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### SLOVAK DECREE TO FORCE JEWS TO SELL PROPERTY AT CONFISCATORY PRICES

PARIS, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Slovak Government, it was reported here today, has completed preparation of a decree forcing Jews to turn over all immovable property to "Aryans" at a price to be assessed by Government experts and paid in ten-year notes.

The decree would serve to deprive Jews of their houses and land. Since few would be able to find apartments in Slovak-owned houses, most of them would be forced to leave the Nazi-dominated State.

Enforced emigration from Slovakia would thus keep pace with expulsions from Bohemia-Moravia, where, according to the Protector's organ Der Neue Tag, the number of Jews in Prague has been reduced from 100,000 to 46,000 in a year and, according to the Fascist organ Vlakja, the Jewish population throughout the Protectorate was 90,000 on Oct. 1.

In preparation for expulsion of the remaining Jews from the Protectorate, the Nazi authorities in Prague this week transferred all Jews in the Prague Pancras prison, most of whom are refugees from Sudetenland, to a concentration camp near Dresden.

In the Sudetenland, it is reported, Germans are avoiding the buying of property left by emigrating Jews, one of the reasons assertedly being that they doubt the stability of the regime and fear they might ultimately have to return the property to the former Jewish owners.

### Jews, Gypsies Barred From Army, Face Forced Labor

BRUSSELS, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Slovakian Government, in decreeing two-year military service for Slovaks, Germans and Hungarians, has barred Jews and Gypsies from the army, it was reported here today. Members of the banned groups, however, will be placed in camps for compulsory labor.

### 500 BIALYSTOK FIRMS NATIONALIZED, SOVIET REPORTS

PARIS, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Soviet radio broadcast an announcement today that more than 500 industrial enterprises in Bialystok, in Soviet-occupied Poland, have been nationalized and turned over to Government trusts. Most of these enterprises are believed to have been Jewish. The firms operate under commissars sent from Moscow but are manned by local engineers and technicians, the broadcast said.

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SHOPPING HOURS CURBED FOR VIENNA JEWS; 2 CONVERTS JAILED FOR VISITING MOVIE

PARIS, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Nazi newspapers from Vienna reaching Paris today carry the text of an order issued by Governor Josef Buerckel requiring Jews to make their purchases in retail stores and artisan shops during specially-restricted hours.

The papers also reported the sentencing to two months' imprisonment of several Jews converted to Catholicism for entering a cinema, since entry to amusement places is forbidden to persons of Jewish descent.

Governor Buerckel's order permits only two hours for Jews to enter grocery stores, bakeries and other food stores. The order reads:

"Gauleiter Buerckel has ordered that in retail stores of all kinds in Vienna merchandise should be sold to Jews at certain hours only. The hours during which Jews are permitted to do shopping are, until further notice, as follows:

"1. The Jews may enter grocery stores, bakeries, butcher shops and other food shops in the Second and Twentieth Districts of Vienna from 11 until one o'clock; in all other sections from four until five o'clock. The delivery of food-stuff to Jews is strictly prohibited.

"2. In retail shops selling commodities other than foodstuffs, Jews are permitted to do their shopping from two to four o'clock, except in the Second, Ninth and Twentieth Districts of the city, where they may do their shopping from 11 to four o'clock.

"3. In artisan shops, Jews may enter from five until six o'clock, except in the Second, Ninth and Twentieth Districts of the city, where they may enter from four to six o'clock."

The order warns retailers that they will be punished and may lose their licenses for violation of its provisions.

2 POLISH ZIONIST LEADERS EMIGRATE TO PALESTINE FROM LITHUANIA

WILNO, Lithuania, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Two Polish Zionist leaders left for Amsterdam by plane today en route to Palestine. The first refugees in Lithuania to emigrate to Palestine, they are Dr. M. Kleinbaum, who was accompanied by his family, and Raphael Schafer, former head of the Palestine Office in Warsaw.

GOOD WILL PERMEATES ARAB-JEWISH PARLEY ON FLIGHT OF CITRUS GROWERS

PETACH TIKVAH, Palestine, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Amid scenes of Arab-Jewish good will unprecedented in Palestine for many years, a convention of the Jewish Farmers Federation met here today to discuss distressing conditions in the citrus industry. Among the 1,000 delegates attending the conference were 150 Arabs, many of prominent families.

