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SPANISH SHIPPING LINE REFUSING TO TAKE JEWISH PASSENGERS

LISBON, Oct. 24. (JTA)-- Jewish refugees seeking passage from Spain or Portugal to American ports will no longer be accepted as passengers on board the Spanish government-owned steamers the Magallanes and the Marques de Commillas, it was disclosed here today.

The "Compania Transatlantica" which operates the ships for the Spanish Government has informed all travel agencies that they have received "instructions from above" not to accept any more Jewish passengers. This order does not apply to other Spanish ships.

Relief agencies here are attempting to have the ban revoked since it further curtails the already inadequate shipping facilities. Meanwhile, it was announced here today that the sailing of the Serpa Pinto, which was to have left Lisbon on October 27 with hundreds of refugees, has been postponed until November 15 because the steamer was requisitioned by the Spanish government to transport troops to the North African colonies.

GESTAPO AUCTIONS OFF PROPERTY OF DEPORTED GERMAN JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 24. (JTA)-- Gestapo authorities in Berlin today started public auction sales of furniture, linen, silverware and wearing apparel left by Jewish families deported last week from Germany to the Pinsk swamps in Poland.

Correspondents of Swedish newspapers in Berlin reported today that the sales, which opened in the hitherto sealed Jewish dwellings, are crowded with German civilians who make high bids in order to secure the articles and household goods which the deported Jews were compelled to leave behind. No buying permits are required from the bidders who are especially anxious to acquire clothes, linen, shoes and other articles left by the Jews.

MORDECHAI DUBIN, LATVIAN JEWISH LEADER, TO BE RELEASED BY SOVIET

LONDON, Oct. 24. (JTA)-- Mordechai Dubin, former president of the Jewish community in Riga, ex-deputy in the Latvian parliament and member of the world executive of the Agudas Israel is expected to be released from Soviet imprisonment at Saratov, on the Volga, according to information reaching here today.

The release will come as a result of direct intervention by the Agudas Israel with the Soviet ambassador in London. Dubin was arrested in Riga last year when the Soviet armies occupied the Baltic states. He was then transferred into Soviet interior and held in exile as a person opposed to the Soviet regime.

COMMITTEE DISTRIBUTES \$2,800,000 AMONG JDC, UPA AND NRS

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA)-- The Allotment Committee, appointed to distribute all funds in excess of \$8,800,000 raised by the 1941 United Jewish Appeal, today announced the allocation of an initial sum of \$2,800,000 assigned to it for distribution among the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service. The sum was distributed as follows: \$1,275,000 to the Joint Distribution Committee, \$800,000 to the United Palestine Appeal, and \$725,000 to the National Refugee Service.

The sum of \$2,800,000, added to the \$8,800,000 previously set aside for division on the basis of the original agreement constituting the 1941 United Jewish Appeal, represents a minimum estimate of the net total of \$11,600,000 available for distribution in 1941 on the basis of the results achieved thus far. Fall campaigns which will be carried on in various parts of the country during the next two months are expected to yield additional funds for distribution to the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service.

The agreement for the 1941 United Jewish Appeal provided for the distribution of the first \$8,800,000 as follows: \$4,275,000 to the Joint Distribution Committee, \$2,525,000 to the United Palestine Appeal, and \$2,000,000 to the National Refugee Service. The Allotment Committee concerned itself exclusively with funds available for distribution over and above the \$8,800,000 provided for in the national agreement. The Committee consisted of two representatives each of the JDC and the UPA and three representatives of Welfare Fund communities approved by both the JDC and the UPA. Harold F. Linder and Dr. Solomon Lowenstein of New York represented the JDC; Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland represented the UPA; and Amos S. Deinard of Minneapolis, Frederick F. Greenman of New York, and Samuel Markell of Boston represented the Welfare Fund communities. Dr. Eli Ginzberg of Columbia University served as Director of Research of the Allotment Committee which was headed by Dr. Greenman as chairman. All funds raised above the sum of \$11,600,000 will go to the Allotment Committee for distribution.

ERNST FRISCHER TO BE APPOINTED CZECH COUNCIL MEMBER

LONDON, Oct. 24. (JTA)-- Ernst Frischer, former President of the Jewish Party in Czechoslovakia and now living in Palestine, will probably be appointed as the first Jewish member of the Czech State Council, it was learned today by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

It is understood that Czech President Benes is only waiting for all the Jewish organizations concerned to accept Frischer as their official representative before announcing the appointment. Although, it is reported that the Agudas Israel is reluctant to accept the Czech engineer, it is hoped that these difficulties will be surmounted in the near future.

GUY DE ROTHSCHILD REACHES LISBON ON WAY TO U.S. FROM FRANCE

LISBON, Oct. 24. (JTA)-- Captain Guy de Rothschild, prominent member of the Rothschild family in France, arrived here today with his wife. They intend to leave for America aboard a Trans-Atlantic Clipper next week.

Captain Rothschild's wife was in America until October, 1940 when she left to join him in France, where he was serving as an officer in a mechanized division of the French Army.

NAZI AUTHORITIES IN WARSAW PERMIT REOPENING OF RABBINATE IN GHETTO

GENEVA, Oct. 24. (JTA)-- After keeping the office of the Rabbinate in the Warsaw ghetto closed for many months, Nazi authorities in Poland have permitted its reopening, it was reliably reported here today.

