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### RUMANIA BLAMES JEWS, FREEMASONS FOR UPRISING; THREATENS REPRISALS

BUDAPEST, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- A Rumanian Government spokesman has placed the blame for the rebellion in Rumania on "Jews and Freemasons" and has threatened these groups with reprisals, it was reported here today.

Undersecretary of Propaganda Victor Medrea called a meeting of the foreign press in Bucharest, according to a dispatch to the Budapest newspaper Magyar Nemzet, and announced that it was the "Jews and Freemasons" who had precipitated the uprising, for which they would be severely punished "once order is restored."

Although the Government blames these groups for the disorders, Magyar Nemzet said in a Zurich dispatch that the uprising was really a revolt "organized by the masses."

### EXCHANGE OF INTERNEES PLANNED BETWEEN PALESTINE AND REICH

LONDON, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Negotiations looking toward exchange of Palestine children detained in Germany for German women and children held in Palestine are proceeding rapidly, through the good offices of the United States Embassy, Colonial Undersecretary George Hall announced in Commons today.

Replying to a question by Captain W.F. Strickland, Conservative, the Government spokesman said he hoped an exchange on a reciprocal basis could be effected soon.

Hall also revealed, in reply to a question from Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite, that 1,654 recently-arrived illegal immigrants in Palestine, other than the survivors of the S.S. Patria, had been deported to Mauritius, where they would be detained for the duration of the war. (Mauritius is an island off the coast of Madagascar.)

To Col. Wedgwood's further question as to why Jews were not permitted to immigrate to Palestine, the Colonial Undersecretary declared that a quota for the current six months was not issued partly because under present conditions prospective immigrants could seldom reach Palestine in the period contemplated for their absorption in economic life of the country and partly because of difficult economic conditions and widespread unemployment caused by the war.

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Atlantic' Refugees Reach Mauritius

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The 1,594 Jewish refugees who arrived here aboard the S.S. Atlantic and were deported from Haifa on Dec. 8 on two British ships have arrived safely at Port Louis, Mauritius, where they will be held for the duration of the war, it was reported here today.

DR. KAHN SUICIDE IN PARIS; WAS SLATED TO HEAD ROTHSCHILD HOSPITAL

VICHY, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- It was learned here today that the brilliant young son of Dr. Zadoc-Kahn, manager of the Rothschild Hospital in Paris, who was slated to succeed his father in this post, committed suicide in the middle of June.

The young Dr. Kahn left a letter to his father in which he said he was unable to stand France's disaster which he witnessed as an army physician. He was a grandson of the famous French chief rabbi, Zadoc-Kahn.

Under the directorship of the elder Dr. Kahn the hospital is continuing its activities without hindrance, according to Paris reports. The municipal subvention to the institution is continuing.

French Academy Honors Bergson

VICHY, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The French Academy in Paris devoted its first January meeting to honoring the memory of Prof. Henri Bergson, Jewish-born philosopher, it was reported here today. The famous poet, Paul Valery, delivered a eulogy, after which the meeting adjourned as a sign of mourning.

Jews Barred from Posts in Colonies

VICHY, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Jews and naturalized Frenchmen are excluded from municipal posts in the Antilles and in the Isle of Reunion, situated in the Indian Ocean, under a decree published in the Official Journal today.

ZIONIST TRAINING WORK CONTINUES IN SOVIET AND NAZI HELD AREAS

GENEVA, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Zionist activities are being conducted in Soviet and Nazi occupied territories despite arrests of Zionist leaders, it was revealed today by the Jewish Agency office here.

Information obtained by the Agency from various occupied countries disclosed in Soviet occupied Poland, where Zionist work has been declared illegal, many underground meetings of the Hechalutz are taking place and practical plans discussed. The same is true in Soviet occupied Lithuania and Latvia, where the Hechalutz movement has also been prohibited. Many members of the Hechalutz and of other Zionist groups who crossed from Nazi-held Poland into Soviet-controlled Baltic countries have been arrested and deported to the Urals. This, however, did not affect the Hechalutz underground work, the report states.

