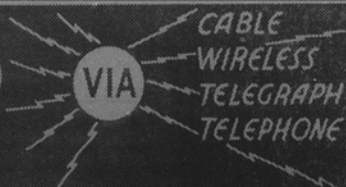


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NO CHANGE SEEN IN VICHY ANTI-SEMITIC POLICY; FLANDIN ASSAILED JEWS

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Little change in the Vichy Government's policy regarding the Jews can be expected as a result of the unseating of Pierre Laval and appointment of Pierre-Etienne Flandin as Foreign Minister, informed observers said today.

It was recalled that only last week Flandin made derogatory remarks about the Jews. In an interview with the Paris newspaper Le Matin, quoted by the German radio, the rightist leader asserted that "German-Jewish immigrants and the British intelligence" had misled the Daladier government into war against Germany. He blamed "that clique of emigres" for putting aside the men who favored a peaceful settlement of the Polish dispute.

At the same time, Vichy reports said that Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, Chief of State, held the view that France must turn to her nationals for leadership in all fields, but that aside from the domain of public service the Jews should be treated "on their merits" as though they were non-Jewish Frenchmen.

One of the probable effects of the new situation is that the "war guilt" trials, planned for next month in Riom, will be abandoned, since Laval was the moving spirit behind the trials. One of the principal defendants in the trials was to be ex-Premier Leon Blum.

Jewish Mistress of Girls' College Ousted

VICHY, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Jewish schoolmistress of the Bordeaux College for Girls has been dismissed without compensation for refusing to work until Dec. 20--the day when discharge of all Jews in the educational system becomes effective--and for making anti-Government utterances in public, the Education Ministry announced today. Her name was given as Miss Weill.

5,424 JEWS LEFT ITALY IN 2 YEARS

ROME, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- From the time of issuance of the anti-Jewish laws in 1938 to June 30, 1940, a total of 5,424 Jews "voluntarily" left Italy for good, and the emigration is continuing, according to an official announcement.

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FUNERAL HELD FOR SALVATOR VICTIMS; TURKEY LAUNCHES PROBE OF SINKING

ISTANBUL, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held at Silviri today for the 103 recovered bodies of the 223 Jews who drowned last Thursday when the small, leaky sailing vessel Salvator on which they had been forced by the Bulgarian authorities to sail for Palestine broke up on a reef in the Sea of Marmora.

Representatives of the Istanbul Jewish community proceeded to Silviri to care for the approximately 150 survivors, with the aid of the Turkish authorities.

Turkish magistrates opened an inquiry into the case and the captain of the ship was detained by the police. The captain said he had protested to the Bulgarian authorities against being forced to sail, but was told, "You must start."

One of the survivors, a journalist, told newspapermen: "The Bulgarian authorities insisted on our departure and refused to allow us time to prepare for the voyage. The ship had neither cabins nor bunks. Cramped together, we were driven aboard, towed out into the Black Sea by a tug and abandoned to our fate."

The ship stopped at Istanbul, the journalist said, then headed for the Sea of Marmora, where the vessel ran on a reef during the night. Before the passengers had time to launch the one lifeboat aboard, the ship broke up, throwing its passengers into the raging sea.

The dead, who included some 60 children, were all Jews expelled from Dobruja after Bulgaria had recovered that territory from Rumania. The Salvator was a 60-ton sailing ship with a small auxiliary motor. The survivors were unanimous in praise of the pilot, who swam ashore naked and ran several miles to the village of Silviri to bring aid. Most of those washed ashore had lost their meager possessions and their papers. Many even had lost their clothing.

PELLEY AVOIDS ARREST BY LEGAL MOVES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Although it has been well over a year since an Asheville, N.C., court issued a capias for the arrest of William Dudley Pelley, anti-Semitic Silver Shirt leader, he still remains free through a series of delaying legal moves by his attorney, T. E. O'Connell.

O'Connell has filed his latest appeal on Pelley's behalf in the District Court of Appeals. Pelley is wanted to answer charges that his activities as Silver Shirt leader had violated conditions under which a five-year sentence for violation of the North Carolina Securities Law was suspended.

O'Connell said today if his latest appeal fails he will carry the case to the Supreme Court. It is pointed out that if the extradition of Pelley to Asheville is delayed long enough it will provide the would-be American "Fuehrer" with an argument that the five-year sentence has elapsed and that he is not liable to court action.

Pelley's anti-Semitic weekly, Liberation, has not appeared for several weeks. At a recent press conference Chairman Martin Dies of the House Committee on Un-American Activities said a check by committee investigators showed that the Silver Shirt movement had been "completely broken up and Pelley's activities stopped dead" by committee exposes.

