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### JERUSALEM SPURS AIR RAID DEFENSE AS FRENCH THREATEN ATTACKS ON PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, May 21. (JTA) -- Further measures for protection against air raids were taken today.

A meeting of the Air Raid precautions Committee, with District Commissioner Edward Keith-Roach presiding, recommended an additional municipal grant of £4,600 to provide steel helmets, trailer pumps and other apparatus. The committee also decided to convert the ground floors of Jerusalem's citadel towers into shelters.

The meeting followed Vichy reports that the French authorities had threatened "reprisal" attacks on British air and naval bases in Palestine if Royal Air Force bombings on Syrian airbases continued.

### 150 Replacement Entry Permits Issued

JERUSALEM, May 21. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government yesterday granted 150 immigration certificates to replace certificates unused under previous schedules, it was learned today. The action came after the Government announced it was omitting the immigration schedule for the current three months but would issue a limited number of replacement certificates.

### JEWS OUSTED FROM TRADE IN SLOVAKIA CALLED BACK AS 'ADVISERS'

ZURICH, May 21. (JTA) -- Jews eliminated from trade and industry in Slovakia had to be brought back in the capacities of "advisers, informants and instructors," drawing salaries but not allowed to share in the profits, it was learned today. The Government was apparently forced to make this concession to prevent complete breakdown of the Slovak economic system, which was built up almost entirely by Jews.

Extensive utilization of Jewish commercial and industrial experience was revealed for the first time in a Government order published in the newspaper Venkov which forbade Jews to hold any titles showing that their functions were other than purely advisory, informatory and instructional.

Jews are not permitted to make decisions or independently organize sale, purchases of production, open letters addressed to the concern employing them or receive trade secrets and information on the financial and social status of the concern. The Central Commercial Board will fix all salaries paid to Jews for the "advisory and instructional" work.

CROAT ANTI-JEWISH DECREE FOLLOWS NUREMBERG MODEL

ZURICH, May 21. (JTA) -- The Croatian anti-Jewish law follows closely the lines of the German Nuremberg legislation, it appears from details published in the Nazi newspaper Hamburger Fremdenblatt.

The first section differentiates between citizens and subjects, the latter including Jews, Gypsies and persons of "doubtful loyalty." The second section defines a Jew in accordance with the Nuremberg laws. "Quarter-Jews" are recognized as Croatians.

The third part is concerned with matrimonial law and regulations to safeguard the "blood and honor" of the Croats. Mixed marriages are allowed only by special authorization of the Government. Extra-marital sexual relations between Croats and "non-Aryans," particularly Jews, is forbidden. Jews are not allowed to employ "Aryan" maids under 45 years of age or to display the national flag. Jews who changed their names after Dec. 1, 1918, must resume their original names.

NAZIS OUSTING JEWS FROM 85 CZECH TOWNS

GENEVA, May 21. (JTA) -- Expulsion of Jews from 85 towns and villages in Bohemia-Moravia has been launched under strong Nazi pressure, it was reported today from Prague.

The Nazi-controlled press in Prague has started an inspired campaign demanding that yellow armbands be introduced for Jews in the Protectorate, as was done in other Nazi-held territories. The Czech population is in sympathy with the Jews and condemns the new Nazi persecutions.

"Aryans" in the Czech Protectorate who contracted marriages with Jews after March 20, 1939, will be considered as Jews, according to a decree of the German authorities published in the Nazi organ Der Neue Tag. The Government is also planning a decree banning further mixed marriages.

'FINE' ON EMIGRATING REICH JEWS REPORTED

LONDON, May 21. (JTA) -- A minimum "fine" of 20,500 marks must be paid by every Jew leaving Germany, in addition to passage fees, according to the report of a refugee who reached Shanghai, quoted by the London Daily Telegraph. Jews are also forced to pay 40 per cent income tax to the Nazi Party, the refugee said.

NEW GHETTO IN POLISH TOWN

ZURICH, May 21. (JTA) -- The latest ghetto for Jews to be established in Nazi-occupied Poland is in the town of Opol-Lubelsk, according to the Nazi organ Krakauer Zeitung.

DR. BEHAN DEAD IN PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, May 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Arjeh Behan, founder of the only Pasteur Institute in the Near East, has died at the age of 64. He was one of the earliest adherents of Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of political Zionism.

BECKELMAN REPORTS ON J.D.C. OPERATIONS IN LITHUANIA

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- That the Soviet authorities may permit the emigration of Lithuanian citizens as soon as Japan or other neighboring countries permit their transit, was reported today at a press conference by Moses W. Beckelman, American representative of the J.D.C. in the Baltics who recently returned to this country.

