

# NEWS

*from all over the world*

VIA

CABLE  
WIRELESS  
TELEGRAPH  
TELEPHONE

## by the JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

1560 BROADWAY, N.Y.C.

VOL. VIII. NO. 78. (A)

Tuesday, March 11, 1941.

### PALESTINE EXTENDS 4,000 EXPIRING ENTRY CERTIFICATES

LONDON, March 10. (JTA) -- Validity of Palestine immigration certificates under the last schedule expiring in March has been extended to June 30, the Jewish Agency for Palestine announced today, following negotiations with the Palestine authorities. More than 4,000 certificates are affected by the extension.

Because of wartime difficulty in obtaining transportation, many of the holders of certificates found it impossible to reach Palestine within the allotted time.

### More Immigrants Arriving in Palestine

JERUSALEM, March 10. (JTA) -- The work of rescuing European refugees is being pressed while Jewish upbuilding work in Palestine goes forward.

A Turkish steamship arrived today with 44 Jewish immigrants, most of them from Lithuania, who traveled via Soviet Russia. Among them was Zusman Segalovitch, famous Polish Jewish writer.

It was learned that the 50 immigration certificates authorized last week for Bulgaria had been distributed in time. Prominent persons who received them are already en route to Palestine, as well as a group of 50 Jewish youths.

Meanwhile, Jewish National Fund activities in the 40th year of its existence and the first year of the new land regulations were summarized by Director A. Granovsky. He said 33,000 dunams of land had been acquired since the law had gone into effect and stressed that substantial opportunities for land purchase were still available.

Replying to criticism of purchasing land in view of the present inadequacy of funds for settlement, Dr. Granovsky emphasized the need of a land reserve. "The paramount importance of land must render it immune to influence of other fluctuating factors," he said. "Furthermore, the JNF is now the sole purchaser of land; hence the terms are easier."

A modest ceremony today marked the beginning of tree-planting in the Kirschner forest at Hanita. N. Kirschner, president of the South African Zionist Federation, and Menachem M. Ussishkin, president of the Jewish National Fund, planted the first trees and dedicated a marble plaque. The grove will soon be expanded into a "Liberty Forest" in honor of Jewish volunteers serving in the British forces.

(Continued on reverse side)

A four-day meeting of the Mapai (Zionist labor party) council closed last night. It was devoted mainly to the problem of abolishing separate fractions with the party. Berl Katznelson, in a closing speech, called for stronger unity within the party, without which, he said, it was impossible to maintain the Jewish workers' position in the framework of Zionism.

A conference of the Palestine Maritime League was held in Tel Aviv with 150 delegates attending. Bar Kochba Meirovitch, director of the Jewish Agency's Maritime Department, and Kaplansky of the maritime school were among the speakers.

The Czechoslovak Jewish colony here is celebrating the 91st birthday of the late Thomas G. Masaryk, founder of the Czechoslovak Republic.

#### JEWISH SCHOOL, SYNAGOGUE HIT IN LONDON BOMBING

LONDON, March 10. (JTA) -- A century-old Jewish infants' school, a small synagogue and a number of Jewish homes were among the structures bombed in a recent German air raid, it was disclosed today. There were many Jewish casualties, including a family of five and a two-year-old girl who were killed.

The largest Jewish school in England was damaged by a bomb. Fortunately the pupils had been evacuated some time ago.

#### HUNGARY PLANS NEW ACTION ON JEWS SOON

LONDON, March 10. (JTA) -- Hungarian Finance Minister Lajos Remeryi-Schneller has stated that Hungary must solve her "Jewish problem" in the coming months, the Swiss radio reported today. He said there were about a million Jews in Hungary and they had to be provided for the time being with a modest possibility of earning a living.

#### TRONE REACHES LISBON EN ROUTE TO U.S.

LISBON, March 10. (JTA) -- Solomon Trone, of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, arrived here today with his wife after a long tour of Holland, Belgium, Luxemburg and occupied France to choose settlers, for the Sosua colony. He plans to leave for the U.S. at the beginning of April and will report on the situation of the Jews in the countries he visited.

