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HACHA REPORTED PROTESTING VON NEURATH'S DRASTIC ACTION ON JEWS

LONDON, June 23. (JTA) -- It was reported from Prague today that President Emil Hacha of the protectorate has protested to Reich Protector Konstantin von Neurath against the forcible "Aryanization" of Jewish property as decreed on Wednesday.

Evidencing the unexpected nature of the sweeping anti-Jewish regulations issued by Baron von Neurath without consulting the Czech Government is an announcement issued on Tuesday by the Party of National Unity stating that the committee on the Jewish law had met that day and had decided to accelerate publication of the law.

The announcement, according to private advices from Prague, said that Rapporteur Nebelsky had declared that the committee had done its duty in trying to achieve speedy publication, approval and execution of the Jewish law. After receiving indications that the proposals were too mild, the committee raised no objections to their modification.

This constitutes the first official recognition that Baron von Neurath had rejected the proposals submitted by the Party of National Unity's committee on the score of their mildness.

The homes of Jews who recently visited England have been subjected to search by Gestapo (German secret police) agents, it was learned. Official reason for the action was a search for "British spies."

The Union of Czech German doctors has submitted a memorandum to Premier Elias demanding "Aryanization" of the medical profession in the protectorate.

Slovakia Orders Jews to List Property

BRATISLAVA, June 23. (Havas) -- The autonomous Slovak Government last night decreed that a declaration on all property owned by foreigners in Slovakia must be filed with the authorities.

The same decree set up an anti-Jewish law similar to one promulgated in Bohemia-Moravia by Reich Protector Konstantin von Neurath. The measure requires that Jews must declare all their properties within 60 days, and they are enjoined from selling any of it without first consulting the authorities. Any infraction of the decree is punishable by a fine of up to 50,000 crowns and six months' imprisonment.

J.D.C. WARNS HANDLING OF ST. LOUIS CASE MUST NOT BE TAKEN AS PRECEDENT

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- Pointing out that chaotic, enforced emigration endangered the general system of Jewish relief and aggravated the situation of refugees who have found havens, the Joint Distribution Committee declared today that it could not regard the handling of the case of the 907 St. Louis refugees as a precedent for any similar action.

This was set forth in a statement of policy issued by Joseph C. Hyman, executive director, by order of the J.D.C. executive committee, meant for Jewish leaders and supporters of the J.D.C.

"It must be obvious to all," the statement said, "that aside from the fundamental questions of policy which are involved, the financial and administrative burdens of such 'dumped,' chaotic, forced and disorganized emigration are entirely beyond the scope of private philanthropic resources or the facilities of existing organizations. Moreover, this type of emigration aggravates immeasurably the situation, not alone of other emigrants who have already found asylum, but of the native Jewish populations in the countries to which these emigrants have gone.

"On a financial basis, merely to provide minimal funds for transportation, guarantees and to assure the maintenance for a single emigrant for a single year, without taking future burdens into account, requires an irreducible minimum of approximately \$750. If the Joint Distribution Committee, under this type of terrorized pressure, were to be obliged to submit to this kind of program of enforced help, its entire resources for the whole year 1939 would be exhausted in taking care of from 10,000 to 15,000 emigrants.

"In other words, 20 boatloads of refugees like those on the St. Louis, whom the Joint Distribution Committee would undertake to provide for and for whom it would have to give guarantees, would virtually deplete the treasury of the Joint Distribution Committee and would deprive all of the other activities and programs of the Committee of essential funds. Already the cost of providing guarantees for the 907 St. Louis refugees is equal to the entire budgetary allotment of the J.D.C. for all of the work of relief and assistance to Jewish communities within Germany during the first six months of the year.

"Under these circumstances, the Joint Distribution Committee must place on record that it cannot regard its action in behalf of the St. Louis passengers and the enormous sacrifices it has made in the financial commitments undertaken for this relatively small number of persons as constituting a precedent for any similar action.

"There are dependent upon the program of aid conducted by the Joint Distribution Committee, multitudes of persons in Germany and Old Austria, in sections of Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia; in Hungary; in Poland; in Rumania; and in refugee countries throughout the world. Its program of assistance includes the education of children, child care and welfare work, training of young men and women in productive occupations, credit aid and loans, development of new occupations, medical and sanitary service, relief as well as emergency emigration aid for the refugees. Conscious of its responsibilities in all of the vital necessities of the Jewish populations overseas, the J.D.C., as a trustee for the funds turned over to it by contributors throughout the country, cannot undertake to expend huge sums for a comparatively small number of refugees in any such type of enforced and disorderly emigration.

