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SCHEME TO GET MILLIONS OF DOLLARS SEEN BEHIND VIENNA EXPULSION DRIVE

ZURICH, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Behind the mass deportation of Jews from Vienna to the Lublin "reservation" in Poland lies a Nazi scheme to secure millions of American dollars as ransom money for Jews, it was learned here today.

Nazi officials in Vienna, it is reported, are informing Vienna Jews that if they do not wish to be expelled to Poland they must cable their relatives in the United States to secure for them steamship tickets for overseas lands, with the money for the tickets to be paid by the relatives to German travel offices in New York. This would automatically guarantee permission to leave German soil and transportation to neutral ports under the supervision of German travel agencies in the Reich.

The sum which the Nazis demand is set at more than \$400 per person. As there are still about 50,000 Jews left in Vienna, the total would yield about \$20,000,000 for the German treasury, since it is understood that the Nazis are negotiating for the use of Spanish steamers for transportation overseas of those Viennese Jews for whom the fare is deposited by relatives in the United States.

The United States immigration quota for Austria is not filled and American consulates in Germany are willingly issuing visas to Jewish applicants, provided that they can prove that, in addition to affidavits from American relatives they also possess steamship tickets. Faced with the alternatives of deportation to Poland or securing freedom by cabling American relatives for funds, thousands of Jews are sending such appeals, which would involve paying money for their passage in dollars to agencies in New York.

The number of Jews in Vienna who have, in the past week, cabled to America seeking passage to the United States and other overseas countries is estimated here at 20,000. About 1,000 of them have asked that the money for steamship tickets be deposited with the offices of the Joint Distribution Committee in New York. The Nazi authorities apparently do not object to this, since they are certain that no matter where the fare is deposited it will fall into the hands of the Nazis because there are no steamers other than Spanish available for carrying the passengers. The American Export Line, which is the only U.S. steamship company now navigating between the United States and Europe, has all its steamers booked up at Lisbon for many months in advance.

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Parallel with the scheme of securing American currency by permitting Jews from Vienna to emigrate, the Nazi authorities in Vienna are proceeding with their program of mass expulsion of Jews to Poland. The transportation of a third group of more than 1,000 Jews from Vienna to Poland is expected in the next few days. The two previous transports of more than 2,000 have already reached their destination. The deportees are reported to be housed in wooden barracks in the vicinity of Lublin.

LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED IN VICHY CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER

VICHY, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Leaflets declaring, "Read Gringoire and Hitler Will be Pleased" were pasted all over the walls on principal streets of Vichy during the night, representing a reaction against the continual and violent anti-British and anti-Jewish campaign by the weekly Gringoire.

Other leaflets, signed "The Last Column," accuse the columnist of Gringoire, Henri Beraud, who is especially violent in his anti-Jewish incitement, of receiving 10,000 francs per article from a German source.

Gringoire constantly publishes false information about the Jews. Thus the latest issue states that there were 1,400,000 Jews in France in 1930 and that another 400,000 German, Austrian and Czech Jews immigrated before the war. Actually the number of Jews in France never exceeded 350,000 and the total of German and Austrian Jews admitted to France, of whom one-third subsequently emigrated, never exceeded 50,000.

The weekly incessantly accuses the Jews of being "agents of British policy" in France.

SEEK TO AID INTERNED JEWISH CHILDREN IN FRANCE

VICHY, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A determined effort to improve the condition of the more than 2,000 Jewish children in camps has been made in recent months by the Joint Distribution Committee and the OSE, in close cooperation with other private relief bodies.

Children in the internment camps are receiving weekly 500 kilograms of highly nutritive porridge, 2,000 kilograms of fruit and 250 kilograms of vitamins. In addition, children who were insufficiently clad have received suits of clothes and shoes.

As a result of this action, child mortality, which had been increasing dangerously, has fallen to zero and symptoms of scorbutic diseases have disappeared. The assistance is now directed at combating the anemic state of the children which, before the J.D.C.'s intervention, had resulted in some children's being unable to walk and remaining in a state of prostration.

MORRISON REASSURES REFUGEES ON RIGHT TO PROTEST TREATMENT

LONDON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Aliens have the fullest right to make complaints. Home Secretary Herbert Morrison declared in Commons yesterday when asked by Geoffrey Mander, Liberal, to reassure refugees returned from Canada who had been threatened by minor officials with reinternment if they complained of conditions during internment and during their passage on the S.S. Ettrick.

Morrison urged Mander to supply particulars to support the allegation of "conduct so repugnant to the traditions and spirit which animate, I hope, all grades of public service."

"That there is in this country the fullest liberty to make complaints is, I believe, well known to aliens, as to other classes of the community," the Home Secretary said.

He rejected the suggestion of Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite, that he reexamine separately the cases of the Aradora Star survivors, declaring that a general review of Class A internees would be undertaken in due course.

