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### FIRST 37 DOMINICAN SETTLERS PROCEED TO SOSUA AFTER WARM RECEPTION IN CAPITAL

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, May 9. (JTA) -- The first group of 37 German refugees to be settled in the Dominican Republic-including a 15-month-old "stowaway"--left today for the 26,000-acre Sosua tract after being given a warm reception in Ciudad Trujillo.

The refugees disembarked yesterday from the Italian steamship Conte Biancamano and were welcomed at the office of the American-organized Dominican Republic Settlement Association by Dr. Joseph Rosen, vice-president. They were found to be in excellent physical condition and Dominican Government officials expressed themselves as well impressed with them.

While the excited prospective settlers chatted animatedly in the office, the baby slept peacefully. He was brought "by mistake" since no children were supposed to be among the first colonists. The parents simply brought him aboard the ship at Genoa and nothing was known of his presence until the vessel was too far out at sea for anything to be done about it. The baby is Dennis Herzberg, born Jan. 18, 1939, in Berlin.

At Sosua, the tract which was donated by ex-President Rafael L. Trujillo for colonization of about 500 refugee families and several hundred individuals, the pioneer settlers were to be met by Dr. Frederick Perlstein, settlement director. Housing accommodations have been provided, and land has been prepared for cultivation. It is hoped that 100,000 refugees may eventually be settled in the Dominican Republic.

### POLISH MINISTER SEES NEW ERA OF COOPERATION WITH JEWS AFTER STATE RESTORED

PARIS, May 9. (JTA) -- Jan Stanczik, Minister of Labor in the exiled Polish Government and a Socialist leader, declared today that anti-Semitism was not rooted in the Polish people and a new era of cooperation between Poles and Jews would begin with the restoration of the Polish State.

Stanczik spoke, together with other Government representatives, at ceremonies inaugurating a new home of the Association of Polish Jews in France. Saying he spoke both as a Cabinet minister and as a Socialist, he was warmly applauded by the Jewish audience when he asserted:

"We are today in the midst of a fight between modern humanity and the dark middle ages. It is impossible to fight Hitler and approve simultaneously his inhuman

racial theory and hatred against the Jews. Anti-Semitism is not rooted in the psychology of the Polish people. Its main representatives are dissatisfied unemployed and intellectuals.

"The moment Poland shall be free again Jews and Poles will be working together for the happiness and well being of all human beings on Polish soil."

Stanczik's sentiments were echoed by a special delegate of the Polish propaganda office, who said that the common fight against the German invader "has torn down all barricades between the Jews and the Poles." He stressed that no differentiation was made in the Polish Army as to race and religion.

Prof. Gurko, another Government representative, declared: "All Polish history shows a spirit of tolerance, and it is wrong to judge the Polish people by its history of the last few years, when the greatest enemy of the Polish people--the German Nazis--were systematically transplanting their inhuman ideas to Poland." He said that in the reconstructed Poland all citizens would be equal before the law.

#### COMMONS GETS MEASURE CURBING "FIFTH COLUMN" ACTIVITIES IN BRITAIN

LONDON, May 9. (JTA) -- The death penalty for "grave cases of espionage and sabotage" was provided in a series of measures presented to Commons today by Sir John Anderson, Home Secretary and Minister for Home Security. Sir John said the steps were urgently required to combat "fifth column" activities and subversive propaganda "calculated to foment opposition to prosecution of the war."

(Part of the opposition has taken the form of blaming the Jews for having started the war and seeking to spread the impression that only the Jews have anything to gain by it.)

Sir John emphasized that "these regulations have been very carefully drawn so as to avoid penalizing mere expression of opinion, while at the same time giving full power to deal with mischievous activities directed toward impeding the war effort of the nation." As explained by the Home Secretary, these amendments empower the Government to:

(1) "Intern non-enemy aliens who would ordinarily be deported, but cannot be deported to their own country by reason of circumstances arising from the war."

(2) "Control the entry into this country of persons repatriated from enemy territory who, technically British subjects, have no close association with British interests...A person to whom the regulation applies may, as an alternative to internment, be required to reside within a specified area and not travel outside it without permission."

(3) "Check the spread of propaganda calculated to undermine the resolution of the people to prosecute the war to a successful issue."

(4) "Make it an offence to endeavor to incite men who are liable to military service to evade their duties, or to endeavor to incite persons to abstain from enrolling voluntarily in any defence service."

LABOR CAMPS SET UP FOR STRANDED REFUGEES IN SWITZERLAND

BERNE, Switzerland, May 9. (JTA) -- Labor camps are being established for German emigres in Switzerland whose reemigration was blocked by the outbreak of the war, it was reported today at the annual meeting of the Federation of Swiss Jewish Assistance Organizations. During 1939, a total of 1,840 refugees were able to emigrate from Switzerland, it was stated.

BRAZILIAN CONGRESS URGES STRONG ACTION TO CURB ILLEGAL ENTRY

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 9. (JTA) -- The Chamber of Deputies today adopted, by a vote of 36 to 12, a resolution offered by the Right opposition demanding that the Government impose stricter penalties upon persons involved in irregularities in connection with entry of Jewish refugees to Chile which were reported recently by a Government investigating commission.

THREAT TO REVOKE ERI JABOTINSKY'S CITIZENSHIP DRAWS 'NEW REPUBLIC' ATTACK

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- The New Republic today editorially denounced the "cruel and bungling" bureaucracy in Palestine for seeking the revocation of naturalization of Eri Theodore Jabotinsky, son of Vladimir Jabotinsky.

