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LASKI URGES JEWS TO PREPARE PLAN FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

LONDON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Jewish communities the world over must begin without delay to consider the best system of protection for Jewish minorities in Europe after the war, in order to submit agreed demands to the peace conference, Neville Laski, former president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, declared today.

Addressing the quarterly meeting of the Jewish Council of Manchester and Salford, Laski welcomed the exiled Polish Government's declaration of equality, but stressed the necessity of reeducation of the masses of Polish peasantry infected with anti-Semitism.

Regarding Britain, he warned that the problem of anti-Semitism was still immediate, especially where populations had been shifted because of the war. He declared that during the period of change, economic hardship and dislocation after the war anti-Semitism might be serious.

Nathan Laski, chairman of the Council, revealed that after intervention on behalf of the Manchester Jews he had received assurance from Air Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair that in the future Britishers of foreign parentage would not be excluded from the Royal Air Force.

REFUGEE BROADCAST TO BE INCLUDED IN ROOSEVELT INAUGURAL PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Immediately after the President's inaugural address is broadcast, the airways will be turned over to a series of speeches by prominent refugee scientists, authors and scholars, Joseph E. Davies, chairman of the inaugural committee, said today.

The refugees, who are not yet selected, will emphasize the necessity for Western Hemisphere defense of free institutions if they are not to perish completely from the earth, Davis said, indicating that this ideal would be one of the themes of President Roosevelt's third inaugural address.

The broadcast will be under the direction of Columnist Dorothy Thompson.

DISCHARGE OF JEWISH DIRECTORS TIES UP DUTCH COMPANIES

✓ LONDON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Mass resignation of Jewish directors of Dutch companies, in connection with anti-Jewish decrees of the Nazi occupation authorities, is creating a major organizational problem for Holland's economy, according to information received in Dutch circles here today.

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