

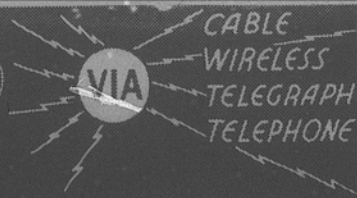
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CUBAN BILL TO SEEK DEPORTATION OF 4,000; GERMAN LINE FIGHTS BARRING OF REFUGEES ON ST. LOUIS

HAVANA, June 1. (JTA) -- President Federico Laredo Bru today issued a decree ordering the Hamburg-American Line's agent to arrange for immediate departure of the liner St. Louis with more than 900 refugees aboard. Lawyers for the line said they planned to appeal against the ruling on the ground that the decree does not become effective until published in the official gazette.

Meanwhile, Pedro Mendieta, chairman of the Immigration Committee of the House of Representatives, announced that he planned to introduce a bill providing for the deportation of all European refugees who have arrived here since Nov. 1. He estimated the bill would affect about 4,000 persons.

The St. Louis was originally scheduled to sail on Tuesday, but ship's officers delayed the vessel's departure in hope the ban against the refugees' disembarkation would be lifted. With threats of trouble and mass suicides aboard the steamer increasing, Captain Wilhelm Schroder addressed letters to President Bru and to the German Legation here declaring that he could not be responsible for what happens aboard his ship if the passengers are forced to return to Germany.

A desperate appeal, reportedly signed by 230 children, was drafted by the refugees to be sent to President Bru's wife. The President has also received many cables from Christian philanthropic organizations in the United States urging that the refugees be allowed to land. Although Lawrence Berenson, who is here with Miss Cecilia Razovsky on behalf of the National Coordinating Committee for Refugees in New York, continued conferences with the authorities, there appeared to be no sign of relaxation of the Government's policy. "The Government is determined to maintain the immigration laws inflexibly," declared Presidential Secretary Alonso Puchol.

Meanwhile, immigration authorities at the Cuban port of Santiago refused permission to land last night to 14 Jewish refugees who arrived aboard the French liner St. Domingue. The ship proceeded to Haiti, where it was thought the refugees might be given entry.

Argentina Bars 78 on German Ship

BUENOS AIRES, June 1. (JTA) -- Port authorities refused to let 78 Jewish refugees land here yesterday from the German liner Monte Olivia. Denied entry to Paraguay, which was their destination, it is believed the refugees will return to Hamburg aboard the same ship.

SHIP WITH 906 REFUGEES CAPTURED ON PALESTINE COAST; ARABS ACTING AS INFORMERS

HAIFA, June 1. (JTA) -- A Coast Guard vessel today captured, north of Jaffa, the 537-ton steamship Leisel, with 906 Jewish refugees aboard, and brought it into Haifa harbor. The Leisel flew the Panama flag but is of Rumanian origin. Government inspectors reported that the ship was in clean and orderly condition.

The passengers, including 500 women and 60 children, and the crew were imprisoned aboard the ship. The captain stated to the authorities that the refugees had been brought to a Rumanian port aboard a German and a Yugoslavian vessel, from which they were transferred to the Liesel. The Government announced in a communique that the passengers came from Germany, former Czecho-Slovakia, Poland and Rumania.

It was ascertained that Arab fishermen are now informing the police about suspicious vessels sighted off the coast.

Meanwhile, 424 Jewish refugees from Danzig who had been wandering on the high seas since March and had found shelter in the island of Crete appealed to Jewish organizations in Tel Aviv for food and clothing.

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5 More Jews Arrested

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- Three Jewish special policemen and two watchmen were arrested today at Kalmania near Kfar Saba in the police round-up in the vicinity of the Arab village where five persons were slain on Monday.

Meanwhile, a delegation of the Jerusalem Jewish Community visited District Commissioner Edward Keith-Roach to protest against his order closing Jewish cinemas, cafes and principal bus routes.

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Palestine Plans Air Raid Precautions

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government, it was learned today, is preparing an Air Raids Precautions program, including distribution of a half million gas masks in the principal cities and strategic areas.

ZIONIST COMMITTEE HITS CALL FOR DEMONSTRATION ON KING'S ARRIVAL

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- The National Emergency Committee for Palestine, in a statement today, voiced "emphatic disapproval" of anonymous circulars calling for a demonstration against Britain's Palestine policy when King George and Queen Elizabeth arrive in the United States. Resistance to the White Paper "bears no relation whatever to the visit of the royal heads of Great Britain," the statement said.

The committee also made public a statement of Dr. Charles S. MacFarland, general secretary emeritus of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, opposing the new British policy. He expressed the belief that Christians in Palestine would not welcome a return to Arab rule, that it would be unjust to place the Jews under an Arab administration and that Jewish refugees have a right to look to Palestine "in this unhappy hour."

Hadassah, reporting an increase of 19,000 members since Oct. 1, bringing the total to 85,000 in the senior and junior divisions, said that the increase since May 1 had been at the rate of 275 daily, indicating that "indignation over the issuance of the White Paper has aroused new interest in Palestine among widespread groups of Jewish women throughout the country."

MOSELEY PRAISES HITLER FOR 'SOLVING' RACIAL PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, June 1. (JTA) -- Major-General George Van Horn Moseley, retired, continuing his testimony today before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, praised Adolf Hitler for solving "the racial problem" in Germany and spoke of his proposals for suppressing Communism in the United States. "Hitler had certain problems that he has solved," Moseley said. "He has reestablished Germany's foreign trade and he has solved the racial problem. While I might not approve his methods, I approve his accomplishment in giving Germany back to the Germans."

Copies of anti-Jewish journals were found scattered around the hearing room when Representative Arthur Healey (Dem., Mass.), acting chairman in the absence of Martin Dies, resumed his examination of the retired Army officer who has been linked in testimony to an anti-Semitic plot.

