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DOMINICAN REFUGEE PACT SIGNED; SETTLEMENT TO START SOON ON TRACT GIVEN BY TRUJILLO

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- A contract between the Dominican Republic and the American-organized Dominican Republic Settlement Association for colonization of German refugees was signed at 11 o'clock this morning with ceremonies at the National Palace attended by Government officials, officers of the association, diplomats and officials of refugee-aid bodies.

The contract requires ratification by the Dominican Congress and also the passage of several new laws to implement it. The contract exempts the settlers from entry taxes and guarantees them full legal, civic and economic rights and religious freedom. The association is also exempted from taxation.

It is expected that the legal technicalities will be cleared away within a month and colonization will then begin on a tract of 24,000 acres named Sosua which was contributed personally by General Rafael L. Trujillo, commander of the Dominican Army and former President. The tract was chosen as the first site for colonization by Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, vice-president of the association, after a month's inspection of available land.

This tract already has a number of houses and is described by association officials as having the facilities for proper settlement, including good soil and ample water.

The settlement will begin with 500 Jewish and non-Jewish refugee families and is expected to proceed gradually until ultimately 100,000 refugees are engaged in the colonization on the various tracts covered by the contract.

The contract was executed by Secretary of Agriculture Manuel Salvador Gautier and Secretary of Interior Jose Garcia, for the Government, and by James N. Rosenberg, president, and Dr. Rosen for the Dominican Republic Settlement Association.

Witnesses to the signing were Robert Pell, of the United States State Department, representing Myron C. Taylor, American vice-chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee, and Harold Linder, of the Coordinating Foundation, whose chairman, ex-Premier Paul van Zeeland of Belgium, will probably arrive here on Feb. 12. Also present were General Trujillo, members of the Dominican Cabinet and Supreme Court and diplomatic officials of the nations which are members of the Intergovernmental Committee.

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Speeches were made by General Trujillo, Pell, Rosenberg, Linder, Morris and Vice-President Manuel de Jesus Troncoso de la Concha. Officials of the association praised the "splendid cooperation" of the Government. Rosenberg said the contract was "wholly satisfactory." Other members of the American group, including Pell and Morris, said they were pleased at the Government's cooperation.

Rosenberg will probably arrive in New York on Feb. 10 and will report full details of the developments here. He said that "we are all delighted" at this implementation of the Evian program.

Van Zeeland Due Here Feb. 8

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Paul van Zeeland, president of the Coordinating Foundation for settlement of refugees, will sail from Lisbon for New York on the Italian liner Saturnia tomorrow, it was announced today by Mr. Van Zeeland's office here. The Saturnia is scheduled to arrive Feb. 8 or 9. Mr. Van Zeeland, after a short stay here, will continue to the Dominican Republic.

CONGRESS GETS RESOLUTION URGING ROOSEVELT TO DENOUNCE ATROCITIES IN POLAND

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Rep. Samuel Dickstein (Dem., N.Y.) today introduced a resolution calling upon President Roosevelt "to express the abhorrence of the Government" against brutal treatment of Poles and "to solemnly protest against the continuance of such conditions and to take such other steps as the circumstances may warrant."

Dickstein, who last week told the House of atrocities in Poland as revealed by Jewish Telegraphic Agency dispatches, again spoke on the floor about Nazi terrorism. He said that human decency demanded that the American people, through the President, make it clear to the world, and particularly "to the Government responsible for these brutalities," that they as a nation are "aghast at such inhuman treatment of minorities."

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. It will be called to the attention of the State Department for recommendations before it is placed before the House as a whole. There is the possibility, of course, that it will be quickly pigeonholed.

SPECIAL 'JEWISH TAX' IMPOSED BY NAZIS ON POLISH JEWS

PARIS, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities in Poland have decided to institute a special "Jewish tax," to be collected from all Jews owning more than 2,000 zlotys (about \$400 at pre-war rates) in property, including clothing and furniture, it was reported tonight. The report said Jewish leaders in Warsaw were frantically seeking a way to meet the levy since many Jews have lost the bulk of their property through war damage and through confiscation.

