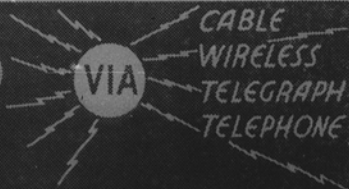


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FRENCH JUSTICE MINISTRY DISCHARGES 77 JEWISH OFFICIALS

VICHY, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- A decree dismissing 77 Jewish officials from the Ministry of Justice was published in the Journal Officiel today. It was the longest list of dismissals published since promulgation of the anti-Jewish Statute, on Oct. 18.

The officials dismissed include 11 public prosecutors, 28 judges, four coroners, 30 justices of the peace, two colonial judges, and two legal employees.

Still longer lists of dismissed Jewish officials are expected to be issued shortly and all those remaining in office on Dec. 20 will be automatically discharged on that date.

Relief for Interned Refugees Planned

VICHY, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The need of immediate supplies of warm clothing and medications in view of the oncoming Winter and the limited possibilities for heating was stressed by delegates attending a meeting of the committee for the welfare of interned refugees, held at Nimes, it was reported here today.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Quakers, the Permanent Jewish Relief Committee, the OSE, Jewish health protection society, and local camp welfare committees. Ways and means of ameliorating the material and moral conditions of the interned refugees were discussed.

LARGE FINES LEVIED ON 2 JEWISH LAND OWNERS IN HUNGARY

BUDAPEST, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Karoly Korondo and Geza Hajdu, Jewish managers of the Kisszalas estate near the Yugoslav frontier, today were fined 15,000 and 12,000 pengoes respectively for violation of the anti-Jewish laws.

According to the authorities, they falsified records of 40 cases, counting a parish priest, a village schoolmaster, a notary and other Gentiles as their employees in order to increase the number of Jews who could be employed under the 12 per cent limit.

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"Honorary Aryanism" has been granted 108 Hungarian Jews by the Government-sponsored "Hero Committee," founded in 1920 by Regent Nicholas Horthy to honor men who gained distinction in his counter-revolution against the Bela Kun regime.

The 108 Jews were among 1,850 who appealed against an order for confiscation of their property on the ground that their services to the country merited exemption. The action was taken by the committee, which has never accepted Jewish members regardless of their merits, to prevent the land of the 108 Jews from being expropriated.

The prefect of the largest Hungarian county has issued an order requiring non-Jewish shop owners to put up notices to that effect outside the entrance.

452 REFUGEES TO LEAVE LISBON FOR OVERSEAS LANDS

LISBON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Three transports of Jewish refugees totaling 452 persons have arrived here from Germany and are planning to sail soon for various countries on the American continent, it was disclosed today.

TROPER COMING TO NEW YORK

LISBON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Morris C. Troper, chairman of the European council of the Joint Distribution Committee, will leave for New York on Dec. 25. James Bernstein, director of the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association, will visit unoccupied France early in January.

ROOSEVELT SIGNS SZOLD BIRTHDAY BOOK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- An introduction to the Henrietta Szold Birthday Book, bearing the names of many distinguished national leaders, was presented to the Hadassah national board today by the local chapter at a celebration of the 80th birthday of Hadassah's founder, held at the Jewish Community Center here.

Among those who signed the introductory pages of the volume are President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, Katherine F. Lenroot, director of the Labor Department's Children's Bureau, Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, and former Justice and Mrs. Louis D. Brandeis.

When completed, the book is expected to bear 95,000 names representing the total membership of all branches of Hadassah.

MASSIN, ADMITTED TO U.S., DENIES ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Pierre Massin, French manufacturer, following his release from-Ellis Island yesterday as a quota immigrant, today denied reports that he was anti-Semitic and that he had contributed funds to Jacques Doriot's Fascist movement in France.

Massin said he did not believe in persecution of Jews and that he had many Jewish friends in the United States as well as France. He said he had been a member of a group of French luxury goods manufacturers and retailers, including French Jews, who had protested before the war against the "thousands" of Jewish refugees from Germany and Czechoslovakia who had come to France and had begun underselling French products.

MOSES GELBER, CANADIAN ZIONIST, DEAD AT 84

TORONTO, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Moses Gelber, woolen merchant, philanthropist and Zionist leader, died last night at his home at the age of 64. Funeral services will be held Thursday.

One of the founders of the Canadian Zionist Organization, Gelber was its vice-president for 10 years and was honorary vice-president at the time of his death. He was one of the organizers of the Toronto Federation of Jewish Philanthropies in 1916, a member of the executive committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and was chairman of the committee which built the Toronto Hebrew Free School and Jewish Center in 1922.

ARLINGTON SERVICES HELD FOR JULIAN STRAUS, POLITICAL LEADER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Funeral services with military honors were held at Arlington National Cemetery today for Julian D. Straus, attorney and political leader, who died suddenly Monday at the age of 48. A native of Memphis, Straus was a member of the Tennessee Legislature at the age of 21 and also served as City and Juvenile Court Justice in Memphis. He was a member of the New York and Washington bar and served overseas as a captain during the World War.

2 JEWISH GIRLS HONORED IN ARGENTINE

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 10. (JTA-Airmail) -- Gitl Teitel, 15-year-old Jewish girl, has been awarded a gold medal by the Minister of Navy for the best school essay on the Argentine navy. She is the daughter of a Jewish tailor who immigrated to Argentina from Poland seven years ago.

Another Jewish girl, Hadassah Helfgott, aged 15, was awarded the only gold medal issued to a graduate of the public schools. Despite her young age, she was graduated as teacher of English. British embassy representatives and members of the British colony attended her graduation.

NAZIS RENEW EFFORTS TO INCITE POLES AGAINST JEWS

GENEVA, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Seeking to counteract the effect of the pro-Jewish statements made by members of the exiled Polish Government in London, the Nazi authorities in Poland have revived their tactics of playing the Poles against the Jews by starting a series of articles in the Krakauer Zeitung and in the Warschauer Zeitung alleging that "the Poles need protection against Jewish danger," it was reported here today.

As the first concrete step in the direction of stirring anti-Jewish feelings among the Polish population, the two official Nazi newspapers demand the reopening of the Przytyk case which resulted in the sentencing by a Polish court of a number of Polish hooligans to various terms of imprisonment for instigating and carrying out an anti-Jewish pogrom in Przytyk in 1937. "The verdict in the Przytyk trial constitutes an obvious injustice committed against Poles in favor of the Jews," the Krakauer Zeitung states.

Simultaneously, the Nazi press in Berlin has also started a campaign for stricter anti-Jewish measures in unoccupied France. The Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, in an article by its Paris correspondent, declares elimination of "Jewish influence" from commercial and industrial life in Paris must be emulated in unoccupied France. He "advises" the Petain Government to follow the anti-Jewish laws issued for occupied France, which provide, among other things, that Jewish enterprises must display signs in the German and French languages reading: "This is a Jewish enterprise."