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### RELEASE OF IRON GUARDISTS SEEN AS SPUR TO ANTI-SEMITISM IN BALKANS

LONDON, March 17.(JTA).-- Impending inclusion of the Iron Guard, nearly 800 members of which were released yesterday, in the Rumanian Front of National Rebirth was enthusiastically greeted by German propaganda organs today as paving the way for intensification of Nazi influence and anti-Semitic tendencies in the Balkans.

The Berlin, Breslau and Munich radio stations broadcast an announcement that "the last fortress of Jewish capitalism is now destroyed. The reconciliation between King Carol and the Iron Guard, establishing a new order in Rumania, gives full satisfaction to Germany."

The new developments in the Rumanian political situation came as a bombshell to the Jewish community there, which was deeply alarmed, according to private reports from Bucharest.

Restoration of the Iron Guard and inclusion within the Government party, if not within the Government itself, was expected to result in a new wave of anti-Semitic terrorism, of which Rumania had been free only since the suppression of the Iron Guard following the assassination of Premier Armand Calinescu on Sept. 21, 1939.

Fears were widespread that the new development would mean a renewal of violent anti-Semitism while, in a wider sphere, it was taken as indicating that in the future Rumania must be more compliant with Nazi demands since failure to accede would result in Iron Guard internal disturbances, bombings and assassinations at Berlin's order.

The Iron Guard's association with Berlin has always been most strong. Scores of its leaders who took refuge in Germany after the organization was suppressed are expected to return to Rumania to carry out the Nazis' instructions.

### Tatarescu Negotiates With Iron Guard

BUCHAREST, March 17.(JTA) -- Premier Georg Tatarescu is negotiating with the Iron Guard for inclusion of the suppressed anti-Semitic, pro-Nazi terrorist organization in the Front of National Rebirth, it was disclosed today. The possibility of including an Iron Guardist in the Cabinet was also being considered.

A communique issued by the presidency of the Council of Ministers stated: "M. Tatarescu received a delegation of former members of the Legionary Movement (Iron Guard) adhering by written declaration to the new political order of the country, following the Government's action for removal of political tension and for internal pacification."

ANGLO-FRENCH PARLEY SEEN BRINGING VITAL ECONOMIC CHANGES IN PALESTINE

PARIS, March 17. (JTA) -- Important economic changes in Palestine may result from a three-day Anglo-French conference, closing Monday, which is discussing the question of pooling the economic resources of French and British colonial and mandated territories.

Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald, heading the British delegation, arrived yesterday morning by air and went into conference immediately with French Colonial Minister Georges Mandel. It appeared likely that one of the subjects under discussion would be the Palestine land act.

As a result of the meeting, important relaxations may be made in existing trade restrictions between Syria and Palestine, as well as among other French and British territories. The colonial ministers also stressed the necessity of combating Nazi propaganda in colonial and mandated territories by greater educational activities among the natives. Other problems on the agenda were coordination of industry, export and currency regulations and of transportation and other economic activities.

Coincidentally, French newspapers reported that oil geologists were prospecting in large areas of Palestine. The matter has been kept secret, but it has now been revealed that crews have been sent by the Iraq Petroleum Company, which has received 28 prospecting permits, it was said.

NATION MOURNS SAMUEL UNTERMYER, NOTED ATTORNEY, JEWISH LEADER, DEAD AT 82

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- Leaders in all walks of life throughout the nation joined today in mourning the death of Samuel Untermyer, famous lawyer, civic leader, philanthropist and champion of Jewish rights.

Untermyer, who had been in poor health for the past few years, died yesterday afternoon at his winter residence in Palm Springs, Cal., after an acute illness lasting two weeks. He was 82 years old.

Untermyer will be interred beside his wife in the family mausoleum in Woodlawn Cemetery. According to tentative plans, the body will arrive at his Yonkers home, Grey-stone, Thursday, and the funeral will be held from there Friday at 11 a.m.

In tribute to Untermyer's memory, Governor Herbert H. Lehman said in Albany: "I have just learned with deepest regret of the death of Samuel Untermyer, who was my friend ever since I was a boy. He was one of the leading lawyers of our time and a man of unusual forcefulness and of indomitable courage. Always concerned with what he considered the best interests of his State and nation, he was for more than half a century a leader in the business and civic life of New York. Mrs. Lehman and I extend heartfelt sympathy to his family."

