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#### OVER 500 REFUGEES SAFE IN DODECANESE ISLANDS AFTER SHIP FOUNDERS

ZURICH, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- More than 500 German and Czech Jews, whose five-month odyssey on the small Bulgarian steamship Pentcho ceme to an end when their unseaworthy craft foundered off the Dodecamese Islands, were being given temporary shelter on one of the islands today, according to reports reaching here.

The ship had called at the Dodecanese and was ordered by the Italian authorities to leave within 48 hours, German dispatches from Milan said. However, the ship ran on a rock and foundered, whereupon the Governor allowed the emigrants, who were said to include 124 women and nine children, to take shelter on one of the isles pending further orders.

The refugees originally sailed from Bratislava, Slovakia, bound, according to German and Italian reports, for Paraguay, but were not permitted to land in that South American country. Since then the ship had been cruising in the Mediterranean, Rumania, Greece and Turkey refusing to receive the refugees.

## 6 KILLED, MANY WOUNDED IN DIRECT HIT IN LONDON RAID

LONDON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Six Jews were believed to have been killed and a number of others injured when a block of flats was directly hit and demolished yesterday morning by a bomb from an enemy plane which managed to evade the London defenses.

The building was beside a street market, which was crowded when the bomb fell. One stall was covered by debris and several customers were injured by falling masonry.

The entire neighborhood turned out to aid the rescuers, and soldiers also arrived. An army colonel climbed a ladder to seek victims in the building's debris. Air Raid Precautions men, edded by a Royal Air Force officer, broke into the back of the building and rescued four men, one of whom waved and shouted "Thank you!" as he was carried away on a stretcher.

Twelve others had been rescued by late this afternoon.

# NEW TAXES FORECAST FOR PALESTINE TO AID SOCIAL SERVICES

LONDON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- A forecast of new taxes to be levied on capital or income to enable the Government to take over an increasing share of the burden of necessary social services in Palestine is made by the Jerusalem correspondent of the London Economist.

The correspondent states that while Treasury receipts have been fairly good in recent months, customs duties, which form one of the chief sources of income, have been unfavorably affected and declares there is an increasing need for social services, but during the past year it has been impossible to raise all the necessary funds from voluntary contributions, necessitating greater Government participation, which is impossible without an adequate rise in revenue.

If an income tax is found impracticable, the correspondent reports, the Government is likely to turn to turnover taxes on such items as wheaten bread, spirits and sugar and increase automobile license fees.

### SWISS ARREST NAZIS IN DRIVE ON ANTI-DEMOCRATIC GROUP

BERNE, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The Swiss authorities have arrested numerous members of a secret organization called "the Swiss Union of Friends of Authoritative Democracy" which engaged in propagenda activities against Swiss democratic institutions. The arrests followed distribution of a pamphlet written by Major Ernst Leonbardt, Swiss anti-Semitic leader and former head of the pro-Nazi National Front. The ramifications of the organization extend into several towns.

#### VICHY DECREE SETS UP MEDICAL GROUP EXPECTED TO LIMIT JEWISH DOCTORS

VICIN, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- A strictly—governed medical corporation was created by a law promulgated today. While the law contains no anti-Jewish discrimination, it is learned that the corporation will limit the number of Jewish physicians in accordance with the recently-issued anti-Jewish statute.

### 'PROTOCOLS' EDITION PUBLISHED IN CHILE DRAWS FIRE OF PRESS

SANTIAGO, Chile, Cot. 19. (JTA-By Airmail) --- Publication of a cheap edition of the spurious "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" by the well-known Chilean concern, Helffman, Horst and Company, has drawn the ire of the newspaper Civilization.

The newspaper protested the renewed distribution of this "greatest lie in history" and said the action was "an offense to the national culture and democratic spirit of Chile."

A prologue to the edition says that whether the reader believes the statements are true or false, "there is no doubt they are of interest at this time in view of the sorrowful endorsement world events have given them."

### 350 LEADERS HAIL STATUE OF LIBERTY ANNIVERSARY, HIT OPPRESSION

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- More than 550 prominent leaders in all walks of American life joined today in signing a Statement to the American People on the 54th anniversary of the dedication of the Statue of Liberty. The statement, circulated by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, called particular attention to "reactionary forces, seeking to undermine our democracy," and who "are threatening the foreign born with the same kind of oppression from which they fled in Europe," and endorsed the campaign for American citizenship and citizenship rights initiated by the Committee.