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NAZIS ISSUE NEW ORDER FOR REMOVAL OF CRACOW JEWS TO RESERVATIONS

BUDAPEST, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Declaring that Jews had not complied with previous orders to leave Cracow, the German authorities in the capital of the Polish Government-General have issued a new order for expulsion of the Jewish inhabitants to "reservations" and forbidding Jews henceforth to enter the city, it was reported here today.

Nazi District Leader Wachter explained the decree, according to the newspaper *Wieści Polski*, as follows: "Orders issued for removal of the Jews were not fulfilled. The dates fixed for the Jews' departure passed without any result. In many cases there has been a new influx of Jews into Cracow. In order to achieve the desirable aim of keeping Cracow free of Jews by leaving in Cracow only such Jews as perform necessary labor, new measures are necessary."

The new decree provides: (1) Jews are forbidden to enter Cracow. (2) Jews living in the city must obtain special permission to remain. (3) In order to prevent Jews from moving in "undesirable directions," the evacuation will be carried out officially and the Jews will be transported en masse to Jewish reservations. (4) Jews will be allowed only 55 pounds of baggage and all other possessions must be left behind to be sold by German trustees.

The paper also revealed that an involuntary contribution for the German war machine had been imposed on the Warsaw ghetto. All metal balconies, railings, gates and other metal fittings in the Jewish quarter have been seized and removed to be used as scrap metal.

According to German press reports, a synagogue in Bromberg (formerly Bydgoszcz) has been dynamited.

SLOVAKIA PLANS NEW ARTISAN CLASS TO REPLACE JEWS

ZURICH, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Vice-Premier Sano Mach declared in a speech in West Slovakia that a Slovak artisan class must be created since Jewish artisans, constituting 80 per cent of the total, will be ousted by next month, the Bratislava radio reported today.

Meanwhile, a new anti-Semitic weekly, *Udernik*, began publication in Bratislava.

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ICKES HOLDS STATE DEPARTMENT BLOCKS VIRGIN ISLANDS PLAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Responsibility for blocking the plan to establish a temporary refugee haven in the Virgin Islands was laid at the door of the State Department today by Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes in his first official statement regarding differences of opinion on the matter.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull, at his press conference, appeared to be taken by surprise by the Ickes statement and assured reporters that "I don't know anything at all about it."

Meanwhile, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, member of the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees, conferred with Undersecretary Sumner Welles and Assistant Secretary A.A. Berle at the State Department regarding refugee problems and said later he found them completely in accord with the Administration on needs of refugees from Central Europe.

Ickes said the Interior and Justice Departments, the only agencies other than the State Department involved, were in full accord that the Virgin Islands project "can be carried out without visas, quotas or any other red tape." He indicated he felt he had done all he could in expediting the plan and that future action depended on the State Department.

The Secretary of Interior scoffed at military objections that admission of refugees to the islands might carry the danger of admitting foreign agents to the mainland. "I don't know how they are going to get to the United States unless they're awfully strong swimmers," he said, adding that under the plan worked out by the Interior Department refugees would be admitted under visitors' permits only after being given a clean bill of health by the Justice Department.

"I'm perfectly willing to run the risk of letting in a few more German agents if in the process we can save from the firing squad and concentration camps a few of the men and women who have given so much to the cause of democracy," he declared.

He criticized the delays in handling of the refugee problem, asserting that "people don't seem to realize that this is not an emergency that can be met over a period of months, but has to be handled in days, even hours."

"While we have no expectation of being able to handle more than a few hundred refugees in the islands, I think that America should do this, if for no other reason than to indicate to the world her feeling in this matter and that we still retain the status of asylum for the oppressed of which we used to be so proud," Ickes declared.

He said that the plans called for admission of only financially independent or subsidized fugitives from Europe who were in danger of their lives and liberty, and that the number would be limited by the islands' economy and housing facilities. He pointed out that the project was supported by the islands' Assembly, which was cognizant of the economic benefits which would arise from the influx of refugees.

NURSERIES FOR EVACUATED JEWISH CHILDREN PLANNED IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The British section of the OSE Union, Jewish health protection society, announced today it would shortly open residential nurseries in reception areas for 100 London Jewish children under five years of age whose mothers were unable to evacuate. It is planned to extend the scheme to children in other evacuation areas.

ZIONISTS LAUD AMBASSADOR LOTHIAN AS FRIEND OF PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, today praised British Ambassador Lord Lothian, who died this morning, for his sympathetic understanding of Palestine problems.

