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# SOVIET ORGAN HITS NATIONS PRACTICING RACIALISM; ATTACK BROADCAST IN GERMAN

MOSCOW, April 30. (JTA) -- The Government organ Izvestia today sharply assailed racialism and branded nations practicing it as "sub-human."

While Germany was not mentioned by name, it was significant that the attack was broadcast over the Moscow wireless in both the German and Russian languages.

The editorial said: "We cannot tolerate the spirit which oppresses men and denies them freedom and liberty because they happen to be, born Jews, Negroes or some other so-called inferior race. Nations in which this barbarous spirit is prevalent are sub-human, since they deny humanity to others."

# 10 JEWS WERE KILLED, 500 WOUNDED IN WARSAW POGROM, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, April 30. (JTA) -- At least ten Jews were killed and 500 wounded in a Warsaw pogrom organized by the German minority in the former Polish capital, it was reported by the Manchester Guardian today from neutral sources.

(A Paris dispatch to the J.T.A. yesterday reported a five-day pogrom in Warsaw but gave no estimate of the number of casualties. It said the excesses started on Easter Sunday.)

The Guardian said the pogrom began with an attack upon Jews waiting in front of food stores at the entrance to the ghetto and soon spread throughout the city. "For three days," the newspaper reported, "Jews were hunted in the streets, attacked and beaten. In some cases crowds broke into Jewish houses. Looting also took place.

"The pogrom was started by members of the German minority in Warsaw, whose numbers appear to have grown since the entrance of the German forces into Poland, and the Police do not appear to have made any effort to stop it. It is indeed said that in some cases the police helped the attackers."

The German press in Warsaw, the newspaper continued, later wrote concerning "measures which had to be taken to keep the Jews in their place."

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### REFUGEES IN SWEDEN, FEARING WAR, SEEK TO EMIGRATE VIA RUSSIA

PARIS, April 30. (JTA) -- Fearing that Sweden may become involved in the war, German Jewish refugees in Stockholn are calling in large numbers at the Soviet consulate, seeking transit visas through Russia to reach the United States, Palestine and other countries, according to reports reaching Jewish relief organizations here today.

Most of these refugees either have American immigration visas or expect Palestine certificates under the new Holy Land immigration schedule. The Soviet Consulate was granting the transit visas in most cases.

The necessity of traveling via Russia gives no added difficulty to the Palestine-bound emigrants, since this route is no more expensive than via Trieste, but for America-bound refugees the Russian route requires a traversal of all of Soviet Russia and a crossing of the Pacific.

### Fear New Danube Expulsions

PARIS, April 30. (JTA) -- Representatives of the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association, returning from a Rumanian inspection tour, predicted today that with the repening of Damube navigation, the Nazis would resume expulsions of Austrian and Czech Jews on river barges.

Several hundred Jews who were expelled in this manner last Autumn are reported to be still wandering from port to port, not being permitted to land anywhere.

# 400 in Desperate Plight in Varna

VARNA, Bulgaria, April 30. (JTA) -- Some 400 Jewish refugees are living in miserable conditions in this Black Sea port at the mouth of the Danube, waiting for emigration possibilities, a J.T.A. correspondent found on a visit to Varna today.

The refugees depend for their food on gifts from Bulgarian Jews. The Jewish Consistory of Sofia is unable to aid them as much as it would like. The Jewish Community of Varna entirely lacks funds for their assistance.

Most of the refugees sleep on the bare floor-boards of the local Jewish communal house. Three hundred are Eulgarian Jews of Turkish nationality. The others are Hungarian, with a scattering of Spanish Jews. They have been hoping to emigrate to Palestine.

# Emerson Lauds Belgium's Aid to Refugees

BRUSSELS, April 30. (JTA) -- The Belgian Government's aid to refugees and conditions at the refugee centers were praised today by Sir Herbert Emerson, League High Commissioner for Refugees and director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, in a statement to the press. Sir Herbert earlier conferred with Government officials and representatives of refugee-aid organizations.

### RUMANIA IMPOSES NEW RESTRICTIONS ON JEWS

BUCHAREST, April 30. (JTA) -- Bessarabian Jews who have been deprived of their civic rights by recent Rumanian laws have been ordered to surrender their military papers to the authorities, it was learned here today. The measure has caused some surprise since Rumanian military law prescribes that anybody born on Rumanian soil must serve in the army.

Simultaneously, Rumanian labor chambers and chambers of commerce have begun to refuse labor permits and commercial licenses to those unable to produce proof of their inscription into the nationality lists. By this action, the existence of approximately 500,000 "stateless" persons in Rumania is seriously endangered.

