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VICHY SEEN ISSUING ANTI-JEWISH LAW TODAY; NEW ALGIERS RIOTS REPORTED

ZURICH, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The French Government will promulgate its new anti-Jewishlaw in the Official Journal tomorrow, the French radio announced tonight, according to German dispatches.

The law has been under consideration by the Cabinet for several weeks. It was originally drafted by ex-Minister of Interior Adrien Marquet and was introduced by the present Minister Marcel Peyrouton. This will be the first legislation in France's recent history directed specifically against the Jews.

Tonight's radio announcement did not reveal the nature of the legislation, but said that it was aimed to remove "the devastating influences of Jewry upon the French people and the French State." The announcer added that the law would not affect "those Jews who have made themselves useful to the French fatherland."

Meanwhile, other German dispatches from Vichy reported "new and serious anti-Jewish rioting" in Algiers. The reports said that eight Jews were injured, "but so far nothing is known about the number dead."

"Although demonstrations are forbidden, large crowds appeared in the streets attacking Jewish shops," it was stated. "Since in the main streets of the new quarter 80 per cent of all shops are in Jewish hands, and in some older quarters of the town almost 100 per cent, the demonstrators had a big choice."

The Nazi dispatches said "the riots were on a much larger scale than the anti-Jewish demonstrations in 1898, when many Jewish shops were destroyed and their contents burned."

The German wireless also reported a renewal of anti-Semitic demonstrations in the unoccupied French city of Nice.

Paper Demands Hanging of 'Jewish Profiteers'

VICHY, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The newspaper Le Journal today proposed the hanging of "Jewish profiteers." The demand climaxed an anti-Jewish campaign conducted by some papers following the arrest of three Jews for profiteering, despite the fact that they were among several scores of non-Jews arrested on the same charge.

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French Jews Lack Newspaper

VICHY, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The total absence of a Jewish press is a characteristic feature of the present Jewish position in France. While during the first nine months of the war the reduced Jewish press counted two Yiddish dailies and scores of Yiddish and French weeklies and mouthlies, not a single periodical survived the armistice.

The effort to resume publication of the Jewish National Fund fortnightly, Terre Retrouvee, failed. No initiative has been taken so far to publish a commanal or informational paper despite the fact that the Jewish public is eager for news of Jewish developments abroad, especially in Palestine, and also need some inter-community link.

A few copies of the builetin of the Jewish Agency for Palestine published in Geneva which trickled into France were hunted for by readers, as well as a typewritten Jewish Telegraphic Agency list of the victims of the Italian air raids in Tel Aviv, for which people write from the most remote towns begging a copy.

Hope is expressed that the contemplated Jewish representative body will publish a paper to link the French Jews with their coreligionists abroad and direct opinion toward the raising of the morale of the Jewish population.

BRITISH AIR MINISTRY LAUDS PALESTINIAN VOLUNTEERS

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The Air Ministry news service tonight lauded the loyalty of the Palestine Jews and paid tribute particularly to volunteers for the Royal Air Force.

"They are a keen set of fellows of good physique and extremely eager to get going with the units of the R.A.F. to which they have been posted," the bulletin said of the Palestinian volunteers.

Some will serve in the western desert, while others will be stationed with various units of the Middle East command, the news service said. Many are intended for technical branches of the service. The volunteers are now undergoing training.

The news service declared: "The majority of Jews who settled in Palestine in recent years are wholeheartedly behind Britain in the struggle against Nazi tyranny and brutality. Their young men are demonstrating their feelings by the way in which they are flocking to our help."

The bulletin quoted an interview with a Jewish corporal who had served in the French Foreign legion in Syria. "All the Jews in Palestine want to flight for England because it is the experience of the Jewish people that they have been happy under the democracy which England is defending," the corporal said. "All our people in Palestine are very strong in support of England and want to help beat the tyranny of the Nazis, even if they have to ascrifice their lives. After all, is life so very important with so much at stake?"

Weizmann to Make Offer of Palestine Mobilization

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, will make "a momentous announcement of far-reaching importance" when he addresses the annual conference of the British Zionist Federation on Sunday night, Zionist circles said today. It is understood the announcement will deal with an offer to mobilize the Palestine Jews for the British war effort.

LABOR LEGISLATION PLANNED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The Government is conducting a thorough investigation of labor conditions and disputes, it was learned today. A special adviser arrived from London recently to assist in the establishment of a department of labor and drafting of labor legislation.

