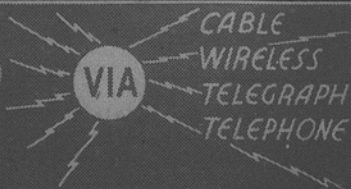


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SAN DOMINGO TELLS EVIAN BODY IT WILL ADMIT MANY REFUGEES

LONDON, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Dominican Republic (San Domingo) has informed the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee of its willingness to accept a large number of refugees under certain conditions, Major Frederick F. Charles, Dominican Consul-General in London, told the J.T.A. today in an interview aimed at clarifying reports regarding admission of refugees to the West Indian Republic.

In order to prevent confusion and difficulties which otherwise might result from large-scale immigration, Major Charles declared he had submitted to his Government a memorandum outlining his views on the question and suggesting that immigrants be settled on an organized basis in accordance with a prearranged plan. The memorandum indicates the manner in which ordered immigration might be arranged.

Major Charles said he was hopeful that an agreement could be reached between the Republic and the Intergovernmental Committee regarding admission of refugees. He expressed the opinion that the island was highly suitable for settlement and that such colonization would be beneficial both to the refugees and to the country.

He asserted that he had discussed the matter with members of certain Jewish organizations and had found them interested in the possibilities. Once a definite arrangement is reached between the Government and the Intergovernmental Committee, the Consul-General said, he will be ready to discuss definite schemes with interested organizations. If the projects are acceptable to the Government and the organizations, he will be able to work out details and final arrangements directly with his Government, he said.

The Dominican Republic, with an area of about 20,000 square miles, occupies the eastern portion of the island of Santo Domingo, between Cuba and Puerto Rico. It has a population of more than 1,500,000. The land is very fertile, about 15,500 square miles being cultivable. Principal industries are agriculture and stock-raising, and sugar, cacao, rice, corn and tobacco are the chief products. There are also as yet unexploited mineral deposits. The population is a race of mixed European, African and Indian blood, with Spanish as the official language and Roman Catholic as the State religion.

175,000 Quit Reich Since 1933

BERLIN, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- It was announced officially today that 175,000 Jews have emigrated from Germany since 1933, taking with them money and valuables amounting to approximately \$150,000,000.

ARABS MEET IN CAIRO TO MAP POLICY ON LONDON PARLEYS

CAIRO, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- A conference to map the Arab policy toward the forthcoming British-Arab-Jewish negotiations in London opened here today under the chairmanship of Egyptian Premier Mohammed Mahmoud Pasha. A communique issued after the first session said there had been "complete understanding" among all delegates. The only Palestine delegates present were Auni Bey Abdul Hadi, exiled secretary of the outlawed Arab Supreme Committee, and Dr. Hussein Khalidi, exiled ex-mayor of Jerusalem. A second session of the conference will be held Thursday.

League Council to Act in May

GENEVA, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The League of Nations Council today accepted British proposal to convoke an extraordinary session of the Permanent Mandates Commission after the forthcoming conferences on the Palestine question in London in order to draft a report for the May session of the Council at which the final decision on the future status of the Holy Land will be taken.

Jew Slain in Arab Attack

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- A Jew named Moshe Pollock was killed by Arab terrorists today between Haifa and Kiryat Bialik, bringing the toll of Jews slain in the last 48 hours to five.

U.S., BRITISH CZECHS TELL PRAHA THEY OPPOSE ANTI-JEWISH LEGISLATION

PRAHA, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Czechs living in America and England, it was learned today, have submitted a memorandum to the Czech Government registering their opposition to a proposed law curbing participation of Jews in the nation's economic and cultural life.

Meanwhile, it was reported that President Emil Hacha and a number of ministers are opposing introduction of radical anti-Jewish legislation. Some ministers are of the opinion that such legislation will be introduced only under foreign pressure.

It was learned that the Jewish problem will be outlined by Slovak Premier Joseph Tiso in a governmental declaration to be read tomorrow at the opening of the Slovak Diet. Dr. Tiso is expected to underline the principle of a "Christian outlook" and a proportional system for elimination of Jews from the professions.

