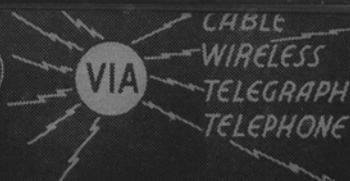


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### 200,000 JEWS ROAM GALICIA BEGGING BREAD FROM PEASANTS

PARIS, March 21.(JTA) -- Approximately 200,000 Jews, including women and children, are wandering from village to village in Soviet-occupied Galicia, begging the Ukrainian peasants for bread, which they are unable to buy, according to reports reaching Paris today.

The food shortage is felt particularly among the Jews in Tarnopol. The misery is increased by the fact that able-bodied younger Jews emigrate into central Russia to seek work.

Private trade is completely liquidated throughout the occupied area, not because of any particular law but because all reserves have been sold out and no new commodities have arrived from the interior of Russia. Shoes and clothing have disappeared.

The situation is particularly serious in Lwow, where there are still a half million refugees lacking shelter and sufficient food. In Stryj, Tarnopol and Kolomeya, Jewish commissars have been replaced by Ukrainians who are not particularly friendly to the Jews.

In Kremenetz, 50 German families being repatriated to the Reich under the population exchange agreement, shouted "Down with the Jews! Death to the Jews!" as their train pulled out of the station. The Soviet authorities did not interfere. The train was escorted by several Reich officials.

Many of the Zionist leaders arrested in Soviet-occupied Poland have been released after being obliged to take pledges of loyalty to the Soviet regime.

Zionist youths, however, are moving from their towns either to central Russia, where they can find work, or towards Odessa, where they hope to find an opportunity to embark for Palestine. The disappearance of Jewish youths is especially noticeable in Lwow, Stanislwów, Bialystok, Stryj and Grodno.

In Kolomeya, the Soviet authorities have confiscated all synagogues.

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#### 10,000 Youths Slated For Shipment to East Prussian Labor Camps

TRIESTE, March 21.(JTA) -- Ten thousand Polish Jewish youths will shortly be deported from the Government-General of Poland to East Prussia for forced labor, it was learned here today.

Jews aged 18 to 25 have been summoned to Jewish Community offices in Nazi Poland and have been instructed by Nazi officials to make themselves ready for service in the camps.

Before the Jews are transported to East Prussia, it is understood they will be concentrated in Mlava and vicinity, close to the East Prussian border.

In some instances, it was learned, Jewish youths were ordered to gather in certain places with full equipment for labor service, including boots, underwear and blankets. When they appeared, the equipment was taken from them and they were ordered to return to their homes.

Polish intellectual circles in Cracow were reported indignant at Nazi methods of encouraging anti-Jewish excesses by Poles recruited for "voluntary agricultural work" in Germany. The recruits, billeted in the Wonska Street barracks in Cracow, were ordered by the Nazis to behave "as in the good old times" and to beat up Jews on the streets. Maltreatment of Jews by the labor recruits has now become a daily occurrence in Cracow, it was reported here.

#### To Help J.D.C. Work in Warsaw

WASHINGTON, March 21.(JTA) -- A State Department spokesman said today the Department would do everything in its power to aid the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee to continue its relief work in Warsaw despite the ousting of the American consuls from the former Polish capital.

#### DIES BODY TO OPEN CHRISTIAN FRONT PROBE IN 10 DAYS

WASHINGTON, March 21.(JTA) -- The House Committee Investigating Un-American Activities will begin hearings on the Christian Front within ten days, it was learned today.

Committee Investigator Robert Barker served subpoenas on five Christian Front leaders in Boston today, Committee Secretary Robert Stripling said. In addition, other investigators were probing the Front's activities in Pawtucket, R.I.; Manchester, N.H., and Troy, N.Y.

Chairman Martin Dies, who has been away from Washington for a week, reportedly directing efforts of his investigators to expose Christian Front machinations, was expected to return to the capital tonight. The Dies committee voted at its last executive session to begin an investigation of the Front as soon as possible, it was learned.

#### BELGIUM BANS 5 ANTI-SEMITIC PAPERS

BRUSSELS, March 21.(JTA) -- The Belgian Government today prohibited publication of three anti-Jewish newspapers as "a bad influence on the spirit of the army and the population."

## CONGRESS PEACE AIMS BODY TO COOPERATE WITH GENEVA INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, March 21.(JTA) -- The Jewish peace aims institute to be established by the American Jewish Congress will cooperate with a similar institute to be created by the World Jewish Congress in Geneva, it was announced today.

The American institute will probably serve as the American section of the Geneva body, it was stated. Its functions will be to study the minority rights clauses of the 1919 peace treaties, investigate their application and discover wherein and why they failed.

On the basis of the findings thus reached, there will be formulated the demands which the Jews will make after the peace, looking to a restoration of the rights of Jews in Europe and the establishment of safeguards which will prevent the infringement of these rights.

A special committee is being named to set up the institute, which is expected to engage the cooperation of outstanding historians and legal authorities, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

## IMMIGRANTS SPUR NATION'S PROSPERITY, GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST HOLDS

NEW YORK, March 21.(JTA) -- Immigrants make a major contribution to this country's prosperity, serving as large scale consumers of housing, agricultural products, manufactured goods and services, Felix S. Cohen, Government official and economist, concludes in a documented study published today.

Immigration continues to be a vital factor in the nation's opportunity for economic development, he contends in an article in the current issue of the Contemporary Jewish Record, publication of the American Jewish Committee.

