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U.S. DRIVE AGAINST RACE DISCRIMINATION EMPHASIZED BY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5. (JTA)-- The un-ending Federal campaign to insure fair and equal treatment for all Americans regardless of race, color and creed in the national defense program is emphasized in a pamphlet issued today by the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices.

The six-man committee receives and investigates complaints of discrimination against workers in defense industries and takes appropriate steps to redress valid grievances. It also recommends to Federal departments, agencies and to the President ways in which to insure the fair treatment of all Americans when it comes to defense employment.

The COPEP's policy follows the three-fold program laid down by the President in his executive order of June 25. This order instructed Federal departments and agencies to eliminate completely discrimination from vocational and training programs. It ruled that all Federal defense contracts should contain clauses obligating the contractor not to practice discrimination and it gave the committee power to investigate complaints and to redress grievances.

CANADIAN ZIONISTS ASK FOR JEWISH COMMONWEALTH UNDER INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AUSPICES

MONTREAL, Nov. 5. (JTA)-- The reconstitution of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth under inter-governmental auspices and with inter-governmental assistance was urged by the delegates from all parts of Canada assembled at the 17th annual conference of the Zionist order of Habonim here.

The resolution declares that "Jewish homelessness and suffering will not disappear from the continent of Europe with the defeat of the common enemy and with the triumph of the democracies, but will persist until a large part of the millions of uprooted Jews is afforded the opportunity to re-establish themselves in a home of their own."

MRS. ROOSEVELT TO ADDRESS CONVENTION OF WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF UNITED SYNAGOGUE

NEW YORK, Nov. 5. (JTA)-- Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt will address delegates of the 400 Jewish sisterhoods representing 300,000 women from the United States and Canada at their annual convention, of the Women's League of the United Synagogue of America, to be held in Detroit from November 9 to 12, it was announced here today. The topic of Mrs. Roosevelt's address will be "Women in Defense."

WAR VETERANS CONDEMN LINDBERGH'S SLUR ON JEWS

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Nov. 5. (JTA)-- A resolution of the executive committee of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War meeting here condemned Charles A. Lindbergh for "un-American statements tending to castigate patriotic minorities of our great American democracy."

SPANISH STEAMER LANDS JEWISH REFUGEES IN HAVANA AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 5. (JTA)-- The Spanish steamer Marques de Comillas landed here yesterday with a number of Jewish refugee passengers who secured their American visas from the American consulate in Barcelona. The steamer also carried over 170 Jewish refugees to Cuba who disembarked in Havana.

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NAZIS DETERMINED TO MAKE THE REICH "ENTIRELY JUDENREIN" BY APRIL, BERLIN REPORTS

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 6. (JTA)-- Berlin correspondents of Swedish newspapers today reported that despite the fact that deportation of Jews from Germany has been temporarily suspended, the Nazi government is determined to make the Reich "entirely judenrein" by April 1, 1942.

The correspondents relate that Jewish homes are still being raided by the Gestapo at night in Berlin and other German cities. The Jews, dragged from bed, are ordered to vacate their apartments within several hours and are not permitted to take along with them more than bare necessities, leaving the remainder of their belongings behind them.

Estimating that of the 700,000 Jews who resided in Germany and Austria before the Nazis came to power there are now only some 100,000 left, the Swedish journalists in their reports from Berlin reveal that even the Jews who are not deported, are being taken to police stations where they are forced to sign a declaration that they will "voluntarily" emigrate from the Reich. Their passports are then stamped with a special stamp reading "returned- emigrant" which means that they are no longer regarded as people belonging to the population of the Reich and are considered as officially having emigrated from the country.

In the light of these measures, the Swedish correspondents are at a loss to explain why the Nazi government issued an order this week banning the emigration of Jews between the ages of 18 and 60. Hitherto the ban was applied to Jews up to 45 years old. No reason was given by the Nazi authorities for the extension of the age limit. It is obvious that people nearing 60 can hardly be considered as an important part of labor reserves. The correspondents are, therefore, inclined to believe that the measure was taken with a view of frightening Jews in overseas lands into thinking that they may never see their relatives again if they continue their anti-Nazi activities in their respective countries.

75,000 JEWS IN LWOV PUT UNDER UKRAINIAN SUPERVISION: 100,000 JEWS SEGREGATED IN VILNA

LONDON, Nov. 6. (JTA)-- An order issued by the Nazi authorities in the Polish city of Lwow, capital of Eastern Galicia, puts all the 75,000 Jews there under direct supervision of the Ukrainian police, it is reported here today in Polish circles.

Another report states that more than 100,000 Jews are now being held in the newly established ghetto in Vilna, isolated from the rest of the world within barbed-wire walls. The Nazi police guarding the ghetto gates have received orders to shoot without warning anyone attempting to escape from the ghetto or those who try to communicate with the ghetto Jews through barbed-wire fences. The Jews in the ghetto have been forced to give up all valuables and warm clothing to the Nazi authorities.

JEWS FORBIDDEN TO STOP IN ANTWERP STREETS; ZIONIST LEADER DIES IN NAZI CAMP

LONDON, Nov. 6. (JTA)-- Henry Zweijer, well-known Belgian Zionist leader, who was sent to a German concentration camp for bluntly telling two German officers that they had not won the war yet, was today reported as having died in the camp. The incident for which he was imprisoned took place in a cafe in Antwerp.

