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### FRANCE PLANS AID TO REFUGEES AFTER INTERVENTION OF U.S. AMBASSADOR

VICHY, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The French Government today announced plans for alleviation of conditions in refugee internment camps after the question had reportedly been raised by the United States Ambassador William D. Leahy.

Admiral Leahy was said to have taken up the problem during his last conference with Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, French Chief of State, pointing out the hardships to which the internees were subjected. Marshal Petain was reported to have evinced an "understanding attitude."

The new plans provide for "rational distribution" of the 35,000 interned foreigners in three camps--the first at Rivesaltes for whole families with children, the second at Noe for childless couples, persons over 60 years of age and the sick, the third at Barcares for single adults.

The internees will be grouped according to national origin. The Government's communique said the problem of their upkeep continued to occupy the authorities' attention. Dr. Limousin has been appointed head of the camp reorganization service of the Interior Ministry.

Tracts of land will be placed at the disposal of internees for agricultural work for the benefit of the camps. Twenty-one foreign bodies are cooperating with the Interior Ministry with a view to ameliorating the lot of the internees. Schools and professional training centers will also be created in the camps, it was announced.

### Government Provides Wheat for Matzos

VICHY, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Petain Government is supplying wheat to provide Jews in unoccupied and occupied France with matzos for Passover, it was announced today.

The Ministry of Food Supply placed at the disposal of Chief Rabbi Issaye Schwartz 450 tons of wheat, while the Military Supplies Department agreed to furnish the necessary number of new sacks, as required by Jewish ritual. The Food Supplies Ministry also ordered placed at the disposal of the Chief Rabbi in Paris the necessary quantity of wheat to ensure matzos for the Jewish population of the occupied zone.

The matzos will be charged against Jews' bread ration cards at the usual rate of 300 grams per day.

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Meanwhile, pension rights for dismissed Jewish officials were extended in a law promulgated today.

Officials discharged under the anti-Jewish statute who do not have the right to ordinary pensions because they were employed less than 15 years will receive compensation amounting to two months' salary for every year of service.

The amount will not be less than 18 months' pay for those with an annual salary not exceeding 25,000 francs, 12 months' pay if the annual salary did not exceed 50,000 francs and nine months' pay for those whose salary was more than 50,000 francs annually.

#### ARMY MEDICAL RESERVE OPENED TO GRADUATES OF FOREIGN COLLEGES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The War Department announced today that graduates of foreign medical schools will be considered eligible for appointments to the Medical Reserve Corps, provided they meet certain requirements as to citizenship, licenses and internship. About 6,000 doctors are affected.

Previously only graduates of United States medical schools were eligible for Medical Corps commission. Recently a delegation headed by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, conferred with Assistant Secretary of War Robert Patterson to request removal of the bar against graduates of foreign schools.

All applications for commissions must be referred to the Surgeon-General of the Army for approval. A candidate must be a citizen of the U.S. and must present satisfactory evidence of pre-medical education equivalent to the requirements of the Association of American Medical Colleges and the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association. He must have completed a medical course of at least four academic years and have a license to practice medicine in the country in which his medical school is located, and also a license to practice in the U.S.

An internship of at least one year in a hospital acceptable to the Council on Medical Education and the Committee on Hospitals of the American Medical Association must have been completed. The candidate also must be eligible to take the examination given by the National Board of Medical Examiners.

#### COL. DONOVAN DISCUSSES JEWISH PROBLEM WITH SHERTOK

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Before leaving for Egypt, Col. William J. Donovan, President Roosevelt's special envoy, today held a lengthy discussion of the Jewish problem and Palestine's future with Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Shertok gave Col. Donovan greetings to President Roosevelt on behalf of the Jewish Agency and the Palestine Jewish community.

At a reception for foreign correspondents the President's envoy said Palestine had made great progress since his last visit in 1923 and expressed the belief that the country would continue the same tempo of development.

BRITISH FASCISTS WARNED OF RE-INTERMENT FOR ANTI-JEWISH ACTIVITIES

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Reinternment of a number of Fascists recently released is foreshadowed by a special correspondent of The Jewish Chronicle, following reappearance of scurrilous anti-Jewish slogans on walls in London and the provinces.

"If an offender should prove to be a Fascist released from detention, it is safe to assume that he can expect to be sent back," since releases were in some cases conditional, the correspondent said, stressing that the Home Office was determined not to relax its vigilance and to stamp out ruthlessly the subterranean anti-Semitic activities of the Fascists.

