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CUBA TO ALLOW REFUGEES ON ST. LOUIS TO LAND ON ISLE OF PINES; TO SET UP CAMP

HAVANA, June 5. (JTA) -- President Federico Laredo Bru tonight announced a plan for admission to the Cuban Islane of Pines of the more than 900 Jewish refugees aboard the Hamburg-American liner St. Louis who were prohibited from landing at Havana last week and forced to leave the harbor.

Final arrangements for landing the refugees and setting up a temporary camp will be completed by the Government before noon tomorrow, President Bru stated to the foreign press, culminating negotiations between a Government commission and representatives of American Jewish relief organizations which had been in progress for nearly a week.

The exiles must be provided with food and shelter, offer guaranties against becoming public charges and provide for their own reembarkation when they obtain entry to another country, the President said.

"I have no words," he declared, "to express the deep pity and sorrow produced by the plight of the persons aboard the St. Louis, many of whom are aged men, women and young children. But my position has difficult obligations which drown the impulses of the heart before the harsh dictates of duty." He maintained that Cuba had proportionately done more than many other countries for refugees, having accepted nearly 7,000.

The plan for admitting the refugees to the Isle of Pines was agreed upon over the weekend and submitted today to President Bru for confirmation. The negotiations were conducted by a commission named by President Bru comprising a Supreme Court justice, Finance Minister Oczotorena and Commandant Garcia, with Lawrence Berenson of New York, representing the National Coordinating Committee for Refugees and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

The Isle of Pines, lying off the southeastern coast of the mainland in the Gulf of Batabano, is eight hours' journey from Havana.

Meanwhile, Col. Manuel Benitez, who was responsible for issuing the landing permits to the refugees, was removed as Immigration Director and replaced by a woman, Dr. Kandita Gomez Kalas, who issued a statement declaring she would strictly enforce the immigration laws.

Mr. Berenson received an anonymous telephone call at his hotel threatening him with death unless he broke off the negotiations regarding the refugees and left Cuba.

Concentration Camp Avoided for Jews Returned to Reich

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- An arrangement has been effected whereby internment in concentration camps has been avoided for the 200 German Jews returned to Hamburg last night when the German liner Orinoco turned back on its way to Cuba, it was learned here today. The assurances that the refugees would not be interned were obtained by the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association in Paris with the assistance of Robert Pell, vice-director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, pending a search for a new haven for the Jews, according to a cable from Paris received by the HIAS here.

Meanwhile, the HIAS said, efforts are being made to obtain the admission into Cuba, under suitable guarantees of the 104 refugees aboard the French liner Flandres who were barred from Cuba. The departure of the Flandres from Veracruz has been postponed until Tuesday. The HIAS-ICA is communicating with Latin American governments seeking countries to admit various groups of refugees now wandering the seas aboard ships, it was stated.

GROUP ARRIVES IN EUROPE FOR TALKS ON REFUGEE SETTLEMENT CORPORATION

PARIS, June 5. (JTA) -- A group of leaders of American Jewish relief organizations arrived in London today, it was learned here, for negotiations regarding establishment of an international corporation to raise a loan for settlement of refugees overseas. The corporation would implement the arrangement made with the German Government by George S. Rublee, former director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, for orderly emigration of 150,000 able-bodied Jews and 250,000 of their dependents within five years.

Since Germany made fulfillment of the arrangement dependent on establishment of an international corporation, the present project has been under close examination by important bodies since March. The present arrival of American Jewish leaders is interpreted as indicating that formation of the corporation is feasible, although preparations are expected to last several weeks.

The corporation would supplement another fund raised within the Reich consisting of 10 per cent of the German Jews' wealth and administered by a board of Jewish and non-Jewish trustees. While the German fund would be spent for facilitating emigration of "non-Aryans," the international corporation would have to pay the further cost of settlement. The emigrants leaving the Reich first would repay loans to both funds as soon as they were earning enough in their new homes to make this possible, thus enabling successive groups to leave the Reich. The German Government has undertaken to see that the prospective emigrants are not mistreated while awaiting their turns to leave.

During their stay in Europe, the American Jewish leaders will remain chiefly in London, where the negotiations will be carried on through the Intergovernmental Committee. Completion of the negotiations will enable, on the one hand, regulated emigration from the Reich, and on other hand, organized settlement overseas.