An order issued by the Nazi authorities in Antwerp prohibits Jews from stopping in the street, public gardens and other public places in the city, according to information reaching Belgian circles here today. The same order applies also to the neighboring communities of Lille, Hemizen, Wilrijck, Edegem, Berchem, Mortsel, Berghout, Duerne, Merxem, Schooten, Capellen, Zwijndrecht, Burcht and others.

STATE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINS WHY REFUGEES FAIL TO GAIN ADMISSION TO U.S.A.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6. (JTA)-- Lack of transportation, rather than inability to get visas, resulting in a bottleneck at Lisbon, was given today by Avra Warren, chief of the State Department's Visa Division, as the reason for failure of thousands of refugees to gain admission to the United States.

Warren's assertion was made in commenting on a JTA dispatch from Lisbon yesterday which reported that administrative action by the State Department had reversed America's traditional immigration policy and had barred the United States to refugees fleeing Nazi persecution. Warren also attributed part of the difficulties to the fact that the Visa Division had been expanded during the last few months from 25 to more than 300 persons, many of whom were untrained, thus resulting in "unavoidable delays."

Refugee-aid circles here, however, took sharp issue with Warren's explanation that a "transportation bottleneck" at Lisbon was largely responsible for the immigration difficulties, averring that there was sufficient transportation available but that the real trouble lay in the delay in handling the visa applications.

Warren said that since July 1 the State Department had issued 45,000 visas. He added, however, that of this number 3,881 were quota visas and 1,000 non-quota visas for European immigrants. The remainder of the 45,000 visas, it was pointed out, were issued to temporary visitors, officials, diplomats, Latin-Americans, orientals and people from countries not under quota restrictions.

The visa chief denied that "family books" are required of prospective immigrants and that immigrants were having trouble getting visa renewals because of administrative delays.

SPANISH GOVERNMENT ADMITS 130 LUXEMBURG JEWS IN TRANSIT TO OVERSEAS LANDS

MADRID, Nov. 6. (JTA)-- The Spanish government today ordered its border officials at Irun to admit the group of 130 Jews from Luxemburg who are en route to overseas countries for which they have succeeded in securing immigration visas.

The group was held at the Spanish frontier station Irun for several days in a train without being admitted into Spain because of their lack of Spanish transit visas. German officials who escorted the train all the way from Luxemburg, as a result of this development transported the group to Biarritz under promise that they would bring the refugees back to the Spanish frontier as soon as the Spanish authorities agreed to admit them.

VICHY ISSUES TWO DECREES OUSTING JEWS FROM BUSINESS IN FRANCE

VICHY, Nov. 6. (JTA)-- The determination of the Vichy government to oust all Jews from business in France was indicated in two decrees published here today, one forbidding Jews to acquire new business enterprises and the second prohibiting Jews to make any profit in the business enterprises which they already hold.

The law prohibiting Jews to buy or lease enterprises, provides that in cases where Jews are negotiating for taking over existing business firms, the deals are not valid unless the transaction is first authorized by the local prefect of police. Deals concluded since July 1, 1940 will similarly be considered invalidated unless registered anew with the local authorities.

Seven British-born Jews were among 14 hostages taken today by the French authorities in the French Riviera. The other seven were British non-Jews who have been residing on the Riviera for many years before the outbreak of the present war.

JEWS PROHIBITED TO WORK IN NAZI-HELD BALTIC COUNTRIES; PROPERTIES CONFISCATED

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 6. (JTA)-- Jews in the Nazi-held Baltic countries are no longer permitted to engage in any work, except if they are specialists needed for German industry, the Tidningen, a leading Swedish newspaper reports today.

The report states that the Nazi authorities in Riga and other Baltic cities have cancelled all the labor permits held by Jews. New permits are being issued to the Jewish specialists under regulations that their non-Jewish employers are to pay their salaries to the local administration and not to the Jewish employees directly. The administration, on the other hand, is to pay to the qualified Jewish workers only part of the sum which their employers have deposited for them.

At the same time that they deprived Jews of their right to work, the Nazi authorities in Riga and other Baltic cities confiscated all Jewish property, leaving to each Jewish family not more than 100 marks in cash and a few of their personal belongings. The death penalty has been announced for Jews who attempt to leave the ghetto in Riga without permission.

DUKE OF BEDFORD APPEALS TO JEWS TO SUPPORT A NEGOTIATED PEACE WITH HITLER

LONDON, Nov. 6. (JTA)-- The Jews of the world are urged by the Duke of Bedford to support the idea of a "negotiated peace" with Hitler in a letter which the Duke addressed to the Jewish people through the London Jewish Chronicle.

The letter, as published today in the Chronicle under the headline "The Gloomy Duke," reads in part: "If Russia is defeated our last chance of securing a military victory over Germany will have gone. Only two alternatives will remain - defeat or a negotiated peace. The Jews in the past, without employing the method of war, secured for themselves freedom and justice. What they have done in the past they can do again in the future, and if they show true wisdom and adhere to those moral principles which are taught both by the Jewish and Christian faiths there is no reason why a time of sorrow and darkness should ever again return."

Declaring that the Duke is known for his defeatist propaganda, the Jewish Chronicle, replying to his appeal, writes: "It is untrue to suppose that the Jews in the past, without employing the method of war, secured for themselves freedom and justice. Their courage and passive resistance may have helped, but the era of liberty inaugurated by revolutionary France counted far more."