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REFUGEES IN FRANCE CLAMOR FOR EMIGRATION, FEARING HALT IN TRANSPORT

VICHY, May 19. (JTA) -- Pressure of would-be emigrants on American and other foreign consulates reached a new climax today as a result of the expected interruption of transportation to the New World and the fast-intensifying anti-Jewish measures in France.

(The Vichy Government is reported to have ordered temporary discontinuance of transit visas through Martinique, which has been one of the chief routes for emigration from France to the United States, and is said to be planning to halt the regular weekly sailings from Marseille to Martinique.)

Long lines of emigrants waited outside the American, Portuguese and Spanish consulates, while the entrance to the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association office was practically blocked by Jewish refugees demanding assistance in emigrating.

The American consulate staff, which is working overtime hours in an effort to cope with the situation, has taken a friendly attitude towards the refugees, but Portuguese transit visas are delivered with much difficulty and delay, hampering the HIAS-ICA's efforts to accelerate the stream of emigration.

A movement of panic resulting from harsh anti-refugee measures taken in Marseille and other large centers in southern France had led hundreds of refugees to go to Martinique despite extremely bad transport accommodations and uncertainty that they would be able to proceed to the U.S. Letters from refugees who went to Martinique, mailed on the way, describe unheard of unsanitary conditions on the overcrowded ships.

Meanwhile, nearly 150,000 persons are affected by the new German ordinance excluding Jews from virtually every field of activity in occupied France and depriving them of the possibility of making a living, it was reliably reported here.

The results of this measure, and also of new restrictions forecast by German spokesmen in Paris, are felt in the form of increased pressure on Jewish relief bodies, which even now handle a burden incommensurate with their means.

The 5,000 foreign Jews recently rounded up in Paris have been interned in camps at Pithiviers and Beaune-la-Rolande, near Orleans, formerly used for French war prisoners,

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it was reported here today.

The Jews live in barracks surrounded by barbed-wire and sleep on straw. The Pithiviers camp has 1,700 Jews between the ages of 18 and 40, most of them from Czechoslovakia, Austria and Poland. They are obliged to spend seven-and-a-half hours daily at forced labor. The Beaune-la-Roland camp holds 3,000 men.

Paris newspapers said the men were transported in five special trains with locked doors and armed guards in the corridors. They had been ordered, on brief notice, to report to a police concentration point in Paris, from where they were taken to the trains.

Paris Synagogues Closed

ZURICH, May 19. (JTA) -- All synagogues in Paris, with one exception, have been closed by the Nazi occupation authorities, according to Paris newspapers reaching Switzerland today.

The newspapers also reveal that a new wave of anti-Jewish propaganda is being conducted in Paris and other Nazi-occupied French cities. This propaganda aims to justify the rounding-up of thousands of alien Jews for internment in concentration camps and the recently-proclaimed rigid anti-Jewish laws.

Placards calling for the burning of Jews as "traitors" have been posted all over Paris, the newspapers report. The placards, which carry the signature of the French Fascist organization, "The Fire" picture the Jews in caricatures similar to those appearing in Julius Streicher's Stuermer.

The Paris newspapers also report that the anti-Jewish laws proclaimed by the Vichy Government will be carried out also in French Indo-China.

350,000 JEWS IN NORTH AFRICA ALARMED OVER NEAR EAST SITUATION, VICHY ANTI-JEWISH ACTS

CASABLANCA, Morocco, May 19. (JTA) -- Over 350,000 in Morocco, Algiers and Tunis are now watching with anxiety both the developments in the Arab countries of the Near East and the growing anti-Jewish legislation in Vichy, which is applicable also to Jews in French colonies.

Following the example of the Petain government in Vichy, the authorities in Casablanca have started rounding up alien Jews, most of whom are refugees. A number of alien Jewish families have, as a result of these raids, been sent to special camps.

Simultaneously, anti-Jewish propaganda among the Moslem population in Morocco and other parts of North Africa is assuming serious proportions. The propaganda is being conducted chiefly by Nazi "tourists" who are pouring into North Africa through Spanish Morocco. Exploiting the developments in Iraq and Syria, the Nazis are trying to incite the Moslems against the Jews in Morocco, Tunis and Algiers by spreading false rumors that the Jews in Palestine are helping the British to fight the Arabs in Iraq and that the Jews in Iraq are acting as British spies.

There are some 110,000 Jews in Algiers, 60,000 in Tunis and about 160,000 in French Morocco, in addition to the 13,000 Jews in Spanish Morocco and the 7,000 in

Tangier. Despite political differences, the Jews and the Arabs in French Morocco have been living in amity. The Sultan of Morocco, who has always been under French influence, has greatly contributed towards the understanding between the Jews and the Arabs there. At present, however, the Sultan is not in a position to prevent the carrying out in Morocco of the new French anti-Jewish laws.

