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In the last month, it was reported, the Polish ORT has begun to supply machinery and tools to artisans whose workshops were damaged or destroyed during the bombardment. The central committee of the ORT is also trying to secure permission for normal functioning of all ORT trade schools.

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Nazis Seek Extermination of Jews, Polish Survey Holds

PARIS, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Merciless extermination of Polish Jewry is the avowed aim of the Nazi authorities in occupied Poland, it was charged by the Polish Government-in-exile today in a survey on the Jewish situation in both the Nazi and Soviet areas of the conquered state.

The survey acknowledges the comparatively better position of the Jews in Soviet-occupied Poland but emphasizes that even there they are "praying for the restoration of a free democratic Poland where they may work, earn and live their own way."

Dwelling at length on the barbaric practices of the Nazis, the survey points out that while the Poles have also been subjected to sadistic treatment by the Nazis "there is no comparison with the inhuman treatment" accorded the Jews. The survey charges that the Gestapo, Nazi secret police, has been given a monopoly in control of the Jews and is applying all possible methods leading to their extermination, including expulsions, torture, humiliation and attempts to stir up the Polish population against them.

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Red Cross Hopes to Get Agent Into Cracow

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross, conferred for a half hour with President Roosevelt today and afterward expressed the hope that James Nicholson, Red Cross representative, would shortly be able to go from Berlin to Cracow to inspect distribution of supplies from the Red Cross warehouse there.

Davis said some supplies had already been distributed by the Polish Red Cross. Further distribution will depend upon the manner in which these first supplies were handled and upon Nicholson's report, if and when he is allowed to enter Cracow, he declared.

Asked what he knew of the latest reports of atrocities in Poland, as publicized by the Vatican, the Red Cross chairman said he understood the troubles were taking place in "Nazi Poland" and not in "Polish Poland." He said the Red Cross was concerned only with that part of Poland not claimed by the Nazis as an integral part of the Reich State.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Cordell Hull avoided comment on the atrocity accounts when questioned at his press conference. Hull said he would have to make a further study of his reports from Poland before making a statement. From other sources it was learned that reports of foreign service officers in Warsaw to the State Department have been barren of information concerning the atrocities.

COUGHLIN FACES PROBE ON 'FRONT' LINK, JUSTICE DEPT. AIDE STATES

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Charles E. Coughlin's connections with the Christian Front "will be investigated in due course," Assistant United States Attorney General O. John Rogge said last night before leaving for Minneapolis and Chicago to gather additional evidence in the Christian Front investigation, to which he has been assigned by Attorney General Robert H. Jackson.

Coughlin, in his regular Sunday broadcast, yesterday said he would welcome "with graciousness" an investigation of his activities. He held that "those who sit in the seats of the mighty" were responsible for the movement to investigate his activities.

JEWS' CONTRIBUTION TO CIVILIZATION GREATEST, HISTORIAN HOLDS

LONDON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Ramsay Muir, noted historian and president of the National Liberal Association, told a Buxton audience today that he regarded the Jewish contribution to the growth of civilization as the greatest of all nations.

ROSENBERG, LINDER IMPRESSED ON SURVEY OF REFUGEE PROJECT AREA

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- James N. Rosenberg and Harold Linder returned today from an extended trip through the Dominican Republic during which, accompanied by the Secretary of Agriculture, they inspected several areas set aside for the settlement of 500 families of refugees from central Europe. They said they had been very favorably impressed. Both men are members of an American delegation here to sign, on behalf of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, a colonization agreement with the Dominican Republic.

REFUGEES SET TO SAIL TO U.S. AFTER BEING HALTED BY NAZI WARSHIP

GOETEBORG, Sweden, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- A large party of refugees planned to sail today for the United States after a voyage across the Baltic on the steamship Birger Jarl of the Svea Steamship Co. from the Latvian port of Ventspils (Windau) during which the ship was stopped by a German warship.

The Nazi naval vessel took the steamer to the control port of Swinemunde. The refugees were permitted to continue their voyage when it was established that their immigration papers for the United States were in order.

146 ORAZIO REFUGEES BROUGHT TO GENOA

PARIS, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- One hundred and forty six Jewish refugees among the survivors of the sinking of the Italian liner Orazio have been brought to Genoa, according to advices reaching the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association today. The number of refugees among the lost could not be immediately estimated.

The refugees in Genoa are being maintained at the expense of the Italian steamship line, which has promised to indemnify them for lost luggage. They will resume their journey on the next available Italian steamship.

