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## EIGHT BELGIAN PROVINCES WILL BE "JUDENREIN" THIS WEEK; NEW RESTRICTIONS IN HOLLAND

ZURICH, April 5.(JTA)-- The Nazi newspaper Brussler Zeitung, reaching here today from Belgium, carries a report stating that by April 10 there will not be a single Jew left in the provinces of Friesland, Drenthe, Overijssel, Groningen, Gelderland, Limburg, Noord-Brabant and Zeeland.

"All these provinces," the Nazi paper writes, "will be 'Aryanized' before April 10. All Jews living there must move to camps set up for them in the interior. Those failing to leave their homes and report to the camps will be severely punished.

The Novi Listi, a Nazi-controlled newspaper reaching here from Yugoslavia, reports that Nazi authorities in Sarajevo here issued an order instructing all Jews in the city to report to the local police at once. The order specified that Jews who changed their religion after April 10, 1941, must also report to the police.

Reports from Holland state that new anti-Jewish restrictions have been issued in Amsterdam. They include an order prohibiting Jews to put their furniture in storage and regulations ordering Jews traveling in street cars to display their travel permits without being asked to do so. The non-Jewish population is repeatedly warned by the German occupation authorities in Holland that severe punishment will be meted to those who give any aid whatsoever to Jews.

## PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER SAYS WHITE PAPER IS "LAST WORD" IN BRITISH POLICY

LONDON, April 5.(JTA)-- Members of the Jewish Agency here today refused to comment on the announcement made last week in the Egyptian Senate that the Government of Egypt is calling a conference in Cairo of Arab leaders from Palestine, Syria and other Arab countries for the purpose of discussing the question of the formation of a Pan Arab Federation.

At the same time it was learned here today that Sir Harold MacMichael, High Commissioner of Palestine, has indicated in private conversations in Palestine that the British White Paper, under which Jewish immigration into Palestine must be stopped next Spring, is "the last word" in British policy with regard to Palestine. The White Paper policy is also supported by the former Palestine High Commissioner, Sir Arthur Wachope, in a book published this week under the title "Islam Today."

The views expressed by Sir Arthur are bitterly criticized by Zionist leaders here. An article in the current issue of the Zionist Review, official Zionist organ, also takes issue with the former High Commissioner for his advice to the Jews to accept the White Paper "because its policy constitutes no danger for the legitimate aspirations of true Zionists."

Sir Arthur denies that there are possibilities for settlement in Transjordan. While praising the Jews, he insists that "not every immigrant Jew is a saint." He completely avoids any mention of the Jewish tragedy in Europe in connection with Palestine's immigration problem. "The superficial analysis of Sir Arthur Wachope is nothing but an enthusiastic support of the policy which attempts to destroy the Jewish National Home," the Zionist Review writes.

TEN FINNISH PARLIAMENTARIANS OBJECT TO EASING ANTI-JEWISH LAWS

STOCKHOLM, April 5.(JTA)-- Ten Finnish parliamentarians are reported today to have addressed a joint memorandum to the speaker of the Finnish parliament asking him to make a public statement with regard to the number of Jews in Finland and the official government policy regarding them.

The signatories state in their memorandum that they are informed that "the government intends to conform with the desires of foreign circles" and is ready to relax the anti-Jewish regulations as well as to discontinue the internment of Jews. "We wish to inquire as to the reasons which compel the government to abandon its previous attitude which was dictated by the interests of our country," the memorandum is quoted as asking.

SLOVAKIAN ANTI-SEMITIC LEADER ARRESTED AS THIEF; "ARYANIZATION" TURNS INTO RACKET

ZURICH, April 5.(JTA)-- The Slovakian press received here today reports that M. Hamala, one of the leaders of the Hlinka Guard, storm troop organization in Slovakia, who was particularly zealous in his persecution of the Jews, has been arrested on the charge of stealing articles from Jewish homes, many of which were found in his possession.

