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### PLAN TO ISSUE SPECIAL PASSPORTS FOR JEWS BEHIND BAN ON EXIT FROM NAZI POLAND

AMSTERDAM, April 5. (JTA) -- The recent Nazi ban on Jewish emigration from the Government-General of Poland was due to the intention of the authorities to issue special passports for Jews in the near future, it was learned here today. It is not yet known whether the special passports are intended as identity papers only or will be available also for traveling abroad.

In Lodz, it is reported, brutal methods were used to force Jews to evacuate the center of the city and settle in the Balut ghetto quarter. Jews were given not more than ten minutes to leave their apartments. Those staying longer face execution.

Among those who have been shot dead by German soldiers in this way was the wife of Dr. Kotok, who was the sister of the late Jewish journalist, Lazar Fuchs. She had been unable to leave her apartment because she was ill and bed-ridden. She was shot dead in bed. Among others executed were the Jewish merchant Jotkowski of 9 Petrikowska Street; Opoczynski, owner of a wall paper shop at 88 Petrikowska Street; Glatter, owner of a fur firm, and many more.

Many Jews were also shot in trying to cross the line dividing the Lodz area from the Government-General.

### THIRD REFUGEE CORPS TO BE RECRUITED IN LONDON; PIONEERS POPULAR IN FRANCE

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- A new army recruiting office for the Third Auxiliary Pioneer Corps will be opened here on Monday, it was announced today.

The authorities are reported to be delighted with the success of the refugee corps. Commanding officers in France are said to be competing for the services of the refugee pioneers, several companies of whom are now operating in France.

Rabbis Israel Brodie and Bernard Cherrick, recently appointed Jewish chaplains to the British expeditionary forces, have departed for France to take up their duties. It is expected that the number of Jewish chaplains will be increased later in accordance with the growing number of Jewish members of the forces, both at home and overseas.

Presbyterian Minister Buried First British Jewish War Victim

GLASGOW, March 31. (JTA Airmail) -- A Presbyterian minister was at the bedside of Sidney Rachkind, first British Jewish soldier to die in France, it was revealed here today.

The minister also conducted the funeral service, using a Jewish prayer book, when it was found impossible for a rabbi to reach in time the casualty clearing station where Rachkind died. Rachkind was given a military funeral, attended by men of the Royal Army Service Corps unit.

In an interview today, Rachkind's mother said the chaplain was Captain Kenneth Tyson. "He has sent me a letter that comforted me greatly and that has made me very grateful to him," she said. "I am writing to thank him for all he did." Captain Tyson's letter said that "Sidney died in active service in the struggle against the oppressor of your people and mine."

HUGH JOHNSON ADVISES U.S. JEWS NOT TO SEEK EUROPEAN TIES FOR AMERICA

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- General Hugh S. Johnson, in his syndicated column published in the New York World-Telegram, today counselled American Jews against seeking "any European tie-ups with America, either as to military alliances or ideas of government."

Commenting on a Toronto speech by Jules Bache, New York banker, who urged American support of the Allies against Germany, General Johnson said that "for Jewish sakes as well as those of all other Americans, prominent citizens who really are Jewish international bankers and self-announced interventionists, should in this dangerous world, impose at least as much discretion on their statements as we vainly expect of some of our own ill-chosen and singularly inept American ambassadors."

Referring to Bache's reported statement that the United States should support the Allies "if for no other reason than that of good business," General Johnson said that such an argument "is playing into the hands of Hitler, who accuses us of being guided by just such men for just such reasons."

"The worst current libel on patriotic Americans of Jewish faith is to say that they are 'internationalists who seek to involve us in this war,'" the columnist said. "If they have money they are called 'Jewish international bankers who got us into the last war and want to get us into this one.' That's what Hitler says, too."

Denying the validity of this accusation, General Johnson continued: "I can see why any Jew would hate Hitler above every monster that ever came in the shape of man. There never was a deadlier or more cruel, cowardly and unfair enemy of their race. But I can't see why any American Jew would want to mix any part of our destiny in any way with the affairs of European nations."

"This country offered them and many other races and creeds the most effective haven of refuge and toleration that has existed on this earth. Such anti-Semitism as there is here today is, I think, negligible and prevails only

among the least informed people in more remote places, who see so little of Jews in general that they have been unable fairly to examine the substance of their prejudice.

