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### JEWS IN HUNGARY UNEASY OVER ELECTION OF ANTI-SEMITIC AS VICE-REGENT

BERNE, Feb. 19. (JTA)-- Jews in Hungary were perturbed today over what the future may hold for them as Parliament announced the election of Istvan Horthy, who is known to be reactionary and anti-Jewish, as vice-Regent of Hungary. Istvan was chosen by the Parliament from a list of three candidates submitted by his father, Admiral Nicholas Horthy, the Regent.

In contrast to his younger brother who is liberal and strongly pro-Jewish, the new vice-regent during the last few years has openly associated with anti-Jewish elements and for some time was the candidate of the anti-Semitic Arrow Cross Party for the Regency. It is known that he was openly pro-Nazi until a recent clash with the Nazis when the German military command tried to exert pressure on Hungary with a view of taking over the management of the Hungarian State Railways of which he was the head.

Hungarian circles in Switzerland predicted today that with the election of young Horthy the position of the Jews in Hungary will definitely become more precarious than ever. They pointed out that while international complications in the past have cured Admiral Horthy of his anti-Semitic tendencies, this is not true of Istvan, who will very likely accede to the Nazis' request for more extreme anti-Jewish measures.

### NORWEGIAN JEWS WILL BE SENT "SOMEWHERE SOUTH OF EQUATOR," QUISLING PRIEST STATES

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 19. (JTA)-- The attitude of the Quisling-controlled church in Norway towards the Norwegian Jews was outlined here today by Rev. Sigmund Feyling, the under-secretary for religious affairs in the Quisling administration.

"The church will not take the initiative in enforcing any restrictions upon the Jews of Norway, but it is the duty of the church to respect the anti-Jewish measures introduced by the government," Feyling stated, according to the Svenska Dagbladet.

"The fate of the Norwegian Jews," Rev. Feyling continued, "is closely connected with that of the Jews in the Reich. They will all be given sanctuary somewhere south of the Equator."

It was predicted here today that Jews in Norway will be prohibited from buying certain foodstuff under the new rationing system which will be introduced shortly. The Jews will be placed in a special category under the food rationing regulations and will be given smaller rations than non-Jews.

### NAZIS PROCLAIM SPECIAL CURFEW FOR JEWS IN LWOW

ZURICH, Feb. 19. (JTA)-- Jews in Lwow may not leave their homes after 8 P.M. under a new Nazi decree reported in the Ukrainian newspaper Krakiwski Wisti reaching here today. The rest of the population may appear in the streets of the city until 11 P.M.

ZIONIST BUDGET OF \$2,544,000 IS ANNOUNCED; JNF INCOME IS INCREASING

JERUSALEM, Feb. 19. (JTA)-- The budget for World Zionist activities as approved yesterday by the special session of the Zionist Actions Committee totals \$2,544,000, it was announced here today.

At the same time the Jewish National Fund headquarters here announced that the income of the JNF for the first quarter of this fiscal year, beginning last October, was \$784,000, which is a substantial increase over the similar quarter last year. More than 65 percent of the income came from the United States.

A Palestine Industrial Council composed of the most important enterprises in the country was formed today with leading Jewish industrialists as its leaders. At the organization's first meeting speakers stressed that it would have three chief aims: to facilitate amicable relations between labor and industry; to submit recommendations to the Palestine government on questions affecting industry and labor; and to promote industrial welfare, social insurance and similar legislation.

The Palestine press today carries advertisements of the Abyssinia Electric Corporation asking for specialists to assist in the erection and management of power stations there.

SPIRIT OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY WILL PREVAIL EVEN IF HITLER INVADES JERUSALEM, SAYS ALBRIGHT

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA)-- Even if the hordes of Hitler sweep over the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, we may confidently hope that the spirit of Hebrew University will continue, said Professor William F. Albright of Johns Hopkins University at a reception given in his honor today at the Harmonie Club, by Maurice Wertheim, under the auspices of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

"Like all other universities, Hebrew University does not consist of its buildings alone - it is made up of its staff, men of great mind and spirit," Professor Albright said. "Hebrew University expresses American ideals in Palestine and its President, Dr. Judah L. Magnes, is the finest representative of those ideals. If Hebrew University has a chance to develop it will do very great things not only for the Jewish world but for the Arab people of Palestine and all the surrounding lands."

SENATE COMMITTEE FAVORS BILL REVOKING CITIZENSHIP OF DISLOYAL NATURALIZED ALIENS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. (JTA)-- A Senate immigration subcommittee appeared ready today to recommend to the main committee a bill which would revoke the citizenship of any naturalized alien whose "course of conduct establishes that his political allegiance is to a foreign state or sovereignty." The chief purpose of the bill is to get at Bundists who have become citizens, while still carrying on work for Germany.

JEWISH REFUGEES IN MEXICO SEND GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT CAMACHO

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 19. (JTA)-- A message of greetings has been sent to President Avila Camacho by the Menorah association of German-Jewish refugees here, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Mexico's 1917 constitution, it was reported today.

The message expresses the thanks of the Jews from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia who have been admitted to Mexico and pledges the support of each of these in Mexico's fight for freedom and democracy. "We are happy that we found new homes in Mexico and we are proud that we are no longer to be considered citizens of Germany," the message stated.

ALL SYNAGOGUES IN SLOVAKIA MUST BE ALTERED TO LOOK LIKE ORDINARY HOUSES

LISBON, Feb. 19. (JTA)-- All synagogues in Slovakia must be altered so that they will look like ordinary houses, otherwise they will be immediately confiscated by the state, under a new decree issued by the Nazi-controlled Slovak authorities, according to information reaching here today.

