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### PLAN FOR OUSTING OF JEWS TO MADAGASCAR SEEN GAINING GROUND IN FRANCE, HUNGARY.

ZURICH, April 25. (JTA) Hitler's project eventually to "evacuate" all the Jews from Europe to the French island colony of Madagascar is gaining more and more ground among governments in Nazi-dominated countries, according to reports reaching here today from Budapest and Vichy.

The report from Budapest states that the Jews of Hungary are much perturbed over the address which the new Hungarian Premier, Ladislas Bardossy, delivered yesterday in the Hungarian Parliament. Their anxiety is due not only to the fact that Premier announced that the third anti-Jewish law would soon be introduced to eliminate the Jews from the economic life of the country, but also because he hinted in his address the possibility of joining in support of the Madagascar plan.

"The Jewish question in Hungary, he said, will be settled as part of its settlement in all of Europe."

Similar hints are contained in French newspapers. Le Temps, in an editorial on the Jewish problem in unoccupied France, speaks of a forthcoming "permanent" solution which would not spell actual persecution. The implication seems to be that the Madagascar plan is being considered also by the Vichy Government, under Nazi pressure.

It is known here that the Franco-German Armistice contains a secret provision under which the French Government is to accept in Madagascar all the Jews from Europe. In order to enforce this provision, some 12,000 Jews from Baden and the Palatinate were deported to France soon after the Armistice. As the British blockade prevents French ships from carrying passengers, the expelled German Jews were stranded in unoccupied France and were interned in camps when the Nazi authorities refused to readmit them into Germany.

### RUMANIA INTERNS GREEK, YUGOSLAV JEWS

LONDON, April 25. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government has ordered internment of Greek and Yugoslav Jews resident in Rumania, it was reported here today.

The Bucharest Government has also introduced a tax on native Jews of military age instead of army service, from which Jews are barred, and has instructed insurance companies to annul Jewish-held policies and pay to the Finance Ministry the sums due under these policies.

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JEWS' BRAVERY DISPELS ANTI-SEMITISM IN LONDON DISTRICT, ARP CHIEF ASSERTS

LONDON, April 25. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism has completely disappeared from the Bethnal Green district of East London as a consequence of the general recognition of the bravery of Jews under the Blitzkrieg on London and the active participation of Jews in the city's civil defense, Brigadier General Sir Wyndham Deedes, Chief Air Raid Precautions Warden of the district, declared last night.

Bethnal Green, one of the largest and poorest districts in London, was a hotbed of Fascist anti-Jewish activities before the war and was one of the strongholds of Sir Oswald Mosley's British Union of Fascists. Fascist organizers held meetings there almost nightly, which were frequently followed by clashes between the demonstrators, the police and the local Jewish population.

The district was hard hit in the first week of the aerial bombardment of London and five well-known local Fascists were killed on one street there and a local headquarters of the B.U.F. was demolished.

Sir Wyndham, after a tour of inspection of A.R.P. posts and shelters in the district, told newspapermen that "the active part played by the Jews in civil defense militated against anti-Semitism and tended to change, in the general opinion, the value of the Jewish population in our midst."

"Local Jews," he added, "are contributing to the A.R.P. services to an extent proportionately higher than that of the general population."

60 AIR-RAID SHELTERS OPENED IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, April 10. (JTA-Airmail) -- Sixty municipal air raid shelters have been opened in Tel Aviv. The municipality has organized a "municipal shelter service," which includes the building of shelters and formation of units to render aid and protection during an air-raid alarm.

The 60 shelters, which are scattered in various parts of Tel Aviv have been built with private contributions of local residents. Mayor Isaac Rokach, representatives of the Palestine Government and of the Jewish Agency participated in the formal ceremony of the opening of the shelters, while members of the Air Raid Precaution units performed drills demonstrating how debris are cleared and how wounded are rescued from buildings hit by incendiary bombs.

The shelters are all provided with necessary equipment to give first-aid to wounded. They will be thrown open to the public whenever an air-raid alarm is sounded.

Anzac Day Marked in Palestine

JERUSALEM, April 25. (JTA) -- Jewish ex-servicemen participated in services and a parade today marking "Anzac Day," commemorating the 26th anniversary of the descent to Gallipoli of the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps. Wreaths were laid at the war memorial and in the cemetery of the Jewish Ex-Servicemen's Association.

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J.P. WARBURG SCORES LINDBERGH; REVEALS, AS JEW, HE WAS URGED NOT TO SPEAK

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- In the course of an attack on the isolationist views of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, James P. Warburg, the banker, broadcasting over Station WMCA under the auspices of the Fight for Freedom Committee, revealed last night that he had been urged by a number of persons not to speak because he is a Jew, but asserted that it was nevertheless his duty to "speak out as an American."

