

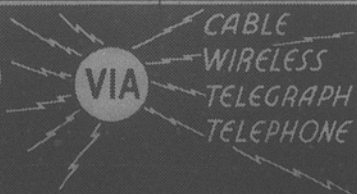
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Almost all the Jews ordered expelled have lived in Munkacs for many years and all their children were born there. Among those ordered to leave is the city's Chief Rabbi. Foreign Jews living in other sections of the ceded territory are also affected by the expulsion campaign. Of an estimated 90,000 Jews residing in the territory, the authorities declare that at least 4,000 families must leave as foreigners, chiefly Poles, Rumanians and Yugoslavians.

The authorities have also begun a roundup of German Jews, of whom more than 50 were arrested today in Budapest alone. Their German passports being valid, the authorities threaten to deport them to Germany unless the Budapest Jewish Community agrees to build special barracks for them and to maintain them at the community's expense. Representatives of the Jewish community will intervene with the Interior Ministry in behalf of the arrested German Jews and will also seek cancellation of the expulsion orders against the Munkacs Jews. A community representative has been dispatched to Munkacs to investigate the situation.

Meanwhile, Justice Minister Andreas Tasnadi-Nagy is scheduled to report to the Lower House tomorrow on his bill "to limit Jewish participation in the cultural and economic life" of Hungary. If the measure is adopted, the Hungarian Jews will be placed in a situation similar to that of the Jews in Germany and Italy. In addition to limiting Jews to seven per cent participation in the nation's economic and cultural life, the bill provides for revision of naturalizations and authorizes the Government to introduce measures for enforced Jewish emigration.

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FOREIGN JEWS IN ITALY IN RUSH FOR VISAS AS EMIGRATION DEADLINE NEARS

ROME, March 6. (JTA) -- With only six days left before the edict for expulsion of foreign Jews goes into effect, hundreds of Jews were today trying desperately to obtain visas for any country while hundreds of others fortunate enough to have obtained their visas were leaving daily. Following an announcement that the port of Tangiers has been closed to refugees, who up to now were permitted to enter without visas, Siam became the last hope for many of the foreign Jews. Hundreds of them have been applying for Chinese visas as well.

Hopes that the March 12 expulsion deadline would be prolonged are vanishing. Thousands of applications for extension of stays in Italy, filed since last September when the expulsion edict was issued as one of a series of anti-Jewish measures, have gone unanswered. Only a handful of extensions have been granted, including one for a German girl employed for many years by the Rome Consulate of the United States.

While those without prospects of a place of refuge have abandoned hopes of escaping, most American and British Jews have declined to apply for extension, refusing to accept the discrimination. United action by the American and British embassies on these individual cases is considered probable. There is not, however, any indication of general foreign intervention on behalf of Jews scheduled for deportation.

JEWS REPORTED CONSIDERING PROPOSAL FOR BI-NATIONAL STATE IN ARAB FEDERATION

LONDON, March 6. (JTA) -- The News-Chronicle reported today that a plan envisaging a bi-national state in Palestine, in which Arabs and Jews would cooperate on the basis of ultimate numerical and political equality, was being considered by the Jewish Agency and if approved would be submitted to the Government as the Jewish alternative to the British proposal for an Arab-controlled state.

The plan provides chiefly for retention of the mandate, coupled with a new attempt to secure Arab-Jewish cooperation. For a trial period of one year, the Jews would undertake to do everything possible to make the experiment work, including undertaking of development schemes in which the benefits would be shared by the Arabs. Following this period, the Government would establish a legislative assembly with Arab and Jewish representation on a basis of political and numerical equality. This would continue for ten years, during which Jewish immigration would be allowed until numerical equality with the Arabs had been achieved. At the end of the decade, the bi-national state would be set up and would be federated with Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the Transjordan, Yemen and possibly Syria.

The News-Chronicle declared editorially that abandonment by Great Britain of the Balfour Declaration would have most unfortunate results. Breaking of the pledge, the newspaper said, would disastrously affect the prestige of the Colonial Empire, Jewry the world over would be alienated from Britain and public opinion in the United States would be "profoundly disturbed." The editorial concluded by urging reconsideration of partition "which at least gives a measure of justice to the Arabs and permits us to keep faith with Jewry."

Sixty per cent of Britons polled on the question of whether the British Government should continue its policy of allowing Jewish immigration into Palestine replied in the affirmative, it was revealed by the News-Chronicle. Fourteen per cent answered in the negative, while the remainder expressed no opinion. The survey was conducted by the British Institute of Public Opinion.

