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ITALY FOUND READILY ADMITTING REICH EXILES; OVER 700 ENTERED LAST MONTH

ROME, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Italy, which only a short while ago embarked upon an official program of anti-Semitism, is in the anomalous position today of being virtually the only country in Europe to which refugees from Germany can enter with a certain amount of ease for at least temporary haven.

Facilities for admission of Jewish refugees have even increased lately, resulting in the entry of more than 700 in the last month. Most of the refugees have only ten marks which they were permitted to take with them from the Reich.

Care of the refugees is proving a difficult problem for the various Jewish relief committees, especially in Milan. A large number of the exiles are spending their nights on Milan park benches and are suffering from lack of food. Only a small percentage can be helped with the limited funds at the disposal of the relief committee, and many are consequently forced to apply privately for bread and other necessities.

Among the increasing arrivals from Germany are many who have come straight from concentration camps. Forced to leave the Reich, they have proceeded to Italy with the hope of obtaining visas here for re-emigration since some consuls in Italy are understood to be issuing such visas.

Despite privation, the morale of the refugees is generally good. The exiles gather at the Cafe Mucco in Milan and the Cafe Greco in Rome and exchange information and experiences, especially on the possibility of obtaining visas.

There seems to be no difficulty whatever for any Jew to enter Italy providing he is equipped with a German passport, even if the document is branded with the legend "enemy." No Italian visa is necessary for a German passport. "Stateless" persons are also admitted provided they prove that they are receiving at least \$50 monthly from abroad and can emigrate within six months.

Curb on Jews in Professions Effective Feb., 1940

ROME, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The decree curbing activities of Jews in the liberal professions published in the Official Gazette, provides that the new system goes into effect in February 1940. Until then Jews are allowed to exercise their professions but must register as Jews with the professional syndicates within 20 days on pain of a month's detention and a 5,000-lire fine.

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Starting Feb. 1 all professional registers will be divided into three groups -- "Aryans," Jews and "privileged Jews." The "privileged Jews" will be permitted to exercise their professions with only a few restrictions, while the other Jews will be permitted to serve only Jewish clients, except under special emergency conditions.

Some professions are affected more than others. Thus, no Jews will be allowed to serve as notaries and the "unprivileged Jews" will be completely barred from the journalistic profession. The law deals almost entirely with professions where special registers of members are kept, which leads to the belief that further amendments regarding other professions are coming.

The same issue of the Gazette publishes two other decrees, the first compelling all Jews who adopted "Aryan" names to reassume their original Jewish names and also giving "Aryans" with Jewish sounding names the right to change them, the second nullifying any provision in wills specifying that the beneficiary must be of the Jewish religion.

Pope Confers With Ousted Jewish Educator

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Pope Pius held a long private audience with Prof. Giorgio del Vecchio, ousted Jewish rector of Rome University, during which the Pontiff was understood to have shown keen interest in the anti-Semitic problem, on which he asked detailed information, according to a New York Times dispatch from Rome yesterday. The audience occurred prior to the Pontiff's departure for Castel Gandolfo.

Italian Consul Denies Racism Motivated Dismissal of Palestine Jew

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Count Mazzilini, Italian Consul General, today denied that Arthur Hochdorf had been dismissed as Palestine manager of the Italian Adriatica Line because of racial reasons. He said the dismissal followed Hochdorf's refusal to take a reduction in salary made for reasons of economy. He added that 15 of the line's 34 local employees were Jews and that not a single Jew had been dismissed either by Italian Consulate or firms in Palestine.

ZIONIST LEADERS CONFER WITH MacDONALD ON PLAN TO SURVEY NEGEB

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Sending of an experts' commission to the Negeb desert in southern Palestine to determine the possibilities of developing the region for unrestricted Jewish immigration and settlement was discussed over the week-end here by Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald and a delegation of Zionist leaders.

The delegation, it was learned today, suggested that the commission be equipped to conduct a survey on the broadest possible scale, including water soundings, so that it might be determined once and for all whether the Negeb is fit for settlement. Cost of such a project was estimated at \$50,000. Mr. MacDonald, it was understood, was not opposed to the suggestion but hesitated to decide on it before the arrival of Palestine High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael, who is expected in London very soon.

It was reliably learned, at the same time, that the Colonial Secretary is skeptical as to the possibilities of the Negeb in the light of the Government's experiences in that desert region. Of 19 water soundings by Government only one was productive. Nevertheless not only Zionist leaders but other circles interested in refugee settlement believe that a definitive and fundamental survey as suggested by the Zionist delegation is necessary.

