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VICHY OUSTS 2 JEWISH PARLIAMENTARIANS; SEEK TO SPUR EMIGRATION

VICHY, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Senator Maurice Rothschild and Deputy Edouard Jonas are among five parliamentarians ousted from their positions as a result of deprivation of French nationality, it was announced today.

MARSEILLE, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Strenuous efforts are being made by the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association to canalize, guide and help migration of some thousands of Jews from the free zone. The association's staff is working overtime to complete the records of more than 7,000 applications of Jewish emigrants who hope to leave for overseas within a reasonable time.

The steamer Alcynia will sail for Brazil on Jan. 15 from Marseille with 120 Jewish emigrants aboard, bound for various countries North, Central and South America. Most of these are leaving with the assistance of the HIAS-ICA. It is hoped here that there will be regular sailings to North and South America, enabling Jewish emigrants to sail directly from Marseille, thus avoiding costly and time-consuming transits via Spain and Portugal.

Trade Barred to Jews in Nazi-Held Zone

ZURICH, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The German authorities in occupied France have prohibited Jews from engaging in business and have ordered sale of Jewish firms to "Aryans," it was reported here.

The decree, issued by the military governor in Paris, provided that Jewish enterprises be taken over by German commissars who would sell them to "Aryans." Only businesses regarded as essential by the authorities were exempted from the order. Many Jewish enterprises have already been expropriated.

ROMANIAN MINISTRY CANCELS DECISION TO OUST JEWISH ENGINEERS

BUCHAREST, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Prof. Ion Protopopescu, Minister of Works and Communications, has annulled the decision to dismiss Jewish members of the technical staff on Feb. 1, it was disclosed today. Jewish engineers in the technical service, public works and on roads will be retained.

10 JEWISH DOCTORS ARRESTED IN POLISH CAMP IN ENGLAND ARE FREED

LONDON, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The 10 Jewish physicians arrested in a Polish army camp in England have been freed after seven days' disciplinary detention, without being brought before a military court, it was learned today. The matter is considered closed, although the Polish authorities are investigating.

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The doctors were detained because they submitted a collective petition against being forced to do non-medical duties. The petition was contrary to army regulations, which permit only individual requests. They were freed after intervention by Ignacy Schwartzbard, member of the Polish National Council.

Polish Commander in Palestine Promises to Right Wrongs

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Local Jews have given a banquet for Polish troops stationed in Palestine, with the Polish commander, Mayor Isaac Rokach, municipal councillors and Polish Consul Heinrich Rosmarin among those present.

Mayor Rokach said: "I hope you will return home victorious, but when you are home again remember your minorities and give them their due." The Polish commander said in reply: "Only suffering nations fully understand other nations' plight. When we are home we will make good all the wrongs."

AIR-RAID ALARM IN HAIFA

HAIFA, Jan. 11. (JTA) (Delayed) -- There was a 20-minute air-raid alarm here today, but no planes were sighted.

ARAB-JEWISH COMPANY TO PROMOTE TRADE WITH TURKEY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- An Arab-Jewish company to foster trade relations between Palestine and Turkey will be established soon with a capitalization of 30,000 Palestinian pounds, it was reported today. The newspaper Haaretz said the Turkish Government was ready to extend full support to the company.

FUNDS PABLEY TO WEIGH DEFENSE COOPERATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Participation of local Jewish welfare agencies in the national defense program will be one of the major subjects of discussion at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in Atlanta, Feb. 1 to 3. Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the program committee, announced today.

Delegates from local federations, welfare funds and community councils in the United States and Canada will consider how best to utilize the services of their agencies to meet local needs growing out of the Selective Service Act and the expanding defense industries. Warburg asserted.

The delegates will also discuss possibilities of coordinated action on a national scale in several other fields. They will concern themselves with prospects for joint fund-raising and planning by the national civic-protective agencies, increased cooperation among the various tuberculosis institutions and development of a coordinated national budgeting process for welfare funds.

The delegates, Warburg stated, will also have before them a proposal advanced by President Sidney Hollander calling for the establishment by the Council of an advisory budgeting service to help welfare funds in making allocations to the overseas and refugee agencies, now that the United Jewish Appeal for the three major agencies in this field has been dissolved.

REP. SWEENEY LOSES LIBEL SUIT OVER COLUMN WHICH CALLED HIM ANTI-SEMITIC

CLARKSBURG, W.Va., Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Rep. Martin L. Sweeney of Ohio has lost his \$250,000 libel suit against The Clarksburg Exponent, based on the paper's publication of a "Washington Merry-Go-Round" column by Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen which accused Sweeney of anti-Semitism. Federal Judge Harry E. Watkins, in charging the jury, said the column "is furnishing not only interesting reading, but is rendering an important public service."