In the circumstances, the St. Louis incident must be regarded, as in fact it was, as a special problem that required special treatment. It must be brought home to all governments and all people that the Joint Distribution Committee is daily faced with emergency and critical needs, frequently of an equally urgent nature, affecting Jewish populations in many other parts of the world. Within the limits of the funds made available to the J.D.C. by the Jewish communities of this country, it is our duty so to expend those funds as to bring the greatest and most lasting good to the greatest number."

The statement called attention to official utterances in London and Geneva that the case of the St. Louis passengers was extraordinary, not constituting a precedent. It also pointed out that the 907 refugees had not been advised or assisted by the J.D.C. or any affiliated organization in taking passage to Cuba and that, to the contrary, the J.D.C. had publicly warned against such emigration unless "entirely acceptable" documents were available. Still, it was largely through the J.D.C.'s efforts that havens were found for them in four European countries, it was pointed out.

FRANCE, SIGNING PACT WITH TURKEY, WARNS REICH, ITALY ON SYRIA

PARIS, June 23. (JTA) -- In a special declaration issued simultaneously with the signing of the Franco-Turkish mutual assistance pledge, France today warned Germany and Italy to keep hands off Syria. The formal statement said: "France has no intention whatever of renouncing in favor of a third power the mission which it has assumed in Syria and Lebanon."

BELGIAN CHAMBER HEARS DEMANDS FOR ENTRY CURBS, ATTACKS ON ALIENS

BRUSSELS, June 23. (JTA) -- Demands for immigration restrictions and charges that alien merchants and artisans were engaged in "illegal" competition with native business men were voiced in the Chamber of Deputies today in the course of a debate on the Economics Ministry budget.

Joining in the anti-aliens attack were the Catholic deputy Baillon, the Liberal Motz, the Flemish Nationalist Timmermans and the Rexist Horward. Horward and Timmermans specifically attacked the Jews, the latter declaring they were unassimilable whether or not they were naturalized. They demanded measures against the "disintegrating Jewish influence" and urged prohibition of shechita, Jewish ritual method of slaughtering animals.

Chamber President Camille Huysmans, interrupting Timmermans, termed anti-Semitism "moral cowardice," but agreed that Jewish propaganda for a Nazi boycott was ill-advised and might harm the port of Antwerp. Deputy Frenssen, of Antwerp, wholeheartedly defended the Jews and denounced anti-Semitism. Economics Minister G. Sap (Catholic), without touching on the aliens problem, recommended consideration of the proposals.

CONGRESS GETS BILL TO ADMIT REFUGEES TO ALASKA; WOULD USE UP UNFILLED ENTRY QUOTAS

WASHINGTON, June 25. (JTA) -- Andrew J. May (Dem. Ky.), chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, has introduced a bill to permit admission of refugees to Alaska in numbers equalling unfilled American immigration quotas on the ground they would aid the territory's defense.

Asking admission of "highly-trained and desirable citizens who are refugees from foreign persecution," the bill points out that Alaska now has a population of only 60,000 in an area of 600,000 square miles.

The present population is "now impotent to defend" the territory, the bill declares, constituting a danger to the entire continental United States. It asserts that new citizens could help to develop strategic materials.

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British Refugee Body Recast as Lord Hailey Resigns

LONDON, June 23. (JTA) -- Reorganization of the Coordinating Committee for Refugees was effected today with the resignation of Lord Hailey, chairman, and the committee's executive board. At the suggestion of Lord Hailey the organization henceforth will be known as the Joint Consultative Committee for Refugees. Lord Hailey, who is 65, resigned for personal reasons. The other resignations followed his plea for reorganization of the board to include direct representation of German Jews, the Christian Council, the Czecho-Slovak Committee and other international organizations.

The first home for aged refugees in the British Empire will be opened in Manchester on Sunday by Otto M. Schiff, president of the German Refugees' Committee, it was announced today. Fifty inmates, selected from 2,000 applicants, will include former lawyers, doctors, merchants and two ministers, ranging from 60 to 84 years of age.

Mary Borden, the American-born author, expressed the hope that Nazi persecution of Jews and Christians would unite both groups as never before, stressing the sympathy of Catholics for persecuted Jews. She addressed a Zionist women's gathering yesterday.

