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GREEK JEWS REFUSED TO FLEE BEFORE NAZI ADVANCE

ATHENS, April 13. (JTA) -- The 50,000 Jews of Salonika have fallen into the hands of the German occupation forces, it was learned here today.

Virtually the entire Jewish population of Macedonia and Thrace refused to flee before the German invasion and continued to carry on their work. German military requisitioning of food and other supplies has made the plight of the Jews desperate and they have appealed to American organizations for help of all kinds.

(A Jerusalem dispatch said Dr. Ben-Zion Uziel, Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Palestine, cabled Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, who is now in New York, asking him to appeal to American Jewish institutions to rush aid to Salonika Jews.)

Meanwhile, it was learned here that 180 German Jewish refugees, most of them children, had arrived at Zagreb, Yugoslavia, en route to Palestine on Tuesday--two days before the city was occupied by the Germans. It was believed that since they had left Germany legally they would be allowed to proceed to their destination.

326 JEWS FIRED FROM ALGERIAN POSTAL SERVICE; FREE ZONE CENSUS LOOMS

VICHY, April 13. (JTA) -- Dismissal of 326 Jewish officials from the Algerian Postal Service was officially announced here today. The action was taken under the terms of the French anti-Jewish statute, which has been extended to Algeria.

The Official Journal publishes a list of 21 Jewish enterprises expropriated by the authorities in the occupied zone. The list includes the Mutual Credit Bank of Paris, the only such Jewish institution in the former French capital.

Meanwhile, official circles intimated today that a census of Jews in unoccupied France would be launched soon, while a communique gave the first results of the census in the German-occupied zone.

According to this count there are 65,003 Jewish families in the Paris region. They include 17,066 of French origin, 11,785 naturalized families and 34,152 of foreign origin.

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The total number of foreign Jews over 15 years of age in this region is estimated at 53,898. Russian refugees are the majority, with 7,051. Next come the "Heimatlose" (without homelands), with 4,295.

Foreign Jewish families are taken as having an average of one child each and French Jewish families are counted as having two children.

The majority of the Jews are traders and artisans, but a few are industrial workers, according to the census. There are 741 Jewish physicians, who represent about 12 per cent of the total physicians in the Paris region.

Pro-Nazi Body Takes Over Jewish Quarters in Paris

VICHY, April 13. (JTA) -- The premises of the World Jewish Congress and the League to Combat Anti-Semitism in Paris have been "occupied" by the National Popular Rally, an anti-Vichy body established in Paris by Germanophiles headed by Marcel Deat.

Marcel Bloch, well-known airplane manufacturer who was recently released from an internment camp, has been rearrested, it was disclosed here today.

ARTISTS REGIMENTED IN SOVIET POLAND; BASIS OF ANTI-SEMITIC ATTACK BY LONDON POLES

LONDON, April 13. (JTA) -- A statement by the Polish Ministry of Information that artists had been regimented in Soviet Poland was made the basis of an anti-Jewish tirade today by the Polska Walczenska, Polish military weekly.

Embellishing the factual government statement in an anti-Semitic vein, the weekly charged that Polish artistic activity was now wholly under Jewish control. The article caused some surprise here in view of the Polish Government's statement on Friday in which it formally dissociated itself from the anti-Jewish Polish weekly, Jestem Polakiem. The Government said that organ was not supported by the Polish community and declared its activities were unanimously condemned as harmful to the Polish cause and Polish unity.

The Ministry of Information said today that all painters in Soviet Poland had been exempted from manual labor but had been compelled to join the government-sponsored Artists Cooperative. In this organization the artists are placed in two categories: first, the "Chudozniks," or "imaginative and creative painters;" second, the "uncreative" commercial artists.

Only the "Chudozniks" are permitted to paint portraits of Joseph Stalin and other political leaders. The "Chudozniks" are directed by a Russian named Dimitrenko, who hails from Kiev and is not an artist, it was said. All the members are obliged to paint at least seven hours daily, the Ministry stated.

The military weekly said that Dimitrenko was an "Aryan" but contended that the "Chudoznik" executive comprises several Jews from Lwow.

"The leader of the 'uncreative' section is a certain Mr. S. a Jew from Cracow, former pupil of the Academy of Fine Arts and former inmate of the Bereza concentration camp for political offenders," the weekly said.

The weekly asserted that the fact that this Mr. S. of "such high artistic distinction," is the leader of this section shows that "race and political opinion" apparently are a criterion for membership in the cooperative, implying that all Jews are Bolsheviks.

PRAYERS FOR BRITISH VICTORY MARK PASSOVER IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, April 12. (JTA) (Delayed) -- The first day of Passover was marked here today with a procession to the Wailing Wall and special prayers in all synagogues for a British victory.

The procession, a custom observed on all important Jewish holidays, was led by Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel. Fifteen thousand worshippers were in the line of march.

