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While official trade figures were not released for 1940, reports from the American consulate in Palestine indicate that imports of wheat and flour from Syria were small, because of the failure to negotiate a new trade agreement after the French armistice. Some effort was made to replace these imports by shipments from Iraq, but inadequate transportation facilities has hampered this move.

However, it was reported that a firm in London has recently been made the Government's agent and has succeeded in purchasing large quantities of soft wheat and flour from Australia.

Normally Palestine is dependent upon imports for the bulk of her grain supply. Imports of wheat totaled 2,794,000 bushels in 1939 and of flour, 274,000 barrels.

Hard wheat is obtained from Syria, Transjordan and Canada, while Australia is the principal soft wheat source. More than half the flour imported in 1939 came from the United States. Barley imports amounted to only 896,000 bushels in 1939, of which Syria supplied 345,000 and Transjordan, 551,000 bushels.

#### Orange Growers Exempted from Land Tax

JERUSALEM, April 14. (JTA) -- Orange growers will be exempt from the land and property tax for the fiscal year 1940-41, it was announced today.

#### U.S. COURT UPHELDS PELLEY'S EXTRADITION TO NORTH CAROLINA

WASHINGTON, April 14. (JTA) -- William Dudley Pelley, anti-Semitic propagandist, today was faced with the choice of submitting to extradition to North Carolina, where he is wanted by the authorities for violation of the terms of a suspended sentence, or carrying his fight to the Supreme Court.

The U.S. Court of Appeals today upheld the decision of the District Supreme Court that North Carolina's demand for Pelley's return was justified. The State court at Asheville over a year ago issued a capias for Pelley's return to answer charges that his Fascist activities had violated conditions under which a five-year sentence for violation of the State Securities Sales Law was suspended.

Pelley's attorney, T. Edward O'Connell, was out of the city today and it could not be learned whether he intended to carry the appeal further.

About six months ago Pelley transferred his headquarters from Asheville to Indianapolis, where he resumed publication of his anti-Semitic weekly under the title, Roll Call. Despite previous protestations of lack of financial resources, Pelley apparently had no difficulty in raising a \$10,000 down payment on a \$40,000 printing plant in suburban Indianapolis, according to Dies committee agents.

#### NURI PASHA LAYS IRAQ COUP TO AXIS AGITATION

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- Gen. Nuri Pasha es-Said, Foreign Minister of the Iraq Government which was unseated by a coup headed by Rashid Ali Bey Gailani, has attributed the development to Axis agitation, in an interview with a New York Times Correspondent in Amman, Transjordan.

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Iraq had broken off relations with Germany, but not with Italy and Gen. Nuri Pasha said he had no doubt the Italian Embassy in Baghdad sponsored Axis activities. He added that German propagandists exploited feelings among the Iraqi concerning Palestine to the utmost advantage.

#### JEWS WARNED NOT TO SEND FOOD TO RELATIVES IN REICH

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- Warning to Jews in America not to send food packages to their relatives in the Reich and in Nazi-dominated countries is given in an article this week in Aufbau, organ of German-Jewish refugees, published in New York.

"The entire question of whether to send food packages to relatives in Germany can be properly understood only when one realizes that the appeals for food relief are in most cases made by order of the Gestapo and under its dictation," the paper says.

#### WEIZMANN TO TOUR MAJOR CITIES IN BEHALF OF U.J.A.

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the World Zionist Organization, who recently arrived in the United States from London, will make a special tour of the principal cities in this country in order to enlist support for the United Jewish Appeal, it was announced today. Dr. Weizmann's itinerary will take him to St. Louis, Kansas City, Detroit, Indianapolis, and Pittsburgh before the end of the month. On May 3, he will visit Baltimore.

#### AUSTRALIAN SECTION OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress announced today that an Australian Section of the World Jewish Congress was established at a meeting held in Sydney on March 17. Sir Samuel Cohen, Jewish leader in Australia, was named the President.

#### PASSOVER PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 14. (JTA) -- Reviving the old custom of a Passover pilgrimage to Jerusalem, the Agudath Israel is arranging a large-scale pilgrimage to the Holy City from all over the country.

#### RABBI FREDMAN DEAD IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, April 14. (JTA) -- Rabbi Samuel Fredman, president of the Philadelphia Board of Jewish Ministers and rabbi of Congregation Beth El for the past 27 years, died today at the age of 55 after a stroke. Funeral services will be held tomorrow and burial will be in Cleveland. A widow and two children survive him.

#### RUMANIANS SEE ANTI-SEMITIC FILM

LONDON, April 14. (JTA) -- The Berlin radio announced that the anti-Semitic film "Jew Suss" had been witnessed by Rumanian Premier Ion Antonescu and members of his Government at a special showing in Bucharest.

#### CROYDON FASCISTS AGAIN AT WORK

LONDON, April 1. (JTA-By Mail) -- After some months of inactivity, Croydon Fascists are again at work, it is learned, and there has been a new campaign of chalking anti-patriotic and anti-Semitic slogans on walls. The most popular phrases "No War for the Jews" and "Mosley Will Win." These messages, chalked up at night, have recently been found on wall and railway bridges. Complaints have been made to the police, and it is understood that the matter is to be investigated.