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### NAZIS INTERNING REFUGEES IN NORWAY, DENMARK; EXILES IN SWEDEN TRAPPED

AMSTERDAM, April 10. (JTA) -- The German forces of occupation in Denmark and Norway are arresting Jewish refugees from the Reich living in these Scandinavian countries, it was reported here today. There are 2,000 refugees in Norway and 1,200 in Denmark.

Refugees in Denmark are being interned in concentration camps, Copenhagen dispatches said. A Berlin dispatch to the newspaper Algemeen Handelsblad said that refugees in Norway would also be interned.

There are also 2,000 refugees in Sweden who are now trapped, although Sweden is not directly involved in the German invasion, because the only way of leaving the country is through the Skagerrak or through Germany. The American-organized Dominican Republic Settlement Corporation had been planning to transport 22 of the refugees in Sweden to the Dominican Republic as part of the refugee colonization project.

The Nazi invasion of Scandinavia also brings the native Jewish populations of Norway and Denmark under the Nazi regime. There are about 1,500 Jews in Norway and 6,000 in Denmark, in addition to refugees. It is assumed that Reich anti-Semitic legislation, at least in part, will be extended to these countries if Germany retains control of their governments.

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### Seek to Save 653 Refugee Farm Students, Children in Denmark

LONDON, April 10. (JTA) -- Efforts have been made to rescue 583 Jewish refugees from Germany undergoing agricultural training and 270 young refugees awaiting emigration to Palestine under Youth Aliyah auspices who were trapped in Denmark by the German invasion, it was learned today.

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### Invasion Closes Emigration Outlet for Refugees in Lithuania

PARIS, April 10. (JTA) -- One of the results of the extension of the war into Scandinavia was to close the principal avenue of emigration for some 12,000 Jewish refugees from Poland now domiciled in Lithuania who hoped to settle in

Palestine and other overseas countries. Unable to enter Poland or Germany, these refugees had intended to reach Scandinavian ports in order to embark for new homelands or to proceed to French and Rumanian ports of embarkation.

The only route to Palestine is now through Soviet Russia to Odessa and thence to the Rumanian port of Constanza. However, the Soviet Government has allowed very few of the refugees transit across Russian territory.

(Soviet Russia and Lithuania have concluded an agreement whereby refugees may cross Russian soil provided they have a destination, according to a Washington dispatch in JTA News April 10.)

#### SOVIET REPORTED PLANNING TO REPATRIATE REFUGEES FROM NAZI POLAND

PARIS, April 10. (JTA) -- Polish Government circles reported today that Soviet Russia and Germany were negotiating an agreement to repatriate ~~over~~ 60,000 Poles and Jews who fled from Nazi-occupied Poland to the Soviet area. Germany, in turn, would turn over to the Soviet about 14,000 persons in Nazi-held Poland who were born in the Soviet area.

Enforcement of such a treaty would mark a departure from Soviet policy, which has permitted refugees from Nazi Poland to remain in the Soviet area and either apply for Soviet citizenship or be considered as "stateless," to be treated in the same manner as "stateless" persons in other European countries.

It is understood that the initiative for the negotiation of the agreement was taken by the Nazis.

#### POLES TO HOLD GERMAN NATION RESPONSIBLE FOR HITLER ACTS, PEASANT LEADER SAYS

ANGERS, France, April 10. (JTA) -- J. Javorski, leader of the Polish Peasant Party, declared yesterday at a session of the Polish National Council--Poland's parliament in exile--that the German nation would be held responsible for Hitler's policy of extermination in Poland and would have to pay reparations for damages to the population.

Javorski stressed that full equality to national minorities would be accorded in the reconstructed Polish State. "The Polish peasantry is against oppression," he said. "It has always respected and recognized the rights of others to live and freely to develop their spiritual and material values. It will maintain this policy in the same form..."

"It should be clear without any doubt that we advocate that all national minorities which will find themselves in the new Polish State and who are now suffering and fighting loyally together with the Polish people should in the future be accorded the same treatment as that given the Poles."

RED CROSS GETS \$63,000 MORE FOR POLISH RELIEF

WASHINGTON, April 10th. (JTA) -- The American Red Cross today received contributions totalling \$63,000 designated for the relief of Polish war victims, Chairman Norman H. Davis announced. The donations, forwarded by three organizations, made a total of \$467,061 contributed specifically for Red Cross relief for distressed Poles who took refuge in neighboring nations or remain in German-occupied Poland.

Upon receipt of the checks, Davis stated that the money would be used for the immediate purchase of additional relief supplies.

Included were a check for \$50,000 from the Polish American Council, \$10,000 from the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and \$3,000 from the Polski Narodowy Komitet W Ameryce of Scranton, Pa. Davis explained that more than 50 Polish organizations throughout the country had sent contributions to the Red Cross for war relief operations. Supplies are being purchased by the Red Cross for distribution in the Government-General district of German-occupied Poland.

INTERFAITH PARLEY ON UNEMPLOYMENT PLANNED

WASHINGTON, April 10. (JTA) -- A national interfaith conference on unemployment will be convened in Washington June 4 to 6 under the direction of the industrial division of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Social Justice Commission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, it was announced here today by the Rev. James Myers, Monsignor John A. Ryan and Rabbi Edward L. Israel, leaders of the religious groups planning the conference.

