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### 25,000 JEWISH REFUGEES WITHOUT FOOD IN FRENCH AREA AS RELIEF BREAKS DOWN

VICHY, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- More than 25,000 Jewish refugees from various countries have gone without food for the past several days because of a complete breakdown of 29 local relief organizations in the Toulouse district, it was learned here today. They include several thousand who were recently demobilized from the French Army.

The relief agencies have been forced to discontinue assistance to the refugees because of lack of funds.

Collapse of these groups leaves only three Jewish relief committees still operating in the entire unoccupied area of France. These are functioning in Nice, Marseille and among them serve only several thousand refugees, or only a small proportion of those in need. Even these groups may be forced to suspend shortly because of lack of funds.

As foreigners thrown on the public funds, the refugees face internment in special camps. While solving the problem of food and shelter for the refugees, such a measure will mean loss of freedom and a serious setback to whatever prospects they may have had of recovering their economic independence.

### Paper Suspended for Printing Lecache Article

VICHY, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The widely-read French weekly, Marianne, has been suspended for three months for publishing an article by Bernard Lecache, former president of the French League to Combat Anti-Semitism, urging tolerance towards foreigners, according to a communique issued today in Clermont-Ferrand.

The communique said: "Lecache is a militant Jew whose previous activity has been sufficiently harmful to France for him to be placed where he cannot harm our country."

The article, captioned "Rien N'Est Fini" ("Nothing Is Finished") proclaimed the love for France of the foreigners who had found refuge in this country.

Lecache is at present living in Algeria where he has sought, without success, to obtain authorization to reestablish the newspaper Droit de Vivre, organ of the League to Combat Anti-Semitism.

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Nazis Turn Synagogue into Fodder Storehouse

VICHY, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- A synagogue in Nancy, German-occupied France, has been transformed into a fodder storehouse, it was reported here today. The local chief rabbi, Hagenauer, was forced to leave the synagogue house and take up residence in a porters' lodging.

Hagenauer is one of the three chief rabbis remaining in the occupied zone. The others are Rabbis J. Cohen of Bordeaux and M. Ginsburger of Bayonne. The remainder of the rabbinate is in the free zone, including Issaye Schwartz, chief rabbi of France.

NEW PLAN FOR GHETTO IN POLAND REPORTED

LONDON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The Sunday Chronicle reports a new Nazi plan for creation of a huge ghetto in the Lublin and Chelm districts of Nazi Poland into which would be dumped all the Jews of German-occupied territories.

The plan reportedly has been submitted by Hans Frank, German Governor-General for Poland. It specifies that the Jews will be required to build their own homes, grow their own food and serve as a reservoir of slave labor for the Reich, the dispatch said.

RUTENBERG QUILTS AS VAAD LEUMI HEAD OVER FACTIONALISM

JERUSALEM Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Pinchas Rutenberg, noted industrialist, yesterday resigned as president of the Jewish National Council (Vaad Leumi) with a warning that the party system made "effective management" of the Council impossible.

In a letter to Chairman Isaac Ben Zvi Rutenberg conveyed his thanks to the Council for its confidence in him and added: "For ten months I tried to unite the Jewish community, but failed. Only unity and self-sacrifice of party interests to the nation's benefit can help us cope with a grave situation."

TURKEY PERMITS TRANSIT FOR 460 PALESTINE-BOUND YOUTHS

JERUSALEM Aug. 26. (JTA) (Delayed) -- The Turkish Government has granted transit visas for 460 wards of the Youth Aliyah (immigration) movement who are coming to Palestine from Sweden, it was learned here today. The action followed a similar grant by the Soviet Government.

25 CASUALTIES IN HAIFA AIR RAID

JERUSALEM Aug. 27. (JTA) (Delayed) -- The fourth Italian air raid on Haifa resulted in 25 casualties, none of them fatalities, it was officially announced today.

LONDON REPORTED CONSIDERING PALESTINE ARMY PLAN

LONDON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- A Jewish offer to raise a Palestine army of 60,000 for service anywhere in the British cause is now receiving "sympathetic consideration" by the British Government, the diplomatic correspondent of the Sunday Dispatch reported.

PALESTINE JEWS MOURN DESTRUCTION OF POLAND

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Palestine Jews and the press yesterday mourned the anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities which led to the destruction of Polish Jewry.

Press editorials, however, urged the Jews not to despair and counselled them patiently to await the defeat of the totalitarian powers and the resurrection of Polish

Jewry. The newspapers urged Jews to aid their Polish racial brothers with funds.

The chief rabbis and leaders of the Agudath Israel delivered sermons in synagogues on the war anniversary. Posters calling the Jews to prayer for the Polish Jews appeared on many buildings.

Isaac Gruenbaum and Eliahu Dobkin, members of the World Zionist Executive, addressed a special anniversary meeting at the Jewish Agency Hall.

