

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMS "MERCILESS WAR" ON JEWS; INTRODUCES YELLOW BADGE

STOCKHOLM, March 31. (JTA) -- All Jews in Hungary over six years of age will, as of next Wednesday, be obliged to wear yellow badges, it was announced today over the German-controlled Hungarian radio.

The announcement also said that Jews possessing telephones must report that fact to the police authorities within three days. Swedish newspapers today report that Hungarian authorities have already started removing telephones from Jewish homes.

The new anti-Jewish measures, which follow the pattern laid down by the Nazis in Germany and in occupied countries, were adopted at a session of the new Hungarian puppet cabinet held this week, after it was formed with Hitler's approval. No official communique was issued, but it is understood that the cabinet adopted "important decisions for the solution of the Jewish problem," the Budapest radio today reported.

The new Hungarian Minister of the Interior, in a broadcast over the Budapest radio, today announced that he will wage "a merciless war" against the Jews. "I stake my position on the liquidation of the Jewish elements and of the Socialists," he said.

Jewish Homes in Hungary to Accommodate 300,000 Bombed-out Germans

The Swedish press reports that the Hungarian Government has received an order from Berlin to provide housing for 300,000 Germans whose homes have been destroyed as a result of Allied air raids. These Germans, who are to arrive in Hungary next week, will be placed in the homes of Jews from Budapest and other Hungarian cities who are being arrested and deported. Hungarian official quarters estimated that there are 53,000 flats in Budapest inhabited by Jews.

The deportation of Hungarian Jews is now being speeded up. Herded into cattle trains, thousands of Jews are being sent to Czechoslovakia, while others have been placed in concentration camps inside Hungary. The Swedish newspaper Aftontidningen today reports that the Hungarian Primate, Justinian Cardinal Seredi has appealed to the German ambassador in Budapest for milder treatment "at least of Jews who have accepted Catholicism."

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT WIDENS POLICE POWERS ON DAY OF BANNING JEWISH IMMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, March 31. (JTA) -- Adhering to the terms of the British White Paper, which has not received the approval of the League of Nations and of the United States Government, the Palestine Administration today closed the doors of the country to Jewish immigration, with the exception of 20,000 refugees who may still enter. Immigration of Christians and Moslems will continue.

To prevent any possible disturbances the Palestine Government today issued an order empowering every policeman to arrest without any warrant and detain pending inquiries, any person who fails to provide satisfactory proof of his identity, or his reason for being in the place where he is apprehended. Persons arrested may be

detained for 48 hours. The Superintendent of Police may authorize further detention up to seven days, but must immediately report the circumstances to the Palestine High Commissioner.

A delegation of the New Zionist Organization today visited the Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government and pointed out to him that the organization, though adhering to a policy of active political struggle and propaganda for free Jewish immigration and for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State, is against violence or terror. The delegation expressed regret at the bloodshed and the damage caused by the recent outbreaks by Jewish extremist youths and urged that the Palestine Government take "sympathetic measures to calm the Jews of the country."

#### Polish Refugee Refuses to be Tried by Jewish Judge in Palestine

Meanwhile the Jewish press in Palestine today continued to demand that the 12-hour curfew imposed upon the Jewish population be reduced. The influential labor daily, Davar, emphasizes that the "unjustified length of the curfew is ruining economic life and is affecting business enterprises." The paper also complains against the rigid enforcement of the curfew and cites as an example the fact that a Jewish woman who rushed to her home three minutes after the curfew hour bringing milk to her children was detained over night.

A Polish refugee who was among 70 persons fined today for breaking the curfew regulations, refused to be tried by a Jewish magistrate. His case was transferred to a British magistrate who fined him twenty dollars.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi, terrorist organization, today issued a leaflet announcing the death of one of its members Elisha "killed by twenty tommy-gun bullets" during a battle with police. "The real name and the field of activity of the fallen hero are underground secrets which, if disclosed, might be useful to the enemy," the leaflet said. It added that "a new fighting group bearing the name Elisha will be established."

#### Government Criticized for Permitting Arab Incitement Against Jews

The Palestine Post, only English language newspaper in Palestine, today took the authorities to task for permitting Arab newspapers to publish inciting anti-Jewish editorials in connection with the recent terrorist outbreaks by small Jewish extremist groups.

Censorship rules prohibit publication of material tending to aggravate relations between Arabs and Jews. But following last week's outbursts, in which several British constables were killed by terrorists, the Arab press was permitted to publish editorials blaming the entire Jewish community for the outrages despite the fact that they had been denounced by all official Jewish bodies. The Post editorial raises the question of "how official indulgence could have been stretched to the point of tolerating such incitement."

