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### PALESTINE ENTRY SCHEDULE OF 9,000 ISSUED WITH NEW CHECK ON ILLEGALS

JERUSALEM, April 23. (JTA) -- High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael yesterday issued an immigration schedule of 9,000, including 4,000 refugees, for the six months beginning April 1, but announced that it would be divided into two-month quotas to facilitate making deductions for illegal immigrants.

Present issue of immigration certificates will be restricted to 2,050 for the April 1-May 30 period, plus additional certificates for wives and children of previous immigrants.

The High Commissioner's announcement said that during the past year "the volume of Jewish illegal immigration has been considerable." In order to keep a current check on such immigration in the future with a view to deducting the number of illegals from the quota, it has been decided to prescribe two-month quotas, Sir Harold stated.

A quota similar to the April-May figure will be issued for June-July, less the number of illegals recorded, the statement said. A similar quota for August-September will make deductions for illegals arriving in June and July and the same process will be continued in the half year commencing in October.

The present six-month schedule is divided into categories as follows:

A	(capitalists).....	600
B-2	(rabbis).....	50
B-3	(youth).....	1,000
C	(labor).....	60
D	(parents of present residents).....	200

In addition, certificates are provided for dependents of future immigrants in all categories.

The announcement did not refer to any deductions for past illegal immigration from the new schedule, but it is believed that the extent of this illegal entry was one of the Government's arguments for restricting refugee immigration to 4,000 for the half year. The Government's view is that it is necessary to limit refugee immigration since illegal entry is consuming the five-year quota of 75,000 for refugees set in the Palestine White Paper.

The allocation of only 60 labor certificates came as a keen disappointment to Jewish circles since it had been hoped the Government would be more generous in this category. Regarding rabbis, the announcement states that the chief rabbin-ate and Jewish communities may apply for certificates under this category.

In addition to certificates for children, Youth Aliyah and students there are only 60 certificates for wives and children of labor immigrants at the immediate disposal of the Jewish Agency, which is being flooded with appeals from all quarters. While allotting 200 certificates for parents of Palestine residents, the new schedule makes it clear that certificates will be available only if the parents were living in neutral or Allied countries before the outbreak of the war.

### 8 School Officials Sentenced on Arms Charge

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- A military court yesterday sentenced eight officials of the children's school at Ben Shemen, near Lydda, to prison terms ranging from three to seven years for violation of the emergency regulations. Arms were found at the school during a search on Jan. 22.

Dr. Siegfried Lehman and Israel Frankel received sentences of seven years each. Four other officials were given five-year terms and two received terms of three years each. One official was acquitted, while two others were released for lack of evidence after presentation of the prosecution's case.

### JEWISH SOLDIERS MARK PASSOVER IN TOWNS NEAR MAGINOT LINE

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, April 23. (JTA) -- This little town in the Vosges Mountains, not far from the Maginot Line, is crowded today with Jewish soldiers. Given a short leave, they arrived here from the front lines to observe the two Passover feasts, last night and tonight, with matzoth, wine and Passover delicacies, and will return to their posts in the Maginot Line as soon as the services are over.

They represent only a fraction of the approximately 60,000 Jews in service, but their colleagues, whether they serve on the front or in the rear, are being similarly provided with collective feasts. Normally they would have been permitted a full week's leave to spend Passover with their families and friends. Their scheduled furloughs were cancelled, however, soon after the German invasion of Scandinavia.

So here they are in the Vosges Mountains, gathered in townships from which the civil populations had been evacuated at the outbreak of the war. In this town, an Alsatian Jewish soldier, Rene Muller, conducts the Passover services. The Sefer Torah, which had been taken from the local synagogue when the population was evacuated, has been brought back to remain with the Army for the entire week of Passover.

The synagogue, which had been closed, is reopened for the week so that Jewish soldiers from nearby frontier points may be able to come here for Passover services. Collective Seders and services are being held directly behind the Maginot Line, all over Alsace-Lorraine in synagogues which had been closed since the beginning of the war because of the evacuation of civilian populations.

In the Polish and Czech legions, collective services are being conducted by field rabbis. Some Jewish soldiers in the Polish forces are permitted to visit their relatives in Paris.

Not forgotten are the Jewish troops in the French Foreign Legion in Algiers and Morocco. Only a few months ago they were German and Austrian refugees held in internment camps. In Algiers, the Jewish community has allocated 10,000 francs to supply 1,500 Jewish legionnaires in Algiers with matzoth.

Provision has also been made for the civilian Jewish populations evacuated from front line towns. Fifteen thousand kilograms of matzoth have been shipped by the Jewish Consistory of France to the Jewish community in Perpueux, where many Jewish evacuees from Alsace have found shelter. Some will receive the unleavened bread free and others at reduced prices.

Similar provision has been made for the Jewish inhabitants of Strasbourg, who have been evacuated to La Chatre, where the local municipality has put a building at their disposal to serve as a synagogue for the duration of the war. Jews evacuated from the Moselle and Lower Rhine sections have also been provided with Passover food in the interior and arrangements have been made for them to hold religious services.

This year thousands of Jews are celebrating Passover--the festival of liberation--not in holiday attire but in gray and khaki uniforms in which they are fighting, they feel, for a new liberation.

Incidentally, for the first time in the history of Franco-German warfare, the French Government has been spared the necessity of making special arrangements this Passover for providing Jewish war prisoners with Passover food. Although a substantial number of German war prisoners have been taken by the French Army since the outbreak of the war, there is not a single Jew among them since Jews are barred from the Nazi military forces.

#### Stuermer Renews Ritual Murder Charge

PARIS, April 23. (JTA) -- The usual "ritual murder" story which the German anti-Semitic weekly Der Stuermer carries every Passover week is published in the current issue, copies of which reached Paris today. This time, however, the story is accompanied by a threat of wholesale vengeance upon "the whole Jewish people."

