

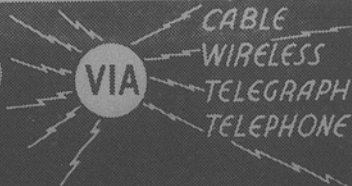
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WORLD BODY ACTS TO EASE LOT OF SHIP-BOUND REFUGEES; TALKS ON FINANCING PROJECTS ADVANCE

LONDON, June 9. (JTA) — The Intergovernmental Refugee Committee has acted to ameliorate the plight of refugees aboard ships barred from their intended destinations, it was learned today, as negotiations went forward for formation of an international corporation to finance large-scale colonization of German Jews overseas.

The Intergovernmental Committee was understood to have made informal representations to the German authorities regarding the approximately 200 Jews aboard the German liner Orinoco which returned to Hamburg last weekend after it appeared that it would be impossible to land them in Cuba. As a result of the intervention, it is understood that the Jews will not be interned in concentration camps but will be permitted to return to their homes.

The office of Sir Herbert Emerson, director of the Intergovernmental Committee, has also been maintaining close contact with central Jewish organizations regarding other refugee ships at sea, such as the German liner St. Louis and the French steamship Flandres.

Sir Herbert has conferred with Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald and others regarding the plight of refugees aboard ships in the Mediterranean without permits to enter Palestine who are not permitted to disembark anywhere. The viewpoint was expressed in interested circles, however, that it was difficult for the Colonial Office to take action so soon after the announcement of Britain's new Palestine policy.

It was reported that headway has been made in the negotiations now proceeding in London regarding formation of an international foundation to finance and direct large-scale emigration of Jews from Germany, in accordance with the understanding reached between George Rublee, former director of the Intergovernmental Committee, and Dr. Helmuth Wohlthat, German Economics Ministry official.

Representatives of an American group, which had been discussing the project in New York with Myron C. Taylor, American vice chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee, are now holding discussions with the committee's London bureau and are also in contact with financial interests in other countries.

The discussions are believed to be proceeding so far along broad lines and questions of detail have not been gone into. It is not yet clear to what extent existing organizations which have been engaged in refugee relief and resettlement will participate in the new foundation or exactly how the work will be arranged.

According to the London Jewish Chronicle, a concrete scheme has been discussed for creation of a large central body, with local executive bodies, to finance refugee settlement in suitable areas through long term international loans, credits and generous gifts pending realization by governments of the need of parallel grants by them for achieving a full solution of the problem.

Theodore Achilles, who arrived here recently to take up his duties as Third Secretary of the United States Embassy, is actively participating in the negotiations. It is believed that Robert Pell, vice-director of the Intergovernmental Committee, who is a State Department official, will complete his official tour of duty here in the Summer and return to Washington, in which case Mr. Achilles will succeed him as vice-director.

Joseph Harsch, former Washington correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, who has been appointed assistant director of the Intergovernmental Committee, has also arrived here to take up his post.

J.D.C. Pushes Efforts to Find Haven For St. Louis Passengers

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- With the German steamship St. Louis carrying its 907 refugee passengers back to Europe after the failure of final efforts to obtain their temporary admission to Cuba, it was learned today that efforts would be made to obtain asylum for them in a European country, possibly France or England, to avert their return to Germany.

"We are continuing every effort to help the refugees," said the Joint Distribution Committee, in a statement to the J.T.A. "The cable exchange between President Federico Laredo Bru and James N. Rosenberg (acting chairman of the J.D.C.) rested solely on Cuban governmental policies. We are mindful and appreciative of the fact that Cuba offers a haven to a considerable number of refugees."

The exchange of cables occurred yesterday. The cable from President Bru follows: "In reply to your cable regarding refugees on board S.S. St. Louis you know, dear Mr. Rosenberg, that Cuba has contributed in relation to its resources and population to a greater extent than any other nation in order to give hospitality to persecuted people but completely impossible to accede to this immigrant entry into national territory. Subject St. Louis is completely closed by the Government. Regretfully reiterate the impossibility of their entry into Cuba. Wish to assure you of my sincere friendship."

This cable Mr. Rosenberg, on behalf of the J.D.C., answered as follows: "I acknowledge your cable of even date. Deeply as we regret the decision of your Government we wish to assure you that we are mindful and appreciative of the traditional hospitality of Cuba to the refugees who have found a haven in your country. With sincere wishes and expressions of great respect, yours, James N. Rosenberg."

The officers of the J.D.C. united in adding that they are bending every effort to find a haven for the refugees on the St. Louis, most of them women and children, and continue ready to furnish the necessary funds for their aid.

