

BRITAIN QUERIES U.S. ON VISA REGULATIONS, CITING REFUGEES GIVEN TEMPORARY ASYLUM

LONDON, June 26. (JTA)—The British Government, through usual diplomatic channels, has approached Washington for elucidation of the terms of the new U.S. immigration regulations banning entry of refugees with close relatives in occupied countries, it was learned today.

It was authoritatively explained that the British Government takes great interest in this matter since it affects thousands of refugees who were admitted to Britain only temporarily to await their turn for reemigration to the U.S.

Visas in France Limited to French Citizens

LISEON, June 26. (JTA)-- In unoccupied France, where 50,000 refugees are seeking escape, the U.S. consulates have announced that in the future visa issuances will be restricted to those born in France and coming under the French quota, it was reported here today. Few Frenchmen have applied for visas so far. In any case men of military age--between 18 and 40--are not granted exit permits and consequently cannot get American visas.

For the time being refugee emigration to the U.S. is limited to those already possessing visas. According to a telegraphic survey made by the Joint Distribution Committee today, these total approximately 1,000.

The HIAS-ICA Emigration Association announced that it has arranged passage on the Spanish ship Novamar from Cadis on July 10 for 300 refugees, 250 of them taken from French internment camps.

It was learned today that four refugees who were believed lost in the sinking of the Portuguese steamship Ganda by an "unidentified" submarine have been rescued. They are Mrs. Anna Gutman, 28; her daughter, Annette, 10; Mrs. Yocheved Sadkowsky and her son, 15.

VICHY, June 26. (JTA)-- News of the centralization of U.S. immigration control in the State Department today caused anxiety in Jewish and other refugee circles, who expressed hope that necessary discrimination against undesirables for security reasons would not lead to barring of deserving immigrants.

New Regulations Seen Expediting Visa Issuance

NEW YORK, June 26. (JTA)-- The immigration doors are not being closed, but only more closely watched, the New York Times declared editorially today in commenting on new State Department regulations concerning visa issuance. The editorial follows:

"A recent State Department ruling officially explained as directing the withholding of visas from aliens having close relatives still residing in certain countries and in territories controlled by these countries, seems to have been widely misunderstood.

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The Department was not so explicit as it might have been.

"A supplementary ruling, issued last Tuesday in Washington and taking effect on July 1, clears up the situation. Discretion to grant visas is taken from consuls and transferred to the State Department. If the department is satisfied that the applicant's admission is desirable, that he can secure support, that he is properly sponsored, and that he can obtain the necessary exit permits, transit visas and transportation from the country in which he is residing, he will be admitted. The President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees, with offices at 122 East Twenty-second Street, New York City will act as a liaison agency with social service organizations interested in the immigrant. It is thought that this procedure will protect the country against those who might be induced to act as spies because of Nazi threats against close relatives still in the Nazi-controlled areas; that action on visas will be expedited; and that about as many immigrants can be admitted as would be possible under the old system.

"In short, the doors are not being closed. They are being more closely watched. We shall continue to receive, to our own great benefit, brave men and women who have refused to live under the Hitler tyranny."

#### NAZIS CLOSE JEWISH LABOR CAMPS IN WARSAW DISTRICT

GENEVA, June 26. (JTA)-- Distrusting the presence of Jews in the Soviet-Nazi war zone, Nazi military administration has closed down all Jewish labor camps in the Warsaw district, where some 15,000 Jews were doing compulsory labor in fortifying the region. The Jewish laborers were sent home, according to Gazeta Zydowska, Jewish organ in Nazi-held Poland.

Earlier reports from Nazi-Poland stated that the Nazi military administration had executed Jewish laborers after they completed work on fortifications along the Nazi-Soviet demarcation line in Lublin and other districts. This was done shortly before Germany declared war against Soviet Russia. The Nazi military engineers, it was reported, advised the shooting of the Jewish workers in order to make certain that the secrets of the fortifications would not be divulged.

Gazeta Zydowska also reports that the Nazi military authorities have forbidden Jews to live in the districts of Grojec, Lowicz, Sochaczew, Blonie and in localities west of the Vistula River.

The Voelkischer Beobachter yesterday carried an article appealing to the Polish population to disregard the attitude of the Polish Government-in-exile, "which is ready to sell Poland to Jews and Communists." At the same time it was learned that the Soviet Government is willing to release the 500,000 Polish war prisoners taken in 1939 and to facilitate their transportation to Egypt and Palestine to join the Polish forces fighting with the Allied army.

#### JEWS CITED IN FRENCH ARMY DISPATCHES

VICHY, June 26. (JTA)-- The Official Journal, publishing citations in army dispatches for gallantry in foreign volunteer units during the war, mentions the names of a large number of Jews cited in Orders of the Day of army corps, divisions, brigades and regiments.

#### 27 POLISH REFUGEES REACH CANADA

TORONTO, June 26. (JTA) The first group of Jewish refugees from Nazi-held Poland have reached Canada after wandering for over two years through Lithuania, Soviet Russia and Japan. The group consists of 26 men and one woman.

POST-WAR FEDERAL UNION URGED AT RABBIS' CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC CITY, June 26. (JTA)-- Establishment of a federal union of nations after the war as a basis for future peace was urged today in reports submitted to the annual meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis by its committees on International Peace and Social Justice.

