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### REICH REPORTED DRAFTING EMIGRATION DECREE; BRITAIN ACCEPTS ROOSEVELT BID TO REFUGEE PARLEY

LONDON, July 25. (JTA) -- The German Government was reported today to be drafting a decree, expected to be published soon, to give a legal basis to controlled emigration of Jews from the Reich. This information, it was learned, was given by Dr. Helmuth Wohlthat, director of the Reichministry of Economics, to Sir Herbert Emerson, director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee and League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, during their negotiations.

Reports in today's newspapers, including The Times, that the negotiations had reached the point where a satisfactory solution of the problem of orderly emigration was in sight were described by sources close to Sir Herbert as being based only on the impression he had gained from these talks, but they were believed to be generally correct. It was stated, however, that no official statement would be issued by the High Commissioner's office until the anticipated German emigration decree was published.

In this connection, the Manchester Guardian published a lengthy letter from "A Refugee" warning against "the tragic illusion" of believing that Hitler was seriously willing to deal in any reasonable way with other governments to find a solution of the refugee problem and of the Jewish question. The letter asserted that the current negotiations for Jewish emigration were merely a method of blackmail to get further economic profits for Germany. "Hitler wants no solution, but an increase in the problem, which is the best way of spreading race hatred among other people," the letter said.

Meanwhile, it was officially announced that the British Government has accepted President Roosevelt's invitation to be represented at a White House conference on the refugee problem during the first week in September. The British representatives to the meeting will be Lord Winterton, chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee, and Sir Herbert Emerson. Also invited to the conference are the committee's five vice-chairmen, representing the United States, France, the Netherlands, Brazil and the Argentine.

### New Emigration Tax Nets 20,000,000 Marks for Nazis

LONDON (JTA) -- Apart from the Reich "flight tax" which every Jewish emigrant from the Reich has to pay, now must also pay a special emigration tax amounting on the average to between six and eight per cent of his assessed fortune, the J.T.A. learns from well-informed quarters here. The emigration tax must be levied by the Jewish communities in

Germany on wealthy members in order to facilitate the emigration of Jews without means of their own.

Special regulations compelling the communities to levy such a tax were first issued at Frankfurt-on-the-Main last December. In Berlin they were introduced at the end of February, and since April they are in force throughout Germany. The amount of the tax varies from one-half to 15 per cent of the total capital. An emigrant, for instance, whose fortune has officially been estimated to amount to 300,000 Reichsmark has to pay five per cent of it as emigration tax.

Over 20 million marks have been netted by the Nazis by means of the emigration tax to date.

• ARAB TERRORIST LEADER CAPTURED; JEWS AT WALLING WALL SEARCHED FOR ARMS

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- Yousef Abu Dura, notorious Arab band leader, was reported today to have been captured by members of the Transjordan Frontier Force in attempting to cross the border into Palestine. The Arab chieftain, accused of numerous terrorist attacks in the Samaria region during the past two years, was said to have been seized after a clash between a detachment of the Frontier Force and an Arab band in a small village east of Beisan.

Abu Dura was recently reported to have fled from Palestine to Syria, but he apparently was returning to resume his leadership of a terrorist band.

Jews thronging the ancient Walling Wall, tradition-hallowed remnant of the Jerusalem Temple, to observe Tisha B'Av, marking the destruction of the Temple, were searched for arms before being permitted to enter or leave the Jaffa Gate. Some 5,000 Jews were on hand for the prayers, thronging the narrow and heavily-policed lanes. Among those in the procession were Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, and Moshe Shertok, head of the Jewish Agency's political department.

The seven-year prison sentence of Bernard Teitler, 26-year-old student of the Hebrew University, for having explosives in his possession was confirmed by Major-General Robert H. Haining, General Officer in Command of British forces in Palestine.

Expect Goldner's Release Today

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- American circles said today they expected the release to morrow of the Rev. Gerould R. Goldner, Ohio missionary, held for ransom since last Wednesday by Arabs. Negotiations for payment of the ransom were proceeding today. A messenger from the kidnap band said the missionary was in good health.

Dr. Goldman Arrives in Palestine

TEL AVIV, July 25. (JTA) -- Rabbi Solomon Goldman, of Chicago, president of the Zionist Organization of America, arrived here today with his wife for a visit. He was met by Jewish leaders and was taken immediately to Jerusalem for a meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive.

• 4,000 JEWS THREATENED BY BAN ON PEDDLERS IN WARSAW

WARSAW, July 25. (JTA) - Four thousand Jewish house-to-house peddlers in Warsaw have been threatened with loss of livelihood through the Trade Ministry's instructions to police liquidate unlicensed street trading. An estimated 720 of the 5,000 Jewish peddlers have

succeeded in obtaining licenses from the Trade Ministry. The Union of Jewish Small Traders is intervening with the authorities.

