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DRIVE ON JEWS FEARED AS GERMANS PLAN TO GIVE POWER TO DUTCH NAZIS

LONDON, May 16, (JTA)--The Hilversum radio, in Nazi-occupied Holland, announced today that the occupation authorities had ordered the release of German and Dutch Nazis arrested by the Netherlands Government.

It was expected here that the Dutch National Socialist Party, which has always maintained the closest contact with the German Government, would be given a large measure of local authority in the spheres not reserved for the invaders. Heinrich Himmler, head of the Gestapo and German police, was reported to have arrived in Amsterdam and to have conferred with the Dutch Nazis.

It was feared that the accession to power of Anton A. Mussert, Dutch Nazi leader, and his friends would result in the launching of a program to reduce Holland's 180,000 Jews to the position of the Jews in the Reich.

Mussert and his party press had advocated expulsion of Jews from Holland. He had campaigned strenuously for removal of Jews from Government posts and prominent positions in commerce, industry, the professions and press. In a recent interview, Mussert advocated deportation of the Jews and formation of a Jewish settlement in Netherlands Guiana.

German Jewish emigres who had been living in Holland were among a group of refugees who landed from a Dutch fishing boat at an undisclosed east coast British port today. Sidney Van den Bergh, member of a noted Dutch Jewish family, who had gone to Holland in April to join the army, was among another party of arriving refugees.

Commenting on the occupation of Holland, the diplomatic correspondent of The Times declares that "the Germans are now likely to take a terrible toll among the thousands of German and Austrian political refugees who sought sanctuary in Holland in recent years."

"The Dutch Nazis for their part," he adds, "will need little encouragement to take repressive measures against the Dutch Liberal and Socialist parties."

BRITAIN WIDENS ROUND-UP OF GERMANS; 1,600 MORE REFUGEES INTERNED

LONDON, May 16. (JTA)-- About 1,600 refugees were affected by today's Home Office emergency order providing for temporary precautionary internment of all German and Austrians between the ages of 16 and 80 in Class B--those hitherto exempted from internment but required to comply with special restrictions.

Category B is estimated to include about 3,000 males, of whom 900 are non-refugees. A few hundred in this category had already been interned as a result of Sunday's round-up in coastal districts. Altogether 42,000 Germans over 16 years of age were living in the London area on Dec. 31, 1939, according to the Police Commissioner.

Following issuance of the internment order by Home Secretary Sir John Anderson, officers of the Criminal Investigation Department set out this morning in 400 police cars and arrested 1,400 in the London area, the remainder in other parts of the country. Most of those arrested in London are German nationals, only a few of them being Austrians. Those rounded up in the London area will be interned in a concentration camp near the capital.

The Home Office announcement ordering the internment follows: "The Home Secretary has, as a further measure of precaution, directed the temporary internment throughout Great Britain of all male Germans and Austrians over the age of 16 and under the age of 60 whose recent classification as a result of examination by local tribunal or regional advisory committee is B--that is to say who, although exempted hitherto from internment, have been required to comply with special restrictions."

These restrictions included a prohibition on traveling more than five miles from a person's residence and on ownership of motor cars or cameras.

Refugees in Belgium Reported Interned

GENEVA, May 16. (JTA)-- All male German refugees in Belgium have been ordered interned by the Belgian authorities, apparently as a precautionary measure against possible camouflaged Nazi agents among them, it was reported from Brussels today.

Feeding and maintenance of the refugees' families have been taken over by the Belgian Red Cross, the reports said. Jewish relief committees in Brussels--and Amsterdam as well--which operated on funds furnished by the Joint Distribution Committee, were all liquidated on the first day of the German invasion, it was said.

The offices of the J.D.C. and of the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association in Brussels have also been closed, the reports said, and Jewish relief work has been included by the Belgian Red Cross in the general relief set-up

RELIEF GROUPS IN SWITZERLAND, FEARING INVASION, CONSIDER MOVING

GENEVA, May 16. (JTA)--Relief organizations in Geneva were faced today with the problem of where to move in the event of invasion of Switzerland. The League of Nations is already moving to Vichy, France, but an organization such as the Red Cross, which operates in German-controlled territory, among others, could not be located on French soil.

Certain relief organizations, particularly the Jewish ones, are considering the possibility of establishing offices in Portugal, from where they could carry on the refugee emigration work hitherto centered in Brussels and Amsterdam. But whether the International and American Red Cross will find it convenient to work from Portugal depends on whether Italy enters the war.

As the need for Red Cross aid increases with the expansion of the war area, the number of neutral countries from which it can operate decreases.

Red Cross Transmits Inquiries to Low Countries

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA)--The American Red Cross is prepared to handle welfare inquiries addressed to persons in Holland, Belgium and Luxemburg, it was announced today. This is an extension of facilities previously applied to Poland, Norway and Finland. Since it was established, the Red Cross inquiry service has cleared 24,000 inquiries from Americans seeking to locate relatives or friends in the war areas

REFUGEES IN LITHUANIA WHO VIOLATE LAW TO BE INTERNED

WILNO, Lithuania, May 16. (JTA)--Interior Minister General Skucas has ordered establishment here of a special concentration camp for refugees found guilty of offenses against the refugee regulations or violations of the law.

The Cabinet was reported today preparing to consider a measure making Sunday a compulsory day of rest. Such a measure already exists in Kaunas.

Soviet Consulate Awaits Instructions on Visas

KAUNAS, May 16. (JTA)--The Soviet Consulate has not yet received instructions regarding issuance of transit visas to Jewish refugees in accordance with the agreement concluded recently between Lithuania and Russia, it was learned today.

It was announced that only persons to whom Lithuania has issued safe conduct documents may apply for Soviet transit visas. No visas will be granted on the strength of Polish passports alone.

MEXICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE REPUDIATES ANTI-SEMITES

MEXICO CITY, May 12. (JTA-Airmail)--General Juan Andrew Almazan, opposition candidate for President, in an interview with foreign correspondents today, repudiated anti-Semitic agitators who claim to support him and denounced anti-Semitism.

"Mexico has a tradition never to introduce any racial or religious discrimination, neither against the Jews nor any other race," General Almazan said, "I believe that this policy of complete tolerance must be continued, in order to turn Mexico into a country where peace and fraternity will become the basis for the improvement of all social classes."

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HALL, PRO-ZIONIST. TO REPRESENT COLONIAL OFFICE IN COMMONS

LONDON, May 16. (JTA)--*See H.* ~~See H.~~ Hall, whose appointment as Parliamentary Undersecretary for Colonies was announced last night, will be chief spokesman of the Colonial Office in the House of Commons since Lord Lloyd sits in the House of Lords.

Consequently, Hall will be called upon to reply to all Palestine questions in Commons. Hall was Civil Lord of the Admiralty in the Labor Government of 1929-1930. He supported the Labor Party's Palestine policy and voted against the Government in the Palestine debates of May and July, 1939, as well as against the ordinance restricting Jewish land purchase in the Holy Land.