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### ZAGREB JEWS DEPORTED TO ADRIATIC ISLAND; COMPULSORY LABOR FOR JEWS IN ROMANIA

ZURICH, July 11, (JTA)-- The majority of the 12,000 Jews residing in Zagreb, capital of the Nazi puppet state of Croatia, have been shipped to an island on the Adriatic for hard labor, it is reported in German newspapers reaching Zurich today. The name of the island is not given.

The Bucharest radio announced last night that an order has been issued in Rumania prohibiting Jews in a number of small towns from leaving their homes from 8 P.M. to 7 A.M. Jews are also forbidden to congregate in streets and houses, or even to pay visits to relatives.

At the same time the Rumanian government ordered compulsory labor service for all Jews, including children of both sexes who reached the age of 12. The latter are to serve for a period of twenty to twenty-five days.

### NAZIS HOLD CHIEF RABBI OF FRANCE UNDER ARREST

LISBON, July 11, (JTA)-- Chief Rabbi Julien Weill of France was arrested by the Nazi authorities in Paris several weeks ago and is still being held, it was learned here today. Rabbi Weill had refused to comply with the demand of the German authorities that he establish a Jewish Council to represent and bear the responsibility for the Jewish population along the lines of the pattern of the Warsaw Jewish Ghetto.

In refusing the Nazi demand, the French Chief Rabbi declared that French Jewry was not a national minority but a purely religious community and could not deal with any matters outside of the field of religion.

Parallel with the news of the arrest of the Chief Rabbi, information has reached Lisbon that 12,000 foreign Jews now are being held in concentration camps in the vicinity of Paris under the most shocking conditions. The camps are under the direct control of the Gestapo.

5,000 other Jews are reported to have been transported from Paris to the Orleans and Tours districts for forced labor. The deportations were carried out by the French police acting under the orders of the Gestapo. Among those forced to hard labor in road building are many intellectuals.

### GREEK PREMIER PRAISES VALOR OF JEWISH SOLDIERS

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, July 11, (JTA)-- Tribute to the bravery of Jews who fought in the Greek army against the Axis forces was voiced here by the Greek Prime Minister, Emmanuel Tsouderos, who together with the King of Greece arrived here today. In a statement to the press, the Greek premier declared that the Jews in Greece participated fully in the life of the nation and rallied to the colors immediately on the outbreak of hostilities. "The Jews were excellent soldiers and fought heroically and stubbornly" the minister said.

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ZIONIST ORGAN APPEALS TO MOSCOW TO RECONSIDER ANTI-ZIONIST POLICY

LONDON, July 11, (JTA)-- An appeal to the Soviet government to reconsider its anti-Zionist policy is published today in the Zionist Review, official Zionist organ, in the form of an editorial carrying the title "The U.S.S.R. and Jews."

The Soviet government is now displaying a changed attitude toward the Poles in the Russian-Polish negotiations. A new approach on the part of the Soviet would appear to be called for in the case of the Jewish problem, also, the editorial points out. A friendly gesture on the part of the Soviet government towards the Zionist movement, which is a movement for Jewish national revival, would create a favorable impression on millions of Jews throughout the world, especially among the Jewish of the United States and Great Britain, the Zionist paper asserts.

Commenting on the situation in the Near East in the same issue, the Zionist Review says that the Jews are ready and willing to cooperate in organizing the Middle East for a victory over Hitler but the Jewish people must be consulted if the British government should for any reason make any plans or commitments which may affect the post-war shape of things in the Middle East. Palestine's large skilled man power must be harnessed to the war effort. The Jewish workers of Palestine must be transferred from consumers production and trained for the most urgent war work.

WASHINGTON IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS LEAD TO INTERMENT OF FOREIGN JEWS IN FRANCE

LISEON, July 11, (JTA)-- Interpreting the recent Washington immigration regulations to mean a stoppage of immigration into the United States, the French authorities in Vichy have intensified their campaign to rid the cities of unoccupied France of foreign Jews who were previously allowed to remain, pending the completion of the arrangements for their immigration to oversea lands, it was reported here today.

The foreign Jews are at present being summoned to the police in large numbers and ordered to proceed immediately to specified distant villages for forced residence.

It became known here today that immediately following the announcement of the new Washington immigration regulations, the French authorities revealed their intention to transform the transit camp for refugees in Les Milles into a regular interment camp. This would have deprived 1500 inmates from special facilities to arrange for their immigration. After speedy intervention of relief agencies, pointing out that immigration to America is not entirely blocked, the French authorities deferred action.

Jewish relief agencies in unoccupied France secured this week the release of several of their employees who were arrested in the raids on Russian-born Jews. A group of forty Jews of Russian origin who have visas and stemship tickets for departure to Cadiz were also released by the French authorities, through the intervention of the relief agencies.

ENEMY PLANES RAID HAIFA FOR FIFTY MINUTES

HAIFA, July 11, (JTA)-- Enemy planes appeared over Haifa today dropping bombs but causing no damages. Two air raid alarms were given during the day. One attack lasted fifty minutes.

NO AMERICAN VISAS WILL BE ISSUED IN GERMANY AND ITALY: STATE DEPT. DEFINES REGULATIONS

WASHINGTON, July 11, (JTA)-- The possibility of residents of Germany and Italy obtaining visas for the United States without first going to another country is excluded with the closing of the American consulates in those two countries, according to an interpretation of the new immigration regulations given today by the State Department. The United States embassies in Berlin and Rome, it was said, will not issue visas.