Flandre Quits Havana With 96 Exiles

HAVANA, June 9. (JTA) -- The French steamship Flandre sailed for France last night with 96 German Jews twice barred from landing here. The Flandre cleared the harbor at 6:20 p.m. after efforts by Jewish leaders to obtain a two-hour delay pending attempts to raise funds to make possible the refugees' landing in the Dominican Republic had failed, the Cuban Government demanding that the ship leave immediately.

Pathetic scenes marked the departure of the refugees, who had been twice rejected by Cuba and once by Mexico. Hundreds of friends and relatives stood on the pier in a heavy rain to bid tearful farewells to the passengers. A man and his wife, both over 70, shouted from the deck to their two Cuban-born grandchildren, aged 8 and 10 years, whom they had never seen before. "We won't die before we see you," they cried. Among the refugees on the Flandre was Fritz Feuchtwanger, a brother of Lion Feuchtwanger, the famous writer, with his wife and two daughters.

"Man's Inhumanity to Man" Cited by Times; Broun Caustic

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- In its second successive editorial on the St. Louis refugees, the New York Times declared today that the exiles' troubles stemmed from the fact that they had been "hounded into exile by a dictatorship which offers scapegoats as a substitute for justice." "The cruise of the St. Louis," the editorial concluded, "cries to high heaven of man's inhumanity to man."

Heywood Broun's syndicated column in the New York World-Telegram today was devoted entirely to the plight of the St. Louis passengers.

"If suddenly the vessel flashed an S.O.S. to indicate that the crew and the 900 passengers were in danger every other steamer within call would go hurrying to the rescue," Broun said. "That is the rule of the sea. . . . It would be better for them by far if the St. Louis had ripped its plates in a collision with some other craft, or if an impersonal iceberg had slashed the hull below the water line. . . . But this is not an iceberg or a plate which has been ripped away. The passengers -- men, women and children -- are Jewish. It is not an accident of nature but an inhuman equation which has put them in deadly peril. And so the whole world stuffs its ears and pays no attention to any wireless."

1,000 Child Refugees Placed in Dutch Homes

AMSTERDAM, June 9. (JTA) -- The Government today permitted the release of 1,000 refugee children under 14 from camps in which they had been sheltered since their arrival from the Reich. They will be placed in private homes.

15,000 REICH JEWS ROUNDED UP FOR DEPORTATION TO POLAND; JUNE 20 DEADLINE IN EAST PRUSSIA

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- The Associated Press reported from Berlin today that between 10,000 and 15,000 Jews have been rounded up and headed toward the Polish border or ordered to get out of Germany across other borders. The news agency also said it had been reliably informed that all Jews in East Prussia, estimated to total 11,000, were ordered to leave by June 20.

As summarized by the A.P., the situation is as follows: Leipzig -- 4,000 given one-month notices to leave; Munich -- 600 given one-month notices and an unknown number ordered out within a few hours; Dresden -- several hundred given one-week notices, expiring to-morrow; Breslau -- one transport already has left for the Polish border; Kassel -- one transport gone, carrying an unknown number. The round-up also covers Hanover, Kiel, Bremen, Nuremberg, Karlsruhe, Bamberg, Wuerzburg, Darmstadt and Cologne, according to the agency.

800 Czech Jews in Poland Face Return to Prague

PARIS, June 9. (JTA) -- More than 800 Czech Jews who crossed into Poland after Germany's occupation of Prague have been threatened with deportation to the German protectorate, according to information received by the Paris office of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

The threatened deportation is apparently in retaliation for Germany's expulsion of Polish Jews. All 800 are now in Kattowice as refugees. Their deportation would spell probable internment in German concentration camps. The Kattowice Jewish community is seeking to avert the action and has suggested that the Polish Government establish a refugee camp for them which the community would undertake to maintain.

Meanwhile, Morris C. Troper, European director for the J.D.C., ordered a special representative to proceed to the territories neighboring the German-Polish "no-man's-lands" in order to ascertain the exact situation of the several thousand Polish Jews reported to have been expelled from the Reich, barred from Poland and wandering in the border area without food or shelter.

Mr. Troper communicated with the British Council for German Jewry urging greater participation by the British Jews in relief for refugees from the Reich who are now in Poland, including those from former Czecho-Slovakia, and also the deportees who have been marooned at the Polish border station of Zbonszyn for more than seven months.

At the same time, the J.D.C. granted a further \$35,000 to the Jewish Relief Committee in Warsaw in view of the committee's difficult financial position. A delegation of Polish Jewish leaders appeared this week before the Minister of Interior appealing for liquidation of the Zbonszyn camp, but the appeal was flatly rejected.