Namier Holds MacDonald Violates Own White Paper

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald is contravening even the provisions of his own White Paper in the immigration regulations for Palestine, Prof. L.B. Namier, the historian, and former political secretary to the Jewish Agency for Palestine, charged in a letter to The Times yesterday. Dr. Namier pointed out that although the White Paper provides that 25,000 refugees may enter Palestine as soon as their maintenance is assured, refugees in the capitalist category are not permitted to bring their families to Palestine. "Jews in Vienna, Berlin and Prague are told they may go to Prague provided they leave their wives and children under the Nazis," he said.

Students Get Palestine Entry Visas

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Nearly 200 Palestine immigration certificates have been distributed among Jewish students in Bohemia-Moravia and Carpatho-Russia, it was reported today from Prague.

Seventy-five of the students have registered for the Hebrew University in Jerusalem; 40 will go to the Hebrew Technical Institute at Haifa; 10 to the new Bezalel Art School and 28 to the Hauser Conservatory. In addition, a number of certificates have been granted to students going to the Hebrew Gymnasium and to the Teachers' Seminary in Palestine.

Meanwhile, there has been an increase in the number of Jewish youths studying Hebrew in the "protectorate." Under the direction of Mrs. Irma Pollak, many new classes have been formed. The shortage of teachers has necessitated formation of a Teachers' Seminary, where 45 teachers are now undergoing special training. Since Hebrew books and dictionaries cannot be imported from abroad, because of exchange restrictions, Hebrew classes often have no more than one text book for an entire class.

Several hundred Jewish women are attending cooking classes recently opened in Prague by the Women's International Zionist Organization. Certificates from these classes are regarded as sufficient by the British authorities for granting of permits to immigrate to England as domestics. More than 200 women with such certificates have already entered Britain.

Tel Aviv Youth Killed in Bomb Blast

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A 25-year-old Jew, Arie Izchaki, was fatally wounded today when a bomb exploded in his room in a Tel Aviv flat.

The Iraq Petroleum Company pipeline across Palestine was mined by terrorists for the first time, it was disclosed today. The damaged pipe required 24 hours to repair.

113 Britons Slain in Palestine in 7 Years

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The periodical Great Britain and the East reports that British casualties in Palestine in the past seven years totalled 113 killed and 377 wounded. Twenty-eight British officials, including police, were killed in the same period and 79 were wounded.

CZECH PARTY BRANCH, IN MOVE TO PICATE REICH, ORDERS MEMBERS TO SHUN JEWS

LONDON, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The District Executive of the Czech National Unity Party in Budweis has issued new instructions to members, "in the interest of cooperation with the German people," it was reported today from Prague.

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Members of the party are instructed that: (1) No "Aryan" citizens under 45 years of age should be employed by citizens of the "Protectorate" of the Jewish race; (2) all Czech political and non-political organizations, sport, cultural and commercial unions should immediately exclude all Jews from their membership as well as from all leading organs; (3) social intercourse between members of the Czech people and Jews, both in public and private life, is "undesirable" and "compromising."

Members are given notice that this order will be carried out before Aug. 16, after which date violation will be regarded as a breach of party discipline.

The Czech "Aryan" Cultural Union has submitted to the "Protectorate" Government a proposal to create a special ministry for "Aryanization" in order to centralize the "Aryanization" activities now in the hands of various ministries.

It was reported from Bratislava that the Slovak Government has issued a statement announcing that "Slovak authorities arrested 33 Hungarian and Jewish members of a secret semi-military anti-State organization...During the searches leaflets in Hebrew, among others, were discovered, testifying to the existence of a spy service against the Slovak State." The statement was regarded as an invention designed to spread anti-Semitism among the Slovaks.

REFUGEE RELIEF COST IN POLAND PUT AT \$1,000,000 FOR LAST 8 MONTHS

PARIS, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A total of 5,000,000 zlotys (about \$1,000,000), which was donated by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and other foreign relief organizations, was spent in Poland during the past eight months for the support of refugees from Germany, it was revealed today in a report of the Warsaw Refugee Aid Committee received by central relief bodies in Paris.

The refugees included the several thousand Jews deported from Germany and interned at the Polish border station of Zbomszyn and 1,200 who crossed the Polish border from Czechoslovakia after the German occupation. The report stated that of the 5,000,000 zlotys raised in Poland, 2,000,000 was in cash and 1,000,000 in kind.

Praising the J.D.C. for the assistance it gave, the report emphasized that a minimum of \$100,000 monthly would be required for refugee work in Poland since the problem was becoming more acute in view of the thousands of new refugees being continually forced across the German border.

