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REFUGEE-AID GROUPS IN LISBON MEET TO COPE WITH PROBLEM CREATED BY NEW U.S. RULES

LISBON, June 19. (JTA)-- American refugee-aid organizations today laid plans for coping with the refugee problem, newly complicated by Washington's order withholding immigration visas from exiles who have close relatives remaining in German territory.

A program of joint action to aid refugees stranded here and facing arrest for overstaying their temporary residence permits was decided upon at a meeting last night in which the Joint Distribution Committee, the American Friends Service Committee and the Unitarian refugee organization participated. Morris C. Troper of the J.D.C. presided.

The conference arranged for a survey of the country's refugee problem to ascertain emigration possibilities and considered the plight of refugees who have been promised American visas but will not receive them under the new regulations.

Reference was made to the new U.S. Treasury regulations requiring a license for transfer of funds to Portugal, but decided to await clarification of the situation. The decision of Portuguese banks not to accept checks drawn on American banks, which is seriously embarrassing the local American colony, is also hampering the work of relief agencies.

The conference also took up the predicament of some 400 refugees who left for America from Marseille on three French ships, the Alsina, the Monviso and the Wyoming, but are now stranded in Casablanca because of the refusal of the authorities to permit the ships to proceed. The refugees are concentrated in a camp 100 kilometers from Casablanca. Organizations here are seeking to arrange for a ship en route to New York from Lisbon to visit Casablanca and pick up refugees holding American visas. They are also making an effort to arrange for the sending of an American delegate from Lisbon to Casablanca to see what assistance can be rendered.

PLAN RENEWAL OF TRADE BETWEEN PALESTINE, ALLIED-OCCUPIED SYRIA

JERUSALEM, June 19. (JTA)-- Trade circles reported today that the progress of the Allied forces in Syria was bringing swift renewal of normal trade relations between Palestine and Syria, which had been interrupted last March.

Several Palestine merchants, it was revealed, have gone to the parts of Syria occupied by the Allied forces to arrange exchange of goods and foodstuffs, especially vegetables. At the same time a group of Syro-Lebanese merchants have arrived in Haifa for the same purpose.

A call for increased enlistment was voiced today by Moshe Shertok, head of the Jewish Agency's political department, at a press conference at Tel Aviv. He stated that 8,900 Palestine Jews were now serving with the British forces, including 70 officers, three of them captains. He revealed also that 1,100 Jewish soldiers had been taken prisoner in the Greek campaign and were interned under Italian supervision.

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Final agreement among Jewish parties concerning reconstruction of the community representation has not yet been signed because not all the rightist groups have joined as yet, Shertok revealed, expressing hope that the crisis would soon be over and the agreement signed.

Indicative of the growing Arab-Jewish amity, Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv today attended funeral services for Mayor Abdul Rauf il-Bitar of Jaffa, who died in Hadesah Hospital in Jerusalem after a long illness.

WARSAW GHETTO ENLARGED TO HOUSE DEPORTEES FROM OTHER AREAS

LONDON, June 19. (JTA)-- The Warsaw ghetto was recently enlarged by addition of further blocks of houses in Dzika and Stawka Streets, according to information reaching Polish circles here today. All Polish inhabitants on these blocks were evicted to make room for the Jews, who had been deported from a number of other districts.

Following the deportations last March from the Lublin district, sections of Zyradow inhabited by Jews were cordoned off by the police and the Jews driven to a station, where all their luggage and bundles were taken away. Fifteen hundred of them were sent to Warsaw. Immediately after the departure of the Jews, the Germans set about plundering their homes and carrying off valuable articles in lorries.

NEW VICHY ANTI-JEWISH LAWS RIGIDLY ENFORCED

LISBON, June 19. (JTA)-- Vichy's new anti-Jewish legislation is being enforced with special severity, it was reported from Marseille today.

Mass arrests are continuing and hundreds of foreign Jews have already taken up compulsory residence outside large cities, while identity cards have been taken from scores of French Jews.

LONDON, June 19. (JTA)-- Jews in France will be dismissed, without compensation, even from such occupations still open to them under Vichy's new anti-Jewish legislation if their dismissal is considered desirable because of anti-Semitic prejudice, according to the Paris newspaper Figaro, quoted today by the Free French paper France.

310 INTERNEES IN AUSTRALIA MAY BE FREED TO GO TO U.S.

LONDON, June 19. (JTA)-- Home Secretary Herbert Morrison stated in Commons today that of 2,500 aliens interned in Australia, 310 may be allowed to immigrate to the United States. He added that return of 130 to Britain had been sanctioned so that their release might be considered and 62 were not on their way to Britain.

JEWISH REFUGEES EVACUATED FROM CYPRUS

LONDON, June 19. (JTA)-- Many Jewish refugees and 500 Poles are among the civilians in Cyprus whose evacuation to the mainland is now reported complete. The Jews included scores of refugees from Germany, Austria and Rumania who had founded many thriving enterprises, such as cafes, cabarets and small factories, which have now been closed.

JOB DISCRIMINATION SEEN DECREASING IN N.Y.

ALBANY, June 19. (JTA)-- Industrial Commissioner Freda S. Miller, chairman of the Governor's Committee on Discrimination in Employment, reported today that many firms in this state were relaxing employment specifications based on race, religion and national origin.

