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### RUMANIAN CABINET PREPARES NEW "JEWISH LAW;" CLASSIFIES JEWS IN FOUR CATEGORIES

ISTANBUL, Nov. 18.(JTA)-- A new "Jewish Law" which will separate the Jews of Rumania into four categories, each of which will be treated differently, has been drawn up, it was reported here today by reliable sources. The four categories are:

1. Jewish war veterans and Rumanian Jews crippled in previous wars. Under the projected law they will enjoy the same rights as those enjoyed by the Jewish population in Rumania prior to its joining the Axis.
2. Children of mixed marriages and baptised Jews. They are to get full civil rights.
3. Jews born in Old Rumania. They will be permitted to remain on Rumanian soil but will be segregated in ghettos.
4. Jews born in Bessarabia, Bukovina and Transylvania, as well as stateless Jews. They will be deported to Transnistria, the Axis-occupied part of the Ukraine administered by Rumanian officials.

The new "Jewish Law" which fixes the status of each of the various groups in Rumania follows reports of growing dissension within the Rumanian Cabinet regarding the barbaric treatment of the Jews in the country. The head of the Greek Orthodox Church in Rumania, the most influential in the country, has protested to Premier Antonescu against the inhuman treatment of the Jews in Rumania and against the deportations of Jews to Transnistria.

### NAZIS REDUCE WARSAW GHETTO; EVICT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM HOMES

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 18.(JTA)-- Nazi newspapers reaching here today from occupied Poland report that the German administration in Warsaw intends to reduce the ghetto there to an area of a few blocks. Tens of thousands of Jews in the ghetto have already received notice to vacate the buildings in which they live, the German papers reveal.

The buildings from which the Jews are being ejected will be torn down. "Modern apartment houses and hospitals will be built in their place in the Spring of 1943," the Krakauer Zeitung states. The paper also reports that a new Nazi administrator has been named for the Warsaw ghetto. His salary, determined by authorities in Berlin, will have to be paid by the Jews in the ghetto, the Nazi organ declares.

### VICHY CRITICIZES ROOSEVELT'S ABROGATION OF NAZI-INSPIRED LAWS IN NORTH AFRICA

LISEN, Nov. 18.(JTA)-- The Nazi-controlled Vichy radio today declared that President Roosevelt's order abrogating the anti-Semitic and other Nazi-inspired laws in French North Africa is "an inadmissible act of sovereignty on a French territory."

NAZIS DRAG 2,000 BELGIAN JEWS FROM BEDS; TRANSPORT THEM TO UNKNOWN DESTINATION

LONDON, Nov. 18. (JTA)-- More than 2,000 Jews in Brussels were recently dragged from their homes in the middle of the night and transported in trucks to an unknown destination, official Belgian circles reported here today.

The German occupation authorities threw a police cordon around several streets in the Gare du Midi section of Brussels, according to the information reaching the Belgian Government, and then broke into Jewish homes, dragging men, women and children, many of them still in their night-clothes, into the trucks. Whether the Jews were deported or confined in internment camps is not known.

POLISH GOVERNMENT ASKED TO PROVIDE RELIEF FOR JEWISH INTERNEES ON BRITISH ISLANDS

LONDON, Nov. 18. (JTA)-- The Polish Government was asked today to provide relief for Jewish refugees from Poland interned on the Island of Mauritius, on the Island of Jamaica, as well as for a number of Polish Jews now stranded in Sweden without any means, in a statement made in the Polish National Council by Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbart.

The Jewish member of the Council also suggested that the Polish Government start drawing up a plan for medical relief in post-war Poland which should include the immediate training of doctors and nurses. Jan Stanczyk, Polish Minister for Social Welfare, replied that attention will be given to all of these proposals.

Col. Henryk Bagynski, one of the leaders of the pre-war Polish Navy League, in a book published today simultaneously in Polish and in English, complains that not enough Jews emigrated from Poland before the war. Explaining the anti-Jewish attitude of the Polish anti-Semitic groups, Col. Bagynski says that "if there were in Britain twelve times as many Jews as there are, it is quite likely that the Jewish problem would be discussed more heatedly than it ever was in Poland." The surplus number of Jews in pre-war Poland, he maintains, was about one million. "With so high a percentage of Jews in a relatively poor country, it is a miracle that the Jewish problem in Poland did not assume a more acute form," he writes.

AUSTRALIANS DENOUNCE ANTI-SEMITISM AND NAZI ATROCITIES AT MASS-MEETING IN SYDNEY

LONDON, Nov. 18. (JTA)-- A resolution condemning Nazi atrocities, repudiating the Nazi myth of racial superiority, and demanding that Nazi criminals be brought to "condign punishment" was adopted in Sydney, Australia on November 10, at a mass-meeting sponsored by the leading organizations of the city, according to cabled advices received here today.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Anglican Church, the Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Church, and the Jewish Advisory Council affiliated with the World Jewish Congress. The Lord Mayor of Sydney, Stanley Crick, was the chairman of the meeting. The Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, the Reverend Howard W. K. Mowll, proposed the resolution which declared that "anti-Semitism is contrary to the spirit and commands of the Christian religion and the ideals of the United Nations," and demanded that the Nazi criminals be brought to "condign punishment." The resolution expressed confidence that the peoples of the world "would assist in building the Jewish National Homeland in Palestine." Messages supporting the purposes of the meeting were received from Prime Minister Curtin, Attorney General Herbert Vere Evatt, and other notables.

