has been concluded between the Jewish community and the Czech Hussite Church. Jewish services will be held in the synagogue on Saturdays. Hussite services on Sundays. Similar agreements have been concluded in several other Czech towns.

60 Per Cent of Slovak Prisoners Are Jews

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia, May 8. (JTA) -- Propaganda Chief Sano Mach revealed today that 80 Jews, 41 Slovaks, nine Hungarians and seven Czechs were being held in the concentration camp at Jilava. Jews form 60 per cent of the population in overcrowded Slovakian prisons.

DEPORTATION OF FRITZ KUHN FOR PERJURED ENTRY SOUGHT; CRIMINAL RECORD IN REICH CHARGED

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- Deportation of Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund, on charges of perjury in connection with his entry to the United States and his subsequent naturalization, was sought by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League today.

The League announced that it has placed in the hands of the Federal authorities a sworn statement by Reinhold Spitz, a refugee from Munich, in which Kuhn is accused of having been convicted of stealing overcoats from fellow students while enrolled at the University of Munich. Investigation of the charges is being conducted by Charles Miller, assistant district director of Immigration and Naturalization, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. District Attorney's office.

According to Mr. Spitz, who was founder and owner of a large clothing establishment on the same Munich street where Kuhn's father had a business, Kuhn served four months in Stadelheim Prison for his crime. Upon his release he was given a job in the Spitz firm, as a result of intervention by a mutual friend of the Spitz and Kuhn families. After four months as shipping clerk, Spitz discovered Kuhn had stolen merchandise worth more than 3,000 marks. When the theft was discovered, Kuhn's father and the mutual friend begged Spitz not to expose Kuhn and it was decided to send him out of the country to avoid further disgrace. Kuhn was sent to Mexico in 1922, entered the United States in 1928 and became a naturalized citizen in 1934.

The Anti-Nazi League has asked police protection for Mr. Spitz.

BOYCOTT PARLEY ASKS ADDED DUTIES ON REICH GOODS

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- The first national conference of the Joint Boycott Council, attended by some 2,000 delegates of Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, yesterday called for intensification of the anti-Nazi boycott in this country and South America and urged President Roosevelt to apply an additional 50 per cent ad valorem duty on German goods imported into the United States. Speakers included Dr. David Efron, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Robert Marcus, Adolph Held, Dr. William Jay Schieffelin and Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum. A letter was read from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor urging vigorous application of the boycott.

ANTI-FASCIST CONGRESS HELD IN SYRIA

BEIRUT, May 8. (Havas) -- An anti-Fascist Congress attended by delegates of 34 Syrian and Lebanon organizations took place here today. About a dozen deputies and ex-deputies attended, including ex-Premiers Djemil Mardam and Lufti Hafar. Other deputies wired solidarity greetings from Damascus.

A wire was sent to Paris to assure the forthcoming international congress there of what was stated to be the complete community of the Arab countries, "conscious of the totalitarian peril that threatens them."

#### CARDINAL VERDIER VOICES SYMPATHY WITH JEWS' PLIGHT

ALGIERS, May 8. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Eisenbech and President Janeui of the Jewish Consistory today headed a delegation of Jewish leaders calling upon Cardinal Verdier during a function marking the spiritual solidarity of the three great religions, held in connection with the National Eucharistic Congress here.

Replying to the Chief Rabbi's address, Cardinal Verdier alluded to Jewish sufferings, declaring: "We will always be with you because we believe in the triumph of the rights of the individual, in family and social relations, and appeasement of international relations."

#### EISNER HEADS LAYMEN'S BODY TO PROMOTE JEWISH EDUCATION

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., May 8. (JTA) -- The American Association for Jewish Education, organized yesterday by a conference of 45 lay leaders of Jewish education in the principal cities of the United States, headed by Mark Eisner, vice-president of the Jewish Education Association of New York City. Other officers are Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Philadelphia, Charles E. Rosenbloom, Pittsburgh, and Nathan Friedman, Boston, vice-presidents; Bernard Semel, New York, honorary secretary; Harry H. Liebovitz, New York, treasurer, and Israel S. Chipkin, New York, secretary. Other cities represented were Baltimore, Newark, Washington, Cleveland and Cincinnati.

#### DRAMATIC SUICIDE OF ASCOLI, ITALIAN JEWISH OFFICER, RELATED BY BRITISH ARMY MAN

LONDON (JTA) -- Colonel Ascoli, Jewish army officer in Italy who was dismissed under the racial laws, shot himself dead in front of his regiment in Florence, according to an account published in The English Churchman. The suicide was described as follows by Captain R.M. Stephens of the British army in a letter to the publication:

"Ordered into retirement as a Jew, he was nevertheless allowed to make a farewell speech to the regiment he commanded. At the close, he asked the soldiers -- his last command, as he said -- always to be ready to die for their country, as he would have been. Then, covering his face with the regimental flag, he drew his revolver and shot himself dead."

No account of the incident was permitted to appear in the Fascist press, the letter stated. Colonel Ascoli was a member of a prominent family, a relative of Admiral Aldo Ascoli, recently dismissed as commander-in-chief of the Italian squadron in the Balearic Islands, and of Professor Ascoli, founder of 30 sanatoriums in Italy.

#### GOEBBELS BOUGHT IN JEWISH SHOP ON CAIRO VISIT

LONDON (JTA) -- The Nazi Minister of Propaganda, Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels, went shopping in a Cairo bazaar during his recent visit to Egypt and made purchases from two Jewish dealers, according to the Cairo correspondent of the London Jewish Chronicle.

Dr. Goebbels, according to the correspondent, bought \$200 worth of silverware from one dealer and \$20 worth of Egyptian silk from another. Later in the day, an official in the Propaganda Minister's retinue returned to one of these places to buy another \$100 of goods. Although Dr. Goebbels visited several stores, the purchases in the Jewish establishments were the only ones he made, the dispatch said.

#### BULLETIN

JERUSALEM, May 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann will leave for London by airplane tomorrow as the Palestine issue approaches a climax with the impending issuance of a British statement of policy.