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### BOLIVIAN SENATE REJECTS BILL TO CURB JEWISH ENTRY

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The Senate has rejected, by a note of 15 to 5, a bill to restrict Jewish immigration. ✓

Jewish entry has been limited by an order of Immigration Commissioner Carlos Johnson issued on May 3. In October Public Works Minister Justo Rodas Eguino expressed the hope that the Government would amend the regulations to eliminate the racial discrimination aspect.

### PATRIA DEATH TOLL RISES TO 56

JERUSALEM, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Fifteen more bodies have been recovered from the sunken refugee ship Patria, raising the known death toll to 56, it was announced today.

### BERGSON REFUSES EXEMPTION UNDER FRENCH ANTI-JEWISH LAW; TO QUIT COLLEGE POST

VICHY, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The world famous philosopher, Prof. Henri Bergson, has declined exemption from the anti-Jewish statute of Oct. 18, to which he is entitled under the section making exception for persons of "exceptional scientific merits," it was learned today. ✓

Accordingly, Dr. Bergson will be obliged to resign as professor at the College de France, the highest French research institution.

The 81-year-old philosopher is holder of the 1927 Nobel prize for literature. He served as a French Cabinet minister in 1917 and as president of the Committee on International Intellectual Cooperation of the League of Nations from 1921 to 1925. He is a member of the French Academy and has been awarded degrees by famous universities throughout the world. He has twice visited the United States for lectures.

### JEWS BARRED FROM BUCHAREST SKATING RINKS 2 DAYS WEEKLY

BUDAPEST, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Jews will be barred from Bucharest skating rinks on two days each week, it was reported here today.

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BRATISLAVA GHETTO TO BE RAZED; COLLEGE, PARKS SLATED FOR SITE

ZURICH, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The Bratislava municipality has approved a proposal to demolish the city's ghetto section and replace it with a university, technical school and parks, it was reported today from the Slovak capital.

The authorities ordered the central Slovak Jewish organization to provide funds for establishment of a camp for the Jews preliminary to their expulsion from Bratislava and other towns, according to the newspaper Prager Abend.

At the same time, an inspired campaign to force the Czech National Unity Party in the Czech Protectorate to speed up laws for "protection of Czech blood" and other anti-Jewish measures was launched by the Prague press. An article distributed by the Prague Nazi news service complained of excessive delay, demanding further anti-Jewish activities.

Meanwhile, a number of papers attacked the party as being in a state of stagnation and revealed that special "educational" courses were being started to bring about understanding of "the spirit of the new order." Similar courses will be established later for district and local organizations.

NAZIS TO EXPEL CRACOW JEWS WHO FAIL TO LEAVE VOLUNTARILY

ZURICH, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities in Cracow, capital of the Polish Government-General, have issued a new order to expel by force all Jews who do not voluntarily leave the city, it was reported here today. Previous expulsion edicts have been only partially effective and deadlines have several times been extended.

The order, published in the Gonic Krakowski, stated that the exiles were permitted to take only 25 kilograms of personal luggage, the remaining property to be turned over to a trustee office for eventual sale.

Other information from Nazi-occupied Poland reported:

It was officially announced in Cracow that the American Red Cross did not have an office in the Government-General and hence applications for Red Cross relief were to be addressed to the respective German authorities, Polish and Jewish organizations.

DUTCH JEWS ORDERED OUSTED FROM PUBLIC POSTS

ZURICH, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- A decree ordering removal of all Jews in Holland from positions in public services, because of "political activities against the occupying forces," has been issued by Reich Commissioner Arthur Seyss-Inquart, according to the Deutsche Zeitung fuer die Niederlanden, Nazi organ in Amsterdam.

For the first time Dutch newspapers are carrying "jobs wanted" advertisements of young Jewish women seeking positions as servants in Jewish households, indicating that Hollanders are being forbidden to employ Jewish servant girls.