The Slovenska Pravda, a Slovak newspaper reaching here today from Bratislava, complains that corruption and economic disorganization accompany the "Aryanization" of Jewish property in Slovakia to a point where the word "Aryanizer" has become one of the most hated words in the country.

The paper reports that wives of influential pro-Nazi officials in Slovakia have been appointed to direct important Jewish enterprises. They are unable to conduct the businesses, but they have the Jewish owners working for them and are interested only in collecting the daily proceeds. The Central Economic Office, the article discloses, is now engaged in checking up on the activities of all "Aryans" who have been appointed to direct Jewish firms. "Those of them who will be found unsatisfactory as 'Aryanizers' will be removed from their posts," the paper states. In the meantime the article demands that "Aryans in charge of Jewish enterprises who are not able to conduct these enterprises without the aid of Jews, should be removed from Slovakia's economic life."

LUXEMBURG PRIESTS SENT TO CONCENTRATION CAMP FOR SHELTERING JEWISH CHILDREN

ZURICH, April 5.(JTA)-- Two priests in the Duchy of Luxemburg have been sentenced to five year terms in a concentration camp for sheltering Jewish children, according to reports reaching here today. The priests were charged with housing six Jewish children in their church for nearly two years, after the parents of the youngsters had been deported.

Information reaching here from Germany today states that the Stuttgart Institute for Research on the Jewish Problem was severely damaged during the Royal Air Force raid on that city.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN PALESTINE AND ITALY PERMITTED, RED CROSS ANNOUNCES

JERUSALEM, April 5.(JTA)-- The Italian Government will permit the exchange of letters between Palestine and Italy through the International Red Cross, it was announced here today by Red Cross representatives.

COMMITTEE IN RUSSIA CRITICIZES MISS SZOLD FOR STATEMENT NOT MADE BY HER

KUIBYSHEV, April 5.(JTA)-- The charge that Miss Henrietta Szold, leader of the Hadassah movement, is disseminating "irresponsible" information on the situation of Jewish refugee children in Russia is made today in a statement issued by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee here.

The statement reads: "The New York Herald Tribune of January 31 carried an interview by Dorothy Dunbar Bromley with the Zionist leader Miss Henrietta Szold who is organizing relief for Hadassah in Palestine. Miss Szold is reported as having said that at least 10,000 orphaned Jewish children must be taken out of Soviet Russia because 'no special provisions' are being made for them. Miss Szold does not mention the source of her information, nor does she explain why precisely 10,000 children must be taken out of Russia. She also does not say what kind of children and what are the 'special provisions' that are lacking. Miss Szold's irresponsible statement has no basis whatsoever."

(The statement attributed by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee to Miss Szold was not made by her according to information available here. The misunderstanding is due, apparently, to the fact that Dorothy Dunbar Bromley, after quoting a letter from Miss Szold concerning the Polish-Jewish refugee children, added, on the basis of other information which she received in the New York headquarters of the Hadassah, that "at least ten thousand more of these children, it is believed, remain to be taken out of Russia, which has been able to make no special provision for them.")

Hundreds of Orphaned Jewish Children Being Cared For in Special Homes

At the same time the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee today published a report stating that hundreds of orphaned Jewish children from Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, White Russia and the Ukraine are being sheltered in children's homes in Ivanovo-Voznessensk, about 160 miles east of Moscow.

Shortly after the Nazi invasion of Poland and the Baltic countries, many of the schools and children's homes there were moved to Moscow, the report said. Among these were the Beth Jacob home in Bialystok and the Druskin Gymnasium from Lithuania. When the Nazi threat to the Russian capital became acute last year, the children, together with their teachers and other members of the staff of the institutions, were moved farther eastward to Ivanovo-Voznessensk. Here they are continuing their education, including instruction in the Yiddish language and literature. At Ivanovo is also located a home for Jewish infants, where many youngsters are being cared for.