Polish Jewry, itself greatly weakened by prevailing economic conditions, finds it more difficult to carry the burden of the refugee problem to the extent which it has done in the past eight months, since the Reich began to drive Jews into Poland, the report said.

The plight of thousands fleeing from Czech territory was described in detail. Many refugees wander day and night along the frontier until they are able to penetrate into Poland where they come hungry, penniless and without clothing to the aid committee, which provides them with shelter, food, legal advice and emigration facilities.

The American consulate in Warsaw, the report said, is speeding up action on cases of those entitled to United States visas because they had applied for them either in Germany or in Prague. Records of these applicants, including deposited affidavits, are requested by the Warsaw consulate from the respective American consulate in the Reich and upon their transfer, the refugees receive their visas in Warsaw.

GESTAPO AGENTS HARRY ILLEGAL REICH REFUGEES IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Catholic newspaper Libre Belgique charged today that Gestapo agents in Belgium were denouncing to the authorities Jewish refugees who had been forced across the border by Gestapo agents in Germany. Citing instances of these Nazi tactics the newspaper urged the Government to take energetic action to end "dangerous Gestapo activities in Belgium."

The Cabinet has ordered all municipalities to draw up immediately lists of all foreigners residing in their districts legally and otherwise. The action puts into execution the Government's desire to end illicit entry of foreigners and is also intended to make sure that legally admitted aliens observe the nation's laws, especially with regard to commerce.

SO. AFRICAN POLICE PROBE NAZI SPY, PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The police are pressing an intensive investigation into Nazi espionage and propaganda activities in the Union of South Africa, newspapers reported here today. One of the biggest problems confronting the authorities is to track down firearms and ammunition smuggled into South Africa by Nazi agents. Lewis guns and even heavier military equipment are being brought into the country, it was reported, by Nazi agents posing as manufacturers' representatives.

MEXICAN ANTI-SEMITIC LEADER NEAR DEATH AFTER GUN BATTLE

MEXICO, D.F., Aug. 6. (Havas) -- Col. Simon Bolivar Sierra, anti-Semitic opposition member of Congress, was near death here today from wounds suffered in a political gun battle in the center of the capital in which two men were killed. Six months ago Sierra and a few of his followers were taken into custody after organizing anti-Semitic demonstrations.

MEMEL REFUGEES GET MORE TIME TO LIQUIDATE PROPERTY; SEIZURE CANCELLED

KAUNAS, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The term for liquidation of Jewish property in Memel was extended today from Aug. 21 to Oct. 1. Meanwhile, the Nazi commissars put in charge of Jewish business firms were recalled and the enterprises restored to their original owners. Confiscations of property were cancelled.

700 Exiles at Beirut Not to Get Czech Fund Aid

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The 700-odd Jewish refugees aboard the steamship Frossula, quarantined at Beirut pending deportation, do not come within the scope of the Czech Refugee Trust Fund, Home Undersecretary Osbert Peake told Commons Friday in reply to a question by a member.

900 Sail For Palestine From Constanza

BUCHAREST, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- More than 900 refugees from Estonia, Poland, Rumania and Bulgaria have sailed for Palestine and Constanza on the British steamship Tigerhill, flying the Panama flag, it was reported here today. Another 650 refugees from Poland were halted at the Polish-Rumanian border.

Not All Mindanao Open For Refugees, Quezon Holds

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- President Manuel L. Quezon of the Philippines has told the Jewish Refugee Committee that there is no land available in the Lanao section of Mindanao Province for refugees, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Manila. An isolate portion of Catabato Province was suitable for refugee settlement, he said, but settlers would be asked to confine their efforts to crops not competing with Filipino products.

MANUAL LISTING WAYS TO FIGHT INTOLERANCE ISSUED HERE FOR TEACHERS

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Issuance of a manual for teachers entitled "An American Answer to Intolerance," endorsed by many prominent educators, was announced today by the Council Against Intolerance in America. It aims to incorporate tolerance ideals through specific application in regular classroom work, rather than through any special tolerance program.

The manual, prepared by Frank Walser, authority on group study, with the assistance of Violet Edwards, the Council's educational adviser, contains four approaches -- self-examination for prejudice, study of propaganda devices, rethinking of American ideals and supplying of factual information on which propagandists are most misleading, with emphasis on contributions of various racial and national groups.

Chicago Catholics Form Group to Combat Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A branch of the Committee of Catholics to Fight Anti-Semitism has been formed by some 30 Catholic leaders in Chicago, it was announced today by the national committee. Two radio programs are planned in Chicago, and arrangements have been made for leaflet issuance and distribution, as well as distribution of The Voice official organ of the Committee to all parts of Chicago.