Elimination of Jews from contacts between the Germans and the Czechoslovaks was one of six demands listed by the pro-Nazi German minority today for fulfillment by the Government. In a program published in the Prager Zeitung Dienst, organ of minority leader Ernst Kundt, the Germans called on the Government to grant them complete political liberty "equalling that of the German Nazis."

Pledges No Racial Laws in Carpatho-Ukraine

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The N.Y. Times, in a dispatch from Praha today, quoted Premier Augustin Volosin as follows on the Jews in Carpatho-Ukraine:

"There will be no racial legislation against our Jews, who amount to 12 per cent of our population. We regard them exactly as any other citizens. They are scattered throughout the country. Every village has its proportion of Jews. There may be legislation against certain evils with which some Jews are connected, such as charging too high rates of interest to the peasantry, but that will certainly not show either racial or religious discrimination."

ANTI-JEWISH BILL BEING MODIFIED BY CABINET, BUDAPEST HEARS

BUDAPEST, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Cabinet was reported today to have decided on important modifications in the proposed new anti-Jewish law, under which Jews would be limited to 7 per cent participation in Hungary's economic and cultural life.

The Catholic Bishop of the Waitzen Diocese, which includes Budapest, has prohibited discussion of the Jewish problem from the pulpit, declaring a solution should be left to the Government and politicians. The national executive committee of Catholic Action has issued a pamphlet denouncing totalitarianism and violent methods of solving the Jewish problem.

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Imredy Denies He is Part Jewish

BAJA, Hungary, Jan. 17. (Havas) -- Denying charges by political opponents that he is part Jewish, Premier Bela Imredy today scouted reports of a "non-Aryan" maternal great-grandfather named Jacob on his family tree. The Hungarian government chief protested that he came of pure Magyar and German stock and said he had documents available for inspection in his office which would prove it.

SENATE CONFIRMS FRANKFURTER'S APPOINTMENT TO SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- By voice vote and without dissent, the Senate today confirmed President Roosevelt's nomination of Prof. Felix Frankfurter to the Supreme Court. Confirmation has been recommended unanimously by the Judiciary Committee.

GEORGE BACKER NAMED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN ORT FEDERATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- City Councilman George Becker has been elected president of the American ORT Federation to fill the post vacated by the death of B. Cherney Vladeck, it was announced today by Louis B. Boudin, acting chairman. Mr. Becker has for the past several years taken an active part in Jewish communal affairs, serving as president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, national vice-chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, chairman of the sponsoring committee of the World's Fair Palestine Pavilion and in other posts. He was elected Dec. 8 to the City Council seat held by Mr. Vladeck, upon nomination of the American Labor Party.

RISE OF MYSTIC JUDAISM PREDICTED AT CINCINNATI TEMPLES PARLEY

CINCINNATI, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Our generation may see the development of a strong mystic movement in Judaism comparable to the mysticism which followed the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland prophesied tonight, addressing a joint session on "Religion in Present Day Life" of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the federations of Jewish brotherhoods and sisterhoods. Denouncing dictatorships, Rabbi Silver said that "the law of the Duce, the Fuehrer and the commissar ensues when the law of God disappears." The Jews, he said, need religion today more than any other people.

Earlier in the day, Rabbi J.X. Cohen, chairman of the Commission on Economic Problems of the American Jewish Congress, attacked Jewish employers who discriminate against Jews in employment as giving "a grievous exhibition of Jewish self-hate." Jacob Billikopf of Philadelphia criticized the impression that refugees displace native Americans in employment, saying that for the most part they created their own employment.

Albert F. Mecklenburger, Chicago attorney and former second vice-president, was tonight elected president of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, succeeding Samuel B. Finkel of New York. Yesterday, Alfred M. Cohen, Cincinnati attorney and former president of B'nai B'rith was elected president of the council of the union.

