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These efforts, he asserted, were thwarted by the British with their "Jewish and democratic conspirators."

After France collapsed, he said, "I made my appeal for peace to England, but those who wanted war did not want peace. Those Jewish-democratic capitalists who had invested their capital in war production wanted to profiteer and get their interest and amortization."

Repudiating "territorial or egoistic interest in the Balkans," Hitler asserted that "every country is forming its economic policy in accordance with its own interests and not in accordance with the interests of international Jewish finance."

Describing the new Nazi European system, Hitler declared: "Only the capitalistic brains of the Jewish democracies could see a German hegemony in our economic exchanges. There were no conquerors and conquered in those deals."

NEW RUMANIAN BODY SET UP TO ENFORCE ANTI-JEWISH POLICY

ZURICH, May 4. (JTA) -- Creation of a central body to control Rumania's economic and financial life, having broad powers relating to execution of the Antonescu Government's anti-Jewish policy, was announced today over the Bucharest radio.

The new body will be known as the "Center of Rumanization." While it is charged with regulation of the nation's economic structure, one of the Center's first responsibilities will be to deal with all matters connected with expropriation of Jews and their replacement in industrial and commercial enterprises. The Jews were largely responsible for developing the nation's industrial and commercial life.

The Center will shortly issue a series of decrees putting into effect the Antonescu regime's anti-Semitic legislation, it was stated.

Meanwhile, the Bucharest radio announced a decree banning Jews from the cereal trade.

REXISTS, BELGIAN POLICE CLASH OVER ANTI-JEWISH EDICTS

LONDON, May 4. (JTA) -- Attempts of Rexist stormtroopers to usurp the functions of the police in the enforcement of the anti-Jewish regulations issued by the German occupation authorities have led to "serious clashes" between the Belgian Fascists and the police, according to information received here today through Belgian Government sources.

Members of Rexist leader Leon Degrelle's "formations de combat"--"shock troops"--invaded the Brussels market of Saint Giles under the pretext that a German order obliging Jewish stallholders to display a sign, "Jewish enterprise," was not being obeyed.

Police dispersed the demonstrators, the report added, confiscating numerous Sam Browne belts worn by the troopers.

A Flemish broadcast from Brussels announced today the formation of a new anti-Jewish committee named "The Peoples' Defense" in Bruges for the avowed purpose of purging the coastal area of Jews and Jewish influence. The coastal area includes Bruges and Furnes, the seat of the German military command.

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Nazis Irked by Belgian Slowness on Jews

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- A Vichy dispatch to the New York Times today quoted travelers from Belgium as stating that, despite forced liquidation of Jewish businesses and compulsory opening of safety-deposit boxes and other "vexatious measures," anti-Jewish discrimination in that country "has not yet conformed entirely with German wishes."

HENRY BERNSTEIN AMONG 29 DENATIONALIZED BY VICHY; PHILIP ROTHSCHILD REINSTATED

VICHY, May 4. (JTA) -- An official communique announced today that 29 more persons had been deprived of French nationality and a number of other denationalizations were pending, unless those concerned, all of whom are now abroad, make an act of submission to the Petain regime and adopt an attitude proving their "goodwill."

Jews among the 29 denationalized included Henry Bernstein, famous playwright now in the United States, Andre Kaim and Miss Nina Herzenberg.

At the same time, Philip Rothschild, who was previously deprived of French nationality, was reinstated, it now being considered that his departure from France was legitimate. Two other Jews, Mrs. and Miss Seitz of Biarritz, were also restored to citizenship.

POLISH ANTI-JEWISH PAPER FAILS TO APPEAR IN LONDON

LONDON, May 4. (JTA) -- The anti-Semitic Polish weekly *Jestem Poliakem* failed to appear yesterday, its regular publication day. The editors denied the paper was officially suppressed and attributed the non-appearance to difficulty in obtaining newsprint.

It is believed *Jestem Poliakem* will not appear by agreement until the uproar over its extremist articles has subsided. It is reported that Rajek, former editor of the weekly, who is now editor of the monthly *Mysl Polska*, was advised by the Polish Government to cut out anti-Semitism. It is believed that Polish Premier Wladislas Sikorski, fearing the unfavorable impression *Jestem Poliakem* was creating in the United States, participated in the Polish Government's intervention.

Meanwhile, The Catholic Herald, under the double-column headline, "Catholic Polish Paper Does Not Get Fair Hearing," defended *Jestem Poliakem* as "an independent Polish paper edited by Polish Catholics."

The Herald printed a letter from the editors of *Jestem Poliakem*, giving no names, in reply to the News-Chronicle's attack on the Polish paper on April 7. The News-Chronicle had refused to publish the reply.

The letter, after affirming the editors' attachment to Christian principles and unreserved hostility to Nazism and Nazi pogroms, declared: "None can deny the existence of a Jewish problem in the world, and in Poland in particular. It is our aim to solve the problem in accordance with Christian ethics and without any form of violence."

The Herald is the only newspaper so far to defend *Jestem Poliakem*.

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5,000 JEWS REACHED PALESTINE IN FIRST QUARTER OF 1941 DESPITE WAR CRISIS

NEW YORK, May 4, (JTA) -- More than 5,000 refugees entered Palestine with the help of the United Palestine Appeal in the first four months of 1941, it was announced today by the United Jewish Appeal.

The survey of recent developments in Palestine, drawn up by the United Palestine Appeal, showed that despite the spread of the war to the Eastern Mediterranean, the rate of immigration into Palestine has increased over the war year of 1940 when 12,572 Jewish immigrants arrived in the Jewish homeland. There are still approximately 4,500 holders of immigration certificates in European lands who must be helped to find a haven in Palestine through the support of the United Jewish Appeal.

LET PALESTINE JEWS ARM, WEDGWOOD URGES AT LONDON RALLY

LONDON, May 4. (JTA) -- A plea to the British Government to give the Jews of Palestine immediately the power to arm themselves was made today by Col. Josiah Wedgwood, M.P., addressing a meeting in farewell to the Palestine delegation of the Keren Hayesod, the Palestine Foundation Fund, which has been raising funds here for Palestine defense.

"If Britain had taken advantage of what had been offered to her," Col. Wedgwood declared, "she could have at present at least two mechanized Jewish divisions. A Jewish State would have defended itself even better than the Greeks."

He declared that Britain could still have a Home Guard in Palestine and still have conscription of Jewish men and women to serve in the factories, fields and workshops.

Col. Wedgwood, it was announced at the meeting, will soon proceed to the United States. He will be accompanied by F. Horowitz, vice president of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain.