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### AMERICAN JEWS IN PALESTINE FLOCK TO U. S. CONSULATE TO OFFER SERVICES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10. (JTA)-- Many American Jews flocked to the United States consulate here today offering their services to their country in the war against the Axis.

Lowell Pinkerton, United States consul in Palestine, recorded the names of all who came to the consulate and stated that he would notify them if they are required to report for duty. American civilians here cannot enlist in the United States forces without returning to American territory but reserve officers may be ordered home or instructed to report to military authorities of the Allied forces. All Americans who have not as yet done so have been advised by Mr. Pinkerton to register immediately at the consulate.

A result of America's war in the Pacific was the departure today for Safed of a group of Kabbalists who will spend several days visiting and praying at sacred shrines for the success of American arms.

### HUNGARIAN MINISTER PROPOSES RIGID CURTAILMENT OF JEWISH RIGHTS

ANKARA, Dec. 10. (JTA)-- A law abolishing the autonomy of the "Israelite Confession" in Hungary, which would have far-reaching effects on all aspects of Jewish life in the country, has been proposed to the Hungarian Parliament by the Minister for Religion, it is reported in Budapest papers reaching here today.

Already 80,000 Jewish voters have been deprived of their right to vote and the Hungarian Minister of the Interior has proposed that parliamentary mandates be withdrawn from eighteen Jewish members of the Budapest municipal council. Passage of the proposed law will probably result in the ousting of all Jewish deputies in the Hungarian parliament, it is reported.

The new measure would prohibit the Jewish communities in Hungary from taxing their members and would consequently deprive them of all income. The Jewish religious group would be placed in the same category as the small religious sects in Hungary, and would be subject to rigid governmental control in all its activities.

### VIENNA JEWS BARRED FROM MOST DWELLING PLACES

LISBON, Dec. 10. (JTA)-- Jews in Vienna are finding it almost impossible to secure living quarters under the anti-Jewish regulations now in force there, according to reports appearing in German papers reaching here today.

Jews are entitled to a maximum living space of five square meters, about six square yards, per person. They can rent rooms in only four districts of the city. Their tenancy is dependent on the condition that no "Aryan" wants the room. If he does, the Jews must make way. Only war veterans wounded in World War I are entitled to have a room for the exclusive use of their family.

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CROATIAN JEWS RENDERED DESTITUTE; BARRED FROM ALL PROFESSIONS, INDUSTRIES

LISBON, Dec. 10. (JTA)-- Virtually all the 25,000 Jews in the former Yugoslav territory now comprising the Kingdom of Croatia have been rendered destitute by the anti-Semitic policy of the regime which bars them from all productive labor and professional activity, it was learned here today. Except for a few hundred technicians and experts in certain industries who could not be replaced, the Jews of the puppet state have been left without any occupation and are dependent on their relief organizations for sustenance, reports received here disclose.

Thousands of Jews in Croatia are already in concentration camps. About 1,400 women and children are interned in a camp at Labor-Grad, near Zlster, about 50 kilometers north of Zagreb. The camp is maintained entirely by the Jewish community which had to renovate the buildings to make them habitable.

About 3,000 men are interned at Jasnovac, about a hundred kilometers south of Zagreb. In most provincial towns the Jews have been turned out of their homes and either locked up or forced into common quarters.

Urgent appeals for aid for the Jews of Croatia were received here today by Jewish relief agencies. They pointed out that owing to the impoverishment of the Jewish community, communal taxes and relief funds could not be collected and that the local Jewish relief groups are not able to act to relieve distress. The communities have to send food, clothing, medicaments, blankets, etc., to the interned men, women and children and furnish relief to thousands of Jews who are still at liberty.

POST-WAR POLAND WILL GUARANTEE EQUALITY TO JEWS, STANCZYK PLEDGES

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA)-- A pledge of Jewish equality in a "post-war democratic Poland freed of the Nazi yoke," was given here today by Jan Stanczyk, Polish Minister of Labor and Social Welfare at a press conference preceding his address to the executive committee of the Jewish Labor Committee.

"The future relations between Gentiles and Jews in liberated Poland," said Mr. Stanczyk, "will be built on entirely new foundations. Poland will guarantee all her citizens - including the Jews - full legal equality. This Poland will be a true democracy and every one of her citizens will enjoy equal rights irrespective of race, creed or origin."

