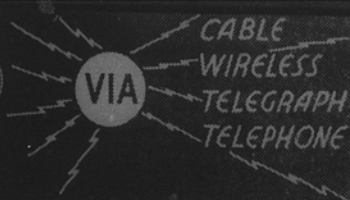


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SOSUA SETTLERS "EARNING THEIR BREAD," ROSEN REPORTS AFTER 4-MONTH STAY

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The pioneer group of 50 settlers in the Sosua region of the Dominican Republic have adjusted themselves to the sub-tropical conditions and are already "earning their bread," a press luncheon was told this afternoon by Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, vice-president of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, who has just returned from a stay of four months on the Caribbean island.

The adjustment has taken place in the space of little more than three months, Dr. Rosen said, during which period the group, augmented from an original 36 settlers, has established a herd of about 300 head of cattle, planted a substantial acreage of food crops, started a banana plantation, laid the foundations for plantations that will produce essential oils from various native grasses, and for fruit, forestation and plant nurseries.

None of the settlers, Dr. Rosen emphasized, has suffered from any disease or discomfort during the three months. In this connection Dr. Rosen denounced what he described as a "whispering campaign" directed against the project and aimed at discrediting it through rumors that the country was disease-ridden.

Dr. Rosen cited as encouraging factors in development of the project the wholehearted cooperation of both the Dominican and American governments, both of which were extending expert advice and diplomatic facilities "in our efforts to overcome the thousand and one obstacles in getting the prospective immigrants out of European countries."

The Dominican Government, Dr. Rosen revealed, has issued more than 2,000 immigration visas at the Association's request and the number "can be multiplied many times depending on our ability to take care of the people."

Asserting there was room enough in the Republic for 100,000 refugee immigrants and that the country needed and wanted them, Dr. Rosen said the greatest drawback at the present was the difficulty in arranging transportation and transit visas for the prospective settlers, trainees and children from their countries of residence. Groups of prospective settlers were waiting in Germany, Italy, Switzerland, England and France for transportation, Dr. Rosen said, adding that in the past few days the Association had received encouraging messages from its European contacts indicating that several groups would be able to sail for the Dominican Republic in the near future.

Dr. Rosen made public a letter from the Reichsvereinigung in Berlin which declared that organization had received word from the pioneer settlers expressing their happiness in their new surroundings. Alexander Kahn, vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, presided at the luncheon.

REPORT 600 RUMANIAN JEWISH LAWYERS OUSTED

ZURICH, Aug. 28. (ONA) -- Six hundred Jewish lawyers have been forced to give up their practices as a result of the newly-promulgated Rumanian anti-Jewish legislation, the German wireless reported today.

Eight hundred other Jewish lawyers have submitted applications for permission to continue their practice under the clause exempting Jews who fought in Rumanian armed forces or who are descendants of front fighters, the wireless reported. These applications are being examined at present by Bucharest authorities.

JAP PREMIER ATTACKS TOTALITARIANISM

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Premier Konoye of Japan attacked the theory of totalitarianism in a surprising speech today at Tokyo, the Associated Press reported.

Konoye said such a theory was inappropriate for Japan in an address to a committee of 26 political leaders assigned to form a new national political structure in the wake of the recent dissolution of old political parties, the A.P. dispatch said. When he took office July 22 Konoye was expected to head a totalitarian regime.

HADASSAH GRANTS \$10,000 FOR CHILD PROJECT IN HONOR OF ALICE SELIGSBERG

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The memory of Miss Alice L. Seligsberg, Jewish social welfare worker, Zionist health pioneer, and former national president of Hadassah, who died here last night at the age of 67, will be honored through a grant of \$10,000 to be utilized for a special war emergency child welfare project to be carried on in her name, it was announced today after a special meeting of the national boards of Senior and Junior Hadassah.

VICHY REGIME LIFTS BAN ON RACIAL ATTACKS IN PRESS

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The French Government has lifted restrictions preventing press attacks and criticism levelled against the Jewish religion or people, a Vichy dispatch to the New York Times disclosed today. This was done when the Government announced on Tuesday the abrogation of the decree law of April 21, 1939, which forbade hostile criticism of any group of the French nation on racial and religious grounds, the dispatch said.

VET LEADER URGES REDOUBLED F.B.I. DRIVE ON SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

BOSTON, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The Federal Bureau of Investigation was called upon today to redouble its efforts in investigating subversive activities, by Edgar H. Burman, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States as he opened the 45th annual convention of the organization at the Copley Plaza hotel here.

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"When we are spending billions for national defense it is silly to allow these groups to exist," he declared. "There can be no Nazi blitzkrieg in this country if we keep morally prepared and make this country unsafe for totalitarian aggression, whether it be against the body or against the spirit."

Some 10,000 members of the organization have converged on this city to take part in the convention, which will end on Sunday. This afternoon a wreath was placed at the Bunker Hill monument in memory of Judah Touro, a hero of the battle of New Orleans, whose \$10,000 gift made possible the completion of the monument.