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CONGRESS GETS BILL OPENING ALASKA TO SETTLEMENT BY REFUGEES OF 16 TO 45

WASHINGTON, March 15. (JTA). -- The first bill to open up the vast territory of Alaska to refugee settlement--long advocated by Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes--was introduced yesterday by Senator Robert F. Wagner, acting for Senator William H. King (Dem., Utah) and by Representative Franck R. Havenner (Dem., Calif.), it was disclosed today.

The King-Havenner bill provides for the chartering of Alaskan development corporations to bring refugees from Europe or transfer needy Americans from the United States to begin operation of new industries and agricultural projects in the northern territory.

Aliens unable to enter the U.S. under the quota would be permitted to enter Alaska under the rules that now govern admission of ministers, students and those in special professional categories. They would not be admitted to American citizenship until they had resided in Alaska continuously for five years and had been reclassified as quota immigrants.

Selection of settlers would be governed by stringent rules. Only those between the ages of 16 and 45 would be admitted and each would have to be certified by the United States Public Health Service as physically and mentally fit.

The bill, which was approved by the Interior Department, was referred in the House to the Committee on Territories and Insular Affairs. Chairman Lex Green (Dem., Fla.) said he would hold hearings on the bill early in May.

Rep. Havenner pointed out the bill provided that the settlers could not engage in occupations that would compete with American industry. He said Alaska, with a 30,000 population that had been stagnant for three decades, was larger and had more natural resources than all of Scandinavia, where 13,000,000 live.

As the bill was introduced, the Alaskan Development Committee, a privately financed organization backing settlement in Alaska, opened headquarters here. The committee is headed by Irwin H. Klaus, president of the Roland German Democratic Club in New York, and includes among its members Harry Warner, motion picture executive; Miss Evelyn Hersey, executive director of the American Committee for Christian Refugees; Dr. Frank Bohn, Jacob Baker, former member of a presidential committee which studied European cooperatives, and Irvin Chanin, New York capitalist.

NAZIS RENEW EXPULSIONS OF JEWS FROM EAST PRUSSIA TO LUBLIN AREA

PARIS, March 15. (JTA) -- Despite reports that expulsion of Jews from the Old Reich to Poland had been halted, deportations have been renewed in East Prussia, it was reliably reported today, and Jews in Berlin feared that the enforced migrations would spread to other parts of Germany.

More than 100 Jews were expelled by the Gestapo from Treuburg and several hundreds from Elbing, Marienburg and Schneidemuhl in East Prussia to Biala-Podlaska, near the city of Lublin, in the Lublin Jewish "reservation," it was said.

In other parts of the Reich, Jews were being expelled from their towns to other cities within the Reich. Many Jews, fearing such wholesale expulsion, were seeking to move individually, but the Gestapo was barring travel permits to most of them, especially to Jews who had at any time been held in concentration camps.

The 1,200 Jews from Stettin, the first in the Old Reich to be expelled to Lublin, are for the most part now lodged between Piaska and Nisko, south of the city of Lublin, it was ascertained. Some of them are held in Belzyce. Letters which the Stettin Jews wrote to their families in the Reich told of families being separated on their arrival in the reservation.

One letter said: "We are 20 kilometers from Lublin. Please tell the children. We feel well. God will help us. We still have chances for emigration." Another related: "Uncle and grandfather are 20 kilometers away from us. Karl and most of our acquaintances are also in a different village. Stick together and do not neglect us. In God we trust."

A report from Breslau said that anti-Jewish persecution had been intensified there following the appointment of a cousin of Julius Streicher as local Gestapo chief. Jews were forbidden to ride in taxis. Three hundred were arrested and fined 300 marks each for not having the names "Sarah" or "Israel" on their food cards, one Jewish woman being sentenced to three months' imprisonment. Distribution of food cards was put under Gestapo supervision.

The Jewish hospital in Breslau was confiscated by the authorities for military use and the Jewish community was obliged to vacate on one day's notice. Local Catholics offered the Jewish community beds in the Catholic hospital, but the Jewish patients instead were distributed to private Jewish homes.

