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### GESTAPO ORDERS EMIGRATION OF 70,000 JEWS FROM "PROTECTORATE" IN YEAR

LONDON, July 26. (JTA).— At least 70,000 Jews, representing half of the Jewish population of Bohemia-Moravia, must emigrate from the "Protectorate" within a year, under an order from the Gestapo to the Jewish Community Emigration Office, according to reports from Prague today. Hundreds of Jews lined up yesterday in front of the Jewish Town Hall in Maisel Street to apply for emigration permits.

According to figures just published by the Government's Statistical Office, 24,131 individuals, including 20,684 Jews, emigrated between October, 1938, and July 1, 1939.

Three emigration departments will be opened simultaneously by the Prague Jewish Community, as follows: (1) dealing with emigration to all countries except Palestine, (2) emigration to Palestine, directed by the Palestine Office of the Zionist Organization, and (3) dealing with emigration of persons not belonging to the Kultusgemeinde, such as converted Jews and freethinkers. The community is also taking over the functions of the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association, which has been officially dissolved in the "Protectorate."

After a visit to Vienna by Dr. Franz Weidmann, general secretary of the Prague community, contact has been established between the Prague and Vienna Jewish emigration offices. It is hoped that common emigration plans will be devised and carried out. A representative of the Vienna emigration office is expected in Prague.

Meanwhile, the German and Czech Fascist press demanded the dismissal of Laufer, an "honorary Aryan" who a few weeks ago was appointed as an announcer for the Czech broadcast ing system because of his "special merits for Czech culture."

Police in Pilsen ordered display of signs, "Jewish Enterprise," in the German and Czech languages in all Jewish shops. In Prague, the German-sponsored "Czech Aryan Union" ordered police to furnish Jewish firms with placards pointing out their "non-Aryan" ownership. Police were also requested to keep Jews out of all "Aryan" restaurants, cafes and public baths.

Spas and other health resorts in the "Protectorate" and in Sudetenland are facing economic ruin. The Marienbad spa management applied for a second time to the Nazi district leader for modification of the regulations regarding Jewish visitors.

It was officially announced that six Jewish communities in Sudetenland, including Leitmeritz and Komotau, and also about 50 synagogues, Jewish women's organizations, charitable groups, Zionist associations, Jewish schools and burial societies had dissolved.

#### 1,000 Viennese Jews Leave for Italy

VIENNA, July 26. (Havas) -- A thousand Viennese Jews left for Italy yesterday, it was disclosed today. Though planning to stay only long enough to obtain permission to enter the United States, Great Britain or other countries on whose waiting lists their names are registered, the emigrants have had from \$25 to \$50 each deposited in Italian banks for living expenses. Foreign Jewish communities raised the necessary funds.

Despite Italy's official anti-Semitism, the group will receive a warm welcome there, competent sources here believed, since their expenditures will go a little way toward filling pocketbooks left empty by the failure of this year's tourist trade.

#### FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN SYRIA SEEKS LANDING OF 658 FROM REFUGEE SHIP

PARIS, July 26. (JTA) -- The French Government was understood today to be giving sympathetic consideration to a report from its High Commissioner for Syria urging aid for 658 refugees from Czecho-Slovakia, held aboard the freighter Frossula at Beirut for deportation at the end of July.

The refugees, who were permitted to land for disinfection and then were forced to re-embark, were scheduled to be forced to sail on Monday, but their departure was postponed as a result of the French High Commissioner's sympathetic interest. Meanwhile, the Paris office of the Joint Distribution Committee dispatched emergency relief to Beirut.

The High Commissioner's report, pointing out that the refugees had paid \$1,000 each for passage and that they included more than 100 former Czech army officers and 250 women and children, asked that they be permitted to remain in Syria. While the French Government was said to be sympathetic, it was doubtful whether their landing in Syria would be permitted in view of a similar appeal received by Paris from another ship.

The captain of the steamship Osiris, carrying 600 refugees, radioed that he had been searching for a landing place for his passengers for several weeks and the ship's food was exhausted. He appealed to the Government to permit their disembarkation in Tripoli, Syria, from which they had already been barred last week together with another wandering vessel, the Thessalia, carrying 550 refugees.

While Jewish relief organizations in Paris had not received direct advice regarding the plight of the Osiris and Thessalia, an S.O.S. from the Frossula passengers to the J.D.C. said: "Refugees in desperate condition. Final sailing date end of July on cargo boat completely deprived of water, food and coal and without authorized destination." The message asked for relief to be cabled and for intervention with the French Government.

