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### HOUSE EXTENDS DIES COMMITTEE; CHAIRMAN SEES IT AS WEAPON AGAINST RACE HATRED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- With Chairman Martin Dies defending his committee against criticism that it had paid insufficient attention to Nazi-Fascist activities and asserting it had done more than any other agency to combat race hatred, the House voted today, 353 to 6, to continue for another 15 months the special Committee to Investigate Un-American Activities and swiftly voted a \$150,000 appropriation to this end.

Speaker Rayburn announced that Harry T. Beas (Dem., Ill.) had been named to the committee to replace former Rep. John Dempsey of New Mexico. Otherwise the committee membership will remain unchanged.

The only Representatives to vote against the resolution for continuation of the committee were Samuel Dickstein (Dem., N.Y.), Vito Marcantonio (ALP, N.Y.), Frank E. Hook (Dem., Mich.), Thomas E. Scanlon (Dem., Pa.) Rudolph G. Tenerowicz (Dem., Mich.) and A.J. Elliott (Dem., Calif.).

Dies' statement in defense of the committee was made in reply to Dickstein, who launched a bitter attack on the committee, charging it with failure to investigate Nazi and Fascist activities and with wasting thousands of dollars of the public's money. A charge by Dickstein that "Fascist organizations have the key to the back door of Dies committee" was expunged from the record by voice vote after an objection by John Rankin (Dem., Miss.).

"Our committee has done more," the committee chairman told Dickstein, "to combat those who seek to arouse prejudice against members of your race than any other agencies public or private." He added that Dickstein could better serve the House and the country by examining the immigration laws with a view to making them strong barriers against entry of subversive agents and expediting deportation of Fascists and Communists.

"I have never made any distinction between Communism and Nazism as un-American activities," Dies declared. "As far as I am concerned, any ideology which would interfere with your right or mine to worship God as we please is un-American."

There was little debate on the resolution, and Dickstein and Marcantonio bitterly criticized the Rules Committee for failure to allow speaking time to opponents of the measure.

Chairman Adolph A. Sabath (Dem., Ill.) of the Rules Committee told the House he supported continuation of the probe, but expressed hope that more attention would be given

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to Nazi and Fascist activities than had been given in the past. He added he had been informed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had requested continuation of the House probe.

Edith N. Rogers (Rep., Mass.) demanded that the committee investigate the establishment of the Bata shoe factories in this country, charging that their establishment and use of immigrant workers had been ordered by Hitler and that most of the concern's profits went into Nazi pockets.

J. Parnell Thomas (Rep., N.J.), a member of the Dies committee, told the House the most important work of the committee had been using "the democratic weapon of exposure" against such "un-American and anti-Semitic" leaders as James E. Campbell, George Deatheridge, William Dudley Pelley and others and against the German-American Bund, the German Library of Information, the Kyffhauser Bund and the Transocean News Service.

#### REFUGEES IN GURS CAMP GET FIRST ORT TOOLS AND MACHINERY

ZURICH, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The first transport of tools and machinery necessary to establish ORT workshops for refugees in Camp de Gurs, unoccupied France, has been delivered to the administration of the camp, it was reported here today by the ORT representative in Switzerland. The workshops, which will function in accordance with an understanding between the French authorities and the ORT, will produce clothing, shoes and underwear for the interned refugees.

A delegation of the ORT consisting of the executive members, Dr. Joseph Dubossarski and Ing. Wolski, visited Camp Gurs to work out the necessary details for ORT relief activities within the camp. The delegation was cordially received by the camp authorities, who promised full support in carrying out the ORT relief activities for the internees. A detailed memorandum on the projects which the ORT intends to start in the camp will be submitted to the French Ministry of Interior in Vichy, as well as to the camp administration.

Simultaneously, the ORT representative here said the ORT this week opened workshops for clothing and shoes in the refugee camp in Brens near Toulouse. The workshops were established in accordance with an agreement reached between the ORT headquarters in unoccupied France and the administration of the Brens camp.

#### 800,000 Francs Collected in Relief Drive

VICHY, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- More than 800,000 francs has so far been raised in the Jewish Winter relief drive, it was announced today, and additional contributions are being received by Chief Rabbi Issaye Schwartz.

#### VICHY PLANS BAN ON JEWISH PARLIAMENTARIANS, PARIS REPORTS

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The German-controlled Paris radio reported today that the Vichy Government had circularized all senators and deputies informing them that a law would be promulgated whereby all parliamentarians of Jewish origin would be deposed. In order to avoid "painful inquiries," they were requested to make their Jewish origin known if it should be necessary, the report said.

NEW LIBERAL IMMIGRATION LAW GOES INTO EFFECT IN ECUADOR

QUITO, Ecuador, Feb. 5. (JTA-Airmail) -- The Ecuadorean Immigration and Aliens law went into effect today, giving this country the most liberal law of its type in the Americas. The law was published months ago but was left pending until the Agriculture, Interior and Foreign Ministries had drafted the various instruments necessary to its enactment.

