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### HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE GETS RESOLUTION URGING TURKEY TO ADMIT MORE REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, June 23. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the Turkish Government to speed up the entry of refugees from the Balkan countries and to establish in Turkey a refugee camp as temporary haven for people escaping from Nazi territory, was introduced today in the House of Representatives by Rep. Sol Bloom.

Earlier, the House Foreign Affairs Committee held public hearings on the resolution urging the House to protest against the persecution of Jews in Hungary and other German-dominated countries, and asking Secretary of State Cordell Hull to convey, through appropriate means, the sentiment of the House to the occupied countries. The hearing resulted in unanimous approval of the resolution by the Committee.

In the resolution which Rep. Bloom introduced today with regard to Turkey, the charge is made that full advantage has not been taken of the "great opportunities for the evacuation of refugees from the Balkan countries through Turkey." The resolution requests the State Department to impress the Turkish Government with the necessity to act "in the interest of humanity" since the United States "has made it clear by its action that it is determined to take all measures within its power to rescue the Jews and other victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death at the hands of the Nazis."

The Office of War Information today started beaming to Hungary and other occupied countries in Europe the resolution of the House Foreign Affairs Committee which also pledges post-war punishment of persons guilty of persecuting helpless people.

### British Parliament Urged to Join U. S. in Warning Hungary on Jews

LONDON, June 23. (JTA) -- Parliament was urged today to follow the example of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives and issue a warning to Hungary concerning the oppression of Jews and other minorities.

The lead editorial in the influential Manchester Guardian says that "the time has come when the United Nations should address the most explicit warnings to the Hungarian Government and to those obeying its instructions." The editorial points out that the United Nations are now much more powerful than they were in March, when Foreign Secretary Eden unsuccessfully warned Hungary to desist from further atrocities.

"Now is the time to strike hard by all means of propaganda - wireless, leaflets and accompanying bombs," the Guardian continues. "We must drive home to the rulers of Hungary and to all who abet them that they will be held personally responsible for the atrocities." Reviewing the action taken against Hungarian Jews up until now, the editorial concludes: "It will be a crowning tragedy if within a few months of the defeat of Germany, we see the sacrifice of the last big group of European unfortunates."

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TRANSJORDAN CABINET FEARS COUNTRY MAY BE OPENED TO JEWISH IMMIGRATION

CAIRO, June 23. (JTA) -- One of the motives behind the recent demand of the Transjordan cabinet for abrogation of the British mandate is the fear that as long as Transjordan is a mandated territory conjointly with Palestine, the mandatory power might reverse its present policy of barring Jewish immigration to Transjordan and open the territory to Jewish settlement, it was pointed out here today.

At the same time, it was learned here that the Syrian government has addressed itself to all Arab states asking them to join in sending a delegation to London to lay the Arab post-war claims before Allied leaders. The memorandum which was drawn up by Jamil Mardam Bey, Syrian Foreign Minister, referred to the possibility of a visit by President Roosevelt to London soon, and pointed out that important decisions may be taken during the visit.

The memorandum proposed that a delegation composed of Prime Ministers or Foreign Ministers of the Arab countries should proceed to London in the near future to take advantage of the opportunity and present their case to the leaders of the United Nations, particularly to President Roosevelt. It expressed concern over the fact that Prime Minister Churchill, in his speech on British foreign policy which he delivered in the House of Commons on May 24, made no reference to the Arab world although he reviewed extensively the Mediterranean situation.

Syrian leaders, the memorandum said, know of discussions held between British and American diplomatic representatives, including Major-Gen. Patrick Hurley. The British and the Americans see eye to eye with regard to their policy toward the Arab world, with the exception of Palestine, the memorandum states.

HUNGARY RESTRICTS JEWISH DOCTORS TO TREATING JEWISH PATIENTS

ZURICH, June 23. (JTA) -- Jewish doctors in Hungary, who have been exempt from the anti-Jewish laws because of the acute shortage of physicians, have been ordered to treat only Jewish patients, the Nazi Transkontinent press reports today. The order will be waived for doctors who served in the army. All Jewish physicians, however, must mark their nameplates with a "conspicuous Jewish star."

Hungarian newspapers have now taken up the cudgels for "Hungarian wheat." Several newspapers attack the Association of Bakers for not issuing orders that "only Hungarian and non-Jewish bakers may bake bread from Hungarian wheat." It asks that the association expel its Jewish members.

The Hungarian radio announced today that 2,000 libraries and 200 bookshops have already surrendered books by Jewish authors in their possession. "While the withdrawal of Jewish books is of inestimable significance in cleansing Hungarian spiritual life, the measure also effects a considerable economy in paper," the broadcaster said.

Hungarian fascist papers are clamoring for dismissal of officials who they claim are "pro-Jewish." One of their principal targets is Sandor Bernharth, mayor of Baja. The papers quote a statement made by him in 1937, when he openly announced that "despite the racial theory which is steadily developing in this century" he did not intend to break off his contacts with Jews.

Meanwhile, officials charged with carrying out the anti-Jewish laws have started a hunt in the universities for Jews who have denied their origin. Several such professors and instructors have been dismissed and other dismissals are pending.

