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DEPORTEES NOW REPORTED BOUND FOR PORT NEAR MARSEILLE; WILL NOT DOCK BEFORE MONDAY

NICE, July 25. (JTA) -- Reports from informed sources in Paris said tonight that the 4,500 Exodus refugees now en route to France on three British transports will probably arrive in Port de Bouc, a small town 30 miles northwest of Marseille, either Monday or Tuesday.

There was no explanation as to why the voyage from Haifa would take 10 or 11 days, nor why the deportation ships would not dock at Ville Franche, which was reportedly their original destination.

Dozens of Jewish Agency representatives have been stationed in all ports between Ville Franche and Sete. They are patrolling the coast on a 24-hour basis, using planes and boats to supplement watchers on shore.

Agency observers report that as of this evening no prefecture along the coast had received word from Paris concerning the ships' whereabouts, nor instructions to prepare for their arrival. Two French destroyers have left Toulon presumably to rendezvous somewhere in the Mediterranean with the three British warships conveying the ships. A radar ship is watching out for the convoy and special telephone lines have been installed to aid the police at points along the shore where communications facilities are limited.

The Agency representatives in Nice, who were in Sete when the Exodus left on July 11, told the J.T.A. that there are at least 600 women in advanced stages of pregnancy among the 4,500 and several hundred children. They anticipate that urgent medical aid will be required as a result of the rigors of the voyages to and from Palestine. The Agency aides are apprehensive that there will be mass violence if the British crews attempt to forcibly disembark the deportees.

Meanwhile, throngs of curiosity seekers from Riviera resorts were streaming into Ville Franche by cars, busses and trains. Crowds were reported converging on other ports which have been mentioned as possible destinations of the refugees.

### French Foreign Affairs Committee Queries Bidault on Exodus Incident

PARIS, July 25. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Georges Bidault was subjected to sharp questioning on the Exodus incident today when he appeared before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly.

Marcel Cachin, Communist chairman of the Committee, asked under what Anglo-French agreement were the deportees being brought back to France, while other members queried Bidault on different aspects of the deportation. When he refused to make a statement at the present time, several members said they saw no reason for secrecy.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, of the Jewish Agency, and Marc Jarblum, president of the Federation of Jewish Societies in France, conferred today with Minister of the Interior Edouard de Preux concerning the plight of the refugees. They thanked the Minister, whom they found sympathetic, for the humane attitude taken by the government.

SILVER SUBMITS JEWISH AGENCY PROTEST ON EXODUS DEPORTATION TO UNITED NATIONS

LAKE SUCCESS, July 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, today sent a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie charging the British Government with violation of the U.N. resolution calling on all peoples and governments to refrain from violence until the General Assembly arrives at a decision on the Palestine issue.

Citing the British action in condemning three Jews to death in Palestine and the seizure of the refugee vessel Exodus and the deportation of its passengers as specific instances of violation of the truce request, Dr. Silver pointed out that coming at this time when the U.N. Special Committee on Palestine is completing its work in Palestine, the British have "created in Palestine an atmosphere of utmost bitterness which cannot but be prejudicial to an early settlement." He also requested that the Secretariat circulate the letter to members of the U.N. Palestine Committee and to member states.

A U.N. spokesman told the J.T.A. that the letter would not be circulated since it did not originate with a member state or a governmental body.

CONGRESSMAN ASKS TRUMAN TO EXTEND PROTECTION OF AMERICAN FLAG TO EXODUS REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, July 25. (JTA) -- President Truman was today urged on the floor of Congress to extend the protection of the American flag to the 4,500 Exodus refugees.

Citing the 1924 Anglo-American accord on Palestine, Rep. John A. Blatnick, Democrat of Minnesota, asserted that the U.S. Government has a legal as well as a moral responsibility for the welfare of the immigrants. He termed the seizure of the blockade runner by a British naval patrol "piracy."

He also urged passage of a joint resolution introduced last week asking Secretary of State George C. Marshall to request the British Government to restore civil liberty in Palestine.

COLOMBIAN PRESS ASKS HAVEN FOR JEWISH REFUGEES IN AFTERMATH TO EXODUS INCIDENT

BOGOTA, July 25. (JTA) -- Leading sections of the Colombian press today defended the rights of Jews to enter Palestine and urged the admission of some Jewish refugees to Colombia, in an aftermath to the Exodus incident, which has aroused particular interest here, since the deportees were reported to have Colombian visas.