The meeting adopted resolutions calling on the Palestine Government to push a relief program for the citrus growers, including abolition of United Kingdom duties; extension of loans to help maintain groves; suspension of the land tax for

groves; prevention of foreclosures and imprisonment for debt; and regulation of exports and shipping arrangements. The conviction was expressed that if such a program were embarked upon immediately, the present season could still be retrieved.

A delegation of seven Jews and seven Arabs, headed by S. Tolkowsky, general manager of the Jaffa Citrus Exchange in Tel Aviv, was appointed to interview the High Commissioner. The proceedings were bilingual and were filled with allusions to the importance of cooperation and assurances of mutual esteem. The delegates were entertained by the veteran colonist Abraham Shapiro at a typical Arab outdoor barbecue of many whole sheep.

#### WEIZMANN, SCHOCKEN HAIL HEBREW U. ROLE IN LIFE OF WORLD JEWRY

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University in Jerusalem is destined to play an increasingly important role in the life of Palestine and of world Jewry, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, chairman of its board of governors, and Salmann Schocken, chairman of its executive council, declared tonight at a dinner given in their honor by the American Friends of the Hebrew University at the Hotel Commodore.

Others on the speakers' list were Dr. A.S.W. Rosenbach, president of the American Friends, who presided; Dr. Stephen S. Wise, a member of the university's board of governors; Dr. Israel J. Kligler, a member of its science faculty, and Dr. Nathan Ratnoff, chairman of the American Jewish Physicians' Committee.

"The Hebrew University," Dr. Weizmann said, "is destined in several spheres to play an increasingly important role in Palestine. It is providing higher education for a constantly growing number of students from all parts of Europe. On the purely scientific side, it is beginning to make a valuable contribution toward conquering disease and developing the natural resources of the country. It will have a no less significant function to perform arising out of the special conditions in Palestine--that of creating a bridge between different sections of the population."

The university has performed a service to scholarship as well as a humanitarian service by salvaging many of the Jewish scientists of Europe and opening its doors to hundreds of students who are denied admission to the universities of Central and Eastern Europe, the Zionist leader declared.

Dr. Weizmann paid tribute to the role of American Jewry in the university's development, citing particularly the services of the late Felix M. Warburg.

Mr. Schocken, dwelling on the university's contribution to Jewish culture, said:

"We feel that the Hebrew University can make a real contribution to the perpetuation of Jewish life and Jewish essence, which especially in these days is of the utmost importance. I believe it is our duty to continue quietly with our work in the heart of the Jewish world, to keep the torch of Jewish thought burning over the destruction of Jewish masses, to fulfill our role worthily as a link in the chain we are handing down to future generations."

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GOLDMANN, PERLZWEIG HERE TO PUSH UNITED FRONT AT PEACE CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the World Jewish Congress Administrative Committee, and the Rev. Maurice L. Perlzweig, head of the congress's British section, arrived here on the Italian liner Vulcania today "to forward the cause of a united approach to the Jewish problems which must now inevitably come before the peace conference."

In a joint statement, the congress leaders said that "American Jewry will undoubtedly play a role of the first importance in formulating a program for the establishment of Jewish rights, and we hope to secure the cooperative support of the leaders in this task."

A large measure of unity has already been achieved in European Jewish communities, the statement said, particularly in England, "where different groups have been in constant and friendly consultation." In an interview, Mr. Perlzweig outlined the following three general desiderata of the Jews at any future peace conference:

(1) Reestablishment of the Jews' citizenship rights where they are abolished or menaced; (2) safeguarding of the Jews' minority status, especially in the countries where they live in large masses and have distinctive languages and cultures; (3) large-scale immigration into Palestine, since the population movements resulting from Nazi aggression will necessitate reestablishment of many European Jews.

Dr. Goldmann intends to remain here about three weeks before returning to Europe. Mr. Perlzweig will tour the United States for about five weeks before proceeding on a world tour. Both will confer with leaders of the American Jewish Congress, whose annual convention in Washington they will address between Jan. 27 and 29. They will also consult with non-Jewish groups, including the American Red Cross, which, they said, must play "a part of decisive importance in the work" of relief in Europe.