Under this interpretation, unless Nazi and Fascist authorities will give a person intending to leave either of these countries for the United States some documentary evidence of their willingness to allow him to leave, which he may send to a United States consulate in some other country, his possibility of obtaining an American visa appears hopeless.

Under present regulations, it was explained, proposed immigrants from all lands must submit to the State Department a complete and detailed biography, giving their antecedents and history. In addition, two affidavits respecting the immigrant must be filed by sponsors in the United States. If there is any doubt as to the proposed immigrant's ability to support himself financially, it was said, his sponsors must guarantee his living. Otherwise they merely sponsor him as a person whose morals and character and lack of subversive purposes entitle him to enter the United States.

All affidavits of sponsorship as well as the intending immigrants biographical statement must be submitted to the State Department for review, it was said. After being studied by the interdepartmental committee, they will be sent with a recommendation to the consul in Europe who is handling the case. The consul then will communicate with the intended immigrant, it was said, advising him to submit evidence of his ability to reach the United States. This would include both financial ability and ability to obtain an exit visa from the land in which he is a resident. In the case of aliens in German occupied countries, it was added, they must give evidence of their ability to reach some other land before visas can be granted.

The more rigid requirements with regard to affidavits of support and sponsorship in behalf of aliens desiring to proceed to the United States were explained today by officials of the State Department. The affidavit may be executed by an American citizen or by an alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence. The affidavit may cover the members of a family group proceeding together to the United States. Two letters of reference from American citizens who know the person, signing the affidavit, must be attached.

CHIEF RABBI HERZOG PRAISES ROOSEVELT AT RECEPTION ON HIS RETURN TO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, July 11, (JTA)-- Enthusiasm for President Roosevelt's "great personality and his outstanding human qualities" was expressed here today by the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Isaac Herzog, upon his return from the United States to Palestine after a seven months absence. The Chief Rabbi, who was given a stirring reception in Rehoboth, praised American Jewry for "its warm heart in responding to the plight of world Jewry". The Jews of America never forget Eretz Israel, Dr. Herzog added.

Representatives of the Jewish Agency, Vaad Leumi, the Jewish communities of Palestine, and of hundreds of Yeshivah and other institutions of learning participated in the welcome home. A second reception was held in Motza, oldest Jewish settlement in the hills of Judea.

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AIMS OF GENERAL JEWISH COUNCIL OUTLINED BY MINKOFF

NEW YORK, July 11, (JTA)-- The main purposes of the General Jewish Council, which is composed of the American Jewish Jewish Committee, the B'nai B'rith, and the Jewish Labor Committee, were outlined here to a gathering of representatives of the Jewish and Anglo-Jewish press by Mr. I. M. Minkoff, newly appointed executive secretary of the Council and former executive director of the Jewish Labor Committee. Edgar J. Kaufmann, chairman of the Council, presided.

Describing the general plan, Mr. Minkoff stressed the fact that the three organizations which comprise the Council are not giving up their individual ideals or activities. They realize, however, that they have so much in common in their practical work of protecting Jewish interests, that it is necessary and possible to coordinate and to harmonize their efforts. This is one of the main purposes of the Council.

The fight against anti-Semitism and the protection of Jewish rights in America will form the principal part of the Council's work, Mr. Minkoff said. The three Jewish organizations, and also others, which have not joined the Council as yet, devote themselves to combating all manifestations of anti-Semitism, by education and propaganda for American democratic principles. A special Coordinating Committee of the Council is already at work, specifically charged with the practical realization of this program.

Another important aspect of the General Jewish Council's program is the coordination of the services extended by its constituent agencies in the field of civilian morale and civilian defense.

Another branch of the Council's activity will be the full implementation of its Public Relations Committee.

The Council will also coordinate the work of the different Jewish organizations along lines of study of Jewish problems in preparation for the coming peace conference. The Council will attempt to harmonize the work of each organization in this field so that the accumulated effort will serve as a background prior to the actual formulation of Jewish demands.

Mr. Minkoff also stated that the Synagogue Council of America, an organization which includes all Jewish religious bodies in America, has decided to join the General Jewish Council and that this decision is waiting only for the sanction of the Council's constituent agencies.

Of the American Jewish Committee the following were present: Carl J. Austrian, vice-president; Harold E. Guinsburg, member of the Executive Committee; Morris D. Waldman, General Secretary; Sidney Wallach, Associate Secretary. From the B'nai B'rith: Philip Haberman, Louis Fabricant, and Maurice Bigyer, Executive Secretary. From the Jewish Labor Committee: Adolph Held, Chairman; Dr. S. Silverberg, Treasurer, and J. Pat, Executive Secretary.

JEWISH LEADERS IN ENGLAND EULOGIZE DR. JOCHELMAN AT FUNERAL

LONDON, July 11, (JTA)-- Leaders from all walks of Jewish life in England attended the funeral today of Dr. David Joelchman, President of the Federation of Jewish Relief Organizations, who died here Wednesday. Eulogies were delivered by Dr. Feldman in behalf of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and by Morris Meyer, editor of the London Jewish Times, speaking for the Zionist Federation of England. Among those at the funeral was Mrs. Israel Zangwill, with whose husband, Dr. Joelchman was closely associated in the Jewish Territorialist movement.