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### WARSAW JEWS SUBJECTED TO 7-HOUR ATTACK, EYEWITNESS REPORTS

LONDON, March 3. (JTA) -- A seven-hour pogrom was recently staged in Jewish quarters of Warsaw, according to an eye-witness who has just reached London.

He said the attacks were carried out by local Poles instigated by Nazis. Many Jews were wounded and the terror-stricken Jewish population was avoiding being seen on the streets, he added.

### POLICE STONED IN HAIFA; CURFEW IMPOSED IN TEL AVIV AFTER RIOTING

JERUSALEM, March 3. (JTA) -- Police were stoned yesterday in Haifa and barricades were raised in Tel Aviv as Jewish indignation mounted over restrictions on sale of Palestine land announced by the British Government last Wednesday.

It was officially announced that curfew from one p.m. was imposed on Tel Aviv after barricades had been erected. Demonstrators were dispersed and several policemen and demonstrators were injured. A delegation of five Jewish women presented a protest to James S. MacPherson, Government Chief Secretary.

In Haifa, demonstrators stoned the Hadar Hacarmel police station, damaging a district officer's automobile. A second demonstration near the Haifa law courts was also dispersed. Processions in Jerusalem yesterday morning were dispersed by the police.

### ANTI-ALIENISM LEADS TO NATIONAL RELAPSE, WASHINGTON PARLEY IS WARNED

WASHINGTON, March 3. (JTA) -- Recurring waves of anti-alienism are a symptom of a state of national relapse, Rep. Rudolph G. Tenerowicz of Michigan, told 400 delegates to the fourth annual conference of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born here today. "First it is anti-alienism," he warned, "then it is anti-unionism, and finally the minority religious beliefs become the scapegoat."

A similar warning came from James B. Carey, secretary of the C.I.O., who said that the same propagandists who oppose admission of refugees actually oppose aiding native Americans climb out of the slough of unemployment. "A man or woman willing to work is an asset to this country, not a liability," he said.

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Tenerowicz denounced as vicious the Smith and Hobbs bills now before Congress. The Smith bill requires alien registration, while the Hobbs bill is designed to create concentration camps. "Ironically," he said, "the sponsors of both these insidious measures are attorneys, for both could profit by re-reading the Constitution of the United States."

State Senator Stanley Nowak of Michigan exposed to the conference the machinations of an organization known as the Industrial Legion of America. Taking apart a pamphlet attacking Jews and aliens, distributed by this organization, Senator Nowak said: "This is as vicious and as demagogic a bit of propaganda as the German Nazis ever put out."

"The American Fascists," he added, "will try to make the aliens, the Jews and the Negroes the scapegoats for the evils of our economic system, just as the German Nazis and Italian Fascists did in their countries."

Messages urging tolerance and fair play were received from President Roosevelt, three Cabinet members and Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy as the conference opened yesterday.

The President's message said in part:

"Every American takes pride in our tradition of hospitality to men of all races and of all creeds. One of the great achievements of the American commonwealth has been the fact that race groups which were divided abroad are united here. Enmities and antagonisms were forgotten; former opponents met here as friends. Groups which had fought each other overseas here work together; their children intermarry; they have all made contributions to democracy and peace.

"Because of the very greatness of this achievement, we must be constantly vigilant against the attacks of intolerance and injustice. We must scrupulously guard the civil rights and civil liberties of all citizens whatever their background. We must remember that any oppression, any injustice, any hatred, is a wedge designed to attack our civilization. If reason is to prevail against tolerance, we must always be on guard. We welcome therefore the work to maintain the rights of the foreign born."

Secretary of State Cordell Hull's message said: "Our national existence is a successful vindication of the idea that, in an asylum of freedom, barriers of race, of religion, of language and of other differences, which breed antagonism and conflict elsewhere, disappear in an effort for the common good. If our nation is not to decline and decay, we must not permit these barriers to re-appear in our national life."

Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes' message said: "It seems to me to be self-evident that any attack on the foreign born is, in the last analysis, an assault on the liberties of all American citizens. For, as President Roosevelt said recently, all of us are immigrants or the descendants of immigrants."