Attacking anti-Semitic comment in some papers, Assistant Editor Fernando Guillen Martinez, in a signed article in the liberal daily La Razon, describes Jewish resettlement in Palestine as an "unpostponable necessity." Martinez continues: "If the Jews falsified Colombian visas, this is of no importance to us. In their struggle this is not the first time British injustice has forced them to utilize this sort of weapon. The Colombian journalists have been too naive in believing this silly British provocation which tries to spread anti-Jewish passions against the legitimate right of the Jews to recover their country."

"Caliban", columnist for the official Liberal Party organ, El Tiempo, declared that "there is no place in the rest of the world for these poor human beings who have wronged nobody and who are victims of all kinds of iniquities. The world's conscience cannot be tranquil while Jews are denied the means of earning their livelihood." Asserting that all immigrants cannot be absorbed by one country, "Caliban" says: "But there is no country which cannot receive a proportional part of the Semitic immigrants...The Jews have converted Palestine's deserts into one of the richest agricultural centers of the world. What they have done there they can do anywhere."

HAGANAH ARMS CACHE DISCOVERED IN TEL AVIV BELIEVED TO CONTAIN \$750,000 IN WEAPONS

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- An arms cache discovered by police last night in a Tel Aviv engineering plant was today reported to be one of the largest Haganah arms dumps in Palestine. Informed sources estimated the value of the weapons at \$750,000.

No word has yet been received from the refugee ship Shivat Zion (Return to Zion) whose imminent arrival was announced last night in a Haganah broadcast. The announcer said there were 400 persons aboard. Four destroyers were dispatched to hunt it down.

A large number of troops cordoned off the colony of Bat Yam, adjoining Jaffa, at dawn this morning, and conducted a thorough search of the area. A curfew was imposed. It is believed that the troops were hunting two sergeants kidnapped in Nathanya two weeks ago.

Martial law continues in Nathanya, meanwhile, although no evidence concerning the whereabouts of the kidnappers or their victims has been discovered at the end of nine days of occupation. The 5<sup>th</sup> attacks by dissident groups, set off by the siege of Nathanya, has already cost 11 lives and brought injury to 66 people.

BRITISH OFFICIALS DENY JEWS WILL BE DISPLACED FROM BELSEN SOON TO ACCOMMODATE GERMANS

BELSEN, July 25. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Committee of Liberated Jews in the British zone of Germany were today informed that a plan to move Jews out of one section of the Bergen-Belsen camp and devote it to Germans repatriated from territory now in the hands of Allied nations, will not be put into effect in the near future.

The announcement of the contemplated action was made yesterday by Brigadier A.G. Kenchington, chief of the DP division of the British Control Commission in Germany. Today's assurances were given the Jews during a conference with high ranking British officers who said that they would wait until enough Jews had emigrated from the camp so that a section of it could be turned over to the Germans without displacing the Jews.

They also denied persistent rumors to the effect that a number of small camps for Jews, scattered throughout the zone, would be closed soon and their inmates sent to larger camps such as Belsen. However, the officers refused to guarantee that such action would not be taken sometime in the future, in line with Anglo-American policy to consolidate camps in the joined zones.

700 JEWISH REFUGEES LEAVE SHANGHAI TO RETURN TO FORMER HOMES IN GERMANY, AUSTRIA

SHANGHAI, July 25. (JTA) -- Seven hundred Jewish refugees stranded here for many years, today left aboard the UNRRA-chartered Marine Lynx to return to their former homes in Germany and Austria.

On the same vessel were some 60 refugees who are emigrating to England, Palestine, Syria, Switzerland and Ecuador, with the assistance of the Joint Distribution Committee.

THIRD SESSION OF PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION CLOSES

LAUSANNE, July 25. (JTA) -- The third session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization closed here today, after 10 days of deliberation. It will be convened again when the I.R.O. constitution comes into force, after the payment of 75 percent of its first year's operational budget by 15 nations.

IRO DECISION TO AID "VOLKSDEUTSCHE" PROTESTED BY AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, July 25. (JTA) -- Immediate reversal of yesterday's decision by the IRO Preparatory Commission to extend aid to "Volksdeutsche" from east Europe now in Austrian camps, was urged today in a cable sent to William H. Tuck, new American executive secretary of the Commission, in Geneva, by the American Jewish Conference.

