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### NAZIS REPORTED PLANNING 'RESERVATION' FOR DUTCH JEWS NEAR AMSTERDAM

PARIS, May 26. (JTA) -- Nazi Commissioner Arthur Seyss-Inquart plans establishment of a "reservation" for the Jews in Nazi-occupied Holland, it was reported today by Mme. Genevieve Tabouis in the newspaper L'Oeuvre.

According to Mme. Tabouis, who quoted reliable sources, the "reservation" will be set up in the vicinity of Amsterdam. Details are being worked out by Seyss-Inquart, she said, and an order to establish the area is imminent.

### CHILE BANS 8 REICH REFUGEES FROM ROTTERDAM

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 26. (JTA) -- The authorities today refused to admit to Chile eight German-Jewish refugees from Rotterdam who arrived yesterday on the steamer Santa Lucia.

Detained at Valparaiso upon their arrival yesterday, the refugees were refused landing permits and, despite intervention by the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association, have been ordered to leave on the same ship that brought them.

### ITALY REFUSES TRANSIT VISAS FOR 600 REFUGEES HOLDING U.S. ENTRY PAPERS

ROME, May 26. (JTA) -- Despite the American Embassy's intervention, the Italian Government today persisted in its refusal to permit transit for 600 refugees with American visas booked to sail on the United States liner Manhattan on June 1.

Transit restrictions were also preventing 150 prospective pioneers in the Dominican Republic from joining the 44 in Italy who are waiting to sail. Intervention by the Dominican Minister with the Foreign Office to obtain transit for these emigres was continuing with the fullest cooperation of American Ambassador William Phillips and Myron C. Taylor, President Roosevelt's envoy to the Vatican.

The Dominican settlers were scheduled to embark from Genoa on the Italian steamship Neptunia, whose sailing has been postponed to June 1.

### 2 BELGIAN LEADERS, KUBOWITZKI AND LIBER, SAFE IN FRANCE

PARIS, May 26. (JTA) -- Two prominent Belgian Jewish leaders have reached France safely, it was learned here today.

The leaders are Dr. Leon Kubowitzki, president of the Council of Jewish Societies in Belgium, and Max Liber, president of the Jewish Federation of Belgium. Dr. Kubowitzki

is in Bordeaux while Liber is in Paris.

News has also been received here of the safe arrival in France of the noted Polish Jewish humorist, Joseph Tunkel, popularly known as Der Tunkeler, who had been living in Belgium since the Nazi occupation of Warsaw. According to a letter received by a friend here, Tunkel has been given permission to reside in any French city of his choice.

The Association of Jewish Small Traders in Paris has started a campaign for funds to provide clothing and underwear for the thousands of Jewish refugees from Belgium.

#### JEWISH JOURNALISTS DROPPED BY DUTCH PAPERS, OTHERS RESTRICTED

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- Dismissal of a number of Jewish journalists from Dutch newspapers was reported by the New York Times today in a dispatch from Arnheim, Nazi-occupied Netherlands. The dispatch said that such Jewish journalists as have been retained at their posts have been forbidden to write political news.

#### BREAD SHORTAGE, RISE IN TYPHUS REPORTED IN WARSAW

PARIS, May 26. (JTA) -- An acute shortage of bread, with even public kitchens unable to obtain supplies, and a sharp rise in cases of typhus were reported prevailing in Warsaw today by the Polish Government-in-exile.

The typhus increase, a Government statement said, was most marked among the Jewish population in Warsaw. In one day 281 new cases were registered in the former Polish capital and of this number all but 13 of the victims were Jews. On another day 305 cases, most of them Jews, were registered. The daily average in Warsaw, the statement said, ran between 200 and 300.

The Paris office of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, meanwhile, is considering shipment of food into Poland through the Baltic states. Other relief measures are also being considered. One of the immediate measures concerns efforts to provide sanitation, the J.D.C. dispatching a large shipment of soap from Lithuania to Warsaw.

BUDAPEST, May 26. (JTA) -- Reports from German-occupied Poland said today that a typhus epidemic was still raging in Warsaw with 200 to 300 new cases reported daily, of whom at least 90 per cent were Jews. The German authorities have increased the number of disinfecting stations from 212 to almost 400, in order to prevent the spread of infection from the ghetto to surrounding quarters, the reports said.

#### JEWS IN ENGLAND, PALESTINE PRAY FOR ALLIED VICTORY

LONDON, May 26. (JTA) -- Jews throughout England joined today in the National Day of Prayer called by King George, holding special services in all synagogues. Army chaplains held special services for Jewish soldiers on leave.

Preaching at the Hampstead Synagogue, Chief Rabbi Joseph H. Hertz declared that Nazism was "the enemy of man and our whole spiritual heritage is being jettisoned by the pirate captains of the Nazi ship of state."

Dr. Hertz warned that the terrible fate of the Jews in Poland showed what "Inhuman treatment" was in store for all victims of the Nazis. "The only hope," he said, "lies in Britain's resolve to dare and to endure all things to shatter the power of the tyrant."