Meanwhile, the executive committee of the National Democratic Party, at a special session called to consider the Jewish question, decided to launch a campaign against circumcision and preparation of matzos for Passover under the slogan, "Down with Medieval Customs." The committee also decided to continue the fight for elimination of Jews from municipal councils, chambers of commerce and universities and decided to strengthen propaganda against improvement of relations between Poles and Jews.

#### No Reason to 'Recompense' Jews, Says Polish Paper

NEW YORK, July 25. (JTA) -- There is no reason why Poland should "recompense" the Jews because they are allies of the Government, declared the semi-official Polish newspaper, *Gazeta Polska*, in an editorial quoted in dispatches from Warsaw. The paper said:

"We emphasize that Poland is essentially hostile to all form of racialism and pogroms against Jews. However, although the hatred of the Jewish masses against Hitler is of some value for us at the present, we are not sure that it will be so for the future. If the Jews are now in the same camp with us, we can regard them as allies, but there is no reason why we should recompense them for that."

#### SLOVAKIA PLANNING MORATORIUM ON DEBTS TO JEWS

LONDON, July 25. (JTA) -- The Slovak Justice Ministry has announced that a decree is in preparation declaring a moratorium on debts to Jews, it was reported from Bratislava today. It was stated that the decree was regarded as a means of depriving prospective Jewish emigrants of a considerable part of their emigration capital.

The president of the Slovak Grain Merchants Association informed a general meeting that 40 Jewish firms still existed in the Slovak grain trade but measures would be taken shortly to eliminate them.

#### SENATE BODY APPROVES BILL CALLING FOR PROBE OF ILLEGAL ENTRY HERE

WASHINGTON, July 25. (JTA) -- A measure providing for an investigation to determine the extent of illegal immigration to the United States has been approved by the Senate Immigration Committee. Submitted by Senator Rufus C. Holman (Rep., Ore.) it would empower the investigating committee to recommend any steps needed to tighten the immigration laws.

#### JEWS SENTENCED IN ITALY FOR FAILING TO REGISTER UNDER RACE LAW

ROME, July 25. (JTA) -- A number of Jews, including foreigners, have been arrested in Milan for failure to register as members of the Jewish race, it was learned here today, and most of them were sentenced to five days' imprisonment and fined 100 lire. Until this development it was not clear whether foreign Jews would come under the decree for registration of Jews.

Several Jews were reported to have been arrested for employing "Aryan" maid servants. Since the law allows employment of "Aryans" in "special circumstances" many Jews had retained their "Aryan" maids and had applied to the authorities for special permits. Instead of replies there came the arrests.

LABORITES LEAD IN POLISH ZIONIST ELECTIONS

WARSAW, July 25. (JTA) - Provisional results in Sunday's election of delegates to the forthcoming Zionist Congress indicated today that the Poale-Zion (laborites) had obtained at least 60 per cent of the total vote cast. The General Zionists "B" were in the lead in Galicia.

In several cities in the Warsaw district, it was reported, district and local authorities prohibited the elections at the last minute, demanding written permission from the central authorities, whereupon the balloting was postponed to next Sunday. In Warsaw, the elections went off without incident, a high percentage of the Jewish population participating.

ANTI-SEMITES BREAK WINDOWS IN BULGARIAN TOWN

SOFIA, July 25. (JTA) -- Members of the illegal anti-Semitic organization Ratznitski for a second time broke all windows of Jewish stores and homes in the town of Pazardjile.

The authorities have approved the statutes of the Hakoah Jewish sports association but have refused to legalize the Maccabi athletic association because of the alleged political character of its statutes.

PALESTINE ELECTRIC CORPORATION REPORTS PROFIT OF L323,290 in 1938

LONDON (JTA) -- The report of the Palestine Electric Corporation for 1938 states that although the unsettled conditions, which had persisted in Palestine since April 1936, continued during the year under review, the undertaking operated satisfactorily and the sale of electrical energy was fully maintained.

The total number of consumers connected by Dec. 31 was 80,384, compared with 75,805 at the end of 1937. A total of 72,253,610 units of electrical energy were sold in 1938 with a total gross revenue for the year of L611,364, compared with 71,265,889 units and L611,051 in 1937. The gross profit for the year was L323,280 and the net profit was L183,192.

PALESTINE BULLETINS

Goldner Returns to Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- The Rev. Gerald R. Goldner, Ohio missionary held for six days by an Arab band, returned to Jerusalem today after being released on payment of L200 (about \$1,000) ransom.

Abu Dura's Capture Confirmed

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government confirmed tonight that Yousef Abu Dura, notorious Arab band leader, had been captured by a Transjordan Frontier Force detachment.