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## U. S. REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETES PLAN FOR EVACUATION OF JEWS FROM BALKAN COUNTRIES

ANKARA, Turkey, March 12. (JTA) -- The first steps toward mass evacuation of Jewish refugees from Rumania and Bulgaria have been completed, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told today by Ira A. Hirschmann, representative here of the United States War Refugee Board.

Mr. Hirschmann revealed that Turkey has agreed to passage of 5,000 children to Palestine. He added that negotiations for a Turkish ship, capable of carrying 1,000 children at a trip, are shaping up for early settlement. The ship will pick up its passengers at Constanza, Rumanian Black Sea port, and take them to Haifa.

The British authorities, Hirschmann said, will provide Palestine visas and he is hopeful of getting a German safe conduct. At the present time, only about 100 persons weekly are allowed exit from the Axis-controlled Balkan states. They are allowed 24 hours to pass through Turkish territory.

### Jewish Children From Bulgaria Reach Palestine

HAIFA, March 12. (JTA) -- Fifty Jewish children from Bulgaria arrived here today. They were met by representatives of the Jewish Agency and taken to Jewish settlements where they will reside and be educated. The last group of Rumanian Jews who were held in Cyprus for more than two years also landed in Haifa today.

## DISMISSED JEWISH ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS IN RUMANIA CALLED BACK TO WORK

ZURICH, March 12. (JTA) -- All Jewish engineers and technicians who were dismissed from the large industrial war plants in Rumania for racial reasons have been reinstated, the Gazette de Lausanne, a Swiss newspaper, reports today.

The report discloses that Jews have also been called back to work at the Malaxa factories which are the largest in the country, producing the major part of Rumania's war material and railway stock. These factories were taken over by the Germans in 1940 and incorporated into the Hermann Goering Works, and the Greek owner Malaxa was jailed. Recently they were returned to the owner who was released to resume charge of the plants.

## NAZIS PLAN NEW MEASURES AGAINST FRENCH JEWS; MAY PROCLAIM STATE OF SIEGE IN ALL FRANCE

LONDON, March 12. (JTA) -- The Algiers radio today reported that the German occupation authorities in France are planning to intensify their anti-Jewish campaign, with native Jews as their chief target. The broadcast stated that a state of siege may soon be proclaimed all over France "with immediate measures against Jews" in connection with the expected Allied invasion.

A Belgian who recently fled here from his homeland told today how a Jewish woman deportee had her hands shot off by machine-gun fire when she tried to smuggle a letter to her family notifying them that she was being deported. When the train in which the woman, together with several thousand other Jews, was being shipped to Poland passed the station of Basselt, Belgium, she threw a letter out of the car. As she did so Nazi guards opened fire on her, riddling her hands which hung outside the car. A bystander braved the gun fire to pick up the letter and succeeded in sending it on to the woman's family.

MOST OF ROVNO JEWS KILLED BETWEEN FALL OF 1941, SUMMER OF 1942, EYE-WITNESSES REPORT

MOSCOW, March 12. (JTA) -- Almost the entire Jewish population of the city of Rovno, in the Ukraine, were massacred by German troops between the Fall of 1941 and the Summer of 1942, according to dispatches from Rovno appearing in the Moscow press today. The city was recaptured by the Red Army on February 5.

The first large-scale massacre of Jews occurred in October of 1941, when 12,000 men, women and children were taken to the Koreck Highway - ostensibly to be transported to a camp - and machinegunned. The remaining Jews in the city were killed in the summer of 1942. The only ones to escape execution were those who succeeded in fleeing to partisan groups in the vicinity or who secured shelter in the homes of friendly Ukrainians and Poles.

On Belya Street in Rovno, the dispatches state, are five large mass-graves. In three of them, hundreds of murdered Jews are buried. The Nazi extermination of the Jewish population was disclosed by eye-witnesses interviewed by the front-line correspondents.

JEWS ORGANIZATIONS AGREE TO AFFILIATE WITH FEDERATION BODY TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- All national and local organizations invited to affiliate with the new National Community Relations Advisory Council have officially accepted, it was announced today by Philmore J. Haber, of Cleveland and Edgar J. Kaufmann of Pittsburgh, chairmen of the organizing committee.

Participating in the first meeting of the new body at New York City, March 18-20, will be representatives of the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League and Jewish Labor Committee and the following communities: Baltimore, Boston, Brooklyn, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, San Francisco.