Justice Frank Murphy's statement reads: "It is an unfortunate fact that in times like the present there is an increasing tendency to look with suspicion upon individuals of foreign birth. I am glad that your group is continuing to remind Americans that the democratic way is to judge a man not on the basis of events in other lands or the accident of birth..."

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Search For Scapegoat Held Menace to Democracy

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- Warning against the danger to democracy in the "tendency to seek a scapegoat in a religious or racial or political or economic group" was sounded here last night by Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy. The warning was voiced in the course of his first public address since his elevation to the Supreme Court, made before the Alumni Association of the New York University Law School.

"Of such tendencies and beliefs," he said, "dictatorships are born. On such attitudes, demagogues rely for their march to power. In the soil of dissension and mistrust the seeds are sown which blossom into destruction for the reign of law and justice--for all that is fine and enlightened in the relations of man to man."

J.D.C. PLANS TO SHIP PASSOVER FOOD TO REICH, POLISH JEWS

PARIS, March 3. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee planned today to send 800,000 kilograms of matzoh and supplies of other provisions for Passover to needy Jews in the Reich, subject to the granting of permission by the German authorities.

Morris C. Troper, European director of the committee, said 500,000 kilograms of matzoh were intended for Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland, 250,000 kilograms for Jews in the Old Reich and the remainder for Jews in Austria and Bohemia-Moravia.

The plan provides also for securing for Warsaw Jews of 5,000 kilograms of Passover goose-fat, 10,000 kilograms of vegetable fat and 5,000 kilograms of canned fat. It is planned to purchase the matzoh, fats and also meat in Hungary, Rumania and Yugoslavia and ship them into the German territories. The problem, however, is whether these countries will permit exportation of the food and whether the Reich will permit its importation.

Solution of this problem is left to the Jewish communities concerned, which will conduct the necessary negotiations. It is understood that Jewish leaders in Berlin and other communities have begun negotiations with the appropriate authorities.

The Jewish communities of Hungary, Rumania and Yugoslavia have expressed readiness to donate 75,000 kilograms of matzoh for Polish Jews, in addition to the J.D.C.'s allocation. The Jewish community of Hungary will also provide Passover food to needy Jews in Upper Hungary and Carpatho-Russia, the territories recently annexed by Hungary.

In Lithuania, the cost of Passover food for refugees there, including the needy Jews in the Wilno area, is estimated at \$25,000, which will be obtained locally.

While it is not yet known whether Germany will admit Passover supplies, the opinion is expressed here that the neutral countries may hesitate to transport the commodities any further than the frontier because the Nazi authorities, being short of rolling stock, have been making a practice of not returning freight cars sent in from neighboring countries. This may lead to complications in delivery which could be overcome only if the Nazis permitted the Jewish communities to meet the shipments on the Reich frontier and reload them on special trucks chartered with Jewish funds.

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J.D.C. Spent \$978,102 To Aid Reich Jews in 1939

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- Activities of the Joint Distribution Committee during 1939, in behalf of German refugees and Jews in Germany and German-held territory, are described in a preliminary report made public today by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the committee.

During 1939, Hyman revealed, the J.D.C. appropriated \$978,102 for aid to Jews in Germany proper. These funds were made available to the central Jewish welfare organization in Germany which during the course of the year suffered a steady decline of income from local sources because of the growing pauperization of the Jews who remain in the country. Impoverishment is growing at so rapid a rate, Hyman declared, that relief requirements are expected to be 20 percent higher in 1940 than in 1939. The emigration of young people is leaving a residue of aged people who must be cared for in institutions. In the last five months of 1939, 14 Jewish homes for the aged were either newly established or expanded.

In Austria, Hyman said, more than half of the Jewish population is dependent upon relief. The once sizeable community of 180,000 Jews is now reduced to 55,000. Approximately 30,000 persons are fed daily at 17 free kitchens conducted by the Jewish community and 35,000 receive other forms of relief each month. The J.D.C. appropriated \$900,000 in aid of the Jews of Austria during 1939.

Under the constant threat of expulsion, the 70,000 Jews in the Protectorate live in a state of panic, the report declared. To help them, the J.D.C. expended \$155,000 during 1939 for relief work, emigration aid and vocational training. In Slovakia, the J.D.C. expended \$158,000 for welfare and economic aid to Jews. The J.D.C. also spent \$54,000 on behalf of the Jews in Danzig. Of a Jewish population of 10,500, some 1,600 Jews still remain in that city.

