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### PROMPT COUNTER-ACTION TO CHECK FIFTH COLUMN HERE URGED BY COL. KNOX

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Timely discernment of fifth column methods in this country and prompt counter-action whenever possible is a task of primary importance, even more immediate than the military problem, Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, said today in a summary of a series of press articles on the fifth column which he sponsored. The articles were written by Col. William J. Donovan, who recently returned from a mission abroad on behalf of the Secretary, and Edgar Mowrer, European correspondent.

Col. Knox warned in the summary, issued as the last installment of the series, that if the fifth column peril is not removed the military problem may be incapable of solution. He said that among the main objectives of fifth column agitation and propaganda were the following:

- 1--To create confusion of thought, suspicion and dissensions to weaken popular morale.
- 2--To incite jealousy and antagonism between different classes of society as well as racial and religious groups.
- 3--To retard any effective preparation for defense.
- 4--To secure the cooperation and possible treason of key men in official positions through subtle persuasion, secret pressure and eventual bribing.

The Secretary stressed the disastrous effects of these fifth column tactics on France and other countries which the Germans picked as their victims.

"Fortunately, there is an effective primary means of defense against the underhand activities of fifth column agents," he said. "It lies in tearing down the veil of secrecy and subterfuge under which they operate....A secondary means of defense lies in the timely discernment of fifth column methods, with prompt counter action wherever possible... We should be ready to back this program with all the energy and resources at our command."

In the fourth of the series of articles, Col. Donovan and Mowrer said it was conceivable that the United States possessed the finest Nazi-schooled fifth column in the

world and which, in the event of war with Germany, would be this country's undoing.

The writers urged action against German-language publications and legislation permitting cancellation of naturalization obtained under false pretenses. If the Nazi conspiracy is unearthed in time, it will prove relatively harmless, they concluded.

#### SABATH TO BLOCK THORKELSON'S ABUSE OF CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (Dem., Ill.) Chairman of the House Rules Committee, said today that he would in the future block, at every opportunity, attempts by Rep. Jacob Thorkelson (Rep, Montana) to fill the Congressional Record with pro-Nazi literature.

His statement came after an exchange yesterday in which Sabath halted Thorkelson for a time, but when Sabath was forced to leave the floor because of duties with his important committee, Thorkelson rose three more times to fill the Record with Goebbels-type literature without opposition.

#### SENATOR BRANDS DEMAGOGUES ALLIES OF HITLER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Hitler knows that his true allies are demagogues who foster anti-foreignism and anti-Semitism, Senator Alexander Wiley, of Wisconsin stated today in a discussion of the conscription bill before the Senate.

The Senator quoted an article by an American woman writer, who is now living in France, and told the Senate: "I think that Hitler is wrong in believing that racial feuds and class warfare can combat American good judgment and sense of fair play."

He warned, however, against fifth column activities and stated: "We cannot disregard the fact that Communism, Fascism and Nazism are seeping into America."

#### CENSORSHIP BLOCKS EFFORTS TO CONFIRM REPORTED SEIZURE OF REFUGEES IN FRANCE

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Efforts to obtain direct confirmation from Vichy of reports that Nazi officials had been permitted to enter the unoccupied French zone to round-up anti-Nazi German refugees proved unavailing today, apparently blocked by the severe censorship on all cables to and from unoccupied France.

The reports, emanating from the Franco-Swiss border, said that Nazi officials armed with long lists of names were making the rounds of civilian internment camps in the unoccupied zone. Several hundred German nationals were said to have been taken from the Gurs camp in the Pyrenees and sent to Reich prisons.

It was recalled here in connection with these reports that shortly after the Armistice the French Government officially dissolved all refugees camps. Later information received here disclosed that most of the refugees were so poor that they elected to remain in the camp buildings even though food was no longer provided.

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ANTI-JEWISH RIOT REPORTED IN PARIS

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- A group of youths shouting "Down with the Jews!" on Tuesday smashed the windows of seven Jewish-owned shops on the Champs Elysees in Paris, the United Press reported today in a delayed dispatch from Paris. The dispatch, which came via Berlin, said four of the youths were arrested by French police.

CRACOW NAZIS FORBID DEPARTURE OF SKILLED WORKERS

GENEVA, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities at Cracow, Nazi Poland, were reported today to have forbidden the departure from the city of Jewish artisans, skilled workers and professionals.

The measure assertedly was taken to protect the economic interests of the city, from which all other Jews have been ordered out. According to the Nazi organ Krakauer Zeitung, all Jews remained in Cracow without "normal occupation" will be subject to forced labor.

AGUDATH ISRAEL PARLEY HEARS CALL FOR CREATION OF CULTURAL CENTER HERE

CINCINNATI, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Establishment of a world center of Jewish learning in the United States was urged at the second annual convention of the Agudath Israel last night by Rabbi Eliezer Silver in his presidential address. More than 800 delegates and guests from all over the country and Canada are attending the convention of the orthodox Jewish religious organization.

Special prayers were offered also for the well-being of the United States and for world peace, and memorial services were held for rabbis and religious leaders who fell as victims of anti-Jewish persecution in Europe.

Greeting the delegates in the name of the city, Mayor James Stewart praised the organization for striving to promote religious feeling among the Jews, adding that its example might well be followed by other religious denominations.

JUNIOR HADASSAH VOTES \$15,000 WAR FUND FOR PALESTINE YOUTH NEEDS

CHICAGO, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The Junior Hadassah Convention here today established a \$15,000 War Emergency Fund for youth needs in Palestine and pledged itself to apportion a like sum for Youth Aliyah to aid new settlements, schools and general youth welfare.

At a Sabbath dinner tonight, inaugurating celebration of the 80th birthday of Henrietta Szold, Mrs. De Sola Pool, president of Hadassah, likened the spirit animating Miss Szold to that of the Hebrew prophets. The delegates adopted a declaration paying tribute to Miss Szold and expressing the hope she will serve as a noble example to the young women of Israel.

GOLDBLOOM, BRITISH ZIONIST LEADER, ARRIVES IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The Rev. J. K. Goldbloom of London, chairman of the Executive Board of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain, and his wife arrived here today for an indefinite stay.