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### TAYLOR AIDS ROME TALKS SEEKING HAVEN FOR REFUGEES ON GREEK ISLAND

PARIS, March 24. (JTA) -- Myron C. Taylor, President Roosevelt's envoy to the Vatican, is taking a hand in negotiations now being conducted in Rome looking toward establishment of a temporary asylum for Polish and German refugees on a Greek island, it was reliably reported here today.

Taylor, as "father of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees," is continuing his interest in the refugee problem while fulfilling his mission to the Vatican, and it was said that the Vatican was also cooperating.

The negotiations are being conducted between a representative of the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association and the Greek Legation in Rome for admittance of refugees from the Reich and Poland to a Greek island to await opportunities for permanent settlement elsewhere.

The Greek Legation is understood to be favorably disposed to granting the temporary asylum, provided that funds for their maintenance are guaranteed by relief organizations. The HIAS-ICA representative, on his return to Paris, is expected to bring a detailed report which will be submitted to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, along with Taylor's sentiments on the matter.

### NAZI POGROMIST DIRECTS 'JEWISH RETRAINING' IN LUBLIN AREA

AMSTERDAM, March 24.(JTA) -- The Krakauer Zeitung, Nazi organ in German-occupied Poland, reports that the Hitler Elite Guard brigade leader, Globocnik, who organized anti-Jewish excesses in Vienna after Anschluss, is now in charge of "Jewish retraining" in the Lublin "reservation."

A large group of Nazi newspapermen, accompanied by Baron Prel, press chief of the Government-General administration, recently inspected the reservation during a tour of Nazi Poland and were shown Jewish workshops established by Globocnik, where Jews were forced to work at manufacture of leather goods and fur coats.

"There was great joy at seeing these idlers for the first time doing useful work under German direction," the paper said.

RALLIES ON 'JEWRY AND PLUTOCRACY' HELD THROUGHOUT REICH

AMSTERDAM, March 24.(JTA) -- German provincial newspapers report that meetings devoted to the subject of "Jewry and Plutocracy" are being held throughout Germany. The meetings are arranged on a large scale with soldiers and storm troopers participating.

BRITAIN BARS REFUGEES FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HELD ENEMY AREA

LONDON, March 24.(JTA) -- It was learned today that Home Secretary Sir John Anderson has informed the Parliamentary Committee on Refugees, which recently approached him regarding the possibilities of bringing here certain refugees from former Czechoslovakia, that there was no prospect of admitting any refugees from enemy territory. The committee had intervened on behalf of families having members now residing in England.

EXCAVATIONS IN JERUSALEM SHOW TOWER OF DAVID IS MISNAMED

LONDON, March 24.(JTA) -- Excavations at the citadel at the Jaffa Gate in Jerusalem prove that the tower known as the Tower of David actually is the Tower of Phasael, one of the three described by Josephus as having been erected by King Herod about 25 B.C., The Times reports.

The tower was inserted in a pre-Herodian wall which seems to go as far back as the Maccabees. The wall incorporates an even earlier wall which may go as far back as Nehemiah. It is believed that the wall may have been built when the Maccabees, under Jonathan Maccabaeus fortified the city.

The report states that the new discoveries vividly illustrate many passages of the books of Maccabees and of Josephus, including javelin heads of the Greek type used in the wars of the Selucids against the Jews.

BIBLICAL CREATION BY JEWISH SCULPTOR GIVEN TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY

LONDON, March 24.(JTA) -- A great bronze candelabrum, the work of Benno Elkan, noted German Jewish sculptor, presented to Westminster Abbey by an anonymous donor, was dedicated last night by the Dean of Westminster. It contains 32 Old Testament figures and required ten years to complete.

LAMPART TO VISIT DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR INDUSTRIAL SURVEY

MIAMI, March 24.(JTA) -- Arthur M. Lampart, well-known New York banker and philanthropist, who took the initiative in the Dominican refugee settlement project, is leaving by airplane for a three-week visit to the Dominican Republic.

Invited by Generalissimo Trujillo to be the guest of the Republic, Lampart will make a survey with regard to introducing handicraft and other industries in the Dominican Republic. He will coordinate his activities with the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, which is headed by James N. Rosenberg.

BRITISH FASCISTS DEFACE WALLS OF JEWISH CEMETERY

LEEDS, England, March 24.(JTA) -- Fascists during the night smeared the following inscription, in letters a yard high, on walls of the Gildersome Jewish cemetery: "All Jews, all dead, thank God!" Underneath was the signature "P.J.," meaning "Perish Judah."

LAND TO SETTLE 60,000 FAMILIES ON FARMS CAN STILL BE BOUGHT, SMILANSKY HOLDS

NEW YORK, March 24.(JTA) -- Large opportunities for Jews to buy land and settle in Palestine, despite the recent restrictions imposed by Britain, were pointed out by Moshe Smilansky, president of the Palestine Jewish Farmers Federation, on his arrival for a three-month visit to this country in behalf of the Jewish National Fund.

Bad as it is, the new ordinance restricting land purchases still leaves 1,500,000 dunams (375,000 acres) open to Jewish purchase, enough cultivable land to settle 60,000 agricultural families, said Smilansky, who disembarked late last night from the S.S. Excalibur.

Smilansky deplored the effect of the ordinance on the political and economic situation in Palestine. Up to the time of its promulgation, he said, relations between Jews and Arabs had been improving notably ever since the beginning of the war, but he feared they would again be embittered.

The land edict "has placed Palestine Jewry before a severe test not unlike the one which confronted the Patriarch Abraham," Smilansky said, "to sacrifice its 'only son' or to revolt." But, he added, "they will do neither. They will never cease working and struggling for their homeland, nor will they relent in their loyalty to the cause of the democracies. The Jewish people will fight for its national destiny in Palestine not by force but by spirit, through creative work and continued upbuilding which is bound to lead to victory."

Not only the Jews, but the majority of the Arabs, and large British interests as well, notably big banks holding mortgages on Arab land, were opposed to the land purchase restrictions, Smilansky said. In view of this, he attributed the British action to misinformation received by Colonial Secretary Malcolm McDonald as to the state of mind of the Arabs in Palestine and other countries. "The Arabs fear above all a Russian attack," Smilansky said, "and they know that their only reliance against this is England."

For a year prior to the enactment of the land ordinance there was a rush of Arab landowners to sell to the Jews, in fear of this development, Smilansky said, and land prices dropped 20 to 30 per cent. Unfortunately, he added, the Zionists did not have enough money to take advantage of all these opportunities.

Smilansky said he had come to America to assist the Jewish National Fund in appealing to the Jews of this country to support it financially in taking quick advantage of the existing chance to buy land.

SUPPORT FOR U.J.A. URGED AT PRO-PALESTINE PARLEY HERE

NEW YORK, March 24.(JTA) -- Jewish fraternal and benevolent organizations in New York City were summoned to support the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs in a resolution adopted at the annual conference of the Council of Organizations for Palestine, today at the Commodore. Speakers at the conference included Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, and Dr. Kurt Blumenfeld, of Jerusalem, director of the Palestine Foundation Fund.

## SENATOR TAFT HITS RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE; HOLDS U.S. CITADEL OF TOLERANCE

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 24.(JTA) -- Denouncing efforts to spread religious intolerance in the United States, Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio said in a speech here Friday that this country "has always been, is, and must remain, the citadel of religious freedom and religious toleration."

Senator Taft, who is a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, declared spreading of religious prejudice was contrary to the principles of the Constitution and was designed to destroy minority rights as in Germany and Russia.

"Frankly," he said, "I do not believe the American people have any such prejudices, or will support any such propaganda. We have seen waves of prejudice before, but they have never found any fertile soil in American institutions, and after a brief popularity have died away. Any man born in the United States can be elected to any office, whether he be Protestant, Catholic or Jew, provided only that his political views meet the approval of a majority of the electorate. The United States of America has always been, is, and must remain, the citadel of religious freedom and religious toleration."

## BILL TO ALTER STATUS OF MINORITIES WITHDRAWN IN ESTONIA

TALLINN, Estonia, March 24.(JTA) -- The Government has withdrawn the bill providing for a change in the status of minorities. The Jewish minority will continue to enjoy full cultural autonomy.

The Jewish Cultural Board has applied to General Laidoner, the Army chief, to permit correspondence with persons abroad in Yiddish, in addition to Estonian, Latvian, Finnish, Swedish, Russian, English, French and German, which are the languages now allowed.

## YOUTH ALIYAH SENT 847 REFUGEES TO PALESTINE SINCE WAR

LONDON, March 24.(JTA) -- The Youth Aliyah Organization announced today that 847 young refugees have arrived in Palestine since the beginning of the war. They include 305 youths and 420 children who came directly from Germany and 100 youths and 22 children from transit countries. Another 350 are due to arrive by March 31.

### 250 Refugees Quit Lithuania

WILNO, March 24.(JTA) -- A group of 150 Jews have left for Palestine, bringing to 250 the total who have emigrated to the Holy Land from Lithuania since the beginning of the war.

## TRIVUSH, HEBREW TRANSLATOR OF TOLSTOY, DEAD IN WILNO AT 83

WILNO, March 24.(JTA) -- Josef-Elias Trivush, veteran of Hebrew literature, has died here at the age of 83. He had translated works by Anatole France, Artur Schnitzler and Count Leo Tolstoy into Hebrew and also was the compiler of an anthology of medieval Hebrew poetry.

## JEWISH INFORMATION LIBRARY OPENED TO PUBLIC

NEW YORK, March 24.(JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee announced today the opening of a Library of Jewish Information at its offices, 286 Fourth Avenue, under the direction of Harry Schneiderman, assistant secretary of the Committee, with Abraham G. Duker in charge of research. The library is open to clergymen, writers, editors and other individuals and organizations interested in obtaining authentic information about the Jews.