"Unemployment," the clergymen declared, "is the basic problem before the nation and vitally affects all other problems of national well being. It must be approached and solved in a determined spirit of cooperation and national unity. It must not be allowed to become a political football but must be the common concern of all political parties, of all economic groups, of employers, organized labor, farmers, consumers and government."

The purpose of the proposed conference, the clergymen pointed out, is to "define impartially the issue and to lay upon the conscience of the nation the paramount necessity of its solution."

"The first thing which is needed," they said, "is a united will to abolish unemployment. The three faiths are glad to join in a united appeal to abolish unemployment."

Whatever findings the forthcoming conference may adopt will be the responsibility of the conference itself rather than of the convening organizations, the three social action leaders stated. "Such findings," they added, "will in turn become recommendations to the various religious bodies for further study and action."

An interfaith committee of 30 to be appointed by the convening organizations will assist in the organization and operation of the conference, it was announced.

MORE JEWISH LEADERS PAY TRIBUTE TO ADLER

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- Further statements of tribute to the late Dr. Cyrus Adler were made public today. Excerpts follow:

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the United Palestine Appeal: "The United Palestine Appeal deeply mourns the passing of Dr. Cyrus Adler who for many years served as its Honorary Chairman. In the compass of Dr. Adler's outlook upon Jewish life, the work of the reconstruction of Palestine occupied a significant position."

Jewish Labor Committee, in a telegram to the American Jewish Committee: "Please accept our sincerest condolences at the demise of your great president. The loss of Dr. Cyrus Adler at this crucial time will be deeply felt by all sections of the Jewish community. Dr. Adler was held in high regard by all of us for the many invaluable services he rendered our people."

Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Robert P. Goldman, president: "The Union of American Hebrew Congregations extends sincere sympathy. Cyrus Adler was an outstanding educator and a great champion of civil and religious rights. He was a statesman of high order, a devoted Jew and an American patriot, dedicated to the preservation of democracy and religion. His untimely demise will be felt keenly by all those interested in education."

REPORT ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE JURORS IN 'FRONT' TRIAL

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- The World-Telegram reported today that partisans of the 17 Christian Front defendants in the seditious conspiracy trial had made an effort to influence the jurors by sending them pamphlets.

Cross-examination of Dennis Healy, chief prosecution witness, continued today, with Healy testifying in reply to questions that one of the defendants, Claus Ernecke, favored segregation of Jews in ghettos and had said that if the United States went to war against Germany he would return to the Reich to fight for Hitler.

DIES URGED TO GIVE MORE ATTENTION TO NAZI ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON, April 10. (JTA) -- On the House floor, Samuel Dickstein (Dem., N.Y.) today termed as "bunk" an article in Liberty magazine written by Joachim F. Paffrath, avowed former Nazi agent, who wrote that while a Nazi spy he had managed to secure a position of confidence in Dickstein's office investigating Nazi activities. Dickstein added, however, that the series of articles pointed to a real danger in this country from agents in the employ of the German Government and stated the Dies committee should pay more attention to this phase of un-American activities.

Jews PAY TRIBUTE TO CARDINAL VERDIER, FOE OF PERSECUTION

PARIS, April 10. (JTA) -- Many prominent Jews today sent messages of condolence on the death of Jean Cardinal Verdier, expressing gratitude for the attitude he had taken against Nazi persecution. Cardinal Verdier, who died yesterday at

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the age of 76, was a vigorous opponent of Nazi racial theories. On Nov. 20, 1939, he bitterly denounced anti-Semitic persecution in Germany and called Nazi racial theories "a defiance of sane observation of facts, of true science and of the spiritual traditions of the universe." On May 8, 1939, he told a Jewish delegation: "We will always be with you because we believe in the triumph of the rights of the individual, in family and social relations, and appeasement of international relations."

#### \$40,000 FOR MIZRACHI PROJECTS RAISED AT LUNCHEON

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- Forty thousand dollars for new projects in Palestine, was realized by metropolitan chapters of the Mizrachi Women's Organization of America, through its annual donors' luncheon today at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria. Fifteen hundred members and guests attended. Proceeds will be devoted to the Mizrachi Women's new Central Farm School and the Haifa Home and Training School, which will accommodate several hundred Orthodox refugee girls.

#### BAR RATION CARDS FOR JEWS, NAZI LEADER URGES

BRUSSELS, April 10. (JTA) -- The Nazi newspaper Koelnische Zeitung reports that Cologne District Leader Grohe, in an address to party officials at Siegburg, urged that an end be put to "German generosity towards the Jews." He said: "Germany is committing the mistake of tolerating Jews, who are the hereditary enemies of Germany and the agents of enemy espionage. It is intolerable that Jews are given ration cards while not performing useful work."

#### STEFAN ZWIG BECOMES BRITISH SUBJECT

LONDON, April 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Stefan Zweig, Austrian novelist and poet, has become a naturalized Briton, the London Gazette announced. Dr. Zweig came to England in 1932 to work on a biography of Mary, Queen of Scots. He applied for citizenship in 1938, the year Germany annexed Austria.