

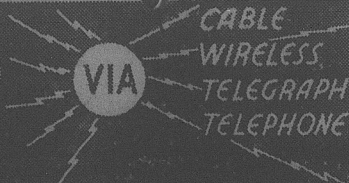
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### RELIEF LEADERS CONFER IN WASHINGTON ON NAZI EFFORTS TO BLOCK NON-RACIAL AID

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Representatives of relief organizations attempting to operate in Nazi-dominated Poland met at American Red Cross headquarters here today to exchange views on the difficulties they have encountered.

Norman Davis, Red Cross chairman, presided at the conference, which was also attended by Paul Baerwald and Joseph C. Hyman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and representatives of the Commission for Polish Relief, the American Friends' Service Committee, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Polish National Alliance.

There was a discussion of common difficulties in attempting to distribute milk for children and medical supplies for the sick, homeless and wounded without discrimination. Both the Quaker and Red Cross missions in Europe have discovered that the Germans will not administer relief to Polish Jews.

The conference, which was held only for an exchange of information, ended without any action being taken.

### 450 REFUGEES LAND IN PALESTINE AFTER 2-WEEK TRIP FROM BULGARIA

TEL AVIV, Palestine, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Boats carrying 450 Jewish refugees landed today at the Reading Power Station, north of the mouth of the Yarkon River. The passengers were immediately taken to the Sarafend concentration camps.

The refugees, including 75 women and children, had been transferred from the Bulgarian steamship Rudnicza to the small boats on the high seas after a two-week voyage from Bulgaria.

### FAMED JEWISH LIBRARY IN BERLIN CONFISCATED BY NAZIS

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 5. (JTA-Airmail) -- The Nazi authorities in Berlin have confiscated the famous library of the Berlin Jewish Community without compensation, it was reported here today. The library contains 80,000 volumes and a large number of manuscripts. It has been placed at the disposal of the Institute for Racial Research conducted by Alfred Rosenberg and Julius Streicher.

800 AUSTRIAN JEWS REPORTED FLEEING FROM GESTAPO TERROR

LONDON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The News Chronicle reports from Budapest that about 800 Austrian Jews fleeing from the Gestapo terror following the Munich bombing have arrived at the Hungarian frontier.

BEN GURION CONFERS WITH AGENCY LEADERS IN LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Executive in Jerusalem, who arrived here by plane, is discussing a number of questions with Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, prior to the latter's departure for the United States, and will also confer with other Agency leaders here.

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Support War Despite Zionism, Moslem Leader Urges

LONDON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Imam of the Shah Jehan Mosque at Woking, Surrey, spiritual head of the Moslems in England, has issued a statement defining the Moslem's attitude towards the war in which he said:

"Until and unless religious liberty is restored no Moslem should think he has done his duty. The Zionist policy in Palestine has done great harm and brought untold miseries upon the brethren in the faith. But the very fact that synagogues are pulled down in Germany makes it obligatory for us to throw every ounce of our energy into the cause of the Allies."

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Citrus Exports Hit by War

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Palestine's citrus industry has been hard hit by the war, with an export crop of 15,000,000 cases available but growers doubting that more than half will be marketable, the Commerce Department reported today. Freight costs for export have risen sharply and there is increased competition from Spanish fruit in the British market.

POLISH ZIONISTS TRANSFER ACTIVITIES TO WILNO

WILNO, Nov. 5. (JTA-Airmail) -- Polish "Zionism in Exile" has been organized here by escaped Zionist leaders, who have launched training activities for 1,000 refugees from Poland, including 600 trained prospective chalutzim (Palestine pioneers).

Warsaw Zionist leaders are cooperating with local Zionists and have also established contact with Zionists in Kaunas. They are also helping to unify the Lithuanian Zionist organization with that in Wilno. A special commission is organizing distribution of food and finding lodging for Zionist refugees. The commission is supplying 700 meals daily.

The Palestine Office of Warsaw has been reorganized here under the direction of Rafael Shafir and is trying to establish contact with Jewish Agency headquarters in Jerusalem and London with a view to reopening immigration to Palestine.

All the offices of the Zionist organizations in Warsaw, including the Palestine Office and the headquarters of the Jewish National Fund and Palestine Foundation Fund, were destroyed by fire. The chalutz training farms in Nazi-occupied territory have been

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dissolved with the exception of two or three near Lodz and Bendin, where, it is reported, the training of chalutzim is still in progress with the consent of the Nazi authorities.

The Palestine Maritime League branch in Gdynia has been dissolved by the Nazis and many of its members have fled in fishing smacks to Denmark. It is reported that Zionist youth groups in the German-held area were trying to cross the Soviet frontier in the hope of reaching Odessa and proceeding to Palestine. It is not known whether any have succeeded.

