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### MOSLEY, OTHERS SEIZED AS BRITAIN CRACKS DOWN ON 'FIFTH COLUMN'

LONDON, May 23. (JTA) -- Striking hard at "fifth column" activities, the authorities today arrested Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the British Union of Fascists, together with other B.U.F. leaders and Capt. A.H.M. Ramsay, Conservative M.P. who is regarded as the leading anti-Semite in Commons.

Arrest of Mosley followed a raid on headquarters of his organization and a search of his home. The raid was conducted by Scotland Yard operatives who detained ten persons, questioned 20 others, searched the premises and seized documents and books.

Others arrested with Mosley were Alexander Raven Thomson, who recently was sentenced to a six-week jail term or £25 fine for using insulting anti-Semitic language during a Fascist meeting, N. Francis-Hawkins, director-general of the B.U.F., and six other leaders of the organization.

Mosley, Ramsay and the others were detained under the newly amended emergency defense regulations. Ramsay has frequently accused the Jews of controlling the press and of financial plotting.

According to the Evening Standard, police entered Mosley's home through a window when they found the doors locked, and removed a large quantity of papers and documents. It also reported that John Beckett, former Mosley lieutenant who is now secretary of Lord Tavistock's British Council for Christian Settlement, has been detained.

Home Secretary Sir John Anderson revealed in Commons that detention orders had been issued under last night's amended regulations. Replying to a demand to ban the Fascist and Communist organizations and intern their members, Sir John declared that the situation was now under consideration and it would be contrary to the public interest to reveal measures in advance.

Sir John announced that, because of the paramount considerations of national safety, there was no question of individual review of cases of interned aliens except where it could be shown that it was definitely and directly in the public interest. He said it was hitherto unnecessary to order wholesale internment of women in category B, comprising aliens whose movements are restricted, but the whole question of further measures was receiving close attention.

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U.S. Moves to Curb 'Fifth Column' Here

WASHINGTON, May 23. (JTA) -- The drive against the "fifth column" in America went forward on three fronts today, with Attorney General Robert H. Jackson announcing plans for a centralized record on aliens, the Justice Department warning citizens not to join organizations before investigating them and the Dies committee asking a \$100,000 appropriation to expand its activities.

The request for the Dies committee appropriation was embodied in a resolution introduced into the House by the committee. At the same time a committee spokesman said the public inquiry into the affairs of the Christian Front and Christian Mobilization had been delayed pending a verdict in the trial of the 14 alleged conspirators in New York.

"Fifth column" activities were discussed in a statement issued by Attorney General Jackson, which follows:

"The President anticipated and prepared to meet 'fifth column' activities in the United States many months ago. It was obvious that these activities could not be dealt with on a local or voluntary organization basis and the Federal Bureau of Investigation was enlarged and the President asked law enforcement agencies everywhere to cooperate with the bureau.

"It is obvious that the Department of Justice cannot and should not reveal its information or the nature of the measures it has taken or is taking, or the precautions it has used or is prepared to use against 'fifth column' activities.

"There need be no doubt, however, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has capably, zealously and effectively carried out its task and will continue to do so. If need appears the bureau will be enlarged to meet it.

"While 'fifth column' activities cannot be dealt with on a local or voluntary organization basis, citizens may be helpful to the Government. They may aid by reporting to the F.B.I. acts, threats or evidence of sabotage, espionage or other disloyal activities.

"Citizens will also help if they refrain from joining any organization until they know, first, the source of its promotional funds; secondly, who their associates in the organization and who its backers are, and, thirdly, what becomes of their dues or contributions. Well meaning persons may easily be duped into serving or helping finance activities which they would not approve and which would embarrass them, and they may find themselves responsible legally or morally for the activities of their associates.

"Lastly, the greatest help to the Government that citizens can render is to keep cool and not become frightened. Sensational statements as to the 'fifth column' should be received with suspicion. As in most matters, persons with real information and responsibility measure their words. Sensational statements and their makers should be discounted."