#### JEWISH SOLDIERS AND SAILORS GRANTED PASSOVER FURLOUGHS

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- Orders granting furloughs during the Passover holidays for Jewish men in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Civilian Conservation Corps have been issued by the War, Navy and Treasury Departments on application of the Jewish Welfare Board, it was announced today by John M. Schiff, chairman of the Board's Army and Navy Committee.

Request for the furlough orders was made by the Board as the officially recognized representative of Jewish men in the national defense forces in matters of religious observance. For those men who will not be able to go home because of distances involved, the Board will sponsor community Seder services and home hospitality in the cities nearest the major cantonments. Jewish Community Centers, Y.M.H.A.'s and Y.W.H.A.'s affiliated with the Board will accommodate soldiers and sailors stationed in their vicinities.

The War Department order declared: "The Secretary of War desires, in order to permit soldiers of the Jewish faith to participate in the observance of Passover, that furloughs be granted to members of that faith for such time as is necessary to permit them to be at their homes, when practicable, or at places where Seder celebrations are held, from noon Friday, April 11, 1941, until midnight of Sunday, April 15, 1941, provided no interference with the public service is occasioned thereby.

"Matzoth (unleavened bread) and Haggadoth (prayer books for the Seder service) will be distributed by the Jewish Welfare Board. Commanding officers and chaplains will lend assistance to and cooperate with the representatives of this board in such distribution."

A similar order was issued by the War Department for CCC camps.

The Navy Department's order to all ships and stations declared: "Commanding officers are authorized to grant leave, at discretion, to men of the Jewish Faith, from noon of Friday, April 11, 1941, until midnight of Sunday, April 15, 1941, with such additional travel time as may be necessary.

"The Jewish Welfare Board will furnish special prayer books for the Seder services and unleavened bread to men of the Jewish Faith for the eight days of Passover; and Commanding Officers are directed to cooperate in facilitating the distribution of these supplies to men of Jewish Faith under their command."

By an order from the Treasury Department furloughs were granted to the men of the Jewish faith in Coast Guard units, for the observance of Passover.

#### FRATERNAL PARLEY PLANS PASSOVER AID IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- More than 2,500 persons representing 400 fraternal and benevolent organizations met yesterday at the Riverside Plaza Hotel and pledged their support to the United Jewish Appeal.

The UJA's special campaign to provide matzoth and other Passover necessities for the impoverished Jews in Europe was a main topic of discussion. Dr. Jonah B. Wise, declared: "We are prepared to furnish such foods as are necessary for the observance of the Passover ceremony among our people who are living in terror-ridden Europe. Arrangements already have been made by our affiliated committees abroad for the purchase of foodstuffs on the continent and for their distribution to Jewish communities in need. All that is needed is the necessary funds."

Other speakers included Dr. D.L. Meckler, Dr. S. Margoshes, Dr. L. Fogelman, Rabbi Israel Goldstein, Rabbi Aaron Teitelbaum, head of the Central Relief Committee, and Adolph Held.

#### REFUGEE SERVICE TO RETRAIN 1,500 IN 1941

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- Former dentists will become dental mechanics, saleswomen will become milliners and housewives will become trained domestic workers under a program by which 1,500 refugees will be trained by the National Refugee Service in 1941 for new jobs in America. A group of 74 men and women began such retraining courses in January.

This is the result of a recent decision of the NRS to place increased emphasis on retraining activity. A special division has been created within the organization to service each applicant's problem on an individual basis.

(Continued on reverse side)

INVESTIGATION OF ALIEN REGISTRATION DELAYED TO JULY

WASHINGTON, March 10. (JTA) -- Investigation of suspected fraudulent registrations or failure to register in the aliens registration which closed last December will probably not be under way on any major scale until next July, Justice Department officials disclosed today.

The Alien Registration Division is currently engaged in codifying and filing the 5,100,000 registrations received and these monumental records must be completed and checked with port of entry records and other sources of confirmation before the division can pick out cases where violations of the Aliens Registration Act, the immigrations laws, and other statutes are indicated.

