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ANGLO-AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES WILL OPEN IN BERMUDA NEXT MONDAY

WASHINGTON, April 12. (JTA) --The Anglo-American conference on refugee problems will open next Monday, April 19, in Hamilton, Bermuda, it was announced here today.

The British Government will be represented at the conference by three parliamentary undersecretaries. They are Richard K. Law, undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, Osbert Peake, undersecretary of the Home Office, and George Hall, undersecretary of the Admiralty. All three are members of the British Parliament.

The United States Government will be represented by a three-man delegation composed of Congressman Sol Bloom, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Senator Scott Lucas, Illinois Democrat, who is Senate president pro-tem, and Harold Willis Dodds, president of Princeton University, who will head the group.

R. Borden Reams, American Foreign Service officer who has been studying refugee problems recently at the State Department, will act as secretary to the American delegation. Howard Bucknell, Jr., head of the State Department's press section, will accompany the delegation as press officer. Other technical assistants will be announced later from Hamilton.

Congressman Bloom today declined to comment on his appointment. He said that he had not seen the agenda of the conference. Rep. Bloom did not expect that the American delegation would meet before leaving the United States, since its members will have time to get acquainted in Bermuda before the conference convenes. The delegation is scheduled to leave for Bermuda later this week.

## No Advance Agenda Drawn Up for Bermuda Parley

LONDON, April 12- (JTA) --No advance agenda has been drawn up for the Anglo-American conference on refugees in Bermuda since the parley is of an exploratory nature only, it was learned here today.

The conference will open with a general review of the refugee situation, presented by the person who will be appointed chairman. It will then discuss details in accordance with the principles of action which the delegates will agree upon.

In addition to the three parliamentary undersecretaries who will compose the official British delegation, the British Government is sending two of its chief experts on refugee problems to Bermuda. They are A.W. Grandall, head of the refugee department of the Foreign Office, and Lady Cheetham, a member of the same department.

## POLISH GOVERNMENT TO SEND JEWISH CONSUL ON IMPORTANT MISSION TO AMERICA

JERUSALEM, April 12. (JTA) --Dr. Henryk Rosmarin, former Jewish member of the Polish Parliament, who is now the Polish Consul in Tel Aviv, will soon proceed to the United States on an important mission for the Polish Government, it was announced here today.

Dr. Rosmarin, has been greatly interested in the situation of the Polish-Jewish refugees and has cooperated with Jewish leaders from Poland in preparing post-war plans for presentation to the Polish Government.

FRENCH JEWS APPEAL TO UNITED NATIONS TO SAVE THEM; DEPORTATIONS CONTINUE

LONDON, April 12. (JTA) --A desperate appeal to the United Nations from Jews in France, beseeching the Allies - on the eve of the Bermuda Conference on refugees - to take urgent action to save the Jewish population in the country, which, the appeal says, have been reduced to one-tenth of the pre-war figure, reached here today.

Emphasizing that the liquidation of French Jewry is proceeding in all parts of the country - with no distinction being made between native and foreign Jews - the appeal begs the democratic nations "not to confine themselves to words, but to undertake immediate action to save those who can still be rescued."

The appeal indicates that the deportation of Jews to Nazi-held Eastern Europe continues unabated. Entire families, including men, women and children, make up the transports which leave at fixed intervals from the notorious Drancy internment camp for Poland. The Drancy camp as well as others in various parts of France are constantly overcrowded. As one contingent of Jewish deportees departs other thousands are brought in to await their turn to be jammed into unsanitary, poorly ventilated cattle cars for the trip eastward. Many of the deportees die before reaching their destinations, the report states.

ALL JEWS IN BULGARIA ORDERED TO PREPARE FOR EXPULSION

STOCKHOLM, April 12. (JTA) --All Jewish communities in Bulgaria have been ordered to prepare for "evacuation" from the country, the Bulgarian Minister of the Interior declared in an interview with representatives of the foreign press, published today in the Swedish newspapers.

Bulgaria, the Minister said, is now solving the Jewish problem along the same lines as Germany, but is using "considerably milder" methods. It is not known as yet to where the Jews of Bulgaria will be deported, but all of them will have to leave the country.

The Bulgarian Minister explained that half-Jews will be treated as Jews. Exceptions will be made for holders of medals awarded for bravery. He added that according to the latest census, thirty per cent of the Jewish marriages which have taken place in Bulgaria since 1940 were mixed marriages.

JEWS POPULATION IN RUMANIA REDUCED TO LESS THAN HALF OF PRE-WAR TOTAL

STOCKHOLM, April 12. (JTA) --The Jewish population of Rumania which numbered 750,000 people before the outbreak of the war, including more than 100,000 now in the section of Transylvania annexed by Hungary, has been reduced to about 300,000, the Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet reports today.

Quoting a prominent Rumanian political leader whose name is not given, the paper says that "at least 126,000 Jews have been murdered in Rumania since the Rumanian government joined the Axis. In addition, 60,000 Rumanian Jews are now in the labor camps in Transnistria where mortality is great because of starvation, mistreatment and lack of sanitary facilities.

The article says that according to the latest Rumanian census, taken in May 1942, there were 272,409 Jews in Old Rumania as compared with 340,000 in the pre-war period. In Bukovina there were only 34,000 Jews left at the time of the census as compared with about 100,000 Jews who lived there before the outbreak of the war. No Jews were left in Bessarabia, where more than 200,000 Jews resided prior to Rumania's joining the Nazis. Many Jews in these two provinces were massacred, others were deported to Transnistria and some fled into Russia.

