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### REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO PALESTINE; DEMAND FOR ARMYING OF JEWS RENEWED

LONDON, May 16. (JTA) -- It was officially announced today that British and imperial reinforcements have arrived in Iraq and Palestine. The British radio said "the position is described as one which can and will be taken care of."

The development followed disclosure that the Germans had received air bases in Syria and had reportedly landed tanks and light war material there. In connection with the Syria events, The Zionist Review, organ of the British Zionist Federation, declared editorially:

"What can now stay the way to full mobilization of the Jewish population in Palestine, prepared for a life and death struggle? Any further delay is not only against common sense, but a direct blow to the Jewish national home and to the cause of the British Commonwealth."

Polish sources here reported that a number of Polish airmen have gone to Palestine by way of Angora, Turkey.

Refugees from Syria are arriving in Palestine by way of Transjordan, it was reported here. They said the authorities were confiscating food for military purposes, resulting in a food shortage.

### PORTUGAL RESUMES ISSUANCE OF TRANSIT VISAS

LISBON, May 16. (JTA) -- Issuance of Portuguese transit visas was renewed today by consulates abroad following an interval of a few weeks during which the consulates were not permitted to issue any visas by order of the central authorities in Lisbon.

Portuguese transit visas are being issued by the consuls in Berlin and in Marseille to applicants who can prove that they have booked sailing through Lisbon for overseas countries. The visas are to be issued twelve days before sailing time, and only upon individual approval by the International Police in Portugal. Evidence must be produced that the passage has been booked on a specific steamer with a definite sailing date.

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Marc Chagall, the famous artist, has arrived here from France and will leave shortly for the United States.

#### 100 REFUGEE CHILDREN TO EMIGRATE TO U.S. FROM FRANCE

MARSKILLE, May 16. (JTA) -- Following approval by the American State Department of a collective visa for a group of 100 refugee children, representatives of the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) and of the OSE, Jewish health society, have completed selection of the children for emigration to the United States.

Difficulties in finding steamship accommodations will delay the departure of the children. The American Committee for the Care of European Children is working on the solution of this problem, it was stated here.

In view of the miserable state of Rivesaltes, the children's concentration camp, where more than 3,000 children, 1,000 of them Jewish, are held, the OSE is seeking to obtain transfer of these children since such a large concentration of children leads to a spread of epidemic diseases. The chief obstacle is the resistance of prefects of various districts to the entry of new refugees.

To date the OSE has succeeded in transferring from the camps to its children's colonies a total of 240 children. In addition, 40 children were transferred to the colonies of the Swiss Aid Society.

#### ZIONISM GOES ON IN POLAND AS UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT

LONDON, May 16. (JTA) -- Zionism has become an underground movement in Poland, in both the German and Soviet areas, according to a Jewish Chronicle correspondent. While the Nazis do not differentiate in their persecution between Zionists and other Jews, the Russian policy is markedly anti-Zionist.

The Lwow authorities have declared Zionism illegal and counter-revolutionary. Zionists are subject to arrest. No one suspected of Zionist beliefs can hope to obtain a job. Nevertheless, many Zionist meetings are held secretly. Young Zionists travel, often afoot, as much as 200 miles to attend a meeting. News about Zionism heard on the radio is distributed secretly.

A secret paper, The Voice, is published regularly and is circulated throughout Poland, often smuggled from one side of the Soviet-German frontier to the other. It has not yet been discovered on which side the paper is published. Two thousand copies are printed and each is read by hundreds of persons. A dozen bulletins are also circulated.

Among prominent Zionists who have been sent to Siberia are Dr. Emil Sommerstein, Dr. Saul Langes, who was director of the Palestine Office in Lwow, and Dr. Anselm Halpern, president of the Stanislawow Zionist organization, but, undeterred by deportations, new supporters replace the banned leaders.

#### RECORD NUMBER OF WEDDINGS IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, May 16. (JTA) -- A record number of 1,400 Jewish weddings were held yesterday, Lag B'Omer, with Tel Aviv registering 700, Jerusalem 300 and 400 elsewhere.

INSTITUTE STUDIES PROBLEMS OF JEWISH RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION AFTER WAR

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Problems concerning the maintenance of essential rights of Jews and the proper adjustment to their environment under the new world conditions likely to arise after the war are being studied by Research Institute on Peace and Post-War Problems established by the American Jewish Committee, according to a preliminary announcement issued by the Institute today.

The announcement states that the Institute was established as result of a report submitted by a Committee on Peace Studies which the American Jewish Committee appointed in 1940, under the chairmanship of Prof. Morris Raphael Cohen. This Committee remains the governing body of the Institute and is composed of 29 scholars and Jewish leaders. In addition there is an Advisory Council of 24 specialists in various fields and a research staff.

