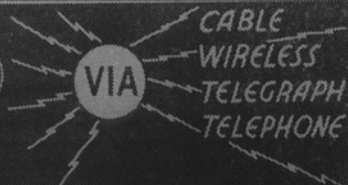


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30,000 JEWS REPORTED HELD IN 43 LABOR CAMPS IN NAZI POLAND

GENEVA, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- More than 30,000 Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland are now being held in 43 labor camps established by the Nazi administration, it was learned today when the list of the camps reached Geneva.

The majority of these camps are in the Lublin district. About 26,000 Jews are reported held in 31 centers there, while the remainder are held in the camps in the Warsaw district.

1,500 JEWS KILLED IN IRON GUARD TERROR WAVE, RUMANIAN ZIONIST REPORTS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Markus Kramer, Rumanian Zionist leader, who has just arrived here, reported today that approximately 1,500 Jews were killed during the recent Iron Guard excesses in Rumania. He addressed a meeting sponsored by the Rumanian Jewish Settlers' Association.

(A Budapest dispatch to the Overseas News Agency by Leigh White, ONA staff correspondent who had been in Bucharest at the time, estimated the victims during the first week of the terror reign at 350 to 500, about half of them Jews.)

600 INTERNED REFUGEE SCIENTISTS OFFER WAR AID TO CHURCHILL

LONDON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Six hundred interned refugee scientists, engineers and inventors of international repute have offered their services to Prime Minister Churchill in support of the war effort.

The group is prepared to run its own factories, raise the necessary capital and each man will stand guarantor for the integrity and loyalty of his fellows. The offer was placed in the hands of Neil Maclean, London solicitor, and presented to Churchill in the House of Commons through the solicitor's father, who is an M.P.

The group includes men known internationally as experts in many fields of activity. The letter in which the offer was made stated all the men were "refugees from Nazi oppression and all of them are constant in grim determination to extirpate this scourge which glorifies force at the expense of freedom and learning."

The letter emphasizes that they are prepared to work, if necessary, under armed guard and pay with their own lives if a traitor is found among them.

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FAMED BRITISH CRICKET CLUB TURNED INTO TEMPORARY SYNAGOGUE

LONDON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Bombing of churches has resulted in many instances of mutual help among rival denominations, but yesterday for the first time the famous Lords Cricket Ground was turned into a synagogue.

When the Liberal synagogue nearby was recently seriously damaged, the Middlesex Cricket Club, through its chairman, the famous cricketer Sir Pelham Warner, immediately offered Rabbi Israel Mattuck the use of the Oak Room in the Lords Hotel, which is a semi-public tavern where players and spectators are able to get drinks at all hours during cricket matches.

The Ark and Holy Scroll, rescued from the damaged synagogue, were carried to the Oak Room, where Jewish religious services were held while portraits of famous cricketers looked down from the walls.

6 Refugees Ask Bomb Disposal Work

LONDON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Six Jewish refugees interned in Canada have appealed to Home Secretary Herbert Morrison for permission to return to England and join a bomb disposal squad, it was disclosed today.

FRENCH ANTI-SEMITES TO ARRIVE TODAY; HAS U.S. IMMIGRATION VISA

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Pierre Massin, reputedly leading French anti-Semite and Fascist, will arrive in New York tomorrow aboard the liner Excalibur equipped with an immigration visa to the United States, the newspaper PM disclosed today in an article by Tabitha Petran.

Charging that this strikingly emphasizes the alleged discrimination practiced by the State Department in the issuance of United States visas, the writer said that Massin encountered few if any difficulties in obtaining the visa.

"In letters, Pierre Massin has boasted of his anti-Semitic and pro-Fascist activities. He said he would devote the rest of his life to destroying the Jews," the writer said, adding:

"At the very moment the U.S.A. has opened its doors to Pierre Massin, it has slammed them in the face of the hundreds of thousands of militant democrats, rotting in the concentration camps of France, starving in the cities of France and Portugal while they wait upon the red tape, bureaucracy and prejudices of U.S. officials."

SECRET APPEAL URGES BELGIANS TO AID JEWS

LONDON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- A leaflet reminding the Belgian population that Jewish soldiers, unlike "the Rexist traitors," fought bravely against the Nazi invaders has been secretly distributed by labor leaders in Belgium. The Jewish Chronicle reported today. The appeal urged the population to befriend the persecuted Jews and sabotage the Nazi regime.

VAAD LEUMI CABLE TO WAVELL STRESSES DESIRE TO AID EMPIRE DEFENSE

JEFUSALEM, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Isaac Ben Zvi, chairman of the Jewish National Council, today sent a congratulatory cable to Sir Archibald P. Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of British forces in the Near East, expressing the Council's unwavering faith in an ultimate British victory.

"Our faith in the ultimate victory of justice has never left us," the cable said. "We emphatically reiterate the preparedness of the Jewish Community in Palestine to participate in all services to defend the Jewish homeland and the British Empire."

RUMANIAN JEWISH DOCTORS WARNED OF DEADLINE ON TREATMENT OF 'ARYANS'

BUCHAREST, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The Rumanian College of Physicians and Surgeons announced yesterday that Jewish doctors would be permitted to treat "Aryan" patients only until Dec. 31, 1940. On that date the law announced in October forbidding Jewish doctors to treat Christians will be put into effect.

