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The report says that before the Jews were sent off to the camp, they were paraded in front of the Amsterdam synagogue and ordered to stand there for hours with their arms lifted. Many Jewish parents later received notification from the Nazi authorities stating that if they sent forty dollars they would receive urns containing the ashes of their sons.

The same report relates how a prominent Jewish doctor in Amsterdam was forced by the Nazis to bale out the water from a flooded cellar. The Nazis were not pleased with the manner in which the victim carried out their order and therefore punished him by forcing him to stand with outstretched arms in ice cold water to which ice was added at intervals. This "arctic footbath" is now one of the most frequently used punishments imposed upon Jews by the Nazis.

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POLISH PARLIAMENT-IN-EXILE ASKED TO CANCEL PRE-WAR ANTI-JEWISH LAWS

LONDON, July 24. (JTA)-- A proposal that the Polish government-in-exile proclaim as anti-constitutional and null and void the anti-Jewish laws promulgated by the pre-war Polish regimes will be discussed at Saturday's session of the Polish National Council, which is the Polish parliament-in-exile.

The proposal was submitted by Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbard, Jewish member of the Council. It provides among other things for the cancellation of the law prohibiting Shechitah in Poland, and for the restoration of Polish citizenship to all Jews who were deprived of their passports under an anti-Semitic regulation that Polish Jews residing abroad more than two years automatically lose their citizenship. Many members of the Polish National Council, especially those representing democratic and socialist groups, are supporting Dr. Schwarzbard's proposal.

ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNMENT REFUGEE OFFICE IS URGED

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA)-- Formation of a governmental Refugee Administration, directly responsible to the President or a Cabinet officer, and empowered to prepare emergency legislation extending immigration facilities to victims of Nazi persecution, is called for in a pamphlet published today by the American Committee to Save Refugees.

Such an agency, endowed with adequate funds and legal power, could treat the questions of asylum, settlement and rehabilitation, it is suggested by Lloyd Frankenburg, author of the pamphlet.

Meanwhile, the Committee to Save Refugees has opened a campaign for relaxation of the State Department regulations which bar emigres with kin in the fascist-dominated countries. Prof. Walter Rautenstrauch, chairman of the Committee and professor at the Columbia University School of Engineering, issued a statement saying:

"While the tensivity of the present world situation makes special precautions desirable, it is imperative that in defending democracy, we keep intact those principles that have traditionally made America an asylum for the oppressed, a beacon for those who fought for freedom."

PALESTINE HONORS PADEREWSKI'S MEMORY WITH SPECIAL CONCERT

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA)-- A concert devoted to the memory of Ignacy Jan Paderewski, prominent Polish pianist and first premier of Poland, who died this month in the United States, was given here last night in the amphitheatre of the Hebrew University. The concert was given by the Palestine Jewish Symphony Orchestra, under the auspices of the Polish Journalists Association in the Near East.

NOTED INDUSTRIALIST, GRANDSON OF ALGERIAN CHIEF RABBI, HELD IN PARIS

VICHY, July 24. (JTA)-- Ernest Mercier, famous French magnate, whom the Paris daily Le Matin, termed today as "half Jew", was reported to be placed under "controlled freedom" by the authorities in Paris, it was reported here today.

Mercier, according to Le Matin, is the grandson of the Chief Rabbi of Constantine, Algeria, his mother having been the daughter of the Rabbi. He is reported in the French press as having had a controlling interest in twenty large French oil and electricity enterprises. His arrest is said to be connected with new measures enforced against "individuals dangerous to the public order."

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CASABLANCA COURT BLOCKS ROTHSCHILD HOLDINGS IN MOROCCO

VICHY, July 24. (JTA)-- The Journal Officiel today published ordinances of the Casablanca court blocking the shares held in Moroccan enterprises by Baron Robert and Henri Rothschild.

It was also reported here today that an organization calling itself the "Young Lawyers" held a meeting in Paris last night at which a resolution was passed urging stricter measures against Jewish lawyers.

Meanwhile from the prison in which he is confined, Georges Mandel, former Minister of the Interior in the Reynaud government, introduced legal action "against unknown persons" for occupation of his Paris apartment by a political organization.

POLISH DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA)-- The first issue of a Polish daily newspaper, Gazeta Polska, made its appearance here today. This is the first time in the history of Palestine that a daily newspaper in the Polish language is published.

The Gazeta Polska, which will be the only Polish organ in the entire Near East, is published under the auspices of the Polish Consulate in Jerusalem. Its editor is Tadeusch Borowicz, noted Polish journalist.

