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LITTLE HOPE SEEN FOR ESCAPE OF GERMAN EMIGRES IN HOLLAND

LONDON, May 17. (JTA).--Little hope was held out today by refugees arriving from Holland that any appreciable number of German Jewish emigres had succeeded in escaping. (There were approximately 23,000 refugees from the Reich in Holland at the outbreak of the war, according to the Joint Distribution Committee.)

It was pointed out that all German nationals had been ordered confined to their homes and it was consequently impossible for them to arrange for flight until the last moment.

There is no definite information here as to the fate of the 331 refugees known to have been quartered in the camp at Westerbork near the Dutch-German border. A Quaker relief worker who left Amsterdam told the J.T.A. today that he doubted if there had been time to evacuate the camp before the invasion.

There were a number of refugees at Camp Sluis in Zeeland, province which is still held by the Dutch. While they have not yet fallen into Nazi hands, they were believed to be in the thick of the fighting unless they had the meantime been evacuated across the nearby Belgian frontier.

Seven German-Jewish men were among the 14 refugees from Holland who arrived at an east coast port yesterday. They had fled from the interior only to find the last refugee ship had sailed. In desperation, they cycled to Scheveningen and from there set out in an 18-foot yawl, though none of the party had been in a sailing boat before. After ten hours of sailing they were sighted by a Dutch coastwise vessel, taken aboard and brought to England. The Jews were taken to a police station for further interrogation.

Long lines of refugees at Dorland House, headquarters of the Netherlands Emergency Committee, included many Jews. One Jewish doctor from Amsterdam showed his stethoscope, which was the only possession he had managed to salvage. He had escaped in a lifeboat for 20 which carried 37.

None of those interviewed could tell of more than his own harrowing experiences. "I still cannot believe I am safe. It seems a miracle," one told the J.T.A. correspondent.

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Refugees in Belgium Reported Released

LONDON, May 17. (JTA)--According to British Jewish refugees who arrived here today, German Jewish refugees in Antwerp who were interned last Friday were released Sunday and sent to France.

The Jewish Chronicle reported that many refugees who had previously been released to join the Belgian army.

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Red Cross to Aid Dutch, Belgian Refugees

WASHINGTON, MAY 17. (JTA)--The American Red Cross today acted to help Belgian and Dutch refugees pouring into France and England from their invaded countries. Many are believed to be German emigres who were quartered in camps in the Low Countries.

Chairman Norman H. Davis announced $100,000 had been cabled to Paris headquarters for this mission. Assistance will be given, Davis said, through the French and British Red Cross societies.

Davis announced, in answer to numerous inquires, that funds collected in the war relief drive will not be used in Germany, the German Red Cross having served notice that Germany would take care of her own needs.

Maurice Bisgyer, secretary of B'Nai B'rith, today pledged the full support of the organization to the Red Cross European relief drive. "The only consolation granted to us in these troubled times," he said, "is that survival of civilization is made possible in great measure by the humanitarian work of such organizations as the Red Cross."

500 REFUGEES SAIL MAY 25 FROM GENOA FOR SAN DOMINGO--IF ITALY STILL NEUTRAL

WASHINGTON, May 17. (JTA).--In a dramatic race against time, 500 German Jewish refugees were being assembled in Genoa today and were preparing to sail for the Dominican Republic May 25. They were staking their future lives on the hope that Italy would not enter the war before next Thursday.

The refugees, carefully selected from homeless in most of the warring nations, are scheduled to sail on the Italian liner Neptuna, one of the smaller vessels in the transatlantic service. Should Italy go to war before Thursday, their sailing, of course, will be cancelled, and virtually the last open port for refugees fleeing the Old World will be closed.

Officials of the Intergovenmental Refugee Committee, sponsors of the Dominican project, were awaiting the sailing with the greatest anxiety. If the refugees are able to reach the Dominican Republic they will form the backbone of the Sosua colony, where 37 refugees have already been settled.

BRITISH PRESS REGRETS INTERNMENT OF REFUGEES BUT SEES NO ALTERNATIVE

LONDON, May 17. (JTA).--A number of refugee youths who had just reached the age of 16 were among the 3,000 German and Austrian aliens included in yesterday's roundup, it was revealed today by an official of the Manchester Jewish Refugee Committee.

The official said the youths had been living in hostels and private houses since they came to Britain and had been training for various occupations which they hoped to follow as emigrants to various parts of the Empire.

Commenting editorially on the roundup, the periodical Spectator declared that the drastic treatment of the foreigners, the majority of whom were perfectly loyal, was "regrettable, but there is no alternative." This was a case, the magazine said, when the innocent must suffer for the guilty. "No chances can be taken when so much is at stake, "it declared.

Internment of the remaining Germans and Austrians of military age was demanded by the Evening News, Lord Rothermere's newspaper, in an editorial declaring there was "no way to separate the lambs from the wolves in lambs' clothing, and the tragedy of Holland has shown that Hitler uses men and women without scruple in his treacherous designs."

The News-Chronicle warned against "spy hunts" but found the internment of aliens a justified preventive step.

The Jewish Chronicle reported that while the refugees in Britain were taking the internment order calmly for the most part, some cases of suicide and attempted suicide were reported. The Chronicle compared the situation in Britain with Holland and Belgium, where refugees were released while pro-Hitler anti-Semites were arrested.

