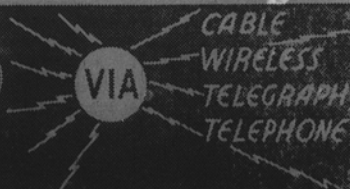


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WASHINGTON WEIGHS OPENING OF VIRGIN ISLANDS AS TEMPORARY REFUGEE HAVEN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Officials of the State, Justice and Interior Departments will confer on the question of admitting European refugees into the Virgin Islands for temporary stay pending reemigration to the United States or other American countries, it was learned today.

The Interior Department denied a published report that the islands had already been made a temporary haven for refugees by action of Governor Lawrence Cramer, but officials said an effort was being made to determine how such action could be taken legally, and added that if the legal means were found the haven for refugees would be established.

It is reported that Gov. Cramer has received a petition from the Virgin Islands' Assembly urging the opening of the territory as a temporary station for European refugees. The petition was prompted by the territory's difficult economic situation and the belief that entry of refugees would prove an economic asset, since they would not be able to work, but would spend money and would require housing and other facilities.

It is understood maintenance of the refugees would have to be guaranteed by their relatives in the United States. They would have to meet all the requirements, on which the State, Justice and Interior Departments will agree. Preference for admission to the islands would be given to those who hold United States quota numbers and for whom immigration permits are due soon.

Jewish and non-Jewish welfare organizations in the United States interested in relieving congestion of refugees in Portugal and France will be invited to a conference soon to discuss plans for care of the refugees during their stay in the Virgin Islands, it was stated here today.

It is understood the refugees would be housed chiefly in St. Thomas, capital of the islands, and that each refugee admitted would have to prove that he had sufficient income to live without working. The number of refugees admitted would not exceed several hundred during an experimental period of several months.

A.F.L. HITS "REVOLTING EVILS" OF NAZI PERSECUTION

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The American Federation of Labor's denunciation of the "revolting evils" of persecution in Germany was reaffirmed today in the report of the executive council submitted to the 60th annual convention.

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"The boycott of German products previously declared by the American Federation of Labor represents our conviction that policies of racial persecution, personal cruelty, reversion to absolutism on the part of the Nazi Government represent a philosophy and a course of action with which we can have nothing in common and any commercial relationship with that government would involve compromise for which there is no justification," the report said.

"Although the existing blockade prevents our actively practicing a boycott of German goods and German services, under Nazi influence and control, we still wish to register our horror and disapproval as unchanged and to express hope that the revolting evils which we refuse to condone shall be abolished as a basis for restoration of normal relations with other nations."

PALESTINE 'UNITED FRONT' PLANS DRIVE TO AID RUTENBERG PLAN

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The temporary presidium of the newly-formed non-partisan "United National Front" planned today to open branches all over the country in a campaign to support Pinchas Rutenberg's proposal for Palestine Jewish unity. The organization was established yesterday on the initiative of 300 persons after a two-day conference here.

The Front's program was outlined by Gustave Schocken, son of Zalman Schocken and editor-in-chief of the Hebrew daily Haaretz.

The organization supports Pinchas Rutenberg and aims at (1) unity of the Yishub, regardless of class and political sympathies, (2) replacement of the present administration based on numerical strength of parties, by a non-partisan administration, (3) cooperation on all economic matters, particularly between employers and laborers and among laborers themselves, by establishment of general labor exchanges, (4) a unified taxation system, (5) support of the military recruiting campaign.

Revisionists Affirm Readiness for Unity

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Replying to a press conference statement by David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, who declared he would welcome the return of the Zionist-Revisionists if they accepted Zionist political discipline, the New Zionist Organization issued a statement today declaring that the Revisionists had frequently in the past expressed willingness to negotiate peace and unity, but that the Zionist organization and Jewish Agency had ignored or rejected these efforts.

GREEK OFFICIAL LAUDS COURAGE OF JEWS AT FRONT

SALONICA, Greece, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Governor General of Macedonia has expressed to the Jewish community his satisfaction over the bravery of Jewish soldiers fighting in the front lines. Thousands of Jews are rushing to recruiting offices, expressing anxiety to serve their country.

Prayers in Palestine for Greek Victory

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Greek Jews throughout Palestine held special prayers for a Greek victory in the Italo-Greek conflict. A sermon on the subject was delivered by Chief Rabbi Uziel, spiritual leader of the Sephardic Jews in Palestine.

The service was attended by Greek Consul-General Dimitros Pappas, Greek Orthodox ecclesiastical leaders and Palestine Government officials. The Greek colors were among the flags decorating the synagogue. Pappas expressed gratitude for Jewish support and sympathy.