HEBREW LITERATURE CHAIR ESTABLISHED AT LEEDS

LONDON, July 24. (JTA)-- Dr. Simon Rawidowicz, refugee Hebrew scholar from Germany, who has been unable to come to the United States because of the reduction in shipping facilities, has accepted appointment to the newly created chair of Modern Hebrew Language and Literature at Leeds University.

JEWISH JOURNALIST DROWNED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA)-- Shmuel Glooz, 27, former correspondent for Jewish papers in Poland and Lithuania, was drowned today in the surf at Athlit while visiting the Jewish fishing settlements under the auspices of the Palestine Maritime League.

BRITISH FOOD EXPERT SEES POSSIBILITY OF PALESTINE HELPING FEED EUROPE

LONDON, (JTA-- By air mail)-- "An unusually important role" for Palestine after the war is foreseen by Albert Van den Bergh, one of Britain's authorities on the production and distribution of food supplies.

"One of the remarkable things that we may see after our victory in the war, is the emergence of Palestine as a great food-growing country," Mr. Van den Bergh said in a statement to the press. "Countries are being overrun by the hordes of Hitler. Food crops are being destroyed. Fields are lying untillied. Food-giving animals are being slaughtered in vast numbers through lack of feeding-stuffs. All this will mean hunger, perhaps starvation for millions of people after the war.

"Strangely enough, precisely the opposite process is now taking place in Palestine. Forty-four percent of Palestine wheat is now home-grown. Today Palestine produces 98 percent of her vegetables and 92 per cent of her milk. If the process continues, a stage will be reached where Palestine may be able to export food to Europe," Mr. Van den Bergh stated.

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TROPER FLYING TO NEW YORK TO DISCUSS J.D.C. EUROPEAN RELIEF PROGRAM

LISBON, July 23. (JTA)-- Morris C. Troper, chairman of the European Council of the Joint Distribution Committee, will leave here by Clipper on Thursday for a flight to America to discuss the future of the American Jewish relief program in Europe in the light of recent developments, particularly the work of securing the removal of the relatives of American citizens from the occupied countries.

"Since the collapse of France and the establishment of our Lisbon office," Mr. Troper said here today, "we have succeeded in reuniting at least forty thousand men, women and children with their families in the United States and elsewhere. This has been done directly and through affiliated organizations which we support in whole or in part. The new Washington regulations have complicated this work, but there are still thousands of refugees awaiting transportation. Also there are other thousands who qualify, even under the new regulations, and whom we hope to get out."

Mr. Troper emphasized that emigration of the refugees was only one phase of the work that American Jewry is conducting through the J.D.C. He cited the extensive relief program which is carried on in over fifty countries, which directly and indirectly is aiding over a million Jews. Stressing the growing impoverishment of the Jewish communities in Europe and the consequent intensification of relief needs, he pointed out that at the same time heavy demands are now being made by hundreds of thousands of Jews in the new battle areas in the East. A recent example of this, he said, was the appeal for aid received from the 6,000 Jews deported from Hungary into Galicia.

Mr. Troper disclosed that the J.D.C. has undertaken an extensive relief program in what was formerly Yugoslavia, where more than thirty thousand local Jews and two thousand refugees are dependent on the J.D.C. for maintenance. He also reported that urgent appeals have been received from Nazi-held Poland where the demand is so great that child care and feeding stations are being forced to turn away applicants because of lack of funds. The J.D.C. work in occupied Poland has greatly increased in scope as a result of the advance of the German armies, he stated.

Mr. Troper drew attention to the fact that the J.D.C. relief program in Nazi-held territories does not involve placing any foreign exchange in the hands of the fascist countries. Washington's recent order freeing the funds of Germany, Italy and the Nazi-occupied countries did not affect the J.D.C.'s work, since under a license agreement it has received several hundred thousands of dollars to continue its activities.

Mr. Troper was feted at a dinner last night by representatives of organizations which are carrying on refugee work in Lisbon. Dr. James Bernstein, European director of HIAS-ICA, was the chairman.

JEWISH BOOK COLLECTOR MAKES IMPORTANT DONATION TO CONGRESS LIBRARY

WASHINGTON, July 23. (JTA)-- A valuable collection of manuscripts, scrapbooks, diaries and inscribed copies of the works of John Esten Cooke, Virginia novelist and biographer of Stonewall Jackson, was donated to the Library of Congress today by Nathan W. Wallack, prominent Jewish business man and collector.

Cooke, who died in 1886 at the age of 56, wrote some of the most authoritative books extant on Virginia and the Civil War. Archibald MacLeish, chief librarian of the Congressional Library, who announced the acquisition, described the gift as "one of the most significant donations of southern memorabilia received by the library in recent years."

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