Officials blamed the unexpectedly large registration total for the delay in getting the checking-up process under way, pointing out that preliminary plans had been based on an estimate of only 3,500,000 registrations. Some investigative work is being done and the WPA in New York City has established a project for the check on the port of entry records there, but it was admitted that the bulk of the problem will not be tackled until after the middle of the year.

INTERNEES IN ITALIAN CAMP PLEAD FOR AID IN ENTRY TO U.S.

ROME, March 10. (JTA) -- German and Polish Jews interned in the concentration camp at Lama del Peligni have sent an appeal, through the JTA correspondent, to their relatives and friends in the United States asking them to provide them with affidavits and fare enabling them to enter the United States under the immigration quota.

The appeal points out that many of the interned Jews have long been registered with American consulates in Italy for quota visas, and that the Italian authorities have agreed to release them if they have visas for overseas lands.

WEIZMANN, WALLACE TO ADDRESS B'NAI B'RITH PARLEY

WASHINGTON, March 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and of the World Zionist Organization, will address the March 30 luncheon session of the triennial convention of B'nai B'rith at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, where the convention opens on March 29, it was announced. Vice-President Henry A. Wallace has already been announced as the speaker at the B'nai B'rith convention's national inspirational session which will be held at the Chicago Civic Opera House on March 30.

MRS. HERZOG HONORED BY MIZRACHI WOMEN

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- Jewish self-emancipation in Palestine is the antidote for the present plight of Jewry, Mrs. Isaac Herzog, wife of the Chief Rabbi of Palestine, told 200 persons at a reception given in her honor today by the Mizrachi Women's organization of America at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Other speakers were Mrs. Abraham Shapiro, president of Mizrachi Women; Mrs. Simcha Rabinowitz, Mrs. Isidore Freedman, Mrs. David de Sola Pool, Mrs. Edward Jacobs, Miss Sarah Feder and Miss Ethel Stavin.

# NEWS

*from all over the world*

VIA

CABLE  
WIRELESS  
TELEGRAPH  
TELEPHONE

*by the*

## JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

1560 BROADWAY, N.Y.C.

VOL. VIII. NO. 78.

Wednesday, March 12, 1941.

### EXPULSION OF POLISH JEWS FROM RUMANIA LAUNCHED BY NAZIS

ZURICH, March 11. (JTA) -- With the formal permission of the Rumanian Government, Nazi military authorities in Rumania started transporting Polish Jews from Rumania to Nazi-held Poland, it is reliably reported here today.

The report states that the deportation of Polish Jews from Rumania to Poland will affect some 3,000 Jews who found refuge in Rumania after the occupation of Poland by Germany and Soviet Russia.

The report reveals that more than 200 prominent Rumanian Jews have been forced into the special Jewish labor battalions which are now being organized to build airfields for the German air force in Rumania.

Authentic figures now made public in Switzerland about the number of the Jewish victims in the last pogrom in Rumania show that there were 1,500 Jews killed, some 2,000 severely wounded and about 5,000 slightly injured. The figures were brought to Switzerland by a prominent Rumanian Jewish leader who is an active member of the World Jewish Congress.

### Polish Jews Deported from Belgium

ZURICH, March 11. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities in Belgium have started deportation of Polish Jews from Belgium into Nazi-held Poland, according to an eyewitness report reaching here from Antwerp.

The witness said he saw some 2,000 Polish Jews being packed into a cattle train in Antwerp for deportation to Poland after they had been rounded up in Antwerp and interned in camps. They were given only a few hours notice and were not permitted to take along more than 25 kilograms of luggage. Many of those deported had resided in Belgian as Polish citizens for about thirty years.

### PERU TO ADMIT REFUGEES

LIMA, Peru, March 11. (JTA) -- A new presidential decree permits henceforth the immigration of refugees into Peru on condition that 2,000 sol (approximately \$800) is deposited with the Government for each immigrant. The decree provides that the deposit is to be repaid to the immigrant after two years of uninterrupted residence, providing he can prove that he is financially well established and is able to take care of himself and his family.