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Agency's Arab Expert Urges Program of "Pan-Semitism"

JERUSALEM (JTA -- By Mail) -- A program of "Pan-Semitism" as a basis for peace between Arabs and Jews in Palestine was outlined to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by Haim Margalith-Kalvarisky, 76-year-old former head of the Arab Department of the Jewish Agency, on the eve of flying to London to join the Jewish advisory committee at the Palestine conferences.

Mr. Kalvarisky's plan, in brief, envisions: 1) Palestine as a "bi-national" State with a constitution providing for "parity" between Jews and Arabs, no matter which is numerically predominant, 2) a federation of Semitic countries, including Palestine, with provision for Jewish immigration into Arab States under protection of international guarantees.

The plan was worked out in detail by Mr. Kalvarisky many years ago after consulting the views of Jews and Arabs, and its details have been modified from time to time to conform to prevailing conditions. The idea, in its broad outlines, is supported by a group of prominent Jews in Palestine and by a number of prominent Jews abroad.

"But perhaps more significant at the present juncture," Mr. Kalvarisky said, "is the fact that this program has in the past repeatedly been accepted favorably as a basis for negotiations by major Arab leaders who were in a position to speak authoritatively."

5 Arabs Killed, 6 Jews Wounded in Disorders

JERUSALEM, March 6. (JTA) -- Disorders continued in various parts of Palestine today, with six Jews wounded and five Arab terrorists killed in the past 24 hours. An American-trained physician, Dr. Abraham Tobias Sternberg, 49, was one of two Jews wounded today. Dr. Sternberg, who is a native of Palestine but received his medical training in Baltimore, was shot in the Arab quarter of Safed, where he is director of the Government Hospital. Five members of an Arab band were killed and several others wounded in a clash with police in northern Palestine yesterday following a land mine explosion in which four Jews were wounded.

ROOSEVELT, ACCEPTING AMERICAN HEBREW MEDAL, STRESSES RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

WASHINGTON, March 6. (JTA) -- "The national conviction that every man has an inalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience" was reiterated today by President Roosevelt as he was presented by General Hugh S. Johnson with The American Hebrew Medal for Promotion of Better Understanding Between Christian and Jew in America.

"I am proud to receive this award," the President said. "I like the broad spirit of good will which prompts the bestowal." I like also to think that no matter how diverse, conflicting and mutually contradictory our views may be on a number of questions and policies -- there remains one issue upon which we are in complete accord. Embodied in the Federal Constitution and ingrained in our hearts and souls is the national conviction that every man has the inalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

"After all, the majority of Americans, whether they adhere to the ancient teaching of Israel or accept the tenets of the Christian religion, have a common source and inspiration in the Old Testament. In a spirit of brotherhood we should, therefore, seek to emphasize all those many essential things in which we find unity in our common Biblical heritage. If we labor in that spirit, may we not hope to attain the ideal put forth by the prophet Micah: 'What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with thy God?'

General Johnson, in making the presentation, said: "Jews, Catholics and Protestants, your political followers and those who disagree with you, had no hesitation in making the

award. It represents their conviction that you have done more than any man to reconcile the silly differences of these separate but kindred faiths to universal brotherhood in fear and love of God." Joseph H. Biben, publisher of The American Hebrew, was another speaker.

President Roosevelt's Purim message, which he has sent to the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, states: "Every festival which commemorates a milestone in the long and hard-fought struggle to achieve human freedom should appeal to all lovers of liberty. The struggle, which is symbolized in the defeat of Haman's plot to destroy the Jews in the reign of King Ahasuerus, is one which has been waged without ceasing in all the centuries that have followed. And now, more than ever, we realize that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

PELL RETURNS FROM "SUCCESSFUL" BERLIN TRIP; REICH DRAFTS JEWS FOR LABOR

LONDON, March 6. (JTA) -- Robert T. Pell, American vice-director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, returned today from Berlin declaring he had had a "very successful" trip. It is understood that no new negotiations took place during the visit, Mr. Pell merely presenting the committee's reply to the German memorandum on emigration of Jews, supplementing it with oral explanations on a number of points.

It is believed in committee circles that the machinery for an orderly exodus has been put into operation and its effective functioning will depend largely on the committee's success in opening places of settlement. Mr. Pell is expected to return to Berlin in the near future, developments necessitating close contact between the Germans and the committee by frequent visits of the committee's officials.

