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VICHY AUTHORITIES EXPEL JEWS FROM TOULOUSE; MORE SENT TO SAHARA

ZURICH, April 28. (JTA) -- The expulsion of Jews from Toulouse, unoccupied France, was reported here today. The French authorities had previously been exiling foreign Jews from Marseille to the Provinces.

Reports reaching here from unoccupied France tell of the tragic position of thousands of Jewish and Spanish refugees who continue to be sent by the French authorities to North Africa for forced labor on the Trans-Sahara Railroad. Many of the Jewish refugees are applicants for American visas, but have difficulties in receiving them in view of the strict requirements introduced by the American consulate in Marseille.

Passenger sailings from Marseille to New York via Martinique have undergone considerable changes recently. The French Line no longer undertakes to bring the passenger to the United States, but provides passage only to Martinique, from where the passenger must make his own arrangements to reach the United States. The French Line, however, notifies the American consul in Marseille whenever a refugee secures definite passage on any of its steamers to Martinique. The consul, it is reported, accepts the notification of the French steamship company as proof that the refugee can reach the United States and issues the required American visa.

LAST SYNAGOGUE IN RUSSIAN TOWN SEIZED

LONDON, April 28. (JTA) -- It is learned here that the last synagogue in the town of Homel, in Soviet White Russia, has been requisitioned by the local soviet. The synagogue situated in the center of the town, which is inhabited largely by Jews, was turned into headquarters of the local soviet. A delegation which complained to the soviet was told the authorities had no objection to the opening of another synagogue not situated in the center of the town if 100 signatures were collected of religious Jews testifying their readiness to use it.

AIR-RAID ALARM IN HAIFA

HAIFA, April 28. (JTA) -- The first air-raid alarm here in the past six months was sounded last night. It lasted 15 minutes. No planes were sighted.

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RANKIN, ON HOUSE FLOOR, HITS "INTERNATIONAL JEWS" AS "WARMONGERS"

WASHINGTON, April 28. (JTA) -- Rep. John E. Rankin (Dem., Miss.) has used the House floor to attack "international Jews" as war-mongers and warn that "they are making the greatest blunder since the Crucifixion," a perusal of the Congressional Record revealed today.

Speaking last Thursday during a dull moment in the House, while only few members were present, Rep. Rankin based his attack on an editorial written by Walter Lippman which questioned the President's leadership at this time.

"I have heard him (Lippman) referred to many times as an international Jew," Rankin said. "I don't know whether he is or not. We have heard the President accused of war-mongering by members on the Republican side of this House and of trying to plunge this country into war. Now we have these international columnists attacking the President because he is not plunging us into war.

"When I use the word 'Jew' I want it understood that I do so in the most friendly spirit. I draw a distinction between the international Jew, whether he is an international banker or an international Communist, and the American Jew, who is trying to build up and defend his country and who must now suffer for the misconduct of these international Jews who are always stirring up trouble for them. In my opinion they are making the greatest blunder since the Crucifixion."

Backed by Reps. Hoffman, O'Connor and Shafer, the Mississippi Representative asserted that "columnists" were spokesmen for "the international bankers, largely international Jews, with a few international Gentiles, such as the house of Morgan, who own or control the gold supply of the world...They first crucified the German Republic and in doing so they created Hitler. He is their baby. Hitler never would have been heard of if it had not been for these elements swarming into Germany and undermining the German Republic."

BRITAIN URGED TO USE ALIEN DOCTORS

LONDON, April 28. (JTA) -- Commenting on the appeal for 1,000 American physicians for the British Red Cross, a special correspondent of The Sunday Times reports, on the basis of official information, that only 150 alien doctors in Britain have so far found employment while 700 more are still unemployed, although registered for service for three months.

These doctors are, for the most part, Austrians and Germans classified as friendly aliens and also include 250 Czechoslovaks registered with the Czech Refugee Trust Fund. The correspondent declares that British physicians could be freed for war duties if aliens were taken in larger numbers.

SCHWARTZ LEAVES LISBON FOR NEW YORK

LISBON, April 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-chairman of the European Executive Council of the Joint Distribution Committee, left for New York today on the Yankee Clipper for conferences with JDC officials. He has been in Europe since May 3, 1940. He is scheduled to reach New York on May 1.

SCHWARTZBART SEES POLISH TROOPS

LONDON, April 28. (JTA) -- Returning to London from a visit of several days to the Polish troops in Scotland, Ignacy Schwartzbart, Jewish member of the Polish National Council today expressed satisfaction with the results of the tour. He assisted in administering the oath to Jewish soldiers.

STRONG RELIGION NEEDED, ROOSEVELT TELLS DETROIT PARLEY; CANADIAN PREMIER GIVES PLEDGE

DETROIT, April 28. (JTA) -- The 37th biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which began its business sessions today, heard messages from President Roosevelt and Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King of Canada stressing the need of strengthening religion and pledging a fight for a more tolerant world.

