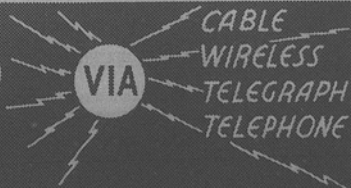


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400 REFUGEES, BARRED BY PALESTINE, PUT BACK TO SEA IN SMALL SHIP; FOOD SUPPLY LOW

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- The little Greek steamer Assimi, its captain jailed for attempting to smuggle immigrants into Palestine, put out to sea today with an over-capacity load of 400 Jewish refugees who were refused permission by the British authorities to land at Haifa.

In a moving last-minute appeal to be allowed to land, the refugees had charged that the 350-ton vessel had no life boats and was inadequately supplied with lifebelts and food and water.

Issued through the newspapers, the appeal by the refugees said: "We, fugitives from Nazi persecution and from German concentration camps, appeal to the civilized world and the British Government to save us. Following weeks and months on the high seas aboard a frail vessel, we were halted at the shores of Palestine, our only hope after all countries had refused help, and kept ten days under appalling sanitary conditions, the sick urgently needing treatment. Suffering terribly, we are unable to stand the torture longer. Now there are rumors of an intention to drive us to the open seas without life boats and with insufficient lifebelts and food and water. Where shall we go and why must we suffer this slow, cruel death?"

The Assimi was captured by a Coast Guard patrol on April 11 while trying to land 240 refugees. On Monday another Greek vessel arrived with 160 refugees, who were transferred by the authorities to the Assimi. Captain Pagolitis of the Assimi was sentenced by the Haifa District Court yesterday to nine months' imprisonment and a fine of \$500.

The Hebrew newspaper Davar reported today that Jewish school children who staged demonstrations in Jerusalem, calling upon the authorities to admit the Assimi refugees, were dispersed by the police who made two arrests.

All branches of the League for the Rights of Man cabled the National Council of Civil Liberties in London asking help for the Assimi passengers and proposing establishment of a refugee camp in Palestine. "Returning them to sea," the cables said, "means a death sentence."

CHRISTIAN NOTABLES BACK WAGNER-ROGERS BILL; APPROVAL BY SUBCOMMITTEE HELD CERTAIN

WASHINGTON, April 21. (JTA) -- Leading Christian personalities joined Government leaders today in supporting the Wagner-Rogers bill for admission of 20,000 refugee children in two years as hearings on the measure continued today before a joint immigration subcommittee.

Speakers for the bill included Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, representing Cardinal Mundelein on the Non-Sectarian Committee for German Refugee Children; Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; the Rev. Dr. Maurice Sheehy, of Catholic University; Newbold Morris, president of the New York City Council and treasurer of the non-sectarian committee; former Wisconsin Governor Philip LaFollette, Senator William H. Smathers, Representative Edith Nourse Rogers and Katherine Lenroot, chief of the Women's Bureau.

Asked by Senator William H. King if the reported horrors in Europe were overestimated Mr. LaFollette, who has just returned from Europe, replied: "They are underestimated. It is a great mistake to call this a Jewish-Catholic question. It affects the entire population. After leaving Germany, I constantly looked over my shoulder to see who was listening."

In reply to a question by Representative Charles Kramer, Mr. LaFollette declared that a "secret, untrammelled vote would show 75 per cent of the German population opposed to the present regime."

Miss Lenroot estimated that the child foster load in the United States would be expanded only eight per cent by the admission to this country of 20,000 refugee children. Dr. Cavert said there was no public question in which ministers were more sympathetically interested, regarding it as a practical expression of the spirit of religion.

Senator Smathers termed the bill "a wonderful piece of legislation," with which he was "heartily in accord." Asked by Senator Arthur Capper if the measure would interfere with adoption of American children, Representative Rogers, its House sponsor, said that there were more applications for adoption on hand than there were children. She reminded the committee that "we were all aliens once."

Dr. Sheehy predicted that 10,000 to 15,000 adoption applications would be filed within 48 hours after the bill was passed. Declaring there was ample room in the United States for a limited number of the refugee children, he said: "Defeat of the measure will be interpreted as a triumph of the Nazi policies. There is a temporary madness or insanity besetting the German Government which the German people do not share."

