JTA DAILY NEWS BULLE

PUBLISHED BY THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY 106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

VOL. VIII. NO. 280

Monday, November 17, 1941

JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM GERMANY TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED BY GESTAPO

LISBON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- All Jewish emigration from Reich territory has been halted by a new Gestapo measure forbidding the granting of exit visus to Jews regardless of their age, it was learned here today.

The order is believed here to be temporary, and it is expected to be lifted in the near future, permitting the resumption of refugee emigration from Berlin to Portugal or Spain prior to sailing for overseas lands.

The new ban came as a severe shock to hundreds of Jews in the Reich who had completed their emigration arrangements and were ready to leave Germany. The measure follows on the heels of a previous order which entered into effect on November 1, restricting Jewish emigration from the Reich to people over 60 years of age.

(Despite these developments, cables from Jewish emigration agencies in Germany continue to be received in the United States by the Joint Distribution Committee and by American relatives of prospective emigrants concerning visa arrangements and steamship bookings. The JDC is currently receiving requests from Greater Germany for December and January bookings.)

Meanwhile, new regulations announced in Germany bar Jews from using public telephones, even for emergency calls in the case of illness or accident.

JEWS IN VIENNA DEPRIVED OF FOOD RATIONS FOR TWO WEEKS BY NEW NAZI ORDER

LONDON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- A report reaching here today from Geneva states that no food whatsoever will be made available to Jews in Vienna for the forthcoming two weeks, in accordance with an order issued by the local authorities there deliberately depriving Jews of the right to secure food for at least a fortaight.

The order cancels all Jewish food cards and provides that no new cards will be issued for the next two weeks. The Jewish soup kitchens in Vienna will similarly be affected, and will not be able to supply food to the thousands who are being fed daily by the Jewish community. The Jews of Vienna face total starvation as a result of the merciless order, the Geneva report warns.

VATICAN EMPLOYS JEWS OUSTED FROM WORK BY ITALIAN ANTI-JEWISH LAWS

VATICAN CITY, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- More than 100 Jews are now working in Vatican City as gardeners, bookbinders and librarians, it was disclosed here today. Some former Jewish professors ousted from 'talian universities under the anti-Jewish laws, have been employed by the Vatican for research work. Since the introduction of anti-Semitic measures in Italy, the Vatican has on several occasions assailed racial discrimination and anti-Semitic persecution. The former Pope, Pius XI, branded the introduction of the laws as an "unhappy imitation of Nazi Germany."

SIEFF URGES TRANSPLANTING PALESTINE ARABS TO IRAQ TO PERMIT JEWISH EMIGRATION

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Estimating that from one to three million Jews in Central and Bastern Europe will be reduced to the role of migrants in the post-wer period, Israel M. Sieff, noted British industralist and philenthropist, who is now visiting this country on a mission for the British Government, today proposed that the democratic powers undertake a radical solution of the problem of Jewish homelessness, providing for (1) immigration and settlement in Palestine, with Inter-governmental assistance, of one million Jews in the next 10 years; (2) large sections of the Arab population to be trensplanted from Palestine to Iraq, or other parts of the Middle East; and (5) the present geographic boundaries of Palestine be redrefted to include Trans-Jordan, which offers yest areas for colonization.

Following Mr. Sieff's address which was delivered at a state-wide conference of the New York Region of the United Palestine Appeal at the Ten Byck Hotel in Albany, more than 500 delegates unanimously adopted a resolution urging President Roosevelt to summon a meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees for the purpose of exploring the possibilities for large-scale Jewish settlement in Palestine in the post-wer era.

Mr. Sieff emphasized that even if the democracies are victorious, European Jewry will be compelled to look to other continents for resettlement. Asserting that millions of Jews have been completely uprooted from their traditional life in European lands, the British Jewish leader declared that two roads of planned migration must be explored; the first, to the Western Hemisphere, the second, to Palestine. He warned, however, that any proposal for a large-scale immigration to the American continent might give new impetus to anti-Semitism.

New Political Document Must Replace Palestine Mandate, Sieff Says

Asserting that there are "too many loopholes" in the Balfour Declaration and the League of Nations Mandate "used by those hostile to a Jewish Pelestine," Mr. Sieff proposed that a new political document be prepared to safeguard Jewish rights in Palestine and to assure intensified migration and settlement in the Jewish homeland.

"This instrument will have to take account of (1) the large Arab territories; (2) the plan for transplanting Palestinian Arabs to these territories, giving the right to those Pelestinian Arabs who so desire to live in a Jewish antonomous area; and (5) it will also have to lay down clearly and unmistakebly the right of the Jews to live in freedom in Palestine and to move freely in Palestine, subject to Jewish control," he said. If properly arranged, transplanted Arabs would welcome such a plan, Mr. Sieff added.

The Conference of the United Palestine Appeal was also addressed by Sir Norman Angell, who urged the British Government to pursue a policy of frankness with the Arebs and to impress upon them the fact that "the peace of a vast majority of mankind demands the recognition of the right of the Jews to a homeland.". Supporting Mr. Sieff's proposal for moving the Palestine Arabs into other Arab territory, Sir Norman emphasized that the Arabs are not a homeless people like the Jews but have several states of their own including Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria and Trans-Jordania. He suggested that a plan be initiated to help in the development of other Arab territories so that Arabs in Palestine might emigrate to purely Arab lands where their establishment would be emcouraged. British policies in Palestine were denounced by Sir Norman as attempts to appease the Arabs "at the cost of things promised to the Jews."

