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VICHY GOVERNMENT ARRESTS JEWISH SOCIAL WORKERS; BRUTZKUS STILL HELD

VICHY, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Julius Brutzkus, 70-year-old Jewish leader and head of the world OSE, Jewish health society, was among a number of Jewish social workers arrested in unoccupied France, it was disclosed today. ~~He~~ has been under arrest for three weeks, while the others have been released.

Solomon Dyk, well-known agricultural expoert, who visited Madagascar three years ago as member of a Polish Government survey commission, was also arrested, but was released after two weeks' detention. Others released include Israel Coralnik, general secretary of the World ORT Union, Jewish vocational retraining society; Goldman, secretary of the ORT in France, and Konstantin Leites, member of the ORT Council. The latter was held for four days.

Many less important social workers were also detained for short periods.

COMMISSION NAMED TO PROBE PATRIA SINKING; TOLL REACHES 41

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government has appointed a special commission to investigate the causes of the explosion which sank the refugee ship Patria on Nov. 25, it was announced today.

The known death toll reached 41 when nine more bodies were recovered from the ship, including Adolf Arno, 38, of Germany, a woman named Holzer and the rest unidentified.

Jewish organizations have shown keen interest in the fate of the approximately 1,600 survivors, who are being held in Atlit detention camp pending their release. Several committees are caring for their clothing and other needs. The Government has permitted establishment of a school for children at Atlit and the Jewish Agency has appointed a teacher and two kindergarten nurses.

U.P.A. Asks Aid for Survivors

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- American Jews were called upon today by the United Palestine Appeal to speed their aid to the Jewish Agency as a result of the British Government's decision to permit more than 1,600 Patria survivors to remain in Palestine.

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Maintenance of the refugees, who are now confined to internment camps at Athlit, will devolve upon the Jewish Agency, which must win many score back to health and integrate all into a new productive existence, the U.P.A. said.

\$8,269,247 SPENT BY J.D.C. SINCE WAR'S OUTBREAK

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- In the 14 months from the outbreak of the war on Sept. 1, 1939, to Oct. 31, 1940, the Joint Distribution Committee has spent \$8,269,247 in cash for a far-reaching program of relief and rehabilitation extending into more than 50 countries throughout the world, Executive Vice-Chairman Joseph C. Hyman stated today.

Relief work in the belligerent countries of Poland, Germany, France, Norway, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom called for the cash expenditure of \$2,664,254, as reported to the State Department. An additional \$2,222,602 was simultaneously expended in the same countries for programs of aid which the State Department does not classify as relief, such as emigration aid, vocational training and retraining, educational help, grants to religious-cultural institutions, etc.

The balance was used for aid to needy Jewish populations in such non-belligerent countries of Europe as Portugal, Switzerland, Hungary, Rumania, Lithuania and Yugoslavia, as well as in behalf of refugees in Latin America and the Far East. A large part of the balance is also accounted for by expenditures in the now belligerent countries before they became involved in the war. For example, several hundred thousand dollars went for refugee aid in Holland and Belgium between Sept. 1, 1939, and May 10, 1940, when they were invaded and thus assumed belligerent status, Hyman explained.

Touching upon the highlights of Jewish need in Europe today, Hyman said a minimum of 50,000 French, German, Belgian and Dutch refugees now in unoccupied France were in dire daily need. J.D.C. efforts to relieve the plight of these people, of whom 10,000 to 20,000 are interned, have cost \$140,000 thus far. J.D.C. grants for aid to refugees in Lisbon have had to be successively increased until they now reach \$10,000 monthly.

In Nazi-occupied Poland, the J.D.C. and its affiliated local committees are daily giving assistance to 250,000 Jewish men, women and children. A chain of 650 feeding stations, 200 hospitals, clinics, sanatoria and health stations and dozens of child-care and welfare units spreading through 346 different localities, are the only means of life for Polish Jewry. During the first nine months of 1940 alone, over 11,500,000 zlotys were expended by the Polish offices of the J.D.C. in furtherance of these programs.

Meanwhile, the American Friends of a Jewish Palestine today reported \$25,881 received between September, 1939, and October, 1940, \$11,771 disbursed in expenses and \$11,014 transmitted abroad. The statement pointed out that the State Department's report on the organization covered only the period beginning May, 1940, when the American Friends registered with the department.

LADY ASTOR TELLS SHINWELL IN COMMONS TO "GO BACK TO POLAND"

LONDON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Lady Astor, American-born Conservative Member of Parliament, today told Emanuel Shinwell, Laborite, in the House of Commons, to go "back to Poland," but unlike Richard T. Bower, who made a similar statement in 1938, did not receive a slap in the face in return.

The argument arose during a question on the appeal of two women from a conviction for looting for receiving coal valued at one shilling. Lady Astor complained that people who were being looted felt violently on the subject.

Shinwell asked: "Isn't it a fact that Lady Astor and her family have constantly looted the public?" Lady Astor replied: "Nobody knows where your family comes from. Why don't they send you back to Poland?"

The Speaker said Shinwell's observation was most improper and requested him to withdraw it.

ARAB ECONOMIC COMMISSION IN BERLIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Stephen Laird, CBS correspondent, in a broadcast from Berlin this morning, revealed that an Arabian economic mission has arrived in Berlin to confer with Nazi officials.

GUILD FOR JEWISH-BLIND GETS ARMY CONTRACT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The New York Guild for the Jewish Blind today was awarded a \$22,708 contract to make pillowcases for the Army. The work will be done by the blind with material supplied by the Government.

DIE ZUKUNFT, OLDEST YIDDISH MONTHLY IN U.S., SUSPENDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Die Zukunft, oldest Yiddish monthly in the United States published in Yiddish by the Jewish Daily Forward Association, will cease publication with its December issue, the Association announced in a press statement. The statement pointed out that during the last 27 years Die Zukunft's deficit totalled \$400,000, which was borne by the Association. The periodical had been published by the Association for 48 years.

JEWISH EMIGRANTS ARRESTED AT RUMANIAN PORT

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- A number of Jewish emigrants bound for an unknown destination were arrested at the Rumanian port of Constanza and charged with concealing gold and foreign currency amounting to about \$40,000, the United Press reported from Bucharest today. Similar arrests have been made on every Rumanian ship in recent weeks, it was said.

GIBRALTAR JEWS MOVE TO MADEIRA

LONDON, Nov. 1. (JTA-By Mail) -- A small party of Gibraltar Jews, under the leadership of David Benaim, vice-president of the Gibraltar Hebrew Congregation, left for Madeira when the island was evacuated, The Jewish Chronicle reports, and they have established a compact little community at Funchal.

As there was no constituted Hebrew congregation there, Benaim procured Sifrei Torah and other ritual appurtenances from Gibraltar and Lisbon and instituted regular services.