SHEEAN, IN MAGAZINE ARTICLE, VOICES HIGH PRAISE OF J.T.A. BERLIN REPORTER

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Victor H. Bernstein J.T.A. correspondent in Berlin, is described as "the able and courageous correspondent in Berlin of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency" by Vincent Sheean, noted newspaper correspondent and author, in a survey of the persecution of Jews in Germany appearing in the February issue of Redbook magazine. Mr. Sheean quotes from the summary of events in Germany written by Mr. Bernstein in a Rosh Hashonah article last September.

The German persecution, Mr. Sheean says, differs from previous oppression of Jews in that it is "total." He declares: "It recognizes no exceptions, tolerates no protest, considers no variation or mitigation of the main line of policy. That policy is firmly fixed and boldly proclaimed. It is the intention of the National Socialist Party dictatorship in Germany to rob the Jews of their material possessions and thrust them penniless into the outside world. Whatever incidental suffering may come to the Jews during the process by means of physical indignity, murder, beatings, starvation or distress of soul, is regarded by the Nazi regime as a natural and desirable thing -- partly a punishment for the misdeeds of the Jewish race, partly a practical means of hastening the emigration of all German Jews to other lands."

REFUGEE DRIVE NETS \$250,000 IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- It was announced today that 475,000 guilders (about \$250,000) was collected during the December campaign for refugee aid, representing the highest amount ever realized in a national collection in Holland. Of the total, 180,000 guilders has been allotted to the Jewish Refugee Committee, with 90,000 guilders each to the Jewish children, Catholic and Protestant committees.

BRISCOE, IRISH JEWISH DEPUTY, SEEKS TALK WITH ROOSEVELT ON REFUGEE PLAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Robert Briscoe, only Jewish member of the Dail Eireann and a leader of the New Zionist Organization, left today for Washington where he said he hopes to see President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull to ask support for his plan to transfer 1,000,000 Jews to Palestine in two years.

Mr. Briscoe, who arrived on the Britannic last Saturday said he would ask President Roosevelt to use his influence with the British Government to the end that Britain, "one, recognize that the mandate covers all of Palestine, including Transjordan, and two, open Palestine's gates for the transfer of a million people in two years."

In an interview at the Hotel Biltmore before leaving for Washington, Mr. Briscoe said that while the transfer of 1,000,000 Jews could be accomplished in two years "their settlement is another question." The million, he said, would include "the 600,000 in the Nazi inferno" and the remainder from Poland, Hungary, Rumania and other parts of Eastern Europe.

NEW "DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE" HITS RACE PREJUDICE

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Holding that the spread of totalitarian doctrines demands a reassertion of free democratic principles, the National Student Federation of the United States made public today -- on Benjamin Franklin's birthday -- "A Redecclaration of American Faith," modeled on the Declaration of Independence and signed by 63 leading citizens of the country. The declaration condemns race prejudice and those who "have spread calumniation against other groups of our citizens, seeking to stir up superstitious fears and incite persecution."

"SEND ME NO FOOD; I WANT NO PLEASURE," GRYNSZPAN SAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Herschel Grynszpan, slayer of a German Embassy official in Paris, wants no one to send him food because "I don't want to have any pleasure out of life," and he would like to have been taken back to Germany to die, telling the Nazis at the last moment "that they are cruel beasts and torturers." A letter written to a friend from his prison cell is published in Liberty magazine and was enacted on the True Story radio NBC hour tonight.

"NON-ARYANS" IN HOLLAND TOLD TO ADD JEWISH FIRST NAMES

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- German "non-Aryans" living in Holland were notified by the German Consulate General today to add the names of Israel or Sara to their given names, in conformity with the Nazi law which went into effect in Germany on Jan. 1.

BULLETIN

ASUNCION, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Ten deputies today introduced into the Paraguayan Parliament a bill to prohibit Jewish immigration completely. Visas issued to European Jews had been cancelled by a retroactive Government decree issued on Nov. 18, causing the detention of 500 refugees in Montevideo, Uruguay, when they arrived en route to Paraguay.