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RAIDS ON FOREIGN JEWS IN MARSEILLE RENEWED; MORE FIRMS SEIZED

VICHY, April 15. (JTA) -- Raids on foreign Jews have been renewed in Marseille and a number of them have been sent into the provinces, it was reported here today.

Among those released after brief detention are the writer, Poliakov Litoutzev, and the painter, Marc Chagall. Chagall intends to proceed to the United States shortly.

Meanwhile, a new list of 308 expropriated Jewish enterprises was published in the Official Journal, making the total to date 2,118.

LONDON, April 15. (JTA) -- The premises of the Louis-Dreyfus Bank in Paris have been chosen as the headquarters of the Commissariat-General for Jewish Affairs, the Lyons radio announced today.

TWO GHETTOS SET UP IN RADOM

LONDON, April 15. (JTA) -- Radom is the first Polish city to have two separate ghettos for Jews, Polish official circles here reported today. The first area is bounded by Mieczej, Reja, Square Ratuszowy, Rwska and Piotrkowska Streets; the second by Slowackiego, Zlota, Biala, Strzelecka, Fabryczna and Dolna Streets.

NRS FACES PROBLEM IN RISING AGE LEVEL OF REFUGEES

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- Faced with increasing problems as a result of the rising age level of refugees in the United States and other conditions, the National Refugee Service is expanding its services, according to the report of Acting Executive Director Arthur D. Greenleigh, issued as a 32-page booklet under the title, "Refugees...1940."

"The National Refugee Service and the American Jewish community may well be proud of our achievements in 1940," the report said. "NRS helped thousands of refugees to find new homes, to find jobs, to become real Americans. It is a tribute to its efficiency that the refugee migration, which many believed might bring disaster to the American Jewish community, has been handled calmly, quietly, unostentatiously."

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Greenleigh warned, however: "The refugee problem is not solved. Tens of thousands of refugees are still coming to this country. Other tens of thousands here now will cause grave concern if the services of NRS are not available to them. All that we have achieved in the past few years may be wasted if we abandon the refugees in midpassage." He urged American Jews to meet the NRS minimum needs budget of \$4,342,000.

Stressing the rising age level of the refugee group, the report pointed out that in 1936 only 17 percent of the refugees were over 44, while in 1940, 30 per cent were over this age. This renders employment and resettlement more difficult and has created a more or less permanent relief load for NRS.

To meet the situation, NRS has expanded its vocational retraining program to teach new skills to 1,500 refugees this year and has expanded its Capital Loan Fund to enable older refugees to become self-supporting through establishment of small enterprises. At the end of 1939 the average refugee family receiving cash assistance from NRS was on relief only 5.8 months, as compared with 12 months in January, 1941.

During the fiscal year ending last June 30, 42,424 Jewish refugees reached America. At the end of the year the NRS Migration Service faced the tremendous tasks involved in arranging "change of status" for refugees now in the U.S. on temporary visas who may, by reentry from Canada, Cuba or Mexico, become permanent residents.

Greenleigh reported that the NRS during 1940 provided food, clothing and shelter to nearly 18,000 refugees at a total cost of \$2,024,679, resettled 5,113 out of port-of-entry cities, made 4,955 job placements, granted 211 capital loans totalling \$67,000 for business and farms and 700 loans for physicians and for student scholarships and vocational retraining.

A chapter by William Rosenwald, president of NRS, stressed that "only by a generous response can the organization hope to carry on." The auditor's statement shows income of \$3,174,886 against expenditures of \$3,476,693, with a cash deficit for the year of \$301,806.

TOLERANCE PLEA GETS COOL RECEPTION AT 'WOMEN UNITED' RALLY

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- A plea by Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt Jr. for racial and religious tolerance was greeted by stony silence at a rally of the recently-formed Women United at Carnegie Hall last night, attended by 2,300 persons.

The audience, which had been enthusiastically applauding every speaker, evinced marked coolness to Mrs. Roosevelt, honorary chairman of the meeting, when she declared that "tolerance is the cornerstone upon which this nation was founded" and said she had in mind anti-Semitism in particular.

"That sort of thing will destroy our Republic if we allow it to go on," she asserted.

Women United is an anti-war organization whose executive secretary, Mrs. Geraldine Buchanan Parker, was formerly associated with Verne Marshall's No Foreign War Committee. Other speakers last night were Senators Clark, Missouri, and Reynolds, North Carolina, and Mrs. Robert A. Taft, wife of the Ohio Senator.

HERZOG URGES U.S. JEWS TO LIVE UP TO PASSOVER TEACHINGS

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine, addressing more than 2,500 persons at a reception for him in Carnegie Hall tonight, urged American Jews to live up to the teachings of the current Passover festival and aid their brethren abroad.

