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### PARIS POLICE SET UP SPECIAL 'JEWISH SERVICE'

VICHY, April 27. (JTA) -- The Paris prefecture of police has established a special "Jewish service" to handle all police activities affecting Paris Jews, the Nazi-controlled Paris press reported today.

The new department is under the control of M. Francois, head of the aliens' division of the prefecture.

The move follows the establishment by the Nazi authorities of a central Jewish organization to unify all Jewish activities in occupied France. French Jews refused to cooperate in its establishment and the occupation authorities established a "provisional direction" of Jewish affairs under the direction of a Jewish social worker.

### Repatriation to Occupied France Barred to Jews

VICHY, April 27. (JTA) -- Jews are barred from the repatriation of more than 500,000 refugees to the occupied zone who are still in unoccupied France, which will be resumed on May 15, it was officially stated yesterday.

Those not repatriated will cease receiving Government assistance and thus a problem will be created of some 20,000 needy Jewish refugees from the occupied zone which will increase the strain on Jewish relief organizations.

The number of those assisted by the Committee for Refugee Assistance, which distributes funds coming chiefly from the Joint Distribution Committee, has passed the 14,000 mark. The committee states that it is unable to accept new applications for assistance and hopes thus to avoid a new reduction of the already scarcely sufficient allocation of 200 francs monthly per person.

Meanwhile, a new list of 511 Jewish enterprises expropriated in the occupied zone was published here today, bringing the total to 2,615.

The Paris press reports that Jews are not permitted to live at Royan, famous seaside resort near Bordeaux, adding that a number of towns in the same region have been closed to Jews.

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Meanwhile, a meeting of the Vichy cabinet decided to deprive of French nationality a number of citizens presently living abroad. Their names were not immediately disclosed.

GERMAN EMIGRE PAPER TARGET OF CRITICISM IN LONDON; CONTRIBUTOR JUSTIFIED ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, April 27. (JTA) -- While parliamentary agitation over the Polish anti-Semitic paper, *Jestem Poliakem*, is being held in abeyance pending the results of personal pressure to halt its publication, another bone of contention has cropped up--the German emigre daily, *Die Zeitung*.

The editor of the paper, Sebastian Haffner, left Germany in 1938 and the managing editor, J. H. Lothar, in 1936.

The *Jewish Chronicle* points out that one of *Die Zeitung's* recent contributors, Ernest Johannsen, in 1932 published an article in Germany justifying anti-Semitism by claiming that hostility towards the Jews was not a matter of prejudice, but of deep-rooted instinct.

"If anti-Semitism persistently endures in a nation, it is proof that anti-Semitism has relative justification," Johannsen said. "When cultured men--like Social-Democrats--go so far as to describe the Nazis as a party of homosexuals, the Jews should not be surprised if simple men attribute to every Jew the basest motives."

The *Jewish Chronicle* declares that Johannsen, who defended Ernst Roehm, Hitler's lieutenant until the 1934 purge, against charges of homosexuality, is now writing in an anti-Nazi daily, while hundreds of Germans whom Hitler interned in concentration camps are still interned in Britain and Canada.

A "German Socialist," in a letter to *The New Statesman and Nation*, asserts: "Not a single German anti-Nazi with any political responsibility has contributed or will contribute to the paper, more popish than the Pope and which has not hesitated to denounce all Germans as worthy only of despicable pity."

Sebastian Haffner is the pseudonym of a German writer who was interned last year in the general roundup of male refugees and released from internment to enable him to complete an anti-Hitler book, "*Germany-Jekyll and Hyde*," which subsequently had a wide circulation in England. Following his completion of the book he was re-interned and released again following widespread protests and after his case was raised in Commons. Haffner's book recommended breaking up the Reich into five or six states which would be integrated in a general European federation.

UNION OF HEBREW CONGREGATIONS OPENS 37th PARLEY IN DETROIT

DETROIT, April 27. (JTA) -- A special service at Temple Beth El tonight opened the 37th biennial council of the Union of Hebrew Congregations, for which 2,000 delegates from all over the United States have arrived. The convention will continue through April 30.

Tonight's services were marked by an address by Robert P. Goldman, president of the Union, and a performance of Julius Chajes' Cantata on Psalm 142, given here for the first time by the composer, a young Viennese refugee pianist who is musical director at the Detroit Jewish Community Center.

Union affiliates are meeting in Detroit concurrently, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods holding its 14th biennial assembly, the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods its ninth biennial convention and the National Federation of Temple Youth its second biennial convention.