LONDON TIMES ADVOCATES BRITISH CITIZENSHIP FOR REFUGEES AIDING WAR EFFORT

LONDON, April 5.(JTA)-- The London Times, in an editorial discussing Britain's post-war policy on refugees, urges the granting of British citizenship "to all those who during the war fought or labored for Britain, or for the United Nations on British soil."

Pointing out that "it would be a comparatively small step" to make it possible now for these refugees to become British subjects, the editorial says that the final fate of the refugees of the world depends on the policies pursued after the war in the sphere of economics. "Everything turns on the question of whether the Governments of the high standard countries boldly embark on policies of expansion and full employment or whether they revert to a vain attempt, ultimately fatal to themselves as well as to others, to protect their standards of living by policies of restriction and exclusion," the article says.

U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICY IS "COLD AND CRUEL" SAYS CONGRESSMAN CELLER

NEW YORK, April 5.(JTA)-- The United States Government's immigration policy is both "cold and cruel," Congressman Emanuel Celler declared yesterday, addressing the eighth annual convention of the New York County Council of the Jewish War Veterans of America meeting here. Rep. Celler emphasized that America must play a more active part in bringing aid to the oppressed populations in occupied Europe.

"The State Department must revise its modus operandi with reference to passing upon admission of refugees," he asserted. "The present method is both cold and cruel. It lacks color and humanity. Even though reputable agencies endorse an applicant, it still carries no weight. I intend to fight this until I break it wide open." Efforts must be made to get rid of the "glacier-like attitude of the State Department," he asserted.

Temporary havens of refuge, Rep. Celler declared, must be set up in the Americas for those who are brave enough to escape from Nazi-dominated Europe. In addition, neutral nations in Europe must be encouraged to offer asylum to the oppressed Jewish refugees, he said. "I have investigated and found that we have sufficient ships to send food, clothing and medical supplies," he continued. "Were we, for example, to send supplies of this kind to Switzerland, Spain and Portugal, I am sure that these countries would be encouraged to further aid the Jewish refugee."

CONFERENCE OF FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS PLEDGES \$1,000,000 FOR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, April 5.(JTA)-- One million dollars was pledged as its quota in the \$25,000,000 national goal of the United Jewish Appeal, by the Council of Jewish Organizations of the UJA at a conference at the Manhattan Center yesterday. Three thousand delegates, representing fraternal, community and religious groups, with a membership of 500,000 persons, were present.

The conference was addressed by Dr. Joseph Schwartz, chairman of the European executive council of the Joint Distribution Committee, Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, Henri Torres, the well-known French-Jewish lawyer and others.

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATION ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS

NEW YORK, April 5.(JTA)-- The complete list of officers elected last night by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, following the closing of its 38th council was announced here today. At the same time the officers chosen to head the affiliated National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods were also made public.

The new UAHC officers are: President - Adolph Rosenberg, Cincinnati; Vice-Presidents - Harry N. Gottlieb, Chicago; Frederick F. Greenman, New York City; Jacob W. Mack, Cincinnati; Eugene B. Strassburger, Pittsburgh; Treasurer - Herbert C. Oettinger, Cincinnati.

The Sisterhoods will be headed by Mrs. Hugo Hartmann, Winnetka, President; Mrs. Abram Simon, Washington, D.C., Hon. President; Mrs. Louis A. Rosett, New Rochelle, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Edward Hart, West Hartford, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Julian Hennig, Columbia, 3rd Vice-President; Mrs. Aaron L. Lambie, Pittsburgh, 4th Vice-President; Mrs. Jessie Heiman, Little Rock, Treasurer; Mrs. Arthur Barnett, San Francisco, Rec. Secretary; Miss Jane Evans, Cincinnati, Exec. Director.

Jesse Cohen of Brooklyn was elected president of the Brotherhoods, and Arthur L. Reinhart of Cincinnati, executive secretary.