Under a big red headline, "Ritual Murder in Bohemia," the newspaper features on its first page the story of the alleged "mysterious death" of a 19-year-old non-Jewish girl, Marie Faicova, in the Czech town of Welhartitz on March 19, 1938. All the disproved accusations of former "ritual murder" campaigns are repeated by the Stuermer and the Czech authorities are accused of not having investigated the case because of the influence of the girl's Jewish employer.

"The murder of the girl Faicova," the article warns, "has not yet been revenged. But it will be revenged. The revenge will involve the whole Jewish people."

### Jews Will Survive Persecutors, British Paper Asserts

LONDON, April 23. (JTA) -- The Yorkshire Post declares in an editorial on Passover that Germany's treatment of the Jews was not the least in the catalogue of Nazi misdeeds "which cries to heaven for retribution."

"If the Jews enter upon the solemn rites of Passover tomorrow with bitter memories of the wrongs they have suffered at the hands of certain so-called Christian states, they may take heart at the comforting thought that always they stand beside the grave of their persecutors," the editorial said. "For three thousand years they have celebrated their release from the bondage of the Pharaohs to find themselves under yokes equally cruel and crushing. If the Assyrians, Egyptians and Romans, their ancient oppressors, vanished from the earth, the German and Russian have risen to carry on the old grim program of savage persecution. If the opening of Palestine seemed a portent of hope, the hand of Nazi Germany laid heavily on them."

### Italian Jews Send Food to Vienna

ROME, April 23. (JTA) -- With the special authorization of the Foreign Exchange Minister, the Union of Jewish Communities has shipped to Vienna Jews gift packages of Passover food.

An estimated 1,500 refugees participated in seders (Passover eve feasts) in Rome, Genoa, Milan, and Trieste, where the participants included 500 newly arrived refugees from Poland.

### REFUGEEES SUFFER FROM ANTI-ALIEN MEASURES IN NEUTRAL COUNTRIES

PARIS, April 23. (JTA) -- Tens of thousands of Jewish refugees from the Reich who found shelter in neutral countries are faced with the prospect of being interned in special isolation centers or put under stricter police supervision. Victims of the Nazi terror, the refugees are also becoming victims of the protective measures which neutral countries are taking against the flood of Nazi agents under the guise of "tourists" reported sent in to pave the way for Nazi military invasion.

Although it is well known to the authorities in neutral countries that the Jewish refugees who escaped from the Nazis have the most bitter feelings against the Reich, the measures being introduced to check the "tourists" are automatically also affecting the refugees as persons recently arrived from Germany.

Especially affected are Jewish refugees in Holland, Belgium, Yugoslavia and Rumania, where the authorities are taking no chances with anyone coming from the Reich.

### NEW POLAND MUST BE MORE DEMOCRATIC, BOARD OF DEPUTIES TOLD

LONDON, April 23. (JTA) -- Condemning the policy of the former Polish Government, the Joint Foreign Committee declared in a report to the Board of Deputies of British Jews that "the great problem of the new Poland is to be democratic, just and humane."

"Beck's anti-Semitic policy failed miserably," the report said. "It was utterly wrong to believe that what was bad for the Jews was good for Poland and it

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was utterly wrong to make compulsory emigration from Poland a central item of the Government's program. Poland's place is among the democracies. The new Poland must upbuild her internal life on the same principles as those of the democracies-- the principles of freedom and civil equality."

Discussing the Polish question, the Rev. Maurice L. Perlzweig declared at Sunday's board meeting: "Under no circumstances are we prepared to accept a settlement not putting beyond the possibility of doubt full reestablishments of the rights of the Jewish population of Poland."

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Goldmann Confers with Premier Reynaud

PARIS, April 23. (JTA) -- American Jewry's hopes that the Allied Powers will be instrumental in securing normal rights for Jews in post-war Europe were conveyed to Premier Paul Reynaud and Colonial Minister Georges Mandel by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the World Jewish Congress administrative committee, following his return from a visit to the United States and South America.

In reporting to the French leaders on American Jewish sentiments towards the Allies, Dr. Goldmann also discussed with them the subject of Jewish problems arising from the war situation.

SEEK TO ARRANGE TRANSIT OF POLISH REFUGEES THROUGH REICH

WILNO, April 23. (JTA) -- Discussions are in progress with Germany to obtain transit through the Reich for Polish refugees emigrating from Lithuania, Premier Markys said in an interview with the Jewish newspaper Die Stimme. He said emigrants were now able to leave for Palestine by way of Odessa under a new transit agreement with the Soviet Government.

A typhoid epidemic in Warsaw was reported by the Lithuanian Telegraphic Agency, which said that 305 cases were registered in one day and 293 of these were Jews. On another day 291 cases, 268 of them Jews, were recorded.

ENGLAND WARNED ANTI-REFUGEE DRIVE MAY CAUSE SUICIDE WAVE

LONDON, April 23. (JTA) -- Warning that a continued anti-refugee campaign in England may result in a wave of suicides among refugees was voiced today by the Council of Austrians in Great Britain. One refugee in Bristol, the Council said, had already committed suicide because he "could not bear the strain of still another campaign of hatred and suspicion.

GERMAN ENROLLMENT DROPS, HEBREW RISES IN NEW YORK SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- In the six years since Hitler's advent to power in Germany enrollment in German classes in the New York City schools has dropped 50 per cent, according to the Board of Education's Foreign Language Department. There are 11,517 German students, compared with 22,550 in 1934. In the same period Hebrew enrollment increased more than 500 per cent--from 475 in 1934 to 2,853 in March, 1940.