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VANGUARD OF DOMINICAN SETTLERS SET TO SAIL FROM GENOA

WASHINGTON, April 22. (JTA) -- Arrangements for the transportation of 100 German refugees to the Dominican Republic on a passenger liner sailing from Genoa have been completed, it was learned today.

The group is the vanguard of 500 refugee families and more than 200 unmarried persons being selected for settlement in the Caribbean island under a project having the approval of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee and President Roosevelt's Advisory Committee on Refugees.

Fifty of the group will be settled by the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, American organization formed to finance and direct the project, while the others received independent entry permits. The latter were not allowed to start for the Dominican Republic until the Association assumed responsibility for them.

3,000,000 IN EUROPE GET PASSOVER RELIEF AS J.D.C. COMPLETES HUGE TASK

PARIS, April 21. (JTA) -- At least 3,000,000 Jews in war-stricken Europe will start Passover tomorrow night provided with matzoth and other Passover food supplied by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

The huge job of delivering this relief has been completed in practically every part of Europe, especially in Nazi-held Poland and in Germany proper, according to reports received here today from J.D.C. field representatives.

Passover provisions have also been supplied to Jewish soldiers with the fighting forces, including the French Foreign Legion in Algiers and the Czech and Polish legions in France. Jewish refugees detained in camps have been similarly provided.

Distribution of the Passover food in Nazi-held Poland, achieved after surmounting of many difficulties, was described here today as having great moral significance for Polish Jewry, since it demonstrated to them that American Jewry was aware of their plight and was doing everything possible to reach them with relief. The Passover supplies marked the first time since outbreak of the war that American Jewry had been able to send direct relief to Polish Jewry.

The value of the Passover supplies shipped into Germany proper, Austria, the Protectorate and Nazi-held Poland is estimated here at \$200,000, with the bulk of it

going to Nazi Poland. This is in addition to some \$25,000 worth of supplies shipped into Lithuania for refugees from Poland.

Had the J.D.C. shipments not reached Nazi Poland, Polish Jewry for the first time in its history would have been without Passover food since the Nazi authorities had forbidden baking of matzoth in view of the shortage of flour, which is rationed. The J.D.C. was unable to ship Passover food into Soviet-occupied Poland where live more than 1,500,000 Jews, the majority of them extremely religious, because no American relief has so far been admitted to Russia. It is believed, however, that the orthodox Jews in the Soviet-held areas will be able to provide themselves with Passover food since the baking of matzoth is not prohibited there.

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Prayer in Palestine

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog issued a Passover message "praying that the Almighty will usher in for Israel and for mankind a new era of full realization of the age-long prophetic hopes and aspirations."

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Hadassah Launches Forest Project

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- A nationwide campaign for funds to provide at least 25,000 trees for the Palestinian colony of Ein Hashophet, founded in honor of former Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, will be started throughout the country during the Passover holidays by Hadassah, it was announced today. The new forest will be named in honor of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and Judge Julian W. Mack of this city.

NEW NAZI DRIVE ON JEWS IN WARSAW SEEN AIMED TO DISCOURAGE U.S. RELIEF

PARIS, April 22. (JTA) -- The official Polish Telegraphic Agency reported today that the Nazi authorities, in an effort to discourage American efforts to bring relief to Poland, had launched intensified anti-Jewish activities in Warsaw. The agency made public a report received from the Polish Embassy in Rome which stated:

"According to information received by the Polish Embassy at the Quirinal, the Nazis have now doubled their anti-Jewish persecution in Warsaw. This has been done with the aim of counteracting the humanitarian activities of American organizations for Poland.

"One of these organizations has expressed its intention to distribute relief among the population in Poland on the condition that relief be distributed equally among Poles and Jews. This intention gave an opportunity to the Nazis to organize violent anti-Jewish outbreaks which were photographed by Nazi moving-picture photographers.