Charging that IRO does not have sufficient funds to provide minimum care for bona fide displaced persons and refugees, the Conference quoted from the relief agency's constitution which clearly forbids aid to "persons of German ethnic origin, whether German nationals or members of German minorities in other countries."

"To divert aid from victims of Nazi persecution," the cable to Mr. Tuck declared, "to Volksdeutsche who served as Hitlerite fifth columns and willing collaborators in German atrocities, would destroy all remaining confidence and hope in the usefulness and intentions of the IRO."

RUMANIAN MINISTER ISSUES INSTRUCTIONS TO REGULATE UNAUTHORIZED EMIGRATION FLOW

BUCHAREST, July 25. (JTA) -- Rumanian Minister of the Interior Teohari Georgescu today called a conference of commanders of various frontier guard detachments to order tightening of curbs on unauthorized emigration across the borders.

The measures are expected to affect Jewish emigration, recently estimated at as high as 1,000 persons a week. It is authoritatively stated, however, that they are aimed at preventing the escape of highly placed leaders of the anti-Semitic Peasant Party, several of whom were recently taken off two planes.

Among those arrested was Ion Mihalache, vice-president of the party, who last year threatened the Jews of Rumania with violence, in a speech before an anti-Semitic group of university students.

JEWISH FARMERS IN SILESIA PLANNING HARVEST FESTIVAL; YOUTH GROUP LEAVES FOR PRAGUE

WARSAW, July 25. (JTA) -- The first harvest festival of Jewish farmers who have been resettled in Lower Silesia since the end of the war will be held in Rybach on August 1.

The Central Jewish Committee and the ORT have provided tractors and other agricultural equipment to assist the 255 farming families in the region to bring in the harvest. Jewish agriculturists occupy more than 4,000 acres of land in the Rybach district.

An announcement today said that for the first time since the liberation of Poland, a delegation of Jewish youth has left to participate in an international conference. They are among the Polish delegates to the World Youth Conference in Prague.

RUMANIAN JEWS ASK U.S. DOCTORS FOR AID IN CURING MYSTERIOUS ILLNESS AMONG DEPORTEES

BUCHAREST, July 25. (JTA) -- Rumanian Jewish organizations today appealed, through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, to medical circles in the U.S. for assistance in finding a cure for 600 persons suffering from a mysterious illness as a result of food eaten at the Vapnirca Camp in Transnistria, to which they were deported by the Antonescu regime. The victims are paralyzed in varying degrees and 43 are unable to walk.

The affliction, which has been named "latyrism," is reported to have appeared first after the deportees were fed exclusively on lentils for a period of weeks.

SENATE COMMITTEE VOTES TO DELAY ACTION ON FEPC LEGISLATION UNTIL NEXT YEAR

WASHINGTON, July 25. (JTA) -- The Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, in executive session this morning, decided to postpone consideration of the Ives-Quaker FEPC bill until next January, when it will be open for amendment by Committee members, chairman Robert A. Taft, Republican of Ohio, announced at a press conference following the Committee's session.

Taft said the Committee had accepted the recommendation of the Subcommittee, headed by Senator Forrest C. Donnell, Missouri Republican, that the Subcommittee was in general agreement on the purposes of the bill, but could not agree on the "exact terms" of the measure, and that further study be given to the measure by the full committee.

TWO LONDON BOROUGHES WITH LARGE JEWISH POPULATIONS MOVE TO CURB FASCIST DEMONSTRATIONS

LONDON, July 25. (JTA) -- The councils of two North London boroughs with large Jewish populations today announced measures to stem the growth of anti-Semitic activities in their areas.

Under the chairmanship of its Mayor, Alderman C.R. Watts, the Stoke Newington Council has called a public meeting for September to draw attention to "the very real danger of the revival of fascist organizations," and to take steps necessary to halt this movement. Councillor Pestell told the assembled council members: "We must arrest the growth of fascist and near-fascist parties stalking the borough in many varied guises."