The Intergovernmental Committee, in considering sites for colonization, is giving particular attention to British Guiana, the Philippine Islands and the Dominican Republic. An experts' commission has already reported that there exists land in the interior of British Guiana making a two-year experiment at colonization worth while, and the British Government has promised to facilitate such settlement, although it has indicated no financial support. Another commission, sponsored by President Roosevelt's Advisory Committee on Refugees, has

completed a survey in the Philippines, centering on the island of Mindanao, and its report will be published shortly. A third commission sponsored by the advisory committee is investigating colonization possibilities offered by the Dominican Republic.

Powers Urged to Aid Guiana Financing

LONDON, June 5. (JTA) -- It is improper for the Government to hold out promises for large-scale settlement in British Guiana while placing financial responsibility on private organizations, the Manchester Guardian declared editorially. The future of Guiana settlement is too doubtful for limited private resources to be expended for it, the editorial said. The scheme will depend on the financial aid of governments professing to be concerned with the fate of refugees, it added.

BRITAIN PONDERING PALESTINE REFUGEE QUOTA FOR 1940 UNDER WHITE PAPER

LONDON, June 5. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald is now discussing with Sir Harold MacMichael, High Commissioner for Palestine, establishment of a Jewish immigration quota for the forthcoming year, the Government member told the House of Commons today.

Under the recent White Paper, 10,000 Jews are to be admitted annually over the next five years, plus an additional 25,000 refugees to be distributed over the five-year period as authorities deem wise. How many in this latter category will be admitted next year is the question now being discussed, MacDonald explained.

Asked by Col. Josiah C. Wedgwood, Laborite, whether the additional quota would be composed exclusively of German or Polish or Rumanian refugees, the Colonial Secretary replied that they would comprise refugees of all classes within the domain of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee.

Queried on the fate of persons entering Palestine illegally, MacDonald said they would be returned to their countries of origin whenever possible, but would be deducted from the annual immigration quota in cases where there was nowhere to send them.

Earlier, MacDonald replied to questioning on the Palestine situation with this statement: "During the past fortnight several outrages, some of a serious nature, have been perpetrated by Arabs and Jews in Palestine. These incidents have been fully reported in the press. There is Jewish opposition to the Government's decision in general but there is no evidence that Jewish opinion as a whole favors a policy of violence and forcible obstruction.

"On the Arab side, the opinion about the Government's practical policy is divided. There are indications that in some areas fear of reprisals by terrorists still prevails. With Arab terrorism on the one hand and the continued flood of illegal immigration on the other feeding the flames, there is a risk of continued violence."

The statement was in reply to a query by Tom Williams, Laborite, who asked further whether in view of the fact that the Government had invited Arab terrorists to the London conference and had negotiated with that body since the conference it could not exercise some influence with that section of the community. MacDonald replied:

"The fact that a section of Arab opinion which Mr. Williams has referred to rejected outright our proposals does not help us to draw any encouragement that the Government might be able to influence that section. I must correct the statement that we have negotiated

with the representatives of that section since the conference. We have had no such negotiation. As a result of military and police activity during recent months we have reduced to a very small scale Arab terrorism in Palestine. No one has ever claimed that the policy we have announced would bring an immediate stoppage to such terrorism but we certainly are steadily gaining control over these activities."

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Jews' Absence Leaves Jerusalem Council Without Quorum

JERUSALEM, June 5. (JTA) -- The Jerusalem Municipal Council was unable to conduct business for lack of a quorum today when all six Jewish members boycotted the meeting pending a Government decision on their demand for replacing of the present Arab mayor by a Jew in view of the Jewish majority in the population.

A Jewish journalist was attacked and seriously injured early today by Englishmen in civilian dress, climaxing several such incidents in recent nights. The writer, Chaim Baltzan, Jerusalem correspondent of the Tel Aviv Hebrew daily Haboker, was ganged by four Britons near the Nathan Straus Health Center and beaten with an iron bar.

Meanwhile, British forces searching the village of Silet Hartiya in Samaria seized one-and-a-quarter tons of gunpowder. The Arabic daily, Al Jihad, organ of the exiled ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, was suspended for two weeks.

