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### 20,000 PALESTINE JEWS LISTED FOR WAR DUTIES; U.S. CITIZENS WARNED ON JOINING BRITISH FORCES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- More than 20,000 Jewish men and women throughout the country registered for wartime duties in the first two days of recruiting called by the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Jewish National Council, it was announced today.

The American Consulate advised American Jews that it was permissible to serve the Jewish national home's economic or self defense organizations, but enlistment in British forces might entail loss of American citizenship.

Production in Jewish farming areas is being stepped up in an effort to cut down imports and make Palestine self-sustaining for the duration of the European conflict, it was stated by the Jewish Agency.

Earlier, the Agency had announced creation of an economic council comprising prominent Palestinian Jews to deal with problems of Jewish economy, especially with regard to agriculture, industry, labor, credit, transport, imports and exports. Several previously established committees, dealing with supplies, banking, transport, etc., will cooperate with the new council, it was stated.

The Transjordan Government, meanwhile, announced that it was placing 40,000 tons of wheat stored in the Transjordan at the disposal of the British Government.

High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael today appealed to the people of Palestine to turn over to the Government all foreign currency in their possession.

### MANY JEWISH REFUGEES FROM WAR ZONE LIVING IN FIELDS NEAR WILNO

KAUNAS, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Many Jews fleeing from Polish war zones are concentrated at Oskelniki, near Wilno, where they are living in the open fields along the roads, it was reported here today.

Z. Kalmanowitz, director of the Jewish Scientific Institute of Wilno, arrived in Kaunas and reported that the institution's archives had been placed in a bombproof and fireproof room.

Jewish life in Wilno, which is in eastern Poland, is proceeding normally, with schools scheduled to open today, Kalmanowitz said. The Wilno Jewish community has sent

an appeal abroad for funds, food and clothing for pupils. He declared there was now a complete absence of anti-Semitism in Wilno, with evidences on every hand of fullest cooperation between Poles and Jews.

The Yiddish poet, Kalman Lis, was among those gravely wounded in the early German air raids on Warsaw and vicinity. (Lis is director of the Centos home for Jewish children at Otwock. His wounding was reported in a Warsaw dispatch last week but his name was not given.)

#### JEWISH JOURNALIST RELEASED BY NAZIS IN EXCHANGE FOR GERMAN HELD IN LITHUANIA

KAUNAS, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Joseph Fink, Jewish journalist who was arrested in 1937 by the German Government and in May, 1939, was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for "incitement against Germany in the foreign press," has been released, it was learned today. Fink, who is a Lithuanian citizen and has acted as correspondent for the Jewish Morning Journal of New York and other Jewish newspapers, has been exchanged for a German prisoner in Lithuania, after intervention by the Lithuanian authorities.

#### REFUGEES HERE ON TEMPORARY VISAS WILL NOT BE DEPORTED DURING WAR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Several thousand Europeans in this country on temporary visitors' permits will be able to obtain extension of these permits up to a two-year period -- and possibly beyond -- officials said today. An estimated 4,000 to 5,000 refugees from Germany are among the holders of such permits.

None will be forced to return to Germany, or Nazi-dominated lands, even if it were possible to deport them, it was stated. Bona fide visitors can renew their permits in the ports at which they landed for a two-year period. After that, applications for renewals must be dealt with in Washington.

"Others who might face deportation in normal times also have hope of remaining during the duration of the war," one official said. "They can be placed under bond and allowed to remain."

The Bureau of Immigration of the Labor Department has the right to extend visitors' permits when it sees fit, as many times as it wishes, and this practice will be followed. Meanwhile, the State Department may consider an order postponing all deportations during the war, but this action is not contemplated in the immediate future.

#### LABOR COMMITTEE HITS RUSSO-NAZI PACT AS 'KNIFE IN BACK OF JEWS'

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- The Russo-German non-aggression and consultation pact plunged "a knife in the back of the whole Jewish people, whose fate is tied up with the fate of all freedom-loving people," the Jewish Labor Committee declared today in a statement signed by its chairman, Adolph Held, J. Baskin, secretary, and J. Minkoff, executive secretary.

Voicing the "embitterment and indignation of the Jewish people against the pact," the statement said that despite the "unexpected blow," the fight against Hitlerism, Fascism, dictatorship and anti-Semitism would be intensified until these manifestations were removed from the face of the earth "and justice and humanity reigns."

