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4 BILLS INTRODUCED IN ALBANY TO CURB JOB DISCRIMINATION

ALBANY, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Four bills to extend the State restrictions against racial discrimination in employment, in line with Governor Lehman's proposals in his message to the Legislature last week, have been introduced in the Assembly, it was learned today.

William T. Andrews, Negro Assemblyman from Manhattan, proposed a measure to prohibit discrimination in all businesses affected with public interest. Robert J. Crews, of Brooklyn, introduced two bills, one to ban discrimination by employment agencies and the other to put teeth into the existing law forbidding discrimination by public utility companies. A bill introduced by Louis Bennett, of the Bronx, also would strengthen the law on public utilities. All four measures would provide fines of \$100 to \$500 and imprisonment from 30 to 90 days for violation.

Meanwhile, the State Council of Churches decided, at its annual conference here, to appeal to the Federal Government to penalize companies which practice racial discrimination in employment of men to fill national defense contracts. According to Dr. Wilbur T. Clemens, general secretary of the council, the action is directed against employers who refuse to hire Negroes or Jews.

'PURGE OUR HEARTS OF INTOLERANCE,' ROOSEVELT URGES

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A call to Americans of all faiths to hold meetings during Brotherhood Week, Feb. 22 to 28, "to purge our hearts of all intolerance and to bind all our citizens in a common loyalty," was sounded by President Roosevelt in a message made public today by Dr. Everett R. Clincy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Brotherhood Week will be observed in more than 2,000 communities with the theme, "National Unity," and the slogan "one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

President Roosevelt's message follows: "With reverent dependence upon God and faith in our destiny as a people, let us meet in church and school, in cathedral and synagogue, in public hall and home, during Brotherhood Week, the week of Washington's Birthday, to purge our hearts of all intolerance and to bind all our citizens in a common loyalty. The defense of America begins in the hearts of our countrymen. In this hour of

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emergency, let us set aside time to build our unity from within, to renew our faith in brotherhood, to quicken our national life, and to reinvigorate our patriotism with a renewal of that vision of democracy without which we perish as a people."

In explaining the theme of the observance, Dr. Clinchy said the "basic purpose" of Brotherhood Week was to "unite citizens of all cultures in the determination that America shall be kept free from the suicidal animosities disfiguring the common life in other parts of the world today. "Nothing can destroy a nation whose members are knit together by understanding and mutual esteem and from which hatred, suspicion and fear are barred," Dr. Clinchy said.

SYRIAN GOVERNMENT ASSURES JEWS ON STATUS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Syrian Government has intimated to leaders of the Jewish community that "Jews need not fear as long as they are loyal to the present regime," according to an informed traveler arrived from Syria, quoted by the newspaper Haboker today.

The Government is continuing to maintain Jewish schools, particularly those of the Alliance Israelite, and has renewed contracts of Hebrew teachers from Palestine, it was said.

MRS. RAGINSKY ELECTED HEAD OF CANADIAN HADASSAH

MONTREAL, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The tenth annual convention of the Hadassah Organization of Canada today elected Mrs. A. Raginsky, of Montreal, as president, succeeding the late Mrs. Archibald Freiman, founder and first president.

Other officers elected are Mrs. H. Singer and Mrs. B.M. Alexander, Montreal, Mrs. D. Dunkelman and Mrs. C. Rotenberg, Toronto, Mrs. D.P. Gotlieb, Winnipeg, and Mrs. A.H. Goldberg, Calgary, vice-presidents; Mrs. J. Shulman, Montreal, honorary secretary; Mrs. William Riven, Montreal, honorary treasurer.

CANADIAN JEWS TO JOIN IN PRAYERS FOR EMPIRE VICTORY

MONTREAL, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Canadian Jews will join with other denominations in observing a special day of prayer for the victory of the British Empire on Feb. 8, the Council of Orthodox Rabbis announced today.

BEN GURION LEAVES FOR PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem, sailed from San Francisco last Thursday on the first leg of his return journey to Palestine, which will take about a month, following a three-and-a-half month visit in the United States. He will proceed by Clipper from Honolulu, by way of New Zealand, Singapore and India.

CONGRESSMAN LAUDS JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Tribute was paid to the work of the Jewish Labor Committee in obtaining admission to this country of 400 refugee European labor leaders in a speech placed in the Congressional Record today by Rep. M. Michael Edelstein (Dem., N.Y.).

"Their death at the hands of Fascism would have weakened all labor unions," Edelstein said. "Their presence here is not only a contribution to the progress of this country, but constitutes the creation of a group of missionaries who will return and spread the new democracy in their own countries."

GERMAN REFUGEES TRANSPORTED TO LISBON IN SEALED TRAINS

ZURICH, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A monthly railway service for refugees in sealed trains, from Berlin to Lisbon, has been established, it was reported here today. The trains pass through Belgium, France and Spain. Tickets cost \$57 plus 200 Reichsmarks.

The new service is expected to facilitate refugee emigration to overseas countries.

AMERICAN DELEGATION SAILS TODAY FOR SOSUA COLONY CELEBRATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Headed by James N. Rosenberg, president of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, an American delegation will sail tomorrow on the S.S. Commo to participate in the Sosua Colony ceremonies marking the first anniversary of the agreement for the settlement of 100,000 refugees in the Dominican Republic.

Those sailing include Robert T. Fell, of the State Department; George L. Warren, executive secretary of the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees and Harold F. Linder of the Coordinating Foundation.

Accredited representatives of 32 nations, members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees, will meet in Ciudad Trujillo, capitol of the Dominican Republic. Three days of conference will be presided over by the Dominican President. Receptions for the delegation have been arranged by United States Minister Robert T. Scotten, by British Minister Alexander S. Paterson, the Dominican Government and the Association. On February 1, President Troncoso will lead the delegation across the country by motor cars, to Sosua, the site of the first settlement, where detailed plans of enlargement of the work will be discussed. The settlers will take part in these discussions.

Enroute in San Juan, at Porto Rico, the delegation will be received by Governor Gallardo at La Fortaleza, and by General Daly of the United States Army, and by the Admiral in Command of the Navy. The Governor has invited the delegation to a dinner in their honor which several hundred Puerto Ricans will attend.

Practical plans are to be put into effect for the enlargement of the work.

HUNGARY NAMES STREET FOR TRANSYLVANIAN RABBI

BUDAPEST, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Hungarian Government today named a street in Nagyvarad, third largest city of Transylvania, in honor of a Jew. The person so honored was the late Rabbi Leopold Keckemeti, who until his death three years ago was spiritual leader of the "Neolog" Jews in Transylvania. He was strongly pro-Hungarian and anti-Zionist. During the Rumanian occupation he was jailed on several occasions for Hungarian revisionist activities.

A nephew of the late rabbi, George Keckemeti, is foreign editor of the Pester Lloyd and his twin brother is in Clermont-Ferrand, France, working for the Paris-Soir. A son, Armin Keckemeti, is a rabbi in Marko, Hungary.