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NAZIS REPORTED PLANNING TO EXPEL DUTCH JEWS TO POLAND

LONDON, March 4. (JTA) -- The German authorities are planning a mass deportation of the Jews in Holland to the Nazi-occupied Polish Government-General, it was reported today by the Polish Telegraphic Agency, organ of the Polish Government-in-exile.

The report states that information came from Dutch sources in Stockholm.

An official announcement today by the Nazi-controlled Dutch news agency states Hollanders, irrespective of nationality, will be taken by the German military authorities for compulsory labor. This measure was proclaimed in retaliation for the anti-Nazi riots which occurred last week in Amsterdam and other cities of Holland. A fine of fifteen million guilders was also imposed upon the population as penalty for the riots.

Jews in various parts of Holland are rushing to Rotterdam, where there are U.S. and Cuban consulates, which are granting visas to emigrants, it was reported. It is understood that emigration from Holland is possible along the same lines as emigration from the Reich. The American consulate is issuing immigration visas to applicants whose documents are in order. However, one of the essential conditions necessary to obtain this visa is that evidence must be submitted to the consulate that passage has been booked on a specific steamer.

Despite the fact that steamship accommodations from Europe to America are completely booked for the next few months, Jews in Holland register for visas in the American consulate with the hope that some arrangement will be reached whereby more steamers will be permitted to navigate to the United States. Immigration visas are valid for four months from the date of issue and the applicants are hopeful that within this period the transportation problem will be solved either by Jewish relief organizations or by the German authorities who are interested in having as few Jews in Europe as possible. Immigration from Holland would have to be conducted via Brussels, Paris and Spain under German supervision in sealed trains.

WARSAW JEWS ASK AID FROM MUNICIPAL FUNDS

ZURICH, March 4. (JTA) -- The Warsaw Jewish Community has submitted a petition to the Nazi authorities in the city asking that financial aid for Jewish needs be granted from municipal funds, it was reported here today. The petition declares that the Jewish community in the Warsaw ghetto is no longer able to cope with the growing misery among the Jews there.

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JEWS WELCOME IN 'FREE RUMANIA' MOVEMENT, OFFICIAL ASSERTS

LONDON, March 4. (JTA) -- Every Rumanian, whether Jew or Gentile, is welcome to join the fight for a free Rumania, an authorized spokesman of the Free Rumanian National Committee declared today.

Denying rumors that Jews had been banned from the movement or discouraged from joining it, the spokesman said:

"Aiming for liberation of Rumania from Axis oppression, the Free Rumanian movement fights as well for stampeding the Nazi doctrine. In a country ruled along civilized, constitutional and democratic lines there is no place for a racial creed and religious intolerance among its nationals. No such differences could rule the fight to which the Free Rumanian movement devotes its activities."

Apprehension over the movement's attitude toward racial questions was recently expressed by Jewish and democratic circles in view of the fact that Virgil Tilea, former Rumanian minister to Britain, who is head of the committee, was for many years a close associate of Dr. Alexander Vaida-Voevod, leader of the Rumanian Front, which advocated a numerus clausus for Jews in all spheres of professional and economic life and emigration of Jews as a principal means of solving the Rumanian "Jewish question." Tilea was known as Vaida-Voevod's right-hand man.

PALESTINE GRANTS 50 ENTRY PERMITS FOR REFUGEES FROM BULGARIA

JERUSALEM, March 4. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government has cabled authorization to the British minister in Sofia to place 50 new immigration certificates at the disposal of the Palestine Office there for "urgent cases" from Bulgaria and Rumania, it was announced today.

More than 300 Jewish immigrants from Lithuania, Rumania and the Balkans arrived here during the last week in February, it was stated.

At the same time, Moshe Chelouche, Bulgarian consul in Tel Aviv, announced his resignation in a cable to Foreign Minister I. Popoff. Chelouche had submitted his resignation when the Bulgarian anti-Jewish law was announced, but was persuaded by the Sofia authorities to withdraw it. He announced his final resignation after the German occupation of Bulgaria.

Meanwhile, the death toll in the sinking of the refugee ship Patria last November reached 182 today with the announcement that 12 more bodies had been recovered.

MRS. ROOSEVELT LAUDS WORK OF JEWISH RELIEF AGENCIES

NEW YORK, March 4. (JTA) -- Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt today urged support of the "wonderful work" of Jewish relief organizations, addressing about 2,000 women at the opening campaign rally of the Women's Division of the United New York Appeal of the Joint Distribution Committee and National Refugee Service at the Hotel Commodore.

Praising the activities of the relief organizations, Mrs. Roosevelt said: "I hope you will be able to keep doing that kind of work. I hope that we in this country will not allow any one group to do exclusively for its own. I hope that many other people in this country will help you to do your work."

Mrs. Joseph Stroock, chairman of the Women's Division, called upon the audience to "follow Mrs. Roosevelt's example of service to humanity by dedicating themselves to active participation in the 1941 campaign."

