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### SAILING OF NEPTUNIA PUT OFF INDEFINITELY; PASSAGE ON NEW SHIP SOUGHT

ROME, May 31. (JTA)--Sailing of the Neptunia, originally scheduled for May 24 and postponed to June 1, has been postponed indefinitely, it was announced today.

One hundred and fifty Central European Jews who were to have sailed on the vessel are still without transit visas enabling them to cross Italy. Together with 44 refugees already in Genoa, they were to have proceeded to the Dominican Republic to join 37 settlers who form the vanguard of 500 refugee families selected for settlement in the Caribbean island.

While officials of the Joint Distribution Committee are trying to obtain transit visas for the refugees stranded outside of Italy, Solomon Trone, representative of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association of New York, is making efforts to arrange transportation for the prospective settlers on the liner Saturnia.

Meanwhile, hundreds of refugees who had hoped to sail on the United States liner Manhattan will be unable to reach the ship because of failure to obtain Italian transit visas. Refugees already in Italy who had previously booked passage on the Manhattan, or who hoped to, are in danger of being stranded since preference is being given to American travelers.

### REFUGEES RETURNED FROM PALESTINE ALL HUNGARIANS; NO FURTHER DEPORTATIONS PLANNED

BUCHAREST, May 31. (JTA) Following an investigation by authorized Zionist circles here it was stated definitely today that the Jewish refugees who have just been returned by the British authorities after having entered Palestine illegally last February were all Hungarian nationals sent back to Budapest by way of Bucharest.

No other action to return illegal immigrants has been taken by the Palestine authorities, it was ascertained.

The returned refugees were among some 2,000 who, after having been marooned for months at the Rumanian port of Sulina, sailed for Palestine on the Turkish freighter Sakharya.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Office here has received 330 immigration certificates in all categories.

ANTWERP RABBI REACHES LONDON AFTER 'NIGHTMARE JOURNEY' TO DUNKIRK

LONDON, May 31.(JTA)--Dayan Rabinov of Antwerp arrived here today after what he described as a "nightmare journey" on foot from Antwerp to Dunkirk, where he succeeded in gaining passage across the channel.

The fate of Chief Rabbi Rottenberg of Antwerp as well as that of a number of Antwerp Jews who were last known to be at Calais is not known.

BRITAIN TO PROVIDE RELIGIOUS FACILITIES FOR INTERNED REFUGEES

LONDON, May 31. (JTA) --The British authorities, following intervention by Chief Rabbi Joseph H. Hertz, were expected today to provide religious welfare facilities for interned refugees.

Establishment of a special camp, equipped with kosher facilities, was considered a possibility for the orthodox among the refugees. The authorities, meanwhile, have sanctioned a kosher food parcel service for internees.

PARIS GROUP TO CONTACT RELATIVES OF BELGIAN REFUGEES

PARIS, May 31.(JTA)--The Federation des Societies Juives, 5 Avenue de la Republique, announced today that it would undertake to contact Jewish refugees from Belgium on behalf of relatives. Relatives may send inquiries to this address.

NORRIS, WHEELER ASSAIL MOVE TO SHIFT IMMIGRATION SERVICE TO JUSTICE DEPT.

WASHINGTON, May 31.(JTA)--Senators George W. Norris and Burton K. Wheeler today launched an attack on the resolution to transfer the immigration service to the Department of Justice, warning that this action might imperil all civil liberties and the Bill of Rights.

Wheeler said that this was no time "to harass, hound or persecute any person or group. Proposals which may have this as their effect are fundamentally unamerican. If they involve the denial or infringement of the civil rights granted under the constitution, restrictive measures directed against the foreign-born may become as obnoxious to freedom-loving Americans as any disloyal action by a citizen or non-citizen."

Wheeler said spy hunts which might embrace a roundup of a vast number of aliens "could only furnish cloak to cover up any failure to perform properly the job of apprehending spies". Norris conducted a blistering attack on the Department of Justice and its chief, J. Edgar Hoover.

FRANK, NAZI 'BOSS' OF BOHEMIA, RECALLED TO REICH; FRICTION WITH NEURATH SEEN

KOMARNO, Hungary, May 31 (Havas)--Karl Hermann Frank, gauleiter of the Sudetenland and Nazi "boss" of Bohemia-Moravia, has been called to Germany "for military service," it was reported here today.

Frank has become notorious for the cruelty of his treatment of the conquered Czechs. His recall from a post in which he functioned as actual leader of Nazi forces in the protectorate, caused a good deal of surprise. Friction between him and Baron Constantin von Neurath, Reich protector, was said to be the cause.

CENTRAL POLISH JEWISH GROUP OPENS OFFICE IN PARIS

PARIS, May 31, (JTA)-- Opening of headquarters of the representative body of Polish Jews was announced today. Dr. Kalman Stein, former member of the Cracow Municipal Council, will be director of the organization, whose seat will be in Paris.