Here to confer with State Department officials on refugee problems, Dr. Wise said of Lord Lothian: "I often consulted with him on Palestine affairs and always found him understanding. He associated himself with the liberal, rather than the official viewpoint on the problem. He took the Churchill-Lloyd George view on Palestine rather than the view of the Colonial Office, which has not always been sympathetic to the Jews."

Dr. Wise referred to Lord Lothian's last statement on Palestine, in which he answered a protest by the Jewish People's Committee of Pittsburgh regarding barring of illegal immigrants from Palestine. The Ambassador's statement, Dr. Wise said, served notice on the Nazis and their satellite states that they could not infiltrate the Gestapo and professional trouble-makers aboard refugee ships and hope to bring them to Palestine.

Dr. Wise also denounced the Pittsburgh committee as a group which, "while racially Jews, are utterly indifferent to the well-being of the Jewish religion and people." He said the protest was "entered not to help the Jewish people but as an expression of a party representing a government which has been far from close to the interests of the Jewish people."

Lord Lothian's statement to the Pittsburgh group said:

"The decision of which you complain was taken in accordance with the immigration law of Palestine and furthermore on grounds of military security."

"It is not generally realized that the influx of refugees to Palestine is encouraged by the Axis powers. They do so not only in order to create the greatest possible difficulties for His Majesty's Government with Jews and Arabs alike, but with the object of introducing enemy agents into Palestine and the Middle East."

"The paramount duty of His Majesty's Government toward Palestine in present circumstances is to maintain the safety of the country, and it was accordingly decided that such refugees must in future be sent elsewhere in the British Empire for the duration of the war."

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs today telegraphed the British Embassy in Washington paying tribute to Lord Lothian as "a sincere friend of the Jewish people and of Palestine." The telegram, signed by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Louis Lipsky and Robert Szold, of the committee's presidium, follows:

"Behalf of Zionists throughout this country we desire to express to His Majesty's Government our deep sense of sorrow and distress at the news of the death of Lord Lothian. On many occasions, during and since the last war, Lord Lothian, first as Secretary to Mr. Lloyd George and later both in Parliament and outside, had shown himself a sincere friend of the Jewish people and of Palestine. His loss, in this hour of crisis for Britain and for the world, will be felt and mourned by all who hope for a victory of the forces of democracy and freedom."

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3 MORE BODIES RECOVERED FROM PATRIA

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The death toll in the sinking of the refugee ship Patria on Nov. 25 rose again today with the announcement that three more bodies had been recovered from the submerged ship in Haifa harbor. They were Isaac Ephraim Hayimoff, 49, of Bulgaria; Emanuel Feuer, 30, of Czechoslovakia, and Leah Resiner, 20, of Munkacs, Hungary.

FRENCH JEWS BARRED FROM MUNICIPAL POSTS

VICHY, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The new law on municipal organization, published today, provides that Jews are ineligible for the posts of town councillor and mayor because of the anti-Jewish statute. Naturalized Frenchmen are also barred from these positions.

TYPHUS REPORTED IN JEWISH QUARTERS OF 2 RUMANIAN TOWNS

BUDAPEST, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Spotted typhus has broken out in the Jewish quarters of Barlad and Falticeni, Rumania, the official German News Agency reported today. Both Moldavian towns suffered severely in the recent earthquake.

Many Jews were reported killed at Falticeni during the Iron Guard anti-Semitic outbreaks last month.

RABBI HERZOG LEAVES FOR U.S.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog planned to leave by airplane today for a visit to the United States. Before his departure, Rabbi Herzog issued a statement to the Palestine Jewish community expressing hope that God would "guard and protect this hallowed land and vouchsafe blessings to Britain, heroically struggling against the common enemy of true civilization and Israel."

PALESTINE TO ADMIT RABBI INTERNED IN RUMANIA

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Following appeals by the Chief Rabbinate and the Agudath Israel, the Palestine Government today granted permission for the "Wiznitzer Rebbe," now interned in Rumania, to come to Palestine.

CHRISTIANS HONOR SYNAGOGUE WHICH THEY USED WHEN CHURCH BURNED

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The First Methodist Church has presented a bronze plaque to Rabbi Samuel Gup of Temple Israel as a token of appreciation for the Jewish congregation's action in granting the Christians use of the synagogue for several months when their church was damaged by fire last Spring. The presentation was made at a service at the reconstructed church building. The plaque will be hung permanently in the corridor of the temple.