The Institute, of which Max Gottschalk has been appointed director, will conduct its activities in three divisions. One will deal with political, economic and social status problems, the second with migration and colonization problems, and the third with relief and reconstruction. The political, legal, economic, social and cultural situation of the Jews since the end of the last war, as well as the transitory and permanent changes brought about in Jewish life as result of Nazi rule, will be ascertained and proposals will be studied of Allied and neutral countries for post-war reconstruction, insofar as they may concern the interests of the Jewish population.

The Institute will also investigate the current political and social tendencies in the Jewish community, both in the United States and abroad, as well as the attitude of various churches towards Jewish problems. The question of Palestine in its Jewish and international aspects, including the problem of Arab-Jewish relations, will be studied by a special section of the Institute.

The Division on Migration and Colonization will concern itself with study of potential areas for Jewish emigration and immigration, and with the various ways and means of organizing migration and settlement. The Division on Relief and Reconstruction will conduct a general study of the likely relief requirements after the cessation of hostilities and will examine the problems and methods of social, economic and communal reconstruction. It will also survey the existing Jewish relief organizations and analyze their experiences to establish the extent to which they can be equipped to cope with the various problems of relief and reconstruction in the future.

TWO JEWS IN RAF HONORED FOR BRAVERY

LONDON, May 16. (JTA) -- The George Cross has been awarded to Sergeant Raymond Lewir of the Royal Air Force for rescuing, despite his own injuries, the second pilot of a burning bomber which crashed at midnight on a bombing mission against Italy. The official citation referred to the "superbly gallant deed, performed in the dark, under difficult conditions, in certain knowledge that the bombs and petrol tanks would explode."

Pilot Officer Michael Max Wiseman, son of the well-known Zionist worker, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

STORY CONTEST FOR BLIND ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- The Jewish Braille Review announced today a short story contest for blind persons of all faiths, the prizes to be a Helen Keller Medal for Literary Excellence and three cash awards totaling \$50.

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BECKELMAN, JDC REPRESENTATIVE, ARRIVES HERE, AFTER YEAR ABROAD

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Moses W. Beckelman, American representative of the Joint Distribution Committee in the Baltic countries, arrived here yesterday to report on relief activities. Beckelman, who has been abroad a year reached Lithuania soon after the collapse of Poland.

He conducted relief activities in Wilno, Kaunas and other cities before and after Soviet occupation until the Soviets ordered foreign Jewish relief organizations to liquidate their offices. Beckelman has also been in Kobe and Shanghai, where he arranged JDC relief for refugees there.

GROWTH OF DETROIT COMMUNITY TOLD IN QUARTERLY

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- The birth and growth of a Jewish community are outlined in the Spring issue of the Jewish Social Service Quarterly in an article, "Detroit's Social Engineer Reminiscences," by Fred M. Butzel, Detroit philanthropist and communal leader, as told to William I. Boxerman.

Other featured articles include "Interdenominational Refugee Aid" by Richard C. Hertz of Hebrew Union College and an article by Dr. Adolf Lande, Viennese economist, entitled "Emigration of Jews as Related to Their Vocational Structure." The Quarterly is the official publication of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare.

RELIEF DRIVE FOR POLISH JEWS LAUNCHED

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- The American Federation for Polish Jews announced today the launching of a \$500,000 campaign for relief of Jews in Poland. The drive will be conducted through sale of a stamp designed by Arthur Szyk depicting the plight of the Polish Jews and carrying the slogan, "They shall not die."

ADVISORY BOARD NAMED FOR REFUGEE WEEKLY

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- The German-Jewish refugee weekly, Aufbau, announced today formation of an advisory board for the publication. The members are Louis Adamic, Richard Beer-Hoffman, Rabbi D.A. Jessurun Cardozo, Roger N. Baldwin, Prof. Albert Einstein, Lion Feuchtwanger, Bruno Frank, Nahum Goldmann, Prof. Gustave von Grunebaum, Frede Kirchwey, Rabbi Adolf Kober, Emil Ludwig, Thomas Mann, Harold R. Moskowitz, Rabbi Max Nussbaum, Frederick Pollock and Prof. A.A. Roback.

ZIONIST YOUTH PLEDGE AID TO JEWISH AGENCY

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- A special meeting of the presidium of the National Council of Zionist Youth Organizations, representing an aggregate membership of 50,000, has sent a cable to the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem declaring: "American Zionist youth united with you in our struggle. Determined we face the future together."