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### HAVENS FOUND FOR ALL ST. LOUIS REFUGEES AS BRITAIN, FRANCE, BELGIUM, HOLLAND ACT

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- Two days before the German liner St. Louis was scheduled to arrive in Hamburg, carrying its 907 Jewish passengers back to Germany and probable concentration camps, it was announced today by the Joint Distribution Committee that havens had been found for all of them in European countries.

From a J.D.C. statement and European dispatches it appeared that the refugees would be divided approximately as follows: Holland, 200; Belgium, 250; England, between 200 and 250, and the remainder to be accepted by France.

"While we must avoid the error of overoptimism," James N. Rosenberg, chairman of the J.D.C.'s national council stated to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "I feel quite confident that all of these refugees on the St. Louis will be taken care of. Mr. (Paul) Baerwald in London, Mr. (Morris C.) Troper in Paris and we here in New York are leaving no stone unturned."

At the same time, the J.D.C. announced that a temporary haven had been found for the 68 refugees on the British steamship Orduna, who, like the St. Louis passengers had been barred from Cuba. These refugees, who have since been transferred to the steamship Orbita, were admitted today to Panama, 45 to be maintained for the next three months on their own funds and the remaining 23 on guarantees by the J.D.C. Rabbi Nathan Witkin acted for the J.D.C. in Panama.

In the efforts to find asylum for homeless refugees, "the response of leading Catholics, Protestants and Jews, both here and abroad, is indeed heartening," Mr. Rosenberg said.

With the Belgian Government expected to announce today that it would accept 250 of the St. Louis refugees, "arrangements for suitable dwelling places for these refugees are now being perfected," Mr. Rosenberg said, adding:

"In Holland, an appeal by leading Christian and Jewish groups made to the Queen of Holland and the Minister of Justice has had a magnificent response. We are assured that Holland will take care of 194 others of these refugees. The Joint Distribution Committee is giving suitable guarantees so that none of the refugees will become public charges. As to the remaining refugees we hope shortly to have additional information."

### Britain's Action Not to Be Taken As Setting Precedent, Commons Told

LONDON, June 13. (JTA) -- The British Government has agreed to admit between 200 and 250 of the 907 St. Louis refugees, it was learned today. The refugees will be maintained in England by Jewish organizations pending their ultimate re-emigration.

Announcing the Government's decision to admit a portion of the St. Louis passengers, who had been denied disembarkation at Cuba, Home Undersecretary Peake told the House of Commons that the special arrangements being made in this case were not to be regarded as establishing a precedent for future similar cases.

Of the refugees on the St. Louis, which has been steaming back to its home port of Hamburg, 750 possess affidavits which will enable them ultimately to emigrate to the United States. The remainder have permits for other countries.

Action of the British Government in accepting a share of the refugees followed appeals by several private organizations, with the support of Sir Herbert Emerson, League High Commissioner for Refugees and director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee.

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Vessel With 500 Exiles Leaves Black Sea For Unknown Port

BUCHAREST, June 13. (JTA) -- Headed for an unknown destination, the steamer Mamara sailed from the Black Sea port of Mangalia today with 500 Jewish refugees from Germany on board. The ship, flying the Panamanian flag, was believed aiming to disembark the passengers somewhere on the African coast or in Palestine.

Meanwhile, the Greek steamer Aghios Nicolaos was prevented at the last minute from leaving the Black Sea port of Balcio with a cargo of 552 refugees. Among the refugees were 152 Jews who were said to have escaped from the Nazi concentration camp at Dachau and who had been waiting at Constanza for three months for a chance to leave this country. All were sent back to Constanza.

An estimated 1,300 refugees were said to be packed on three river boats between the ports of Tulcea and Sulina, awaiting permission to continue the trip down the Danube to the Black Sea. Most of the refugees were believed destined for Shanghai.

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CURFEW FOR TEL AVIV AS 9 BLASTS WRECK PHONE BOOTHS

JERUSALEM, June 13. (JTA) -- A British constable was seriously wounded early today in one of nine explosions that destroyed six public telephone booths in Tel Aviv. Another of the explosions, all of which occurred after midnight, started a fire in the Tel Aviv railway station. The blaze was quickly extinguished.

After visiting the scenes of the explosions, District Commissioner Robert Crosbie imposed city-wide curfew from 10.30 p.m. to four a.m.

Five Arabs were found shot dead this morning in a village near Haifa. Police are investigating.