CHILDREN'S HOME IN ENGLAND TO BE NAMED FOR WEIZMANN

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- A \$25,000 check for construction of a non-sectarian children's nursing home in England named for Dr. Chaim Weizmann was presented to the British War Relief Society by the Jewish Section of the Interfaith Committee for Aid to the Democracies today at a luncheon at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria.

Dr. Weizmann asserted in an address: "We stand or fall by the victory and--God forbid--the defeat of England. To England defeat would mean enslavement, but there would always be an England which would free itself from enslavement. To us it would mean obliteration."

Other speakers included Robert R. Appleby, vice-president of the British War Relief Society; Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Jewish Section, who presided; Dr. Stephen S. Wise, who made the presentation to Appleby; Sir Angus Fletcher, director of the British Library of Indomation, and Frederick Johnson, deputy director-general of the British Purchasing Commission.

The nursing home is the second to be financed by the Jewish Section, the first having been named for General Archibald P. Wavell. The \$25,000 included \$10,000 from the Esco Fund Committee, whose chairman is Mrs. Frank Cohen.

GELLMAN RENAMED HEAD OF MIZRACHI; PRAYERS FOR DEMOCRATIC VICTORY HELD

ATLANTIC CITY, May 19. (JTA) -- The 24th annual convention of the Mizrahi Organization of America, which closed last night, reelected Leon Gellman as president. Other officers are Rabbi Meir Berlin and Gedaliah Bublick, honorary presidents; Rabbi Ashinsky, Pittsburgh, honorary vice-president; Rabbi Jacob Hoffman and Pinchas Churgin, vice-presidents; Rabbi Bezalel Cohen, Paterson, N.J. honorary secretary; Mordecai Kirshblan, executive secretary; Mordecai Nadler, treasurer.

A banquet which was to have closed the convention was cancelled because of the present war situation and instead a session was held at which prayers were held for a democratic victory. Rabbi Isaac Rubenstein, formerly of Wilno, asserted in an address that American Jewry was still indifferent in this crucial hour and too confident of its security.

Final resolutions pledged support of the United Jewish Appeal, the American Jewish Congress and the Interfaith Committee to Aid the Democracies. Greetings were sent to world Mizrahi headquarters in Jerusalem. In addition the convention approved a manifesto urging American Jews to cooperate in support of the Torah and a resolution condemning the Reconstructionist movement as "a danger of Orthodox Judaism." Bublick was delegated to visit South America on a mission for Mizrahi.

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PROTESTS ON OUSTING OF JEWISH PROFESSOR LED TO CLOSING OF FAMOUS DUTCH COLLEGE

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- Closing by the Nazis of the University of Leyden, oldest and most famous in Holland, followed protests by faculty and students against the dismissal of a Jewish professor, it is revealed in a document smuggled out of the Netherlands and published by the North American Newspaper Alliance.

The Jewish instructor was Eduard Maurits Meyers, Professor of Civil and International Law, revered by his pupils as a scholar and guide, who was ousted last November together with several Jewish colleagues.

The protests of "Aryan" students and teachers against the dismissal were led by Prof. Rudolph Pabus Cleveringa, a former pupil of Prof. Meyers, who made a daring speech to the juridical faculty in which he said that "there was in this case not the slightest reason why the occupying authorities could not have left Dr. Meyers where he was" and asserted that "we cannot cease believing that he should be here and that, if fate will it, return he shall."

Next morning Prof. Cleveringa was arrested and sent to a German concentration camp. He had expected this and had told his wife to pack his bags. His arrest was followed by student demonstrations that convinced the authorities Leyden's spirit could not be subdued and the closing of the university followed.

CHILDREN'S AID GROUP MERGES FUNCTIONS WITH REFUGEE SERVICE

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- In accordance with a resolution of the membership of the German Jewish Children's Aid, Inc., the further administration of its affairs will be coordinated with the general program of the National Refugee Service, Inc., to facilitate economies of operation and provide increased service functions, it was announced today by the two organizations.

The German Jewish Children's Aid retains its position as an independent organization and continues to be directed by a separate governing board. Alan M. Stroock has been elected chairman and Herman W. Block vice-chairman of the children's group.

The annual meeting of the members and board of directors of the N.R.S. will be held May 25 in New York, President William Rosenwald announced. Leaders in refugee work from all parts of the country will participate in the meeting.

JAMES ROOSEVELT TOURS PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, May 19. (JTA) -- Captain James Roosevelt yesterday toured Palestine and visited various Jewish colonies, including Ein Hashofet, which is named for ex-Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, where he lunched. Captain Roosevelt was accompanied on his tour by Moshe Shertok, head of the Jewish Agency's political department.

EUROPEAN REVISIONISTS ORGANIZE

LONDON, May 19. (JTA) -- A two-day conference of leading Zionist-Revisionists from Czechoslovakia, the Baltics, Austria, Hungary and other countries decided today to establish a group of continental New Zionists in the United Kingdom and elected an executive committee including Herman Michelson of Latvia, Dr. Oskar Rabinowitz of Czechoslovakia, S. Graudart of Austria and M. Katz.