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HUNDREDS OF JEWS LEAVE REICH IN SEALED TRAIN TO EMIGRATE OVERSEAS

ZURICH, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Several hundred Jews from Germany and Austria have left the Reich in a sealed train on their way to Lisbon, provided with United States quota visas, as result of modification by the American Consulate in Berlin of its policy on issuing immigrations visas under the German quota, it was reported here today.

Permitted to take with them not more than ten German marks, the immigrants will be cared for in Lisbon by the Joint Distribution Committee and by the HIAS-ICA offices there. Their fare to the United States has been arranged by their American relatives, who are reported to have paid the cost of the steamship tickets to American travel agencies.

While emigrants from Greater Germany are permitted to leave the Reich for overseas countries, via Lisbon or Japan, it is practically impossible as yet for natives of Poland to secure exit permits from the Nazi authorities. In Holland, however, the authorities are issuing such permits to persons leaving for overseas lands who are in possession of transit visas and prepaid passages.

It was learned here today that in Italy the authorities make no difficulties for Jewish refugees to leave by airplane from Rome to Lisbon. For transit through Spain, however, restrictions are in force for emigrants in possession of Polish or Czechoslovakian passports.

HIAS-ICA Asks Aid in Emigration from France

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The possibility of rescuing German Jews from concentration camps in unoccupied France is emphasized in a report by Edouard Cunge, one of the directors of the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association made public here today by the HIAS.

Cunge, who conducts the HIAS-ICA work in unoccupied France and who went to Lisbon now to confer with his colleagues on emigration problems, reports that numerous refugees who have been exiled by the Nazis from Western Germany and interned in a camp in unoccupied France, can be rescued through emigration to overseas lands if legal and material aid is made available to them through contact with their relatives and friends in the United States and South America.

Cunge estimates that of the 13,000 persons expelled from Western Germany there are more than 7,000 Jews, including men, women and children. They are all kept in Camp

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"New York City is more than ample proof that in this country men of many races and religions can live together in friendship and harmony," the Mayor said. "New York's heterogeneous population is made up of people of almost every race, nationality and creed. But, with all this complexity, we are united as citizens in devotion to our country and to democratic ideals. Unity among the people of the United States is not something forced upon them by governmental authority. It is the unity of free men, a unity of spirit which respects differences of opinion or religious conviction and voluntarily unites for the maintenance of all that, as Americans, we hold dear and sacred.

"There are other lands that are entirely homogeneous, which in itself may be a great attribute if directed toward a beneficent purpose. But, when such lands are driven by dictators who exploit what they call 'blood relationship' and 'race,' then we have witnessed how blindly the people can be misled and to what destructive ends they can be used.

"We in the United States recognize the right to differ in many of our convictions, as we differ in national origin. We ask that we forget our differences only when we face our common responsibilities as American citizens. In that realm, we vie with one another only in our devotion to our country and the contribution we can make to its welfare. The need of this cooperative unity is set forth in the observance of Brotherhood Week, and it should strike a responsive note in the hearts of all our citizens."

NEWSPAPER GUILD STRIKE AGAINST JEWISH DAY BEGINS

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- A partial strike against The Day, Yiddish daily newspaper, began today following a disagreement between the newspaper's management and the Newspaper Guild of New York over the dismissal of some members of the editorial staff, reduction of salaries of others and discharge of one member of the commercial staff.

The strike is not supported by the Yiddish Writers' Union of which the majority of the editorial staff of The Day are members. The editorial work in the newspaper therefore continued and The Day intends to continue publication while its building is picketed by the Guild.

The differences between the Yiddish Writers' Union and the Guild regarding the strike arise from the fact that the writers affected by the dismissals and salary cuts are not protected by the Yiddish Writers' Union. They were recently expelled from this union in reprisal for their joining the Guild, which is affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations. The Yiddish Writers' Union is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and in expelling those who had joined the Guild it took the attitude that one could not be a member of two unions simultaneously.

The Guild unit of The Day plans to issue a Yiddish daily newspaper during the strike which will carry general news and some of the features previously written in The Day by striking writers. Among the discharged writers is B.Z. Goldberg, noted columnist and for many years the managing editor of The Day.

The strike was called by the Guild unit, which includes the 12 writers and 27 members of the business staff. The Guild demands include reinstatement of those discharged and restoration of the pay cuts.

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2 ANTI-NAZIS TRANSFERRED TO REICH AFTER ARREST IN FRANCE

VICHY, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- It was reported here today that Rudolf Breitscheid, former leader of the Social Democrats in the Reichstag, and Rudolf Hilferding, ex-Minister of Finance in Germany, were arrested at Arles and transferred to the Reich.

YACHTSMAN WHO AIDED DUNKIRK RESCUE GETS HIGH NAVY POST

LONDON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Lieutenant Raphael de Sola, one of the yachtsmen who participated in the Dunkirk rescue operations, has been appointed Commander of Ship of the Royal Navy, it was announced today. He is probably the only Jew now holding such a position.

PROF. KRAUSS, EXILED SCHOLAR, MARKS 75TH BIRTHDAY

LONDON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Prof. Samuel Krauss, famous scholar, will celebrate his 75th birthday on Tuesday at Cambridge University, where he has been carrying on research since 1938, when his library in Vienna was burned down by the Nazis. His latest works written in exile have been published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Cincinnati.

Dr. Krauss was for 30 years professor at the Israelite Theological Academy in Vienna. He was active in many fields of Jewish intellectual activity and was one of the chief collaborators on a translation of the Bible into Hungarian in 1906. He also has done research in the fields of Talmud, Jewish history, Hebrew literature and philosophy. His works have appeared in German, Hungarian, Hebrew, French, English and Italian.

JEWISH CONGRESS SENDS FUNDS TO AID RUMANIAN POGROM VICTIMS

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Funds to aid the Jews in Rumania who suffered from the recent pogroms were cabled to Bucharest yesterday by the Geneva office of the World Jewish Congress, it was announced today by the Congress headquarters in New York. Relief work for the suffering Jews in Rumania is being organized by representatives of the Jewish communities there, the announcement said. Further remittances will follow, it added.

WEISGAL NAMED EXECUTIVE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Meyer W. Weisgal, editor and producer, has been elected executive vice-chairman of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, the Board of Directors announced today. He will take office immediately.

2 AUSTRALIAN JEWS SET UP NEW INDUSTRY

MELBOURNE, Jan. 22. (JTA--Airmail) -- The setting up of a new industry in Australia, manufacture from locally-produced materials of blow lamps, is due to the enterprise of two Australian Jews, Eric and Hans Vidor. The lamps were previously imported from Sweden, but this has now become impossible because of the war.

The imported lamp contained brass, but with sheet brass unobtainable in Australia, a process for treating car body steel was brought in under licence from Canada and this treated steel is claimed to be even more pressure-resisting than brass. Kerosene cookers are also being manufactured by the company.