"The Nazi-organized anti-Jewish demonstrations have a double purpose--firstly, to show America and other neutrals that Poles are organizers of pogroms against Jews and thus deserve no aid and sympathy from abroad; secondly, to increase the tension between the Polish and Jewish populations so that in case of Nazi-provoked anti-Jewish attacks the Nazi authorities will have a pretext for directing their

police forces against both Jews and Poles."

Private reports received in Paris from Nazi-occupied Poland said that the anti-Semitic National Democrats (Endeks) and National Radicals (Naras) were coming to the fore again and were utilizing the general economic dislocation to conduct anti-Jewish propaganda, which, these advices said, played into the hands of the Nazis.

An appeal to Poles, both in Poland and abroad, to display more tolerance to the Jews was published by Dr. Herman Lieberman, veteran Socialist leader and vice-president of the Polish National Council at Angers, in the official Socialist weekly, Robotnik, which is now published in Paris. Dr. Lieberman pointed out that Premier Wladislaw Sikorski, in his public addresses, had stressed that the restored Poland would be democratic.

Nazis Order Poznan Loot Turned In

AMSTERDAM, April 21. (JTA) -- The extent of looting of property in German-annexed sections of Poland is revealed by an order of Mayor Scheffler of Poznan requiring the turning over to the authorities by April 20 of furniture and household goods of formerly Jewish and Polish-owned apartments on pain of heavy punishment.

The order warns all inhabitants in the Poznan urban district, including "people of the German race," to report immediately to the furniture department of the municipal administration any furniture obtained directly or indirectly from confiscated or deserted Polish and Jewish apartments or property acquired without intervention of the authorities.

CHILE FROWNS ON BIAS, BACKS PALESTINE, FOREIGN MINISTER SAENZ TELLS CALLERS

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 21. (JTA) -- The Chilean Government regards anti-Semitism as "demoralizing," supports the Jewish homeland in Palestine and sympathizes with the plight of the Jews, Foreign Minister Cristobal Saenz told a Jewish delegation in a long audience yesterday.

Chile's suspension of immigration is only temporary, pending issuance of legislation governing immigration, the Foreign Minister said. He received from the delegation a memorandum containing a plan for immigration of Jews who could be utilized in productive occupations.

The delegation included Molina of the Chilean Anti-Racist Institute and Dr. M. Helman, Dr. A.S. Yuris and Prof. Lipschitz of the local branch of the World Jewish Congress.

BRITISH STATESMEN URGE FAIR PLAY FOR CENTRAL EUROPEAN REFUGEES

LONDON, April 21. (JTA) -- A plea for fair treatment of Central European refugees in Britain has been issued by a group of members of Parliament representing all parties.

"If instead of treating them as our natural allies we regard them with hostility and suspicion, harp on their racial origin and condemn them to loneliness and association only with those as unhappy as themselves, we may precipitate the very

danger we fear," the appeal said. "By doing this we force them to think of themselves as 'Germans first' or Austrians, Czechs or Jews, to brood on their real or supposed grievances, and to believe in such nonsense as that this is the capitalists' war, and so on."

The appeal was signed by Capt. Victor Cazalet, Conservative, president of the Parliamentary Committee for Refugees; R.J.G. Boothby, Conservative; Miss Eleanor Rathbone, Independent; R.D. Demman, National Labor; Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Labor, and Henry Graham White, Liberal.

GUARDING OF RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE, CIVIL LIBERTIES STRESSED BY McNUTT

WICHITA, Kans., April 21. (JTA) -- The Democratic Party's first responsibility in 1940 is to "guard jealously" religious toleration and civil liberties which the founding fathers "fought to win for us," Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt declared last night at a Jefferson Day banquet here.

CHRISTIAN NOTABLES TAKE PART IN MEMORIAL FOR D'AVIGDOR GOLDSMID

LONDON, April 21. (JTA) -- Prominent Christian personalities joined with leading Jews in memorial services at the West London Synagogue yesterday for Sir Osmond d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, noted Jewish communal leader who died last Sunday.