In Hackney borough, Mayor J. S. Dalton informed the Council that Home Secretary James Chuter Ede had received a deputation from Hackney which reported on the anti-Jewish demonstrations which have been held in the area. Ede told the deputation that fascist activities were receiving his constant attention and that he was aware of the continuing and provocative actions. The Home Secretary has indicated that he does not favor specific legislation outlawing anti-Semitism.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL LEADER ASKS CHURCH TO BAR ANTI-SEMITES FROM MEMBERSHIP

NEW YORK, July 25. (JTA) -- Declaring anti-Semitism to be "not a Jewish problem but a Gentile disease," Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, president of the Synagogue Council of America, in an interview yesterday, urged that hatred for minority groups be declared a sin which will debar church members from the rights and privileges enjoyed by the faithful. It will do more to destroy the age-old crime of anti-Semitism than all the polite assurances of good will by creed leaders, which, the masses feel, are spoken "for reasons of policy," he declared.

Rabbi Rosenblum left by air yesterday for London. He will visit several European countries to make first hand observations and to confer with religious and civic leaders in an effort to point up American cooperation for stamping out the new wave of religious intolerance which is enveloping war-shattered countries. He will attend the Workshop Against Anti-Semitism in Switzerland, July 30 - Aug. 5.

FOUR GERMAN GUARDS HANGED FOR MURDER OF 500 JEWS IN LABOR CAMP

VIENNA, July 25. (JTA) -- Four German guards who were responsible for the death of 500 Hungarian Jews in 1945, in the forced labor camp at Gerau, Austria, were hanged here today.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE DELEGATION RECEIVED BY U.S. ENVOY IN FRANCE, LABOR MINISTER

PARIS, July 25. (JTA) -- Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, and Dr. Joel D. Wolfsohn, newly-appointed head of the Committee's European operations, were received here yesterday by American Ambassador Jefferson Caffery, who welcomed the Committee's decision to assist the Jewish committees of Europe and stressed the role it could play in combatting anti-democratic forces and defending Jewish rights.

French Minister of Labor Daniel Mayer last night tendered a reception to Drs. Slawson and Wolfsohn on behalf of both the government and the Socialist Party, of which he is a leader. He said that he was glad that the Committee had decided to work in Europe, where it could contribute to the building of a democratic system where all persons, regardless of race or religion, would live in equality. Many Jewish leaders attended the reception.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS REPRESENTATIVE CONFERRING WITH CZECH GOVT. ON RESTITUTION

PRAGUE, July 25. (JTA) -- Alex Easterman, political secretary of the World Jewish Congress, is conferring here with government leaders on restitution matters. He will leave for Geneva in a few days in connection with the imminent arrival there of members of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine.

FOUR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO LEAD WASHINGTON CHRISTIAN COMMITTEE FOR UJA

WASHINGTON, July 25. (JTA) -- Four Government officials have been named to head drives in their respective agencies for contributions to the Christian Committee of the 1947 United Jewish Appeal.

The Treasury Department will be represented by Edward H. Foley, Jr., Assistant Secretary, the Agriculture Department by Charles F. Brannon, Assistant Secretary, the Government Printing Office by Mrs. Maybelle G. Fickel, liaison officer, and the Interior Department by Dan H. Wheeler, consultant to the Office of the Secretary of the Interior.

SETTLEMENT FOR HUNGARIAN JEWS NOW IN CYPRUS TO BE BUILT IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, July 25. (JTA) -- The first step toward the founding in Palestine of an agricultural settlement to house and provide a livelihood for 8,000 Jewish refugees from Hungary, now held on Cyprus, was announced by Samuel Ohlbaum, former president of the United Hungarian Jews of America, who heads a provisional committee formed for the purpose by Hungarian Jewish organizations in New York City.

The program which is to be carried out through the Jewish National Fund in cooperation with the Jewish Agency, calls for the acquisition of an extensive land tract upon which the settlement is to be built. The settlement is planned as a memorial to the 600,000 Jews slain by the Nazis in Hungary.

MORDECAI ALPERSO, OLDEST ARGENTINE WRITER, SUCCUMBS AT AGE OF 87

BUENOS AIRES, July 25. (JTA) -- Mordecai Alperso, oldest Jewish writer in Argentina, died today at the age of 87. Born in Russia he came here in 1891 with his family as a member of one of the first groups to settle on Jewish Colonization Association land.

One of the founders of the Mauricia colony, Alperso was best known for his fictional treatments of Jewish life in the Argentine colonies. He was the author of "Thirty Years of Colonization in Argentina."