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NAZIS IN FRANCE ORDER ABLE-BODIED JEWISH REFUGEES TO LABOR CAMPS

VICHY, May 25. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities in occupied France have ordered all Polish, Czech and Austrian male Jewish refugees between the ages of 17 and 55 to report to police stations for transportation to labor camps, it was reported from Paris today.

The refugees were told to take along hand luggage and food supplies for two days. The order followed the recent round-up of some 5,000 foreign Jews in the Paris area and their transportation to labor camps near Orleans.

Meanwhile, the Bordeaux stock exchange, in occupied France, has reopened and Jewish brokers have been excluded.

The Vichy Government has discontinued issuance of transit visas through Martinique because of the uncertainty of relay to the United States and to avoid accumulation of refugees in French possessions in the New World. While traffic via Martinique may be resumed after departure for the U.S. of refugees already en route, Lisbon remains the only door open for the next several weeks.

NAZIS PLAN WIDER MEASURES AGAINST JEWS IN YUGOSLAVIA, GREECE

STOCKHOLM, May 25. (JTA) -- Despite the intensification of anti-Jewish measures in Nazi-occupied Yugoslavia and Greece, the German authorities are dissatisfied with the speed of the action against the Jews and are demanding that the Jewish problem in southeastern Europe be placed under "definite control," the Goeteborgs Posten reported today.

The authorities have forbidden Jews to leave towns in which they reside, on penalty of death, it was reported. The Germans were said to have taken the action when they learned that young Jews were fleeing to mountain strongholds to join Serbian guerrilla detachments.

According to a Belgrade report in the Dagens Nyheter, Jews employed at clearing debris are not given tools and must carry bricks with their hands and collect mortar in dustpans. They all wear thin yellow armbands on their left arms.

The Croat radio complains of "provocative conduct" by Jews in connection with the armbands. The Jews are giving armbands even to small children, which is not required by the law, thus demonstrating that they are not ashamed to be recognized as

BUILDING HOUSING BIG JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS DAMAGED IN LONDON RAID

LONDON, May 23. (JTA) -- Woburn House, which houses the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Joint Foreign Committee, the Anglo-Jewish Association, the Council of German Jewry and other major Jewish organizations, was damaged by Nazi bombs in a recent air raid, British censorship authorities permitted to report today.

Bombs also hit the building housing the Federation of Polish Jewish Relief Organizations and the premises of the Polish-Jewish Relief Fund, on Soho Street. A number of refugees and others sheltered in the building during the raid were killed. Jewish refugees were also killed in the West Central Settlement, where they were sheltered.

Among the buildings damaged during the recent raids are several synagogues in London and in Hull, the Jewish Institute and the West Central Boys' Club in London. A synagogue and a Beth Medrash in Hull were so severely hit that they are feared to be beyond repair, but the Arks of the Covenant in both buildings were miraculously unscathed and the Scrolls of the Law were saved. The Western Synagogue on Alfred Place in London was completely demolished.

Miss Winifred Ortweller is the second Jewess to be awarded the new British Empire Medal. Under the most difficult conditions and at the risk of her life she rescued three persons from a bombed building. Miss Ortweller joined the St. John Ambulance Sisters after she had been rejected in 1938 by the Women's Auxiliary Air Force because her parents were not British-born, having been naturalized in 1896. On the same ground she was turned down by the Information Ministry's Censorship Department.

Lance Corporal C.S. Perlman and Private Juvarry of the Australian forces have been awarded the Military Medal for "gallant and distinguished service" in the Middle East.

BRITISH PROSECUTOR ACCUSED OF INJECTING ANTI-SEMITISM IN CASE

LONDON, May 23. (JTA) -- An attempt to introduce anti-Semitic prejudice into the proceedings of a British court was charged today by a defense lawyer when Prosecutor Bromly tried to influence a police court against a grocery firm summoned for overcharging by stating that although the company had an English name, the man in back of it was of "the Jewish persuasion."

The defense counsel expressed astonishment at this attack on the company and declared there seemed to be an attempt to prejudice the firm in the eyes of the court.

GENERAL FREYBERG NOT JEWISH, BRITISH SAY

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- The British Press Service today denied the report published in a New York newspaper that Major-General Bernard C. Freyberg, the Commander of British forces in Crete, is a Jew. The denial was made after checking the report by cable with the Government in London.

TRANSFER OF GOODS TO WARSAW GHETTO CURBED

ZURICH, May 23. (JTA) -- Transfer of goods into and from the Warsaw ghetto is now restricted to two entrances, one on the corner of Chlodna and Zelazna streets, the other on the corner of Nalewki Street and Krasinski Square, according to the Krakauer Zeitung.