(Continued on reverse side)

PROGRESS REPORTED ON PRISONER EXCHANGE BETWEEN REICH, PALESTINE

LONDON, March 11. (JTA) -- The British Government has sent the German Government, through the United States Embassy, a list of German women and children in Palestine who wish to return to the Reich, Foreign Undersecretary Richard A. Butler announced in Commons today.

The statement was made in reply to a question from Capt. W.F. Strickland, Conservative, regarding the present status of negotiations for an exchange of interned Palestinian German women, children and old men.

The British Government has stated that it would be ready to permit Germans in Palestine to leave if a number of Palestinians, mostly women and children but also including old men, would be allowed to leave the Reich.

SEEK RELEASE OF 1,500 REFUGEES HELD AT DAKAR

LISBON, March 11. (JTA) -- Negotiations which may enable some 1,500 European refugees, including 150 Jews, now stranded at the French African port of Dakar, to proceed to their destinations to Brazil and the United States are now in progress between the French and British governments, it was reliably learned here today.

The refugees sailed on Jan. 15 from Marseille aboard the 12,000-ton French steamer *Alsina*, headed for South America. While the steamer was on the high seas, it received orders on Jan. 23 to put in at Dakar, the French authorities apparently fearing that the *Alsina* might be intercepted and seized by the British navy, as was the case with her sister ship, the *Mendoza*.

Reports reaching Lisbon from Dakar said many of the passengers on the *Alsina* had taken sick because of the prevalence of tropical fever and their undernourishment. The office of the Joint Distribution Committee in Lisbon is in touch with the situation. All the refugees have valid visas for North and South American countries.

SPECIAL RAILWAY CARS FOR JEWS IN HUNGARY DEMANDED

BELGRADE, March 11. (JTA) -- Government Party Deputy Tibor Ferenczy has demanded in the Hungarian Parliament that special railway coaches for Jews be instituted, it was reported from Budapest today. He also asked that Jews be required to pay a supplementary fare for upkeep of the special coaches.

ANTI-NAZI GERMAN DAILY TO BE PUBLISHED IN LONDON

NEW YORK, March 11. (JTA) -- An anti-Nazi German-language daily newspaper will appear in London on Wednesday, the British wireless announced in a broadcast recorded at Columbia's short-wave listening station. It will be called *Die Zeitung* and will be the "only independent German daily newspaper published in Europe," the announcement said.

EX-VIENNESE SCHOLAR NAMED TO HEBREW U. INSTITUTE

JERUSALEM, March 11. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University has elected Prof. Avigdor Aptowitz, formerly of Vienna, an honorary member of its Institute of Jewish Studies. Prof. Aptowitz is celebrating his 70th birthday.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT OFFERS OWN ALASKA BILL TO REPLACE DICKSTEIN'S

WASHINGTON, March 11. (JTA) -- Interior Department officials are seeking to have legislative authorization for refugee colonization of Alaska shifted from the jurisdiction of the House Immigration Committee to the Committee on Territories, enabling them to substitute for the Dickstein bill a measure prepared by the department.

The eight-man Immigration Committee subcommittee to amend the Dickstein bill refused to grant the Department's request that the transfer of jurisdiction be granted, but did vote to refer the matter back to the full committee for action.

No action will be taken until Chairman Samuel Dickstein of the Immigration Committee and Chairman Lex Green of the Territories Committee have an opportunity to confer on the matter. Green declared he could say nothing until Dickstein returned to Washington late this week.

Felix Cohen, Interior Department attorney, revealed that Secretary Ickes had already sent a prepared bill to the chairmen of both the House and Senate Territories committees and asked that the Immigration Committee abandon its consideration of the measure at an executive session today.