The scope of relief and refugee aid programs conducted by the J.D.C. in more than fifty countries and the rehabilitation and resettlement programs conducted by the N.R.S. in this country, were described by Morris C. Troper, European director of the J.D.C., and Ephraim R. Gomberg, campaign director of the N.R.S. Mrs. Roger W. Straus, chairman of the executive committee of the Women's Division, and Miss Ethel Wise, co-chairman, also spoke. Mrs. Stroock presided.

SEEK TO CREATE REFUGEE ARMY IN AUSTRALIA

LONDON, March 4. (JTA) -- The Zionist Council of New South Wales has asked Acting Australian Prime Minister A.W. Fadden for the right to form an army of non-British Jews as a unit of the Empire forces for service in Palestine and elsewhere, it was reported here today.

Fadden is forwarding the request to Prime Minister Menzies, who is in London. The Zionist delegation in Sydney pointed out that refugees in Australia had repeatedly offered their services for the war effort.

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS BRAMSON SERVICES

MARSEILLE, France, March 4. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held yesterday for Dr. Leon Bramson, chairman of the executive committee of the World ORT Union, who died Sunday at the age of 72. The Chief Rabbi of Marseille officiated and among the speakers were Prof. William Qualid, president of the World ORT Union; Dr. Aaron Syngalowski, vice-president, and Dr. Jacob Frankin, member of the executive committee. Among the large crowd present were representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee, the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association and the OSE. One of those who sent messages of condolence was Edmond Fleg, the writer.

MRS. WEIZMANN FETED IN LONDON BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR U.S.

LONDON, March 4. (JTA) -- A farewell luncheon was given yesterday by the Women's International Zionist Organization at Rebecca Sieff House for Mrs. Chaim Weizmann, who is scheduled to leave with her husband on March 6 for a visit to the United States.

PALESTINE ADMINISTRATION CRITICIZED FOR FAILURE TO DEVELOP SELF GOVERNMENT

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA-Airmail) -- The Palestine Administration's failure to develop local self-government in the country was sharply criticized at the conference on Civil Liberties in the Colonial Empire, arranged by the National Council for Civil Liberties.

Addressing the conference's Mandates Commission, J. Rennap declared the development of local self-government in Palestine had been hampered by the Administration's action in restricting the franchise to those who paid a property tax of at least £10 over a period.

Although Jewish local councils were more developed than Arab councils, said Rennap, their powers were vague. They could not undertake public utilities, and they were refused the right to raise development loans for capital improvements.

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"It is clear," Rennap said, "that both the Arab and the Jewish councils are the negation of what local self-government should be. The Administration's failure to encourage local self-government is contrary to the terms of the mandate and constituted a definite restriction of the rights of Jews and Arabs, who are fit for self-government on the widest scale."

The speaker also criticized the restrictions on trade unionism in Palestine and alleged that political prisoners in the country were treated worse than criminals. Civil liberties he added, had been further restricted since the war.

The suggestion that "autocratic rule and continued repression" had prevailed in Palestine during the last twenty years was contained in a resolution adopted by the conference.

HEARINGS OPEN TODAY ON ALASKA COLONIZATION BILL

WASHINGTON, March 4. (JTA) -- With conferences over the last fortnight bringing about a meeting of minds on the part of practically all officials interested in the proposal to colonize Alaska with European refugees, the machinery behind the Dickstein colonization bill will get under way at a House Immigration Committee hearing tomorrow.

Representatives of the Interior Department will be heard in support of the general idea embodied in the bill, but with certain changes. Immediately after their appearance, Committee Chairman Samuel Dickstein (Dem., N.Y.) will appoint a subcommittee to meet with Interior Department officials to make adjustments tentatively agreed to in a previous conference on the measure.

The general tenor of these changes was settled after discussions between Secretary Ickes, ex-Senator William King of Utah, officials of the Interior Department's Division of Territories, Dickstein and other interested persons. They include specific designation of the areas to be colonized and the manner of colonization, establishment of investigative machinery to preclude the admission of actual or potential fifth columnists and the tabulation of the number of admissions to be made annually and from which immigrants they are to be drawn.

Sole remaining objector among those consulted in the conferences is Anthony J. Dimond, Alaskan delegate in the House, who said today he would bitterly oppose the proposal as long as the provision confining the colonists to Alaska for a period of five years was contained in the Dickstein bill. He said this restriction "would turn the territory into a gigantic concentration camp."

Dickstein said he was in complete agreement with the "general idea" of revising his bill in the direction of more specific statement of ways and means by which the colonization would be carried out. "I drafted the bill with the idea of national defense in mind and my principal aim was to provide a working basis for some legislation," he said.

Dickstein described Dimond's opposition to the measure as "short sighted," declaring the territory could not hope to realize its cherished dream of statehood until it had a large population of loyal, industrious citizens, "such as this bill would provide."

He also dismissed fears concerning the effect on Alaskan economy of the impact of a large population increase. "No steps will be taken to move people into Alaska under this bill until every provision is made for their arrival, including Government-financed housing projects, for which I will introduce a bill shortly," he said. As originally drafted, the Dickstein measure authorized the colonization of Alaska by refugees up to the total of unused immigration quotas over the past six years.