FAILURE TO PROBE FRONTISTS STIRS NEW OPPOSITION TO DIES BODY IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Failure of the Dies committee to conduct a thorough investigation of Christian Front activities exposed by the recent Federal Bureau of Investigation action has stirred new congressional opposition to appropriations for continuing the committee.

Representative Samuel Dickstein, who originally supported an appropriation for the committee when it was organized, challenged committee members from the floor to show that they were willing "to attack the problem that is most essential to be attacked today--fascism in its worst form."

"You have not subpoenaed the men engaged in activities which are the greatest evil to America," he said, "those connected with the Christian Front and the Christian Mobilizers. You have allowed these men to organize in this country in one form or another to overthrow the Government. In my city last month and the month before, blood was shed in numbers of instances because the so-called Christian Mobilizers who were claiming backing from Father Coughlin were parading and demonstrating on the streets of New York."

Meanwhile, Monsignor John A. Ryan, of Catholic University, branded "radio priest" Charles E. Coughlin's newspaper Social Justice an "incitement to injustice." Addressing a panel session of the Atlantic States Institute of the National Conference of Christians and Jews today, the noted Catholic educator said the paper was "full of hatred, misery and incitement to injustice."

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Sabotage Seen Real Plot Motive; Coughlin-Front Link Shown

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The investigation of the Christian Front growing out of the arrest of 17 of its members for a plot against the Government went forward on several fronts today.

Federal authorities said sabotage against American supply and transport of munitions, especially in the event of war, was the real motive behind the conspiracy, and United States Attorney Harold M. Kennedy in Brooklyn said he would present the case to the Federal Grand Jury next Tuesday if the evidence was ready by then.

National Guard officials began an investigation into the activities of those of the defendants who were Guard members. Col. Edward Bowditch, in charge of the inquiry, said he may recommend court martial of any Guardsmen shown to be guilty of acts against the Government.

The Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League announced it was in possession of evidence that 25 members of the New York City Police Department were enrolled as Christian Front members. Yesterday, Police Commissioner Valentine stated that Lieutenant Thomas Cavanaugh had admitted former membership in the Front, but the Commissioner denied charges that 40 policemen had been identified with the organization.

An examination of Charles E. Coughlin's speeches and statements of his weekly paper, Social Justice, showed that despite the radio priest's denial, he actively supported the Christian Front. One statement in Social Justice, published in the Jan. 1 issue, said: "Father Coughlin is only the spokesman for a rapidly forming and tremendously powerful element of our country--the Christian Front."

Evidence of Coughlin's relationship with the Christian Front included a radio address by Coughlin on July 30 when the announcer introducing him said that "he is encouraging the growth of the Christian Front" and Coughlin himself called the Front "a reality in America;" complete accounts of the Front meetings and activities in Social Justice, some of which were addressed by the priest through telephone; a two-line streamer headline in one issue reading: "Christian Front Carries Fight Into More States;" a statement in Social Justice over Coughlin's signature in which he calls himself a "friend and counselor" of the Front."

Commenting on the failure of the Dies committee to investigate Coughlin and the Christian Front, Dorothy Thompson said in her New York Herald Tribune column today that "these 'Christian' excitors to violence, and now, it would seem, planners of violence, have enjoyed a peculiarly privileged position among the groups labeled by the Dies committee as subversive, and it would be interesting to know why."

"The Dies committee could, I am quite sure," Miss Thompson concluded, "uncover a lot of interesting facts by a little careful investigation into the activities, financing and interlocking relationships between the pastor of the Church of the Little Flower and political activities far beyond Detroit."

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VAN ZEELAND SAILS THIS WEEK TO SPEED COLONIZATION PROJECTS

PARIS, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Paul van Zeeland, president of the Coordinating Foundation for the settlement of refugees in new lands, will sail for Venezuela and the Dominican Republic this week in connection with colonization projects, it was announced today. The former Belgian Premier will sail from Barcelona on the Italian steamer Orazio.

STATE DEPARTMENT SCANS BILL TO OPEN ALASKA TO REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The State Department is now considering the May bill to open Alaska to refugee immigration and will report its findings to the House Committee on Immigration shortly, Representative Samuel Dickstein said today.

DUTCH LINER BEARING 50 REFUGEES PERMITTED TO SAIL

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Holland-American liner Zaandam, carrying about 50 German Jewish refugees among its 105 passengers, was permitted to sail for the United States today, omitting its usual call at Southampton, although other Netherlands steamers were kept in port because of the Government's desire to avoid incidents at sea at a time of tension over relations with Germany.