The law is termed exceptionally humane by interested parties here. During its drafting, representatives of Jewish immigration societies were repeatedly consulted. One of the principal authors of the law is Dr. Malo Andrade, newly-designated Immigration Director, who was educated in England and whose sympathy for Jewish immigrants is well known. Another important factor has been the satisfactory contribution made by 3,000 Jewish immigrants to the country's development.

The law permits Ecuadorean consuls abroad to issue travel documents to eligible immigrants lacking passports; reduces the entry deposit from \$5,000 per family to \$400 per family, plus \$100 per person, which will be refunded when the immigrants have engaged in some type of business, industry or farming. The entry deposit is waived for (1) immigrants who will be supported by relatives here. (2) immigrants with a minimum of \$5,300 to invest in bonds here, (3) persons with a fairly large income from abroad.

The activities open to immigrants include not only agriculture and industry, but also the export trade and medicine. Specialists sought by industry here are exempt from the entry deposit regulation.

Entry is forbidden to propagandists upbuilding doctrines at variance with the democratic tenets of Ecuador. Foreigners are granted all the individual rights of citizens, except the franchise, but collectively have no rights since Ecuador does not recognize any minorities. First citizenship papers may be obtained after two years' residence and final naturalization a year later.

Ecuador is virtually the only South American country still open to Jewish immigrants. In January, the authorities permitted entry of 40 Jewish families who had travelled here via Siberia and Japan and were barred from entering several countries on this continent. A monthly immigration quota has been provided but in view of transportation difficulties it is doubted that the quota will be filled.

WORLD UNION OF CZECH JEWS FORMED

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The Council of the Federation of Czechoslovak Jews decided today to form a World Union of Czechoslovak Jews.

Chairman H.A. Goodman announced that branches of the federation had recently been formed in Palestine and the United States and further branches were planned in Canada and South Africa. He declared that the Czechoslovak Government had shown the greatest interest in activity aiming, according to Jan Masaryk, at "restoring a free Jewish community in a free Czechoslovakia."

Springer, secretary-general of the federation, paid tribute to the "ever-ready cooperation" of the Czech authorities in London, who, he said, had done their utmost to alleviate the tragic situation of Czech refugees in European border lands.

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9 ORPHANED BY SALVADOR SINKING REACH PALESTINE

HAI FA, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Nine children whose parents died in the sinking of the refugee ship Salvador off the Turkish coast on Dec. 12 arrived here today. In addition, 21 Jewish immigrants reached here, 16 of them from Rumania.

MEMORIAL FOR METAXAS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- A memorial meeting for Greek Premier John Metaxas was held by the Greek Jewish Settlers' Association in Jeshurun Synagogue today, attended by large crowds. Moshe Shertok and Chief Rabbi Ben-Zion Uziel were among the Jewish leaders present.

JEWISH OFFICER IN SOMALILAND HONORED

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Sergeant David Fleishman of the Rhodesian Regiment, attached to the Somaliland Camel Corps, has been awarded the military medal for distinguished service in the field, it was announced today.

SEEK MEDAL FOR CAB DRIVER WHO RISKED LIFE TO AID POLICEMAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Rep. Joseph A. Gavagan (Dem., N.Y.) today introduced a bill seeking the award of a Congressional gold medal to Leonard Weisberg, the New York taxi driver who risked his life in an effort to assist Patrolman Edward Maher, who was killed Jan. 14 in an effort to apprehend two payroll bandits.

10,000 ALIENS FREED IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Jan. 25. (JTA-Airmail) -- Nearly ten thousand aliens have now been released under the terms of the White Paper, as well as some hundreds released as special cases, it was revealed by Osbert Peake, Home Undersecretary, in the House of Commons yesterday. Peake also made it clear that there was no reflection on any loyal and friendly alien who had been interned in pursuance of general directions.

Replying to T. Edmund Harvey, Peake said the number of releases authorized under the White Paper procedure up to the end of last week was 9,816. Approximately 7,000 men and 3,000 women were still interned in this country. The figures, Peake added, were of persons interned in this country; approximately 6,000 internees had been sent overseas.

MINISTER REVEALS PLIGHT OF LUXEMBURG REFUGEES

LONDON, Jan. 25. (JTA-Airmail) -- A picture of the plight of the refugees from the Duchy of Luxemburg, many of them Jews, was painted by Pierre Krier, Minister of Labor and Mines, in an interview with the J.T.A.

Krier has just arrived in England from Lisbon, where he has been ever since the fall of France assisting the Luxemburg refugees to safety.

Throughout their journey, said Krier, the refugees were followed everywhere by agents of the German police, and there were even cases where trainloads of refugees who had already reached the Portuguese frontier were obliged to return to the French frontier at Hendaye. In the case of some of the refugees--Germans who had lived in Luxemburg ever since they left Germany such was their desperation that they even applied for aid to the German Embassy in Lisbon.