The expulsion of refugees from Albania, scheduled for last Wednesday, has been postponed until June 23, the J.D.C. was informed from Durazzo.

BLASTS DO \$40,000 DAMAGE; YOUNG JEWESS HELD FOR PLACING BOMBS

JERUSALEM, June 9. (JTA) -- An estimated \$40,000 was caused to property here and in Tel Aviv by bomb explosions yesterday and Wednesday, it was ascertained today. Eight blasts that started several fires, blew up four electrical substations and plunged a third of Jerusalem into darkness last night, did damage estimated at \$25,000. The Tel Aviv explosions damaged telephone conduits to the extent of \$15,000.

A big unexploded bomb, set to go off at 11 a.m., was found outside the Jerusalem Central Prison near police headquarters this morning. An official communique said police saw a 22-year-old Yemenite girl, Rachel Hawatani, place a basket containing the bomb among a group of Arabs outside the prison. The girl was arrested. Arabs charged she had also placed an unexploded bomb near the Jerusalem military court.

Dr. Anwer Shukeiri, a leader of the Palestine Defense Party, was shot dead last night in Acre.

The Jewish Agency observed King George's birthday yesterday by hoisting the Union Jack alongside of the Zionist emblem. Special prayers were said in synagogues. However, all representatives of the Jewish Community were absent from the High Commissioner's reception in honor of the monarch's birthday, except Government officials and members of the non-Zionist Agudath Israel.

5-Month Entry Total Put at 10,466

JERUSALEM, June 9. (JTA) -- Jewish immigration to Palestine in the five months ended May 31 totalled 10,466, it was announced today, as compared with 12,868 for all of 1938. A total of 906 who entered illegally during May, by way of ships which landed them along the Palestine coast, will be deducted from the regular immigration quota. Under present restrictions, the immigration rate has been fixed at approximately 1,000 a month.

Wedgwood Urges Illegal Entry Be Pushed

LONDON, June 9. (JTA) -- Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite M.P., told a meeting of the Anglo-Palestine Club today that Palestine Jews would not be doing their duty unless they "make illegal immigration possible and in the end make it legal." He said that if Tel Aviv's 150,000 Jews wanted a ship in its harbor to land its cargo "no power on earth could stop them." He condemned Britain's "indifference" to persecution of Jews in Europe. Lady Reading presided at the meeting, which was also addressed by Mrs. Blanche Dugdale and Dr. Theresa Stoyer, of Vienna, who movingly depicted Jewish persecution there.

HUNGARIAN JEWISH FIRM PENALIZED FOR VIOLATING LAW CURBING USE OF JEWS

BUDAPEST, June 9. (JTA) -- The Government commissioner for unemployment of intellectuals, who is charged with the carrying out of the anti-Jewish law in commercial and industrial enterprises, has appointed a Government commissar to administer the large textile firm of Guttman and Fexete on the ground that it did not comply with regulations regarding the proportion of Jewish employes it is permitted. One firm was fined 1,000 pengoes and another 700 pengoes.

NEGRO EDITOR MAKES CONTRIBUTION TO AID REFUGEES AS TRIBUTE TO LATE JULIUS ROSENWALD

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Because American Negroes, especially those who live in the South, are deeply indebted to the late Julius Rosenwald, "who gave millions of dollars to establish Young Men's Christian Association buildings and rural public schools for members of the Negro race," P.B. Young, editor of the Negro periodical, entitled "Journal and Guide," has made a contribution to the United Jewish Appeal. In sending his gift to Sylvan Altschul, chairman of the United Jewish Fund of Norfolk, Va., Mr. Young said that through this contribution he "wanted to indicate our interest in the broad question of Jewish welfare in the present crisis, and to make some expression of our concern and sympathy."

I.L.O. DIRECTOR URGES NATIONS TO USE REFUGEES' TALENTS

GENEVA, June 9. (JTA) -- John G. Winant, director of the International Labor Office, addressing the opening session of the International Labor Conference yesterday, urged governments to take advantage of the commercial and scientific qualifications of refugees. He reported on measures to facilitate their migration overseas.

Exiles Start Farms in So. Africa

DURBAN, Africa, June 9. (JTA) -- Ten refugees have arrived here to establish a new settlement in the Matabeleland, southwest of Selukwe. Five more are expected within the next few weeks. Work has been started on four farms, with cotton, maize, soya and citrus fruits among the crops. The land has been leased from the Bechuanaland Exploitation Company.