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CUBAN MINISTER ANNOUNCES WITHDRAWAL OF ASYLUM OFFER, BUT NEGOTIATIONS GO ON

HAVANA, June 6. (JTA) -- Secretary of Treasury Joaquim Ochotorena announced this afternoon withdrawal of the offer to admit the 907 refugees aboard the German liner St. Louis to the Isle of Pines, on the ground that the demand for a \$500 cash guarantee per person had not been met by the noon deadline, but it was reliably learned that negotiations were continuing.

Mr. Ochotorena issued a statement announcing failure to reach agreement regarding the financial guarantee with Lawrence Berenson, representative of the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Coordinating Committee for Refugees. It was not immediately possible to obtain from Mr. Berenson his version of the negotiations. Mr. Ochotorena said: "As the President had granted a 48-hour term, which ended today at noon, for a definite settlement, the Government rescinds the agreement and will flatly refuse the landing of the St. Louis refugees at any place in Cuban territory."

(A spokesman for the J.D.C. in New York, which has been in constant telephonic communication with its representatives in Havana, stated: "At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon the negotiations with the Cuban Government were still in progress.")

Luis Clasing, agent for the Hamburg-American Line, said: "As far as I know, the St. Louis will proceed to Hamburg. However, final instructions must come from the home office." He added that he had not yet been formally notified of the Cuban Government's withdrawal of its offer.

(In New York, E.H. Dedrick, traffic manager of the Hamburg-American Line, said the St. Louis was en route to Hamburg "under full steam." Asked whether the ship would turn back to Cuba in the event a settlement was reached, he declared: "Naturally, we will make every effort to land the passengers." He gave the St. Louis's position at noon as 28° North Lat., 79° West Long., which is off the coast of Florida, north of Miami.)

In his statement, Mr. Ochotorena summarized the negotiations regarding the Isles of Pines offer as follows: Agreement was reached on Sunday with Mr. Berenson to land the exiles on the isle after \$500 cash guarantees would be remitted. Yesterday, however, Mr. Berenson made an alternative proposal which was not in accordance with the previous agreement. Mr. Berenson offered to put down \$443,000 in guaranties for those aboard the St. Louis and for 150 additional refugees aboard the steamers Orduna and Flandre. This sum was to include expenses for feeding and lodging. The Cuban Government could not accept this proposal.

TEL AVIV JEWISH TRAFFIC HALTED; JEWISH COUNCIL PROTESTS PUNITIVE MEASURES

JERUSALEM, June 6. (JTA) -- A 31-hour ban on all Jewish traffic into and out of Tel Aviv was imposed by the military authorities today in punishment for a shooting attack by Jews upon Arabs. There were no casualties in the shooting. Only milk trucks and emergency cases are exempt from the ban, which went into effect at noon today and ends at seven o'clock tomorrow evening.

Jewish circles declared that such punishment had never been imposed on Arabs for attacks on Jews.

Meanwhile, an Arab was shot and seriously wounded near the railway station in Tel Aviv.

The praesidium of the Jewish National Council, at a press conference, deplored "any irresponsible individual violence," but protested against the action of the authorities in taking collective punitive measures against Jews. The praesidium outlined measures to implement its policy of non-cooperation with Britain's Palestine policy, as announced on May 23, immediately where feasible.

One indication of Palestine Jewry's resentment over the policy appeared today when Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Council, wrote to High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael declining an invitation to attend the High Commissioner's garden party on June 8 in honor of King George's birthday but asking that he convey to the King the Jewish community's blessing and assurances of loyalty to the Crown. The Chief Rabbinate proclaimed special prayers in synagogues throughout Palestine for the King on June 8.

A British police inspector, Harry Goddard, charged with conspiring to aid illegal immigration, was arraigned before Chief Magistrate Burke and committed for trial before the Jerusalem District Court.

Meanwhile, the Hebrew daily Haboker reported that a steamship with an estimated 1,000 refugees aboard had escaped capture by a patrolling warship off Ness Ziona.