At the same time the writer, a member of the Board of Appeals of the Department of Interior and well-known as a lawyer, statistically disposes of the chief arguments employed against immigrants. That they raise the American standard of living, increase employment opportunity and the number of available jobs, and show a high percentage of literacy, he proves in a contrast of ten American states with the highest population of foreign-born inhabitants, and the ten having the lowest.

American economy was enabled to recover from previous depressions because of increasing markets, "largely based on immigration," and immigration "took up the slack," he writes. But, "in our present period of unemployment, there is no sign anywhere of an expanding market."

The article finds that decreasing immigration tends to retard the normal growth of population and has the economic consequence of removing potential producers and consumers from our industry and from society.

"Whatever obstructs the growth of population prevents the expansion of housing, agriculture and other consumer goods industries. Whatever prevents the expansion of consumer goods industries tends to make factory-building, machine production, construction, and road and railroad building unnecessary," says the writer.

Making a comparison among ten states which have the highest average foreign-born population, or 20.8 per hundred, and ten with only 0.6, the lowest, he shows that the states with the greater foreign-born figure also have the

highest average income, or \$549 as against \$231.

"If the hard facts of cash income mean anything, they mean that the popular theory that prosperity occurs only in the absence of immigration, is untrue," he concludes.

The wealth of the highest income states is not the result of unusual natural resources or favorable climate, but "is the result of the labor of countless immigrants who were not allowed or encouraged to settle in regions more favored by nature." Nor do immigrants threaten the American standard of living by working for lower wages and longer hours. Instead, "immigrants, like other human beings, try to get wages as high as the traffic will bear."

#### LANDESCO NAMED VICE-PRESIDENT OF RECONSTRUCTION FOUNDATION

PARIS, March 21.(JTA) -- Alexander A. Landesco, New York business man, has been elected vice-president of the American Joint Reconstruction Foundation, which was established in 1924 by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Colonization Association to support free loan societies in Europe. Sir Osmond d'Avigdor Goldsmid, of London, is president of the Foundation.

Landesco, who is affiliated with the banking firm of Lazard Freres, is a member of the organization and Poland committees of the J.D.C. and has spent considerable time in Europe on J.D.C. matters.

A meeting of the Foundation's Council confirmed appointment of David Schweitzer, of Paris, as one of two managing directors. Schweitzer is now visiting New York. Noah Aronovici was named vice-director. Dr. Bernhard Kahn and Morris Troper, respectively honorary chairman and chairman of the European Council of the J.D.C., and Rene Mayer, French Jewish leader active in refugee work, were elected new members of the Foundation Council.

The Council, after hearing a report by Managing Director Louis Oungre on the loan societies assisted by the Foundation, decided to send Aronovici to South America to investigate the possibilities of promoting societies there. Tribute was paid at the session to the memory of Meyer Gillis, New York labor leader and Council member who died recently.

#### POLISH RELIEF FUND NETS L170,000 IN ENGLAND

LONDON, March 21.(JTA) -- The Polish Relief Fund announced today collections of £70,000 and an allocation from the British Government of £100,000.

In a report covering activities up to February, the Fund said that £17,000 had been remitted to Rumania in addition to drugs, serums and vaccines valued at £410 and a large amount of clothing. Remittances of varying sizes have also been sent to Lithuania, Hungary and France. Relief grants totalling £2,500 have been made to refugees in England.

#### GERMANS WARNED NOT TO PLAY BRIDGE, 'AN ANGLO-JEWISH GAME'

PARIS, March 21.(JTA) -- The German radio today warned the population of the Reich not to spend the Easter holiday playing bridge "because bridge is

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an Anglo-Jewish game."

The radio announcement advised Germans to avoid Easter travel because of the shortage of trains and to spend their time listening to the radio and playing cards--but under no circumstances to play bridge.

#### WIDOW OF HAHAM GASTER DEAD IN ENGLAND

LONDON, March 21.(JTA) -- Mrs. Leah Lucy Gaster, widow of Haham Dr. Moses Gaster and mother-in-law of former president Neville Laski of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, died here yesterday at the age of 89.

Mrs. Gaster was active in Jewish communal work. She was vice-president of the Women's International Zionist Organization and a past president of the women's lodge of B'nai B'rith. She was the daughter of Dr. Michael Friedlander, head of Jews' College.

#### REPORT ON DOMINICAN REFUGEE PROJECT IS PUBLISHED HERE

NEW YORK, March 21.(JTA) -- The Dominican Republic Settlement Association issued today a printed record of its meeting at the Town Hall Club on Feb.15 at which reports were read on the launching of the refugee settlement project.

At this meeting, Robert Pell, of the State Department, said that James N. Rosenberg and his associates, "in undertaking this project, are assured of the collaboration of the State Department, and its support in every possible and practicable manner."

Complete text of the agreement between the Dominican Republic and the Association setting forth the liberal conditions under which more than 500 refugees families will be settled, is printed in the pamphlet.

#### MANDEL RETAINS COLONIAL POST IN NEW FRENCH CABINET

PARIS, March 21.(JTA) -- Minister of Colonies Georges Mandel retained his position in the new French Cabinet formed today by Premier Paul Reynaud.

#### 'RACIAL APPROACH' OF SO. AFRICAN BODY SEEN LEADING TO BOYCOTT OF JEWS

JOHANNESBURG, March 21.(JTA) -- The executive council of the South African Board of Jewish Deputies today criticized the "narrow and exclusively racial approach" of the recently-formed Afrikaaner Economic Institute, warning that its tactics "seem to lead inescapably to an ultimate form of boycott."

The report also deplored efforts of the parliamentary opposition to create a Jewish issue in the debates on the war and other subjects. It expressed appreciation to Justice Minister Steyn for public refutation of allegations against the Jews.