SULTAN OF MOROCCO ORDERS GHETTO FOR JEWS; VICHY REGISTERS JEWS IN INDO-CHINA

RABAT, Morocco, Aug. 20. (JTA)-- The Sultan of Morocco, acting on the suggestion of the Vichy Government today issued an order providing for the removal "with the least possible delay" of all Jews in Morocco into Jewish ghetto quarters.

The action of the Sultan coincides with the arrival in Morocco of the Vichy Commissar for Jewish Affairs, Xavier Vallat, and with the publication in Vichy today of a decree ordering a census of all the Jews in French Indo-China, to be carried out by September 1st. Jews who fail to register will be punished by imprisonment and fines.

Vallat, in an interview with representatives of the press, today expressed special satisfaction with the act of the Sultan. "I am pleased to see that recent orders of the Sultan have already partly solved the Jewish problem in Morocco in accordance with the spirit of Vichy," he said. "Our aim is to eliminate the Jewish influence wherever we find it predominant. French Jews in Morocco will have to conform to the special laws issued for Jews in France, while Moroccon Jews will be kept within limits where they can be useful without the risk of their becoming harmful."

The Vichy Commissioner for Jewish affairs made it clear in the course of the interview that the sole purpose for his coming from Vichy to North Africa was "to study the Jewish situation in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia." He is proceeding today to Algeria, he said, in order "to establish the effects of the repeal of the Cremieux Law." This law, adopted in 1870 by the French Government due to the efforts of Isaac Adolphe Cremieux, the then Minister of Justice, proclaimed complete emancipation for the Jews of Algeria and gave them the same civil and political rights as Frenchmen. It was rescinded by the Pétain Government in October 1940.

The extension of the Vichy anti-Jewish laws to the French colonies in North Africa will affect more than 550,000 Jews, including 160,000 Jews in French Morocco, 110,000 Jews in Algeria and about 80,000 Jews in Tunisia.

NAZIS DEMAND YELLOW BADGE FOR JEWS IN CZECH PROTECTORATE

ZURICH, Aug. 20. (JTA)-- The introduction of a yellow badge for Jews in the Czech Protectorate is demanded by the Nazi press in Prague as a result of the intensified anti-Jewish propaganda which is now being conducted by the Nazi authorities in order to distract the attention of the Czech population from the increasing war complications.

"The introduction of a distinctive mark for Jews would once and for all put an end to the mouth-to-mouth propaganda conducted in the Protectorate against Germany," the Vecerni Ceske Slovo, a Nazi-controlled newspaper writes. "This mark would bring to an end the contacts now maintained between Jews and Czechs and would thus result in discontinuing the perpetual and impertinent violations of the anti-Jewish laws."

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VLADIVOSTOK EXPECTED TO BECOME PORT OF ESCAPE FOR MAROONED REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Soviet port of Vladivostok, in the Far East, may become a jumping-off place for thousands of refugees seeking homes in North and South America, Australia and South Africa, if the American program of substantial aid to Russia materializes, it was stated here today.

Current tense relations between Japan and America have closed the last exit to freedom for about 1,000 Jewish refugees stranded in Japan and many thousands in Shanghai. At the United States Maritime Commission where preparations are now being made "for any eventuality" in the matter of arranging transport from Japan, it was said today that the plans did not contemplate providing passage for anyone but American citizens, because of the shipping shortage.

At the State Department it was stated today that it would be impossible to determine here the number of refugees in Japan and occupied China who hold, or are seeking, visas for entry into the United States, but it was admitted that there were a substantial number in both places.

In view of the present situation in the Far East, it is extremely unlikely that Japanese shipping will touch at American or Canadian ports for some time. The calls by American President liners and freighters at Shanghai will similarly be abandoned. Canadian shipping is likewise to be restricted. However, the materialisation of the program of substantial American aid to Soviet Russia may create a certain amount of trans-Pacific traffic from Vladivostok, since the steamers carrying freight from the United States to the Russian Far Eastern port will be able to carry passengers on their way back to the United States.

