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### NAZIS EXTEND NUREMBERG LAWS TO OCCUPIED FRANCE; NEW TRADE BANS SET FOR MAY 20

VICHY, May 11. (JTA) -- The Nazi military authorities in occupied France have issued a decree forbidding Jews to engage in any business or profession which would bring them into contact with "Aryans," beginning May 20, it was reported here today.

The decree defines "Jew" in accordance with the Nuremberg laws--persons with at least three grandparents of pure Jewish blood, persons with grandparents who belonged to the Jewish religious community and persons with two Jewish grandparents who attend synagogue or have married Jews.

Dismissed Jewish employees must be replaced by "Aryans" and discharged Jews are to receive no compensation. Violation of the decree will be punished by imprisonment, fines and confiscation of property.

The decree specifically bars Jews from a variety of callings, including the restaurant and hotel industry, insurance, transportation agencies, banking, real estate, employment agencies and as commercial travelers and then adds a general stipulation that Jews are barred from any business bringing them into contact with "Aryans."

Meanwhile, Pierre Mendes-France, Undersecretary of State in Leon Blum's government and member of one of the oldest Jewish families in Bayonne, has been sentenced by a court in unoccupied France to six years' imprisonment on a charge of deserting the army.

### REFUGEES SEIZED IN MARSEILLE SENT TO FRENCH INTERIOR

VICHY, May 11, (JTA) -- A majority of the 3,000 foreign refugees arrested in the Marseille raids last week have been sent to the interior, it was ascertained here today. A number of them have been committed to internment camps. No reasons for the arrests were given.

All inmates of the "Hotel du Levant," which is maintained by J.D.C. funds for needy refugees, were also arrested.

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MOST FRENCH JEWS SEEKING TO EMIGRATE, HIAS-ICA REPORTS

MARSEILLE, May 11. (JTA) -- Almost the entire Jewish population of unoccupied France is seeking advice regarding emigration possibilities to overseas lands, according to a report issued by the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association.

The HIAS-ICA office in Marseille has so far registered more than 30,000 Jews who applied for visas to various overseas countries. During March the HIAS-ICA intervened with a number of consulates in Marseille for more than 1,000 applicants, of whom 600 were seeking entrance to the United States.

The association has, according to the report, also sent a special representative to the various isolation camps in which refugees are being kept to register internees who are candidates for emigration. The representative examined 1,400 cases in Camp de Gurs and made the necessary intervention with consulates to secure visas for the people involved. Similar action was undertaken for internees in Camp Rivesaltes, where some 2,000 Jews are kept, and in Camp D'Argeles where 500 Jews are interned. Steps have been taken by the HIAS-ICA to facilitate emigration of some 400 internees in these two camps.

Acting upon the request of the French authorities, the association opened a branch office at the Camp de Milles, a transit camp near Marseille. More than 1,000 Jews have been transferred from other camps in unoccupied France to this camp in view of the fact that the French authorities established that these internees had good chances for speedy emigration.

The relations between the Vichy authorities and the HIAS-ICA are very cordial, the report states. The association is now negotiating with the central authorities for permitting emigrants to take out of France a certain sum of foreign currency, since French currency is no longer accepted in Spain and Portugal for railway tickets.

NAZIS HELD PREPARING POGROMS IN SERBIA, BOSNIA, MACEDONIA

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA) -- The New York Times reported in a Budapest dispatch today that the Nazi authorities were preparing to unleash anti-Jewish pogroms throughout Serbia, Bosnia and Macedonia, as part of a sweeping movement to crush anti-German resistance.

Times correspondent Ray Brock, who remained in Yugoslavia throughout the brief campaign, said the ruthless drive on Serbians would be timed to follow departure of the last of the foreign diplomats from Belgrade next Thursday, when the American mission is scheduled to depart.

German officers told Brock in Belgrade that when this last restraining factor was removed "we can proceed with the treatment these Serbians deserve." The "treatment" planned by the Germans would include "systematic execution, internment in concentration camps, or sentences to forced labor for every Serbian man or woman judged guilty of opposition to Germany since March 27."