200 IN PILGRIMAGE TO MARSHALL'S GRAVE MARKING TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- The tenth anniversary of the death of Louis Marshall, who was the foremost Jewish leader in America, was marked today with a pilgrimage to his grave in Salem Fields Cemetery, Brooklyn, in which about 200 representatives of Jewish and civic organizations participated.

Memorial services were conducted by Rabbi Samuel H. Goldenson of Temple Emanu-El, which sponsored the observance together with the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Dr. Goldenson termed Marshall "a great leader in Israel" who contributed "beneficent labor in behalf of the Jewish people and mankind." He declared the Jews "have missed our friend's courage and understanding, his strength and his courage, his forthrightness and his zeal for the right."

In addition to the organizations listed yesterday as participating in the observance, the New York County Lawyers' Association was represented by Michael H. Cardozo Jr., John Kirkland Clark, Basil O'Connor, Kenneth M. Spence and Eugene Untermyer.

In an editorial in connection with the anniversary, the New York Post recalled that 18 years ago Marshall proposed that the United States forego its claims against the Allied nations, that Britain likewise cancel its bill to its Allies and that they reduce their demands for reparations against Germany, Austria and Hungary. He warned that otherwise extremism bred of despair would mount in Central Europe. The Post commented that "there is high tragedy in the fact that what Louis Marshall proposed was done in part...but in bitterness and repudiation."

9,000 REFUGEES IN SHANGHAI DEPENDENT ON CHARITY; HOSPITAL NEEDS HELD URGENT

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- About half of the 18,000 Jewish refugees in Shanghai are totally dependent on charity or private help from abroad, it was stated today by J.M. Alkow, Los Angeles business man who has spent considerable time in China, on his arrival here.

Alkow, who is honorary secretary of the European Emigrants' Associated Hospitals Committee in Shanghai, said the hospitalization situation was particularly serious. He said he had received a cable from Dr. Frederick Reiss, president of the committee and head of the Shanghai Leprosorium, declaring the situation was desperate and that funds were "urgently needed."

According to Alkow, many of the refugees are suffering from internal and nervous diseases as a result of terms in Nazi concentration camps. He said virtually all the refugees were dependent on public facilities for hospitalization, but the Shanghai (International Settlement) municipality had demanded that the Jewish Community take care of the refugee ill.

NEW YORK CHILDREN BUY AMBULANCE FOR PALESTINE HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- An ambulance purchased with \$1,500 raised by pupils of Jewish schools in New York has been sent to the Beilinson Hospital in Palestine, administered by the Histadruth (Jewish labor federation), it was announced today by the National Labor Committee for Palestine. A contribution of \$900 was made by the committee's women's division.

BISHOP HOLDS ANTI-SEMITISM IS CHALLENGE TO CATHOLIC CHURCH; "CHRISTIAN FRONT" HIT

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism is a "challenge" to the Catholic Church, declares Bishop Robert E. Lucey of Amarillo, Tex. in the September issue of The Voice, publication of the Committee of Catholics for Human Rights. The so-called Christian Front is also condemned as "un-Christian and un-Democratic" in an article reprinted from the current number of Christian Social Action" published by Catholic laymen in Detroit.

Bishop Lucey asserted that anti-Semitism was a challenge to the Church because it opposed her championship of the human race.

"The natural law," he wrote, "demands that all human rights be accorded to all human beings. As the interpreter of the natural law the Church insists that human rights are God-given and she demands that the rights of the Jew, as a human being and our brother in God, shall not be made a mockery. Anti-Semitism either denies the right of the Church so to interpret the natural law or flouts her ancient teaching in that regard.

"To scorn a man for his race or blood is not only a crime against God and religion but it violates one of the finest traditions of the American people. In the very beginning we wrote into the Declaration of Independence our firm conviction that all men are created equal and all have a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The man who would deny or minimize one such right to any citizen must first repudiate a fundamental principle of democratic government. The lowest form of human life in America is the man who slanders his brother on the basis of heredity."