CONGREGATION BOMBED OUT OF CHURCH THANKS JEWS FOR USE OF SYNAGOGUE

LONDON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Kosher biscuits and tea were served today by the Brixton Unitarian Congregation, acting as hosts to members of the Brixton synagogue at a social gathering convened in the synagogue hall to express thanks of the Unitarians for the hospitality offered them by the synagogue after the Unitarian church had been bombed some time ago.

At the rabbi's invitation, the Unitarians have since held regular Sunday services in the synagogue hall, which was announced in a notice posted on the bombed church building. Jews and Unitarians joined in singing the "Brixton hymn," which was written by Unitarians after the bombing of the church.

Rabbi Swift declared he acted not from compassion but out of duty. 'Help thy neighbor' has been preached by the Jews for 2,000 years," he said.

JEWS IN BELGIUM ORDERED TO RETURN DECORATIONS

LONDON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Jews with Belgian decorations for distinguished services to their country have been ordered to return them to the authorities, the Jewish Chronicle reports. All pensions for Jews have been cancelled and Jews have been forbidden by the Nazi authorities to display the Belgian flag.

CHRISTIAN FARMER LEAVES \$8,000 FOR PALESTINE

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Ernest Pick, a Gentile farmer and member of the second family of Shakers at New Lebanon, N.Y., left \$8,000 to the Jewish National Fund, it was revealed here today. On Dec. 1, two days after Pick died, the J.N.F. headquarters in New York received a note from Pick written before his death advising that it was entitled to an \$8,000 account he had set up for it at the Agricultural National Bank here.

Pick had heard much about the reclamation work being accomplished in Palestine and visited there five years ago. He was born in Austria in 1859 and came to this country when he was 23. For several years he was a farmer in this section until he joined the Shakers in New Lebanon. He stayed there 40 years until 1934, when he went to Europe to visit relatives in Czechoslovakia. Since his return he had made his home in this city.

JEWISH CHILDREN HERE BUY VITAMIN SUPPLY FOR BRITAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- An \$18,000 gift of Nevitol (natural vitamin concentrate of fish liver oil) for the use of the children of Britain, made possible by a gift on behalf of American Jewish children, was presented to the New York Chapter of the American Red Cross today in ceremonies at Red Cross headquarters.

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Gen. Robert C. Davis, executive director of the New York Chapter, accepted the gift from Dr. Stephen S. Wise, who made the presentation, at the behest of the collectors of the fund, through the Jewish Section of the Interfaith Committee to Aid the Democracies.

Token presentation in behalf of American Jewish children was made by Amos Cohen, 14-year-old school boy, who handed the gift to Brenda Lorden, a British evacuee child. Funds for the purchase of the Navitol were made available by the Esco Fund Committee and Keren Ami (Fund of My People) with the understanding that the Navitol be distributed to British children regardless of race or creed. A campaign to raise additional funds for vitamin shipments for British children is under way among children in Jewish religious schools and community centers throughout the United States, conducted under the auspices of Keren Ami.

JEWISH LABOR BODY BACKS YIDDISH PAPER AGAINST NEWSPAPER GUILD STRIKE

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The United Hebrew Trades, a central body of Jewish Labor Unions, resolved to support the Day, a New York Jewish daily newspaper, in the present controversy which has developed between the administration of the newspaper and the New York Newspaper Guild, a CIO organization, following a strike which the Guild proclaimed.

The strike is opposed by the Jewish Writers Union which is affiliated with the United Hebrew Trades and which for many years has been operating in the field of the Jewish newspapers. It is similarly not supported by the printers, mailers and linotype-setters of the Day. On the other hand the administrative staff which is organized with the CIO has joined the striking writers who after joining the Guild were expelled from membership in the Jewish Writers Union on the ground that none can belong to two labor unions at the same time.

While the strike continues, some of the striking members of the administrative staff are reported to have returned to their work this week following the publication of statements by leading Jewish labor unions and fraternal organizations disapproving of the strike and calling for support of the Day. Among these organizations were the Workmen's Circle and the Jewish National Labor Alliance.

JERUSALEM RABBIS OBJECT TO BURIAL OF CORPSES AFTER POST-MORTEMS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The Jerusalem Jewish community's religious board has instructed chevroth kadisha (burial societies) not to attend corpses showing signs of having undergone post-mortem operations before informing the religious authorities.

Rabbi Aslenski of the religious board said the measure was directed against the Hadassah-Rothschild-Hebrew University Medical Center, which allegedly used Jewish corpses for scientific purposes.

PALESTINE JAILS SHIP CAPTAIN FOR TRANSPORTING ILLEGALS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The Russian captain Tihon Constantin Chekhoff, master of the S.S. Livertad, which was apprehended last July carrying illegal immigrants, yesterday was sentenced to two years' imprisonment and confiscation of his schooner.