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CONFISCATION OF JEWISH PROPERTY IN NORTHERN ITALY INTENSIFIED; FARMS SEIZED

ZURICH, June 23. (JTA) -- Thirty-five percent of Jewish-owned property in northern Italy has already been confiscated by the Nazi-controlled Mussolini puppet government, the Nazi Transocean news service reports today.

The dispatch says that 70 farms, belonging to Jews, with a total area of 15,000 acres, have also been seized. Joint stock companies have been instructed to report the names of Jewish stock-holders prior to June 30, preparatory to confiscation of their stock. In Milan and Turin, Transocean discloses, Jewish real estate has been expropriated, and in the province of Modena Jewish apartments are being taken over to house refugees.

JEWISH GUERRILLAS ESCAPED FROM WARSAW GHETTO WIFE OUT 2,000 GERMAN TROOPS

LONDON, June 23. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 German soldiers have fallen before the guns of a group of Jewish partisans who escaped from the ruins of the Warsaw ghetto last summer, it is reported in a message from underground sources received by the Polish Government-in-Exile here today.

After hiding for three months in the debris left after the German assault on the ghetto, a group of about 60 Jews evaded the Nazi guards by swimming through the city's sewers, which empty into the Vistula River. Across the Vistula, the group found a village where they were given food and hand grenades and told how they could obtain further arms by attacking a small German garrison nearby.

After hiding in the forest for several days, the Jews raided the Nazi outpost, wiping out 40 Germans and seizing their arms. Subsequently, they joined a Polish underground band and have been operating in eastern Poland ever since. The underground report says other groups of Jews have escaped from the ghetto ruins and joined the guerrillas.

M.Z.O. REFUSAL TO SUPPORT HEBREW LIBERATION COMMITTEE LEADS TO SPLIT IN PARTY

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- Refusal by the leadership of the New Zionist Organization of America to support the recently-formed "Hebrew Committee of National Liberation" has resulted in the revival of the old Zionist-Revisionist Party here by a dissident group composed of twelve active members of the M.Z.O.

The opposition group today issued a statement announcing the split and expressing its "wholehearted support" of the Liberation Committee. The group includes three ex-presidents of the Zionist-Revisionist organization, Prof. J. Smertenko, M. Danzis and Rabbi M. Rose. The statement emphasizes that the dissidents have decided to organize themselves as "the Union of Zionist Revisionists in the U. S." as result of the fact that the three-day session of the party council of the New Zionist Organization, which was held this week in New York, rejected a resolution urging support of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation.

JEWISH AGENCY MEMBERS LEAVING PALESTINE ON RESCUE MISSION

JERUSALEM, June 23. (JTA) -- Two members of the Jewish Agency for Palestine will soon leave Jerusalem for foreign countries in connection with activities concerning the rescue of Jews from occupied Europe, it was learned here today.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS AFTER WAR PLANNED

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- An announcement that it plans to call an international conference of organizations of Christians and Jews after the war was made here today by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, at the same time that it released a report stating that racial and religious intolerance in this country is waning.

pointing out that organizations similar to it are in existence in Great Britain, Canada and South Africa, the conference said that an international meeting would aid in the establishment of international solidarity and would encourage and strengthen education for better relations within participating countries.

Discussing the problem of intolerance here, the conference said that despite occasional flare-ups of anti-Semitism in the country, relations between the three largest religious groups are improving to an extent where tolerance is becoming a folkway in American society. Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the conference, said that there is more anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic and anti-Protestant talk, but asserted that this might mean only a growing awareness of intolerance rather than a manifestation of it.

CONVENTION OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS OPPOSES HOUSTON CONGREGATION

CINCINNATI, June 23. (JTA) -- The 55th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis opened here today at the Hotel Gibson, with 200 delegates in attendance, including a number of Army chaplains.

The convention approved a resolution adopted by the executive board of the C.C.A.R. commending its president, Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, "for his very able and comprehensive reply to the Congregation Beth Israel of Houston, Tex."

"We feel that he has forcefully expressed the present viewpoint of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and of Reform Judaism on the question raised by the Houston congregation, and we would recommend that the reply made by the president constitute the official response of our conference to Congregation Beth Israel," the resolution reads.

Today's session also approved the action of the representatives of the Central Conference of American Rabbis to the American Jewish Conference. Robert P. Goldman, former president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, welcomed the conference to Cincinnati.

AGUDAS ISRAEL CONVENTION CALLS FOR JEWISH UNITY IN RESCUE ACTIVITIES

FERNDALE, N. Y., June 23. (JTA) -- A call to Jewish organizations in the United States to display "unity of action for the rescue of European Jewry" was issued here today by Rabbi Eliezer Silver of Cincinnati, national president of the Agudas Israel Organization of America, addressing the fifth annual convention of the organization, which is being attended by 500 delegates from all parts of the country.

Rabbi Silver sharply attacked the Reform rabbinate, charging them with "imposing their leadership on Jewish organizations." Other speakers included Jacob Rosenheim, president of the World Agudas Israel Organization, Dr. Isaac Lewin and Rabbi Elime Meyer Block of Cleveland.

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