That a fight will be waged to retain Immigration Committee control of the measure was made certain by the statements of Representatives Schulte (Dem., Ind.) and Kramer (Dem., Calif.), members of the subcommittee, that they would oppose any transfer of authority, both in the committee and on the floor of the House, should a colonization measure be reported out by the Territories Committee. "This bill is primarily an immigration measure and the development angle is definitely subordinate," Schulte declared.

The Interior Department measure is similar to the original King-Havener bill offered in the last Congress. It would authorize creation of Alaska development corporations with the approval of the Secretary of Interior which would allow private capital to organize colonization projects in Alaska.

Refugee colonizers would be restricted to quota immigrants and the special classes of non-quota immigrants permitted by law, which include skilled workers, scientists, teachers and students. The Interior Department measure also provides that 75 per cent of the colonization openings be made available to American citizens. It was pointed out, however, that in view of the difficulty in obtaining American colonists for the territory under previous Government-sponsored efforts, it was very unlikely that more than a small part of the 75 per cent would be utilized.

35,483 JEWISH ALIENS ARRIVED HERE IN 1940; HIAS AIDED 17,790

NEW YORK, March 11. (JTA) -- A total of 35,483 Jewish aliens arrived in the United States during 1940, of whom 17,790 were discharged into the custody of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, HIAS reported today in a survey of its activities for the year.

The aliens arrived on 783 steamships. They included 29,580 immigrants and 5,903 non-immigrants. Of those aided by HIAS, 6,239 were brought to the HIAS building for food, shelter and personal service, while 2,085 were entrained to cities of ultimate destination.

(Continued on reverse side)

The HIAS Ellis Island Bureau received 15,031 inquiries on detained immigrants, warrants and other immigration cases. The Government served 85,794 kosher meals to detained immigrants under the dietary supervision of HIAS.

The Washington bureau of HIAS argued before the Justice Department 1,382 appeals in behalf of immigrants excluded at various ports, took up 5,798 miscellaneous matters with various departments, answered 21,575 mail inquiries and gave information to 5,503 persons who called at the office.

#### WURMBRAND, FORMER JTA BERLIN CHIEF, FINISHES NEW BOOK

NEW YORK, March 11. (JTA) -- Completion of a philosophic work, "Into New Life," by Michael Wurmbrand, former head of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency office in Berlin, was announced here today. Wurmbrand was editor of the JTA service in Berlin since 1922. When the Nazis came to power in Germany, he was compelled to move to Prague, where he continued the JTA service for central and south-eastern Europe. He recently arrived in the United States, where he completed his book and worked out a number of cinema scripts. Wurmbrand is the author of a book, "Die Leuchte," which was highly praised by numerous European publications.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN NAZI GROUP STIRS ALARM

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 12. (JTA-By Mail) -- An anti-British and anti-Jewish organization that is beginning to assume dangerous proportions in this country is the Ossewa Brandweg, (literally translated, the Oxwagon Firetorch). Its supporters claim to uphold the ideals of the Voortrekkers (pioneers) who in the old days travelled by ox-wagon and established settlements in all parts of the country.

A sensation has recently been caused by the fact that Dr. J.F.J. van Rensburg resigned from his position as administrator of the Orange Free State to become the "Commandant-General" of the Ossewa Brandweg, which proclaims that its aim is to fight for the establishment of a Republic free of English "domination."

The Government has taken no action to restrain the activities of the Ossewa Brandweg on the ground that it is "an unimportant body." This tends, however, to be a little disquieting to liberal opinion here, the protagonists of which cannot fail to recall that the National Socialists in Germany were also at one time regarded as unimportant.

#### RAILWAY TRAFFIC IN PALESTINE INCREASES

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA-By Mail) -- One effect of wartime traffic in Palestine, says Great Britain and the East, has been to produce a great increase in the operations of the Railways Administration.

For the first eight months of the year gross revenue leaped to £541,377 from £363,784 during January-August, 1939, while working expenses fell to £415,184 from £439,267. There were twice as many passengers--816,759 compared with 440,739--and the revenue from fares jumped by £59,000 to £19,000. Goods revenue increased from £255,852 to £352,408.