The President's message voiced "heartly greetings to the representatives of Jewish congregations who are meeting to strengthen the work of religion."

"The world is in great need of the Word of God at this particular time," he said. "Our civilization, whose most precious product is democracy, is based primarily upon the Law of God and will be renewed and strengthened only by adherence to that Law."

The Canadian Prime Minister, whose message was transmitted through Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath of Toronto, declared the Canadian Government "is now engaged in a tremendous struggle to maintain not alone a democratic world, but also an international order guided and inspired by the moral and spiritual principles which are the common birthright of Christianity and Judaism."

He asserted the Jews were "the first to feel the full pressure of the neo-pagan onslaught, and whose adherents in Europe have been submitted to a series of persecutions almost unbelievable in their extent and in their character, which constitutes one of the blackest pages of human history."

"The people of Canada are not unmindful of these sufferings, nor of the great debt which the Christian churches of the Dominion and of the entire world owe to the seers and prophets of Israel," he said. "We Canadians do more than extend to our Jewish friends our sympathy. We also pledge that in this war Canada will carry on, confident in the trust, friendship and support of the people of America, until the day of victory comes and, in a more tolerant world, every man will find it possible to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, to dwell under his own vine and fig-tree and none shall make them afraid."

Robert L. Goldman, in his presidential message to the convention this morning, asserted that "in this day and generation, religion is the most important cause to which the Jew can give his attention." He declared that "only the synagogue speaks a language that America can understand, the language of religious freedom."

Summarizing the work of the union, Goldman said Hebrew Union College in the past 66 years graduated 442 rabbis; the union maintains 300 congregational schools and sells 70,000 books annually.

Rabbi George Zepin, secretary of the union, elaborated on Goldman's report by stating Hebrew Union College had graduated and placed 13 new rabbis; seven new books were issued and 65,000 volumes distributed, making a total of more than 1,000,000 volumes in the past 20 years.

Roger W. Straus, chairman of the UAHC's Committee on Cooperation and co-chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, reported that "anti-Semitism is more and more recognized as an instrument in Trojan horse tactics used to divide a people." He noted an increasing number of interfaith speakers at church meetings and conventions and increasing cooperation of educational organizations.

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At the ninth biennial convention of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, President Albert F. Mecklenburger, Chicago, reported: "Twenty clubs have been organized or become newly affiliated since our last biennial convention in Cincinnati in January, 1939. This is the largest number in any similar period since the earliest days of the National Federation." There are now 130 clubs.

The importance of expanding Jewish education, since "democratic leaders can only be effective when their co-workers constitute an educated group," was stressed by Miss Jane Evans, Cincinnati, executive director of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, reporting to the 14th biennial assembly of the organization. She said 10 new groups joined the federation in the past year.

Mrs. Leon L. Watters, New York, president of the Sisterhoods, in her annual message, recommended as a new project the building by 1943 of a new home for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. "This project would indeed forever prove our unswerving allegiance to religion as the foundation of personal, national and international life," she said.

JEWISH GROUP TO AID BRITAIN GIVES NEW \$51,000 DONATION; OPENS OFFICES

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- Presentation of \$51,000 was made to the British War Relief Society today by the Jewish Section of the Interfaith Committee for Aid to the Democracies, bringing the total credited to the Jewish Section to more than \$180,000.

The presentation was made at exercises formally dedicating the offices of the Jewish Section on the premises of the British War Relief Society. Frederick W. Gehle, chairman of the Fund-Raising Division of the Society, received the gift from Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Jewish Section.

The Jewish Section was founded last Dec. 29 at a conference summoned by the American Jewish Congress and now has associated with it 21 national Jewish organizations, with branches throughout the United States, it was stated by Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman. Dr. Goldstein disclosed that within the next two months the Jewish Section proposes to raise funds for six non-sectarian children's nursing homes to be named for President Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Wendell Willkie and the late Lord Lothian. One such nursing home, costing \$25,000, was presented a fortnight ago and named after General Sir Archibald Wavell.

Fifty mobile field kitchens have already been contributed to Britain as a result of funds raised by the Jewish Section, as well as \$40,000 worth of vitamins for British children contributed by the Esco Fund Committee through the Jewish Section.

First Kosher Mobile Kitchen for England

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- A check for \$2,000 was presented to Rabbi Stephen S. Wise by the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America at a luncheon in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel today, to purchase the first kosher mobile kitchen for England.

More than \$50,000 was raised as proceeds of the luncheon, which will be devoted to the Palestine projects of the Mizrahi Women. Rabbi Wise and Mrs. Isaac Herzog, wife of the Chief Rabbi of Palestine, were the principal speakers.