A featured session of the Union's council will be a symposium on "How Can Judaism Help Us in Our Work," at which Mr. Goldman will preside and scheduled speakers are Morris Waldman, secretary of the American Jewish Committee; Sigmund Livingston, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Rabbi Morton M. Berman of the American Jewish Congress; Fred Butzel, of the National Council of Federations and Welfare Funds, and B. C. Sherman of the Jewish Labor Committee.

#### ARGENTINE ZIONISTS HOLD 17th CONVENTION

Buenos Aires, April 27. (JTA) -- The 17th convention of the Argentine Zionist Organization opened here today with 115 delegates from all parts of the country in attendance.

Messages of congratulations were read from Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization who is now visiting in the United States, and M. M. Ussishkin, world president of the Jewish National Fund. Scheduled speakers at the convention include Dr. Solomon Goldman, of Chicago, former president of the Zionist Organization of America who is touring South America.

#### 99-YEAR-OLD JEW IS OLDEST INTERNEE IN FRENCH CAMPS

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- A ninety-nine-year-old Jew is the oldest inhabitant of the internment camps for aliens in unoccupied France, the New York Times reported today from Vichy.

"The oldest internee at present is 99 years old," the paper stated. "Lying motionless on his iron cot at Rebecqou (one of the two camps for persons over 65 years of age and for persons with chronic diseases) this aged Jew, Salomon Levy by name, looked up with interest as photographers swarmed about, snapping his picture from every angle and filming his uncomprehending stare for the movies.

"For him and for several other very aged men here and at Noe, the future is already determined."

The dispatch also describes the activities of a Jewish internee, Moise Katz, at the Le Vernet camp, in organizing a library for the internees. Katz has gathered about 150 books in different languages which he lends for a few sous to those who can pay, and free to others. With the money from the book rentals, he adds newspapers and magazines to his collection. Katz, according to the dispatch, has been at the camp for sixteen months awaiting an exit permit. He has a Paraguayan visa.

#### USE OF ENGLISH AS LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION FOR 'CIRCLE' SCHOOLS PONDERED

BOSTON, April 27. (JTA) -- Americanization of Jewish life and the Jewish home is assuming such proportions that it has become necessary to consider whether English should not be used, with Yiddish, as a language of instruction on Jewish subjects in Jewish schools.

This question is one of the major issues being discussed at the twelfth annual convention of the Jewish Workmen's Circle Schools here. About 150 schools from all over the United States and Canada are represented at the convention with 275 delegates. The convention, which will conclude Sunday, is to discuss methods of modern Jewish education for the 8,000 children attending Workmen's Circle schools throughout the country.

\$2,293,600 APPROPRIATED FOR J.D.C. RELIEF WORK IN FOUR MONTHS

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- During the first four months of 1941, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee appropriated \$2,293,600 for an eight-point emergency relief, rehabilitation and emigration program, it was announced today. Of this sum, \$1,700,000 represents regular monthly appropriations and the balance consists of special one-time and emergency grants to be prorated over the remainder of the year.

A total of \$700,000 was set aside during this period to defray emigration transportation costs for Jews seeking to escape from Europe. The report indicated that the scope of J.D.C. work had to be broadened to bring help to hundreds of thousands of Jews engulfed in the conflagration of war and oppression abroad.

ROOSEVELT, LEHMAN, LAGUARDIA LAUD HIAS REFUGEE AID WORK

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- Praise of the service of HIAS is expressed by President Roosevelt, Governor Lehman and Mayor LaGuardia in messages to ex-Justice Mitchell May, chairman of the HIAS \$1,000,000 fund-raising campaign.

"My hearty congratulations to the members of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society on the completion of more than fifty-six years of work in behalf of the under-privileged and oppressed," declared the President.

ORT OPENS TRAINING CENTER FOR REFUGEES IN BUENOS AIRES, FIRST IN SO. AMERICA

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- The first ORT vocational training center for Jewish refugees in South America has just been opened in Buenos Aires, Argentina, according to announcement here by George Backer, president of the American ORT Federation. The project is a school for youths and adults giving instruction in 15 mechanical trades. The initial registration totals 142, including 64 boys between 14 and 18 years and 78 men between 18 and 45 years. Additional trainees will be admitted soon.

BOOK TELLS HISTORY OF DETROIT JEWISH WELFARE AGENCIES; IS FIRST OF KIND

DETROIT, April 27. (JTA) -- A 200-page history of Jewish welfare institutions, agencies and activities in Detroit, written by S. D. Weinberg, has been published here by the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit.

The book, in Yiddish, is the first comprehensive historical and current account of the social services of a Jewish community in America. It contains a statement by Isidore Sobeloff, Executive Director of the Federation, in which the book is termed "a document of great usefulness to the student, the research worker, the educator, and the interested public, not only for the present but also in the future." Sobeloff expresses the hope that other Jewish communities in America will emulate the example of Detroit.