In conducting this program within German territory, Hyman pointed out, no American dollars were sent into these countries. Help was extended through financial clearance arrangements effected with the approval of the authorities.

About 170,000 refugees from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia have temporary asylum in western European countries, chiefly France, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy, Hyman estimated. In rendering assistance to this group during 1939, the J.D.C. expended \$3,266,000. While the burden of caring for these people has been shared by the J.D.C. with local refugee committees in each of the countries concerned, the former has had to assume a larger proportion of the responsibility since the outbreak of the war, because resources of local groups have been drained by national requirements.

Assistance to refugees rendered by the J.D.C. in Latin America, Shanghai, and the Philippines, where approximately 100,000 have found opportunities for permanent settlement resulted in the expenditure of \$600,000 during 1939. With the guidance of the J.D.C. local refugee committees have been established in fifteen South and Central American lands to speed the adjustment of the refugee immigrants and to enable them quickly to become self-supporting citizens of their new homelands.

PALESTINE COURT UPHOLDS ARABS' GRAZING RIGHTS IN KING GEORGE FOREST

HAIFA, Palestine, March 3. (JTA) -- A court has dismissed an appeal by the Jewish National Fund against a judgment giving grazing rights to members of an Arab tribe over the whole King George Jubilee Forest.

POPE 'DEEPLY MOVED' BY U.J.A. GIFT TO CATHOLIC REFUGEES

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- Pope Pius XII is "deeply moved by the cooperation and goodwill between the Catholic and Jewish people," as revealed in the United Jewish Appeal's recent contribution for aid to Catholic refugees, according to a letter from Bishop Bernard J. Sheil of Chicago made public today by the U.J.A. Bishop Sheil's letter, addressed to U.J.A. Chairmen Abba Hillel Silver and Jonah B. Wise, follows:

"I have received an acknowledgment from the Secretary of State of the Holy See of the correspondence between us in reference to the munificent gift of the United Jewish Appeal to Pope Pius XII in memory of the late Pius XI for the relief of refugees

"The Secretary of State asked me to inform you that His Holiness wishes to express to the donors his deep appreciation of their generous and noble gift and tell them how deeply moved he was by the cooperation and goodwill between the Catholic and Jewish people which our interchange of letters so significantly revealed. The Secretary of State added that His Holiness was especially grateful that the benefaction was intended as an act of homage to the memory of his great predecessor Pius XI. The memory of Pius XI's magnificent struggle against the inhumane and anti-Catholic doctrine of racialism continues to inspire all of us."

PLIGHT OF WILNO REFUGEES DESCRIBED IN LONDON; NEW DETAILS ON SUWALKI OUSTERS

LONDON, March 1. (JTA) -- The desperate plight of some 11,000 Jewish refugees in the Wilno district was described here today by A.M. Kaizer, general secretary of the Anglo-Jewish Polish Refugee Fund, who has just returned from a stay of several weeks in Lithuania.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Kaizer said that the refugees were undergoing especially severe suffering during the current cold spell, which they were weathering with insufficient clothing and bedding.

Kaizer said that the Refugee Relief Committee organized by the Wilno Jewish Community was maintaining 50 feeding stations. The committee's financial requirements were being met largely by Jewish relief organizations, he said. Another 3,000 refugees in the Kaunas district were being maintained by a Kaunas committee which was raising 80 per cent of its funds locally.

Kaizer reported that the Anglo-Jewish group had allocated £12,000 for relief of the refugees and some 30,000 Jewish war sufferers in the Wilno area. Foreign relief organizations, he said, were obliged to operate through the Lithuanian Red Cross. The Government contributes the equivalent of 50 per cent of funds brought into the country by the foreign relief agencies.

Kaizer reported that refugees were still trying to escape from Nazi-occupied Poland despite the great dangers involved. The refugees, to reach the Lithuanian frontier, have to pass German and Russian frontier guards. They are often savagely handled by the Germans, Kaizer said. Many who succeed in reaching Lithuania bear wound inflicted by the Nazis and are stripped of all valuables they may have possessed. Despite the danger, too, numerous refugees in Lithuania are smuggling themselves back into the German areas in desperate attempts to rescue relatives or friends left behind.

