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## BAN ON REFUGEE ENTRY INCLUDES THOSE WITH RELATIVES IN SOVIET, ITALY

LONDON, June 18. (JTA)-- The United States ban on admission of refugees having close relatives in Germany and occupied countries also applies to exiles with kinfolk in Italy and Russia, the acting American consul-general in London revealed today.

According to the consul's information, the regulations mean virtual suspension of refugee immigration to the United States from the whole of Europe since it could hardly be expected that there would be any appreciable number of refugees with close relatives in no other countries than Switzerland, Sweden, Finland, Portugal and Spain, which are the only countries thus far unaffected by the ban, although the position of Spain is described as "doubtful" by the consul.

The information was conveyed by the consul to a delegation of the Polish Jewish Refugee Fund consisting of Lady Fletcher, L. Mirkin and A.M. Kaizer. The Fund later declared in a statement:

"The consul-general informed the delegation that the order applies not only to those who have near relatives in Germany or her occupied territories, but equally so in Italy, Russia and territories occupied by these two countries. This includes Lithuania, Latvia and Bessarabia.

"In point of fact, it was explained, the order applies to every country in Europe directly and indirectly within the orbits of these three states. The consul-general was not altogether sure about Spain, which is strongly suspected of being within the sphere of Axis influence. The same applies to unoccupied France.

"The consul-general made clear that the term 'relatives' applies only to parents, children, brothers, sisters, husbands and wives. He explained that the order was a protective measure for the safety of refugees themselves, as well as the United States. It had been found that when governments affected by the order had been making demands on the United States they often exerted pressure through new arrivals by menacing close relatives left behind, treating them as hostages. This state of affairs compelled the United States Government to adopt such a measure, which the consul-general described as a war measure.

"The delegation spoke of the anxiety of those Polish refugees in England who, because of the new order, are unable to leave and consequently fall as a burden on relief funds. They also stressed the deplorable position of refugees in Portugal, who face danger of arrest and may ultimately be expelled to their countries of origin, which would expose them to risk of their lives, and requested that those already expecting visas should be included in the same category as those actually in possession of visas. They further requested the expediting of inquiries to check up on the statements of those not having close relatives in the affected countries.

"The consul-general said there would not be a general rule applied to all applicants and each case would be dealt with on its merits. Applicants for visas would have to furnish a sworn affidavit giving the names and addresses of close relatives in Europe and statements by those not having close relatives there would be checked as quickly as circumstances permit."

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State Dept. Confirms Order

WASHINGTON, June 18. (JTA)-- The State Department confirmed today that orders had been telegraphed on June 5 to all consular officers in Europe directing them to withhold visas from aliens having close relatives still residing in certain countries and in territories controlled by these countries.

While no specific countries were named, it was obvious that the orders were not confined to Germany or German-occupied territory, but also included Russia and Italy. Children, parents, spouse, brothers or sisters of the applicant were classified as "close relatives."

REPORT POLES, JEWS EVACUATED FROM SOVIET-GERMAN FRONTIER

LONDON, June 18. (JTA)-- The entire Jewish and non-Jewish population in the parts of Soviet-occupied Galicia bordering the Nazi frontiers was ordered to evacuate into the interior of the USSR "for strategic reasons," it was reported here today. A similar order was issued also for the population in the Soviet-held territory bordering on the Lublin district.

Simultaneously the Polish Government-in-exile received a report that the Nazi authorities in occupied Poland have ordered the Jews there to make their own arrangements for the building of air-raid shelters within the ghettos. The order states that in case of air attacks the Jews will not be allowed to seek shelter outside of the ghetto. Several air raid alarms were sounded in certain parts of Nazi-occupied Poland during the last few days and separate air-raid shelters are being built for Germans and for Poles.

JEWS IN HOLLAND ORDERED TO REPORT TO POLICE

ZURICH, June 18. (JTA)-- Jews in all provincial towns of occupied Holland are being ordered by the Nazi authorities to report daily to the local police, the Utrechter Degeblatt reports.

The newspaper estimates that more than 20,000 Jewish commercial enterprises in Holland have passed into "Aryan" hands, the owners receiving insignificant compensation.

ITALY BANS DICTIONARY CALLING ANTI-SEMITES "POORLY CIVILIZED"

LONDON, June 18. (JTA)-- The popular Italian dictionary compiled by Prof. Vittorio Manfredi, which is widely circulated in Italy, has been banned by the Fascists because it defines "anti-Semite" as "a poorly civilized person hostile towards and fighting Jews," it was reported here today.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS TO MEET IN ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY, June 18. (JTA)-- More than two hundred rabbis from every part of the United States and from some foreign countries will begin five days of deliberation and action when they open the fifty-second annual meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in Atlantic City next Tuesday. Major papers will be delivered by Dr. Joshua Liebman, Boston, Mass., Dr. Solomon B. Freehof of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Dr. Nelson Glueck, Professor of Bible and of biblical archeology at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. The Convention will open with a message by Dr. Emil W. Leipziger, president.