MAGNES STRESSES HEBREW UNIVERSITY'S ROLE IN WAR

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University's role in wartime was described yesterday by President Judah L. Magnes at ceremonies opening the university's 16th academic year.

"This is not just a war, but the swiftest and most profound revolution mankind has ever seen," Dr. Magnes declared. "We are all in the front line. No one is safe. Now, for the first time, the world's plain people are concerned to see to it that if peace ever comes it should be a true peace among peoples, not only among governments and leaders

"So far 40 of the university have enlisted in the armed forces. Many others would like to serve, but unfortunately the process of associating the populace with the war effort is slow in Palestine. All of us, young and old, must do whatever we can to bring a military victory over the German satan. There must not be equivocation about this. No sacrifice is too great. We greet our brothers in the field and bid them be of good courage."

The outgoing rector, Abraham A. Fraenkel, reported that in the past two years the number of students has reached more than a thousand. New teachers and professors have been appointed. Three imposing new buildings are nearing completion--one endowed by the late Sol Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh, a second donated by Morris Koetcher and a third at Rehoboth for agricultural studies. A new wing was added to the library. Rector Roth was among the other speakers.

Argentines Plan University Chair

BUENOS AIRES (JTA-Airmail) -- Dr. Marcelo T. de Alvear, former President of Argentina and head of the leading Radical Party, has accepted the honorary presidency of an organization seeking establishment of an Argentine chair at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

HADASSAH STARTS 36 NEW HEALTH CENTERS IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Hadassah has established 36 new health centers and is contributing enormously in the movement to improve Palestine health conditions, Dr. Judah L. Magnes, stated at a press conference.

Reporting on Hadassah's emergency work, Dr. Magnes revealed that regular monthly meetings were being held between military and Hadassah physicians at which characteristic local diseases were discussed, and that efforts to establish close cooperation and understanding between the troops and the Jewish population were making progress.

Dr. Magnes reported also that 16,000 Jewish children were getting regular meals as a result of Hadassah efforts but that 18,000 more children need them.

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56 REFUGEES LEAVE SWITZERLAND FOR SOSUA TODAY

GENEVA, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- A third group of 56 German refugees is leaving here tomorrow for the Sosua project in the Dominican Republic via Lisbon and New York.

FLANDIN, ONCE DEFENDER OF JEWS, MAKES ANTI-SEMITIC STATEMENT

VICHY, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Former Premier Pierre Etienne Flandin has stated in an interview in Dijon, occupied France that "Jewish-Masonic domination of Europe" was "the secret aim" of forces which sought to create armed conflict since 1936, it was reported here today. From 1933 to 1938 Flandin was honorary president of the Committee to Defend the Rights of Jewish Populations of Central and Eastern Europe and participated actively in combating anti-Jewish persecution in Germany, Poland and Rumania.

EDUCATION BODY FORMS NEW GROUPE TO SPUR INTEREST IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Formation by the Jewish Education Committee of an affiliated council made up of professional, civic and business leaders who have undertaken the task of stimulating support and interest in religious education throughout New York was announced today by Justice Samuel I. Rosenman, president. The organization, known as the Community Council of the Jewish Education Committee, will be headed by Harry H. Liebovitz, chairman, and Mrs. William Jasie, vice-chairman.

U.S. CONSULATE IN PALESTINE SEEKS TO SPUR TRADE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- United States Commercial Attache Albert Scott has visited the Tel Aviv Chamber of Commerce and discussed possibilities of increasing imports of American goods into Palestine, it was learned today. The American consulate is intensifying commercial activities and seeking to adjust them to war conditions and to increase trade with the United States.

SAUL GINSBERG, NOTED YIDDISH JOURNALIST, DEAD AT 74

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Jewish press participated today in funeral services for Saul Ginsburg, veteran journalist and member of the Jewish Daily Forward staff, who died on Saturday at the age of 74. Burial was in the Workmen's Circle plot at Mt. Camel cemetery.

Ginsburg came to the United States ten years ago from Russia, where he was Professor of Jewish History at the Jewish Institute in St. Petersburg and founder of Der Freund, first Yiddish daily to be published under the Czarist regime.

DR. MARK SLIOSBERG DIES IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES (JTA-Airmail) -- Dr. Mark Slisberg, son of Heinrich Slisberg, a Jewish leader in pre-revolutionary Russia and one of the principal defenders of Mendel Beilis, died here on Nov. 4, in loneliness and poverty. He was 52.

Dr. Slisberg came to Argentina from Paris five years ago. A graduate of the Universities of Saint Petersburg and Heidelberg, he was known as a linguist and as a person with deep knowledge of Russian, German, French and English literature. In Buenos Aires he tried to earn his livelihood from incidental translations and journalistic work.