The report of the peace committee, whose chairman is Rabbi Joseph Rauch of Louisville, declared: "The committee hopes that when the war is over the United States will use its influence to lay the foundation for a world order resting on the consent of free nations and, if necessary, will not flinch from taking the leadership to bring this about."

Referring to Clarence K. Streit's "Union Now," the report said: "There is a growing conviction that there must be a federation of people which will both guard their individual rights and interests and at the same time promote the general welfare of all. This is very difficult of accomplishment, difficult but not impossible if the will for it be strong and determined."

The Social Justice Committee, headed by Rabbi Edward L. Israel of Baltimore, reported: "Any program of Federal Union can at best be a preliminary step toward an effective and all-inclusive League of Nations. The folly of isolationism and its fellow-evil of power politics which served to vitiate the Treaty of Versailles League of Nations from its very inception and ultimately to destroy it, must be guarded against and eliminated."

The peace committee also approved President Roosevelt's defense program and "the liberal position" of the Government towards conscientious objectors.

Rabbi Solomon B. Freshof of Pittsburgh, in a paper on "The Feasibility and Advisability of a Code of Practice for Liberal Judaism," proposed drawing up of "a clear-cut code which will have the effect of law" in the fields of marriage, divorce and conversion, but advised against an attempt at codification of Reform dietary laws of ritual ceremonies.

Dr. Nelson Glueck, archaeology professor at Hebrew Union College, tonight read a paper on "How Archaeology Has Contributed to Our Knowledge of the Bible and the Jew." He pointed out that "the Bible and biblical archaeology complement each other in the establishing of objectively valid historical fact. Biblical archaeology does not attempt to 'prove' the Bible. It utilizes its historical materials and illuminates its background, but cannot naturally demonstrate the correctness of its paramount theological content."

Last night, the conference voted to intensify its activities in goodwill work, acting on the report of President Emil Leipziger which recommended greater cooperation with the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

At a round-table discussion of "What Prayer Means to Me," Rabbi Stanley Brav of Vicksburg, Miss., urged that daily prayer be revived in Reform congregations. He said Reform Judaism, is trying to correct abuses in prayer, had destroyed the practice. Rabbi Max Macobby, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., said old Hebrew prayers were better than most modern prayers, but added that prayer, to have value, must not be "a mere mumbo jumbo."

WHITE PAPER TELLS OF CZECH RESISTANCE TO ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, June 26. (JTA)-- Details of how Germany used enforced anti-Semitism to transfer Jewish property in Czechoslovakia into Nazi hands are revealed in a white paper entitled "Two Years of German Oppression in Czechoslovakia," presented to the State Department on Tuesday and made public today by the Czech Legation.

The document stresses that the Nazis used anti-Semitism as a weapon to obtain control of key Czech industries. "Jewish concerns were transferred only to German hands. The "Aryan" commissars in them, with large salaries, were in every case German. Even in the cases when Jews had transferred their property to the hands of an "Aryan" Czech, this transfer was annulled and the transferred property was simply given over to a German."

The white paper reveals that one of the ten conditions of the Munich "guarantee" of the Czech frontiers was "the promulgation of anti-Semitic laws analogous to those of Nuremberg."

Under the heading, "Murders and Atrocities," the document says: "Jews were arrested by thousands, without any reason, and were sent to concentration camps. This chiefly affected rich Jewish business men, lawyers and doctors, for the arrests were carried out by the Gestapo, which took this opportunity of plundering the home of the men arrested...A number of rabbis were murdered and many hundreds of Jews escaped humiliation and torture by committing suicide."

The repercussions in Czecho-Slovakia have not pleased the Germans, the white paper says. "The 'Aryan' Cultural Union cannot conceal the fact that the Czech public decisively condemns these brutalities. Czech customers ostentatiously visit Jewish shops, insofar as they are still open. In Prague it became one of the ways of protesting against the Germans to go to Jewish coffee-houses."

In Slovakia, the document goes on, "within recent months, the anti-Semitic policy has produced interesting effects. The Slovak public is turning away in disgust from the brutalities committed by the regime against the Jews and the official Slovak press has today to rebuke the Slovak public for being too lukewarm in its attitude to the anti-Jewish campaign and even for sympathizing with Jewish fellow citizens."

RALLY HERE DEMANDS JEWISH ARMY NOW

NEW YORK, June 26 (JTA)-- A resolution calling for immediate creation of a Jewish army in Palestine, with registration for enlistment in the United States consistent with American laws, was adopted last night at a rally arranged by the American Friends of a Jewish Palestine at Manhattan Center. The meeting, attended by about 5,000 persons was addressed by Pierre van Paessens, who said "there is no more important work in Zionism today than the effort to raise a Jewish army." Col. J.H. Patterson, commander of the Jewish Legion in the last war, spoke from Los Angeles by telephone. Rep. John D. Dingell of Michigan also spoke.

WEDGWOOD RECOVERING FROM HEART ATTACK

NEWARK, June 26. (JTA)-- Col. Josiah Wedgwood was reported by Beth Israel Hospital as "doing nicely" today after suffering a heart attack last night just before he was scheduled to address a local United Jewish Appeal meeting. The meeting was cancelled. The pro-Zionist British Member of Parliament, now touring the United States, is 69 years old.