The military authorities at the last minute postponed execution of an order to demolish four Jewish houses in the Akva quarter of Tiberias. The demolition, which would have been the first instance of its kind affecting Jewish houses, had been ordered in punishment for yesterday's mine explosion which resulted in the death of an Arab and the wounding of 12 others.

A group of Jews, estimated to number 80, today raided the headquarters of the extremist Zionist-Revisionist organization. Four Revisionists were injured, one of them seriously, in the resulting clash.

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White Paper Seen Slated for League Rebuff

GENEVA, June 13. (JTA) -- Zionist leaders who have talked with members of the Permanent Mandates Commission expressed the belief today that the British White Paper on Palestine, which will come up for examination tomorrow, has no chance of being adopted by the commission in its present form.

Many points in the document, which serves notice of the British Government's intention of ultimately creating an independent Palestine state with Jews fixed as a one-third minority, will definitely be declared incompatible with the mandate, the Zionists asserted.

Discussion of the new British policy will open with the arrival here tomorrow of Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald. It was learned, meanwhile, that Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, is not coming to Geneva for the hearings. The Agency will be represented instead by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, its Geneva representative and Dr. Ben-Zion Mossinsohn, Palestine Zionist leader.

The Jewish Agency issued a statement expressing confidence in an impartial verdict by the commission.

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Final Action on 5-Point Plan to Fight White Paper Set For Sunday

JERUSALEM, June 13. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council announced today that a meeting will be held on June 18 for final approval of its five-point program to combat the new British policy on Palestine.

Replying to a demand by a delegation of Haifa Jews that the program be immediately implemented and that negotiations for broader representation in the movement to defeat the policy be terminated, the Council said the negotiations would be brought to a close within the next few days.

Citing failure of efforts to strengthen representation in the movement without affecting the organization of the Palestine Jewish Community, the Council voiced regret that "certain circles preferred other dealings above the public interest."

CHILD BORN OF ADULTERY WITH "ARYAN" HELD NON-JEWISH UNDER ROME EDICT

ROME, June 13. (JTA) -- A decree made public today holds that children of Jewish parents who can prove they were born of the mother's adultery with an "Aryan" will be legally regarded as "Aryan."

ROOSEVELT UPHOLDS FAITH IN "LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE" AS REFORM RABBIS OPEN PARLEY IN CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, June 13. (JTA) -- The Central Conference of American Rabbis, opening its 50th anniversary convention tonight, applauded a message from President Roosevelt reaffirming America's faith in "complete liberty of conscience" and heard a proposal of its president, Rabbi Max C. Currick, for a Jewish religious front in America. Some 400 Reform rabbis gathered at the Hotel Mayflower for the first of the sessions, which will last five days.

President Roosevelt's message, dated May 19 and addressed to Rabbi Currick, follows:

"I have learned with interest that the general theme of the Central Conference of American Rabbis to be held in Washington next month will be Judaism and democracy with

emphasis on the need of religious motivation in democracy for America and the world. In the conflict of principles which rends many sections of the world today, the United States stands ready at all times to renew its faith in the principle of complete liberty of conscience. This principle is embodied in our Constitution and has been ingrained in our very being from our beginnings as a nation. We as Americans could tolerate no way of life which attempted to curtail liberty of thought, of conscience, of the press or complete freedom in education.

"In a message to the Congress last January I took occasion to declare that: 'Where freedom of religion has been attacked, the attack has come from sources opposed to democracy. Where democracy has been overthrown, the spirit of free worship has disappeared. And where religion and democracy have vanished, good faith and reason in international affairs have given way to strident ambition and brute force.' In extending hearty greetings to your Conference I desire also to express the hope that its deliberations will be fruitful of wise counsel and constructive action in the defense of the heritage of democracy on which all of our happiness rests."

In his presidential message, Rabbi Currick recommended that a special committee be appointed to report to the October meeting of the executive board on the possibility of forming a Jewish religious front. The General Jewish Council, he said, is not completely representative of Jewish life. "The synagogue in its three branches, comprising the largest group of Jews in the land and the characteristic groups because they are united for religious purposes, still is not represented in the Council," he declared.