20,000 Berlin Jews Shipped to Forced Labor Projects

PARIS, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities have rounded up 20,000 Berlin Jews and are transporting them to forced labor projects in various parts of the Reich, it was reliably learned here today. The Jews, aged 18 to 55, comprise mostly former

doctors and professionals of all kinds. They are being used in construction work, unloading coal from freight trains, shoveling snow and cleaning streets.

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30% Death Rate in Buchenwald Camp

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The Associated Press reported from Berlin today that Jewish leaders in Poznan had reported that since Jan. 8 they had received 465 urns containing the ashes of Polish Jews from the Buchenwald concentration camp, indicating a death rate of 30 per cent among the 1,500 Jews originally in the camp. The dispatch also said Polish Jews would no longer be permitted to emigrate on the ground that the British removed such emigrants from ships bound for the Americas or Palestine and forced them to join the Polish Legion in France.

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See Reich Jews Spared Temporarily

BRUSSELS, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Advices from Berlin said today that neutral observers there had been told by Nazis that the authorities do not intend temporarily to apply to Reich Jews the same "rigorous treatment" being used by the Nazi administration in Poland. "For the time being," the Nazis are quoted as declaring, "we have more important matters to attend to than go after the Jews within the old Reich."

The same observers report that German press reports about the inhuman treatment of Jews in Poland and other Nazi-occupied areas has stimulated great sympathy for the Jews among the German population. The older Germans, they declare, are quietly displaying pity for the Jews, although they are hardly able to be of any assistance to them in view of their own difficult position.

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Nazi Rulers in Protectorate Urged to Emulate Regime in Poland

PARIS, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Nazi newspapers in the Bohemia-Moravia Protectorate are urging the Nazi administration there to "take a leaf from the book of the Nazi administration in Poland" in their handling of the Jews in the Protectorate.

The papers announce that "radical steps" will be taken with regard to Jewish enterprises turned over to "Aryan" employes or servants instead of to "real Aryan hands." The steps apparently will be aimed at those enterprises turned over to Czechs and will result in their transfer to Germans.

Meanwhile, Slovakian advices said the German party in Bratislava is insisting that the Slovakian Government "solve the Jewish problem as quickly as possible." As a result of this pressure, it was learned, the Government has decided to speed up its original two-year plan for the "aryanization" of all Jewish enterprises in Slovakia.

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Soviet to Ship 5,000 Polish Jews to Biro-Bidjan, Paris Hears

PARIS, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Transcontinental Press, Polish news agency, reported today that the Soviet authorities were planning to ship 5,000 Jews from Soviet-occupied Poland to Biro-Bidjan, autonomous Jewish territory in Soviet Siberia.

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FUNDS' COUNCIL URGES STRONG SUPPORT OF U.J.A. DRIVE; GOAL IS \$23,000,000

DETROIT, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The agreement for a United Jewish Appeal campaign in 1940 had the strong backing today of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which last night concluded its seventh General Assembly here.

The goal of the 1940 drive was unofficially announced as \$23,000,000, an increase of \$5,000,000 over the 1939 objective.

It was announced that three representatives of the Council will serve on the Allocations Committee set up to distribute the campaign funds among the three component groups, the National Refugee Service, the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal. They will serve on the committee with two representatives from each of the component bodies.

The resolution adopted by the Council "urges all member welfare funds and all other fund-raising groups participating in united campaigns to exert the fullest strength and influence to achieve maximum results in behalf of overseas, refugee and Palestinian agencies that are now or may during the campaign be included within the scope of the United Jewish Appeal, as well as in behalf of other agencies as have by record and performance merited and received support from American Jewish communities."

The resolution endorses as a progressive step the bringing of Council and welfare fund agencies into closer association with administrative forces in fund-raising agencies through a proposed budget committee. It approves establishment of an auditing service to evaluate expenditures and program and urges the United Jewish Appeal to continue to work out satisfactory cooperative relationships with the functioning bodies for the three U.J.A. agencies.

Formation of a youth division of the Council, to function as a constituent body, was advocated at a youth session yesterday, the first in the Council's history.

Both approval of and dissatisfaction with the General Jewish Council were voiced by speakers at a session Sunday night devoted to the organization on which are represented the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, the B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Labor Committee.

