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### BRITISH SEND REINFORCEMENTS TO PALESTINE - SYRIAN FRONTIER

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- Strong military reinforcements have been stationed on the Palestine-Syrian and Transjordan-Syrian frontiers, to prevent any possible Nazi attack through Syria, it was disclosed today.

(The Swiss newspaper Basler Nachrichten reported from Berlin that the Vichy Government had agreed to passage of German troops through Syria and that the French-mandated territory seemed to be "at Germany's disposal.")

The eyes of the Jews in Palestine are now directed chiefly towards Syria. The opinion prevails that the pro-Nazi elements in Iraq have lost their game, but that Nazi activities are being centered on Syria, where several hundred Arab propagandists trained in Berlin are developing intensive pro-Hitler propaganda with the hope of succeeding in landing Nazi troops there by airplane.

The ex-Mufti of Jerusalem last night conclusively showed his connection with the Nazis in a long radio broadcast from Baghdad in which he called the Arab world to stand behind Hitler and to conduct sabotage activities against England. His broadcast contained many anti-Jewish utterances.

### PLAN TO EXPEL JEWS SEEN AS NAZIS CALL GHETTO 'TEMPORARY' SOLUTION

LONDON, May 9. (JTA) -- German newspapers have praised the Lodz ghetto as "the most perfect temporary solution of the Jewish question." Polish circles here interpreted this today as indicating that the Nazis intend to expel Jews from occupied territories in the event of a German victory.

The Nazi press reports that Jewish elders in the Lodz ghetto have authorized issue of special coupons as a kind of auxiliary currency for settling accounts between the elders as directors of the trading center, and individual buyers and sellers because the system of direct barter of food and manufactured goods had proved impracticable.

Commenting on this announcement, Polish circles here said the Germans were manipulating prices to maintain an equilibrium of supplies and deliveries and to prevent either indebtedness by the ghetto to the Germans or accumulation of German currency in the ghetto.

Emulating the ghetto system in Poland, the Nazi authorities in Berlin have intensified the policy of segregating the Jews of the German capital.

Jews still residing in various sections of Berlin were ordered to move into the Jew

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slum district, on the ground Berlin was over-populated and that more space was needed to house "Aryans". The ousted Jews are ordered to leave part of their furniture and other property in their former homes.

German newspapers report that the Judaica library in Frankfurt-Main, which was a part of the municipal library, has been transferred to the Institute for Study of the Jewish Question, established by the Nazi Party. The library has more than 40,000 volumes and is considered the second largest of its kind in Europe, next to the collection on Judaica in the British Museum in London.

#### PORTUGAL WARNS OF INTERNMENT FOR REFUGEES NOT LEAVING IN 2 WEEKS

LISBON, May 9. (JTA) -- Portuguese authorities have notified refugees in Lisbon and other Portuguese centers that they must leave the country within two weeks or face internment, it was learned today.

The notification affects chiefly those refugees who entered the country on transit visas and were stranded. The authorities indicated that no exception would be made even for refugees who have found temporary useful employment in the country.

At the same time it was learned that the Nazi authorities in Berlin intend to send to Lisbon next week a transport of more than 1,000 Jews from Germany and Austria who succeeded in receiving visas to overseas lands. Reservations for all those included in this transport have been made by the Mitropa, a Nazi travel agency in Berlin, on three Portuguese liners due to sail from Lisbon next week for the United States and South America.

#### SYNAGOGUES REPORTED HEAVILY TAXED IN SOVIET-HELD LANDS

LONDON, May 9. (JTA) -- The Soviet authorities have introduced heavy taxation on synagogues and rabbis in Soviet-occupied Poland, Bessarabia and Bukovina, The Jewish Chronicle reported today.

Synagogues in towns with a population of 5,000 must pay an annual tax of 5,000 rubles; towns with 10,000 inhabitants, 10,000 rubles; up to 20,000 population, 15,000 rubles; up to 50,000 population, 25,000 rubles. Synagogues in big cities are subjected to still heavier taxes.

Rabbis are taxed 1,000 to 5,000 rubles annually. The object of the new taxes apparently is to compel many synagogues to close down and rabbis to resign, the Chronicle said.

#### CROATIA ORDERS "DISTINCTIVE MARKING" OF JEWS

ZURICH, May 9. (JTA) -- The Croatian Government has ordered wearing of "distinctive markings" by Jews over the age of 13 and Jewesses over 12, on penalty of 10,000 dinar fine or imprisonment, the Zagreb radio announced today.

#### YELLOW PAPER FOR JEWS' PRESCRIPTIONS IN SLOVAKIA

BUDAPEST, May 9. (JTA) -- The Slovak Government has issued an order providing that Jewish doctors must write their prescriptions on yellow paper only. The prescriptions of Jewish doctors must be stamped: "This prescription is intended for Jewish patients only."

CLINCHY ASKS LEADERS TO BUILD DIKE AGAINST POST-WAR INTOLERANCE

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- Recalling that the first organized anti-Semitic movement in America followed the first World War, Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, warned today that "American leaders must build a dike against a possible new wave of fear, prejudice and intolerance such as that which has followed all modern wars."