The Tel Aviv Municipal Council heard Mayor Israel Rokach protest against recent numerous arrests of Jews and adopted a resolution demanding that the Government lift the curfew on Jewish suburbs and roads. According to the Jewish press, the Jewish public will not attend the High Commissioner's annual King's birthday garden party on June 8.

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JEWISH FAMILY FORCED TO LEAVE REICH TURNED BACK BY POLAND

WARSAW, June 5. (JTA) -- Frontier guards at Katowice have arrested and turned back to Germany a group of Jewish families from Vienna who were forced at revolver point to enter Poland illegally, it was reported here today.

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Threatened with Imprisonment

LONDON, June 5. (JTA) -- A copy of the expulsion order used against Jewish families in Germany was obtained here today. This particular order, issued by Leipzig police headquarters dated May 25, instructed the family concerned to leave by June 20, warning against their return on pain of a year's imprisonment plus a fine. The document added that appeal against the order might be filed, without however affecting the deadline.

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CZECH ANTI-SEMITIC EXTREMISTS SPLIT OFF FROM GAJDA GROUP

PRAGUE, June 5. (JTA) -- A group of extremists have seceded from General Gajda's Fascist organization and formed a new body, "Vlajka," meaning "the standard," under the leadership of Jan Roszevac Rys, who is known as the "Czech Julius Streicher." Rys is a well-known Jew-baiter who has been repeatedly jailed for bombing Jewish shops, even before establishment of the German "protectorate." It is intended to publish shortly a German-subsidized daily named Ceska Obrana, meaning "Czech Defense," on the style of Streicher's Der Stuermer.

Rys strongly opposes General Gajda, branding him as "a friend of the Jews." The Vlakja organization is supported by Germans, many of whom participated in recent Fascist demonstrations in Wencelas Square disguised as Czechs. Several were arrested by Czech police and were released when it was established that they were Sudetens, although they shouted in the Czech language, "We want the Nuremberg Laws, not the Government's Jew-law."

Meanwhile, Der Neue Tag, organ of Reichsprotector Konstantin von Neurath, in a "friendly but urgent" manner, advises Czech booksellers not to display the works of Jewish authors, such as Stefan Zweig, Emil Ludwig and Jacob Wassermann, even if translated into Czech. A decree is expected to be issued shortly, similar to that in Germany, banning works by Jewish authors as "trash."

RIBBENTROP UNVEILS PLAQUE FOR VOM RATH IN BERLIN

BERLIN, June 5. (Havas) -- Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop yesterday unveiled a plaque at the Foreign Ministry in memory of Ernst vom Rath, German Embassy secretary, killed by Herschel Grynszpan, 17-year-old Polish Jew, in Paris last November.

"Today we are again surrounded by the hate and hostility of the world," von Ribbentrop said. "We know that our comrade vom Rath was the victim of this agitation." The plaque bears the inscription: "Ernst Eduard vom Rath who fell in Paris faithfully accomplishing his duty toward the Fuehrer and the people."

300 REFUGEE CHILDREN COMING TO LONDON

LONDON, June 5. (JTA) -- Three hundred German refugee children are coming to London today, tomorrow and Wednesday via Hook-of-Holland. The famous public school, Winchester College, announced that it will accept five refugees without fees. The Earl Baldwin Fund for Refugees has reached \$2,430,000, it was announced.

LEONARD STEIN HEADS ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION

LONDON, June 5. (JTA) -- Leonard Stein was yesterday elected president of the Anglo-Jewish Association by the association's council to succeed Leonard G. Montefiore, who was named honorary treasurer. A.G. Brothman was elected secretary, succeeding M. Duparc, who was named secretary emeritus with a life pension after 50 years' service.

ANTI-JEWISH PAMPHLETS FOUND IN ENGLISH CHURCHES

LONDON, June 5. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish pamphlets with the inscription "Perish Judah!" were found in several churches of Newport and Islewhite yesterday. During recent days similar leaflets have been placed in automobiles parked in the district.

ZIONIST FORBIDDEN TO MAKE SPEECH IN AMSTERDAM

AMSTERDAM, June 5. (JTA) -- Police today forbade Berl Locker, Palestine laborite Zionist leader, to address a conference of the Netherlands Zionist Organization, presumably to prevent an attack on Great Britain for its Palestine policy.