#### U. S. Failure to Act Resulted in Closing Palestine to Jews, House is Told

WASHINGTON, March 31. (JTA) -- "Today marks another milestone in the sad history of a wandering race and not one to which the democracies can look with pride," Rep. Ranulf Compton, co-sponsor of the Palestine resolution, said today on the floor of the House.

"For our failure to act or even to protest," he charged, "the doors of Palestine close today -- because the imperialistic policy of the British Colonial Office is more important to the present Administration than furnishing a haven for millions of Hitler's victims in Europe."

"Last week," he continued, "the President of the United States, in what was

intended to be a sympathetic statement, asked the nations of the world to open their doors to the refugees of Germany and the suffering people of occupied countries -- well knowing that this was not practical. And yet he made no move and spoke no word to keep open the comparatively few square miles set aside in Palestine by all the nations for immigration of Jews. There are 600,000 of their kinsmen waiting, praying and earnestly offering a home for their stricken brethren, but all they receive is sympathetic words."

#### White Paper Isn't Britain's "Final Word" on Palestine, Zionist Say

LONDON, March 31. (JTA) -- The view that the White Paper is not British statesmanship's "final word" on the Palestine question was expressed here today by an official Zionist organ as the document's provisions banning further Jewish immigration and restricting land sales to Jews went into effect.

Declaring that "today is a significant date in the history of Palestine and the Jewish people," the Zionist Review states; "The White Paper, although it exists, is not seriously considered the final word of British statesmanship. The whole artificial edifice of half-truths and faulty arguments has broken down under the impact of the great events of the last five years." The editorial quotes Churchill's opposition to the White Paper, voiced before he became Prime Minister, during the debate on its adoption, and declared "Can anyone deny today that Churchill saw much further than the men of Munich?"

The Review contrasts the aid Palestine Jews have given the war effort with that given by the Arabs. It reveals that while 23,000 Palestine Jews enlisted the Arabs were able to recruit only 8,000 in Palestine, Syria, Lebanon and Transjordan together and that of these 5,000 "have already disappeared -- not in battle."

#### Jewish Groups in New York Protest Against Closing of Palestine Gates

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- The Agudas Israel Youth Council of America announced today that it has appealed to the British Government through its ambassador, Lord Halifax, in Washington, for immediate abrogation of the White Paper, "so that the doors of Palestine may remain open to Jewish refugees."

The council also appealed to President Roosevelt and John W. Pehle, executive director of the War Refugee Board, for intercession with the British Government on the White Paper.

The Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe reported that Gov. Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts and Gov. Olin D. Johnston of South Carolina today joined with the Committee in protesting against keeping the doors of Palestine shut to Jews. Governor Saltonstall pointed out that "the Jews of Palestine have reclaimed the desert and made the land bloom once more. Their upbuilding of their ancient land is truly considered one of the greatest of achievements of modern times. It is but elementary justice that the doors of Palestine be reopened to the fullest extent, consistent with military considerations, for the Jews of Europe against whom Hitler has so savagely expended his fury."

Colonel Morris J. Mendelsohn, president of the New Zionist Organization of America, at a press conference today issued a statement saying that "Under present circumstances, the White Paper is an actual death warrant to millions of Jews and is tantamount to Hitler's declaration of extermination against the Jewish people. By attempting to establish the policy of the White Paper, Britain will inevitably create a new 'Irish pocket' in Palestine and kindle in every Jewish heart a flame of hatred for British imperialists that will turn the Jewish people the world over into an 'international Ireland.'"

ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW GHETTO REVOLT WILL BE OBSERVED BY JEWS THROUGHOUT AMERICA

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Conference today issued a call to Jewish communities throughout the country urging observances on April 19th, the anniversary of the revolt in the Warsaw ghetto, in tribute to the Jewish heroes who lost their lives in desperate battle against the Nazi oppressors.

In New York, the observance will include a period of silence, a brief cessation of work and, in the evening, a meeting in Carnegie Hall. At 11.00 A.M. Jews in New York City will be asked to observe a period of silence for two minutes. At the beginning of the same hour, it is proposed that work by Jews cease in all New York shops and factories except in those plants engaged in war production. There will be brief addresses delivered in the plants.

GOVERNMENTS-IN-EXILE DECIDE ON MEASURES TO RESCUE JEWISH CHILDREN FROM NAZI LANDS

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- Various governments-in-exile located in London have undertaken a number of measures to rescue Jewish children from their homelands in occupied Europe, it was reported here today by Arieh Tartakower, a member of the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress and of the Representation of Polish Jewry, who recently returned from England.

The Governments-in-Exile are also working on projects dealing with reuniting Jewish families who have been separated by the Nazis during the occupation through deportations, Mr. Tartakower reported. The Polish Government has agreed to establish a special office to deal with relief for Jews in Poland under the direction of a Jewish official. The Netherlands Government in London has also undertaken to aid Dutch Jews exiled to Poland. The Free French have despatched, through underground channels, three Jewish representatives to arrange the rescue of Jews.