JEWISH REFUGEES FROM REICH NOT AFFECTED BY ANTI-AXIS LAW IN BRAZIL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.(JTA)-- Jewish refugees from Nazi oppression are not affected by the law passed by the Brazilian Government on March 11, 1942 assessing nations of the Axis Powers for damage caused to Brazilian property by acts of aggression on the part of the mother countries, it was stated here today by Lawrence Duggan, Advisor on Political Relations of the State Department.

The report by Mr. Duggan followed representations by the Inter-American Jewish Council. In his communication to Mr. James Waterman Wise, representative of the Council, Mr. Duggan made known that discretionary powers have been vested with the new Coordinator of Economic Defense in the application of this law. The exemption of the Jews from this regulation is testimony to the fact that although technically listed as nationals of Germany, the Brazilian Government has recognized that these first victims of Nazi oppression are among the foremost friends of the democratic powers.

At the same time, it became known through Mr. Duggan that Jews in Brazil have given proof of their satisfaction with the treatment accorded them in that country. Many young Jewish refugees in Brazil applied for entry into the armed forces of Brazil immediately after Brazil's entry into the war. At the same time, other Jewish refugees have made important financial contributions to Brazilian relief organizations.

Inter-American Jewish Council Will Convene in Mexico in Spring

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.(JTA)-- A session of the Inter-American Jewish Council with the participation of the representatives of Jewish communities on the American continent will be held in Mexico in the Spring, with the concurrence of the Mexican Government.

This announcement was made today by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress and chairman of the Inter-American Jewish Council and by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Administrative Committee of the World Jewish Congress, upon their return from a fortnight's visit to Mexico City.

ZIONIST MEETING ASKS JEWS BE GIVEN PLACE IN COUNCILS OF UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.(JTA)-- The United Nations were asked to admit the Jewish people into their councils as equal partners, in a resolution adopted last night at a mass meeting attended by 3,000 persons here, called jointly by the New Zionist Organization and the Jewish State Party. President Roosevelt was asked "to extend recognition and thus pave the way for granting of such recognition by the other United Nations."

At the same time the resolution demanded that all "Jewish parties and organizations which uphold Jewish nationalism form a United Jewish Council to represent the Jewish people as a unit in the Councils of the United Nations."

Speeches and messages supporting the demand came from the United States Senators Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, W. Warren Barbour of New Jersey, William R. Langer of North Dakota and Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. of Massachusetts; Governor J. Howard McGrath of Rhode Island; Meir Grossman, president of the Jewish State Party; Col. Morris J. Mendelsohn, president of the New Zionist Organization. Representatives of the Czech, Yugoslav, Greek, Netherlands and Polish Governments-in-Exile also backed the proposal for Jewish representation.

OVER 200 ALIENS SERVING IN U.S. FORCES RECEIVE AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.(JTA)-- For the first time in history a group of aliens outside the United States will become American citizens, through the Justice Department instead of the courts, when more than 200 soldiers stationed in the Caribbean get their naturalization papers from Deputy Immigration Commissioner Thomas B. Shoemaker.

Attorney General Francis Biddle explained today that the Second War Powers Act made it possible to grant citizenship to members of the armed forces outside the jurisdiction of naturalization courts. Mr. Shoemaker will visit the Panama Canal Zone and other military establishments to conduct hearings, receive petitions, and issue certificates.

Members of the group in the Caribbean Defense Command who will get their papers include representatives of 34 nationalities. Mr. Shoemaker will transmit letters of greeting to the new citizens from Mr. Biddle.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PROHIBITS ANTI-JEWISH DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

MONTREAL, Nov. 18.(JTA)-- Following intervention by the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Government of Canada has made it illegal to discriminate against Jews in employment and to stipulate "Christians Only" in advertising for help. The phrases "Gentiles Only" and "Restricted" are similarly illegal when inserted in advertisements.

The order prohibiting discrimination in employment on the basis of creed, color or racial origin was sent out by the Selective Service Bureau. Officials of the Bureau throughout the country were forbidden by this order to inquire about the religion or racial origin of any applicant for employment. Employers were also notified that it is illegal to stipulate the religion, color or racial origin of the worker to be placed in vacancies. According to Canadian war-time law, no employer may hire any worker without prior permission from the Selective Service Board.

RABBI BERNSTEIN NAMED DIRECTOR OF JEWISH RELIGIOUS WORK IN ARMY AND NAVY

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.(JTA)-- Rabbi Philip Bernstein of Rochester, N. Y., has been named executive director of the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities of the National Jewish Welfare Board, it was announced today by Frank L. Weil, president of the Board.

Rabbi Bernstein has been granted a leave of absence by his congregation in order to undertake, on a full-time basis, the task of aiding in recruiting Jewish chaplains for the armed forces and directing the other religious services rendered by the Jewish Welfare Board to the men in the army and navy.

JEWISH BOOK WEEK COMMITTEE PUBLISHES FIRST ANNUAL IN ENGLISH, YIDDISH AND HEBREW

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.(JTA)-- For the first time in its history, the National Committee for Jewish Book Week today published a tri-lingual Annual in connection with the observance of Jewish Book Week which starts on November 22. The Annual carries articles and bibliography in English, Yiddish and Hebrew.

The three sections were prepared by corresponding editorial committees, headed by Dr. Solomon Grayzel, Mr. Menchem Ribalow, and Dr. Mendl Elkin. Dr. Mordecai Soltos is chairman of the National Committee for Jewish Book Week. Mr. Harry Schneiderman, editor of the American Jewish Year Book, is secretary-treasurer.