HUNGARIAN SPORTS CLUB FINED FOR LETTING JEW GUIDE ITS TOUR

BUDAPEST, March 15. (JTA) -- A fine of 1,000 pengoes has been imposed on the Hungaria Football Club for having permitted a Jew to conduct its recent tour to Turkey and Greece. Charges against the club were brought by the Hungarian Football Association, which said the club had violated the association's ban on Jews taking any leading part in a member's activities.

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URUGUAYAN LEADERS GREET GOLDMANN; BRITISH ENVOY AIDS RELIEF FUND

MONTEVIDEO, March 15. (JTA) -- Here on a speaking tour of South America, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the World Jewish Congress administrative committee, was today received by President Alfredo Baldomir, Foreign Minister Alberto Guani and British Ambassador Drake. A substantial contribution to the Palestine and overseas relief campaign of 100,000 pesos was made by Ambassador Drake, it was announced.

NAZI RED CROSS CHIEF CONFERS WITH NORMAN DAVIS

WASHINGTON, March 15. (JTA) -- The Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, president of the German Red Cross, conferred today with Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross, but details were not given to the press. The Duke did not see President Roosevelt, who cancelled all appointments because of a cold.

ARMY GIVEN RULE OVER ALIENS, REFUGEES IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, March 15. (JTA) -- Control over aliens and refugees in Belgium has been transferred to the National Defense Ministry for the duration of the mobilization period, according to a Royal Decree made public today. Entry and residence permits henceforth will be issued by the military authorities. The Justice Ministry formerly was the responsible agency for aliens and refugees.

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Refugees Land in Shanghai and Chile

SHANGHAI, March 15. (JTA) -- A group of Jewish refugees rescued from the Italian steamer Orazio when it took fire off Genoa in January have arrived here on the S.S. Conte Biancamano together with 67 other refugees from central Europe. The Orazio group had originally intended to go to South America.

(The Associated Press reported that another group of Orazio refugees, numbering 90, were among 225 refugees who landed yesterday at Arica, Chile, en route to Bolivia. They came on the liner Augusta.)

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Swedish Camp Opened

STOCKHOLM, March 15. (JTA) -- The first concentration camp under the recent law providing for possible internment of foreigners and "stateless" persons has been established in the former work house at Husby. Fourteen Germans and Poles, most of them refugees, have been interned there. A second camp will shortly be established at Smedsbo.

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Jobs Bias Denied in Commons

LONDON, March 15. (JTA) -- Home Secretary Sir John Anderson denied in the House of Commons last night that there has been discrimination against Jews of any nationality in administering an order excluding aliens from Government works and occupations connected with the war. The statement was in reply to a question by Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Labor M.P., on why German Jews classed as friendly aliens and Czech Jews have been expelled from Government works, munitions factories and shipyards.

CAROL WOULD FREE 800 IRON GUARDISTS ON PLEDGE OF LOYALTY

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The Associated Press reported from Bucharest today that King Carol had offered freedom to 800 imprisoned Iron Guard members provided they pledge allegiance to him and join the Front of National Rebirth, Rumania's only legal party.

JEWISH EDUCATION BODY ISSUES FORTNIGHTLY NEWS-PICTORIAL FOR CHILDREN

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish Education Committee, of which Justice Samuel I. Rosenman is president, today began publication of World-Over, a fortnightly news-pictorial for Jewish children.

The periodical is printed on rotogravure, is tabloid in size and features pictures of Jewish interest from all over the world. Captions and stories are in English. Dr. Alexander M. Dushkin, executive director of the J.E.C., is chairman of the editorial board. Israel Goldberg is editor.

COURT SCORES RACE HATRED IN JAILING MAN WHO STABBED JEW

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- General Sessions Judge Owen W. Bohan today sentenced William Molloy, 22, to an indeterminate penitentiary sentence of up to three years for stabbing and seriously wounding Irving Berger, Brooklyn chemist, in a fight on the Times Square subway station on Feb. 22, 1939. The fight began when Molloy called Berger "You dirty Yidi!"