300 DOMESTIC POSTS OBTAINED BY CZECH EXILES' SELF-AID BODY

LONDON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Domestic positions for 300 Czech Jewish refugees have been obtained by the Self-Aid Association of Jews From Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia, it was announced at the organization's first annual meeting.

The association, which numbers 700 members and is one of the strongest refugee organizations in England, has also brought 40 children to England in the past four months and has provided jobs and permits for 40 persons in training. A self-aid home opened by the organization in December has been visited by more than 2,500 persons.

Dr. Leo Hermann was re-elected chairman of the association. Together with other groups, the association has formed a Joint Committee of Jews from Czechoslovakia, under the chairmanship of Dr. Emil Kafka, former president of the Prague Jewish Community.

BRITISH TEXTBOOK DEVOTES SECTIONS TO 'OUR NEIGHBOR THE JEW'

LONDON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The Annual Lesson Handbook for 1940, just published by the National School Union, contains several lessons devoted to "Our Neighbor the Jew." One of the lessons is devoted to Ernst Toller, the German-Jewish poet who committed suicide while an exile in New York.

CONSTITUTION GUARDS AGAINST RISE OF 'JEWISH PROBLEM' HERE, BORAH SAID BEFORE DEATH

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Confidence that the Constitution would prevent emergence of a Jewish problem in the United States and distrust in British policies on Palestine were voiced by Senator William E. Borah in an interview with Prof. Benjamin Akzin, editor of the American Jewish Chronicle, one week before he died on Jan. 19.

Senator Borah said in the interview, which is published in the Feb. 1 issue of the periodical, that "so far as this country is concerned, I do not recognize the existence of a Jewish problem." The Constitution, he added, "ought to make impossible any emergence of a Jewish or any other minority question."

Concerning Palestine, the late Senator said he had "always hoped that the Palestine enterprise would be a success," pointed out the "great difficulties" to be overcome and added that he "had no reason to trust British policies on any question, and this goes for the Palestine question as well."

Senator Borah told Prof. Akzin that he favored "strict enforcement of our immigration laws" and voiced opposition to "widening their scope."

HOLLANDER REELECTED PRESIDENT AS FUNDS COUNCIL ENDS DETROIT PARLEY

DETROIT, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The seventh general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds closed tonight with a dinner at the Statler Hotel. Scheduled speakers included Melvyn Douglas, the screen actor; William Haber, director of the National Refugee Service, and Sidney Hollander, newly-re-elected president of the Council, who presided.

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Business sessions during the day featured discussions of "Financing Overseas Programs in 1940," with William J. Shroder presiding; "The Approach to 1940 Fund-Raising," Isidore Sobeloff presiding; "Local Organization for Refugee Service," Joseph P. Loeb presiding, and "Jewish Education in the Federation Program," Mark Eisner, presiding.

Addressing a luncheon session Sunday, Dr. Chaim Weizmann called upon Jews to be prepared to defend the Jewish position at the ultimate peace conference and pleaded against creating a permanent refugee status for the Jews. He described Palestine as the one place where the Jews no longer continue as refugees but find a home, adding that Palestine and America were the only two "wholesome spots," with the rest of the world a void between them. He said a strong Palestine would create the possibility of negotiations with the Arabs, as well as eventual settlement of large numbers of Jews in Arab territories.

Speaking at a session on present-day trends in welfare work, Harry Greenstein, of Baltimore, declared that the Government relief program had had a profound influence on private social work. He said that although in some types of welfare activity, the Government program had served to lessen burdens of private agencies, shifting Government policies brought about recurring crises in some sections of the country. In such crises, Greenstein pointed out, private welfare agencies were deluged with appeals for help. He said that such difficulties were bound to continue until the scope of the public welfare program is broadened and adequate public funds are made available.

Sidney Hollander, of Baltimore, was re-elected president of the Council at the business session yesterday. Other officers re-elected were: William J. Shroder, chairman of the board; William Rosenwald, Henry Wineman, Ira M. Younker, vice-presidents; Elias Mayer, secretary, and Solomon Lowenstein, treasurer. Fred M. Butzel, Detroit, and James L. White, Salt Lake City, were elected to the board.

The American ORT Federation and the American Jewish Congress held dinners here last night in conjunction with the Council sessions. Speakers at the ORT banquet included Lord Marley, Dr. David Lvovitch, Louis B. Boudin and Mrs. Edward Gresser, who joined in outlining the importance of the organization's work before 200 guests.

At the Congress dinner, 150 delegates heard Dr. Nahum Goldmann, the guest of honor, declare that relief, while important, was not decisive. He urged that formulae and programs be found for permanent solution of Jewish European problems after the next peace and advised that the facilities of the World Jewish Congress be utilized for preparation of such a program.