"Between Dec 1, 1940, and the date of my departure from Lithuania on Feb. 21, 1941, more than 2,000 Jewish refugees in Lithuania had been assisted to leave the country through the activities of the J.D.C.," Beckelman said. "This is the first time that emigration on such a scale has been possible from Soviet territories and the movement was still continuing when I left. Though, at that time, permission to emigrate was almost exclusively limited to refugees from Poland, the indications were that the question of granting exit permits to Lithuanian citizens then under consideration would be decided favorably, provided that transit opportunities through Japan or other neighboring countries would be available.

"The policy in favor of permitting emigration was adopted by the Soviet authorities following decrees promulgated by Moscow and the Lithuanian Soviet Republic at the end of 1940, making eligible for Soviet citizenship all persons resident in the territory of any of the former Baltic republics on Sept. 1, 1940. All persons not wishing such citizenship were permitted to file applications for exit permits. When applications closed on Feb. 10, 1941, there were about 5,000 pending applications which had not been disposed of. When, to this figure, is added the number of Lithuanian Jews who might wish to emigrate if this became possible, the probable number of pending transit cases would reach at least 5,000.

"Simultaneously with the publication of the decrees offering citizenship to all refugees, the Soviet authorities declared that all aged, ill or otherwise unemployable persons would be provided for by the social welfare institutions of the Lithuanian Soviet Republic, and requested the foreign relief organizations then operating in Lithuania to wind up their affairs. This brought to an end the most recent phase of J.D.C. activity in Lithuania--war relief on behalf of Polish refugees--which had begun on Oct. 11, 1939, and continued uninterruptedly to the end, despite the difficulties in transmission of funds during the summer of 1940."

"The J.D.C. was supporting, wholly or in part, a daily average of 15,000 people until the Dec. 31, 1940, decrees transferred this responsibility to the social welfare institutions of Soviet Lithuania. The J.D.C. appropriated a total of \$575,000 for refugee relief in Lithuania.

"When exit visas began to be issued in large numbers at the beginning of 1941, the J.D.C. turned its attention from the relief program to the problem of emigration," Beckelman said. "When I left on Feb. 21 the emigration process was still continuing, though the number of visas issued daily had decreased sharply because of difficulties in obtaining Japanese transit resulting from the jam of refugees then in Japan, awaiting further movement.

"When I arrived in Japan on March 23 there were about 1,700 refugees, chiefly in Kobe. The Japanese authorities, although sympathetic in their attitude and in many individual cases extremely helpful, took the stand that they could not permit further transit

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until the number of persons then in the country had been substantially reduced. The refugees were cared for under the auspices of the Jewish community of Kobe with funds provided by the J.D.C., which have up to now totalled \$70,000. In an effort to relieve the congestion in Japan, a plan was prepared for the transmigration of approximately 500 persons, without other entrance visa prospects, to Shanghai. In this connection I went to Shanghai at the beginning of April. About 20,000 refugees are now in Shanghai, chiefly from the countries of Greater Germany."

#### LOUISVILLE CONGREGATIONS PLAN TO BAR SERVICES FOR UNAFFILIATED

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 21. (JTA) -- Louisville synagogues have taken the virtually unprecedented action of deciding to deny religious services to Jews who do not join a congregation, unless they cannot afford to do so. The move followed a survey of an inter-congregational committee which showed that there were approximately three Jews unaffiliated with congregations for every four affiliated.

A resolution adopted by the committee, and approved in short order by five of Louisville's six Jewish congregations, would have the effect of denying to the unaffiliated such rabbinical and synagogue services as weddings, "brisses," "bar mitzvahs," funerals, religious school education and High Holiday services. The resolution today was awaiting ratification of Congregation Adath Israel before being put into effect.

The resolution states: "Resolved that the services of a religious institution and its rabbi be available to any unaffiliated, well able to be a member, only by the assumption of his proper obligation as a member of said institution."

The inter-congregational committee reported, after a six-month survey, that 1,200 families were congregation members and approximately 900 were unaffiliated. The committee was headed by Dr. Bernard Schneider of Congregation B'rith Sholom.

#### GRYNSPAN DEFENSE FUNDS AIDS CHILD AIR-RAID VICTIMS

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- The final \$5,000 in the \$40,200 raised in voluntary contributions for the Herschel Grynszpan Defense Fund has been presented to the Foster Parents Plan for War Children, Inc., it was announced today by Dorothy Thompson, organizer of the fund.

#### JABOTINSKY MONUMENT PLANNED

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- An appeal to Jewish painters and sculptors in America to submit projects for a monument to Vladimir Jabotinsky, Zionist-Revisionist leader, was issued today by the Jabotinsky Monument Committee. The monument is to be erected over Jabotinsky's grave on Aug. 3, the first anniversary of his death. Projects for the monument are to be submitted not later than June 15 to the office of the Committee, 1125 Broadway, New York.

#### BARON GUNZBOURG INDUCTED IN ORT POST

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- Baron Pierre de Gunzbourg, president of the ORT Reconstruction Fund, was inducted as president of the European Friends of ORT at a luncheon in his honor today.

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