Bishop Sheil urged that America "do its share to preserve the sanctity of the lives of children." Mr. Morris said that all children admitted who could not be placed in private homes would be taken care of by privately subscribed funds in a foster home. He pledged that the full transportation cost and other obligations would be met.

Senator Robert Reynolds (Dem., N.Car.) was present at today's session as a listener. He is preparing an opposition argument, but the bill is believed certain to be reported favorably and probably unanimously to the full immigration committees.

Others testifying for the bill were D. Robert Yarnell, of Philadelphia; Elizabeth Eastman, of the Young Women's Christian Association; Jacob Kapocs, of the Jewish Children's Bureau in Chicago, and Robert C. Dexter, of the American Unitarian Association.

PRAGUE REPORTED ORDERED BY BERLIN TO PROCLAIM NAZI ANTI-JEWISH LAWS

PRAGUE, April 21. (JTA) -- An attempt to link Jews with Communism failed today when a number of Nazi leaflets were found among bundles of Communist literature planted by unknown persons among tombstones of the new Jewish cemetery here. The Nazi leaflets had evidently been accidentally included.

The Nazi-controlled Czech newspapers have started a campaign demanding introduction of the Nuremberg race laws in the "protectorate" of Bohemia-Moravia. Rumors spread that President Emil Hacha would return from the Hitler birthday celebrations in Berlin with orders to introduce the anti-Semitic laws immediately.

To celebrate the German leader's fiftieth birthday yesterday, the municipality of Assig decided to confiscate the beautiful gardens formerly belonging to the Petschek family, wealthy Jewish industrialists, and present them to the community.

DIFFERENCES IN HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT DELAY ANTI-SEMITIC LAW

BUDAPEST, April 21. (JTA) -- Promulgation of the second anti-Jewish law will be considerably delayed, it appeared today, because of differences between the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies with regard to amendments offered by the former. A joint commission of the lower house yesterday rejected the principal amendments added to the bill by the Senate.

If the Chamber also rejects the amendments, as is expected, it will necessitate calling of joint commission sittings of both houses to be followed by joint plenary sessions. If an agreement is not reached then, the text of the bill as originally voted by the lower house will be submitted to Regent Nicholas Horthy for final decision. It is believed in some political circles, however, that the Chamber of Deputies will be dissolved before this stage is reached, leaving final action on the bill to the new lower house.

Dr. Armin Pataki, head physician of the Municipal Hospital at Szekesfehervar, committed suicide by taking an overdose of morphine because he feared for the fate of his children and grandchildren under the pending law. He was 86 years old.

POLAND PREPARES TO BALK NAZI COUP IN DANZIG; 2 WOUNDED IN CLASH

DANZIG, April 21. (Havas) -- Two Danzig Nazis were seriously wounded last night in a clash which marked German celebration of Chancellor Hitler's birthday with clear warning that Poland was prepared to battle any aggression from outside or within the Free City. Polish authorities feverishly rushed undercover preparations against any attempted coup. No troop movements were to be seen, but Polish sources disclosed that all routes leading in and out of Danzig were well protected.

While the Fuehrer's birthday passed in comparative calm, new rumors circulated that the Nazi "putsch" had now been set for April 28, when Chancellor Hitler goes before the Reichstag to answer President Roosevelt's peace plea.

Despite the wholesale arrest of opposition leaders, Danzig was flooded with copies of an anti-Nazi tract reviling the privations caused by Nazi domination and declaring, "enough of Hitler!" Six persons were arrested. Nazis in turn broke the windows of the

Polish school at Sidlice and smeared the walls with the warning: "Out with Poles! The Poles took matters into their own hands, attacking a uniformed band of Nazis. Two pro-Hitlerites were seriously wounded.

Poles insisted that any threat to Danzig would provoke war. There may be 15,000 or more armed storm troopers here, it was said, but the Poles are ready for anything.

Deriding the Nazi theory of "guns instead of butter!", the anti-Hitlerite tract said: "Heil Butter!" It declared: "Come as our guest, Hitler. Give us half of what you have promised. First you took butter and fats from us. Now you want to take away our margarine. Give us not a single plate, nor herring, but what you yourself eat. The cattle are becoming fodder, the people without butter, mouths without bread....punishments become more and more severe, and the people more and more lean. That is why we thank you."

