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NEW ROUTE FOR PALESTINE IMMIGRATION OPENED BY TURKEY; 3,600 ILLEGALS HELD

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- A shorter route for emigration of Jews from Baltic countries to Palestine was opened today when it was learned that the Turkish Government has decided to grant transit visas to citizens of these countries. Instructions to this effect have been sent to the Turkish consulate in Moscow by the Ankara Government.

The new route, by way of the Black Sea, obviates the necessity of the long voyage to Moscow, Baku, Teheran, Baghdad, Amman and Jerusalem. The first family of a group of 80 traveling by the old route has arrived here from Lithuania, and the rest are expected soon. They include Lithuanian Zionist leaders and persons in the capitalist category.

Meanwhile, the number of Jewish illegal immigrants who arrived here in November and were transferred to the Atlit internment camp reached 3,600 when the last of a group of refugees who reached here on the S.S. Atlantic were interned today. Under a ruling of the Palestine Government all face deportation to a British colony for duration of the war, except for the approximately 1,600 survivors of the sinking of the S.S. Patria who have received special permission to remain.

One of the previously-unidentified dead among the 41 victims thus far recovered from the Patria, which was sunk by an explosion in Haifa harbor on Nov. 25, was ascertained today to be a former judge of Hindenburg, German Silesia. He was Dr. Bernhard Bergmann, 55 years old. Another identified today was Kurt Halfeld, 50, of Nordhausen, Germany, whose wife was among those rescued and interned at Atlit.

Palestine to Play Part in War Effort

LONDON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Palestine's potentialities as a supplier of war materials have not been overlooked, Colonial Undersecretary George Hall stated in Commons today, replying to Earl Winterton, who urged development of Palestine's resources for the war effort.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- There is little doubt that Palestine will shortly be able to contribute a maximum to the war effort in the direction of increased production

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of war supplies, it was stated today by Geoffrey Walsh, economic adviser to the Palestine High Commissioner, returning from the New Delhi empire trade conference.

The military authorities were understood today to be making final arrangements to meet the religious needs of Jewish soldiers in the British army in the Near East. As a first step kosher kitchens will be opened soon.

LONDON CATHOLIC PAPER LAUDS DONATION OF JEWISH STORE TO CHURCH

LONDON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The Catholic newspaper Universe today praised the Jewish-owned Cavendish furniture stores in London's West End for donating use of its showrooms to a Catholic parish whose church had been destroyed by a bombing.

"Jewish munificence is being exercised not for the first time in London's history in favor of the Catholic community," the paper said.

The showrooms will be used pending restoration of the church. When the canon asked at what terms the building could be leased, the proprietor answered: "You can have it for nothing." Subsequently an annual rental of one shilling was agreed upon to overcome legal difficulties. The normal rental is £6,000.

SLOVAK JEWISH SHOPS TO BE SEIZED BY JAN. 1

ZURICH, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- All Jewish shops in Slovakia will be turned over to "Aryans" on Jan. 1, Vice-Premier Sano Mach announced in Bratislava, the Bratislava radio announced today.

BBC PLANS CHANUKAH BROADCAST

LONDON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- A special broadcast for evacuated Jewish children will be included on the British Broadcasting Corporation's children's hour on one of the days of Chanukah, it was announced today.

EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN FOR PALESTINE INSTITUTIONS PLANNED

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- In response to a call for help from 130 religious educational and charity institutions of Palestine, which are independent of Zionist funds, a conference of prominent rabbis and laymen in America, called by the Federated Council of Palestine Institutions, decided unanimously to launch immediately an emergency campaign for funds to forestall the catastrophe that threatens these institutions, it was announced today.

The Union of Orthodox Rabbis, Mizrahi, Agudath Israel, Federation of Palestine Jews and many local congregations were represented at the conference which was held at the Broadway Central Hotel on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Hirsch Manischewitz.

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE WARNS AGAINST PURCHASES OF GERMAN TOYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Economic aid to Nazi Germany is being given by many anti-Nazi Americans who unwittingly buy Christmas toys and similar articles made in Germany, the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League stated today. It pointed out that the Department of Commerce recently announced a small amount of toys from Germany was arriving in the United States on neutral ships, particularly via Siberia and Japan.

JEWISH REFUGEES IN ICELAND HELP BRITISH AIR FUND

LONDON, Nov. 5. (JTA-By Mail) -- There is a colony of about 50 German refugees, mostly Jews, in Iceland, The Evening Standard correspondent there states. They have to report each week to the British Security Corps, and most of them on their weekly visit buy at least one ticket, costing one kroner (ninepence) in the "Spitfire" Lottery.

According to a report from Reykjavik, Yom Kippur services for the five Jewish soldiers stationed in Iceland were conducted by the Church of England chaplain, there being no Jewish officer available. A room was reserved at a local hotel, where the Day of Atonement prayers were read by the chaplain out of a prayer book printed both in Hebrew and in English.

REFUGEES TO SERVE IN SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES

BULAWAYO, Nov. 3. (JTA-By Mail) -- Refugees in Southern Rhodesia who have expressed a desire for combatant service with the forces will be given an opportunity of doing something for the country which offered them sanctuary, it was announced here by R.C. Tredgold, Minister of Defense, in an interview with reporters. A certain number of carefully selected aliens, he added, would be absorbed in the Colony's Medical Corps. There was no intention of forming separate units for aliens, he added.

SUMMER TIME CONTINUES IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16. (JTA-By Mail) -- Summer time, which terminated on Sept. 30, was reintroduced today.

INTERNEED REFUGEES IN CANADA COMPLAIN OF CONDITIONS

LONDON, Nov. 5. (JTA-By Mail) -- The Executive of the Agudist World Organization has received word from Montreal that all religious requirements of interned Jewish refugees in Canada, including kosher food, are now being supplied.

There is, however, considerable hardship in some of the camps, since no adequate preparations appear to have been made for the arrival of the refugees. Many of the internees refuse to wear clothing bearing the label "prisoner of war," contending that this places them on a level with the Nazi internees, with whom they will have nothing to do. Indeed, some internees even refuse to make use of the official letter cards provided which bear the inscription "Prisoner-of-war mail."

The large number of youthful internees is also causing considerable concern. In one camp, where there are 716 refugees, of whom 515 are Jews, more than half of them, or 280, are under 18 years of age. Educational facilities, as well as arrangements for emigration, are as yet entirely lacking.

The payment of 20 cents a day, for arduous forestry work, is entirely insufficient even for the purchase of the most necessary requirements, such as soap and cigarettes, and is less than the remuneration of ordinary prisoners.

The Executive of the Agudist Organization is bringing these facts to the notice of the Home Office.