MAGNES URGES HEBREW UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO ENLIST

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA)-- Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University, today expressed regret that the Palestine Government had not introduced compulsory mobilization and asserted that students must consider enlistment as a duty, in a proclamation marking conclusion of the university's academic year.

Meanwhile, a day-long session of the Palestine Zionist General Council, opened by Menachem M. Ussishkin, heard reports from David Ben Gurion and Moshe Shertok on the political situation.

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U.S. Jews Urged to Raise \$100,000 for University

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA)-- Norman Bentwich, Professor of International Relations at the Hebrew University and former Palestine Attorney General, last night urged American Jews to raise an additional \$100,000 in 1941 and 1942 to help maintain the Jews' "one group center of research and scholarship and science through the war."

Prof. Bentwich, who arrived here recently for a short visit, declared at a meeting of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, held at the home of its president, Dr. A.S.W. Rosenbach, that "our university must now depend on Jews in the free, and that means the English-speaking countries."

FRENCH JEWISH RELIEF GROUPS SEEK 120 MILLION FRANCS

VICHY, June 18. (JTA)-- A drive for 120,000,000 francs to cover the annual relief budget of Jewish organizations in France was decided upon today by a meeting of the Central Coordinating Relief Committee held in Marseille. Chief Rabbi Issaye Schwartz presided and delegates of relief bodies, including the Joint Distribution Committee, HIAS-ICA Emigration Association, ORT-OZE and others, were present.

Twenty-seven Jews are among 120 persons denaturalized, according to a new list published in the Official Journal.

NURSING HOME IN BRITAIN NAMED FOR SARA ROOSEVELT PLANNED

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA)-- Establishment of a \$25,000 non-sectarian nursing home for British children in England in the name of Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, mother of the President, was announced today as the first project of the newly formed Women's Division of the Jewish Section of the Interfaith Committee for Aid to the Democracies. The home will be presented through the British War Relief Society, and will be dedicated in September to coincide with her 87th birthday.

Announcement of this project was made at a tea and reception held at the Hotel Pierre by the Women's Division in honor of Lady Marley. A telegram from Mrs. Roosevelt, read at the reception, stated: "I am very happy to accept the kind offer to name a hospital for me. All good wishes."

The Women's Division is headed by Mrs. L. Oppenheimer, chairman, and Mrs. Max Furman, as vice chairman. Speakers at the reception included Lady Marley, Lavy Bakstansky, Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, chairman of the British Section of the World Jewish Congress, and Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Jewish Section of the Interfaith Committee, who presided.

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ITALY BANS LISTING OF JEWS IN 'PHONE DIRECTORIES

ROME, June 18. (JTA)-- Italian telephone directories are being "Aryanized." This is the latest action taken by the Italian Government against Jews. Although no restrictions have been placed on the use of telephones by Italian Jews, telephone company officials throughout the country have received instructions to cancel Jews' listings in the new directories.

The instructions came too late to effect the listings in this year's directories for Rome, and Milan, which are already being issued. Genoa, Florence and Venice phone books, however, are being hurriedly altered to conform with the "Aryanization" order.

No exceptions are being made despite numerous protests from Jewish doctors and lawyers whose practice would be seriously harmed by this measure. Jewish business firms will be little affected as a previous anti-Semitic measure had already compelled "Aryanization" of firm names. Several Jewish doctors and lawyers are planning to list themselves in phone directories under firm names or merely as "Office of Lawyers" and "Surgeon's Studio."

One of the minor results of the Axis campaign in the Balkans has been the slight increase in the number of Jewish refugees in Italian territory. From the former Yugoslavian city of Lubiano, which has now been incorporated into the Kingdom of Italy, and several points on the Dalmatian coast, the Italian Jewish refugee committee has received appeals for assistance for more than a hundred refugees. It is reported that Italian authorities are cooperating towards the relief of these individuals, who, it is believed, will be eventually sent to concentration camps in southern Italy.

No information has as yet been received concerning the situation of native Jews resident in Lubiano. According to the general belief, they will not be molested. They will probably be subjected to Italian racial laws in the same degree as other Jewish subjects of Italy.

RECEPTION HELD BRUTZKUS, ARONSON

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA)-- A reception for Dr. Jules Brutzkus, vice-president of the World CSE Union and Naoum Aronson, famous sculptor, both of whom recently arrived from Europe, was tendered last night at the Riverside Plaza Hotel by the American Committee of CSE, under chairmanship of Dr. A.J. Rongy. Aronson is a member of the CSE Central Committee.

Speakers at the reception included Dr. Joseph Rosen, Dr. David Lvovitch, Dr. J. J. Golub, Dr. L. Wulman, Dr. A. Tartakower and Abraham Reisin.

JEWISH WRITERS PICKET GUILD

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA)-- Members of the Jewish Writers Union, professional organization of Yiddish journalists, today started picketing the offices of the New York Newspaper Guild in retaliation for the strike which the Guild proclaimed against the Day, a New York Jewish daily newspaper.

The Jewish Writers Union is not only opposing the strike, but considers the action of the Guild an invasion of organized Jewish journalism and an attempt to break the Union which has successfully protected the professional interests of Yiddish newspapermen for more than twenty years.