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2 STEAMERS WITH 233 REFUGEES ON BOARD SEIZED IN PALESTINE WATERS

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA) -- Two steamers carrying more than 900 Jewish refugees were captured today in Palestine waters and taken to the port of Haifa. The Greek ship Niko, with 560 refugees on board, was halted south of Jaffa. The Panamanian steamer Colorado was stopped with 373 refugees aboard.

Queen Elizabeth was urged to intervene today to halt a hunger strike launched Wednesday by 80 Jews detained at the Government concentration camp at Sarafend in protest against the six-month extension of the sentence of the Jerusalem Revisionist, Israel Horvitz, upon completion of his one-year term.

Wives and mothers of the strikers joined in a cabled plea to the British Queen and in wires to High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael and Major Gen. Robert H. Haining, commander in chief of British forces in Palestine. Intervention with the military authorities was also undertaken by Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ben-Zion Uziel at the request of the prisoners' families.

20 Refugees Arrested in Riga Raid

RIGA, Latvia, July 28. (JTA) -- Police today suddenly visited the premises of the Jewish community organization, which for weeks had been supporting refugees, and arrested 20 as illegal immigrants.

NAZI COURT RULES HALF-JEWISH CHILDREN ARE BETTER OUT OF GERMANY

LONDON, July 25. (JTA - Air Mail) -- After the recent announcement by the Nazi Racial Political Office that the Nazi authorities regard the emigration of people of mixed Jewish and non-Jewish parentage as desirable, a German Court, it was reported here today, has ruled for the first time that a child of mixed parentage is better out of Germany.

The court at Karlsruhe was called on to decide whether or not the application of a Jewish parent living abroad that he should obtain the custody of his 15 year old son from his former "Aryan" wife living in Germany should be granted. The court ruled that as a 50-per cent "Mischling" the young boy's place is not in Germany because "the father's plea that his son has no future in Germany cannot be gainsaid."

The court added that since the Nazi authorities had assisted in the emigration of many hundreds of children of mixed parentage from Germany to England and other countries, it must be clear that it was not in the interest of Germany to keep these half-Jewish children even if they had not been brought up as Jews.

BELGIAN ANTI-SEMITIC LEADERS ADMIT RELATIONS WITH NAZI PROPAGANDA CENTRES

BRUSSELS, July 24. (JTA - Air Mail) -- An admission that the anti-Semitic movements in Belgium keep in close touch with Nazi propaganda organizations is made by their leaders in the Belgian press, coupled, however, with denials of direct financial assistance from Germany.

Baron d'Oldeneel de Heerdinck, a Rexist Parliamentary candidate and founder of the racialist paper "Volkswerwing," publishes the following statement in the Brussels Liberal paper "La Dernière Heure":

"After studying the Jewish problem for many years, I took part in 1937 in an international congress in Erfurt which was attended by militant anti-Semites from all over the world. We discussed measures for eradicating Jewish influence in their respective countries, which I consider as a blight on the prosperity and well being of the Belgian people."

Another leader of the "Volkswerwing" declares in the Brussels Catholic journal, "L'Avant-Garde": "We are endeavoring to unite all the Belgians of good faith, without distinction of party and religion, in a common anti-Jewish front." "L'Avant-Garde" replies to this letter by reproducing the front page of the "Volkswerwing" with a reproduction of a front-page anti-Semitic picture from the "Stuermer."

DEPORTATION OF 3,000 REFUGEES FROM BELGIUM TO BE CARRIED OUT ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS

BRUSSELS (JTA) -- The decision of the Belgian Government to deport the 3,000 refugees who entered Belgium illegally during the last two months is to be carried out, the J.T.A. understands, with the utmost consideration.

There is no question of deporting large groups of refugees. The expulsions will be carried out individually after a careful examination of the papers of any refugee who entered the country recently. Those who have no visas will be sent back to the frontier by which they crossed into Belgium. Everything will be done, it is emphasized here, to take into account the special position of the majority of the exiles.

The decision of the Government to deport the refugees, it is further pointed out, is chiefly meant as a warning to those who may attempt to cross into Belgium illegally in future that they will be sent back at the frontier.

REFUGEE SETTLEMENT IN KIMBERLEY NEED NOT INVOLVE "RACIAL POCKETS," STEINBERG HOLDS

PERTH, Western Australia (JTA) -- Returning to Perth after an extensive tour of the North West of Australia, Dr. I. Steinberg informed the J.T.A. representative here that, while he was impressed with the suitability of the territory for Jewish colonization, he had not yet approached either the West Australian or Commonwealth Governments with any scheme or proposals. Dr. Steinberg, secretary of the Freiland League for Jewish Colonization, is at present engaged in preparing a report on rainfall, soils, etc.

When his attention was drawn to objections which have been advanced to the scheme in some quarters, Dr. Steinberg stated that any scheme for the establishment of refugees in the Kimberleys would not necessarily result in "racial pockets" or "foreign blocks." If such a scheme could be evolved, it was important to remember that the Jewish colonists would have no

political aspirations whatsoever, but would be most anxious to become good Australian citizens. The Jewish religion and Jewish culture would be maintained, but English schools and similar institutions would be established. Moreover, the colonization would have to be done by stages, and there would be no mass migration at the outset. Once the territory had been opened up, there would be nothing to stop Australians from joining in the work, and this in its turn would help the migrants to become assimilated into Australian customs and conditions.