B'nai B'rith President Henry Monsky, vice-chairman of the Council, reviewing its history, declared the Council had proved useful and appealed for patience. He said the main purpose of the group was not to amalgamate the four constituent agencies into a functional agency but to coordinate policies of the organizations which were separated by different ideologies.

Simon Shetzer, president of the Detroit Jewish Community Council, took issue with Mr. Monsky, expressing dissatisfaction that the Council had not yet created a single agency. Sigmund David, of Chicago, voiced agreement with Mr. Shetzer, while E.J. Schanfarber, of Columbus, urged patience and asked that the Council be given further opportunity to prove its worth.

Mr. Monsky, summing up, expressed the belief that through the Council the four agencies had made an effective effort and that the experiences and experts they were placing at the disposal of the Council had proved valuable.

Inclusion of ORT, HIAS, J.T.A. in U.J.A Urged by Hollander

DETROIT, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Broadening of the United Jewish Appeal to include the ORT, the HIAS and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was advocated by Sidney Hollander, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, during a discussion yesterday morning on the negotiations leading to renewal of the United Jewish Appeal agreement. The session, one of the Council's seventh annual General Assembly, was presided over by William J. Shroder, of Cincinnati.

Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, reviewed the negotiations leading up to the agreement and intimated that the door was still open to inclusion of the three agencies. Louis B. Boudin, speaking for the ORT, stressed the disadvantages in which the organization was placed by not knowing even at this date whether it would be included in the U.J.A. Henry Montor, executive director of the United Palestine Appeal, expressed the opinion that no good purpose would be served by reviving differences of opinion which prevailed prior to renewal of the U.J.A.

Jacob Landau, managing director of the J.T.A., pointed out that the United Jewish Appeal was enjoying a monopoly in hundreds of small communities and that the great demands it was making on welfare funds created a situation where agencies whose financial requirements were modest were not being given adequate consideration. He emphasized that if the three agencies were included in the U.J.A. their total requirements would be less than five per cent of the total amount sought.

Others participating in the discussion were Isaac Hamlin, secretary of the National Labor Committee for Palestine, and A. Richard Frank, of Chicago, who urged the three U.J.A. groups to set a date for renewal of negotiations for inclusion of the other three agencies.

LITHUANIA DENIES DRIVING REFUGEES BACK TO REICH; SEEKS 'VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION'

KAUNAS, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- A statement issued by the official Lithuanian Telegraphic Agency today denied as "devoid of all foundation" reports published abroad that the authorities were driving refugees back into German-occupied Poland.

The communique said that in addition to the great wave of refugees in the time of war Lithuania had admitted 2,000 rabbis with their pupils from all over Poland, as well as tens of thousands of other Poles. The large number of refugees without resources constituted a heavy burden for Lithuania, which was doing its best to lodge and feed the unfortunates, the statement said.

"In order to help civilian refugees and military internees to return to their country of origin, to reunite dispersed families and to recover abandoned homes, Lithuania is endeavoring by repeated demarches to open paths to voluntary repatriation," the statement added.

MAGAZINE 'SERIES EXPOSES' 'PROTOCOLS' MYTH

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Liberty Magazine, in its Feb. 10 issue out today, features the first of a series of two articles by Louis B. Davidson and Frederick L. Collins entitled "The Jews and the Freemasons" which explodes "the myth of a world conspiracy" of the Jews as laid down in the discredited "Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

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FEDERATED EUROPE, WITH REFUGEE SETTLEMENT AMONG CHIEF TASKS, URGED BY HUXLEY

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Julian Huxley favors establishment of a European federation based on a constitution similar to that which Alexander Hamilton set up for the United States and with the organization of refugee settlement as one of its chief tasks.

The British biologist and author told an overflow audience of more than 500 in the Unterberg Auditorium of the Jewish Theological Seminary last night that such a federation, excluding Soviet Russia, was necessary to regulate Europe's internal affairs after the conclusion of the present war.

Dr. Huxley, surveying the present crisis from a biologist's viewpoint, said that totalitarian countries were losing their best minds because liberal and Jewish scientists were being exiled and because the system of repression lessened the efficiency of others in the course of time.

"It behooves all rational people, firstly, to avoid all use of the word 'Aryan' and, secondly, the word 'race,'" he said. "There is no such thing as a pure race, except possibly a tribe of African pygmies or the Andaman Islanders."