PITTSBURGH PAPER SEES JTA FULFILLING "IMPORTANT MISSION"

PITTSBURGH, April 15. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Outlook, local weekly, devotes its leading editorial to discussing the function of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The editorial, which appears in the Passover issue, follows:

"Conservative estimates place the number of Jews murdered in the Ukraine in the pogroms following the last World War at 60,000. Approximately the same figure is given for the wounded. About 50,000 Jewish women were widowed and more than 100,000 children orphaned

"What did the outside world know about this huge massacre? What did American Jewry know about it? How many months passed before the world abroad had even an inkling of the fact that almost 500,000 Jews abandoned their homes to flee to safety from the bands of Petlura and White Guard pogromists? Russian Jewry was isolated from the rest of the world, abandoned, with no one even attempting to establish the slightest contact with them.

"Would pogroms of this magnitude be possible today, even in the time of Hitler? Would it be possible to massacre thousands of Jews in any country in Europe with months passing before the world was informed about it?

"The recent pogrom in Rumania, and the mass slaughter of Jews by the Nazis in occupied Poland last year prove that although the history of the last war is now repeating itself, Jewish pogroms are immediately brought to the attention of the civilized world, no matter how isolated the country where they occur nor how severe the censorship may be there.

"There was no Jewish news agency during the last World War to keep a watchful eye on what was happening to the Jew in war-stricken countries and to report it to the world. There is one now, however. Had there been a Jewish Telegraphic Agency at the time of the pogroms in the Ukraine, the Jewish massacres there would certainly have not assumed such huge proportions as they did. They would have been checked by public protests from abroad, as were the recent pogroms in Rumania, when the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was the first to shock the world with the horrible details of how Jews in Bucharest were led to the municipal slaughter houses for kosher slaughtering.

"The Jewish Telegraphic Agency has, since its existence, been performing an important task not only in gathering and reporting Jewish news, but also in the preventative value of some of its news. In keeping an eye on Jewish life in all parts of the world, the JTA not only served as a link connecting Jewish communities throughout the world with each other, but also as an instrument with which anti-Semitic governments had to reckon.

"News disseminated by the JTA is published not only in the Jewish press, but also in the general press. It is read by diplomats and prominent personalities all over the world. It is, therefore, no longer possible now for tens of thousands of Jews to be killed without the world's becoming unaware of it, as was the case in the last World War when there was no JTA.

"In the present war the JTA performs a particularly valuable service by keeping the world informed of practically every move the Nazi administration makes in Poland, where millions of Jews are suffering under the Nazi yoke. Though no correspondent is permitted into Nazi-held territory, the JTA maintains a service which manages to secure every detail of Jewish life in the ghettos in Poland and bring it to the outside Jewish and non-Jewish world, thus breaking through the veil of secrecy with which the Nazi seek to shroud Poland

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from the rest of the world. The same is true with regard to the Jewish developments in the Reich.

"That the work of the JTA is appreciated not only by the newspapers which subscribe to its service, but also by Jewish leaders throughout the world has been emphasized in many statements issued by these leaders. The late Louis Marshall once wrote: 'If there were no JTA, we would have to establish one.'

"This is especially true today when the world is torn apart, and when Jews as never before need a connecting link. This is particularly true today when Hitler is conducting his merciless war against the Jews of the world and when the Jews, having no army, navy or air fleet of their own, can only fight Hitler with words and proper information.

"The United Jewish Fund of Pittsburgh is one of the Jewish institutions in the United States which is supporting the JTA. The Jewish Outlook is the publication in Pittsburgh which serves its readers with JTA news and is proud of it. The JTA had been performing an important task even before the war broke out. In the present time of war the mission of the JTA is even more important. It is important for the Jews on this side of the ocean as well as for our unfortunate brethren on the other side whose trials and tribulations the JTA is now bringing daily and accurately to the attention of the civilized world."

APFEL, GERMAN ZIONIST LEADER, DEAD IN MARSEILLE

LONDON, April 15. (JTA) -- Alfred Apfel, lawyer and former president of the Zionist Federation of Germany, has died suddenly in Marseille at the age of 59, the German emigre newspaper Die Zeitung reports. Apfel was interned in a concentration camp after Hitler's accession to power for defending prominent Communists in German courts. He later escaped to France and was preparing to emigrate to the United States.

Apfel was born in Dueren, Rhineland. In 1909 he founded the Union of Jewish Youth Organizations of Germany.

WEIZMANN MADE HONORARY MEMBER OF JEWISH WRITERS' UNION

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency, was made honorary member of the Jewish Writers' Union last night at a dinner tendered to him by the union.

Revealing that he is writing his autobiography, Dr. Weizmann in a witty, intimate manner spoke of the days of his early youth in his native town and related interesting and humorous episodes of his life in Russia under the Czarist regime. Dr. B. Hoffman, president of the union, presided.

FAMOUS BREST-LITOVSK RABBI REACHES PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- Rabbi Isaac Zev Soloweitchik, world-famed spiritual leader of Brest-Litovsk, has arrived here after an arduous journey by way of Siberia.

JEWS AID POLISH REFUGEES IN SCOTLAND

LONDON, April 15. (JTA) -- Lady Moncrieff, president of the Polish Relief Committee of the Scottish National Council, has acknowledged with gratitude a gift of two tons of cast off clothing presented by the Polish Jewish Refugee Fund for distribution among Polish refugees irrespective of religion. The Jewish fund has established a branch in Glasgow for care of Polish and stateless refugees in Scotland.