#### MacDONALD REFUSES TO MODIFY PALESTINE ENTRY RULE FOR AGED REFUGEES

LONDON, July 26. (JTA) -- Refusal to relax in any way the severe restrictions on Jewish immigration into Palestine contained in the White Paper was voiced in Commons today by Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald.

Eleanor Rathbone, Independent, had asked that elderly refugees be admitted outside the regular quota. "There would not result any growth in the Jewish birthrate in Palestine,"

she urged, "nor economic competition, nor financial burden for the state, nor military threat to the Arabs."

MacDonald's negative was categorical. "I cannot contemplate any modification of the policy regarding immigration set forth in the White Paper."

"Is the Colonial Secretary aware," Miss Rathbone persisted, "that the Jewish colonies are faced with the cold choice of bringing in aged persons faced with destitution and misery, or bringing in young adult immigrants who would be of economic value to the colony? And would what I suggest not do something to consolidate world opinion?"

MacDonald countered: "All these considerations and many others were borne in mind when we decided on this policy."

Tom Williams, Laborite, interposed: "Does not the suggestion in question by Miss Rathbone in no way vitiate the general immigration policy? Will not the Colonial Secretary reconsider his policy for the first year, as these aged people would not be a burden on Palestinians or Arabs?"

MacDonald replied: "The suggestion would involve modification of the policy decided on and in my original answer I said I could not contemplate any such modification."

#### Crew of Refugee Ship Freed by Court

JAFFA, July 26. (JTA) -- The Assize Court today acquitted 17 members of the crew of the Greek steamship Liesel, arrested last month on charges of abetting illegal entry to Palestine of Jewish refugees. One of the Jewish passengers, a former ship's captain, testified that the Gestapo had herded the Jews aboard the ship at gun's point. It was also pointed out that the British Coast Guard had seized the ship outside Palestine's territorial waters.

#### New Palestine Colony Founded

JERUSALEM, July 26. (JTA) -- Fifty graduates and staff members of the Boys' Agricultural School at Mikve Israel today established a small holders' settlement near Nathania to be called Kfar Netter, in memory of Charles Netter, prominent French Jew and founder of Mikve Israel.

Troops yesterday searched the quarters of the Brith Trumpeldor, Zionist-Revisionist youth organization, near Beer Jacob, arresting 17 members of the organization and also the watchman and three residents of Beer Jacob.

#### Policy Won't Mean Zionism's End, Asserts Hadassah Leader

NEW YORK, July 26. (JTA) -- Britain's new policy will not mean the end of Zionism in Palestine, Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, former president of Hadassah, declared today, arriving on the S.S. Exochorda for an indefinite stay in this country after spending five years in the Holy Land as administrator for Hadassah's network of public health institutions. "The Jews have learned tenacity and endurance throughout centuries of persecution and discrimination," Mrs. Halprin said. "If they have clung to these qualities in times of relative peace, they certainly will not become defeatists now when the lives of tens and thousands of their refugee brethren in Europe are at stake."

#### Palestine Mizrahi Shuns Congress Election

JERUSALEM, July 26. (JTA) -- The Palestine Mizrahi organization today reiterated its refusal to participate in election of delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress because of dissatisfaction with an investigation into irregularities in sale of registration certificates for the elections. The balloting has been postponed to July 30.

#### Laborites Get Majority in Warsaw

WARSAW, July 26. (JTA) -- Fifty per cent of those who registered for election of delegates to the Zionist Congress participated in last Sunday's balloting in Warsaw, casting 7,337 votes, it was announced today. The League for Labor Palestine obtained a majority with 3,705 votes. Other results are: Mizrahi, 1,280; Left Poale-Zion, 1,037; General Zionists "A", 1,057; General Zionists "B", 258; Jewish State Party, 208.

Fistfights between partisans of different groups were reported in Lwow. One polling station was demolished.

#### Canada to Have 8 Delegates

MONTREAL, July 26. (JTA) -- Canada will be represented by eight delegates at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress; it was announced at Zionist headquarters here today. The delegates are Dr. Isidor Goldstick, London, Ont.; Rabbi Jesse Schwartz, Montreal; Samuel Berger, Ottawa, and L. Bakstansky, London, England, for the General Zionists; M. Dickstein, Montreal, Fischell Wallerstein, Toronto, and C. Cooper, Winnipeg, for the Labor Zionists, and Rabbi David Petergorsky, Ottawa, for Mizrahi.