HEALTH GROUP'S WORK IN 18 YEARS REVIEWED AT KAUNAS PARLEY

KAUNAS, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Activities of the OZE, Jewish health society, during the past 18 years were reviewed today at a conference attended by delegates from all parts of Lithuania and a special delegation representing the Polish branch of the organization.

Reports read at the meeting showed that 8,437 children had passed through summer colonies operated by the organization and 57,300 others had been given violet ray treatment. The society distributed 8,840 kilograms of cod liver oil and 149 nurses received training in its nursing school. A resolution paid tribute to the work of the Kaunas branch in aiding refugees and stressed the necessity of intensifying and enlarging the work among the poorer classes of Lithuanian Jewry.

NO CHANGE IN ENTRY POLICY, SO. AFRICAN OFFICIAL HOLDS

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Interior Minister H.G. Lawrence said in a statement today that the immigration policy of the Union of South Africa had not changed except that immigrants from enemy countries, including Austria and Czechoslovakia, will not be admitted.

The Immigrants Selection Board, however, has allowed the immigration of a few parents, minors and children of refugees who were not likely to endanger the safety of the country, Lawrence added.

Lawrence estimated that some 40,000 persons had been registered under the Registration of Aliens Act. Some of the registrants were found to have entered the country illegally.



CANADIAN JEWS URGED TO BUILD 'ECONOMIC MAGINOT LINE' AGAINST NAZISM

OTTAWA, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Samuel Bronfman of Montreal, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, today issued a message urging Canadian Jews to help "build a Maginot Line in the economic front against Nazi barbarism" by subscribing to the Dominion war loan.

8 REFUGEES ARRIVE HERE AFTER 11-DAY TRIP ON FRENCH SUBMARINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Eight German refugees, seven of them Jewish, who were taken off the Italian liner Saturnia by a French submarine last month and were held for 11 days on the submarine, arrived here today on the Italian liner Vulcania. They were put ashore from the submarine at Casablanca, French Morocco, questioned and then sent to Gibraltar on a French destroyer to be put on the Vulcania.

ANCIENT LONDON MEAT MART, CENTER OF KOSHER TRADE FOR 400 YEARS, CLOSED

LONDON, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- With the Government taking over control of meat supplies, the Oldgate meat market, which for 400 years had functioned as the center of the London kosher meat trade, closed down today. Most of the city's Jewish butchers had been supplied by the Oldgate market, from which hundreds of tons of meat were delivered weekly. In the future, the kosher meat trade will be conducted at the Islington slaughterhouse.

MORE CZECH VOLUNTEERS LEAVE PALESTINE FOR FRENCH FRONT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- A second unit of Czechoslovak volunteers left for the French front early in January, it was announced today. In bidding farewell to the contingent, Czech Consul General Kadlec praised the Jewish contribution to the liberation of Czechoslovakia and said that the loyalty of the Jews would never be forgotten.

PALESTINE RECRUITS JOIN ROYAL ENGINEERS IN EGYPT

CAIRO, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- A small contingent of Jewish pioneer volunteers in the British Army which arrived from Palestine recently has been incorporated in the Royal Engineers.

S.R. LANDAU, HERZL COLLABORATOR, MARKS 70TH BIRTHDAY IN LONDON

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Saul R. Landau, journalist and veteran Zionist, recently celebrated his seventieth birthday in London, where he found refuge after escaping from Vienna following Hitler's seizure of Austria in March, 1938. Born in Krakow, Dr. Landau edited several Jewish newspapers in Vienna. He collaborated with Theodore Herzl in the early years of Zionism and edited the Zionist organ Die Welt.

GROUP HERE SEEKS TO HELP DANUBE REFUGEES GO ON TO PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The American Friends of a Jewish Palestine, announced today that efforts are being made to enable some 1,300 refugees stranded near the mouth of the Danube to continue their trip to Palestine. The organization, headed by Rabbi Louis I. Newman, Harvey L. Schwamm, Hon. Mitchell May, Mrs. John Gunther and others, also announced that a nationwide campaign is being launched to make it possible for thousands of refugees to reach Palestine during the coming months.