LEADER OF RUMANIAN DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE PLEDGES RESTORATION OF JEWISH RIGHTS

LONDON, May 23. (JTA) -- In the new democratic Rumania following an Allied victory, Jews deprived of citizenship will be reinstated, Dragu Mateescu, former secretary-general of the English-Rumanian Society in Bucharest, economic attache of the Rumanian Legation in London and now one of the leaders of the Rumanian Democratic Committee, told the J.T.A. today.

Mateescu said the committee would welcome the collaboration of Rumanian Jews. He declared the committee's immediate aim was to raise a Rumanian legion to fight on the side of the Allies. Expressing hope that the cooperation of Rumanian Jews in America could be secured, he said:

"Needless to say, we stand for full rights for Rumanian Jews and condemn any discrimination against them. We cannot blind ourselves to the fact that a Jewish problem exists in Rumania, but to a large extent this is due to the attitude of the previous regime, some elements of which tried to stir up artificially a movement against the Jews."

The Democratic Committee strongly opposes Virgil Tilea's Free Rumanian National Committee, which it accuses of being pro-Carol, whom the Democratic Committee holds responsible for the tragedy in Rumania. The committee asserts it has strong backing from some influential labor members of the British Government.

FIRST PALESTINE ARMY CASUALTY LIST

JERUSALEM, May 23. (JTA) -- The first military casualty list of Palestinians, up to April 1, which was issued today, includes 32 killed, of whom 15 were Jews, and four who died of wounds, of whom two were Jews.

A pharmaceutical factory to replace medicaments and chemical commodities formerly imported from Germany will be built near the Sieff Research Institute at Rehoboth at a cost of £500,000. The project is backed by Simon Marks and Israel Sieff of London. The staff of 100 will be supervised by the Research Institute, which is headed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

LABOR ZIONIST PARLEY OPENS

PHILADELPHIA, May 23. (JTA) -- The national convention of the League for Labor Palestine opened this evening with an Oneg Shabbat at the Y.M.H.A. at which time Hayim Greenberg, editor of The Jewish Frontier, delivered the keynote address on "The Present Situation in Palestine."

Saturday afternoon will be devoted to a round-table discussion of organizational problems of the league under the chairmanship of Miss Miriam Lipton of New York. Other speakers will include Dr. May Bere, of the Palestine labor delegation; Abraham G. Duker, editor of the Contemporary Jewish Record; Yitzchak Sankowsky of Philadelphia and Dr. Herman Seidel of Baltimore.

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ABRAHAMSON NAMED DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- Albert Abrahamson, Associate Professor of Economics at Bowdoin College, will become executive director of the National Refugee Service on July 1, it was announced today by William Rosenwald, president of the largest of American refugee-aid organizations. He succeeds Dr. William Haber, who was executive director of the NRS from its inception in June, 1939, until February, 1941. During the interim between Dr. Haber's return to his post at the University of Michigan, Arthur D. Greenleigh, executive assistant under Dr. Haber, has held the post of acting executive director.

In announcing the appointment, Rosenwald said: "Mr. Abrahamson's wide experience in both the public and private field of social welfare, as well as his academic training, provide him with an extraordinary background for the extremely delicate job of rehabilitating those refugees who have been successful in migrating to the United States. Mr. Abrahamson's ability as administrator was ably demonstrated in connection with his association with the Work Projects Administration in Maine. His experience as executive director of the Jewish Occupational Council will be invaluable to the National Refugee Service in its efforts to secure the economic adjustment of refugees in general and to broaden its vocational retraining program. The board of directors of the National Refugee Service feel that the interests of the American Jewish community will be admirably served by the appointment of Mr. Abrahamson."

Abrahamson stated at a press conference today: "As executive director I shall do my best to help in meeting the manifold problems that face the organization. The NRS has an extremely important task to perform during the troubled months ahead. I am well aware of the responsibility involved in guiding the functioning of the organization which in 1940 received and handled more than 300,000 individual requests for services, extended cash assistance to more than 18,000 different individuals, found 5,000 jobs for refugees and assisted in the resettlement of more than 5,100 persons from ports of entry to other communities throughout the country."

PARENT-TEACHER CONGRESS URGES FOSTERING OF TOLERANCE

BOSTON, May 23. (JTA) -- Fostering of religious and racial tolerance in American homes and schools was recommended last night by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers in a nine-point program adopted as the major objective of the activities of the organization for the coming year. More than 28,000 Parent-Teacher Associations with a membership of 2,500,000 were represented at the Congress.

"We recommend," says the resolution, "that tolerance be fostered in home and school by a conscious effort to appreciate the background and contributions of other social and racial groups."

HERZOG REWEWS APPEAL FOR AMERICAN AID IN MESSAGE FROM SHIP

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- A wireless message from Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine, aboard the steamship City of New York, asking for "maximum help to helpless brothers, sisters in European inferno, also to maintain Yeshivoh in Lithuania, Hungary, and to support Palestine Yeshivoh and philanthropic institutions of the old Yishuv" was received today by the Mizrahi Organization of America.