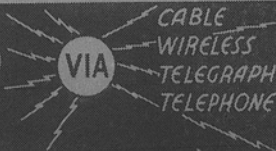


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EXPELLED RADOM AND CRACOW JEWS RESETTLED IN PROVINCES

GENEVA, March 12. (JTA) -- Two thousand Jews expelled by the Nazi authorities from the Polish city of Radom have settled in the town of Chmielnik and neighboring villages, where the already-impooverished local Jews have been forced to provide aid for them, it was reported here today.

About 500 of them remained in Chmielnik, while the remaining 1,500 were distributed in the villages of Stopnica, Nowy Korczyn, Wislica, Szydlowo, Pacanow, Solec, Olesnice, Kyrzsekwow and Piotrkowice. Officials of the Radom Jewish Community, who accompanied the deportees, arranged for shelter in the homes of local Jews. Since none of the expelled Jews was permitted to take along more than 25 kilograms of luggage, Jewish leaders of Chmielnik collected about 20,000 zlotys as an emergency fund for the new arrivals.

Meanwhile, many of the Jews expelled from Cracow have congregated in the town of Swierze near Chelm, according to reports reaching Geneva. They are housed in the local synagogue and in private Jewish homes. The local Jewish community, too small to care for all the deportees, issued an appeal to Jewish communities throughout the Government-General for relief funds.

In Warsaw, the Jewish community, with the permission of the Nazi authorities, has transferred into the ghetto some departments of the Jewish hospital on Czysa Street, which is outside the ghetto. The hospital has been occupied by the German authorities.

Yiddish is now the "official language" in the Warsaw ghetto, according to reports reaching here, and only candidates who are able to speak and write Yiddish are to be accepted for service in the ghetto militia. A well-known Jewish poet, it is stated, has composed a Yiddish marching song for the Warsaw ghetto militia.

Poles and Germans wishing to visit the Warsaw ghetto must do so on different days, according to an announcement in the Nazi-controlled Polish press.

The office regulating traffic between the ghetto and other parts of the city announced that Germans may obtain permits to enter the ghetto on Mondays and Wednesdays, Poles, Ukrainians and others on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Only visits of strictly official business character are permitted.

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BELGIAN CARDINAL APPEALED AGAINST EXPULSION OF POLISH JEWS FROM BELGIUM

LONDON, March 12. (JTA) -- Cardinal van Roey, Primate of Belgium, intervened unsuccessfully with the Nazi authorities to forestall the recent deportation of Polish Jews from Antwerp to Poland, according to information reaching Belgian circles here today.

According to these sources, the German military authorities ordered all foreigners from other occupied territories--which in effect meant almost exclusively Polish Jews--to report within 24 hours at a small railway station on the outskirts of Antwerp, allowing them to take along only 25 kilograms of luggage and 100 marks per family.

The Jews were made to wait for hours in the cold and were then directed to a camp near Hasselt, formerly used for Belgian war prisoners, from where they were sent to Germany.

Meanwhile, deportation of Vienna Jews to the Lublin "reservation" in Poland is continuing, according to a Budapest dispatch to The Times.

The Jews are assembled in schools, sometimes 60 to a room, without beds or mattresses and with only one wash basin. They are under orders to be ready for departure at any time. A favorite trick of the Nazis is to destroy all the documents and identification papers of the evacuees.

An official "send-off" was given recently at Vienna East Station to a trainload of deportees. An S.S. (elite guard) official made a speech intended to impress foreigners watching the departure with the humanness of the Nazis' treatment of the evacuees, among whom food parcels were distributed. The official wished them good luck and emphasized that they were going of their "own free will" to be "pioneers in new homes."

The Jews were accommodated in first- and second-class compartments, but at the next station they were transferred to cattle cars and the food parcels were taken away.

BRITAIN PLANS AID TO PALESTINE AGRICULTURE, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, March 12. (JTA) -- The need of assisting the Palestine citrus industry during the present season because of the loss of normal export markets is recognized by the British Government, Colonial Undersecretary George H. Hall declared in Commons today.

The Government approves, in principle, proposals to maintain employment and to preserve a reasonable proportion of the matured and fully-efficient groves, Hall said in reply to a question. At the same time, it is encouraging other lines of agriculture, particularly local foodstuffs, he said.

Production-details will be worked out with the High Commissioner and will be announced when completed, he added.

PORTSMOUTH SYNAGOGUE SET AFIRE BY BOMB

LONDON, March 12. (JTA) -- A synagogue in the Portsmouth area was set afire during a recent air raid, it was disclosed today.

Meanwhile, 40 bombed-out East Enders, who have been staying for a half-year at the home of Lord Redesdale, father of Unity Mitford, will for the most part be transferred shortly to another and larger house. No reason was given for the transfer. The evacuees were unanimous in praising the friendliness and helpfulness of their hosts.

RESUMPTION OF SAILINGS FROM MARSEILLE FORESEEN

LISBON, March 12 (JTA) -- Passenger sailing from Marseille to the United States, which has been interrupted since the collapse of France, may shortly be resumed, it was stated here today in circles interested in facilitating transportation of refugees from unoccupied France to countries on the American continent.