#### REFUGEES LEAVE ENGLAND FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

LONDON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- A group of prospective settlers has sailed for the Sosua colony in the Dominican Republic. The group comprises the first trainees and settlers for the American-sponsored project to have been selected among refugees resident in England.

#### RUSSIAN SOCIALIST COMING HERE FROM LISBON

LISBON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Rafael Abramovich Rein, Russian Jewish labor leader and a leader of the pre-Bolshevist government of the Mensheviks, has left here for New York.

Among recent arrivals from France are Eliahu Cherikower, writer and communal worker, and his wife; Leo Iania, writer, and Mrs. David Lvovitch, wife of the vice-president of the World ORT Union, who is now in New York.

#### JEWISH VETERANS ELECT HARRIS; 5TH COLUMN DENOUNCED

BOSTON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The 45th annual encampment of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States closed last night with the election of Frederick S. Harris, Meriden, Conn., as commander, succeeding Edgar H. Burman, New York. Mrs. Jennie G. Silverman, Chelsea, Mass., was elected president of the Ladies Auxiliary.

At a patriotic service held aboard the U.S.S. Constitution-- "Old Ironsides"--at the Charlestown Navy Yard, Governor William H. Vanderbilt of Rhode Island declared it was high time that "we took off the kid gloves of diplomacy in dealing with Trojan horses and fifth columnists."

"We do not want war," he said, "but at the same time we are determined to protect our way of life, our form of government, our freedom of speech and press, our right to worship according to the dictates of our conscience."

In a scathing denunciation of Old World prejudices and hates that "are seeping into the western hemisphere and into our own United States," Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts, chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, declared that "these are times when all real Americans must do calm and dispassionate thinking to preserve America and its institutions."

Messages from President Roosevelt and Wendell L. Willkie, Republican nominee for the presidency, urged the Jews to continue their patriotic service.

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LILLIAN WALD, FAMED SOCIAL WORKER, DEAD AT 73

WESTPORT, Conn., Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Miss Lillian D. Wald, founder of the Henry Street Settlement and the most outstanding Jewish social service worker in the country, died shortly before midnight last night at her home here after a long illness. She was 73. Messages of tribute came today from leaders in many walks of life.

Miss Wald, whose settlement has attained world-wide fame since its humble beginning in the New York East Side 47 years ago, had never regained full health after an operation late in 1932. In May, 1933, she relinquished the place of head worker at the settlement and in 1937 gave up her last official burden when she resigned as president of the settlement's board of directors.

During recent years she had kept in contact with the settlement and its Nurse Service and a wide variety of organizations and interests from her Westport home, House-on-the-Pond.

\$910,000 SPENT BY J.D.C. IN 3 MONTHS TO AID EUROPEAN JEWS

NEW YORK Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Funds provided by American Jewry through the United Jewish Appeal enabled the Joint Distribution Committee to carry on urgent emergency relief activities at the peak of the European conflict during the period from May 10 to August 10, when a total of \$910,000 was spent to aid Jews in areas of suffering in Europe, it was revealed today in a report by Morris C. Troper, chairman of the J.D.C. European Council. A financial clearance agreement which the J.D.C. has with the German Government made possible the expenditure of this large sum of money even though no American dollars were sent into Germany or German-occupied territories.

Expressing surprise at the fact that doubts and misconceptions have been created with regard to the progress of the work of the J.D.C. at a period of the greatest crisis for Jews in Europe Troper pointed out that U.J.A. funds received by the J.D.C. for relief work in territories under German control did not in any way aid German economy or interfere with the British blockade. Through a special financial clearance arrangement of American dollars are not sent into those areas. (2) The sphere of activity of the J.D.C. supplement the elementary relief work in the war areas conducted by the Red Cross and other agencies and provides for the special problems of Jews who have been dispossessed and denied much help by virtue of anti-Semitic laws and ordinances. (3) The extent of the funds available and not the obstacles of war will determine how many Jews will receive emergency aid.

NEWSPAPER PREDICTS NAZI VIOLENCE IN U.S. THIS WEEKEND

NEW YORK Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The first violence in Hitler's undeclared war against the United States is tentatively scheduled to occur next week-end, coincident with the launching of a full-fledged blitzkrieg against England, Henry Paynter predicted today in the 14th of a series of articles on subversive activities published by the newspaper PM.

According to the author this plan developed here and in Mexico by Hitler's official diplomatic and consular representatives, calls for the following simultaneous developments: (1) a revolution in Mexico; (2) a Mexican border incident in which American soldiers might be killed; (3) destruction of U.S. naval vessels at West Coast bases by chemical bombs shipped from Germany by way of Japan; (4) bombing of West Coast arsenals, munitions plants, utilities and aircraft factories by German chemical bombs disguised as lead pencils; (5) bombing of Panama Canal locks.

The immediate purpose of these acts of violence is to divert American attention from the expected smash against England, he added.