Other proposals in Rabbi Currick's address, indicating probable action by the convention, were:

(1) Sending messages to President Roosevelt and members of Congress urging continued investigation of subversive movements in this country; (2) a protest to the British Government, through the State Department, against "the faithless solution of the Palestine problem" and a plea that Britain "shall finally not renounce its word plighted not only to the Jewish people but also to other nations;" (3) a message of appreciation to President Roosevelt for "his statesmanly vision and clarity of utterance in defense of human freedom, equality and democracy everywhere;" (4) an appropriation for the Refugee Ministers' Committee to place refugee rabbis in communities now without proper religious leadership and in small synagogues unable to afford rabbis.

#### 18 BALTIMORE STUDENTS SUSPENDED IN BRANDING OF JEWISH YOUTH

BALTIMORE, June 13. (JTA) -- School authorities today suspended 18 students at Gwynn Falls Junior High School in an inquiry into the reported beating and branding of a 15-year-old Jewish student and a resultant fight between the boy's friends and pro-Nazi students on the school grounds. One official said a "Junior Bund" patterned after the German-American Bund was operating at the school.

City Councilman Leon Abramson said he would try to find out why school authorities had not reported the matter to the police when it occurred on Friday. The boy, Melvin Bridge, son of a delicatessen owner, was said to have been set upon by youths wearing swastika armbands, who scratched a large "H" for "Hebrew" into his back with a penknife. As a result, a fight occurred on the school grounds yesterday as classes were being dismissed, in which adults were reported to have participated. One person was arrested and one taken to the hospital.

EDDIE CANTOR, HONORED ON 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, WARNS OF BIGOTRY'S SPREAD

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- Eddie Cantor, honored at the World's Fair Palestine Pavilion and Temple of Religion on his 25th wedding anniversary, warned today against the spread of race hatred in America. Declaring friends had told him he was exaggerating the extent of anti-Semitism here, Mr. Cantor said he had traveled throughout the country, and "I know where-of I speak. They don't know what important industrialists are behind this business, who are paying the way of Senator Reynolds, Father Coughlin, General Moseley and Deatherage."

Mr. Cantor addressed an overflow audience of about 2,000 at the Temple of Religion. Earlier, he was guest of honor at a luncheon in the Cafe Tel Aviv in the Palestine Pavilion, sponsored by Hadassah. A certificate in recognition of his work for refugees and the Youth Aliyah was presented by Dr. David de Sola Pool.

ITALIAN GROUP SETS UP BUREAU TO FOSTER GOODWILL BETWEEN JEWS AND ITALIANS HERE

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- The Sons of Italy Grand Lodge, Italian fraternal order with 200 branches throughout New York State, has established a bureau here to foster good will between Italians and Jews, it was announced today by Grand Master Dr. Santo Modica.

HUNGARY REPORTED PLANNING TO SEIZE JEWS' LAND FOR PEASANTS

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- The Associated Press reported from Budapest today that the Hungarian Government was preparing to propose to Parliament outright expropriation of Jewish-owned land to provide an initial 500,000 acres for Hungary's 500,000 landless peasants.

CHRISTIAN BODY ATTACKS ANTI-SEMITISM, HITS CHURCH FAILURE TO "RECONCILE JEWS"

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- Calling upon Christians to "rebuke all anti-Semitism," the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America was on record today with an appeal for a united Christian-Jewish fight on anti-Jewish prejudice. A resolution, adopted at yesterday's session of the Synod, said in part: "The failure of the church to reconcile the Jew has behind it a record of misunderstanding, intolerance and spiritual malpractice that has been unequaled in dealing with any other people. Even America is not free from the blight of anti-Jewish prejudice. Both Jew and Gentile are responsible for existing conditions and both must cooperate for their betterment. Christians must rebuke all anti-Semitism."

WINTER OLYMPICS GO TO REICH; LAKE PLACID CHARGES IT WAS IGNORED

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- The International Olympic Committee, meeting in London, has accepted Chancellor Adolf Hitler's personal invitation to hold the 1940 Winter Olympic Games in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, scene of the games in 1936, when a bitter world-wide controversy was stirred over holding of the international sports events in the Reich.

The Committee said that Finland, where the 1940 Summer games will be held, was unable to provide facilities for the Winter events, nor could Switzerland and Lake Placid, New York. However, H.L. Garren, representing a committee in Lake Placid formed in regard to the Olympics, denied that Lake Placid had refused the games and added that "Placid feels that instead of refusing to take the games, they were not even given a chance to refuse them."

The I.O.C. also awarded a special diploma to Leni Riefenstahl, intimate of Hitler, who produced the film of the Berlin Olympics, which was termed "an outstanding sport film."