The column reported in September, 1939, that Sweeney was the spokesman for Father Coughlin and that he had opposed the appointment of a foreign-born Jew, Emerich Freed, to the Federal bench in Cleveland. The jury held the column had told the truth.

SCHUR, FAMOUS MATHEMATICIAN, DIES IN PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Prof. Issay Schur, exiled German Jewish mathematician, who died last week at the age of 66. Prof. M. Fekete, dean of the Hebrew University's science faculty, declared in a eulogy that "had Prof. Schur lived to complete his book, he would have revolutionized mathematics."

Dr. Schur, for 19 years Professor of Mathematics at the University of Berlin, resigned in 1935. He is believed to have been the last Jew to hold a post in a German university. Previously he had served for three years at the University of Bonn. Prof. Schur was known for his work in theoretical mathematics, particularly in algebra and modern functional theories.

BERGSON HID CONVERSION AS ACT OF SOLIDARITY WITH JEWS, MME. MARITAIN REVEALS

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Henri Bergson, French philosopher who died in Paris on Jan. 4, had been converted to Catholicism a few years before his death, but nevertheless registered as a Jew under the racial laws rather than appear to be abandoning the Jews, it is revealed by Raissa Maritain, a former student of Prof. Bergson, in an article in the Catholic weekly Commonweal.

"He died more than ever in solidarity with his people," Mme. Maritain wrote. "Yet Henri Bergson had been baptized. He did not wish to make this fact public during his lifetime, through delicacy of feeling for the persecuted Jews whom he would thus have seemed to abandon to their distress."

SERVICES HELD FOR LASKER, EX-CHESS CHAMPION

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Lasker, world chess champion for 27 years up to 1921, died Saturday at the age of 72 of uremic poisoning at Mt. Sinai Hospital. He had been ill for 11 days during which time he received two blood transfusions.

Born near Berlin in 1868, Lasker began playing chess at the age of 12. He came to New York during the 1890's. He is survived by his widow. Funeral services were held today at the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue, conducted by Rabbi David de Sola Pool.

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MEMORIAL FOR DOV HOS IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Prominent Britons yesterday paid tribute to the late Vice-Mayor Dov-Hos of Tel Aviv at a memorial meeting organized by the Poale-Zion and the Zionist Federation. Speakers included Lord Snell, Lord Middleton and the Laborite M.P's, Barnett Janner and A. Creech Jones. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Labor Minister Ernest Bevin, and Home Secretary Herbert Morrison sent messages.

HILLMAN LAUDS HISTADRUTH ON ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Defense Commissioner Sidney Hillman praised the Palestine Histadruth on its 20th anniversary, in a message made public today by the National Labor Committee for Palestine. He referred to the "splendid, constructive work this organization is doing in the rehabilitation of thousands of refugees throughout Europe."

Other messages were received from Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Senator Robert F. Wagner and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. The National Labor Committee is arranging a series of celebrations in various parts of the United States in connection with the anniversary.

ZION ORDER OPENS \$25,000 DRIVE FOR PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- A \$25,000 land acquisition and reforestation project for Palestine was launched yesterday by the Order Sons of Zion at a conference held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, with about 300 persons attending. The project will include a 10,000-tree forest in the name of former Grandmaster Harris J. Levine.

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE MAPS WAYS TO COMBAT NAZISM AT PARLEY HERE

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Methods of procedure in combating Nazi influences in the United States were discussed yesterday at a conference of organizations affiliated with the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, held at the Hotel Astor with representatives of more than 180 groups attending.

175 COLLEGES TO GET JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA SPEAKERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Jewish Chautauqua Society activity will reach a new high during 1940-41, it was announced at the semi-annual meeting of the executive committee yesterday. More than 150 universities have already completed arrangements for reception of J.C.S. speakers during 1940-41, Executive Secretary Arthur L. Reinhart reported. Arrangements now in progress indicate at least 175 universities will appear this year on the J.C.S. schedule.

MIZRACHI GROUP IN RIFT WITH HISTADRUTH

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- A conference of the Poel Hamizrachi, religious labor organization, at Kibbutz Rodges complained that the Histadruth had broken their 11-year-old work agreement and demanded establishment of a united labor exchange on the basis of personal registration of workers. The laborite organ Davar rejected the Poel Hamizrachi's demands, asserting that the Histadruth was only willing to keep its agreement and if it was now broken, it was not the Histadruth's fault.