Meanwhile, the Minister of Religions has received Chief Rabbi Alexander Safran and Dr. William Filderman, president of the Union of Jewish Communities, who demanded religious autonomy for Jews and equal rights with other religions. The Minister received the proposals favorably.

#### GROUP FOR ARAB-JEWISH AMITY HITS LAND ACT

JERUSALEM, April 30. (JTA) -- A resolution condemning the Palestine land act as harmful to Jewish colonization and Arab economic development and strengthening separatist tendencies was adopted today at a meeting of the League for Arab-Jewish Rapprochement and Understanding. Among participants of the meeting was Mrs. Rose Jacobs, American member of the Jewish Agency Executive.

The resolution also urged a solution of the Palestine problem on the basis of an Arab-Jewish understanding including a land formula. Measures to secure racial cooperation in daily life were also discussed by the meeting.

The recent order of the High Commissioner permitting certain land transfers to non-Arabs in the "prohibited" zone covers 58 villages, including the Christian German settlements of Waldheim and Wilhelma.

The transfers are permitted in two classes: (1) Relative to lands registered for non-Arabs before May 18, 1939; (2) Transfers in execution of judgments and orders of the courts, chief execution officer and land settlement officer in satisfaction of a mortgage executed and registered before May 18, 1939, or delivered before Feb. 28, 1940.

Meanwhile, the Appeals Court has given the Kerer Kayemeth (Jewish National Fund) leave to appeal to the Privy Council against the land settlement officer's decision, confirmed by the District Appeals Court, holding that Nazareth Arabs have grazing rights in the King George Forest, which is owned by the Keren Kayemeth.

### SCHWEITZER ARRIVES IN SAN DOMINGO

\*CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, April 30. (JTA) -- David J. Schweitzer, director of the American Jewish Joint Reconstruction Foundation, arrived here today for a visit of indefinite duration. He will visit the Sosua refugee colonization project and consult with officials of the project to ascertain how the foundation can be of assistance.

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### PLAN LIBRARY OF RECORDS OF AMERICAN JEWS

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- A plan to establish a library of records of American Jews, proposed by Dr. Walter M. Kraus, retired psychiatrist and genealogist, will be discussed at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Goodman Richard Davis here the night of May 6. Prominent Jews who have indicated an interest in Dr. Kraus's project have been asked to attend. The core of the proposed library would be his records, compiled during thirty years, of all Jews who lived in America during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and their descendants down to the present day.

### ACADEMY TO PRESERVE AUSTRIAN CULTURE FOUNDED IN ENGLAND

LONDON, April 30. (JTA) -- An Austrian Academy to preserve Austria's "glorious culture" has been founded in England on the initiative of Sir George Frankenstein and Baron Guido Fuchs, who will be president and vice-president, respectively, of the institution.

A scientific advisory council will be composed of Dr. Paul Abel and Professors Emil Abel, Ernst Buschbeck, Richard Schuller, Ernst Neuberger, and Arnold Zweig and Stefan Zweig. An inaugural ceremony, with prominent figures in science and literature attending, is scheduled for Thursday.

### ALGERIAN JEW HAS 9 SONS IN FRENCH ARMY

PARIS, April 30. (JTA) -- Nine of the 12 children in the family of Chaim Dray, Algerian Jew, are serving in the French Army, newspapers reported today. Also mobilized are two sons-in-laws. The only son thus far not mobilized is a man of 47 who fought in the World War and was severely wounded. He has been declared unfit for military service. The family lives in Themoen, Algiers.

## BRATISLAVA PAPER URGES RAZING OF JEWISH QUARTER

PARIS, April 30. (JTA) -- The Slovak newspaper Nastup urges the razing of all houses in the historic Jewish quarter of Bratislava and conversion of the grounds into a public park, arguing that the section is "too dirty," that the project would give employment to Slovak labor and that the Jewish population would be decentralized which is of great political advantage."

### HIAS APPEALS FOR SUPPORT OF \$1,000,000 DRIVE

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, in a statement by President Abraham Herman, today appealed for support of its \$1,000,000 campaign, to "keep open the avenue of escape for the Jewish emigrant and refugee." The statement pointed out that the HIAS is not included in the United Jewish Appeal, which declined to include "any other than the present beneficiary agencies" in its 1940 campaign.

## ELIEZER KAPLAN COMING TO U.S.

JERUSALEM, April 30. (JTA) -- Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, has left for London by airplane, en route to the United States.