A new campaign for the release of Sir Oswald Mosley is being launched anonymously through the mails by Fascist agents, it is learned. During the past few days they have been mailing small Union Jacks to prominent people and organizations. In the center of the flag, printed in ink, is the Fascist "lightning" sign. Across it are the words, "Release Mosley."

MAYOR OF RUMANIAN CITY VOICES REGRET OVER POGROM

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The mayor of Floesti, Rumania, has written to the Jewish community condemning anti-Semitic rioters and expressing deep sympathy with the victims of the recent pogrom, it was reported here today. During the excesses Iron Guardists bombed a house in which 24 Jewish men, women and children were barricaded.

Prayers for Victims in Palestine

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Ben-Zion Uziel today called for special eulogies and prayers in Palestine for victims of the Rumanian anti-Jewish excesses. The Vaad Leumi (Jewish National Council) called a mass meeting for Monday in protest against the Rumanian pogrom. Rabbi Uziel also proclaimed a month of prayers for a British victory.

LOCAL WELFARE FUNDS URGED TO REJECT PROPOSAL FOR CENTRALIZED BUDGET CONTROL

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- An appeal to welfare fund communities not to accept the proposal for the establishment of a national budgeting committee on the ground that it would standardize Jewish life and bring about a form of centralization which would affect the growth of communal responsibility has been issued by the Committee on the Referendum for Budgeting, it was announced today.

Among the members on the committee are Judge Samuel Barnett of New Bedford, Rabbi Isadore Breslau of Washington, Albert K. Epstein of Chicago, Rabbi Leon Fram of Detroit, Gustave L. Goldstein of Los Angeles, Rabbi James G. Heller of Cincinnati, D. Beryl Manischewitz of Cincinnati, Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland.

The committee, which was established in order to clarify the arguments against setting up a committee to recommend ratios for all national and overseas agencies, issued a statement of principles adopted by some of the delegates who attended the Atlanta General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

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Declaring that the proposal to establish a national budgeting committee represented a radical departure from the fact-finding functions of the Council, the committee emphasized that the establishment of the new body would vest in a small group of men the power and authority over the distribution of funds in which were involved not merely the financial support of institutions and agencies, but "principles and ideals, aims and aspirations that would be more properly and more equitably evaluated in the councils of the local communities in which these ideals, principles and aspirations come in more direct contact with those who give and who decide."

If welfare funds surrender the right to determine how the funds which they raise are to be distributed, they will give up prerogatives and responsibilities which go far beyond the mere task of fund-raising and which form the basis for fully developed communal thinking and action, the statement said.

#### UNITED SYNAGOGUE ISSUES PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN RELIGIOUS LIFE

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A fifteen-point program designed to meet the needs of American Jewish communities has been completed by the United Synagogue National Committee to Strengthen Religious Life in preparation for the opening of its nation-wide effort, President Louis J. Moss of the United Synagogue of America announced today.

Inauguration of the program will take place officially on March 5 at a dinner to be held in Ezzex House.

As finally presented by Dr. Elias L. Solomon, chairman of the national committee, the program provides for (1) fortifying synagogues, (2) organizing Jewish education, (3) inspiring synagogue worship, (4) training youth for leadership, (5) directing adolescent activities, (6) assisting men's clubs, (7) solving budgetary problems, (8) strengthening unaffiliated synagogues, (9) contacting non-synagogue groups, (10) preserving morale of draftees, (11) serving Jewish students, (12) cooperation with adolescents' organizations, (13) aiding refugees, (14) ties with Palestine and (15) cooperating with defense bodies.

More than 1,200 prominent Jewish laymen and rabbis from every section of the United States, have endorsed the program and campaign of the committee.

#### JEWISH FIRM HONORED FOR WORK ON HISTORIC CROSS IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A historic ornamental cross in a private chapel in Buckingham Palace now has a plate affixed to its base commemorating the efforts of the Jewish firm of Wartski, court jewelers, in reconstructing the cross, which was smashed during an air raid. The plate, affixed by special request of the King and Queen, was placed below the old plate recording the history of the cross, which originally was a possession of Queen Victoria and was handed down to various members of the royal family.

The well-known Jewish communal worker, Emanuel Snowman, member of the Wartski firm, learning of the damage to the Palace, suggested to the distressed King and Queen that they turn over to him the hundreds of fragments of the cross strewn over the floor, promising to report on the possibilities of reconstruction. He declined payment. After three months he succeeded in reconstructing the cross and returned it to the King and Queen.