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100,000 JEWS LIST WEALTH IN "PROTECTORATE"; CZECHS HOSTILE TO ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, July 31. (JTA) The period for registration of Jewish property in Bohemia Moravia ended today, according to reports from Prague. In recent days hundreds of Jews had lined up, from the early hours of the morning, at the Czech National Bank to declare property and valuables. Even silver pins worth ten cents were subject to declaration.

The number of declarations was estimated by the Prague press at 100,000. While Jewish wealth in the "Protectorate" was once estimated at 14 billion kronen, it had fallen to seven billions and was estimated today at no more than three billions, the equivalent of \$120,000,000.

Despite great efforts by Nazis and Czech Fascists, the anti-Semitic movement is making little progress among the Czech population. It is common knowledge that anti Jewish measures in the "Protectorate" are taken only under pressure and orders of the Germans, while the Czech people consider the racial campaign as part of their own subjugation. The Czechs openly declare that racialism will be abolished as soon as their independence is restored.

Characteristic of the situation is the fact that only two Czech anti-Semitic groups exist - the Fascist Vlatjka group and the Czech "Aryan" Culture Association, both together having no more than a few hundred members. In order to create the impression that Czechs are racial anti-Semites, Czech newspapers publish all announcements of both anti-Semitic groups. Thus, it is announced that the Culture Association demands immediate introduction of separate tram cars and buses for Jews and that Jews be expelled from the Czech Touring Club.

Vlatjka, organ of the Czech Fascists, complains that the Czechs still do not realize why anti Jewish measures are "necessary" and demands that lectures on the "Jewish problem" be made a permanent feature of the Czech radio program.

Despite the "Aryanization" of the Sokol (Czech athletic) Union, decreed many months ago, numerous branches are continuing to refuse to expel Jewish members.

The Pardubitz synagogue has been expropriated by the municipality and converted into a covered market.

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"Aryan" Union Declares War on 'White Jews'

PRAGUE, July 31. (JTA).-- The Czech "Aryan" Union declared war today upon "white Jews," whom it described in a statement as comprising Free Masons, persons who subscribe to Jewish principles, are friendly to Jews, favor Jewish ideals and contribute to "Jewish domination" of the world.

The Union, which is opposed to President Emil Hacha's Party of National Solidarity and is increasingly active here, would ban Jews and "white Jews" from exercising the franchise, holding public office and owning property. It plans complete separation of Jews from "Aryans" along the lines followed in Nazi Germany.

PALESTINE ARMY COURT SENTENCES 2 STUDENTS; REVISIONISTS END HUNGER-STRIKE

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA). -- A military court today sentenced two Hebrew University chemistry students to four-year prison terms for possession of explosives. The students are Menachem Levi, 21, and Joshua Buchwald, 24. A third student, Bernard Teitler, who had been arrested at the same time, was sentenced two weeks ago to seven years' imprisonment on a similar charge.

Yielding to a plea by Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, 80 Jews interned at the Sarafend concentration camp today called off their six-days-old hunger strike, following long negotiations between Jewish circles and the authorities. Fifty relatives of the Sarafend prisoners had launched a sympathy hunger strike in the Great Synagogue at Tel Aviv over the week-end. The strike was precipitated by the Government's action in extending for another six months the expired one-year term of a Jerusalem Revisionist.

Prior to ending of the strike, forcible feeding had been resorted to. Last night Revisionist youths compelled the closing of cafes in Tel Aviv, breaking the windows of those which refused.

All traffic on the Jerusalem-Jericho Road was suspended tonight for a week following demolition of a bridge by Arab terrorists.

GERMAN COUNT GAVE "INSULTING" TALK TO M.P.'s ON BRITISH PALESTINE POLICY, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, July 31. (JTA).-- The Daily Herald reported today that Count Pueckler of Germany, on a recent visit to London following a trip to Palestine, addressed a group of Conservative M.P.'s and described British policy and military precautions in the Holy Land "in the most insulting terms."

The Herald declared that Chancellor Hitler has received reports on the views of British Conservatives from Count Pueckler and three other German aristocrats who recently paid ostensibly private visits to England.

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70 PER CENT OF BRITONS FOUND FAVORING ADMISSION OF REFUGEES

LONDON, July 31. (JTA). -- An overwhelming majority of Britons polled by the British Institute of Public Opinion believe that Great Britain should admit refugees, it was revealed today by the News-Chronicle. The vote on the issue was 70 per cent for admission, 26 per cent against and four per cent undecided.