The plan for a centralized alien identification bureau was broached in another statement by Jackson, regarding the proposed shifting of the Immigration and Naturalization Service from the Labor to the Justice Department.

"Only the most general plans for handling the Immigration and Naturalization Service in this department would be made until the transfer becomes effective," the statement said. "It is not planned, however, that the Immigration and Naturalization

Service will be under, nor will it be mingled with or supersede, any existing division or bureau in the department. It will be maintained as a unit with an administrative status similar to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Prisons and the Bureau of War Risk Litigation.

"The task of integrating the Immigration and Naturalization Service with the existing work and organization of the department has been assigned to Solicitor General Biddle, under whom, at least during the organization period, it will function.

"In coordinating the functions of these services with the existing functions of the Department of Justice, it will be possible to provide for an adequate current and centralized record of the identification and whereabouts of non-citizens, which, of course, can effectively be done only on a nationwide basis.

"This will unify the present registration of aliens, which is now kept in 22 separate districts and relates only to the time and port of arrival. Every precaution will be taken to observe both the letter and the spirit of the President's message, which assures proper respect for the civil rights of non-citizens."

#### Asks Why Thyssen Isn't Interned

GLASGOW, May 23. (JTA) -- The Socialist weekly Forward expresses wonder that nobody has suggested the internment of Fritz Thyssen, self-exiled German industrialist who financed Hitler.

"Herr Thyssen, the millionaire who financed Hitler, is now getting great publicity for his attacks on the Fuehrer," the newspaper comments. "But while there is an outcry against Jewish refugees on the grounds that some of them may be spies, nobody has suggested that the millionaire who made Hitler should be interned at Dartmouth."

#### ANTI-SEMITISM TAKES BACK SEAT IN RUMANIA AS WAR MENACE SPURS DEFENSE

BUCHAREST, May 23. (JTA) -- With all of Rumania's energies concentrated on defense against possible attack, anti-Jewish propaganda has completely disappeared from the press under official orders banning press polemics against national minorities. The more serious problems which Rumania faces have thrust anti-Jewish activities into the background.

Thousands of men, including Jews disenfranchised under the recent naturalization revision, have been drafted for building fortifications. Jews work side by side with Rumanians, without friction, in the strengthening of the country's defense.

The Government is reported to be quietly liquidating certain elements of the pro-Nazi Iron Guard. Among Iron Guardists recently arrested is the father of Corneliu Zelea Codreanu, Iron Guard founder who was executed last year.

The authorities are also keeping a close watch over the approximately 20,000 "tourists" in Rumania, whom the Government regards as German officers who could direct a putsch of the 600,000 Germans living in Rumania, most of whom are organized in local Nazi groups and 30,000 of whom are fit for military service.

## 2 Iron Guard Leaders Seized

BUCHAREST, May 25. (Havas) -- Two Iron Guard leaders who secretly entered this country from Germany were arrested today, marking the first breach in the incipient reconciliation between the Government and the pro-Fascist organization, which most Rumanians continue to view as a potential "fifth column". The press, at the same time, was placed under rigorous orders to refrain from giving Germany any slightest provocation, and newspapers formerly sympathetic with the Allies began giving a decidedly Nazi tinge to their war reports.

## GROUP TO AID INTERNED REFUGEES RECONSTITUTES IN FRANCE; J.D.C. EXTENDS AID

PARIS, May 25. (JTA) -- The Committee for Interned Refugees, formed shortly after the outbreak of the war at the initiative of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee to aid the refugees interned in the general round-up of German nationals, has been reconstituted to cope with the problem of new internments of refugees by the French Government, including those arriving from Belgium and Holland. The J.D.C., as part of its relief program, is continuing to make subventions to this committee, which is known in French as the Commission des Centres de R'Assemlent.

The refugee problem has been intensified by the influx of thousands from Belgium and Holland, resulting in the flooding of local committee offices with appeals for immediate assistance. Refugees are arriving with only the possessions they were able to carry with them or with none at all. They use all modes of transportation--trains, autos, many of which arrived bullet-riddled, bicycles or on foot.