In Nazi-occupied Poland, the Hechalutz movement is still working legally. Some fifteen Hechalutz centers still exist and the work there goes on unmolested. With the Jews prohibited to use trains, the Hechalutz instructors travel by horse and wagon to the various Hechalutz settlements to direct the training there. There is, however, an acute shortage of food in all the Hechalutz colonies and it often happens that after a day's hard labor the chalutzim must go to bed without having eaten all day.

In Czechoslovakia, there are 60 Hechalutz training centers in which 6,000 chalutzim are being trained for farm work. The Hechalutz training work is also being conducted legally in Slovakia, though no conference of the Hechalutz organizations is permitted.

In Holland and in Denmark the Hechalutz work has not ceased with the Nazi occupation, but the Palestine instructors there have been arrested and interned in Nazi concentration camps in Germany.

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Rosenberg praised the "magnificent cooperation" of President Roosevelt and other Government officials. "Dr. Atherton Lee, director of the United States Agricultural Experimentation Station at Puerto Rico, leading authority on tropical agriculture, has already aided us greatly toward the introduction of new crops of importance in the economic upbuilding not only of the settlement but of the Dominican Republic and aiding, we hope, the United States in obtaining essential products for which our country now depends on the Orient," Rosenberg said.

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MOZES, FORMER JTA CHIEF IN WARSAW, REACHES NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Mendel Mozes, for twenty years head of the JTA office in Warsaw, arrived in New York yesterday with his family after having escaped from Nazi-held Poland. Emigrating from Lithuania, Mozes came by way of Soviet Russia and Japan.

"I am happy to be now on American soil," Mozes said. "It feels good to be in a country where no Nazi hand can reach you."

Mozes who witnessed the flight of tens of thousands of Jews from Poland, emphasized that starvation prevailed among the Jews under the occupation. Here bread is a luxury to at least half of the two million Polish Jews who fell under Nazi administration, he declared.

As to the Jews under Soviet occupation, Mozes confirmed the reports that thousands of them were being transported to the most distant parts of Siberia. "Wives are being mercilessly separated from their husbands and children from their parents, and this punishment is being meted out to them only for their 'crime' of seeking safety from Nazism by escaping into Soviet-held territory," Mozes declared.

The only hope for European Jewry today is the aid that can come for them from America, Mozes said. Though suffering physically, Polish Jewry is not morally broken, he added.

CURE ON CIRCUMCISION ASKED IN HUNGARY

BUDAPEST, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The medical faculty of Debrecen University today sent a memorandum to the Hungarian Government condemning the practice of circumcizing Jewish children and urging that the operation be prohibited unless performed by licensed physicians.

ITALIAN SCHOLAR TO STUDY PALESTINE'S LEGAL SYSTEM

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Jewish Bar Association today established a fellowship in civil law for Prof. Guido Tedeschi, formerly of the University of Siena in Italy, it was announced today. He will conduct research in comparative law and the conflicts in Palestine law.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN SOUTH AFRICA SEEN INCREASING

LONDON, Dec. 22. (JTA-By Mail) -- Anti-Semitism is rising in South Africa, especially in the smaller towns, and it is not confined to Nationalist circles, says Professor E.A. Walker of Cambridge in "South Africa," one of the pamphlets on World Affairs issued by the Oxford University Press. He adds that the wide powers taken by the Government to control immigration are "avowedly aimed at Jews in the first instance."

"It must be stated frankly," the Professor says, "that anti-Semitism is rising in South Africa, especially in the smaller towns, and that, though it is most outspoken in Nationalist circles, it is not confined to them. The wide powers which the Government has taken since 1930 to control immigration are avowedly aimed at Jews in the first instance while a year or two ago the Malanites, made further restrictive legislation one of the main planks of their election platform with considerable success.

"Latterly more than one anti-Semitic 'shirt' movement has arisen owing a good deal to German encouragement and example," Professor Walker concludes.