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- Psalms and special prayers for an Allied victory were recited in all synagogues throughout Palestine today as part of the National Day of Prayer called by King George. Similar services were held yesterday.

SLOVAKIA LIMITS JEWS IN PROFESSIONS TO 10 PER CENT

KOMARNO, Hungary, May 26. (HAVAS) -- The Slovak Government has announced a new anti-Jewish decree, limiting participation of Jews in the various professions to 10 per cent, corresponding to the proportion of Jews in the Slovak population. The measure is to take effect before the end of 1941.

The decree further requires the "Aryanization" of certain enterprises now in the hands of Jews and establishes new and severe professional qualifications for Jewish artisans. It does not, however, affect big Jewish manufacturers.

SENATE BODY EXPECTED TO BACK BILL FOR REGISTRATION, FINGERPRINTING OF ALIENS

WASHINGTON, May 26. (JTA) -- The Senate Judiciary Committee was today expected to act favorably Tuesday on a measure requiring registration and fingerprinting of all aliens, deportation of aliens aiding other aliens to enter the country illegally, and outlawing of literature advocating disobedience of army leaders or violent overthrow of the Government.

A subcommittee has recommended adoption of the measure. An estimated 4,000,000 aliens in the United States would come under the terms of the projected law, which would also provide for fingerprinting of all aliens seeking entry to the country. According to the bill, the term "alien" would include every foreigner who has not actually completed his naturalization.

Meanwhile, relief to aliens, Communists and members of the German-American Bund would be barred under the relief program which has been passed by the House and is now before the Senate, where leaders expected overwhelming approval for the measure.

ATLANTA, May 26. (JTA) -- Cancellation of all business, occupational and professional licenses held by aliens in Georgia, with the exception of those who have applied for citizenship by June 1, has been ordered by Governor E.D. Rivers in what was described as a move against possible "fifth column" activities.

ROLE OF RELIGION IN DEMOCRACY STRESSED BY SILVER AT TEMPLE'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY RITES

CLEVELAND, May 26. (JTA) -- Science without religion is a menace, democracy without religion is a failure and society without religion is a bloody battlefield, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver said today in a sermon commemorating the 90th anniversary of the Temple.

Asserting that all the brain children of science have been prostituted in the service of Mars, the Moloch, the Rabbi, spiritual leader of the congregation for 23 years, said the fault was not with science but with the uses to which scientific achievements had been put.

Pointing out that British statesmen in recent years have forgotten God and the moral law, bringing their people from one disaster to another, he added that this was a fitting time to proclaim the immortal character of religion.

"There is hardly a generation which is not brought sooner or later to the brink of disaster, because of spiritual blindness," he said. "We must equip the rising generation with a passion for democracy and the rights of man, and we can do this only by giving our young people a profound religious consecration."

Cleveland's Mayor Harold H. Burton expressed appreciation in behalf of the city for the leadership of The Temple, largest congregation in the nation, in cultural, social activities. Burton said The Temple was a great source of inspiration and guidance to Clevelanders, adding that the Hebrew prophets and their successors today were among the great leaders in the march of progress.

An anniversary banquet at the Hotel Statler was scheduled to be addressed tonight by Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior.

#### HISTORIC SANHEDRIN SITE BOUGHT BY J.N.F. AT YAVNEH, SOUTH JUDAEA

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund today announced acquisition of 2,000 dunams (500 acres) of fertile land in the "free zone" of Yavneh in South Judaea.

The land, in an area where unrestricted Jewish land purchase is permitted under the Palestine land act, is on the site of the famous city where the Sanhedrin (Jewish religious court) under Johanan ben Zakai functioned after Jerusalem's second destruction.

Purchase of the land was begun 12 years ago through transactions involving two and three dunams at a time. It is planned to establish on the site a talmudic seminary together with an agricultural settlement of Orthodox Jews. The seminary building will be erected from a bequest by Solomon Gotz, who died while escaping to Palestine from Russia after the Bolshevik revolution.

#### MAURICE TAYLOR NAMED SOCIAL WELFARE BODY'S PRESIDENT AT PITTSBURGH PARLEY

PITTSBURGH, May 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Maurice Taylor, executive director of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Pittsburgh, was elected president of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare at the final session today of the 1940 meeting. He succeeds Dr. John Slawson, director of the Jewish Board of Guardians of New York City.

More than 700 delegates from every State in the Union and from Canada attended the convention, participating in 75 sessions covering every field of Jewish social welfare work, center work and education. Meeting simultaneously with the National Conference were the National Association of Jewish Center Workers and the National Council for Jewish Education.

Officers who will serve with Dr. Taylor during the coming year are: Louis Kraft, New York, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Board, first vice president; Harold Silver of the Jewish Social Service Bureau, Detroit, second vice president; Joseph E. Beck, Philadelphia, treasurer, and Marcel Kovarsky, New York, secretary.