PALESTINE RUSHES CIVILIAN DEFENSE; ANTI-GAS PROTECTION PLANNED

JERUSALEM, April 21. (Havas) -- Measures to defend Palestine's coasts against any possible aggression were being rushed tonight by authorities, with a ring of floating mines already thrown around the port at Haifa.

Civilian defense is also being elaborated by the Government. Experts ordered to draw up a plan for anti-gas protection have recommended formation of corps of specialized nurses and education of the population by special police detachments. Installation of a network of detector wires over cities to signal the approach of enemy aerial squadrons by setting off alarm sirens was also recommended.

192 Congressmen Urge Palestine Open Door

WASHINGTON, April 21. (JTA) -- One hundred and ninety-two members of the House of Representatives declared that abandonment by Great Britain of its Mandate over Palestine "would not only erase the one ray of hope remaining for the Jewish refugees of Europe but would jeopardize the lives and threaten the safety of nearly half a million Jews now dwelling in the land of their fathers," in a statement released by the American Zionist Bureau. Previously 28 Senators signed a similar statement.

Zionist Parley Pledges 'Determined Fight'

WARSAW, April 21. (JTA) -- East European members of the Zionist General Council adopted a resolution today declaring that despite differences in the estimates of the Palestine situation they were determined that all Zionist groups continue the fight alongside of the Palestine Jewish community for realization of Zionist ideals. The action followed a report by Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

ITALIAN JEW SENTENCED FOR MARRYING GREEK JEWESS WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMIT

TRIESTE, Italy, April 21. (JTA) -- Because they married in violation of the new Italian racial laws, an Italian Jew and his Greek Jewish wife were sentenced here today to ten days in prison and a fine of 100 lire (about \$5). The case was the first of its kind since the laws went into effect making it mandatory for any Italian desiring to marry a foreigner to secure special permission from the Interior Ministry. The court rejected an explanation that the couple had secured a regular civil license before the law became effective.

RACIAL BIGOTRY CONDEMNED AT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, April 21. (JTA) -- All forms of racial bigotry were condemned today at a semi-annual meeting of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. Bishops on the administrative board warned Christians to be on guard against racial prejudices. They voiced regret at the prevalence of propaganda in the interest of systems and theories antagonistic to the principles of democracy and the teachings of Christianity. They cited the opinion of the late Pope Pius XI that it was not possible for Christians to take part in anti-Semitism.

COMMUNITY COUNCILS ORGANIZED IN 46 CITIES, RISE OF 29 SINCE 1935

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- Community councils are becoming an increasingly popular form of Jewish community organization, according to an article in the current issue of Notes and News, published by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. At least 46 cities either have established or are in the process of organizing councils. In 1935, there were only 17 such agencies in existence.

Events abroad and "their reverberations in America" are cited in the article as among the main reasons for the current development of community organization and the growth of the Council movement. The pressure of these conditions, it is asserted, has "increased the awareness among Jewish groups of the necessity for unity of action on issues of concern to all Jews."

5 BOYCOTT GROUPS FORM JOINT COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- Formation of a Coordinated Boycott Committee was announced today combining the efforts of the Volunteer Christian Committee to Boycott Nazi Germany, the American Boycott against Aggressor Nations and the Joint Boycott Council.

JEWISH AGRICULTURAL BODY FORMED IN CANADA

MONTREAL, April 21. (JTA) -- Aiming at the promotion of Jewish interest in farming and vocational agricultural training, the Canadian Jewish Agricultural Association has been formed with headquarters in Montreal. Principal aim of the association was stated to be the awakening of Canadian Jewry "to the crying need of re-directing their energies and ingenuity to agriculture."

Jewish model farms will be established close to cities with large Jewish populations and appeals will be made to Jewish communal centres and educational institutions to make the cultivation of land by Jews in Canada one of their prime objects.

YOUTHS TRAINED BY ORT QUIT POLAND FOR AUSTRALIA

WARSAW, April 21. (JTA) -- The first group of youths trained in the ORT handicraft schools in Breszc-Litewski and Sarna have left for Australia. They will be joined en route by ten children from the group of deportees from the Reich interned at the Polish border station of Szbonszyn. Their emigration is sponsored by the ORT and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.