To the further allegation that the migrants might eventually gravitate to the overcrowded cities, Dr. Steinberg replied that migrants would be chosen with strong agricultural tendencies and sympathies. He did not consider that financial guarantees could be offered that the migrants would stay on the land, but he was sure that the moral obligation would be respected by the new arrivals.

Dr. Steinberg added that he had been greatly impressed by the sympathetic attitude to his cause of individual members of the West Australian community. He could not anticipate or even comment on the possible Government attitude, however, as he had made no official approach as yet.

Dr. Steinberg will remain in Perth for some weeks.

While official circles remain silent about the scheme of settling Jews in the Kimberleys, the Australian press, with the exception of the "Daily News" which tersely dismisses the scheme under the caption of "Dreamland," does not comment editorially. The "West Australian," Perth's leading newspaper, however, publishes a number of letters from readers, some of which are highly favorable to the scheme, while one suggests the danger of "racial pockets" being established.

ORT SCHOOL GRADUATES FIND JOBS IN AUSTRALIA

WARSAW (JTA) -- A group of twenty young Jews trained at the ORT vocational schools in Poland, who recently emigrated to Australia with the aid of the Polish Jewish Relief Fund in Melbourne, are reported to have obtained employment in their various trades. Ten are former pupils of the ORT vocational school in Berlin, who were deported from Germany as Polish citizens and interned for some time in the Zbonszyn refugee camp. The ORT pupils were met on their arrival in Melbourne by representatives of the local Jewish organizations and were at first placed with Jewish families.

NAZI "WELTDIENST" TRANSFERRED TO FRANKFORT

PARIS (JTA) -- It is reported here that the headquarters of the anti-Semitic "World Service Movement," headed by Colonel Ulrich Fleischhauer, have been transferred from Erfurt to Frankfort-on-the-Main. The last edition of the "World Service" gives as one of the reasons for the transfer the fact that Frankfort-on-the-Main was regarded throughout the world as a stronghold of German Jewry.

"Just in this stronghold of German Jewry," the "World Service" declares, "will now appear the regular publications of the 'World Service' as a sign that the Jewish power in Germany has been completely broken and as a happy augury that Jewish world domination will be recognized and broken in all the other countries on earth."

The "World Service" also announces that the annual international anti-Semitic congress will not be held this year owing "to organizational reasons," and that the next international anti-Semitic congress will be held in Frankfort-on-the-Main in the Spring of 1940.

BUENOS AIRES COURT REJECTS JEW'S PLEA FOR CHANGE OF BIBLICAL NAME

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) -- A civil court here has rejected a Jewish parent's petition to be allowed to change his son's name from Isaac to Ignacio Saler, on the ground that the Biblical name made the youth the target of anti-Semitism, ruling that to grant the petition would be to admit that Argentine society was anti-Semitic. The court recommended that the dossier on the case be turned over to the education authorities for an investigation of the college where the youth is a student, since the applicant had charged that instructors at the institution had condoned Jew-baiting activities.

WORK OF MODERN PALESTINE ARTISTS TO BE EXHIBITED AT WORLD'S FAIR

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA) -- The work of modern Palestinian artists will go on exhibit at the Palestine Pavilion at the World's Fair August 3, it was announced today. Three portrait busts by Jacob Epstein, of London, will be included in the exhibition in recognition of his service in the Jewish Legion, which helped the British army in its conquest of the Holy Land.

A plan to reconstruct the Palestine Pavilion on Mount Scopus after the close of the World's Fair was revealed by Meyer Weisgal, Pavilion director, during an address at a reception last night to 34 Labor Zionist delegates who sail Saturday to attend the World Zionist Congress at Geneva.

BAPTIST CONGRESS HITS AT RACIAL PERSECUTION

ATLANTA, July 28. (JTA) -- The World Baptist Alliance, closing its sixth annual congress yesterday, adopted without dissenting vote among its 10,000 delegates a declaration against racialism. "This congress deplores and condemns as a violation of the law of God the Heavenly Father, all racial animosity and every form of oppression or unfair discrimination toward the Jews, toward colored people, or toward subject races in any part of the world," the declaration said.

\$25,000 WILLED BY MRS. MORRIS LURIE TO SEMINARY PENSION FUND

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA) -- The Jewish Theological Seminary announced today that the will of Mrs. Morris Lurie provided a grant of \$25,000 to the pension fund for superannuated members of the rabbinate. Mrs. Lurie was for many years associated with Mrs. Solomon Schechter in the Seminary's Student House and was active in the Women's League of the United Synagogue from its inception. A committee including President Max Arzt of the Rabbinical Assembly of America is working on plans to put the fund into operation.

WORLD PARLEY OF POLISH JEWS' FEDERATION DEFERRED 2 WEEKS

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA) -- Opening of the third world conference of the World Federation of Polish Jews, originally scheduled for Sept. 6, has been postponed to Sept. 18, it was announced today. The postponement was taken to enable delegates attending the World Zionist Congress and the Jewish Agency Council session to return from Geneva in time to attend the conference here.