Emphasizing that the Jewish underground movement in Poland today is part of the great Polish underground army waging the struggle for the common cause of liberation, Mr. Stanczyk declared that the present war "has wiped out the institutions and destroyed the power of groups which had striven to foment hatred among the people of Poland" and that their common fate has created a strong bond between Gentile and Jew.

VICHY IMPRISONS JEWS AS PART OF DRIVE TO HALT ANTI-NAZI PROTESTS

VICHY, Dec. 10. (JTA)-- All Jews who entered France since January 1, 1936 will be placed either in forced labor units or concentration camps, it was announced today over the radio from Lyons. This latest decree by the Vichy government is one of the special measures it is taking to stop the continuing attacks on members of the occupational forces.

The broadcast stated that the decree is designed to strike "not only against the immediate authors of the outrages, but also against those directly or indirectly responsible for them." It specifies "Jews, Communists and parachutists."

AMERICAN AND PORTUGUESE SHIPS MAINTAINING REGULAR SCHEDULES FROM LISBON FOR PRESENT

LISBON, Dec. 10. (JTA)-- Both American and Portuguese ships will continue to sail from this port to the United States, despite the outbreak of the war with Japan, it was announced here today.

The office of the American Export Lines reported that the company had made no change in sailing schedules. A similar announcement was issued by the operators of the Portuguese ships.

(The American Export Lines office in New York, however, has announced that the Exeter, which was to have sailed for Lisbon on Friday, has been ordered held in port. The Excambion, which is now in Lisbon, will return to America on her regular schedule. The line's officials were unable to state whether the ban on sailings from New York to Lisbon was temporary or permanent. The Joint Distribution Committee in New York announced that for the present they were still booking passengers as usual.)

If the war should result in the cessation of sailings from Lisbon it will mean that the last major port of debarkation for European refugees has been closed.

J.D.C. WILL CONTINUE TO AID JEWISH REFUGEES STRANDED IN SHANGHAI

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA)-- The 14,000 Jewish refugees in Shanghai who are being cared for by the Joint Distribution Committee will continue to be assisted in accordance with provisions made before the outbreak of war in the Pacific, it was announced here today by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the J.D.C.

Mr. Hyman disclosed that several weeks ago the Shanghai representatives of the J.D.C. were authorized, in the event of a breakdown of communications between New York and Shanghai, to spend up to the equivalent of two months' appropriation. This will carry the work through until the end of January, when it is hoped that communications will have been reestablished.

The J.D.C. office here also reported that its two representatives in Shanghai, Laura Margolis of Pittsburgh and Manuel Siegel of Boston, have cabled that they are safe and well.

REFUGEES NATURALIZATION EFFORTS DELAYED BY WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. (JTA)-- Thousands of German and Italian Jewish refugees who have initiated naturalization proceedings will become American citizens at least ninety days later than they hoped to, as a result of an automatic delay following President Roosevelt's declaration that German and Italian nationals are to be regarded as aliens. The delay is provided for in the 1940 Nationality Act and is intended to give the Commissioner of Immigration time to study individual cases.

The law does not apply to those who declared their intention of becoming citizens at least two years prior to the declaration of war. Similarly, an alien married to an American may be naturalized without complying with the two year advance declaration clause, provided his case was begun before the war.

JEWISH-OWNED DRUG STORES CONFISCATED IN BULGARIA

ZURICH, Dec. 10. (JTA)-- Following the ousting of Jewish employees from drug stores in Bulgaria, whether Jewish-owned or not, some thirty-six Jewish-owned stores have been confiscated by the Directorate of Public Health, it is reported in the Sofia newspaper "Zora," reaching here today. The stores have been turned over to persons of Bulgarian origin, the paper discloses.

PALESTINE MAYORS ASK INTRODUCTION OF RATION CARDS FOR ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

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The club rooms, operated in cooperation with the USO, will be for the use of all men on duty in Newfoundland and will be open daily except Friday. Local residents have volunteered to keep a nightly entertainment program going and Newfoundland girls will be on hand to serve as hostesses. Free refreshments are served throughout the week and there will be a monthly dinner-dance.

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Only households with at least three aryan members will get the requisition cards necessary to purchase the fish. Since it is almost impossible for Jews in the Czech Protectorate to buy any meat, the ban on some fish will work an additional hardship on them during the designated period.

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