B'NAI B'RITH PLEDGES \$25,000 TO AID J.N.F. \$1,000,000 LOAN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The central administrative board of B'nai B'rith has authorized the purchase of \$25,000 worth of debenture notes of a \$1,000,000 issue floated by the Jewish National Fund in this country to supplement its income and to take up important options on Palestine land secured prior to the issuance of the White Paper, it was announced today by President Henry Monsky of B'nai B'rith.

Mr. Monsky recalled that in 1936 B'nai B'rith pledged \$100,000 to the Fund for the purchase of an area of 3,000 acres near Beth Alpha, where nearly 100 refugee families are already settled in the B'nai B'rith-Alfred M. Cohen Colony. Amortized for five years, the debenture notes bear 4 per cent interest, payable semi-annually. More than half of the loan has already been subscribed. Next to Hadassah's \$75,000 subscription, B'nai B'rith's is the largest to date.

SHARP DECLINE IN JEWISH STUDENTS AT POLISH UNIVERSITIES NOTED

WARSAW, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- A sharp decline in the number of Jewish students registered at Polish universities in the last decade, attributable largely to discriminatory measures, was revealed today with publication of the Official Statistical Yearbook. In 1928 there were 8,700 Jews in the nation's universities, or 20.4 per cent of the entire registration. Ten years later their number had dropped to 4,800, or 10 per cent of the total.

A different picture, however, is revealed by the statistics with regard to degrees received by Jewish students. In the academic year 1936-37, Jewish students were awarded 911 degrees, or 14.9 per cent of the total.

Commenting on the figures, the Nationalist newspaper Warszawski Dziennik Narowdowy declared that they proved that the fight of Polish youth to oust Jews from the universities had not achieved success. Jews, the newspaper said, were continuing to occupy a privileged position which it was the duty of people responsible for the country's future to end.

BRAZIL URGED TO LIBERALIZE ADMISSION OF REFUGEES

LONDON (JTA) -- "I cannot help thinking that with the difficulties that still exist in obtaining visas, Brazil, with her vast unpeopled areas, is missing opportunities of recruiting many desirable citizens from Europe," Arthur Asquith, chairman of Parana Plantations, Limited, stated in the course of his speech to the meeting of shareholders of the company.

Reporting that the company had received applications for land from many suitable people who were unable to obtain visas, Mr. Asquith said: "Two of the most efficiently run plantations which I visited near Rolandia were owned and managed, one of them by a Jewish refugee from Germany, and the other by a German lawyer of international repute with some Jewish blood."

MORE JEWISH DOCTORS ALLOWED TO PRACTICE IN VIENNA TO REPLACE EMIGRANTS

LONDON (JTA) -- More Jewish doctors have been lately admitted to practice in Vienna, according to a report in The Lancet, the British medical journal.

"Most persons of Jewish nationality practicing in the Austrian countries," The Lancet states, "have lost their right to practice, except a limited number required for the remaining Jewish population. Lately however it has been found necessary to admit another batch of practitioners of this kind, since most of those admitted in October, 1938, have been forced to emigrate. Now again we are informed that a number of former general practitioners have been allowed to renew their professional activities. They are mostly men well above 60 years of age, for nearly all the younger ones are now out of the country trying to find a living somehow somewhere. While last year only those doctors who have seen active service in the World War were eligible for consideration, now hardly any differentiation is taking place. In the only Jewish hospital there is a constant fluctuation among the chiefs of the departments. Nearly all the prominent men, also numerous trained assistants and nurses, have left the country already, so that those now in office are overworked and the quality is not what it was a year ago. As a result of the constant emigration, the bulk of the Jewish population of Vienna -- about 100,000 persons now, 50 per cent of what it used to be -- are elderly people aged between 50 and 100. Children and young adults are rarely seen nowadays and old and ailing paupers are all that is left for the newly admitted doctors to make a living from."

133,056 VOTED IN ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTIONS IN POLAND

WARSAW, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Final results of the election of delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress at Geneva were published here today. They are as follows: General Zionists "A", 13; General Zionists "B", 1; Mizrachi, 13; State Party, 1; Labor, 37; Left Poale-Zion, 4.

Ballots were cast by 133,056 voters out of 180,000 who had purchased registration certificates. The General Zionists "B" did not participate in the distribution of mandates, protesting against alleged irregularities in the elections.

Election returns from East Galicia were: United General Zionists 9; Labor, 9; Mizrachi, 3; State Party, 1.