Moseley said he had often advised patriotic organizations to study the situation in each city and make plans to seize water supply, electric lights and police headquarters in the case of emergency. He said this could be done "lawfully" by deputized men, not by vigilantes.

"I think the committee should go out and breath some pure, loyal American air," he shouted at one point, rising from his chair. "General, you have good audience," snapped Healey, as the audience went into an uproar. Moseley turned and waved his hand in salute to the crowd.

He was questioned lengthily about "Uncle" Dudley Pierrepoint Gilbert's reports of a pending "Jewish-Communist revolution" to take control of the Government. Moseley has a file of 20 of these reports, he said.

James Campbell, anti-Semitic propagandist, wrote that he was sending copies of General Moseley's speeches to patriotic organizations in every state who would resist "efforts of subversive forces now in control of this Government." "The sooner we recognize these people and stop treating them like human beings, the better it will be for our country," wrote Campbell to Moseley.

Moseley denied he had ever favored Campbell's plan that military courts be set up everywhere and that the military forces, through these courts, take over the Government of the United States. "If there are Jewish courts they (military courts) might be a good thing," Moseley said. "You know, the Jews have their own system of courts in New York City." He defended Campbell as "an honest-to-God American" and as "quiet, dependable and not at all neurotic."

Moseley's trips through the country were financed by others, it was revealed. One to Indianapolis was paid for by a Republican committee. A trip to Boston was financed by the Sentinels of the Republic. Moseley also got a \$100 honorarium from this group.

Rhea Whitley, committee counsel, made public Campbell's letter urging that "Uncle" Dudley's reports on "Jewish-Communism" be submitted to General Malin Craig, Chief of Staff of the Army, "with care taken to see they do not get into hands of the administration."

CHURCH LEADERS WARN AMERICANS AGAINST PROPAGANDAS OF HATRED

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- Warning against "hatreds deliberately fomented against cultural groups by unscrupulous or misled individuals," more than 550 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish lay and clerical leaders joined today in a plea to Americans to repudiate doctrines which "pit class against class," promote racial and religious hatred and aim to destroy liberty. The churchmen, asserting that "there is no place in the American democracy for prejudice or bitterness, whether racial or religious," called upon "the different races, religions and creeds in our American democracy" to "emphasize anew a mutual respect and hold fast to the ties of goodwill which bind us together."

"We summon every American," the pronouncement said, "to rededicate himself to America's ideals of political liberty, religious freedom and equality under God. We call on every American to seek out his brother and join with him in common tasks of building a society based on goodwill, justice and peace, so that we stand united as a bulwark of defense against doctrines which deny the validity of these ideals." The pronouncement, circulated under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and made public by Everett R. Clinchy, director, was jointly drafted by the organization's three co-chairmen: Prof. Arthur H. Compton of the University of Chicago, Prof. Carlton J.H. Hayes of Columbia University, and Roger W. Straus.

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Coughlinites Accused of I.R.T. Sabotage

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- A trial board of the Transport Workers' Union has found Thomas H. Stack, head of the Social Justice Club in the Bronx, guilty of organizing the sabotage campaign which tied up the I.R.T. and elevated service last Feb. 7, it was disclosed today. Twenty-seven other members of his Coughlinite club were accused as ringleaders in the campaign, aimed at breaking a union contract with the I.R.T. management, but decision was reserved in their cases.

ITALIAN CABINET MODIFIES RACIAL LAWS

ROME, June 1. (JTA) -- The Italian Cabinet has decided that children of a Jewish father and a non-Jewish mother are not Jewish and can if they wish take their mother's name, it was learned today. The Cabinet also has ruled that non-Jewish Italians with names that generally are considered Jewish can change them if they so desire.

Any wills made by a Jew and specifying that the beneficiaries must retain their Jewish faith, henceforth will be considered null and void, the Cabinet decided.

DeTESSAN ADDRESSES FAREWELL LUNCHEON HERE

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- Francois De Tessan, member of the French Chamber of Deputies, today urged world Jewry to support the ORT program of vocational and agricultural training as a permanent solution to the problem of the uprooted and economically dislocated Jews. M. De Tessan, who sails June 6 on the Ile de France after a five-week visit in the United States spoke at a farewell luncheon given at the Lawyers' Club by George Backer, President of the American ORT Federation.

LATE HAVANA NEWS

HAVANA, June 1. (JTA) -- After a conference with President Bru tonight, Lawrence Berenson of the National Coordinating Committee for Refugees in New York, said "the President expressed the deepest sympathy for the plight of refugees and the unfortunate situation of the St. Louis passengers. He said Cuba has the greatest sympathy for political and religious refugees. However, the sovereignty and jurisdiction of the Republic cannot be flouted."

Berenson said President Bru told him he would refuse to discuss the refugee problem further until the liner was withdrawn from Cuban territorial waters.

Following a conference with Hamburg-American Line officials, customs Director Miguel Varona said he believed it impossible for the St. Louis to sail before tomorrow, because she must be stocked with food and water. He added that line officials had voluntarily agreed to comply with President Laredo Bru's decree. He said however that clearance papers had not yet been applied for, and that the ship's destination was therefore unknown.

Port police aboard the liner said they had witnesses many pathetic scenes among the refugees, as the latter still held hope of landing. They recounted that the women and children, tearfully huddled in groups on the deck, had hardly slept for the last two nights.

It was rumored that the St. Louis would possibly sail at midnight to avoid possible panic aboard.

Bad faith on the part of the Cuban Government was charged tonight in a note of protest to President Bru from Hamburg-American Line officials on his continued refusal to allow Jewish refugees aboard the St. Louis to land.