A committee for promotion of Palestine industry was established recently.

RUMANIA BARS JEWISH LAWYERS FROM REPRESENTING GENTILES

ZURICH, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government has issued a decree limiting the remaining Jewish lawyers to practicing only on behalf of Jewish clients, the German wireless reported today. War invalids, war orphans and those decorated for bravery are exempted.

German dispatches also quoted the Bucharest newspaper Porunca Vremii as reporting that a "territorial movement" for establishment of a Jewish home outside Palestine was growing among Rumanian Jewish youth. The paper said official Jewish leaders opposed the movement because they still believed the Jews might retain their position in Europe.

AID TO REFUGEE WRITERS URGED AT DINNER HERE

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The enrichment of American culture through the contributions of refugees and the urgent necessity of saving anti-Nazi writers still in Europe were stressed tonight by prominent authors, Americans and exiles, who addressed 1,500 persons attending a Pan-American Dinner for Writers in Exile at the Hotel Commodore Proceeds of the dinner, which was sponsored by a publishers' committee and the League of American Writers, will be used to rescue at least 20 writers believed to be in danger in Europe.

Those on the speakers' list included two recently-arrived authors, Lion Feuchtwanger and Franz Werfel, and also Cass Canfield, Fannie Hurst, Louis Bromfield, Pearl S. Buck, Arthur Garfield Hays, William Sarcyan, Genevieve Tabouis and Jules Romains. Clifton Fadiman was toastmaster.

Fadiman pointed out that there were still more than a hundred anti-Nazi writers in France, all needing money and steemship tickets and many needing visas. He read a message from Prof. Albert Einstein urging rescue of these writers as an "invaluable service" to the cause of freedom and justice and to America.

Miss Hurst asserted that the giving of asylum to exiled authors was "a noncontroversial high command to those nations who still operate within the fremework of democracy." Miss Buck declared that the exiles coming here could use their experience with dictatorships in Europe to help America guard against Fascism here.

BRITISH GIVE NAZI AIRMAN JEWISH BLOOD 'TO IMPROVE HIS MANNERS'

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The magazine Aeroplane tells the story of a German pilot who was shot down and wounded and who kept up a running fire of abuse against England, the doctors and nurses, while his wounds were being treated and generally behaved arrogantly.

He was given a blood transfusion and nurses settled him down in bed with the words: "Now, my lad, you have two pints of good Jewish blood in you. We hope it will improve your manners."

BRITAIN BARS CHANGE IN INTERNMENT POLICY

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, in Commons tonight, rejected Leborite Josiah Wedgwood's proposal to reverse the policy of interning anti-Nazi and Jewish refugees friendly to England.

Declaring substantial numbers had been released under the existing arrangement, Morrison declared that whatever decision might be reached regarding future policy, it would not be right to base the policy on distinction between Jews and others. Any categories of eligibility for release ought to be applicable to both Jews and non-Jews alike. he said.

BRITISH EMBASSY DENIES PALESTINE DEFENSE INADEQUATE

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The British Embassy, in a letter to the New Zionist Organization, has contested claims made by the organization that measures to defend Palestine were not far-sighted and adequate enough to cope with possible developments in the Near East. The British Embassy letter said the facts "do not bear out the contention that Palestine is not being defended."

PROUT, CHRISTIAN FRONTIER, FACES COURT MARTIAL

NEW YORK Oct. 17. (JTA) — Capt. John T. Prout, one of the defendants in the recent Christian Front trial in Brooklyn, has been transferred from the 165th Infantry, and will face trial by a general court martial on undisclosed charges. In the Brooklyn trial, Prout was acquitted of the charge that he plotted to overthrow the Government with other defendants but the jury failed to agree as to his guilt on a charge of complicity in a theft of munitions from a New York National Guard armory.

RABBI WHO SOUGHT 'LOST TRIBES' DEAD IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Rabbi Zadok Hatemani, Yemen-born religious leader who spent his lifetime in searching for the ten lost tribes of Israel beyond the legendary Sambatyon River, has died at the age of 75.

REFUGEE WINS PRIZE FOR CANCER POSTER

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA) — Henry Koerner, 24-year-old Viennese refugee artist, now residing in Brooklyn, has won the \$1,000 first prize in the poster competition conducted by the National Alliance of Art and Industry for the American Society for the Control of Cancer.