Brock reported that some of the pogrom was already under way. He said Jews were segregated and forced to wear yellow armbands under penalty of execution. Jewish men were being organized into labor gangs to clear bomb wreckage and excavate bodies buried since the first week of April. Jews are forbidden to shop in the public market

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before 10.30 a.m., when most stocks are exhausted.

Brock said that all Jewish-owned shops were looted and sealed immediately upon arrival of the German troops on April 12. Jews caught trying to escape from Belgrade were shot.

"But this," Brock quoted the Germans as saying, "is just the beginning."

#### SOVIET BLAMED FOR WAR BY WORKMEN'S CIRCLE PARLEY IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, May 11. (JTA) -- The Workmen's Circle was on record today with a resolution holding Soviet Russia responsible for the war through the Nazi-Soviet pact of August, 1939.

The Circle, which concluded its 41st annual convention here, also voiced condemnation of the Norman Thomas Socialist group for joining reactionary groups in opposing defense measures.

A resolution on the general Jewish situation declared that Palestine was menaced by developments in the Near East. A resolution recommending recognition of the Gevekschaften campaign was rejected by the convention. Distribution of \$39,000 to various institutions was approved.

Resolutions adopted at previous sessions call for moral and financial support of the ORT, HIAS, the ZIKA, the Jewish Encyclopedia, the Yiddish Scientific Institute and organizations active in the field of naturalization. Another resolution called for support of the efforts of Britain and the United States Government to defeat Hitlerism.

Reuben Guskin, retiring president, denied having said that a "homeland is the only solution for Jewish problems," as he was quoted in newspaper reports as having stated.

Joseph Weinberg, New York, was elected president at the closing session. Other officers are E. Eberil, vice-president; S. Rivkin, treasurer, and S. Davitz, secretary.

#### NEW PALESTINE DEFENSE FORCE TO BE RECRUITED

JERUSALEM, May 11. (JTA) -- The Official Gazette yesterday published an ordinance putting into effect previously announced plans to recruit a volunteer force for defense of Palestine.

Previously recruited volunteer units have been designed for service with the British army outside of Palestine. The new force will be used "to assist the regular forces in all measures required for prosecution of the war or ensuring internal security."

The force will be divided into combatant reserve groups under a commanding officer to be appointed by High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael. Its maintenance will be defrayed from Palestine revenues.

#### SEAMAN WHO BROUGHT REFUGEES TO PALESTINE TRIED IN HAIFA

HAIFA, May 11. (JTA) -- Preliminary examination began Friday of Alf Bergsen, master of the S.S. Darien, charged with entering Palestine territorial waters without authority with about 800 passengers aboard lacking immigration certificates.

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LORD HIRST'S GRANDSON KILLED IN R.A.F. ACTION

LONDON, May 11. (JTA) -- Pilot Officer Harold Hirst, grandson and heir of Lord Hirst, noted industrialist, has been killed while on "operational duties" with the R.A.F., it was announced today. Hirst was 21 years old.

285 MORE RUMANIAN JEWS ELIMINATED FROM TRADE

GENEVA, May 11. (JTA) -- Another 285 Jews have been eliminated from business enterprises in Rumania, it was reported here today.

OVER MILLION EXPENDED ON REFUGEE AID WORK IN U.S.

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA) -- The National Refugee Service spent a total of \$1,035,238 in the four-month period from January to April, 1941, for cash relief, resettlement, job placement, retraining and other services for refugees in the United States, the United Jewish Appeal announced today. An average of 3,000 cases a month, involving 7,821 individuals, received direct financial assistance amounting to \$559,324 it was stated.

J.N.F. REMITS \$75,000 TO JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund has sent a new remittance of \$75,000 to its headquarters in Jerusalem, President Israel Goldstein announced today as nation-wide observance of Palestine Flower Week began.

HIAS AID TO ARRIVALS LISTED

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, between Jan. 1 and March 31, met 193 ships to assist incoming refugees, Executive Director Isaac L. Asofsky reported today. He said 1,828 of the arrivals were released in care of the HIAS Pier Service, 813 persons received food and shelter and 423 were helped to entrain for destinations outside New York.