## 2 SENTENCED IN WILNO ANTI-JEWISH RIOTING

WILNO, Nov. 5. (JTA-Airmail) -- A Polish nationalist has been sentenced to death and another to 15 years' imprisonment by a court martial for participation in anti-Jewish rioting last week. The first, Boris Filipow, who had been arrested with a blood-stained knife in his possession, was executed yesterday.

## ALMANSI NAMED HEAD OF ITALIAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES; FACES CONVERSION PROBLEM

ROME, Nov. 9. (JTA-Airmail) -- The structure of organized Jewry in Italy has been revamped with Dr. Dante Almansì, former high official in the Finance Ministry, as president of the Union of Jewish Communities, succeeding ex-Naval Commander Federigo Jarach, who resigned. Vice-President Aldo Ascoli has been acting president pending Dr. Almansì's induction, scheduled for next week.

Dr. Almansì is not only highly thought of among Italian Jews, but is popular at Fascist headquarters. He is a friend of Marshal Emilio de Bono, whom he aided while Assistant Director of Public Security when de Bono was tried for the murder of Matteotti, Italian Socialist leader.

As president of the Jewish union Dr. Almansì directs Jewish activities not only in Italy proper but throughout the Empire, including Libya, Rhodes, Albania and Ethiopia. The union is composed of 18 members of whom 15 are elected every four years by delegates of Italian Jewish communities and three by a vote of the Italian rabbinate. Officers are selected by these 18.

Probably the most important task facing Dr. Almansì is the greatest movement of Jewish proselytism since the days of the Spanish Inquisition. In the 14 months of official anti-Semitism in Italy more than 5,000 Jews, nearly 10 per cent of the Jewish population, have turned to Catholicism in the hope that the Pope would be able to afford them economic protection.

## POLICE PROBE ANTI-JEWISH ATTACKS IN GLASGOW

LONDON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The police are investigating the anti-Jewish window breakings in Glasgow last week and have already questioned a number of persons, the House of Commons was told today by John Colville, Secretary for Scotland.

## NEW REFUGEE BODY SET UP IN BRUSSELS

BRUSSELS, Nov. 6. (JTA-Airmail) -- A Jewish refugee emigration association has been established here with the aim of taking over the work of the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association as regards emigration of refugees from Belgium for the duration of the war. The organization will be affiliated with the HIAS-ICA and is headed by Max Gottschalk.

RUMANIAN JEWS GET NEW HOPE ON CITIZENSHIP REVISION

BUCHAREST, Nov. 1. (JTA-Airmail) -- The Transylvanian Administrative High Court at Cluj has invalidated the action of the Cluj Municipal Council in barring Jews from the benefits of a recent decree reopening citizenship registers to persons possessing proof of nationalization who had not been recognized as citizens in the recent citizenship revision. The decision is expected to have a far-reaching effect on the large number of Jews who while possessing the necessary qualifications have not been recognized as citizens.

POLISH LEADER THANKS RUMANIAN JEWS FOR AID TO REFUGEES

BUCHAREST, Nov. 5. (JTA-Airmail) -- The former Police Chief of Lodz, Poland, who has found refuge in a Jewish home here, has issued a statement expressing deep gratitude for the assistance rendered by the Rumanian Jewish population to Polish refugees. He said that on his return to a liberated Poland he would do everything possible to improve relations between Jews and Poles.

ORT TRADE SCHOOL IN BERLIN REOPENED; 200 NEW STUDENTS ACCEPTED

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The ORT trade school in Berlin has been reopened and is functioning again, according to information which the American ORT Federation has just received. More than 100 new students were accepted in the school during the last week alone, according to this information, and another 100 will be enrolled within the coming weeks.

The Berlin ORT trade school is in a position to enroll the new students since many students were graduated last August and more than 100 emigrated to England, where they will receive higher technical education in English ORT schools.

ABRAHAM GOLDBERG NAMED HEAD OF POLISH JEWISH FEDERATION'S ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Abraham Goldberg, the Zionist leader and journalist, will head the administrative committee of the World Federation of Polish Jews, it was announced today. Owing to the war situation, the headquarters of the Federation were transferred recently from Amsterdam to New York.

GERMAN PARTY IN SOUTH AFRICA COMBATS NAZISM, COMMUNISM

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A "German South African Party" has been formed here to combat Nazism and Communism and to defend democracy. Wilhelm Fischer, former member of the Southwest African Legislative Assembly, is the chairman. The party was established at a well-attended meeting of German South Africans.

VOLUMES PUBLISHED ON RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY, THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Assembly, organization of Conservative rabbis, has published its "Proceedings," covering the assembly's six annual meetings from 1933 to 1938. At the same time the Jewish Theological Seminary of America has published its semi-centennial volume, edited by Dr. Cyrus Adler and containing articles on the seminary's history, leaders and organization.