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Kaizer said that hundreds of Jews from the Suwalki district of Poland, from which they had been expelled by the Nazis, perished in the swamps along the Lithuanian frontier. Citing the brutal methods employed by the Nazis in ousting the Suwalki Jews, Kaizer related the following incident as told to him by eyewitnesses:

A large party of Jews had been rounded up and forced to march to the frontier. One old Jew, unable to maintain the pace, lagged behind. A Nazi guard leaped at him, asking why he did not keep pace. The Jew pointed towards his grandchild, whom he was carrying in his arms, saying that a man as old as he was could not walk with such a burden and keep up with the others. The guard thereupon seized the child from his grand father, dashed him upon the ground and shot him dead before the aged man's eyes.

"Now," the guard shouted as he pushed the Jew roughly forward, "now you can keep step with them."

#### 170 Get Palestine Visas

PARIS, March 3. (JTA) -- The HIAS-ICA Emigration Association has arranged for 170 Jewish refugees in Lithuania to leave Wilno for Palestine with immigration certificates valid until March 31, the association announced here today. One group of 60 Zionist veterans will proceed through Scandinavia to Marseille whence they will sail for Palestine. The second group of 110 will proceed through Scandinavia to London and sail from British shores.

#### Soviet Returns Reizin, Czernichow to Wilno

KAUNAS, March 1. (JTA) -- The Soviet authorities have agreed to release from arrest and to return to Lithuania two famous Polish Jewish personalities who were detained in Wilno during the Russian occupation and taken to Russia before cession of the districts to Lithuania. The men are Zalman Reizin, the noted writer and lexicographer, and Joseph Czernichow, prominent attorney who formerly lived in Warsaw. Both, together with their sons, are being released as Lithuanian subjects.

#### U.S. Visa Office Returns to Paris

PARIS, March 1. (JTA) -- The visa department of the American Consulate has been moved back to Paris from Bordeaux, to which it had been evacuated at the outset of the war, it was learned today. The step was greeted with satisfaction by refugees who are prospective emigrants to the United States, and refugee-aid organizations. Transfer of the office to Bordeaux had involved added expenditures and difficulties for visa applicants.

#### Refugee Census in Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, March 3. (JTA) -- A census of refugees living in Yugoslavia may lead to new general regulations regarding their status, including forced concentration in several cities, it became known here today. Concentration of refugees in several cities is already in effect in Croatia, where the system was introduced after the Croats were given autonomy. Daruvar and Samabor, well-known Croatian health resorts, have been specified as refugee centers.

#### Refugees Leave Rumania

BUCHAREST, March 3. (JTA) -- A large number of Polish refugees, including many Jews, left Rumania last week, it was learned here today. The men will join the Polish Army in France while the women and children are being transported to Algiers, where they are being colonized by the French Government.



### \$20,000,000 Invested in Canada By Refugees

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- More than 5,000 Sudetenland refugees have brought an estimated \$20,000,000 in capital to Canada since the seizure of Czechoslovakia, and have invested it in a wide assortment of industries, it was reported today by Frederick T. Birchall in an Ottawa dispatch to the New York Times. Birchall quoted a Montreal business man as estimating that at least \$500,000,000 more in refugee capital was seeking employment in Canada.

### WEIZMANN ASSAILS LAND EDICT WHILE REITERATING LOYALTY TO ALLIED CAUSE

BOSTON, March 3. (JTA) -- In his first address in the United States since announcement of the Palestine land ordinance, President Chaim Weizmann of the Jewish Agency tonight reiterated loyalty to the Allied cause despite the measure but denounced it as aiming to create "a pale of settlement" in the Jewish national home which would be "reminiscent of Czarist Russia rather than of the England of Arthur Balfour."

Before a packed Zionist meeting, which had been scheduled prior to enactment of the ordinance, Dr. Weizmann said in part:

"I had hoped to be spared the embarrassment of criticizing the British Government in a neutral country at a time when Great Britain is at war. But the revival of this unfortunate controversy, which has aroused the deep resentment of hundreds of thousands of Jews as well as non-Jews in this country, is not of my doing. For the sake of Zion I may not remain silent.