A statement by the organization said its purpose was "to prepare the forthcoming activities of the political representatives of Polish Jewry, who will consist of representatives of all political parties of Polish Jewry, as well as delegates from principal centers to which Polish Jews have emigrated." The office will concentrate on political and social problems and documentation, the statement said.

OHIO PAPER LAUDS SYNAGOGUE'S 'NEIGHBORLINESS' IN AIDING CHURCH

COLUMBUS, O., May 31.(JTA)-- When the first Methodist Church was damaged recently by fire, the congregation held its Sunday morning services in the nearby Bryden Road Temple, at the invitation of Rabbi Samuel M. Gup. The Ohio State Journal editorially praised "this neighborliness, this willingness to share, this spirit that regards men and women of another faith as real friends and co-workers."

HOIDS NAZIS PLAN 'HOSTAGE SYSTEM', FIRST TRIED ON JEWS, IN CRUSHING BRITISH EMPIRE

NEW YORK, May 31,(JTA)-- Dorothy Thompson declared today in her syndicated column, published in the New York Herald-Tribune, that the Nazis, if they succeeded in overrunning the British Isles, intended to hold Britain as hostage for the Empire and the fleet, using a system which they first employed with the Jews.

"The Nazis believe in the system of hostages," Miss Thompson said, "They now admit that they tried it first with the Jews to see whether world Jewry would buy out its coreligionists. Thus they demonstrated that the humanitarian impulses of the world are some of their most useful weapons."

The commentator, who returned this week from Europe, devoted her column to outlining the probable Nazi plan in the event of German victory. The Nazis, she said, intend to control all Europe through a customs union, with Nazification following economic pressure; exert pressure on the United States through control of the economic markets of Europe; extend similar economic domination to South America and exterminate democratic ideals by terror. Only the German "master race" would be allowed to bear arms.

WRITER FOR ITALIAN PAPER URGES ANTI-JEWISH ACTION

NEW YORK, May 31.(JTA)-- Dr. Pietro Pupino Carbonelli, correspondent of the Italian newspaper Corriere della Serra, declared yesterday at a rally of Italians at Rex Hall in the Bronx that "you must protest against being Anglicized and Jewified."

ONLY 23 HUNGARIAN NAZIS STILL IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS

BUDAPEST, May 31.(JTA)--Of several hundred Hungarian Nazis detained in concentration camps by the Government only 23 remain in custody, Franz Keresztes-Fischer, Minister of the Interior, disclosed today in the Chamber of Deputies.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING GROUPS ADDED TO FRATERNAL BODY, DETROIT PARLEY TOLD

DETROIT, May 31.(JTA)-- The thirtieth anniversary convention of the Jewish National Workers Alliance, attended by 600 delegates at the Hotel Statler, today heard Secretary Louis Segal report the Alliance has enlisted English-speaking groups, increased the number of its women's clubs to 900 and obtained added support among trade unions during the past year.

The Convention voted support of the Palestine Workers' Bank by purchase of shares after hearing an address of A. Dickenstein, representative of the bank. Other speakers were Aryeh Tartakower, Philip Block of the American ORT Federation and S. Niger, who stressed the need for Jewish cultural values in the United States and deplored the "spiritual impoverishment of the Jewish masses."

Addressing the opening session yesterday, Treasurer Eliezer Kaplan of the Jewish Agency for Palestine said America was Palestine's chief hope today. He said that whatever happened the Jewish community in Palestine would continue its work, not only for its own preservation but to create homes for numberless refugees.

In a message of hope for a better future, Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner of Cleveland invoked the spirit of Memorial Day, comparing Flanders to Gettysburg and declaring, "we stand with Britain in this hour of destiny." He urged Britain to invite the Palestine Jews to fight side by side with its forces in the Empire's cause.

President David Pinski reported in his annual message that the Alliance had doubled its membership to 18,000 since the 1936 convention. Secretary Louis Segal declared that Palestine represented the chief plank in the Alliance's program. Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, who was to have delivered the keynote address, was detained in New York by illness in his family.

8 ZIONIST LEADERS BACK GOLDMAN REORGANIZATION PROGRAM

NEW YORK, May 31.(JTA) -- A statement signed by eight Zionist leaders today called upon Zionist members to designate delegates to the forthcoming convention of the Zionist Organization of America who will "adopt such resolutions and elect such officers as will assure the revitalization of the Zionist movement" in this country. The convention will be held in Pittsburgh from June 29 to July 2.

The statement, bearing the title "For a Progressive Zionist Organization of America," states: "American Zionists, concerned with the future of the Zionist Organization of America, are anxious that the policy and plans proposed by Dr. Solomon Goldman and concurred in by the Executive Committee, the Administrative Council and the 1939 convention shall not be stymied, but that they shall be carried through."

The signers of the statement are Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, Cleveland; Dr. Harry Friedenwald, Baltimore; Rabbi James G. Heller, Cincinnati; Rabbi Edward L. Israel, Baltimore; Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Philadelphia; Louis P. Rucker, New York; Robert Szold, New York, and State Senator Jacob Weiss, Indianapolis.