DRIVE FOR LAWS TO BAR RACE DISCRIMINATION URGED AT JEWISH CONGRESS PARLEY

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA)-- A nation-wide drive for legislation to prevent racial discrimination and spreading of race hatred was urged today by speakers at a luncheon of the Legislative Action Committee of the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress at the Park-Central Hotel, at which there was announced formation of a Congress Legislative Committee, headed by Justice Nathan D. Perlman.

Assemblyman Robert F. Wagner Jr. urged that "the existing laws guaranteeing equality to all be strictly enforced and that additional legislation be enacted to prevent existing discrimination, with the proper penalties enacted against those who would foment racial hate and who commit acts of discrimination.

State Senator Daniel Cutman, who was co-author with Wagner of bills in the last Legislature to penalize discrimination in public works, insurance and banking, laid blame for the defeat of the measures at "the feet of the majority party members who control committees and who refuse to permit the chosen representatives of the people to consider and vote upon our proposals."

The Legislative Committee, comprising representatives of the Congress's various divisions, will seek (1) enactment of legislation to combat anti-democratic forces in this country, (2) defeat of legislation affecting non-citizens which is "not in keeping with American traditions," (3) enactment of laws to prevent discrimination in employment.

Other speakers were Mrs. Stephen S. Wise, president of the Women's Division; Miss Milly Brandt, chairman of the Women's Division's Legislative Action Committee; Read Lewis, director of the Common Council for American Unity; Deputy Attorney General Ruth Warters, Miss Anna Lord Strauss of the League of Women Voters and Roy Tozier of the Friends of Democracy.

YESHIVA COLLEGE GIVES DEGREES TO 40

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA)-- Yeshiva College, only Jewish college of liberal arts and sciences, held its tenth annual commencement exercises today, conferring degrees upon the 40 members of the graduating class. Dr. Nelson P. Mead, Professor of History at the City College of New York, delivered the commencement address before more than 1,500 guests and received the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters. Samuel Levy, chairman of the Yeshiva College Board, made the welcoming address.

The honorary degree Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rabbi Bernhard L. Levinthal of the United Orthodox Community of Philadelphia and Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, of the West Side Institutional Synagogue.

LEVEN, ACTING HEAD OF ALLIANCE, DEAD AT 73

VICHY, June 19. (JTA)-- Georges Leven, acting president of the Alliance Israelite Universelle and vice-president since 1936, died yesterday at the age of 73.

Leven was one of the leading Jewish personalities in France. He was the son of Narcisse Leven, one of the founders of the Alliance and president of the Jewish Colonization Association. In 1937, Georges Leven made a special trip to Algiers and Tunis to visit the Jewish schools maintained by the Alliance. He was active in Jewish community affairs in France and took special interest in the Jewish refugee relief work before and after the Franco-German armistice.

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HERZOG SEES SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS

JOHANNESBURG, June 19. (JTA)-- Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine, stopping off here en route to Jerusalem from the U.S., was received by Prime Minister Jan Smuts, Finance Minister J. H. Hofmeyr and British High Commissioner Lord Harlech.

Meanwhile, Gen. Smuts opened a new engineering block at Witwatersrand University, financed by an endowment of £55,000 from Wolf and Hirsch Hillman.

ARCHBISHOP BACKS AID TO POLISH JEWS

LONDON, June 19. (JTA)-- The Archbishop of Canterbury today issued a message supporting Lord Cecil's appeal for Polish Jewish refugees in Palestine. He voiced "greatest possible sympathy with Jewish refugees in Palestine, knowing well the treatment they have received in Poland." Similar messages were received from Cardinal Hinsley, Leslie Hore-Belisha, Tom Williams, Sir Patrick Hannon and others.

RECEPTION FOR JDC REPRESENTATIVE IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, June 19. (JTA)-- Miss Laura Margolies, representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, who recently arrived here to conduct relief work among Jewish refugees, was given a reception by the Shanghai Jewish community at the Jewish Club here. Representatives of various Jewish organizations, as well as the president of the Jewish community of Tientsin, I. Levitin, participated. Miss Margolies, in her speech, discussed JDC relief activities throughout the world and described the difficult circumstances under which these activities are conducted.

TURKEY GIVES TRANSIT TO 4,500 EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE

GENEVA, June 19 (JTA)-- More than 4,500 East European Jews, holders of immigration certificates to Palestine, have been permitted by the Turkish government to pass Turkey on their way to Palestine, it was reported here by the Jewish Agency of the Jewish Agency.

A substantial number of these emigrants came to Istanbul from Soviet-occupied Lithuania, through the port of Odessa, while approximately 2,000 came from the Balkan countries by way of the Black Sea. Arrangements were made by the Jewish Agency which enabled the proceeding of the emigrants from Istanbul to Palestine.

LATIN AMERICAN LANDS URGED TO OPEN DOORS

MONTEVIDEO, June 19. (JTA-Airmail)-- A resolution urging the governments of Latin American states to open their doors for immigrants was submitted here to the conference of the Pan-American Congress of Commerce and Industry.

The resolution introduced by the Association of Traveling Salesmen of Uruguay, declares the development of Latin American internal trade would greatly benefit from the admission of immigrants. Immigration is especially essential for trade in the countries which are large in area and have small populations, the resolution emphasizes.