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Coughlin-Bund Link Charged

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- A "tie-up between Father Coughlin and the German-American Bund" is charged by William A. Mueller in Look magazine. "Father Coughlin tacitly admits the partnership by including in his speeches sentences identical in tone and structure with those of Goebbels, Nazi minister of propaganda," the writer asserts. He has also quoted sources found in World Service, Nazi propaganda handout. His Social Justice is sold at Bund meetings. Edward B. Fitch of 21 Sherman Avenue, New York City, member of the Coughlin-backed Christian Front, told me he sold Social Justice at the Bund's nearby Camp Nordland all last Summer."

ROOSEVELT REFUGEE BODY TO MEET HERE THURSDAY; WILL MAP PLANS FOR WHITE HOUSE PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Myron C. Taylor, American vice-chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, has called a meeting of the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees in New York on Thursday, the State Department announced today. The advisory committee will lay the groundwork for the White House refugee conference on Oct. 13 and 17.

Members called to the New York meeting are James C. McDonald, chairman, Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel, Hamilton Fish Armstrong, Prof. Joseph P. Chamberlain, Basil Harris, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Louis Kennedy, Paul Baerwald and James Spear.

DIES GROUP TO FOCUS PROBE ON NAZIS, FASCISTS AGAIN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- The Dies Committee will soon train its spotlight again on Fascist and Nazi organizations in the United States, it was learned today after Benjamin Gitlow, former leader of the Communist Party in the United States, concluded four days of testimony. The committee withheld the name of a witness to be called tomorrow.



JEWISH WAR VETERANS SPONSORS NEW YOUTH GROUP

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- A convention attended by 250 delegates from various sections of the country, held at the Hotel Breslin yesterday under the sponsorship of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, voted to form a national youth organization aimed at upholding American principles and combating "isms." Herbert B. Abrams, Philadelphia, was elected president. A convention will be held in Philadelphia Dec. 24 and 25.

REICHSVERTRETUNG REPORT DESCRIBES PLIGHT OF JEWS IN GERMANY

LONDON (JTA) -- The plight of the Jews in Germany is indicated in the report for 1938 of the Reichsvertretung der Juden in Deutschland, which stresses the narrowing outlets for emigration and the need of aid from abroad.

Anschluss of Austria, resulting in a wave of uncontrolled mass emigration, forced European countries to adopt within a short time the strictest measures against the influx of refugees, which affected adversely the Jews from Germany proper, the report states.

In 1938 the "Aryanization" process in Germany was accelerated with the aim of the total exclusion of the Jews from the economic life of the country. The Reichsvertretung was accordingly faced with the problem of accelerating Jewish emigration and providing the necessary relief for those Jews in Germany who were ousted from their businesses.

The law prohibiting Jews from carrying on any trade in Germany, which came into force in October, 1938, meant a terrible blow to the Jews in Germany because many of them who had already gone through retraining courses had no hope of obtaining employment. At a time when the Jews in Germany were being consistently driven out of economic life of the country, the emigration possibilities could satisfy the emigration needs of the Jewish population to a very slight extent, the report declares. The deportation of about 14,000 Jews of Polish nationality between Oct. 28 and 30, provoked a wave of the strongest solidarity in all the Jewish communities. As for the November pogroms, all the report observes is that during the last months of 1938, in particular, the Jewish community in Germany did its utmost to provide relief and comfort to individual Jews.

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After resuming its activities on Nov. 29, the Reichsvertretung had to adapt itself to the new circumstances so as to be able to carry out its role as the sole financial authority for emigration, relief and education. It is true, the report states, that the Jewish communities in Germany retained the right to carry on with their activities as cultural organizations, but they became branches of the Reichsvereinigung so far as social work, including education was concerned. Those independent Jewish organizations which dealt with the problems now entrusted to the Reichsvertretung were incorporated in the Reichsvertretung, while all the other Jewish organizations had to close down.

REFUGEES IN MANCHESTER OFFER AID TO GOVERNMENT

LONDON, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- A group of Austrian, Czech and German political refugees living in the Manchester area today placed themselves at the disposal of British authorities for anti-aircraft or any other useful services.

In a letter to the Lord Mayor, the group said: "The Hitler regime is a scourge on the whole of humanity. The common struggle of all democratic forces is the necessity of the hour, a struggle which has as its aim to overthrow Hitler and secure peace through the establishment of a free, democratic Germany and the restoration and independence of those peoples whom Hitler has attacked."