German claims to a Nordic type, the scientist asserted, are "the rationalization of some idealist dream or some cultural conflict." The race theory in Germany is simply a mythology to replace existing theistic religions, "an attempt to set up human group values as something to worship," he said.

F.B.I. NEVER GOT WARRANT TO SEEK PELLEY, JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ASSERTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The Federal Bureau of Investigation is not now nor has it ever been, searching for William Dudley Pelley, the Department of Justice announced this afternoon. The Justice Department said it had never received from the Dies Committee any warrants or citations for contempt which would entitle it to hunt the anti-Semitic publisher.

The statement stunned Rep. Jerry Voorhis, young Congressman who had been head of a special subcommittee entrusted with the hunt for Pelley. Voorhis said that he had personally requested Attorney General Frank Murphy to find Pelley and that he had signed a letter setting forth the complaints against Pelley, which he presumed was sent to the department.

No record of this letter has been found by the Department. Voorhis said that the letter was prepared in the offices of the Dies Committee, on committee stationery, under the direction of Rhea Whitley, the committee counsel. He himself did not see the letter mailed, he said.

For months it has been presumed, and often announced by Dies Committee members, that the "G-men" had joined North Carolina State authorities and the Dies committee in the hunt for Pelley.

Meanwhile, Rep. Frank E. Hook (Dem., Mich.) refused to appear at a secret session of the Dies Committee and place in the committee's hands original copies of letters in his possession which he alleged linked Chairman Martin Dies with

and the Christian Front. The purported letters written by Pelley intimated that Dies "would not go out of his way" to embarrass Pelley, Charles E. Coughlin, James True or other anti-Semites.

Hook rushed into the House press gallery late this afternoon to shout charges that the Dies Committee had tried to make him appear at a secret session but that he had refused. "I won't go before any closed hearing," he said. "I won't present these letters until there is an open hearing with Dies himself presiding. I don't want Dies to have the chance to make some statement down in Orange, Texas, that the letters are forgeries."

The closed hearing was called today by Rep. Joseph Starnes (Dem., Ala.), with all other members of the committee prepared to attend. The attitude of the members was that Hook's charges reflected upon the entire committee.

COUGHLIN URGED TO STUDY VATICAN REPORT ON NAZI ATROCITIES IN POLAND

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The New York World-Telegram today editorially recommended to Charles E. Coughlin, "who has seemed from time to time to draw his inspiration from Nazi sources," a reading of the memorandum on Poland issued by the Vatican. The atrocities in Poland, "were not done by the Russians, whom Father Coughlin has so often reviled, but by the German Gestapo," the editorial emphasized.

JOSEF VESZI, JULIUS MIKLOS DEAD IN HUNGARY

BUDAPEST, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Josef Veszi, for many years editor-in-chief of the leading Hungarian newspaper Pester Lloyd and a member of the Upper House of Parliament, died today after a sudden attack of pneumonia. He was 82 years old.

Veszi, who was a member of the executive committee of the Budapest Jewish Community, was one of Hungary's leading Jews. Admiral Nicholas Horthy, Regent of Hungary, sent a message of condolence to his widow. Among others who sent messages were Count Bartholomew Szechenyi, president of the Upper House; Minister of Education Valentine Homan and the office of Premier Paul Teleki.

Dr. Julius Miklos, for the past eight years president of the Zionist Federation of Hungary, died Sunday of angina pectoris. He was 53 years old. He was also a member of the executive committee of the Budapest Jewish Community.

ONE ADOLF HITTLER, A JEW, EMBARRASSES GESTAPO IN POLAND

PARIS, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Nazi authorities in occupied Poland were greatly embarrassed to discover a 70-year-old Jew named Adolf Hitler living in a village near Wloclawek, French newspapers reported today.

Hittler, whose name is the same as the German Fuehrer's, except that he spells it with a double "t", was born in Latvia but had been living in the Polish village for many years. When he appeared before the Nazi authorities to ask for an exit visa to return to Riga, the Gestapo refused to let him leave, in order to avoid giving publicity to his name. However, Hittler, as a Latvian citizen, appealed to the higher German authorities in Warsaw and was promised permission to return to Latvia.