The Committee for Interned Refugees furnishes supplies to the interned refugees, including medical provisions, blankets and food in addition to what the authorities provide. All other French refugee-aid organizations, which are centralized in the French Coordinating Committee for Refugees, are operating actively to meet the new emergency, with the aid of funds supplied by the J.D.C.

## QUEZON DEDICATES HOME FOR REFUGEES NEAR MANILA; ENDORSES MINDANAO PROJECT

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- President Manuel Quezon of the Philippine Islands on April 24 dedicated Mariquina Hall, a house for Jewish refugees at Quezon City near Manila, it was announced here today. President Quezon donated the land, on which was situated a building, which the Jewish Refugee Committee enlarged.

In his dedicatory speech to the committee and about 250 refugees, the President made a plea on behalf of refugees and endorsed the proposed Mindanao colonization project. "Your experience in Palestine demonstrates what your race can do to make the most arid soil produce abundantly." About six months ago the committee had requested 25 copies of the Palestine Economic Corporation report for 1938 for distribution among Philippine officials.

## SILVER URGES UNSTINTING SUPPORT FOR U.J.A., CITING NEEDS IN NAZI-HELD LANDS

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- Pointing out that the European war has greatly increased the needs of the stricken Jewish communities in Nazi-occupied countries, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver today asked for unqualified and unstinting support for the 1940 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

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Rabbi Silver, national chairman of the U.J.A., spoke at the annual luncheon of the amusement division of the United Jewish Appeal at the Hotel Astor, attended by more than 500 leading stage, radio and movie stars and executives. David Bernstein, vice-president of Loew's and chairman of the division reported an increase of nearly 50 per cent over the amounts pledged last year.

#### BROOKLYN GROUP LAUNCHES THIRD TERM MOVE FOR GOLDMAN

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- A committee of leading Brooklyn Zionists has filed a petition signed by more than 300 members of the Zionist Organization of America, asking that the constitution of the organization be amended to allow a president to serve for three consecutive terms. The step was taken to pave the way for drafting Dr. Solomon Goldman, president, for a third term.

#### ORTEGA ABSOLVED OF IRREGULARITIES IN CHILEAN IMMIGRATION

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 23. (JTA) -- Ex-Foreign Minister Abraham Ortega was today absolved by a congressional investigating committee of charges of involvement in irregularities in immigration of refugees to Chile. The Chamber of Deputies is expected to take a final vote on the committee's report Friday night.

#### LAREDO BRU ORDERS BAN ON NAZI, RED PROPAGANDA IN CUBA

HAVANA, May 23. (JTA) -- President Federico Laredo Bru today ordered strict enforcement of the decree forbidding propaganda by belligerents, specifically ordering the ban to be applied to Nazi and Communist propaganda.

The propaganda of the "Axis" Governments and Russia has been increasing lately, especially over the radio. President Laredo Bru issued his instructions to the national defense and interior departments.

#### U.S. EXPORTS TO PALESTINE ROSE SHARPLY IN 1939

WASHINGTON, May 23. (JTA) -- America's exports to Palestine more than doubled in the calendar year 1939 and continued growth was reflected this year, according to a Department of Commerce report made public today.

Exports in 1939 totalled \$7,646,000 compared with \$3,169,000 in 1938. In the first three months of 1940, exports totalled \$1,499,000 compared with \$1,139,000 in the similar period last year.

Imports from Palestine to the United States also increased from \$555,000 in 1938 to \$659,000 in 1939. For the first three months of this year, imports were \$307,000 as against \$141,000 in the first quarter of 1939.

Principal exports to Palestine were automobiles, oil well and refining machinery, wheat, flour and apples. From Palestine, America imported principally chloride of potash.

#### 'CHRISTIAN REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT' LAUNCHED IN SO.AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, May 23. (JTA) -- A new movement to establish a "Christian Republic" in South Africa has been launched by Dr. C.J.H. de Wet under the name of the "Christian Republican Movement."

In a pamphlet outlining the movement's aim, return of the Jews to Palestine, "their own country," is suggested as the "right solution of the Jewish problem."