#### 2 ANTI-SEMITES GET JAIL TERMS IN FIRST FRENCH TRIAL UNDER ANTI-RACE LAW

PARIS, July 26. (JTA) -- The first action under the recently promulgated laws prohibiting racial agitation was held today. Two Parisian journalists received prison sentences and fines for an anti-Semitic article. Alderman Louis Darquier de Pellepoix, publisher of the anti-Semitic newspaper France Enchaînée, was sentenced to three months imprisonment and fined 500 francs. His collaborator, Pierre Gerard, received a 30-day term and a similar fine.

The sentences were based on an article written by the two defendants in the May 31 issue of the newspaper in which they alleged that the Jews were the lowest race, that Jews stimulated French women not to have children and made similar charges. They admitted authorship of the article.

The presiding judge told the defendants that since such articles provoked agitation and were aimed at fomenting disorder the court must apply rigorously the law prohibiting incitement by one group of inhabitants of France against another in order to prevent damage to France by racial campaigns.

Efforts by the defendants to argue that they were the victims of "machinations" drew a quick rebuke from the judge, who warned them to "behave yourselves correctly, and if you intend to make believe that you are victims of machinations I warn you that the court does not believe it; it intends to apply the law inexorably."

The judge particularly ridiculed the allegation that Jews hindered the French birth-rate. His sarcastic comments provoked laughter from courtroom spectators.



SURVEY SHOWS 400 CENTERS WITHOUT JEWISH DOCTORS, MEDICAL SCHOOLS CURBING ADMISSIONS

NEW YORK, July 26. (JTA) -- Although more than 47 per cent of the Jewish physicians in the United States practice in New York State, with the bulk concentrated on the Atlantic seaboard between Baltimore and Boston, there are more than 400 communities in the country with a population of 10,000 or more which have no Jewish physicians, according to a preliminary survey of the Medical Committee on Research released today by the Conference on Jewish Relations.

The survey, which will appear in the July issue of Jewish Social Studies, a quarterly journal published by the Conference, represents some of the findings of a committee which has been engaged for the past three years in a study of Jews in medicine in the United States. Dr. Jacob A. Goldberg is secretary of the committee, whose members include Drs. A.A. Brill, Aaron Brown, Reuben L. Kahn, A.J. Rongy, Kaufman Schlivek, I.S. Wechsler and Reuben Ottenberg.

The increase in Jewish physicians in ten major cities (New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Boston, Detroit, Cincinnati, St. Louis, San Francisco and New Orleans) since 1899, the survey discloses, parallels the increase in the Jewish population of this country since that year. "It is of significance to note," according to the report, "that Jewish physicians practicing in New York City in 1936 graduated from 97 medical schools in the United States, 8 in Canada and 77 European medical schools. The wide distribution has, in part at least, apparently been caused by the difficulties Jewish students have experienced in gaining admission to medical schools in their own communities or even in the United States as a whole."

Taking cognizance of movements "to check any growth in the number of Jewish medical students and Jewish physicians," the survey notes that medical schools in this country have decreased from 162 in 1906 to 78 in 1931. "The result of restrictive admission policies," it concludes, "has been at least a proportionate decrease in the number of Jewish students accepted. In many medical schools there has been an unofficial, though at the same time an effective, limitation of Jewish students." A "marked decline" is noted "in the total number of Jewish students admitted to medical schools in the United States during the past six years." This significant decrease represents a decline of more than 30 per cent, it is claimed, in the admissions of Jewish medical students in the years 1933 and 1938. At the same time the survey recognizes that "the decline in the number of Jewish medical students is principally a reflection of a general drop in medical school enrollment."

Jewish physicians "of standing and competence," it is asserted, "have no major problem in affiliation with local hospitals." Moreover, "despite many statements to the contrary, Jewish physicians interviewed throughout the country generally felt that there is little over anti-Semitism which they encountered in their practice." The practice of Jewish doctors outside the large cities, it is found, is commonly "among the working classes, those of recent foreign extraction and middle class non-Jews." This fact indicates to the committee that "the relations of Jewish physicians with their neighbors in smaller communities is satisfactory."

As to the future of the Jew in medicine in the United States, the committee found two different emphases prevailing. One group felt "that movements for the extension of medical service to the poorer classes and smaller communities would be of great assistance to the Jewish physicians seeking to settle in small towns." The other group favored the limitation of the number of Jewish medical students as "a healthy trend," feeling that "any larger proportion would create friction and difficulty."

BULLETIN

JERUSALEM, July 26. (JTA) -- A Jewish settler was shot dead today while working in an orange grove at Menachemia near Kinereth. He was Michael Adin, 46, born in Grodno, Poland, and a veteran of the Palestine Jewish Legion. He left a wife and three children.