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FRENCH HOSTILE TO VICHY ANTI-JEWISH LAW; HELD CONCESSION TO NAZIS

ZURICH, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The Vichy Government's anti-Jewish legislation has been greeted with obvious distaste by the French and is generally scored as contrary to the spirit of the French Constitution, it was reported here today. ✓

The correspondent said the French press had shown its disgust by refraining from any comment on the laws with the exception of the newspaper L'Action Francaise, which demanded even stronger measures against the Jews.

LONDON, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The Vichy Government's anti-Jewish legislation amounts to recognition of the principle that the Germans are the master race and the French are their servants, the newspaper France, organ of Gen. Charles de Gaulle, charged today.

The legislation, emulating the Nuremberg Laws, contradicts Premier Henri Petain's promise of Oct. 11 that the new regime would not be a servile imitation of foreign governments, the newspaper said. It is a violation of the principles of the French Revolution and the declaration of human rights, which was respected by all succeeding governments except the present one, it was said.

Law Extended to Morocco

RABAT, French Morocco, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The Vichy Government's new anti-Jewish statute was extended to Morocco today by a sultanian "dahreen" (decree) published in the official gazette.

Census of Foreigners in Toulouse

VICHY, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- A census of foreigners in Toulouse will be completed tomorrow by the local authorities, who are requiring registrants to state their religion.

Important problems involving Jewish relief activity in France will be discussed at the first countrywide conference of Jewish relief bodies convoked for Oct. 30 and 31 at Toulouse by Chief Rabbi Issaye Schwartz.

Delegates of all important relief bodies have been invited to the conference. They will discuss the following principal problems: (1) reports on local relief activities;

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(2) ways, means and methods of relief and the special requirements of the different Jewish groups; (3) plans for cooperation and mutual assistance among the various relief bodies; (4) the training of the staffs for social work.

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Nazis to Stamp Jews' Cards in Occupied France

GENEVA, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- All Jews in occupied France must report to the police beginning tomorrow to have the word "Jew" or "Jewess" stamped on their identity and sojourn cards, the German-controlled Paris radio reported today. Jews of French nationality must bring two witnesses to testify to the truth of their declarations, it was stated.

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Blum Accused of "Betrayal of Duties"

GENEVA, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Ex-Premier Leon Blum has been accused by the public prosecutor before the French Supreme Court in Riom of "betrayal of the duties of his charge." The charges against him are that he was prepared to engage France in war to defend his own ideologies and that his social policies restricted armament production during the Popular Front regime.

Ex-Minister of Interior Georges Mandel is accused of having striven to establish personal rule with British aid and also of "corruption and speculation on the value of the national currency."

PARIS RADIO REPORTS GRYNSZPAN TO BE TRIED IN BERLIN

GENEVA, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The Nazi-controlled Paris radio announced today that Herschel Grynszpan, young Polish Jew who killed a German embassy official in Paris in 1938, had been transferred to Berlin and would be tried there.

(It was reported early in September that Grynszpan had been handed over to the Germans by the Petain Government, taken to Berlin and sentenced to a 20-year penitentiary term.)

EDEN COMPLETES INSPECTION TOUR OF PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- British War Secretary Anthony Eden has completed an inspection of garrisons in Palestine and Transjordan. He was accompanied on the tour by Sir Archibald P. Wavell, commander of Britain's Middle Eastern forces.

Enemy planes carried out their first night flight over the Holy Land last Saturday but no bombs were dropped. Warning sirens went off in Jerusalem for the first time.

Seek Extension of Palestine Trade in Empire

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Geoffrey Walsh and Julius Jacobs, Palestine's delegates to the forthcoming Empire trade conference at New Delhi, left for India today bearing the Palestine Government's and the Jewish Agency's views and proposals regarding Palestine's role in Empire trade.

Dr. Emil Shmorak, economic expert of the Jewish Agency, said in an interview that Palestine industry was fairly well developed and was able to export to the countries attending the conference textiles, certain metal supplies and pharmaceutical goods and

foodstuffs, especially edible oils, citrus and citrus products. Such exports, he said, would not exhaust Palestine industry's possibilities for a large-scale war effort when it is provided the necessary assistance.