Judge Bohan, an Irish Catholic, in handing down the sentence after a verdict had been rendered by a jury representing a cross-section of race and religion, said to the defendant, also an Irish Catholic: "Apparently this assault arose out of your inability to suppress a false teaching of hatred toward your fellow man. In these times the air seems to be filled with matter that has no place in this country. We must set an example to others to repress such feelings as you showed."

HIAS NOTES SUCCESS IN LINKING POLISH JEWS TO KIN IN U.S.; ADS, RADIO USED

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society has had much success in contacting relatives of Polish Jews here through letters transmitted by the JEAS-HIAS in Warsaw, it was stated here today. Where the letters do not give the addresses of the relatives, attempts are made to find them through newspaper advertisements and radio broadcasts. Many of the letters report death and destruction of property of Jews in Poland.

SAFRAN MAKES DEBUT IN RUMANIAN SENATE; STRESSES LOYALTY OF JEWS

BUCHAREST, March 15. (JTA) -- In his maiden speech in the Senate, Chief Rabbi Alexander Safran yesterday emphasized the loyalty of the Rumanian Jewish population, paid tribute to the Royal Family and called upon Jews to continue their efforts for defense of the country. The address, delivered in the presence of Foreign Minister Grigore Gafencu and Religions Minister I. Nistor, was respectfully received by the Senate and made an excellent impression. Dr. Safran, who was recently appointed Chief Rabbi at the age of 30, is the sole Jewish representative in Parliament.

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CZECH CONSUL, ARABS ATTEND CORNERSTONE RITES AT KFAR MASARYK

JERUSALEM, March 15. (JTA) -- Cornerstone for the first building in Kfar Masaryk was laid yesterday in a ceremony attended by many notables, including representatives of Jewish national institutions, the Consul General of former Czechoslovakia and Arabs representing the newly founded Arab-Jewish Workers' Federation. The colony was established recently and bears the name of the founder and first president of Czechoslovakia.

SPIEGELMAN, DAILY FORWARD CORRESPONDENT, FREED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, March 15. (JTA) -- Isaac Spiegelman, correspondent of the New York Jewish Daily Forward, who was arrested March 3 in connection with demonstrations against the land act, was released yesterday. The Palestine branch of the Zionist General Council met in an all-day session yesterday and discussed the political situation arising from the land act.

MACDONALD CHALLENGED ON LAND ACT ZONES; ACCUSED OF MISLEADING COMMONS

LONDON, March 15. (JTA) -- A challenge to Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald to publish a contour map of Palestine showing the boundaries of the land act zones together with his statements describing the extent of the zones printed against it, was made today by Prof. L.B. Namier, former political secretary of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, in a letter published by the Manchester Guardian.

Namier accused MacDonald of misleading the House of Commons with regard to the extent of the prohibited and restricted areas and the extent of the displacement of Arabs by Jewish purchases. He also charged that MacDonald had distorted quotations from a letter of protest to High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael by David Ben Gurion, Jewish Agency chairman.

BRITISH COURT TURNS DOWN CLAIM ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL REFUGEE BODY

LONDON, March 15. (JTA) -- The Court of Appeals has dismissed a claim by Commander Godman of the British Navy against Robert Pell, United States State Department official assigned to the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, for services rendered on behalf of the committee in establishing contact with the heads of the German Government in September, 1938. Mr. Pell at that time was assistant to George Rublee, Washington attorney who was the committee's first director.

The appeal was dismissed on the ground that the action was brought against sovereign states through their agents. While the appeal concerned only Pell, the action was brought against Lord Winterton, chairman of the committee, Rublee and another assistant, Joseph Cotton.

LONDON STOCK BROKERS WARNED ON SALE OF ENEMY-HELD SECURITIES

LONDON, March 15. (JTA) -- The suspicion that enemy interests were trying to market securities in London has prompted issuance of a warning to Stock Exchange firms advising them to use the utmost care before executing orders from neutral sources. The warning was issued yesterday by a committee of the London Stock Exchange. Commenting on the action, the Evening Standard's financial correspondent asserts that the most skilfully disguised transactions concern securities seized from Jews in Czechoslovakia.