The American Consulate in Marseille, it is reported here, expects to issue this year far more visas than last year in view of the decision of the State Department to "unblock" the quotas. This will make it possible for many refugees in unoccupied France to receive immigration visas under the German, Polish and Czechoslovakian quotas, provided that they can prove that they are actually booked for sailing on a steamer proceeding to the United States from some port in Europe.

The French authorities are not hindering holders of United States visas in leaving the country. Exit permits for such refugees are given without any difficulties, even to refugees who are interned in refugee camps.

NAZI FOOD PACKAGE AGENCY SEEN AS FRONT FOR ESPIONAGE

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- The Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League charged today that the principal agency for handling transmission of food packages from the United States to Germany was a front for Nazi espionage here.

Joachim von Wimmersperg, member of the firm of Hopf & von Wimmersperg, who suddenly returned to Germany a few months ago, is a captain in the German Naval Intelligence, the Anti-Nazi League said. His firm handled orders for packages to be sent to friends and relatives in Germany, working through the Deutscher Handels und Wirtschaftsdienst and the Yorkville Kanzlei.

Wimmersperg's "duties in the United States consisted for the most part of keeping members of the National Socialist Party in the U.S. prepared for any assignment either he or Nazi Consul Draeger gave them," it was stated. "Considering von Wimmersperg's position in the German naval forces, it is assumed that espionage became one of the principal duties of NSDAP members here. In particular, von Wimmersperg collected their dues, which were afterwards transferred to Germany by the other member of the 'firm' Herr E. O. Hopf, who is still active in New York.

"It is believed that von Wimmersperg's recent return to Germany came about as a direct result of the bitter rivalry between members of the consulate and the 'firm' for complete command of Nazi activity here. As a compromise, the higher-ups in Germany recalled von Wimmersperg, leaving Hopf to carry on the food packaging service."

ANTI-SEMITIC PHILADELPHIA TEACHER QUILTS UNDER FIRE

PHILADELPHIA, March 12. (JTA) -- Miss Bessie R. Burchett, teacher of Latin in the Philadelphia public schools, yesterday submitted her resignation, shortly before the Board of Education was to consider her dismissal on charges of fomenting race hatred and insulting the President of the United States. Miss Burchett has attracted attention in the past six years by extolling Nazi theories, addressing meetings of the German-American Bund and similar groups and distributing anti-Semitic literature. She will receive a \$1,600 annual pension.

BEN GURION CHEERED IN UNITY PLEA

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, opening the "emergency tax" drive at Petach Tikvah, was rousinglly cheered today when he declared at the conclusion of a two-hour speech: "We must drop internal quarrels."

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62 SYNAGOGUES CLOSED IN SOVIET POLAND

ZURICH, Feb. 17. (JTA-By Mail) -- Three hundred churches and 62 synagogues have been closed in the Polish districts occupied by Soviet Russia, according to the Communist organ, Iwosk Prawda. They are now being used as clubs, dance halls, cinemas and anti-religious museums.

According to other reports, the former president of the Cracow kehilla, Dr. Rafael Landau, who fled from Iwosk at the outbreak of war, has been deported by the Soviet Government to a distant part of Russia. Dr. Jacob Schechter, president of the Revisionist Zionists of Eastern Galicia, is also said to have been deported.

EX-SENATOR VAN DEN BERGH DEAD

LONDON, FEB. 21. (JTA-By Mail) -- News has reached here of the death at Nice, at the age of 76, of ex-Senator A.M.S. Van Den Bergh, a leading figure in Dutch public life and for many years a member of the Dutch Parliament.

The ex-Senator played a notable part in Jewish affairs in Holland and was highly respected by his co-religionists and also by non-Jews. He was a liberal supporter of Zionist effort, a member of the Netherlands Council of the Keren Hayesod and the Netherlands representative of the Jewish Agency.

He was created a Knight and later a Commander in a Royal Order, by Queen Wilhelmina, in recognition of his public work.

JEWISH GROUPS URGED TO AID PARLEY ON ALIENS

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- An appeal to all Jewish organizations to participate in the fifth national conference to combat discrimination against the foreign-born and remove the obstacles in the way of the naturalization of non-citizens has been issued by the Jewish Division of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. The conference is being held March 29 and 30 at the Hotel President in Atlantic City.

FIRST RETURNS FAVOR BUDGET PLAN

NEW YORK, March 12 (JTA) -- Of the first 18 ballots received by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in the current referendum on the proposal to establish a national advisory budget service, 11 member agencies have approved the proposal and seven have opposed it, the Council disclosed today. The referendum, on which 205 federations, welfare funds and community councils in 167 cities have been asked to express their views, will close on April 1.

PERLSON NAMED TEL AVIV VICE-MAYOR

TEL AVIV, March 12. (JTA) -- Municipal Councillor Eliezer Perlson, Laborite, today was named Vice-Mayor to succeed the late Dov Hos.

JEWISH STUDENT AWARDED CECIL PEACE PRIZE

LONDON, Feb. 14. (JTA-By Mail) -- The Cecil Peace Prize for 1940 has been awarded to Leslie Claude Greenberg, 21-year-old law student of University College, London. The prize, founded by Lord Cecil of Chelwood, and valued at £100, is awarded annually for an essay by a university student on a subject connected with the maintenance of international peace and having some bearing on the principles of work of the League of Nations.