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BRITAIN TO ADMIT 1,400 REFUGEE DOCTORS TO WAR SERVICE

LONDON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The British Government shortly will permit 1,400 refugee doctors from Allied countries to serve in the armed forces, hospitals, nursing homes, first aid posts and air raid shelters, it was reported today. They will not be allowed to engage in private practice, however.

The Government's willingness to consider such a move is the result of a campaign conducted by 300 Czech doctors, headed by Dr. J. Levy, formerly of Prague University.

Two hundred alien internees, most of them Jewish, have returned from Canada. A number of them were reinterned here pending final consideration of their cases. Others are joining the Pioneer Corps, the remainder being agricultural trainees and workers returning to the farms where they worked before being sent to Canada.

The internees arrived in civilian clothing and unguarded. They praised the work of Alexander Paterson, special Home Office delegate sent to Canada to select those to be released.

Meanwhile, a sensational indictment of the Home Office's policy on release of internees was made by Sir Andrew MacFadyen, member of one of the recently-appointed tribunals and former secretary of the Dawes Committee, in a letter to The Times.

Terming the Home Office's methods "less a measure of disinterment than a face-saving device," Sir Andrew declared the tribunal examining the cases of internees not eligible for the Pioneer Corps because of age and health could not be expected, at its present rate of progress, to make its last recommendation before the Spring of 1944.

He suggested that if disinterment was really desired, the Home Secretary should order the release within four weeks of all those not specifically suspected and reserve the tribunals for cases of real doubt and difficulty.

SHIP WITH 1,800 REFUGEES HELD BY JAPANESE

ZURICH, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- A ship carrying 1,800 Jewish refugees has arrived at a Japanese port and placed under strict control by the Japanese authorities, German dispatches reported today. Most of the refugees were intending to proceed to North and South America, the report said.

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J.D.C. LEADER ARRIVES IN FRANCE TO SPUR RELIEF WORK; PLAN TO REMOVE CHILDREN

VICHY, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- New impetus was given to Jewish relief work in France with the arrival today of Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, European vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, who intends to spend two months in unoccupied France in order to strengthen the network of relief organizations created after the June events.

The four principal fields of relief work sponsored by the J.D.C. in France are: (1) assistance to those interned in camps, (2) child care, (3) emigration, through the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association, and (4) general relief for the Jewish population through the intermediary of local relief committees.

Dr. Schwartz's arrival coincides with a series of important relief meetings. The first will be a conference in Nimes of Jewish and non-Jewish bodies interested in relief. Creation of a purely Jewish body for relief in internment camps is contemplated. Hitherto the camp work has been conducted mainly by the Quakers with large financial assistance from the J.D.C.

The Committee for Refugee Assistance is meeting in Marseille today. The nation-wide Jewish Relief Coordinating Committee is meeting in Marseille tomorrow under the chairmanship of Chief Rabbi Issaye Schwartz to deal with general problems of relief work. The Federation of East European Jewish Societies is meeting in Lyon on Jan. 20. The French ORT will hold a conference on Marseille on Jan. 17.

Dr. Joseph Schwartz meanwhile is planning an extensive inspection tour of the free zone, including Nice, Toulouse, Limoges, Vichy and Lyon. He will also visit the Gurs internment camp, where more than 12,000 refugees, most of them from Germany, are held.

In conjunction with the Quakers and the OSE, Dr. Schwartz is planning to obtain removal of the children now in the camps and the aged refugees, and also to study procedure for obtaining the release of other internees. Realization of this program would considerably alleviate the plight of the refugees and simplify relief activities.

Dr. Schwartz intends to devote his present trip to France to establishment of a definitive working relief system with a double financial basis--the J.D.C.'s contribution, which necessarily represents the major part of the budget, and local contributions. The J.D.C.'s contribution runs to several million francs monthly to enable systematic relief work in France, exclusive of emigration activities, for which the J.D.C. contributes to the HIAS-ICA.

J.D.C. Aiding Mission, Troper Says on Arrival

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Social conditions in Europe have fallen to the lowest depths since the Dark Ages, Morris Troper, chairman of the European Executive Council of the Joint Distribution Committee, reported today on his return from Lisbon aboard the S.S. Excalibur after a three-month mission on the continent.

Amid the universal suffering, the plight of European Jews is doubly hard, Troper said, since it is aggravated by persecution, discrimination and anti-Semitic legislation. "Without exception, the Jews of Europe have been pushed down to the lowest rungs of the social and economic ladder," he said.

A million men, women and children are now being supplied with necessities of life by the J.D.C., Troper declared. In unoccupied France alone there are more than 50,000 German, Austrian, Czech, Polish and Belgian refugees, half of them interned in concentration camps under appalling conditions. In Poland, the J.D.C. has provided one free meal a day to as many as 400,000 persons. The number has now been reduced to 250,000, primarily because lack of funds forced withdrawal of relief from many adults. "As a result," he said, "it is not uncommon to find that children eating in the relief kitchens hide a crust of bread in their pockets to take home to their fathers and mothers."

Faced with conditions of "progressive disintegration," Troper said, the Committee, despite insufficient funds, has been intensifying its work during the past three months.

REFUGEE COLONY IN ZUYDER ZEE AREA DISBANDED BY NAZIS

LONDON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Nazi occupation authorities have dissolved the Jewish refugee agricultural settlement in the reclaimed Zuyder Zee area in Holland, Dutch circles here reported today. The settlers have been driven away and their buildings confiscated for use by the occupation authorities.

Reports reaching these quarters also said that a Jew was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in Holland for using "unparliamentary" language regarding Hitler when he reproached an acquaintance for working for the Germans.

SCHWARTZBART HOLDS POLICY OF "VIGILANT CONFIDENCE" IN POLISH GOVERNMENT

LONDON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Ignacy Schwartzbart, Jewish member of the Polish National Council, told a press conference today that his attitude towards the exiled Polish Government was one of "vigilant confidence." He said that after a year's experience in the National Council he was imbued with realistic optimism.

Schwartzbart stressed the necessity for full representation for Polish Jews and urged the Bundists and Revisionists to cooperate. Referring to the recent Polish Government declaration of equality of Jews and Poles, he said this statement by implication condemned the policy of Polish governments for the past 20 years.

The Polish Government has granted the same recognition to the Tel Aviv Association of Jewish Refugee Lawyers from Poland as was given to non-Jewish Polish refugees recently arrived in Palestine from Rumania, it was announced today, following intervention of Schwartzbart. The association has 37 members.

FREE FRANCE GROUP FORMED IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- A Free France Association has been formed in Tel Aviv. It was reported by Free French quarters here today.

HABIMA GETS FUNDS TO COMPLETE TEL AVIV BUILDING

TEL AVIV, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Negotiations for a £25,000 loan to complete the building of the Habima Hebrew theater have been concluded, it was disclosed today.