The Prague Juedisches Nachrichtenblatt, received here, carries Nazi instructions to all Jews to automatically report to the labor office immediately after snow has fallen, for assignment to forced labor clearing roads and streets. Another Nazi order published in the Prague paper prohibits Jews in the city from buying garlick. A long list of Jewish obituaries covers the back page of the paper. The names of both husbands and wives frequently appear together, indicating that the couple has committed suicide.

JEWISH LABORERS WILL RECEIVE TWO-THIRDS OF PALESTINE IMMIGRATION VISAS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 19. (JTA)-- Efforts on the part of the Jewish Agency to secure, under the new immigration schedule, the return to Palestine of Jewish refugees interned on the island of Mauritius as well as the admittance of the 769 Rumanian Jews who reached Turkey last week on a sinking freighter, have been unsuccessful, it was learned here today.

At a public meeting today Elihu Dobkin, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency, announced that two-thirds of the immigration certificates received last week from the Palestine Government will be allotted to laborers, especially to those needed for war industries. 270 certificates will be assigned for youths, and the balance will be granted to relatives of Palestinian Jews and to immigrants who fall into the "capitalist" category.

Declaring that the bulk of immigration under the new schedule is expected to be Jewish refugees from Poland who are now stranded in Russia, the Far East and Turkey, Mr. Dobkin revealed that when the Palestine Government was asked to assign immigration certificates for the 769 Jews who escaped from Rumania on the freighter Strume, which reached Turkish shores under the most trying circumstances, it refused to comply with the request. It is understood, however, that the Government asked the British Embassy in Turkey to grant Palestine visas to the children on the Strume between the ages of 13 and 16 and that the Jewish Agency is making arrangements for the transportation of these youngsters from Turkey to Palestine and to absorb them in youth institutions, and place some of them with relatives here.

A group of 110 Jews from Iraq and Yemen is now on its way to Palestine and will be admitted into the country under the recent immigration schedule.

AGENCY ASKED NOT TO ABANDON EFFORTS TO SAVE JEWISH LEADERS IN RUMANIA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 19. (JTA)-- A delegation of Rumanian Jews appeared today before members of the executive of the Jewish Agency with a stirring appeal for continued efforts to save hundreds of relatives and Jewish leaders who are facing extermination in Rumania.

The appeal was prompted by the news that the Rumanian authorities have issued a new order which would make it practically impossible for Jews to leave Rumania, especially for Palestine. The order requires that any Jew desiring to emigrate from Rumania must first secure a visa to the country of destination, thus putting an end to the possibility of Jews proceeding from Rumania to Turkey to secure Palestine immigration visas there since there are no longer any British consulates in Rumania.

ARAB PAPERS ISSUE CALL TO PALESTINE ARABS TO DOUBLE NUMBER OF JEWISH ENLISTMENTS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 19. (JTA)-- All leading Arab newspapers in Palestine today suddenly published articles urging the Arabs of the country to enlist in large numbers and to double the number of Jewish enlistments.

Emphasizing that increased Arab recruitment in Palestine is essential for post-war claims, the three most important Arab newspapers, Falastin, Adifaa and Asirat, all urge the launching of an Arab recruitment campaign throughout the country. The Adifaa points out that the Jews in Palestine have given "a not inconsiderable number of recruits" and that they continue their recruiting work. "Thus," the paper says, "it is the duty of the Arabs to double the number of our neighbors and to volunteer for army services for the very same reason for which they are doing it."

GERMANS IN REICH TOLD THEY MUST FIGHT IF THEY DON'T WANT TO RETURN JEWISH PROPERTY

ZURICH, Feb. 19. (JTA)-- Germans in the Reich and in Nazi-occupied countries are warned by the Nazi press that if Germany loses the war they will have to surrender their economic positions to the Jews.

An article in the Angriff which reached here today and which is one of many similar articles appearing in the Nazi press, urges the Germans "to remember" that they have acquired Jewish property which they will be forced to return should the Axis powers be defeated in the war. In this way, the Nazi Ministry of Propaganda aims to instill in the Germans the fear that as a conquered people, each German will personally feel the burden of reparations "since practically every German benefitted from the ousting of the Jews from economic life."

"REMEMBER YOUR NAVY THAT FOUGHT THE ROMANS," JEWISH SEAMEN ARE TOLD

HAIFA, Feb. 19. (JTA)-- The feats of the Jewish navy that fought the Romans nearly two thousand years ago were recalled today by Commander Douglas W. Duff, addressing young seamen at the Jewish Nautical School here.

Commander Duff, who was formerly a member of the Palestine Police and who is the author of "A Sword to Hire," told his listeners that "the Jewish navy courageously fought the Romans 1,900 years ago. You should bear in your hearts the memory of those heroes."

JEWISH WAR VETERANS CONFERENCE OPENS IN ATLANTA TOMORROW

ATLANTA, Feb. 19. (JTA)-- The role of the Jewish War Veterans in national defense in the present emergency will be discussed at the annual mid-winter conference of the organization, with delegates from all sections of the country in attendance, which opens here on Saturday. A report on the group's defense activities will be given by National Commander Benjamin Kaufmann.

A symposium on national defense, at which leaders of the Army, Navy, Civilian Defense organizations, the U.S.O. and the Jewish Welfare Board will participate, will highlight the conference.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE TO GET 25% OF JEWISH RELIGIOUS FUND

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA)-- By authorization of Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz of the British Empire, 25 percent of the funds being raised by the American chapter of his Religious Emergency Council will henceforth be donated to civilian defense and the armed forces, it was announced today.