Eighty-four per cent of those who voted for admission of refugees favored restrictions on their entry designed to safeguard British workers. Fifteen per cent thought that entry should be allowed free of all restrictions. One per cent were undecided.

200 Jewish Families in Rhodes Barred from Tangier

TANGIER, July 31. (JTA) -- The Refugee Committee here has rejected an application by the Jewish Community of the Island of Rhodes for admission of 200 to 300 Jewish families who were stripped of all their possessions before leaving Italian territory. The committee, in announcing its action today, explained that there were already 800 refugees in Tangier, 285 of whom were being supported by the Jewish Community.

Although no restrictions exist in the International Zone for refugees engaging in trade and commerce, the possibilities are strictly limited in view of the fact that the Tangier population is only 85,000, including 50,000 Arabs. Very few of the refugees here have been able to earn a livelihood, while the majority of those who are not receiving charity are living on their savings pending re-emigration overseas, for which there is little prospect.

The 800 Jewish refugees here include 30 German Jews who immigrated directly from Germany or from France, 20 Czechoslovakians, 75 Austrians directly from Austria or France, 220 Poles, mostly from Italy, 165 Oriental Jews from Rhodes, 150 Hungarians, mostly from Italy, and 140 Rumanians, Russians and others, mostly from Italy and France.

PELLEPOIX INDICTED AGAIN ON RACIAL COUNT

PARIS, July 31. (JTA). -- Already sentenced to a three-month jail term and a 500-franc fine for anti-Semitic agitation, Municipal Councillor Louis Darquier de Pellepoix was today indicted a second time on charges of defaming a racial group. The indictment related to an article in the July 15 issue of his newspaper, France Enchaînée. Anti-Jewish articles in the May 31 issue of the paper brought the jail term for de Pellepoix under the decree outlawing racial incitement.

CATHOLIC PRIEST SANCTIONS ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE IN CANADIAN RESORT AREA

MONTREAL, July 31. (JTA). -- Anti-Semitic campaigns in the nearby Laurentian mountain resort area received the official sanction of Roman Catholic Church leaders at Ste. Agathe yesterday when Canon J. B. Charland, parish priest, approved the drive against the hundreds of Jewish residents of the district. Canon Charland's approval followed

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appearance over the week-end of hundreds of placards warning Jews to "scram while the going is good." The priest told his parishioners that "we must keep the district French-Canadian and must remain masters in our own community."

SAN SALVADOR TO BAR 50 REFUGEES HOLDING \$500 VISAS

NEW YORK, July 31. (JTA).-- Fifty Jewish refugees, due to arrive at San Salvador tomorrow on the German ship Portland, have been ordered barred on the ground that their passports bear fraudulent visas issued by honorary Salvadorean consuls in Budapest and Amsterdam, who charged \$500 for each person, the New York Times reported today from San Salvador. The honorary consuls have been discharged and their successors warned not to issue visas to refugees without first consulting the Foreign Office.

MENDEL FISHER, J.N.F. DIRECTOR, SAILS TOMORROW FOR GENEVA PARLEYS

NEW YORK, July 31. (JTA) -- Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund, will sail on the Aquitania on Wednesday for Europe to attend the Zionist Congress in Geneva and other conferences in Geneva and Paris.

In a statement to the J.T.A., Mr. Fisher urged a nation-wide effort to bring to the attention of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee leaders who will meet in Washington early in September that "no solution of the refugee problem is possible without consideration of Palestine, which must occupy a position of priority, at least in the partial solution of the refugee question."

"We must focus attention in Washington on the fact that the doors to Palestine must be open in order to permit settlement of a larger number of refugees," he said.

POLAND DENATIONALIZES 58, MOSTLY JEWS

WARSAW, July 31. (JTA) -- A new list of 58 denationalizations, most of them Jews, was published today. They include 22 residents of the United States, 8 in Palestine, 10 in France, 1 in England, 1 in Spain, 5 in Argentina, 7 in Russia and 3 in Germany.

10,000 ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. WEIZMANN

HAIFA, July 31. (JTA) -- Ten thousand persons from all over the country today attended funeral services for Mrs. Rachel Weizmann, mother of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who died yesterday of pneumonia. Eulogies were delivered at the Great Synagogue by Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel and Gershon Levi, president of the Haifa Jewish Community, and at the graveside by Moshe Shertok and Joshua Suprassky.

American Jewry's condolences were cabled to Dr. Weizmann in London by Dr. Solomon Goldman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, who is visiting Palestine.