The report which reached here from Poland discloses that Jews in the Warsaw ghetto desiring to use telephones must pay a special tax of twenty zloty in addition to normal telephone charges.

SWISS PRESS AND LEADERS DEMAND ABOLITION OF INTERNMENT CAMPS FOR JEWISH REFUGEES

BERNE, Oct. 24. (JTA)-- Leading Swiss personalities, supported by the Swiss press, have started a campaign to improve the legal position of some 800 Jewish refugees interned in camps here and known as "the soldiers of a labor army without a country" since they have been working in Swiss fields helping to produce a rich harvest of grain and potatoes.

The chief criticism is directed against the lack of concern with which the authorities treat the individual needs of the refugees. It is pointed out that it has been Swiss tradition of many centuries to grant "right of sanctuary" to political and religious exiles. "History will judge whether our present policy towards the refugees is intelligent and necessary. We fear that this policy will not be a page of glory in our history," writes the National Zeitung, one of the leading Swiss newspapers. Other newspapers urge abolishment of the labor camps and request the opening of the Swiss labor market to the refugees so that they will be able to gain employment in the field of work for which they are best qualified.

JEWS IN BRATISLAVA ORDERED TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES

BERNE, Oct. 24. (JTA)-- Jews in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, were today ordered to vacate their apartments within 24 hours in all buildings constructed since 1920.

The measure was predicted earlier this month by the Slovak press, which also stated that unemployed Jews as well as all foreign Jews residing in Bratislava since 1918, will be ordered to leave the city.

POLISH WORKER EXECUTED FOR INTERVENING WITH NAZI WHO FLOGGED A JEW

ZURICH, Oct. 24. (JTA)-- A Polish worker in a Nazi slave-labor gang paid with his life for trying to emulate Moses by intervening with a Nazi overseer who unmercifully flogged a Polish Jew working in the gang, it was reported here today from Poland.

The Pole was incensed because the Nazi continued to flog his victim after he had fallen to the ground, bleeding. "Why do you beat this man?" the Pole shouted at the overseer. He was immediately executed on charges of interfering with a German official doing his duty.

FIFTEEN JEWISH COLONISTS AWARDED MEDALS IN ARGENTINE

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 24. (JTA)-- Fifteen Jewish colonists were the recipients of gold and silver medals for farm products which they displayed at an agricultural exhibition here. They included three German-Jewish settlers of the Avigor colony which was established only three years ago in the province of Entre Rios.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH JUNIORS OPENS CONVENTION IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, Oct. 24. (JTA)-- Problems of social legislation, international relations and peace, social welfare, service to the foreign-born and religious and Jewish affairs will be discussed at the four-day Convention of the National Council of Jewish Juniors which opens here Sunday.

More than 350 delegates representing 110 chapters of the organization will attend the convention. Speakers will include Dr. Abraham L. Sachar, national director of the Hillel Foundation, Mrs. Maurice L. Goldman, president of the National Council of Jewish Women and Mark McCloskey, recreational director of the Federal Security Board.

CANADIAN ZIONISTS WILL RAISE \$100,000 AS USSISHKIN FUND

MONTREAL, Oct. 24. (JTA)-- A decision to raise \$100,000 for the Jewish National Fund in memory of the late M. M. Ussishkin was adopted here by the United Zionist Council of Canada. The fund, which is to be raised within the next twelve months, is to be utilized for the redemption of land in Palestine which will be named after Ussishkin.

Memorial meetings for Justice Louis D. Brandeis and M.M. Ussishkin will be held in Canada on Sunday. The meeting in Montreal will be addressed by Judge Morris Rothenberg of New York and the meeting in Toronto will have Louis Lipsky as principal speaker.

PROMINENT DUTCH RABBI DIES IN NETHERLANDS

LONDON, Oct. 24. (JTA)-- Rabbi M. Hirsch, chairman of the Council of Dutch Rabbis and president of the Agudas Israel in the Netherlands, has died in Zwolle, according to information reaching the Agudas headquarters here today. He was a prominent religious leader in Holland and was decorated by Queen Wilhelmina on the occasion of his silver jubilee in the rabbinical service. Special permission was granted by the occupation authorities to have the coffin brought to the Zwolle synagogue where memorial services were held. The services were attended by local Dutch officials and a large number of Jews.

LEADERS OF EUROPEAN NATIONS MOURN AT LIEBERMAN'S FUNERAL

LONDON, Oct. 24. (JTA)-- Every prominent Polish official in England, representatives of Polish Jewish organizations in Britain, members of the diplomatic corps and a delegation from the British Labor Party gathered today to pay tribute to Dr. Herman Lieberman, first Jew to sit in a Polish Cabinet, at funeral services in the Polish Embassy.

President Raczkiewicza of Poland laid the order of the White Eagle, Poland's highest honor, upon Lieberman's coffin as he expressed Poland's grief at the loss of "one of her greatest and most devoted sons." At the Highgate Cemetery where the burial took place Lieberman was eulogized by General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, Camille Huysmans of the Belgian Government-in-Exile, George Dallas of the British Labor party, Rudolf Bechyné, president of the Czechoslovakian State Council and the Polish Socialist leader, Mieczyslaw Mastek. The speakers stressed Lieberman's achievements as a politician, a statesman, a lawyer and a fighter for liberty and social progress.