Launched at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds at Pittsburgh last month, the new body will begin at its first meeting to deal with the major problems of anti-Semitism confronting the Jews of America and will attempt to bring about joint policies for the national and local agencies which are attempting to meet them.

ANTI-IMMIGRATIONISTS IN CANADA INTENSIFY THEIR ACTIVITIES IN QUEBEC PROVINCE

QUEBEC, March 12. (JTA) -- Objections to mass immigration into Canada have been raised in the Provincial Legislature by members of the "Union Nationale" party, who are followers of the ex-premier, Maurice Duplessis, sponsor of an anti-immigration resolution in the Legislature.

Onesime Gagnon, one of Duplessis' lieutenants, argued that his opposition to immigration was not directed against any particular race, nor against individual immigrants, but against the idea of mass entry into Canada. He warned of the "danger" of such a movement and called on the Quebec government to use all means at its disposal to halt the threat. Reiterating his opposition to mass immigration, Mr. Gagnon pointed out that even the Arabs of Palestine did not want mass Jewish immigration.

ESTABLISH LARGE PARK IN TEL AVIV IN COMMEMORATION OF CITY'S FOUNDER

TEL AVIV, March 12. (JTA) -- The largest and most elaborate park ever to be established in this city was opened here today at ceremonies marking the 70th birthday of the late Meir Dizengoff, first mayor of Tel Aviv and one of its founders, after whom the park is named. The formal opening of "Gan Meir," "Meir's Park," was attended by the entire municipal council and representatives of the Palestine Government and Jewish institutions.

ROOSEVELT STATEMENT ON PALESTINE HAILED AT YESHIVA COLLEGE CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Delegates representing hundreds of Jewish organizations meeting today at a conference of the National Council of Fraternal and Landsmanshaften Organization sponsored by Yeshiva College at the Hotel Commodore, adopted a resolution commending President Roosevelt for his "sympathetic expression" in favor of Palestine as a Jewish National Homeland and urging Congress to adopt the pending Palestine resolution.

The conference heard Congressman Emanuel Celler and many distinguished educators and Jewish leaders, pay tribute to Yeshiva College and hailed the efforts to expand the college as symbolic of democracy's determination "to preserve its spiritual heritage and uphold the traditions of culture in a war-torn world."

HIAS TO SEND FOOD AND CLOTHING PACKAGES TO NEEDY PERSONS IN U.S.S.R.

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Americans who wish to aid their relatives and friends in the U.S.S.R., particularly those from Poland and the Baltic states who are now domiciled on Soviet territory, may avail themselves of the facilities of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society which has resumed its service of sending food and clothing packages to the Soviet Union.

An announcement of the arrangements that have been made by Hias, in cooperation with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, was made by Abraham Herman, president of the organization. Under the arrangement, the stockpiles of food and clothing which have been assembled by the Joint Distribution Committee in Teheran, Iran, will be utilized for this service. Packages weighing 11 pounds will be sent. They will consist of sugar, tea, marmalade, shirts, shoes, stockings, sweaters, skirts, blankets, soap and other articles. The cost per package ranges from \$21 to \$30 depending upon the contents. These amounts include the customs duty which is collected by the Soviet authorities, and the cost of packing, mailing and freight.

JEWISH LEADERS ISSUE CALL FOR NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF HEBREW MONTH

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- The annual observance of "Hebrew Month" was urged in a call issued today by leaders of national Jewish organizations and by noted educators and scholars at the annual dinner of the Histadruth Ivrit of America, National Organization for Hebrew Culture. Menchaem Ribalcw, editor of the Hadoar, the only Hebrew weekly publication outside of Palestine, was honored at the dinner on the occasion of completing thirty years of literary activity.

Among the signatories of the call were: Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress; Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council; Hon. Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund; Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith; Chaim Greenberg, leader of the Poale Zion Organization; Leon Gellman, president of the Mirachi Organization of America; Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Mark Eisner, chairman of the American Association for Jewish Education; Mrs. Judith Epstein, president of Hadassah; Dr. Israel Efros, president of the Histadruth Ivrit; and Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva College.

DR. STEPHEN S. WISE HONORED BY JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION ON 70TH BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise was the guest of honor tonight at a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel given by the Jewish Institute of Religion to mark Dr. Wise's 70th birthday, which he will celebrate on Friday. The Institute was founded by Dr. Wise. Speakers included Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, executive director of the Army and Navy Religious Activities of the Jewish Welfare Board, Chaplain Morton Berman, USNR, and Dr. Wise.