The revelation was made in a brief introduction to the speech which Warburg added shortly before he went on the air. He said:

"I wish to thank Bishop Hobson of Cincinnati, chairman of the Fight For Freedom Committee, for his invitation to respond to Charles Lindbergh tonight.

"A number of well-meaning people, many of whom I do not know, have telephoned and wired urging me not to speak because I am a Jew. I was aware of this fact before. As soon as I was invited, I asked the Bishop to consider the anti-Semitic party line against Jews and bankers; Bishop Hopson dismissed this as irrelevant.

"I have but one duty, and that is to speak out as an American. Jew or Gentile, an American can say only this to Charles Lindbergh: Your second non-stop flight has taken you to strange destination."

GERMANS TO GET JEWS' STORES IN CRACOW

LONDON, April 25. (JTA) -- The Nazi governor of the Cracow district of Poland has ordered Jewish merchants moving into the ghetto to leave three-quarters of their stocks on their old premises, which will be turned over to Germans, it was reported here today.

JEWS LEAVING IRAQ, NAZI RADIO REPORTS

LONDON, April 25. (JTA) -- The Nazi-controlled Paris radio reports that Jews in Iraq, thrown into panic by the recent political change, were liquidating their businesses and moving to Egypt, but the Government was not allowing Jews to take out more than the equivalent of \$200.

DR. GOLDMAN GREETED IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, April 25. (JTA) -- An enthusiastic reception was held here today for Dr. Solomon Goldman, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, who arrived here on a tour of South America. He also held a press conference.

MENUHIN LEAVES FOR SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Yehudi Menuhin, the violinist, sails on Saturday on the S. S. Argentina for a ten-week tour of South America--his first visit south of the U.S. border. He is accompanied by his wife, his father and his accompanist, Hendrik Rndt.

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NAZIS SEEK RETURN OF BELGIAN JEWISH REFUGEES IN FRANCE

LONDON, April 25. (JTA) -- Newspapers in Nazi-occupied Belgium announce that trains to repatriate 50,000 Belgians from unoccupied France will be held ready on May 15.

Belgian circles in London declared today Vichy was apparently yielding to a German demand for compulsory repatriation of the 80,000 remaining expatriates, most of them political refugees, as well as wealthy Jews whose foreign assets the Nazis were anxious to confiscate.

The Nazis have unsuccessfully tried to induce the Jews to return, threatening reprisals against their relatives unless they did so and even sending relatives to France to persuade them.

NEARLY 1,000 REFUGEES GET LOANS FROM NRS

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Nearly a thousand refugees have received loans from the National Refugee Service for various enterprises, Arthur D. Greenleigh, acting executive-director, reported today.

Through the Capital Loan Committee of NRS, established two years ago to help in the economic adjustment of refugees, a number of small manufacturers, storekeepers, craftsmen, physicians, farmers, musicians and others were able to make a new start. Some of the loans were used to finish studies or to establish practices or professions; some for retraining in related or new fields. Repayments are made on the loans as the success of the enterprise permits. In 1940 the Capital Loan Committee made loans totalling \$172,550, while repayments on previous loans amounted to \$23,100.

DR. BRUTZKUS, OSE HEAD, ARRIVES HERE

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Julius Brutzkus, 70-year-old head of the World OSE Union, Jewish health protection society, arrived here today on the Portuguese steamship Nyassa from Lisbon. He had been arrested by French police during a round-up of Jewish social workers last Winter and held in a jail in Nice for 12 weeks. Dr. Brutzkus is a well known historian and former Minister for Jewish Affairs in Lithuania.

Other passengers on the Nyassa were Max Bernstein, father of Arnold Bernstein, the German Jewish ship owner, and Herman Rothschild, art dealer. Passengers, who included many Polish and German Jewish refugees, complained of overcrowding and other conditions on the ship.

JDC DRAMATIZES STORY OF ITS WORK ON RADIO SUNDAY

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee will broadcast a drama of its work, entitled "Cable from Lisbon," over the WOR-Mutual network on Sunday from 12 to 12:30 P.M. Among those expected to appear on the program are Edna Ferber, George S. Kaufman, Raymond Gram Swing and Edward A. M. Warburg, chairman of the J.D.C. "Cable from Lisbon" tells the story of the suffering and the rescue of victims of the war and of persecution, as it unfolds in the scores of cabled appeals from all parts of the world that funnel through the J.D.C. European headquarters in Lisbon daily are relayed to New York.

250 REFORM RABBIS ENDORSE HISTADRUTH

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- More than 250 reform rabbis have signed a statement endorsing the work of the Histadruth (Palestine labor federation) on the occasion of its 20th anniversary, it was announced today by Dr. Joseph Diamond, national secretary of the League for Labor Palestine.