Pledge on Pan-Arabic Union Denied in Parliament

LONDON, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Foreign Undersecretary Richard A. Butler denied in Commons Saturday that the Government had made any promise to countries interested in formation of a free pan-Arabic union after the war. Asked if the Government was sympathetic to the proposal, he said: "Well, it is very interesting and important."

George H. Hall, Parliamentary Undersecretary of Colonies, revealed that 356 illegal immigrants were still held at Athlit, Palestine, and were "not yet due for release."

McWILLIAMS RULED OFF BALLOT IN CONGRESS RACE

NEW YORK, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The nominating petition of Joseph E. McWilliams, anti-Semitic "American Destiny Party" candidate for Congress in Yorkville, who is serving a workhouse sentence for disorderly conduct, was thrown out today by the Board of Elections. Chairman S. Howard Cohen said that more than 50 per cent of the 4,449 signatures were of persons who were not registered voters.

COMMITTEE OF 200 TO DIRECT UNITY DRIVE

NEW YORK, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- More than 200 leading New Yorkers of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths have agreed to serve on a committee which will conduct the "Mobilization for National Unity" membership drive of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, it was announced today by Basil O'Connor, chairman of the drive.

Purpose of the mobilization is to arouse New Yorkers to the dangers of activities by individuals and groups promoting hatred of religious and racial elements, and to create national unity by encouraging friendship and cooperation among all racial and religious groups, it was stated. To carry out these aims it is planned to organize permanent offices of the N.C.C.J. in each borough to carry on an educational campaign.

MANUFACTURERS' BODY DENIES RACE BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT

NEW YORK, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The National Association of Manufacturers has "no policy of discrimination for or against any racial or religious group" H.W. Prentis, president of the Association, stated in a letter to George Gordon Battle, chairman of the Council against Intolerance in America.

Prentis' letter was in reply to a letter of inquiry from Battle concerning alleged discrimination of this type. The Battle letter was based upon the photostatic reproduction in the newspaper PM of a letter from the Law Department of the N.A.M. which specified that the applicant for a position must be a Gentile. Prentis said that case was an isolated one not in keeping with the Association's general policy and assured Battle that "appropriate steps had been taken to prevent any recurrence of such action."

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GUILD FOR JEWISH BLIND GETS WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The New York Guild for the Jewish Blind has been awarded a \$10,450 War Department contract to manufacture cotton pillow cases for the Army. The contract was one of 18 awarded under the Department's new policy of assigning all possible types of defense work to organizations of the physically handicapped.

OVER 100 REFUGEE SCHOLARS TO BE HELPED BY FUNDS HERE

NEW YORK, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- More than 100 of the leading European scholars, now refugees from their native lands, will be brought to this country during the coming year through the aid of foundation grants totaling close to \$500,000, Dr. Alvin Johnson, director of the New School of Social Research, has announced. A number of the scholars will be absorbed by the New School's "University of Exile." A special emergency committee grouping leading American educators has been formed to help place the incoming scholars, Dr. Johnson said. The Rockefeller Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation and other interests are contributing financial help.

44 REFUGEES EMBARK ON LAST LAP OF TRIP TO SOSUA COLONY

NEW YORK, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The 44 German, Czech and Austrian refugees who arrived here from Italy sailed Saturday on the S.S. Cherokee for the Dominican Republic to become settlers in the Sosua colony. They came from Italy, where they had been interned in concentration camps, by way of Lisbon and stopped over at Ellis Island by arrangement between the State Department and the Dominican Republic Settlement Association.

MIZRACHI LAUNCHES BACK TO SYNAGOGUE DRIVE HERE

NEW YORK, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- A "Back to the Synagogue" movement was launched under auspices of the Mizrachi Organization, orthodox Zionist group, at a meeting of rabbis and officers of orthodox congregations in New York City. Plans were discussed for a "Back to the Synagogue Month" in Adar (March, 1941).