Recalling Fascist treachery in Holland, the Chronicle said: "The question in the light of all this is whether an equally vigilant eye is kept in this country on Jew-baiters, many of whom merely employ anti-Semitism as a convenient screen behind which to help Hitler do his filthy army work of treachery."

DIES SEES NAZIS, REDS UNITED IN "TROJAN HORSE" PLOT

WASHINGTON, MAY 17. (JTA)--Rep. Martin Dies told a crowded House today that Nazis and Communists have united in this country to form a "fifth column" dedicated to the downfall of democracy. He charged that the German-American Bund was Hitler's official representatives in the United States, and said he could produce correspondence to prove it.

"It is not generally known," Dies said, "But I have information that the Communists united with Nazis in Holland in "Trojan Horse" tactics." Dies statements were received with thunderous applause.

Mexico Deports 2 Nazis

MEXICO CITY, MAY 17.(JTA).---Deportation of two alleged "dangerous Nazi agents" has been ordered by the Ministry of Interior, it was announced today. One of them arrested here, carried an American passport bearing the name of Michael Stuart Goodfield. The other, of undisclosed identity, was described by the authorities as a leader of Gestapo activities in Mexico.

The authorities indicated that the Government was conducting a large scale investigation of all foreign agents in Mexico, who are said to number at least 10,000

140,000 JEWS READY TO DEFEND PALESTINE, KAPLAN ASSERTS ON ARRIVAL

NEW YORK, MAY 17. (JTA)--Declaring the Jewish community of 500,000 in Palestine is seeking to preserve peace in order to provide a haven and home for additional thousands of refugees from the distress and war areas of Europe, Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who arrived on the Atlantic Clipper today, asserted that if the war spreads to the Mediterranean a total of 140,000 Jews, men and women, will be prepared to defend the Jewish national home.

Kaplan said, that despite the war in Europe, Palestine was continuing its upbuilding and settlement program with the aid of American Jews, through the United Palestine Appeal.

Declaring that the war has neither stopped refugee immigration to Palestine nor slackened the pace of development internally, Kaplan said that provision must be made immediately for the 9,000 Jewish immigrants who will be permitted to enter Palestine under the current schedule.

Kaplan reported that the first shocks of the war which unsettled the economic situation in Palestine are being overcome and a reorganization of industrial and commercial activity has brought about the establishment of new industries.

J.D.C. PLANS OFFICES IN SWITZERLAND, ITALY, HUNGARY

PARIS, MAY 17. (JTA).--Tentative plans to establish offices of the Joint Distribution Committee in Switzerland, Italy and Hungary were announced today by Morris C. Troper, J.D.C. European director, following his return here from a visit to the United States.

After a short stay in Paris, Troper said, he will visit London to discuss relief activities there and then proceed to Switzerland to study the possibilities of establishing a permanent office there. From Switzerland, he will go to Budapest to confer with Jewish leaders and local J.D.C. representatives in Hungary, Rumania and other East European countries on relief problems in those countries in the light of the latest developments.

Dr. Joseph Schwartz, newly appointed European vice-chairman of the J.D.C. arrived here yesterday to assume his new duties. Dr. Schwartz was formerly secretary of the J.D.C. in New York.

HEARINGS ON ALASKA BILL END SATURDAY

WASHINGTON, MAY 17. (JTA)--Hearings on the Alaskan refugee bill will be concluded Saturday, it was announced today.

Action on the bill in the Senate was spurred by President Roosevelt's reference yesterday to Alaska as a possible entering wedge for invading forces.

N.Y. Post Urges Early Action

NEW YORK, MAY 17. (JTA)--Early Congressional action on the Ickes plan for development of Alaska, as embodied in the King-Havenner bill, was urged editorially by the New York Post today.

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"Besides immeasurably strengthening our national defense," the editorial said, "a settled Alaska would give this country a tremendous new market, a supply of essential materials and new jobs for our unemployed Alaskans would benefit by stabilizing employment for its own residents. Hundreds of thousands of refugees would find opportunity for a new life."

Declaring the Ickes program could not be accomplished overnight and that a start was "long overdue," the editorial concluded: "At the present pace of world events, Congress cannot afford to adjourn without laying the foundations."

WALDMAN HAILED AS "STATESMAN IN JEWISH AFFAIRS" AT U.J.A. TESTIMONIAL

NEW YORK, MAY 17. (JTA)--Hailed as a "statesman in the world of Jewish affairs, "Morris D. Waldman, secretary of the American Jewish Committee, last night was tendered a testimonial dinner by the Social Service Division of the United Jewish Appeal in recognition of his 40 years of outstanding service in social work.

Speakers at a dinner, held at the Pennsylvania Hotel and attended by more than 200 persons, included Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the J.D.C.: Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, executive vice-president of the New York Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies and chairman of the U.J.A. group; Dr. John Slawson, executive director of the Board of Jewish Guardians, and Dr. J.J. Golub of Montefiore Hospital.

Presiding, Dr. Lowenstein declared Waldman represented the "type of leadership we need." Describing him as a "statesman in the world of Jewish affairs," Dr. Lowenstein said Waldman was "one of the few men in whom we can repose our hope for wise guidance in our affairs."

Dr. Slawson, recalling Waldman's role in organizing the Galveston refugee project after the Russian pogrom and his many years of activity on behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee, the American Jewish Committee and other groups, said he set the "right kind of example" to the Jewish youth of America.

The division, it was announced, pledged a considerably greater sum toward the U.J.A. quota than it did in the previous year.