\$100,000 GIFT FOR PALESTINE LABOR MADE AT 'THIRD SEDER' HERE

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- A \$100,000 check, part of the \$1,000,000 campaign for the Palestine Histadruth, was presented tonight to Israel Mereminski, secretary of the Histadruth, at the ninth annual "Third Seder" of the National Labor Committee for Palestine, held at the Hotels Astor and Commodore with about 5,000 persons attending.

The 5,000 persons, who had raised \$20 each for the campaign, heard speeches by Senator Alben W. Barkley, Senate majority leader, and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, and messages of encouragement from President Roosevelt and Senator Robert F. Wagner, chairman of the recently formed American Palestine Committee.

Dr. Weizmann, in his address, reiterated his conviction that a Palestine Jewish Commonwealth would emerge as a part of the "reasonable and common-sense solution" of the world's problems after the "right side" won the war.

"There may be other programs offered," he added, "but none will suffice or endure save the recreation of the Jewish National Home among a family of democracies."

Dr. Weizmann paid tribute to the leadership of both President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, terming them together the Moses and Aron of modern times in whose hands "lies the future of humanity." He praised the work of the Histadruth and called on American Jews to complement the all-out aid for the democracies with all-out aid "to that outpost of democracy which we have created in Palestine, and in which the Histadruth has had such a noble share."

Presentation of the check was made by Joseph Schlossberg. Others on the speakers' lists included Israel Sieff, British Zionist leader; Hayim Greenberg, Mereminski, Morris Feinstone, Alexander Kahn, Isaac Hamlin, David Wertheim, Louis Segal, Dr. May Bere, Dr. Israel Goldstein, David Pinski and Samuel Burstein.

President Roosevelt's message said: "My hearty greetings to all who join with the National Labor Committee for Palestine in celebrating the ancient Jewish Passover. I trust this celebration of a time-honored festival will inspire all who participate with a new determination to exemplify in twentieth century terms the highest teachings of the ancient culture of Israel."

Senator Wagner's message declared: "I know you will redouble your humanitarian endeavors to keep open the doors of Palestine for all present victims of persecution and to build toward the day when the Jewish commonwealth will take its rightful place among the free nations of a free and peaceful world.

"All friends of Palestine must recognize that it stands today at the very center of resistance to the forces of aggression and as a bulwark for the defense of the Suez Canal.

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Palestine's manpower, its industries and resources are being dedicated to the cause of freedom for which Britain and her allies struggle. Every assistance to Palestine at this grave hour therefore represents direct and immediate aid to the democratic forces upon whose victory depends the fate of Palestine as well as the survival of civilization in the modern world."

Ickes Scores Nazi 'Fellow-Travelers' at Chicago 'Third Seder'

CHICAGO, April 13. (JTA) -- Nazi "fellow travellers" and other pro-Hitlerites in this country were the targets of a scathing attack by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes in an address in the Masonic Temple here tonight. Speaking at a "third Seder" sponsored by the Jewish National Workers' Alliance of America for the benefit of the Jewish National Fund, the Secretary warned of the grave dangers faced by the United States at present and urged intensified action against all types of pro-Nazi fifth column activity.

ADVISORY BUDGET PLAN WINS WELFARE AGENCY REFERENDUM

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- The proposal for a national advisory budget service, which was submitted in a referendum to the member agencies of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, has been approved by a majority of the agencies voting, it was announced today by H.L. Lurie, executive director of the Council. The results of the referendum will be submitted to the Council's board of directors at a meeting to be held early in May, when the board will consider the steps to be taken and the procedures to be established to develop the type of services most helpful to its member agencies.

The board of directors, at its meeting in Atlanta last January, approved the advisory budget proposal but decided to submit it to the entire membership of the Council in order to give each the opportunity of registering its wishes. Even before the referendum was taken, there was general agreement on the need for expanding the Council's fact-finding services and broadening their scope. The votes on the referendum, negative as well as affirmative, have supported this view.

A complete report on the referendum to the member agencies, Lurie said, will be made by the board after it canvasses the ballots at its May meeting.

The questions on which member agencies expressed their views on the referendum were based on recommendations made at the Atlanta assembly by the Council's Committee on the Study of National Budgeting Proposals. After an extended study, this Committee, headed by Jacob Blaustein of Baltimore and William Rosenwald of Greenwich, Conn., proposed the establishment of a national advisory budget service for national and overseas agencies appealing to local communities for support. It recommended that a competent and intensive process of fact-finding, both on programs of service and on financial experience, should be developed under the auspices of a committee of the Council and that this committee, with appropriate sub-committees for special fields, should be responsible for evaluating the information secured in the fact-finding process. The reports and findings of the Committee when established would be made available on an advisory basis to the local communities who wished to use this service in determining their allocations to agencies appealing for support.