Reviewing the work of his organization in building better relationships among Protestants, Catholics and Jews in America during the last year in his annual report to the trustees of the National Conference, Dr. Clinchy classed as an "illusion" the belief of many Americans that "the tide of intolerance" will ebb as a result of "the united effort forced upon us by the war."

"War exacerbates prejudice and multiplies occasions of misunderstanding," the report said. "To the diffusion of suspicion and hatred by agents of totalitarian government are added disagreements as to national policy and differences of sympathy as to the course of events of the war arising from differences of national origin among our people."

"War periods are usually periods of unloosed passions, hysteria and suppression which may be directed at any group at any time. It would be a tragic error if American leaders relaxed their vigilance with respect to the tensions created by a war psychology and their efforts to allay the causes of dissension. There has never been a greater need to arouse men and women from their complacency and induce them to face the facts."

Appealing to American leaders to exert their fullest influence against prejudice, hate and mistrust among American citizens, Dr. Clinchy explained that no group among the population must be permitted to be made the "scapegoat" for the difficulties bound to follow the war period if this country is to hope for the establishment of a peaceful, post-war order.

"The last war gave birth to revitalized Ku Klux Klan which revived the anti-Catholicism of the late nineteenth century, and brought into being the first organized anti-Semitic movement in American history," he declared. "The Ku Klux Klan attempted to provide a popular scapegoat for the hardships of the war. After this war, there may be new attempts to find a scapegoat. We must see to it now that this shall not happen later. A hopeful post-war order will have no meaning for Americans unless we can build our own sound peace at home. But we cannot hope for peace if a wave of intolerance is allowed to sweep us asunder and divide our country into hostile camps."

The efforts of the N.C.C.J. during the past year to promote good fellowship among Americans of all faiths have been a major contribution to national defense, Dr. Clinchy declared.

DIES COMMITTEE FILES AID PROBE OF SIMON MURDER

WASHINGTON, May 9. (JTA) -- The Dies Committee today turned over to Washington police various anti-Semitic threatening letters in its files for investigation as possibly connected with the fatal assault last Monday night on Heinrich Simon, anti-Nazi former editor of the Frankfurter Zeitung, on a Washington street. Police said they still

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had no clues as to how, why or by whom Simon was murdered.

The letters from the Dies committee files, signed with the name "American Secret Million Committee," contain such phrases as "massacre every Jew." One of the letters was addressed to Herman Hoffman, Grandmaster of the Independent Order B'rith Abraham in New York. Similar letters have gone to Senator Alben Barkley and prominent Washington columnists.

All the letters bear the slogan, "England expects every American to do and die for her," a crudely-drawn picture of a gallows and the phrase, "All-out war on Roosevelt, Jews and Jewish democracies." Other slogans used are, "Hitlerism shall not perish from the earth but the Jews shall" and "God bless Hitler! Goddam the Jews!"

One of the envelopes containing these threats was mailed from Arlington, Va., another from Marlboro, Md. Dies committee investigators believe the person responsible for mailing of the letters operates from Washington and mails them from nearby points.

#### AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE BARS BUNDISTS AS MEMBERS

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- The German-American Bund's organ, Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, has been obliged to print on its front page a letter from the America First Committee stating that Bundists are barred from membership in the committee.

The letter was sent by John T. Flynn, chairman of the New York chapter of the America First Committee, after the Weckruf had published an appeal to Bund members to join the anti-war group. The paper ran the letter with an explanatory note stating that it did not wish to see the committee suffer from the reflections cast on the Bund.

Flynn's letter stated: "We do not want in our organization men who support the philosophy of Hitler's government because we do not believe them to be good Americans."

#### BRITAIN PLANS NO NEW ACTION AGAINST POLISH ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER

LONDON, May 9. (JTA) -- Home Secretary Herbert Morrison declared in Commons yesterday that he had declined to take action against Jestem Poliakem, Polish anti-Semitic paper, declaring that after consultation with the Foreign Secretary and the Minister of Information he had come to the conclusion that this would not be justified on the basis of present information, adding that the behavior of the publication would continue to be watched.

Morrison's statement was made in reply to D.L. Lipson, Independent Conservative, who called attention to the fact that Jestem Poliakem was freely circulated among Polish troops in England and had been commended by the Nazi press.

Replying to the suggestion of Rhys Davis, Laborite, that representations be made to the Polish authorities to try to induce Jestem Poliakem to drop its anti-Jewish propaganda, the Home Secretary said that such action apparently had already been taken.

When Geoffrey Mander, Liberal, asked if it was not better to treat the paper with the contempt it deserved and not give it too much publicity, a number of parliamentarians shouted "no!" thus indicating the concern which is felt about the paper.

Meanwhile, a new anti-Jewish pamphlet has been issued by Zygmunt Przetakiewicz, who is regarded as the spiritual guide of some of the young Poles in England. The author declares. "We know from history and the church mass the facts telling that the Jews and Masons aim to destroy Catholicism."