"But there is no important European nation that has not at some time in its history some background or incident of persecution of Jews almost, if not quite, as inhuman and insane as Hitler's sadism. British treatment of Jews in Palestine is much more defensible on the ground of necessity than things that have been done elsewhere in Europe, but it is certainly no most-favored-nation policy. Hore-Belisha didn't get kicked out merely because he was efficient.

"In these circumstances, it seems to me that intelligent Jewish people should be the very last, in their hearts or in their minds, to seek any European tie-ups with America, either as to military alliances or ideas of government. In my observation, few of the best informed do."

BISHOP, SEDITION DEFENDANT, TERMED RED AGENT BY COUNSEL FOR OTHERS

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- The trial of the 17 alleged seditionists got under way in Brooklyn Federal Court today with opening statements by prosecutor and defense counsel, featured by efforts of attorneys for 12 of the defendants to brand William Gerald Bishop, another defendant, and Dennis J. Healy, a Queens resident, as "agents provocateurs" for the Communist Party responsible for instigating the plot against the Government.

U.S. Attorney Harold Kennedy, in his opening statement, said that Bishop and John F. Cassidy were leaders of the plot to overthrow the Government and that they had a five-year plan for the "Action Committee" to incite the Communists to violent acts, at the end of which period a private army, to be formed in the meantime, would take over the country. Kennedy said: "The Christian Front is not on trial and neither is race nor religion."

During the opening statements of the six defense counsel, Leo Healy, representing 11 defendants, and Walter N. Thayer, counsel for John T. Prout Jr., named Bishop and Dennis Healy as provocateurs "No. 1" and "No. 2." Attorney Healy charged: "The Communist Party planted them at Christian Front meetings and also high Government officials in Washington sent them." Bishop's attorney, Emanuel Trotter, in his address made the unusual statement: "My client is as much a defendant here as anyone else."

After the statements of counsel the first witness was called. He was sergeant Henry F. Fischer of the National Guard in Brooklyn, who testified that Claus G. Bernecke, one of the defendants, had asked him for literature about machine-guns and had asked him to act as machine-gun instructor for an organization of which Bernecke was a member.

NAZIS ORDER CZECH CIVIL WORKERS TO DIVORCE JEWS OR QUIT JOBS

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- A Prague dispatch to the New York Times said today that the Nazi authorities had ordered all Czech civil servants married to Jews to obtain divorces or resign their jobs.

PELLEY OUT ON \$5,000 BOND PENDING APPEAL ON HABEAS CORPUS RULING

WASHINGTON, April 5. (JTA) -- A habeas corpus secured by William D. Pelley to prevent his return to North Carolina, where the anti-Semitic Silver Shirt leader faces a hearing as to whether a previous jail sentence should be imposed, was discharged by Justice Jesse C. Adkins in Federal District Court today and Pelley was placed under the custody of a marshal.

Pelley's attorney, T.E. O'Connell, immediately appealed the decision of Judge Adkins and Pelley was ordered placed under \$5,000 bond pending hearing on the appeal. Thus the Silver Shirt leader need not return to North Carolina for at least several weeks.

Earlier in the day, Rep. Martin Dies, chairman of the House Committee Investigating un-American Activities, who had been subpoenaed by Pelley in an attempt to prove that a plot existed to return him to North Carolina, appeared at the court house. Justice Adkins ruled that Dies need not testify, however.

BRITISH SCHOOLS, CHURCHES URGED TO AID INTERFAITH AMITY

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish Chronicle today editorially appealed to Education Minister Herwald Ramsbotham to return "our English schools to havens of mutual respect by the imparting of accurate knowledge of the Jews and Jewish history."

Referring to the recently announced Franco-British educational cooperation, the editorial said: "Innoculation of the young against pernicious racial theories and their education in the principles of civic relations and relationships is surely the plain duty of governments today."

The editorial also appealed to the churches to play a part in the creation of new harmonies.

ROSEN CLARIFIES REFERENCE TO COST OF PALESTINE SETTLEMENT

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph A. Rosen today clarified a misinterpretation made by a New York newspaper of a speech which he recently delivered to a meeting of the National Council of Jewish Women in Brooklyn. He was quoted as saying that it cost from seven to ten times as much to settle a family in Palestine as in Santo Domingo.

What actually happened, Dr. Rosen explained, was that a question came from the floor as to how much it cost to settle a family in Santo Domingo. Dr. Rosen replied, "\$1,000." To a question on how much it cost to settle a family in Palestine, Dr. Rosen replied: "It used to cost from \$5,000 to \$7,000." Dr. Rosen said today he had not intended to draw any comparison, nor did he know what Palestine settlement costs at present.