FARMER SENDS CONTRIBUTION TO REFUGEE BOARD; OFFERS TO TAKE IN FIVE JEWISH FAMILIES

WASHINGTON, March 31. (JTA) -- A Colorado farmer has sent the War Refugee Board a donation of \$100 "to help finance your program" and an offer to take in five Jewish refugee families "when the opportunity arrives," it was revealed here.

In a letter to John W. Pehle, the Board's executive director, Harry C. Rogers of Dove Creek, Colorado, expressed his own and his neighbors' gratification over the establishment of the Board and its "humane undertaking" of rescuing the Jews and other victims of Nazi persecution.

"I have been talking to some of my neighbors about the rehabilitation of the Jews as a personal responsibility and am finding fast response," he wrote. "Our bible teaches us 'we are our brother's keeper,' and this call from the persecuted Jews of Europe is the clearest and most appealing to Christianity that has been heard in 2,000 years.

"Enclosed is my check for \$100 to help finance your program. I want to offer you my personal assistance when the opportunity arrives and homes are sought for these people. I will take five families on my own farm and will see that they are sheltered under the principles of the four freedoms and tutored to love our constitutional government."

FIRST POLISH SOLDIER IN ITALY TO BE DECORATED BY BRITISH IS A JEW

LONDON, March 31. (JTA) -- The first Polish soldier in Italy to receive a British decoration for valor is a Jew, Lance Cpl. Bernhard Rosen, it is reported here today. Rosen, who has just been discharged from a military hospital somewhere in Italy, has been awarded the Military Medal for exceptional bravery.

CONGRESSMAN TELLS HOUSE OF JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO WAR EFFORT; ASKS END TO INTOLERANCE

WASHINGTON, March 31. (JTA) -- Tracing the contributions of the Jews to the spiritual, cultural and industrial development of America, Rep. James M. Curley, Massachusetts Democrat, yesterday appealed for an end to hatred and persecution -- "not in the name of tolerance, but in the name of justice and fair play" for the Jewish people throughout the world. "The persecution and oppression of the Jewish people by the Germans under Hitler must not be permitted in America," he declared in his twenty minute speech on the floor of the House.

"They have contributed freely of time, energy, money and life itself both in hours of peace and in hours of crisis, and as beneficiaries of their contribution, it is clearly our duty at this time to voice our protest against further persecution of the Jewish people whether it be in Germany or any other portion of the world," Curley said. "In every war in which the American nation has participated from the beginning of our Government," he continued, "they have been a potent factor, not only for the establishment of the Government - but for its preservation and perpetuation."

"The record of achievement by the people of Jewish faith in the present war," he said, "is now being written in their blood." Curley presented figures to prove that charges "levelled by propagandists" that Jews are to be found largely in non-combat service are false. He also inserted in the Congressional Record the names of more than 2,500 Jewish boys who have been given honors and awards.

NEW YORK CITY TEACHERS AND PARENTS FORM INSTITUTE TO STUDY INTERRACIAL PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- The New York City Board of Education and the United Parents Association have formed an institute to study problems of interracial and intercultural relations confronting both teachers and parents, it was announced here today.

According to the planning committee, the aim of the institute is "to clarify our thinking concerning the special educational needs of the children of minority groups, to help us understand the nature of the tensions and relationships between groups in American life, and to articulate the role that education might play in helping to unify the American people."

"JEWISH CIVIC LEADER" OF WORCESTER WINS AWARD FOR BEST ANGLO-JEWISH EDITORIAL

INDIANAPOLIS, March 31. (JTA) -- The first annual award for the best editorial appearing in an Anglo-Jewish publication during the year will go to the Jewish Civic Leader of Worcester, Mass., it was announced here today by Gabriel Cohen, editor of the Jewish Post, which is sponsoring the award. The winning editorial, entitled "Arm Your Children With Knowledge," was written for the Civic Leader by Rabbi Gersion Appel of Worcester. It is a plea for giving Jewish children a comprehensive Jewish education.

MAURICE SAMUEL GETS AWARD FOR "THE WORLD OF SHOLOM ALEICHEM"

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- Maurice Samuel's "The World of Sholom Aleichem" has been awarded the \$1,500 Ainsfield Award for the best book on racial relations published during 1943, it was announced here today by the Saturday Review of Literature, which sponsors the award. Second prize went to Roi Ottley's "New World a-Coming," dealing with current Negro problems.

"The World of Sholom Aleichem" is a picture of the Jewish life in Russia in the nineteenth century. It is, says the citation accompanying the award, "a clear portrayal of a distinctive group of individuals sometimes irrational, often whimsical, occasionally irritating, but always alive and genuinely human."