MacDonald Scores Illegal Immigration

LONDON, June 6. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald told the House of Commons yesterday that the Government was dealing with a "large scale attempt to flout the law" on immigration to Palestine. He charged the people responsible for the illegal immigration traffic with "exploiting the misery of unhappy refugees." Mr. MacDonald's statement was made in reply to strong condemnation of the Palestine immigration ordinance by Laborite Col. Josiah Wedgwood, who demanded discussion of the ordinance by the House.

"I wish I could respond to Wedgwood's appeal for humanity," Mr. MacDonald declared, "but I cannot do it. We cannot allow this immigration which would create chaos and increase bloodshed, violence, misunderstanding and hatred in the country." He said the House was deeply concerned over persecution of Jews and was anxious to help to the maximum. However, he added, there had to be a sense of proportion with regard to Palestine since it could not solve the whole Jewish problem.

Mass Meeting in Zagreb

BELGRADE, June 6. (JTA) -- A mass meeting in protest against Britain's Palestine policy was held in Zagreb, while meetings in Belgrade and Novisad were prohibited by police at the last moment.

REFUGEES DEMONSTRATE FOR RELIEF IN WARSAW; EXILES IN ALBANIA FACE EXPULSION

WARSAW, June 6. (JTA) -- Hundreds of starving German Jewish refugees today besieged the offices of relief distribution committees demanding assistance. They demonstrated before the homes of Chief Rabbi Moses Schorr and heads of Jewish refugee committees. The funds of these committees have been completely exhausted.

PARIS, June 6. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee today received an urgent appeal from Durazzo, Albania, for intervention with the Italian authorities against the expulsion of some 100 Jewish refugees from Albania, scheduled for Wednesday.

SHANGHAI, June 6. (JTA) -- In view of the fact that recent arrivals have brought the total of Jewish refugees in Shanghai to more than 10,000, M. Speelman, president of the Refugee Relief Committee, has left for Europe to seek financial support.

DUBLIN, June 6. (JTA) -- A sharp attack against admission of Jewish refugees to Ireland has been published in The Sentry, official organ of the Irish Republican Army. Declaring the refugee "invasion" was "alarmingly great," the periodical asserted that the problem should have been tackled long ago but for the fact that "the Irish are the last to wish to add anything to the sufferings of that hunted race."

RUMANIA GIVES JEWS NEW CHANCE FOR CITIZENSHIP; JEWISH SENATOR NAMED

BUCHAREST, June 6. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government today appointed Chief Rabbi Jacob Niemirower as an ex officio member of the Senate.

The Government has decided to provide facilities for Jews previously unable to submit documents proving their nationality by giving them an opportunity to apply for inclusion in a special citizenship list, thus obtaining full citizenship. Meanwhile, the Justice Ministry postponed until after Aug. 1 publication of the results of the recent citizenship revision. Documents proving citizenship rights must be filed with special commissions by that date.

Premier Armand Calinescu has sent personal letters to several Jewish communities expressing thanks for contributions to the Army fund. He also telegraphed thanks to Dr. William Filderman, Jewish leader, for a personal contribution.

U.S. SEEKS RELEASE OF AMERICAN JAILED IN REICH

WASHINGTON, June 6. (JTA) -- The United States Embassy and consular offices in Berlin are seeking the release of William B. Curtis, 20, of Oakland, Calif., it was disclosed today. He was arrested in May for writing derogatory remarks about the Nazis in a register in a Heidelberg Inn.

REICH PROTESTS 'NAZI SPY' FILM

WASHINGTON, June 6. (JTA) -- The German Embassy has protested bitterly to the State Department against the Warner Brothers film, "Confessions of a Nazi Spy," it was disclosed today. A note signed by Charge d'Affaires Hans Thomsen denounced the picture as an example of pernicious propaganda which had been "poisoning" German-American relations.

SUSPECT SEIZED IN LANDESBERGER MURDER

LOWOW, Poland, June 6. (JTA) -- A student of the Lowow Polytechnic Institute was arrested today on suspicion of murdering Marcus Landesberger, Jewish student. His name was not made public.