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### JEWISH DELEGATION IN SWITZERLAND ASKS POPE'S INTERVENTION FOR PERSECUTED JEWS

BERNE, March 17. (JTA)-- The Papal Nuncio in Switzerland was contacted here today by two members of the Jewish Agency for Palestine with a view of securing the Pope's intervention for Jews in Axis-occupied South-Eastern European countries whose situation is termed here as "unbearable."

The two Jewish delegates, whose names are not disclosed, arrived in Berne from Geneva for the sole purpose of acquainting the Papal Nuncio with the reports they have received from Serbia, Croatia, and other Axis-held territories where the Jewish population is being annihilated in a most merciless manner. In Croatia, one of the reports state, there is hardly a Jewish male left alive. The Jewish women and children who remain are being terrorized to a point where they flee into German territory to escape pogroms.

### DEPORTATION OF JEWS FROM REICH HALTED; FAMINE, DISEASE SWEEPING RIGA GHETTO

LONDON, March 17. (JTA)-- Deportation of Jews from Germany to Eastern Poland and the Baltic states has been stopped because of the inability of the Nazi authorities to secure sufficient transportation facilities, and also because the Polish and Baltic ghettos are overcrowded to the point where it is virtually impossible to jam any more people into them, it was learned today by Polish circles here.

According to the information reaching here, about 40,000 German Jews have already been deported from the Reich to Poland, including 11,000 from Berlin alone. Conditions in the ghetto set up in Riga rival or surpass the Warsaw ghetto, these reports state, with famine and epidemic decimating the thousands of Jews confined there.

### FIFTY NORWEGIAN ORGANIZATIONS DISSOLVED BECAUSE "INFECTED WITH JEWISH SPIRIT"

STOCKHOLM, March 17. (JTA)-- Fifty Norwegian organizations have been dissolved by the Quisling administration on the charge that they are "infected with the Jewish spirit," the Svenska Dagbladet reports today. The Swedish newspaper reviews the measures taken against Jews in Norway and predicts that more anti-Jewish laws can be expected to be introduced there.

At the same time, Nazi-controlled newspapers in Norway today published an "explanation" of why the Quisling government has found it desirable to issue a law prohibiting the entrance of Jews into Norway. This law was necessitated by the fact that there are 10,000 Jews in Norway today as compared with 3,000 in 1930, the pro-Nazi Norwegian press reports.

Taking issue with this report, the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter denies that there are more than 3,000 Jews in Norway today. The Swedish newspaper also carries a report from Norway quoting the Norwegian Commissar for Justice as saying at a public

meeting that the law banning the entrance of Jews into Norway "is actually a part of the constitution." The Quisling official "informed" his audience that such a law existed long ago in Norway but was abolished in 1851 despite the fact that it was incorporated in the second paragraph of the Norwegian constitution. "The re-introduction of this law became necessary as part of building our state on the basis of our constitution," the Quisling commissar is reported as having stated.

#### One Anti-Jewish Law for All Nazi-Dominated European Countries Suggested

The Nazi organ Fritfolk reports that the new anti-Jewish legislation in Norway is the result of a program suggested by Quisling to Hitler which provides for a "common law regarding Jews in the whole of Europe." This program, the Nazi paper reveals, was proposed by Quisling during his visit to Berlin last year. The paper emphasizes that Quisling is playing an important part in shaping the "European anti-Jewish policy."

The Aftenposten reports that the Quisling Ministry of Justice is now preparing a "law for the protection of the Norwegian race" aimed at preserving "racial purity" in the country. The law will provide for the sterilization of people who indulge in mixed "racial" marriages.

#### Norwegian Government Announces Post-War Punishment For Quislingites

LONDON, March 17. (JTA)-- The Norwegian Government-in-Exile will soon publish a White Paper on the Nazi atrocities in Norway and on the persecutions of Jews and Norwegians there, it was learned here today.

The Government has been collecting documentary evidence for this White Paper, it was revealed. The material collected will be officially communicated to all governments of the United Nations with a pledge to punish, after the war, all those responsible for the oppression and persecution of Norwegians with the help of the Nazis, irrespective of what the religion of the victims may be, it was stated.

#### PROBE OF "SOCIAL JUSTICE" URGED; IT'S PROPAGANDA CONSIDERED WORTH \$1,000,000 TO GOEBBELS

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA)-- A demand that the magazine, "Social Justice" be investigated by the United States government because it is disseminating anti-democratic propaganda which menaces successful prosecution of the United Nations' war against the Axis, was made last night by Prof. James H. Sheldon, chairman of the Anti-Nazi League, speaking to a group of YMCA leaders in Brooklyn.

Prof. Sheldon cited the current issue of the publication, dated March 16, which reprints an address made by Samuel Untermyer in 1933 urging a boycott on Nazi goods. By stressing certain passages out of context and by the use of accompanying material, "Social Justice" attempts to prove that the present war was caused by a "Jewish boycott" against Germany.

CINCINNATI, March 17. (ONA)-- The Cincinnati Post, a member of the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain, today charged in an editorial that Charles E. Coughlin's magazine, "Social Justice," was "preaching pure and unadulterated Nazi propaganda."

"Father Coughlin's doctrines, taken as a whole, do not give the impression that he wants America to win," the Post declared. The editorial was reprinted by other newspapers in the same chain. It declared that the Detroit priest "could not be doing a better job for Joseph Goebbels if he were being paid \$1,000,000 a year in Nazi gold."