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Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia said: "The death of Samuel Untermyer is a great loss to our country. An able lawyer who through years of practice had gained great experience, he contributed all his experience to his community, State and country. He was fair and broadminded. On many occasions he had the courage to differ with his associates when it was unpopular to do so. To me his death is a personal loss."

In Washington, U.S. Senator Robert F. Wagner said: "The life of Samuel Untermyer was marked by brilliant achievement in every phase of a varied and remarkable career. As a leader of the bar, patron of the arts and of innumerable charitable endeavors, champion of public causes, and defender of the rights of man in every land, he won the admiration and deep affection of his countrymen in every phase and walk of life. I join in mourning the loss of a dear friend and great American."

As an attorney practicing as a member of the firm of Guggenheimer and Untermyer, which for a time was Guggenheimer, Untermyer and Marshall, Untermyer figured in some of the most notable cases of the past half century. He conducted the investigation into the Pujo Money Trust and, as counsel to the House Committee on Banking and Currency, was instrumental in causing enactment of remedial legislation. His fight against stock exchange abuses played a role in the creation of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Acting for Governor Alfred Smith in the St. Lawrence Water Power controversy, he brought about the defeat of the private power interests. As special counsel to the Transit Commission, he formulated plans for unification of New York's rapid transit lines.

In its obituary article, the N.Y. Herald Tribune described him as "one of the great lawyers and masterful public figures of the last fifty years" and said that few professional men ranked with him "in the extent of his free public service."

When Hitler rose to power in Germany, Untermyer, who had already distinguished himself as a champion of Jewish rights by conducting the case of Herman Bernstein vs. Henry Ford over the spurious "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," threw himself into the struggle against Nazism, taking a preeminent role in the organization of the anti-German boycott and founding in 1933 the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, of which he was president until his resignation two years ago.

During the five years he served as president of the Anti-Nazi League, Untermyer was tireless in his efforts to prosecute the boycott. He went to London to help organize the World Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi Council, of which he was president. He fought the Nazis on every front, carrying to Washington the battle against trade concessions to the Reich, battling against the holding of the Olympic Games in Berlin, seeking stricter regulations on labelling of foreign goods.

Untermyer retained complete use of his mental powers despite his advanced age. He was born on March 2, 1858 (although it was his custom to celebrate his birthday in June) in Lynchburg, Va., the son of Emanuel Untermyer and the former Julia Michael, both immigrants from Germany. He was educated at the College of the City of New York and Columbia Law School, being admitted to the bar in 1879.

Untermyer's Jewish activities were not limited to fighting Nazism. He was a vice-president of the American Jewish Congress and was active in many philanthropic movements. He was honorary chairman of the American Committee Appeal for Jews in Poland, to which he contributed substantial sums. Visiting Palestine in 1927, he pledged \$100,000 to the Hebrew University, which he called "the great reservoir from which will flow to

the corners of the earth contributions from the Jews' intellectual and spiritual resources for the advancement and welfare of humanity." He was also a supporter of the Jewish homeland in Palestine. Returning from the Holy Land he said that "the men and women who have come to Palestine are the finest specimens of humankind of which any country could be built."

Untermyer is survived by three children, Alvin, Irwin (N.Y. Supreme Court Justice) and Irene (Mrs. Stanley L. Richter); two grandchildren and four great grandchildren. His wife, the former Minnie Karl, whom he married in 1880, died some years ago.

#### WARSAW LABOR CONSCRIPTS BEATEN WITH IRON BARS, TRIESTE HEARS

TRIESTE, March 17. (JTA) - - Reliable reports reaching here said today that a number of Warsaw Jews seized for labor were ordered to undress and then were beaten with iron bars until they were covered with blood and their faces and limbs were swollen. They were then compelled to work and were ordered to return three weeks later for further "service."

Jewish women were asked if they knew how to play the piano and if they answered in the affirmative were ordered to clean lavatories with their hands. Other women were forced to scrub the floor with their underwear and were then obliged to put on the wet underwear in the bitter cold weather. Many fell ill and one young woman died of pneumonia as a result.