"I shall limit myself here to a very few remarks and wish in the first place to endorse the official statement issued by the Jewish Agency on this matter condemning these restrictive land measures as illegal, wholly unjust and as an expedient the effect of which will be to reduce the greater part of Palestine to stagnation. Without discussing the legal and international implications of this action it is not conceivable that we shall admit of the creation in Palestine, in our national home, of a ghetto - of a pale of settlement reminiscent of Czarist Russia rather than of the England of Arthur Balfour.

"This constriction of our rights in Palestine comes at a time when Jewry is sorely beset, when millions of our people are ruthlessly hounded and in search of a home. Our bitterness is greater when it is remembered that the blow is launched by those whom we have regarded and still regard as our friends.

"Our adversaries know that the cause for which England is fighting is also our cause; that a Nazi-dominated world would be one in which no Jew could live. We Jews would be deeply reluctant to cause difficulties to the British Government at a time like this. Whatever the provocation, I and those whom I represent will not deviate from the position enunciated in my letter to the Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain at the outbreak of the war. Our loyalty to the Allied cause remains steadfast. But our loyalty does not blind us to the wrong about to be perpetrated.

"Conscious of our rights, we shall, regardless of the obstacles this restrictive legislation seeks to place in the way of our development, continue the struggle for our future in Palestine. The time will come when the conscience of Britain will be aroused, and justice will be done to my people. The present policy of the British Government with regard to Palestine stands condemned and will fall under the weight of its own injustice.

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"There is bitter irony in the situation; the hand of him, who nine years ago helped his father frame the letter which reiterated in solemn language our rights in, and to Palestine, is today endeavoring to destroy those rights. But the Colonial Secretary is not England. His attempt to tear to shreds the Balfour Declaration and to make a mockery of the Jewish National Home will prove as unavailing as, in the long perspective of history, have all previous attempts of our enemies to destroy us."

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Shertok Hits Edict

LONDON, March 3. (JTA) -- Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, tonight denounced the land ordinance as the first attempt to introduce discrimination between Arabs and Jews. He spoke at a Zionist youth meeting here.

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Delegation to See Hull Today

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Cordell Hull will receive Jewish leaders representing national organizations at the State Department in Washington tomorrow afternoon to hear a formal protest against the land ordinance, it was announced today by the American Emergency Committee for Palestine. The delegation will see Mr. Hull after presenting a petition opposing the Palestine land decrees to Lord Philip Lothian, British Ambassador.

Heading the delegation are Dr. Solomon Goldman, president of the Zionist Organization of America; Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Louis Lipsky, former heads of the organization; Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Jewish National Fund; Mrs. Herman Shulman, secretary of Hadassah, and Max F. Wolff and Max L. Hollander, grandmaster and grand secretary, respectively, of the Independent Order of Brith Abraham. Other delegates will represent religious and labor organizations.

A protest rally scheduled for March 11 was advanced to tomorrow night and will be held in Carnegie Hall.

'MORAL EMBARGO' ON SHIPMENTS TO REICH URGED AS ANTI-NAZI WEEK OPENS

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- Organization of a national campaign to impose a "moral embargo" against supplying American materials to Nazi Germany was urged today at a meeting opening Anti-Nazi Week. A resolution to this effect, and also calling for intensification of the anti-Nazi boycott, was unanimously adopted.

The meeting, held at the Manhattan Center with an attendance of several hundred persons, was sponsored by the Joint Boycott Council of the American Jewish Congress and the Jewish Labor Committee; the Volunteer Christian Committee to Boycott Nazi Germany, of which Dr. William J. Schiefflin is chairman, and the American Boycott Against Aggressor Nations, headed by Dr. Mary E. Wooley.

Speakers included Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the Congress; Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, chairman of the Joint Boycott Council; Dr. Schiefflin; Maxwell Stewart, representing Dr. Wooley's group; Ludwig Lore, New York Post columnist; Louis Waldman of the Jewish Labor Committee; Dr. Sylvester Gruzka, Polish Consul General, and Andrew J. Valusek, vice president of the Czech National Council in America.