JEWS GREET BRITISH TROOPS ENTERING KAIROUAN; TOLD TO REMOVE THEIR YELLOW BADGES

LONDON, April 12. (JTA) --Jews and Arabs alike received with enthusiasm the first units of the British First Army when they entered the Moslem city of Kairouan, in Tunisia, yesterday, British war correspondents reported today.

Victor Bajaoui, leader of the local Jewish community, bid welcome to the first British soldiers who entered the city in armored reconnaissance cars. He was still wearing a yellow Mogen David which the Nazis forced all the Jewish population to don. He was told that no Jew in the city need wear a yellow badge any longer.

HADASSAH PRESIDENT HOPES BERMUDA CONFERENCE "WILL NOT TURN OUT TO BE A MOCKERY"

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) --The hope that the Bermuda conference on refugees "will not turn out to be a mockery" was voiced here today by Mrs. David de Sola Pool, national president of the Hadassah, addressing 2,000 members of the organization at a luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel marking the beginning of a nation-wide observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the sailing of the first Hadassah medical unit to Palestine.

Mrs. Pool disclosed that Hadassah is now training workers in this country to form a Hadassah Service Corps which will be sent to Palestine for reconstruction activity in the fields of vocational guidance, child care, and refugee rehabilitation after the war. She also announced the establishment of the Louis D. Brandeis Reconstruction Fund which will be set up with monies left to Hadassah in the will of the late Supreme Court Justice.

"We hope that the Bermuda conference will not turn out to be a mockery, a mere exploratory examination of the bitter problems of million of uprooted peoples, ours among them, but a forthright program of practical assistance which will make possible the speedy establishment of a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine," the Hadassah president said.

A warning that the solution of the Jewish problem will be the "acid test" facing the United Nations after the war was given at the luncheon by Arthur Lourie, secretary of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs. "If we allow ourselves the luxury of rosy fantasies of a post-war world in which the lion will automatically lay down with the lamb, and good-will will prevail among men, we exclude above all, those who cannot help themselves," he said.

AMERICANS OF EVERY RACE AND CREED MARK JEFFERSON'S 200th BIRTHDAY TODAY

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) --Fifty-five outstanding Americans of every race and creed, marking the 200th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson tomorrow, have contributed to the symposium "Thomas Jefferson: Then and Now" published today by the Bill of Rights Committee of the Council Against Intolerance, of which Herbert Bayard Swope is national chairman.

Mr. Swope, in his foreword to the book, points out that Thomas Jefferson profoundly affected George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. "Lincoln's political philosophy, in fact, was almost wholly Jeffersonian; he was the chief disciple of America's Apostle of Liberty," Mr. Swope writes. He emphasizes that "this foreword and the writings of the distinguished men and women which follow are efforts to bring Jefferson home to the people who owe him so much."

MODERN PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY EMANATE FROM ANCIENT JEWS, CHICAGO PROFESSOR SAYS

CHICAGO, April 12. (JTA) --Modern principles of democracy stem from the political ideals of ancient Israel rather than from Greece and Rome, which are usually given credit for the earliest formulation of democratic theories, William A. Irwin, professor of Old Testament Languages and Literatures at the University of Chicago, said last night in a public lecture at the University.

Dr. Irwin's talk on "Israel Among the Cultures of the Ancient Near East" was sponsored by the University's Oriental Institute. "The culture of ancient Israel has been greatly underestimated by the Western world," Dr. Irwin said. "Its great contribution to modern society has been almost completely obscured by Greece and Rome. As a matter of fact, Israel's democratic political ideals were unique in the Near East. We find there the age-long rivalry between human freedom and social regimentation.

"The ideals of the Oriental courts, with their notions of absolutism and the divine rights of kings were constantly opposed by the stubborn realism of the peasants of Israel and fiery idealism of the prophets, who would not submit to enslavement. These ideals of the common people and the freedom-loving prophets animated the struggle for freedom in Anglo-Saxon England, where western democracy has its roots," Dr. Irwin pointed out.

"England was heavily Bible-centered in the days of Alfred the Great and even earlier. It was the prophets' advocacy of freedom for all men which found expression in the Magna Carta, the Bill of Rights, and in Free National Assemblies, all of which served as patterns for the free institutions of America. In the course of centuries, Biblical principles have permeated the structure of society to a much greater extent than many people realize," Dr. Irwin stated. "At this very moment it is not the grandeur of Egypt or Plato's ideal city-state or Roman legalism that is shaping our course, but the dreams of some unknown Jews who hoped for a day when nations would beat their swords to plow-shares and their spears to pruning hooks."

"JEWISH FORUM" MARKS 25th ANNIVERSARY; RECEIVES GREETINGS FROM ROOSEVELT

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) --The Jewish Forum, a monthly orthodox publication, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary with a dinner at the Hotel Commodore last night at which representatives of three faiths emphasized American opposition to discrimination. Among messages of congratulation received by Isaac Rosengarten, the editor, were letters from President Roosevelt and Vice President Wallace.

HERMAN HOFFMAN WILL QUIT BAR ASSOCIATION IF IT BARS NEGRO

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Hon. Herman Hoffman, chairman of the board of directors of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League and president of the New York County Criminal Courts Bar Association, today demanded that the American Bar Association immediately reverse its position in refusing to admit to membership Francis E. Rivers, Assistant District Attorney of New York County and leading Negro lawyer. "I have valued my membership in this Association for many years, but its action in this instance will require my own resignation as a public protest," said Mr. Hoffman in his letter.

JDC LOAN COOPERATIVE FOR REFUGEES LAUNCHED IN BRAZIL

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Another step in the direction of making refugees in South America economically self-sufficient has been taken with the opening of a cooperative loan society in Rio de Janeiro, it was announced today by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.