Recalling that young Jabotinsky had helped 2,400 refugees marooned in the lower Danube to enter Palestine "because the alternative seemed to be to let them down and die where they were," the editorial said:

"Now the British administration of Palestine has not only sentenced Jabotinsky to prison, but is threatening to revoke his Palestinian citizenship...It is easy to see why the British acted as they did; they are playing pro-Arab politics for imperial reasons; the Arabs don't like to see additional immigrants, most of whom are Jews, come into Palestine. But bureaucracy so cruel and bungling as this defeats its own purpose."

GOVERNMENT RESTS CASE IN 'FRONTIST' TRIAL

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- The Government this afternoon rested its case against 16 alleged seditious conspirators in Brooklyn Federal Court after five weeks of testimony. Defense attorneys immediately filed a series of motions for dismissals and directed verdicts of acquittal, and Judge Marcus Campbell adjourned court until tomorrow to give opposing counsel time to prepare their arguments.

MANY WOMEN HERE FAVOR DICTATORSHIP, BRIDGEPORT PARLEY TOLD

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., May 9. (JTA) -- The Connecticut Federation of Women's Clubs convention was told yesterday by Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, vice-president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, that many women inside and outside the federation had told her they favored dictatorship. Mrs. Whitehurst quoted one woman as saying she had filled her heart with love of Hitler in order not to fear war. "You are blind, apathetic, doing nothing constructive about challenges democracy is facing today," she said.

VON ARCO, REICH RADIO PIONEER, HAD JEWISH MOTHER

NEW YORK, April 9. (JTA) -- Count Georg von Arco, radio and wireless pioneer, who died in Berlin yesterday at the age of 71, had a Jewish mother. His mother's maiden name was Mossner and she was the descendant of a famous German Jewish family.

EINSTEIN ASKS AID FOR HAIFA INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- An appeal for funds to aid the work of the Hebrew Institute of Technology in Haifa was voiced last night by Prof. Albert Einstein, speaking at a dinner given in his honor by the newly-formed American Society for the Advancement of the Institute, at the Hotel Commodore. He said Palestine was a haven for the conservation of the culture and productive capacities of Jews from European centers of persecution.

MOVE TO STRENGTHEN EDUCATION BOARD LAUNCHED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- The Governing Board of Jewish Education today named a committee to draft new proposals designed to strengthen the board's educational and administrative functions.

Proposals previously submitted by the Director of Education were criticized in a resolution adopted by the board as tending to undermine the foundations of Jewish education.

The resolution said the director's proposals would affect Palestine Jewry's autonomy in educational affairs. It urged the Jewish Agency, the Jewish National Council (Vaad Leumi) and other institutions to defend Palestine Jewry's rights in the field of education and self-determination in cultural and spiritual affairs.

"The Board of Education," the resolution said, "regards the existence of the three systems now prevailing in Jewish education as the natural outcome of Palestine Jewry's development."

NEW WING ADDED TO JERUSALEM LIBRARY

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- A new wing to accommodate 50,000 volumes is being added to the Wolffsohn Building of the Jewish National Library. A gymnasium will shortly be constructed in the Hebrew University.

JEW REPLACES ARAB AS MAYOR OF HAIFA

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- Appointment of Shabbetai Levy as mayor of Haifa for one year was announced today in the Official Gazette. He succeeds an Arab in the office.

RUTENBERG TO VISIT LONDON NEXT WEEK

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- Pinchas Rutenberg, industrialist and president of the Jewish National Council, announced at a meeting of the Council today that he is leaving for London May 14 on national and Jewish community affairs.

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BOOK WARNS JEWS NOT TO BACK OTTO STRASSER

LONDON, May 9. (JTA) -- In a book on "Nazis at War," just published here, the Austrian Jewish refugee writer Willi Frischauer warns Jews not to support Otto Strasser's "Black Front" movement.

The book charges that Strasser's movement is financed by sale of bonds, issued in two series marked A and J, which will be redeemed shortly after the movement has seized power in Germany. According to Frischauer, one of the bond salesmen told him that series A was being sold only to "Aryans", while series J was sold exclusively to Jews.

"Jewish men of money who may feel tempted," Frischauer writes, "will probably have sufficient acumen to realize why this strange distinction has been made."

(Strasser, formerly an associate of Adolf Hitler, is now living in Paris from where he is reportedly directing anti-Nazi activities both inside and outside of the Reich.)

MAJORITY OF BRITISH JEWS HELD 'INSTINCTIVELY ZIONIST IN OUTLOOK'

LONDON, May 9. (JTA) -- The overwhelming majority of the Jews in England are "instinctively Zionist in outlook," it was declared today by Prof. Selig Brodetsky, Zionist leader and president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

The statement was made in the course of a lecture on "Sixty Years of Jewish Life in Britain," opening the second term of the Institute for Jewish Learning. Prof. Brodetsky stressed the spiritual importance of general and Jewish immigration to England, declaring the merger of refugees with the English Jews was a "good shiduch" (marriage), since the latter had been divorced from Jewish cultural life while the German Jews had been too much immersed in the philosophical side of Jewish life.

FEW JEWS FOUND AMONG 'CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS' IN LEEDS

LEEDS, England, May 9. (JTA) -- Out of 1,000 cases heard by the Leeds Conscientious Objectors Tribunal there have been only three Jews, the chairman-judge of the tribunal reports.

DUTCH JEWISH WEEKLY MARKS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

AMSTERDAM, May 9. (JTA) -- A special issue today marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Nieuw Israelitische Weekblad, Netherlands Jewish weekly. Started with a circulation of 400, the newspaper now prints 15,000 copies.

Reviewing the first volume of "A History of the Netherlands Jews," the newspaper De Standaard stresses the importance of the work and points out that the Jew has often been slandered "only to have history vindicate him."

CORRECTION

Through a typographical error, the name of George Backer, who addressed the American Women's ORT luncheon, was made to appear in yesterday's JTA News as Mrs. George Backer.