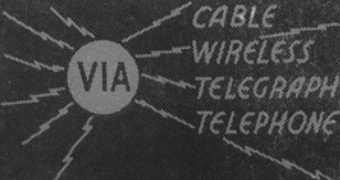


NEWS

from all over the world



by the

JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

1560 BROADWAY N.Y.C.

VOL. VII. NO. 170.

Tuesday, October 29, 1940.

INTERMENT OF JEWISH REFUGEES IN FRANCE BEGINS

VICIG, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Internment of Jewish refugees of Polish, German, Austrian and Czech nationality has started in the Toulouse region of unoccupied France under the decree for internment of foreign Jews, it was disclosed today. So far a few hundred refugees have been affected.

Foreigners are being evacuated from the Vichy region. The offices of the JOSE, Jewish health protection society, which celebrated its 25th anniversary today, were moved to Montpellier and the offices of the ORT, Jewish vocational retraining organization, were shifted to Marseille.

REICH REPORTED DEPORTING JEWS TO POLAND, FRANCE

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- German and stateless Jews being deported in large numbers from various areas in the Reich are reportedly enroute to Poland and unoccupied France, a Berlin dispatch to the Swedish newspaper Sydsvenska Dagbladet said today.

Thousands are being shipped out of Baden and the Palatinate under orders of the Gestapo and Nazi officials, it was said. Similar deportations also are being carried out in the Karlsruhe, Ludwigshafen and Speyer areas. The deportees include all who can be transported, regardless of their age and including war veterans, the newspaper reported.

20 ARRESTED IN RAID ON BUCHAREST SEPHARDIC CLUB

BUCHAREST, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Twenty Spanish Jews were arrested last night in a raid by Iron Guards and police on the Sephardic Club. All except two were released today. The police seized 208,350 lei found in the possession of the Jews.

The two men detained, De Mayo and Anton Rafael, were accused of directing Communist propaganda among the Jewish population of Bucharest and of having "subversive" leaflets in their possession at the time of the raid. The raiders forced all 20 to give up all their money and open a safe and hand over its contents as well.

(Continued on reverse side)

DENIES LEWIS'S APPEAL TO CHRISTIANS AIMED AT RELIGIOUS BIAS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Charges that the appeal to "members of the Christian church" in last Friday night's pro-Willkie radio speech by John L. Lewis, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, tended to incite racial and religious hatred were denied today by his daughter, confidante and secretary, Miss Katharine Lewis.

"Mr. Lewis stands on his lifelong record," Miss Lewis said. "He has never been intolerant of Jews or anyone else. He has never in his life said one intolerant word about the Jews. Mr. Lewis will not clarify his speech. He sees no need for doing so."

The New York newspaper PM had been among those which saw in the Lewis speech an appeal to religious prejudice. The paper cited this paragraph in Lewis's speech attacking President Roosevelt:

"You members of the Christian church, why should you vote for and support the man who ignores home considerations and practices the modern sorcery of war-mongering? Labor and the Christian church are the first victims of the social and political convulsions which follow war and one-man government."

CIO Leader Lays Anti-Semitic Remark to Willkie Supporter

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- R.J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), today quoted a Wall Street supporter of Wendell L. Willkie as saying that "Willkie doesn't want the Jewish vote," according to a story in the New York Post.

Describing the man as "a Wall Street broker prominent in the financial end of the automobile industry and who claimed to be a schoolmate of Willkie and to have originated the movement which made Willkie the GOP nominee," Thomas said the man held a conference with him in Detroit in which he sought labor support for Willkie.

Thomas reported that during the conversation the broker "said he would admit that Willkie would lose the Jewish vote, but added: 'Willkie doesn't want the Jewish vote. The Jews are surrounding Roosevelt and running the country. If you'd tell the truth, you'd say you don't want the Jews either.'"

CZECH ANNIVERSARY MARKED IN LONDON SYNAGOGUE

LONDON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Gen. Serge Ingr, commander-in-chief of the Czechoslovak army, and Frantisek Nemeck, Czech Minister of Social Welfare, represented the exiled Government at special services last night at the Abbey Road Synagogue to commemorate the founding of the Czech Republic. Numerous high Jewish and non-Jewish Czech army officers were among the many attending.

SCHWARTZBART GETS BUDGET POST IN POLISH COUNCIL

LONDON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Ignacy Schwartzbart, Jewish member of the Polish National Council, has been appointed a member of the Council's Finance Commission and named rapporteur for budget estimates in the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, it was announced today.

CHIEF RABBI HERZOG COMING TO U.S.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog will leave shortly for the United States by air to inaugurate a special drive on behalf of Jewish theological institutions and refugee rabbis, it was learned today.

NATIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL CREATED BY B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- A new national Jewish women's organization came into being when representatives of the six women's grand lodges of B'nai B'rith concluded a two-day conference by creating the Women's Supreme Council of B'nai B'rith as a national coordinating body for the women's grand lodges and through them for the more than 400 senior and junior B'nai B'rith auxiliaries, which have over 40,000 members in all parts of the country.

Mrs. Lenore D. Underwood, of San Francisco, a former president of Women's Grand Lodge No. 4, was elected president. Other officers chosen are: Mrs. Maurice Turner, Chicago; Mrs. Pat Roth, St. Louis, and Mrs. Frances Winer, Brighton, Mass., vice-presidents; Mrs. Rae Morrison, Philadelphia, secretary, and Mrs. Lawrence Koenigsberger, Washington, treasurer.

Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith, speaking to the women by long distance telephone from Omaha, Nebraska, hailed the establishment of the Women's Supreme Council as "the most momentous event in the 31-year history of the women of B'nai B'rith."

B'NAI B'RITH WAIVES DUES FROM MEMBERS IN ARMY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Following a precedent set during the last war, B'nai B'rith will waive payment of membership dues for all members called into the armed forces, President Henry Monsky has announced. Such members "will continue to enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership in B'nai B'rith," Monsky said.

ROOSEVELT URGES HADASSAH TO SPUR RELIEF OF SUFFERING

CINCINNATI, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Adjusting their program to "consider health and defense problems brought about by the spread of war to the shores of the Mediterranean," 1,000 delegates of Hadassah open their 26th annual convention at the Hotel Gibson Wednesday night with a survey of war conditions and forces which have brought about the "downfall of European Jewry."

President Roosevelt, in a message to be read at the opening session, counselled Hadassah to "rise in the spirit of true charity, true philanthropy and true Americanism... to relieve human suffering through hospitalization, preventive medicine and other methods of modern public health work," which he characterized as an "unlimited" opportunity.

He voiced "best wishes that your deliberations may be fruitful of wise counsels and constructive action in alleviating suffering and promoting happiness among all whom you serve."