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French Seize 20 Refugees at Palestine-Lebanon Border

JERUSALEM, June 23. (JTA) -- A Beirut dispatch to the Hebrew newspaper Hamashkif reported today that 20 Jewish illegal immigrants had been arrested by the French authorities at the Lebanese frontier as they were about to cross into Palestine. The immigrants said they were part of a group of 560 Jewish refugees who had disembarked at Alexandretta. They could not say what had happened to the remainder of the group.

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ITALY TO SET DEATH PENALTY FOR MONEY SMUGGLING

ROME, June 23. (JTA) -- A law is under preparation establishing the death penalty for persons found guilty of smuggling money.

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GOLDMAN, IN NATIONAL BROADCAST, URGES BRITAIN TO REALIZE "FOLLY" OF NEW POLICY

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- An appeal to the British Government to realize the "folly and futility" of its new Palestine policy and to implement the Jewish homeland policy was broadcast tonight by Dr. Solomon Goldman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, as a reply to Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald.

Dr. Goldman spoke over the Blue network of the National Broadcasting Company, the same network used by Mr. MacDonald in his broadcast from Geneva on Tuesday night. The Zionist leader spoke in place of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, whose scheduled speech from London was cancelled because of illness. He outlined the Jews' legal and moral claim in Palestine and urged the British Government not to crystallize the Jewish homeland at a time when intolerance and persecution were making hundreds of thousands of Jews homeless.

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PROF. ISRAEL LEVI, EX-CHIEF RABBI OF FRANCE, DIES AT 83

PARIS, June 25. (JTA) -- Prof. Israel Levi, retired Chief Rabbi of France, died here today after a long illness. He was 83 years old. Funeral services will be held here on Sunday.

Prof. Levi, who resigned his post last March after an occupancy of 20 years, was born in Paris in 1856. In 1882 he joined the faculty of the Paris Rabbinical Assembly and four years later he was appointed Professor of Talmudic Literature. He was the editor-in-chief of the Review of Jewish Studies and a member of the Governing Body of the Institute of Jewish Studies of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

CATHOLIC EDITOR SEES COUGHLIN STIRRING ANTI-CATHOLICISM AS WELL AS ANTI-SEMITISM

CAMP TAMIMENT, Pa., June 23. (JTA) -- The opening session of the Tamiment Economic and Social Institute was told last night by the Rev. Francis Talbot, S.J., editor of the Catholic periodical America, that Father Charles E. Coughlin was arousing anti-Catholicism as well as anti-Semitism in this country.

Replying to a question on the activities of the "radio priest," Father Talbot declared: "There is a divided Catholic opinion on Father Coughlin. Catholics are definitely not anti-Semitic. Whatever problem there is about Coughlin, this problem can best be handled by his ecclesiastical superiors, and his superiors will take into consideration Father Coughlin's right of freedom of speech as an American citizen. They will also take into consideration the best interests of the Catholic Church in the United States, which stands for religious and racial peace. If Father Coughlin is a thorn in the side of the Jews, he is also a thorn in the side of the Catholics. If he is arousing anti-Semitism, he also is arousing anti-Catholicism."

Father Talbot and other speakers assailed Nazism, Fascism and Communism as the enemies of true religion, social and international peace. Speakers included the Rev. Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and Rabbi Edward Israel of Baltimore.

BUND LEADER ON COAST DEPRIVED OF CITIZENSHIP, GAINED BY FRAUD; FACES DEPORTATION

LOS ANGELES, June 23. (JTA) -- Deportation proceedings, it was indicated here today, may be instituted against Herman Max Schwinn, west coast director of the German-American Bund who yesterday was deprived of his citizenship.

Federal Judge Ralph E. Jenney yesterday cancelled Schwinn's certificate of naturalization after submission of proof by the United States District Attorney's office that Schwinn had falsely testified as to the length of his residence in California when he was naturalized in 1932. Schwinn announced that he would appeal from the Federal jurist's order. Naturalization service officials said deportation proceedings could not be started until the case is finally settled.

ORT FACILITIES TO BE EXPANDED IN LATVIA, ROMANIA

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- The American ORT Federation announced today that the Rumanian and Latvian Governments have authorized the ORT to expand its facilities. At the same time it was stated that a \$60,000 anonymous contribution has been received by the ORT in Warsaw toward construction of a House of Jewish Labor.