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### PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT GRANTS LEGAL STATUS TO ALL REFUGEES AS NEW YEAR'S GIFT

LISBON, Jan. 1. (JTA)-- The Portuguese Government has expressed its sympathy with persecuted Jews by issuing a New Year letter under which all refugees who entered the country illegally, whether they are at present in hiding or in prison, are to be given full legal status as transit travelers and will be allowed to live unmolested in the coastal village of Ericeria.

The order is not restricted to any particular race or religion, and comes as great relief to several hundred Jews who escaped - many of them on foot - from Nazi-held territories and crossed the Portuguese frontier illegally. It has received the full support of the President. The refugees will be maintained in Ericeria with the aid of relief organizations supported by the Joint Distribution Committee.

### MOST OF THE REFUGEES INTERNED IN NORTH AFRICA HAVE BEEN RELEASED, ROOSEVELT SAYS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1. (JTA)-- President Roosevelt, at his press conference today, stated that he believed that most political prisoners in North Africa, among whom are many Jewish refugees, have been released.

The President's statement followed a report submitted to him yesterday by Milton Eisenhower, deputy director of the Office of War Information, who has just returned from North Africa where he conducted an investigation regarding the status of the refugees who had been deported by the Vichy government from France to the Sahara desert to forced labor building the Trans-Saharan railway.

In expressing the belief that the majority of the political prisoners had been freed, President Roosevelt pointed out that he had no information on the status of the Spanish Republican refugees interned by the Vichy regime in North Africa.

### SWEDES CONSIDER DEPORTATION OF NORWEGIAN JEWS WAS MOST DEPLORABLE EVENT OF 1942

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 1. (JTA)-- The deportation of the Jews from Norway in November is the political occurrence of 1942 which will be the longest remembered by the Swedish people, it was disclosed here today, as the result of a public opinion poll conducted by the Stockholm office of the Gallup Institute among a cross-section of the Swedish population.

The Institute asked: "Which foreign political occurrence do you think will be remembered the longest from 1942?" Twenty-five percent of all the voters chose the Jewish deportation. Next came the battle for Stalingrad with 13 percent and the American invasion of North Africa with nine percent. The results were broadcast over the Stockholm radio.

JEWS IN NAZI EUROPE WILL FACE STRICTER MEASURES IN 1943, GERMAN RADIO SAYS

LONDON, Jan. 1. (JTA)-- Leaders of the United Nations, in reviewing the past year, today emphasized the fact that one-half of the 4,000,000 civilians killed by the Nazis were Jews. The opinion was also expressed that the number of persons massacred by the Nazis in occupied countries is larger than the number of men killed on the battlefields.

At the same time the Nazi radio stations in a broadcast heard here today indicated that the extermination of the Jews in occupied countries may be carried out in 1943 even "more thoroughly" than in the year just closed. The broadcast announced that "beginning with January 1, all institutes set up in the Reich for the purpose of studying the Jewish question will coordinate their activities" in order to achieve a more speedy solution of the Jewish problem.

A White Paper on the Nazi extermination of the Jews in Poland was issued yesterday by the Polish Government-in-Exile here. The introduction to the document says that the White Paper is published "in the hope that the civilized world will draw appropriate conclusions." The note of the Polish Government to the governments of the United Nations which resulted in the joint statement issued by the Allied Nations warning the Nazis of retribution for the mass-killing of Jews, is included in the White Book.

The Polish Minister of Information, Stanislaw Stronski; the Czechoslovak Minister of State, Hubert Ripka and Prime Minister Johan Nygaardsvold of the Norwegian Government-in-Exile, in special New Year's messages to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, emphasize the tragedy of the Jews in their respective countries. "The year which just closed has witnessed despicable terror and barbarous persecution against the innocent Jews in Norway who for generations enjoyed complete equality and were considered a part of the Norwegian people," the Norwegian Prime Minister said, pointing out that the people of Norway are entering the New Year more confident than ever in the forthcoming defeat of the Nazis. The Polish Minister, speaking of the "hundreds of thousands of Jews murdered by the Nazis in Poland," declared that "the Nazi cruelties of 1942 excelled all previous years."

CHIEF RABBI HERTZ CREATED "COMPANION OF HONOR" IN KING'S NEW YEAR HONOR LIST

LONDON, Jan. 1. (JTA)-- Chief Rabbi Joseph Herman Hertz was created a "Companion of Honor" today in the annual New Year's Honors List issued by the King. There are only some forty-odd "Companions of Honor" in the entire British empire, including such notables as Prime Minister Churchill and Prime Minister Jan Smuts of South Africa.

Commenting on the award, the Manchester Guardian states that "it is not only a personal tribute to Rabbi Hertz but a timely expression of sympathy for the afflictions of the Jews." The Board of Deputies of British Jews, in a message sent to the Chief Rabbi, congratulated him on the "honor which has been conferred upon the spiritual leadership of English Jewry."

Another Jew mentioned in today's Honors List is Major Jack Ben Brunel Cohen, secretary of the British Legion, who was knighted.

MAGNES URGES AMERICA TO JOIN ENGLAND IN SEEKING SOLUTION TO PALESTINE PROBLEM

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA)-- Declaring that "the ordinary Jew and the ordinary Arab have no hatred for one another," Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, in an article in the January issue of Foreign Affairs urges that the United States join Britain "in helping find and, if necessary, impose a reasonable compromise" between Jewish and Arab aspirations in Palestine.