All Jewish dispensaries in Warsaw were expropriated and were turned over to "trustees," with the owners not allowed to enter the shops. According to a refugee who escaped from Nazi Poland on March 1, the Jewish middle class in Warsaw is completely ruined. Fewer than ten Jewish shops remain in the former Polish capital. Jewish businesses are being "Aryanized" at an accelerated pace and it is believed that the last Jewish business will disappear within two months.

At the same time mass arrests were continuing among the Jewish intelligentsia. Wealthier Jews were making every effort to emigrate, but a great number of professionals no longer had the necessary funds to emigrate.

A blacklist has been prepared of firms which before the German invasion supported the boycott of Nazi goods or showed a preference for domestic products. Jews have been deprived of legal representation since Jewish lawyers are unable to practice in courts and non-Jewish attorneys, organized under the leadership of Commissar Wendorff, are not allowed to accept Jewish clients.

Many Poles in the towns of Grodziesk, Lublin and Kielce were reported to have borrowed Jewish armlets to avoid being transferred to Germany when the Nazis began hunting for Poles on the streets to be sent to the Reich for forced labor.

#### WISE GETS PLANS FOR \$500,000 SYNAGOGUE AT SERVICES MARKING HIS 66th BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- Plans for erection of a new Free Synagogue costing \$500,000 were presented to Rabbi Stephen S. Wise today at special services celebrating his sixty-sixth birthday and his forty-fifth anniversary as a religious leader.

Announcement of the plans was made at the services, held at Carnegie Hall, by President Joseph M. Levine of the Free Synagogue. The new building will be built on the site adjoining the present building at 40 West 68th Street and will seat 1,250 persons.

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100,000 JEWS FOUND HAVENS IN LAST YEAR, HIAS PARLEY IS TOLD; \$1,000,000 DRIVE SET

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA).--A hundred thousand Jewish refugees and emigrants have found shelter from Nazi persecution in the past twelve months, Abraham Herman, president of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), reported at the organization's fifty-fifth annual convention today at the Hotel Astor.

They found shelter in the United States, Central and South America, the Far East, Palestine and British territories with the help of the HIAS-ICA worldwide service, Herman said. Latin-American countries alone absorbed 30,000 refugees during the twelve-month, Executive Director Isaac L. Asofsky pointed out, while interest in the United States was demonstrated by the fact that 473,600 American relatives or friends of actual or prospective refugees or migrants called on the HIAS for aid in arranging migration.

A \$1,000,000 independent fund-raising drive to meet the HIAS "rescue through emigration" budget for this year was announced by Herman. Besides approving this budget, the 2,500 delegates representing 850 organizations adopted a resolution protesting against the brutalities of the Nazis' forced emigration policy.

The current "epidemic of anti-alien bills in Congress" drew the fire of Representative Bruce Barton, of New York, addressing the convention. The delegates loudly applauded Barton's warning that "any nation that begins attacking minorities is beginning to destroy its democracy," and that "any political party in this country that lets itself get stamped with an anti-alien impress is on its way to destruction."

General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein was elected a member of the society's board of directors. The convention paid tribute to Harry Fischel, New York builder and philanthropist, on his completion of half a century as treasurer of the HIAS.

INDIAN TRIBE SENDS GIFT TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA).-- The United Jewish Appeal today announced receipt of a contribution from the Takinis, a tribe of South Dakota Indians who 50 years ago escaped massacre. The gift was forwarded with a letter of "best wishes to you, your people and your work" by Rudolf Hertz, superintendent of the Dakota Indian Parish of Eagle Butte, South Dakota.

WEIZMANN MAY RETURN TO U.S. IN MAY

PARIS, March 17. (JTA).-- It is understood here that President Chaim Weizmann of the Jewish Agency, who is now in London, expects to make another visit to New York in May.

NAZIS SHIP WILNO WAR PRISONERS TO LUBLIN AREA, LETTERS TO KIN REVEAL

WILNO, March 17. (JTA) -- Numerous Wilno Jewish families have received letters from their husbands and sons transferred from German military prison campst to the Lublin Jewish "reservation" who ask their relatives to apply for their return under terms of the Lithuanian-German agreement regarding release of persons holding or entitled to Lithuanian citizenship. The Germans were reported to have started wholesale release of Polish war prisoners from the camps, but while "Aryans" were permitted to return to their homes, Jews were being sent to Lublin.