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1,725 JEWS ENTERED PALESTINE IN 6 MONTHS

LONDON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Colonial Undersecretary George Hall announced in Commons today that 5,265 certificates for Jewish immigrants to Palestine were issued between April and September. He said 1,725 Jews entered Palestine during that period.

The certificates included 1,400 distributed in the United Kingdom, 936 in Rumania, 722 in Lithuania, 610 in Hungary, 326 in Italy, 242 in Switzerland, 221 in Latvia, 186 in Yugoslavia and 126 in France. The validity of the certificates as yet unused has been extended to the end of 1940.

Palestine Jewish Army of 50,000 Urged

MANCHESTER, England, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Mrs. Israel Sieff, chairman of the Women's International Zionist Organization, last night urged the British Government to consent to formation of a Jewish army.

Addressing a Zionist meeting, Mrs. Sieff said this army would initially comprise the battalions in Palestine but would not necessarily be restricted to these forces. She stressed the value of having an army of 50,000 Jews in Palestine who know the terrain and how to fight there, especially in view of the possibility that Palestine would become a focal war theater.

Send 100,000 U.S. Jews to Palestine, Ben Gurion Asks

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jerusalem executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, proposed last night that 100,000 young and strong American Jews be sent to Palestine "as soon as possible" to aid the Jewish homeland in this critical hour.

Addressing about 100 Zionist leaders and workers at a dinner at the World's Fair in honor of Lion Feuchtwanger, which marked the closing of the Jewish Palestine Pavilion, Ben Gurion said that one of every 50 American Jews should be sent to Palestine as a "living exhibit" of American Jewry. Speaking on behalf of the Palestine Jewish community and the Zionist Organization, he asserted that such an American Jewish force could accomplish important work now and after the war.

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Feuchtwanger asserted it was a "mathematical certainty" that the Palestine Jewish homeland would survive. He said: "What was built in Palestine before the war is significant and important, but it was only the beginning. The great period of national Jewish renaissance and constructive work in Palestine will come after the war."

The exiled German Jewish author, who recently arrived here after escaping from a French concentration camp, said that during Palestine's crises he had sometimes wondered whether he had not been too optimistic about the future of the Jewish state, but "the war has created a psychological situation apt to revive the idea of Zion for many years to come."

Jacob Sincoff, chairman of the pavilion's finance committee, reported that the pavilion had operated at costs substantially below budgetary estimates both in 1939 and 1940. Other speakers were George Backer, president of the pavilion; Louis Lipsky, Meyer W. Weisgal, director of the pavilion, and Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the board, who presided.

The Italian air attack on Tel Aviv only served to strengthen the determination of the residents to do their utmost to further the cause of democracy and help win the war against the Axis powers. Mrs. Bessie Gotsfeld, Palestine director of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America, said in a letter to the executive board here.

Life speedily resumed its normal course after the heavy air attack and its attendant numerous casualties and active steps have been taken to help the families left destitute. She said.

FRENCH ANTI-JEWISH LAWS 'TOO LATE,' GERMAN PAPERS SAY

GENEVA, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- German newspapers declare that the French anti-Jewish legislation has come too late and will not change anything, according to reports reaching here today.

Baudoin Defends Legislation

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The Petain Government's anti-Jewish legislation was defended by Foreign Minister Paul Baudoin in an interview with American newspapermen, in Vichy, the New York Herald Tribune reported today. The Vichy Government handled the Jewish question "not as a race problem but as a problem of national security," he said.

"The nation is a spiritual community," he went on. "Jews constitute a spiritual community distinct from the community of France that belongs to the soil. Therefore, as a matter of national security, we removed Jews from posts of command and from the teaching profession, which is entrusted with the mission of shaping and moulding future generations of Frenchmen."

"But we sought to avoid humiliating the Jews. We are not putting signs on the streets and shops branding them as Jews. Jews can still pursue most professions and careers, subject to the limitations in regard to the percentage of Jews to be admitted, which each profession will decide for itself."

Anti-Jewish Law Extended to Lebanon

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- French authorities in Syria have announced that the Vichy Government's anti-Jewish decrees recently applied to the French North African colonies will also be enforced in Syria, it was reported today from Beirut.

The Jews in Syria, numbering about 20,000, will not be allowed to hold positions in Government offices, newspapers or radio stations, the reports said. Other decrees will be issued restricting their business activities.

9,000 REICH JEWS REPORTED EXPELLED

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Nearly all the 9,000 Jews living in the province of Baden and the Palatinate, Germany, were rounded up yesterday and transported elsewhere, the United Press reported today from Berlin. Informants said they believed the Jews were on their way to southern unoccupied France, the dispatch said. It was reported that some of the Jews were put on French railroad cars and sent to Mulhausen, Alsace.

POPULAR JEWISH A.R.P. WARDEN LOSES EYE SAVING MAN'S LIFE

LONDON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The popular Air Raids Precaution warden Wisenthal lost an eye while saving the life of a man during an air raid here. The Jewish warden had been nicknamed "Grandpa" for the manner in which he comforted children in air raid shelters. He was for many years an Orthodox cook aboard Cunard-White Star liners.

ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDIST EXPOSED AS WPA WORKER

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- "Count Victor Cherep-Spiridovich," who has been working as research editor at the WPA Aeronautics Index project, is in reality Victor H. Broenstrupp, a patent lawyer from Ohio and works as an "Aryan" propagandist during the nighttime, Johnston D. Kerkhoff declared in an article in the New York Post today.

The "Count" is busy every night in his tenement apartment turning out mimeographed pamphlets lambasting President Roosevelt, the "Mongol-Jewish money lenders" and the taxation which nets him \$87.80 from the WPA every month, the writer says. The "Count" at one time served the real Count, Gen. von Spiridovich, when he lived at Staten Island and assumed his name when he died, the article says. The "Count" got himself into the Congressional Record this month when Rep. Samuel Dickstein called him the "notorious Count Spiridovich who is linked to the Bund and other Nazi groups."