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The two Jewish professors are experts in Arabic and Persian phraseology and calligraphy and are assisting the Ministry of Information on matters concerning Arabian and Persian problems. Prof. Mittwoch has been working with the British Broadcasting Corporation since last July, and it is stated that he participated in official sessions of a government committee at which the British policy with regard to Iran and Iraq was discussed. Replying to a question by Sir Waldron Smithers on November 19 last, Mr. Brendan Bracken, Minister of Information, said that Professor Mittwoch and Professor Schacht had no opportunity to obtain any confidential information, nor had they access to any confidential papers.

PROF. HORACE KALLEN TO HEAD TRUSTEES OF INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA)-- The election of Prof. Horace H. Kallen of the Department of Philosophy and Psychology of the New School for Social Research, as Chairman of the newly-formed Board of Trustees of the Institute for Jewish Affairs, was announced here today. Professor Jerome Michael of Columbia University will serve as chairman of the executive committee of the Board, the announcement stated.

The Institute, connected with the American and World Jewish Congresses, will function as an independent body. It is headed by Dr. Jacob Robinson, and is one of the institutions which have been established for the purpose of investigating Jewish life with a view to formulating the basis on which claims for equal rights for Jews may be presented at the post-war peace conference.

REFUGEES SUE OWNERS OF S.S. "NAVEMAR" FOR \$3,400,000 DAMAGES

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA)-- Louis W. Arnold Jr., special commissioner in admiralty in Brooklyn, reported yesterday that 593 claims totaling \$3,477,629 have been filed against the 5,475-ton Spanish freighter Navemar by passengers who arrived here on the grimy, fever-ridden ship Sept. 12 after a forty-eight-day voyage from Seville, Spain.

The Navemar was sunk by an unknown submarine several days ago 150 miles off Cape St. Vincent, Portugal. The sinking was verified in New York yesterday. The claims against the ship here are specifically directed at the Compania Espanola de Navegacion Maritima, of Barcelona, owners of the vessel. When the ship arrived here it carried 769 passengers, mostly Jewish refugees, packed sardine-like into quarters originally intended for twenty-eight persons at most. Another 345 passengers were disembarked at Havana. The claims for refunds of passage money amount to \$125,706.58; for personal damages, \$2,943,353; and for property damage, \$358,568.65.

LIONEL DE ROTHSCHILD, BRITISH BANKER AND COMMUNAL LEADER, DIES IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 28. (JTA)-- Lionel Nathan de Rothschild, a member of the famous Jewish banking firm and a public and communal worker here for many years, died today at the age of 60 after a long illness. He was President of the United Synagogue, treasurer of the Jewish Board of Guardians and a director of other Jewish organizations. In 1917 he was awarded the Order of the British Empire.

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