Mr. Pell's return from Berlin coincided with the issuance by the Reich Government of a decree for employment of Jews in public and private enterprises. The order, signed by Dr. Friedrich Syrup, president of the Institute for Labor Placement and Unemployment Insurance, had the approval of Economics Dictator Hermann Goering. It states:

"The State has no interest in leaving the working power of employable workless Jews unutilized and perhaps even having to support them from public funds without return service. An effort must be made to employ all workless and employable Jews as soon as possible and combine therewith the release of German workers for urgent and important State-political projects.

"The employment of Jews occurs in enterprise departments, in building construction, soil amelioration, etc., separate from followers ("Aryan" workers). I therefore request you immediately to influence public and private enterprises in your district to provide such work. It is assured that contractors and their enterprises will not suffer disadvantages by the employment of Jews. Jews in the sense of this decree are Jews of German State membership and Stateless Jews suitable for work."

Jews from Danzig Put on Palestine-Bound Steamer

BUCHAREST, March 6. (JTA) -- A group of 427 Jews expelled from Danzig last week arrived at Constanza today and were put on board a Palestine-bound steamer.

450 Refugees Arrive in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, March 6. (JTA) -- A group of 450 European Jewish refugees arrived here today, bringing the total to nearly 4,000, the majority of whom are subsisting on charity.

POLAND, RUMANIA REACH AGREEMENT FOR JOINT ACTION ON JEWISH EMIGRATION

WARSAW, March 6. (Havas) -- Rumanian Foreign Minister Grigore Gafencu announced today at the close of his important parleys here that he and Polish Foreign Minister Jozef Beck had agreed that the Polish and Rumanian Jewish problems could only be solved on an international basis. In a statement to the press, the visiting statesman said he had asked Beck to bring this problem, which is similar in both countries, to the fore during his forthcoming talks with British Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax in London.

Reinstatement of Jewish Lawyers Ordered in Bucharest

BUCHAREST, March 6. (JTA) -- The High Court today ordered the reinstatement of a number of Jewish lawyers expelled by the Bucharest Bar Association during the revision of citizenships. At the same time, Istrate Miclescu, head of the Bar Association and Foreign Minister in the Goga Cabinet, announced at a meeting of Christian attorneys that no Jew would in the future be admitted to the Bucharest Bar Association.

HACHAM MOSES GASTER DEAD IN LONDON AT 82; NOTED AS SCHOLAR

LONDON, March 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Moses Gaster, retired chief rabbi of the Sephardic Community of Britain and a famous scholar, died last night at the age of 82.

Born in Rumania, Hacham Gaster was expelled from his native land in 1885 for leading a protest movement against persecution of Jews. He settled in England and later rejected an offer of the Bucharest Government to return to Rumania. However, he complied with a request of the Rumanian Government to write a report on the British educational system, which was accepted as the basis of education in that country. In England, Dr. Gaster lectured at Oxford University and for many years played a leading part in Jewish secular and religious life. In later years, although almost completely blind and in poor health, he remained intellectually alert and took a close interest in Jewish affairs. In 1934, he created a stir by suggesting a League of Nations loan to finance wholesale emigration of Jews from Europe to America and Africa. Later developments proved his prediction that a large part of the Jews of Europe would have to leave.

Dr. Gaster was one of the early Zionist leaders and was associated with Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of political Zionism. He was vice-president of the first Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland, in 1897. During the World War he was prominent in the negotiations leading up to the issuance of the Balfour Declaration by the British Government. An enthusiastic adherent of the Hebrew language, he was responsible for the making of mechanical adjustments in the typewriter that made possible the marketing of the first Hebrew typewriter. His wife, seven daughters and six sons survive him.

PATRIARCH CRISTEA, RUMANIA'S ANTI-SEMITIC PREMIER, DIES AT RIVIERA

CANNES, France, March 6. (JTA) -- Patriarch Miron Cristea, anti-Semitic Premier of Rumania, died here tonight of bronchial pneumonia. He was 71. Patriarch Cristea, chosen by King Carol to form a government in February, 1938, after the dissolution of Octavian Goga's cabinet, carried out a revision of Jewish citizenships and the program of ousting the Jews from Rumania's economic, political and cultural life which had been initiated by his predecessor, but along less radical lines.

The Patriarch had been Premier once before, in 1925, and was one of the three regents after the death of King Ferdinand in 1927. He attracted attention by a series of violent anti-Semitic statements in which he demanded expulsion of Jews from Rumania as "a plague" and charged they were "sucking the marrow from the nation's bone."