POLAND ACTS TO AID 80 REFUGEES STRANDED IN ISTANBUL

LONDON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The Polish Government-in-exile today instructed its consul at Istanbul, Turkey, to extend aid to 80 Polish Jewish refugees stranded in that city. The action was taken at the request of Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbard, member of the Polish National Council.

Probe of Refugees' Status in Lisbon Asked

LONDON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The Council of Polish Jews decided today to ask the exiled Polish Government to send a representative to Lisbon to investigate the situation of several hundred Polish Jewish refugees stranded there.

JUDGE FRIEDE NAMED POLISH CONSUL IN ECUADOR

LONDON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Judge Maximilian Friede, former vice-president of the Jewish Merchants' Association in Poland, has been appointed Polish consul in Ecuador, it was announced today.

8 JEWISH VESSELS SEIZED BY RUMANIA

ZURICH, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government in the past two days has confiscated six tugboats and two grain ships under the decree expropriating Jewish-owned vessels, the German wireless reported today. The Government leased the craft to the Danube Steamship Company.

ANTI-SEMITISM BEHIND BUCHAREST SUICIDE

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Prof. Iona Marcu has committed suicide in Bucharest because of the virulent anti-Semitism prevailing, the Moscow radio reported today.

VICHY LAWS ON JEWS DISLIKED BY FRENCH, DE GAULLE AID HOLDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The anti-Semitic decrees of the Vichy Government do not represent the sentiments of the French people and are regarded in both occupied and unoccupied France as the will of the Nazi Government, Capt. Jacques de Sieyes, personal friend and representative of Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free France movement, declared today.

Speaking at the formal launching of the France Forever Committee here, he said this has been substantiated by information received from both occupied and unoccupied France by the Free France forces, which still maintain channels of information in their native land.

LADY MELCHETT CONVERTED TO JUDAISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Lady Gwendolyn Melchett, wife of Lord Melchett of London, was converted to Judaism during her recently-concluded visit to the United States, the American Jewish Congress revealed today. She was inducted into the Jewish faith by the Rev. Maurice L. Perlzweig in a ceremony held secretly in the chapel of the Free

Synagogue here. The only witnesses were Dr. Stephen S. Wise, rabbi of the Free Synagogue, and Lord Melchett. The ceremony was not disclosed until the return of Lord and Lady Melchett to England.

Lady Melchett's conversion to Judaism follows that of her husband, the present Lord Melchett, who was received into the Jewish faith in 1933. Lord Melchett is the son of the late Lord Melchett (Sir Alfred Mond), a former member of the British Cabinet who was himself, though of Jewish origin, not brought up in the Jewish faith, and of the first Lady Melchett who is an ardent member of the Church of England. The present Lady Melchett was born in South Africa.

#### DRIVE TO ORGANIZE JEWISH AID FOR BRITAIN BEING MAPPED HERE

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- A campaign to organize Jewish aid for Great Britain on a national scale in the form of needed supplies, is now in the process of formation by the American Jewish Congress, President Stephen S. Wise announced today. A special committee has been named by the Governing Council of the organization to work out a program.

A public declaration announcing the specific aims of the campaign and the form which it will take, will be made shortly. It is expected that the campaign will be officially launched through a national conference to be held soon.

#### SEEK ARMY RULE CHANGE TO PERMIT USE OF FOREIGN-TRAINED DOCTORS

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- A delegation of the American Jewish Congress has discussed with the War Department proposed changes in the present army regulations to permit graduates of foreign universities to be eligible for commissions in the Medical Corps, the Congress stated today. Under present regulations, graduates of foreign universities are not eligible for commissions in the Medical Corps.

Former Judge Robert Patterson, Assistant Secretary of War, received the delegation, headed by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, who pointed out that those affected by the ruling were in the largest proportion Jews who had been refused admission to American universities because of the quota against Jews, and were compelled to receive their medical attention abroad.

About six thousand graduates of foreign universities would be involved. These physicians have been recognized as qualified, have been passed by state boards and have been practicing in all sections of the country. A memorandum was presented by the delegation and action by the War Department is now awaited.