401 JEWS ENTERED PALESTINE IN NOVEMBER

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Four hundred and one Jewish immigrants entered Palestine in November, making a total of 5,018 for 11 months of 1940 compared with 12,321 for the same period last year, it was disclosed today. The November immigrants included 191 in the capitalist category, with their families.

FARM LEADER ASKS 'LAND, NOT DOLES' FOR PALESTINE JOBLESS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- A demand for "land instead of doles" was voiced at a conference of the Workers' Agricultural Council at Kfar Saba today by Abraham Harzfeld, director of the agricultural department of the Histadruth. Harzfeld said it was wiser to divert relief funds to the purchase of land to grow food when faced with the problem of men or land unemployment.

DUBNOW'S 80TH BIRTHDAY MARKED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- A meeting was held here yesterday in celebration of the 80th birthday of Simeon Dubnow, the famous historian, who is now in Riga. Zalman Rubashov, labor Zionist leader, was among the speakers.

CHELOUCHE URGED TO REMAIN AS BULGARIAN CONSUL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Moshe Chelouche, who resigned as Bulgarian Consul-General in Palestine recently in protest against projected anti-Jewish legislation in Bulgaria, today disclosed receipt of a telegram from Foreign Minister I. Popoff asking him to withdraw his resignation. "There is no reason for your resignation; please continue your duties," the telegram said.

PALESTINE'S ROLE IN DEFENSE OF BRITAIN COMPARED TO THAT OF GREECE

CHICAGO, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Declaring that Palestine was in a position to enact the same strategic role in the defense of democracy as Greece, Sir Norman Angell, British author and Nobel Peace Prize winner, told a regional conference of the United Palestine Appeal at Palmer House here last night that the effort of American Jews to rebuild the Jewish National Home in Palestine must be maintained and augmented in the coming year to demonstrate that the Jews "can stand up to Hitler just as effectively as the British in Britain and the Greeks in Greece are standing up."

Sir Norman said "the amazing accomplishment of the hundreds of thousands of Jews who, in this last twenty years have found a refuge and sanctuary in the home of their

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forefathers' has made Palestine a vital point in the protection of the British lifeline. Palestine not only provides foodstuffs for its own garrison in the present war, but by the development of the Dead Sea is providing vital raw materials for munitions, he said.

"Palestine's industries, virtually all Jewish, can make a real contribution to the output of the materials of war," Sir Norman said. Asserting that in little more than a decade the Jewish settlers had transformed Palestine from an arid waste into a progressive, productive community, he stressed the fact that "this achievement destroys once and for all the myth that the Jew cannot be productive on the soil as an agriculturist and that his nature is to be 'parasitic.' The story of Palestine shows that if the Jew is given a fair chance, he can become the most efficient and productive farmer in the world, the most efficient and productive artisan and industrialist."

Dr. Solomon Goldman, co-chairman of the U.P.A., predicted that the "civilization built in ancient Palestine will survive the Nazi State." He pointed out that in the past decade while many states ceased to exist and the Jews of Europe were almost annihilated Palestine continued its progress. Asserting that Palestine would have a great future following the present war, Dr. Goldman said many thousands of Jews would want to make their home there when peace came.

"We may build with the full assurance that the Fascist powers are doomed to destruction," Dr. Goldman declared. "Italy's defeats in Albania and Africa are not accidental. The Fascist machine is beginning to crack. It is older than the Nazi machine. Mussolini is an older man than Hitler. The Nazi machine may last a year or two longer and Hitler may shriek for another year or two. But he, too, and his handiwork will soon go to pieces."

FIRST JEWISH CHAPLAIN FOR RAF NAMED

LONDON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Rabbi Israel Brodie has been appointed as first Jewish chaplain for the Royal Air Force, it was disclosed today. Transferred from the army, he will be posted with the RAF command in the Middle East.

HULDSCHINSKY, NOTED REFUGEE DOCTOR, DEAD IN EGYPT

CAIRO, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Kurt Huldshinsky, famous German Jewish physician who discovered an ultra-violet ray treatment for architis, has died in Alexandria after a minor operation, it was reported here today. Dr. Huldshinsky had to leave Germany after the advent of the Hitler regime.

ZOA, NZO PAY TRIBUTE TO LOTHIAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- President Edmund I. Kaufmann of the Zionist Organization of America has telegraphed the British Embassy a message of condolence over the death of Ambassador Lord Lothian, recalling his "sympathetic understanding" of Zionist aspirations. Prof. Benjamin Akzin, of the New Zionist Organization presidency, sent a similar message.

NATURALIZED FRENCH VETERINARIANS GIVEN MONTH TO GET PERMITS

VICHY, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Naturalized veterinary surgeons having exceptional scientific merits and front fighters of the World War and the 1939-1940 hostilities were notified today to apply within one month for a special permit to exercise their professions.

A decree issued today ruled that foreign volunteers who enlisted in the French Army would be given 1,000 francs when demobilized like French soldiers.