Among participants in the services, conducted by Rabbi Harold Frederic Reinhart, were the Marquess and Marchioness of Reading; the Earl and Countess Limerick, representing the British Red Cross; Air Vice-Marshal A.E. Borton, representing the Kent Territorials; Viscount Bearsted, former Austrian Minister Sir George and Lady Frankenstein, and Sir Robert Waley Cohen. Representatives of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Anglo-Jewish Association and other Jewish organizations were also among the several hundred participants.

AGENCY GETS BALANCE OF CZECH-PALESTINE TRANSFER PACT FUND

LONDON, April 21. (JTA) -- The balance of £291,496 of the £500,000 transfer agreement concluded in February, 1939, between the then Czechoslovakian Government and the Jewish Agency for Palestine, has just been paid out to the Agency by the Czech Refugee Trust Fund.

MACMICHAEL MODIFIES LAND ACT, PERMITTING SOME TRANSFERS IN CLOSED ZONE

LONDON, April 21. (JTA) -- Palestine High Commissioners Sir Harold A. MacMichael has issued a ruling modifying the application of the land sales restriction ordinance by permitting certain transfers of land to Jews and other non-Arabs in the zone where sale of Arab lands was prohibited. The Times reported yesterday. The ruling was issued under the provision of the ordinance authorizing the High Commissioner to make exceptions to the prohibition. It is believed the ruling will be used to permit acquisition of land contiguous to present Jewish holdings.

Zionist Body Backs Line on Land Act

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- The Zionist General Council's Palestine commission has approved by a majority the proposals of the Executive for combating the Palestine land ordinance, it was announced in a communique today. The commission

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also heard Chairman Menachem M. Ussishkin eulogize the late Dr. Cyrus Adler and Sir Osmond D'Avigdor Goldsmid.

With neighboring Arab and Jewish settlers present, the cornerstone was laid Friday for the first nine permanent houses at the Jewish colony of Daphneh, in the extreme north of Palestine. A scroll placed in the cornerstone says: "We will continue upbuilding despite restrictions."

PROUD OF HELPING ILLEGALS ENTER PALESTINE, N.Z.O. TELLS MacDONALD

LONDON, April 21. (JTA) -- Commenting on Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald's rejection of an offer by the New Zionist Organization to weed out Nazi agents from illegal immigrants entering Palestine, N.Z.O. political leader Abrahams declares in the first issue of the Revisionist weekly, the Jewish Standard, that the organization was not ashamed of the charge of having rescued thousands of refugees from the Nazi hell.

350,000 JEWS ENTERED PALESTINE IN 20 YEARS

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA -Air mail) -- A total of 350,000 Jews have immigrated into Palestine between 1919 and 1939, according to the Statistical Bulletin of the Jewish Agency, which puts Palestine's Jewish population at the end of 1939 at 475,000, or 31 per cent of the total population.

ARAB FARM STUDENTS STUDY JEWISH AGRICULTURAL METHODS

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- A party of Arab agricultural students of the American University at Beirut is touring Palestine to study Jewish agricultural methods. Accompanied by their Arab teachers and several American University professors, the party visited the Rehoboth Experimental Station and similar Jewish institutions throughout the country.

HADASSAH HOSPITAL COMPLETES CHILDREN'S WING IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, April 21. (JTA) -- A 70-bed children's wing of the Hadassah Hospital here was opened with the entire medical staff in attendance. The wing was built at a cost of L12,000.

GERER REBBE EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE

TRIESTE, Italy, April 21. (JTA) -- Abraham Mordechai Alter, the Gerer Rebbe, has arrived here from Warsaw en route to Palestine, where he will take up permanent residence. Rabbi Alter was recently reported seriously ill in Warsaw. He was accompanied here by 15 adherents and the Polish Agudath Israel leader Isaac Meir Lewin.

RABBI MEYER NAMED LIBRARIAN OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- Dr.A.S.W. Rosenbach, president of the American Jewish Historical Society, announced today appointment of Rabbi Isidore S. Meyer as librarian of the society. The library comprises the largest collection of material relating to American Jewish history in this country. Rabbi Meyer succeeds the late Edward D. Coleman, bibliographer, who died last August. He began his duties on April 1.