JEWISH REFUGEES FROM POLAND SUCCEED IN ESCAPING FROM RANGOON BEFORE JAP OCCUPATION

LONDON, March 17. (JTA)-- A group of 31 Jewish refugees from Poland who were stranded in Rangoon, capital of Burma, succeeded in escaping to India prior to the Japanese occupation of Rangoon and have reached Bombay, according to advices received here today by Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbart, Jewish member of the Polish National Council. The number of Jews in Rangoon who fell into the hands of the Japanese is estimated to be about 1,500, nearly all of them natives.

At today's session of the Polish National Council, Dr. Schwartzbart made an interpellation regarding the omission from the official text of Premier Sikorski's speech, opening the Council, of the reference to the loyalty of the national minorities in occupied Poland. In his address, the Polish Premier stated that the loyalty of the Jews will not be forgotten, but this section of his speech was not included in the official Polish releases.

JEWS IN TUNIS MAY PUBLISH ONLY ONE NEWSPAPER, FRENCH REGULATIONS PROVIDE

VICHY, March 17. (JTA)-- The 60,000 Jews in Tunis may henceforth publish only one Jewish newspaper, and even this paper must carry the subtitle "Tunisian Jewish Newspaper," the Lyons radio announced today.

The announcement was made in connection with the recent decree providing for the application of the Vichy anti-Jewish laws to Tunis. The details of this law, as interpreted today by the Lyons radio, aim at the elimination of Jews from business and professions, by regulating their enterprises and assets and by barring them from all the professions from which Jews in France have been ousted.

BRITISH AIDING HEBREW UNIVERSITY DOCTOR IN EXPERIMENTS ON TISSUE THERAPY

LONDON, March 17. (JTA)-- The British Government has taken steps to furnish assistance to the Jewish doctor in the Hebrew University in Jerusalem who is experimenting with a new type of tissue therapy in the treatment of war wounds, it was stated today in the House of Commons by Duncan Sandys, financial secretary of the War Office.

Mr. Sandys announced that since the work was still in an experimental stage, there was no question of it being generally adopted as yet. The British authorities, however, are very much interested in the experiments, he stated, and are watching them closely.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR ANTI-NAZI REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA)-- A sharp line will be drawn between political and religious refugees from the oppressed countries of Europe and other so-called "enemy aliens" in the report to be submitted to Congress by the Tolson Committee which has been studying the question of shifting possible "fifth columnists" from the vital military areas of the West Coast, it was reliably learned here today.

Impressed by the testimony of such prominent German refugees as Dr. Bruno Frank and Thomas Mann during its recent hearings in California, Washington and Oregon, the Committee was understood to be convinced that terror-torn exiles from the wrath of Hitler are likely to be America's most loyal supporters. The same can be said for the anti-Fascist expatriates from Italy.

Rep. John H. Tolson of California, Chairman, who has just returned here, will make a preliminary report to the House this week. This will be followed by a more

comprehensive presentation of facts, to be submitted within about three weeks. Outstanding points in the preliminary report, it is reliably understood, will be:

- 1 - Refugees from the Nazi-Fascist terror, including thousands of Jews, must be treated on a different basis from other German and Italian emigres.
- 2 - The most immediately pressing problem is that of ridding important West Coast military areas of Japanese of doubtful loyalty.
- 3 - There should be established local committees, personally acquainted with the aliens, to cooperate with the Dept. of Justice's enemy alien hearing boards in the process of separating the "fifth column" goats from the innocent refugee sheep.

#### Local Committees on West Coast May Decide Fate of Aliens

During its exhaustive inquiry on the West Coast, ordered by the House to provide a basis for future legislation dealing with the segregation of "enemy aliens" the Tolan Committee conducted hearings in four cities -- San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle. They occupied seven days. During this period about 150 witnesses were heard, and statements and other data covering thousands of pages were included in the record. The ultimate report will occupy several fat volumes.

All shades of political, economic and racial colorations were represented on the witness stand. They ranged from Bruno Frank, Thomas Mann, Attilio Boffa, President of the Mazzini Society of Anti-Fascist Italians, to irate superpatriots who wanted to kick every foreigner into the deserts of Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

The Committee, in executive session, also heard representatives of the Army and Navy Intelligence, the F.B.I. and the Immigration Service. Therefore, its basis of judgment should be broad. The Committee left the West Coast convinced that the immediate, pressing problem was that of the Japanese, and in this the Army was understood to have concurred. It was pointed out that while authorities are solving the Japanese problem, time will be afforded to proceed with the German and Italian elements in a methodical, orderly way and to avoid the hysteria and bad judgment that usually results from high-pressure methods.

As referred to briefly before, the Tolan report likely will recommend the establishment of local committees to examine aliens, on the theory that their fellow-townsmen know far more about them than officials from other parts. The authority of these committees would be affirmative rather than negative. That is, if they found that an alien was above suspicion, he would be certified as loyal, unless the F.B.I. or Immigration Service had evidence to the contrary. However, these local committees would not be empowered to brand anyone as a "fifth columnist" or as potentially disloyal. If they were not able to give him a clean bill of health, they would refer his case to the existing Justice Dept. boards for further inquiry.

#### MOISES ROSENBERG, EDITOR OF MEXICAN NEWSPAPER, DEAD

MEXICO CITY, March 17. (JTA)-- Moises Rosenberg, editor and publisher of the only daily Jewish newspaper in Mexico, Der Weg, died here last night at the age of 38 after a protracted illness of several months. He had been the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Mexico for more than ten years.

Rosenberg was one of the most active Jewish leaders in Mexico. He participated in the fight against Nazi propoganda in the country and devoted much of his time to Jewish cultural and Zionist activities. It was due to his efforts that a Spanish translation of Graetz's History of the Jews appeared for the first time, issued by the Verdad Publishers, of which Rosenberg was the founder.