"The first step - and the sooner it is taken the better - should be an announcement that the adjustment will not include either the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish state or as an Arab state," Dr. Magnes writes. "Such an announcement might help dissipate the increasingly bellicose atmosphere and might, perhaps, turn both Jewish and Arab propaganda in the direction of peace and understanding." The search for a compromise between the Jews and the Arabs, Dr. Magnes believes, might well be furthered by the selection of a few Englishmen and Americans to cooperate with Jews and Arabs in canvassing the possibilities of such a compromise. Dr. Magnes then makes the following concrete suggestions:

"1. Union between the Jews and the Arabs within a bi-national Palestine.

"2. Union of Palestine, Transjordan, Syria and the Lebanon in an economic and political federation. These lands form a geographic unit and constituted a political and economic Union at several times between ancient Semitic days and the First World War.

"3. Union of this federation with an Anglo-American union which is assumed to be part of that greater union of the free nations now laboring to be born out of the ruins of the decaying world."

Explaining these points in detail, Dr. Magnes says that if the political equality of the Jews and the Arabs in Palestine is accepted as part of the compromise to be reached between the two peoples, then "there seems to be no good reason why a beginning should not be made now with a bi-national administration, so that officials may be trained as soon as possible for the great tasks which confront them." He emphasizes that the time to begin to prepare the Jews and the Arabs for responsibility in a bi-national Palestine is now and not after the war.

Touching on the question of Jewish immigration to Palestine, Dr. Magnes expresses the belief that a union of Palestine, Transjordan, Syria and Lebanon in an economic and political federation, if and when formed, would solve this problem. "The whole question of numbers in Palestine would then lose its present primary significance for the Arabs," he writes. "For a federation of the four states in question, whatever its form, would include an Arab population of several million. The Arabs would be relieved of their fear of being swamped and dominated by a majority of Jews. A Jewish majority in the federation is hardly conceivable."

JEWS HAVE INVESTED \$6,000,000 IN PALESTINE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA)-- More than six million dollars have been invested by Jews in motor vehicles in Palestine, which have proved to be exceptionally helpful to the British war effort in the Middle East, it was reported here today. The report said that seventy percent of the motor transportation facilities in Palestine belongs to Jews. At present the Palestine Government is pursuing a policy of concentrating transportation facilities in the hands of non-Jews, it was charged by leaders of the Histadruth at a press conference today.

STALIN THANKS JEWISH COLLECTIVE FARMERS FOR CONTRIBUTING PLANES TO RED-ARMY

MOSCOW, Jan. 1, (JTA)-- A letter of thanks from Premier Joseph Stalin to a group of Jewish collective farmers in the Jewish autonomous region of Biro-Bidjan who contributed over a quarter of a million roubles to a fund to purchase fighter planes for the Red Army, is published today in Pravda.

Addressing the members of the Jewish collective farm "Waldheim," Stalin wrote: "Thank you, Yusel Feldhendler, Michael Gefen, Fedor Tsib, Mordecai Shevts, Zalman Wolfson, Shira Kotchinka, Jehiel Rock for the money you have contributed towards the fund to build fighter planes. Accept my brotherly greetings and the thanks of the Red Army." Pravda also reports that the Jewish collective farmers in the entire Biro-Bidjan region have already raised more than a million and a half roubles for the fighter plane fund.

The Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Kuibyshev today send New Year's greetings to American Jewish war relief agencies, expressing confidence that this year will bring victory for the democracies and the destruction of the "exterminator of the Jewish people."

10,608 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM EUROPE ENTERED UNITED STATES DURING YEAR

NEW YORK, Jan. 1, (JTA)-- Official government statistics issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice, show that 10,608 Jewish refugees from the Nazi-dominated European continent entered the United States in 1942. These figures cover the period between July 1, 1941 and June 30, 1942.

Giving the highlights of the rescue work during 1942, Abraham Herman, president of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, outlined the rescue tasks for 1943. "As one door closes, others are opening," he said. "Larger prospects for rescue work have been opened up with the arrival of the American army in North Africa and the gradual return of these lands to democratic government and the traditions of humanitarianism. The Hias-Ica office in Casablanca is functioning and a considerable number of former inmates of concentration camps who are now being released are likely to regain their freedom through emigration. Progress with the view to establishing new rescue opportunities is also being made in South America."

ENRICO GLICENSTEIN, NOTED JEWISH SCULPTOR, KILLED BY TAXI IN DIMOUT

NEW YORK, Jan. 1, (JTA)-- Funeral services will be held here on Sunday for the noted Jewish sculptor Enrico Glicenstein, who was killed late Wednesday night when struck by a taxicab as he was crossing the street in the dim-out, near his home in Queens.

Mr. Glicenstein was born in Poland in 1870 and was known as a child prodigy of sculpture in his formative years. For 30 years he lived in Italy and in 1928 he came to this country with his family. Ten years later he returned all his medals to the King of Italy as a protest against the racial laws which had gone into effect there.

Glicenstein is the only sculptor ever to have exhibited jointly with the celebrated Auguste Rodin. He won the Prix de Rome two years in succession and his works have been shown all over Europe and the U.S. Some are in the New York Public Library, the British Museum and the Brooklyn Museum. He has done busts of President Roosevelt, Pope Pius XI, D'Annunzio, Lord Balfour, Paderewski and many other persons of prominence. Mr. Glicenstein also wrote poetry in Hebrew.