U.S. CONSULS ORDERED TO RENEW LAPSED VISAS OF IMMIGRANTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Visa Division of the Department of State today informed the Washington office of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society that a blanket instruction was issued to the American Consuls in unoccupied France, Morocco, Spain, Portugal, Japan, Sweden, Shanghai and Trinidad authorizing them to issue, in proper cases, visas to aliens who received visas before July 1st, 1941, and which had since expired because of lack of transportation.

In cases where these prospective immigrants are in possession of transportation facilities, no application forms need be filed with the Department of State. The decision rests with the respective Consuls who have been authorized to renew the visas without specific approval by the Department of State. This ruling applies only to such cases in which immediate definite booking has been made and in which the prospective immigrants are otherwise admissible to the satisfaction of the American Consul. It was emphasized that this ruling does not apply to such cases in which the visas had expired before July 1, 1941.

JUSTICE ROSENMAN CONDUCTING DEFENSE STUDY FOR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Supreme Court Justice Samuel I. Rosenman of New York is now conducting a study of the activities of American defense agencies for President Roosevelt, it was stated today at the White House.

Justice Rosenman, a long-time associate of Roosevelt and collaborator in his important speech drafting, has been interviewing top defense officials for several days and is reported to have drafted several versions of an executive order under which the President may clarify the line of demarcation between OPM and OPACS.
CAPTURE OF TOBRUK DUE TO JEWISH SOLDIERS, BRITISH MINISTRY REPORTS

LONDON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The capture of Tobruk by the British would have been impossible without the help of Palestine Jewish volunteers serving in the British army, the Ministry of Information revealed here today in a statement on "Jewish Soldiers in the Near East."

Reviewing the role which Jewish volunteers are playing in the British military forces in the Near East, the statement says:

"There are now ten thousand warriors of Judah in the Jewish military effort in Palestine. The same number were embodied in the Jewish Legion in 1918 but these were then recruited from the whole world. The pioneers in Cyrenaica have been highly praised by British officers. The first Palestine Company of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps accompanied forward troops from Sidi Barrani to Benghazi. Lieut.-General Sir Richard O'Connor stated in despatches that the capture of Tobruk would have been impossible without the help of the Pioneers at Sollum."

BRITISH GOVERNMENT ASKED TO OPEN NEGEV VALLEY FOR JEWISH DEVELOPMENT

LONDON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A renewed appeal to the British Government to open the Negev Valley for Jewish development, in order to partially solve the problem of Jewish and non-Jewish refugee immigration to Palestine, is made today by Cyril Henries, expert on the Negev and member of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, in an article published in The Union, a London monthly.

Mr. Henries, who was engineer to the Palestine Zionist Executive from 1925 to 1928, points out that the Negev Valley is sterile only because of neglect. The article stresses the vast possibilities of the region and the willingness of the Jews to devote their greatest efforts toward making any settlement there a success.

"The Jewish people have shown that in an equally unpromising country only a few miles to the North they can convert a wilderness to smiling fields and fill the countryside with friendly homes. They and their fellow refugees from other countries, and of other creeds, only ask to be allowed to once again bring the services of man to the broad acres of land, derelict as a result of ages-long neglect," the article concludes.

The project of developing the Negev Valley, an area 1,200,000 acres large, has been broached many times in recent years and some exploration as to irrigation possibilities have been made. Experts vary on the feasibility of developing agriculture there. Some, like Mr. Henries, are sure it is possible, while others are equally positive that the land cannot be used. However, during the first war the Turks grew much of their vegetables there, and in ancient times it was a flourishing Roman province.

JEWS IN BELGIUM SAVED FROM GESTAPO BY ANTI-NAZI GROUP

LONDON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- An underground anti-Nazi organization, pledged to extend aid to persecuted Jews and to sabotage any work connected with the Nazi war effort, is now functioning in Belgium, according to information received from Jewish sources by Belgian circles here.

The organization, which is said to be giving great difficulty to the Nazi army of occupation, is providing persecuted Jews with food and clothing, and on numerous occasions has successfully freed both Jews and non-Jews from the hands of the Gestapo.

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