CANADIAN GROUP AIDS INTERNED REFUGEES

MONTREAL, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Refugee and War Relief Agencies are assisting the 1,700 Jewish aliens of Class B and C interned in Canada, Director Saul Hayes stated to the J.T.A. today, commenting on a London dispatch which quoted reports on internees in Canada received by the Agudath Israel. (See JTA NEWS DEC. 8.) The statement said:

"1. Emigration: The authorities allowed the United Jewish Refugee and War Relief Agencies to conduct a census by means of questionnaire. As a result of the information we are now in a position to work on affidavits, visas, permits, transfers of dossiers and all other items of concern in the whole question of the emigration of so many men. The bottleneck in immigration matters is in the Immigration Department of the United States and also in the Consulates of the Department of the Secretary of State. Certain technical grounds are obstacles in the case with the result that we have to use connections with American agencies in order to break down the bottleneck which so far has hindered the emigration problem from being settled.

"2. The U.J.R. & W.R.A. spent several thousands of dollars and is still spending money, providing necessities, such as cigarettes, toiletries, chocolates, razor blades and other comforts for those who are unable to provide their own.

"3. Education: Arrangements have been made with McGill University to grant matriculation certificates to those who pass the examinations. The United Jewish Refugee and War Relief Agencies have been sending books and are at present engaged in a program in order to see that the young internees will be able to study so that they can take the examinations when they are held.

"4. Recreation: The U.J.R. and W.R.A. has sent books of all kinds to internees, musical instruments, sport goods and other recreational items and articles so that their time could be spent and the morale of the men approved. Plans are now afoot to provide movies at certain stated intervals in the camps.

"5. Payment for Work: The rate of payment for work is based on an international convention. Many of the internees have money which they use to supply their wants from the canteens at each camp. We take care of those who are without funds.

"6. Status: The Prisoner of War status was taken up by us with the authorities, and for some time now the internees are allowed to send mail without the stigmata of 'Prisoner of War.'

"7. The U.J.R. and W.R.A. has been working constantly on all phases of the problem. Its services in answering queries alone involves it in a considerable staff, in extra postage, and in a considerable amount of activity."

FEDERATIONS' PARLEY TO OPEN IN ATLANTA FEB. 1

NEW YORK (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, comprising 201 federations, welfare funds and community councils in 165 cities in the United States and Canada, will hold its eighth annual general assembly in Atlanta from Feb. 1 to 3, it was announced by Sidney Hollander of Baltimore, president of the Council. The 1941 meeting, Hollander declared, will be the most important in the history of the Council, which gained 25 new member agencies during the past year.

J.D.C. SENDS FUNDS TO AID SALVATOR SURVIVORS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- An emergency grant of \$3,000 to provide first aid to the 126 destitute survivors of the S.S. Salvator, which capsized in the Sea of Marmara last Thursday, was cabled to Istanbul by the Joint Distribution Committee on Saturday. Executive Vice-Chairman Joseph C. Hyman announced today.

Hyman said the survivors, including 20 children, were being well treated by the Turkish authorities. He pointed out the desperate need for clothing and medicines among the disaster victims, who lost all their possessions in the wreck.

HUNGARIAN NAZI DEMANDS JEWISH PRISONERS BE SEPARATED FROM CHRISTIANS

BUDAPEST, Nov. 17. (JTA-By Mail) -- A demand that Jewish and Christian prisoners be separated has been made in Parliament by Dr. Julius Szendroy-Kovach, deputy of the pro-Nazi Arrow-Cross party. Another Arrow-Cross deputy Ludwig Gruber, recommended immediate dismissal of all prosecutors and judges married to Jewesses.

ARMS FOR ALIEN "PIONEERS" IN BRITAIN PLANNED

LONDON, Nov. 2. (JTA-By Mail) -- Replying to Geoffrey Mander in the House of Commons Anthony Eden, Minister for War, said British companies of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps were completely equipped with rifles, and it was proposed to issue a percentage of rifles to certain of the companies of alien personnel. There was no difference in principle between British and alien companies; it was a question of supply and the claims of the Home Guard, he said.

CHRISTIAN-JEWISH SERVICES HEID IN LONDON SUBWAY SHELTER

LONDON, Nov. 24. (JTA-By Mail) -- Joint services, conducted by a Methodist and a Jewish minister, are being held in a suburban tube shelter each Wednesday, it is learned here. The Jewish minister concerned is the Rev. Mr. Smerditsky. Hymns and sermons suitable to persons of both faiths are selected.

PALESTINE PIONEER'S GRANDSON NAMED AFTER CHURCHILL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25. (JTA-By Mail) -- The newly-born grandson of the late Salman David Lewantime has been named Winston, in honor of the British Prime Minister. Lewantime, who died on June 19, at the age of 84, was one of the founders of the first Chevevei Zion colony, Rishon-le-Zion, and was invited by Herzl in 1901 to establish the Jewish Colonial Trust, of which he was a director until 1924.

WOMEN BUS DRIVERS TRAINED IN TEL AVIV

LONDON, Nov. 20. (JTA-By Mail) -- The wives of twenty bus drivers at Tel Aviv are learning to drive the buses, The New Judea reports, so that they may be able to carry on the service in the event of their husbands being called upon for military service.