J.T.A. NEWS -3- 11/17/41

NAZIS REGISTER JEWISH CHILDREN FOR FORCED LABOR BATTALIONS; WARSAW GHETTO ENLARGED

BERNE, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Nazi authorities in Warsaw Have started the registration of all Jewish children in the ghetto, from 14 to 16 years of age, preparatory to sending them to forced labor battalions, it is reported here today.

The Krakauer Zeitung, official Nazi organ in occupied Poland, reports that in order to accomodate the ever-increasing number of Jews deported from Nazi-controlled territory to the Warsaw ghetto, the Nazi administration has decided to include in the ghetto a number of streets laying south and north of the ghetto walls. The following streets are now added to the ghetto: Okopowa, Nowollipia, Zelazna, Chlodna, Elektoralna, Bankowa, Rymarska, Leszna, Kresinska, Dzika and Franciskanska. Non-Jews living on these streets have been ordered to move by November 20. Factories within the district which are not owned by Jews have been ordered to register immediately in order that they may be transferred to other districts.

The Nazi authorities have also decided to install electrified wires around the ghetto walls in Warsaw, Lublin and other Polish cities, warning non-Jews at the sametime that they must always be at least fifty meters away from the walls otherwise they will be fired on at sight. This measure is reported to have been taken in order to put an end to the growing practice emong the Polish population of throwing food over the walls of the ghetto, as a demonstration of sympathy with the Jews.

143,000 JEWS IN PARIS, NAZIS CLAIM; VICHY EXTENDS ANTI-JEWISH LAWS TO AMERICAS

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 16. (JTA) - The Berlin correspondent of the Swedish newspaper, Svenska Dagbledet today reports that a German census of the Jewish population in Naziocoupied France shows that there are still 143,000 Jews residing in Paris, apparently including so-called half-Jews. Some 30,000 of them are children, according to the census. In making public these figures, Nazi officials in Berlin declared that "the Jewish problem in occupied France will soon find its solution."

Meanwhile, authorities in Vichy yesterday extended the new anti-Semitic laws to the French colonies in the Western Hemisphere. The decree provides that a Jewish census be taken immediately in French Guiene, which is on the South American methland and in the French islands off Canada.

Arrests of Jews in Paris continue unabated, the reports from Berlin indicate. The 4,500 Jews kept in Camp Dracy, near Paris, ere cut off completely from any contact with the outside world. At the same time, according to German reports, Raymond Schultz, a Nazi official, is now in Paris with the sole mission "of helping the French administration speed up the exclusion of Jews from French life." The same reports state that the French government in Vichy is definitely contemplating the establishment of Jewish ghettos "to allow the Jews to conduct an undisturbed life of their own."

FRUIT, CHEESE, SWEETS AND POULTRY FORBIDDEN TO JEWS IN CZECH PROTECTORATE

BERNE, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- An order forbidding the sale of fresh or preserved fruits, nuts, marmalade, cheese, sweets and poultry to Jews in the Czech Protectorate has been issued in Pregue by the Minister of Agriculture under Nazi pressure, it is reported here today.

The report reveals that Jews are still being transported from the Czech Protectorate to the Pinsk swemps in Polemd and that the Jewish community in Prague has started the collection of old clothing in order to provide the needy Jews with clothes for the winter.

J.T.A. NEWS 0 -4- 11/17/41

MAZIS ORDER REGISTRATION OF JEWS IN ODESSA: 80,000 JEWS REPORTED IN RIGA CHETTO

ZURICH, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The registration of all Jews in Odessa is reported today as having been ordered by a mixed German-Eumanian military commission there. It is assumed here that only Jewish women and children remain in Odessa and that the entire Jewish male population has retreated with the Soviet armies.

The Deutsche Zeitung im Ostland, published for the Nazi-occupied Baltic countries, reports that approximately 80,000 Jews have been herded into the ghetto in Riga. The ghetto is surrounded by sentries who have orders to fire without warning on any "aryan" attempting to establish contact with Jews over the ghetto walls, the Nazi paper states, adding that non-Jews in Riga who bring food to their Jewish friends there are being arrested.

ZIONIST EXECUTIVE IS DETERMINED TO GET A JEMISH ARMY, BEN-GURION SAYS DEPARTING FOR USA

LISBON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, who arrived here from London last week, today sailed on the steemer Exambion for the United States to remain there for several months.

"The main thing for the present is to get a Jewish army, and we intend to get it," Mr. Ben-Gurion said to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent prior to his sailing. He also disclosed that the Jewish Agency is now in contact with the Red Cross in an effort to arrange the dispatch of parcels to 2,000 Palestine Jewish war prisoners in German camps.

Harold Laski Assails Colonial Office for Delaying Jewish Army

LONDON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Assailing the "pettifogging evasions of the Colonial Office in connection with Palestine," Harold Laski, British economist, today scored the Government for its refusal to create a Jewish Army, in an article in Reynolds News.

"Although I sm not a Zionist and I feel that it is a mistake to urge Palestine as a solution of the Jewish problem," Laski stated, "as a Jew I sm deeply resentful of the ungracious, delaying tactics of the Colonial Office. The real truth is that the officials both in Palestine and here sannot bear the refusal of the Jews in Palestine to act like 'natives'."

TWO EXILED JEWISH WRITERS FROM POLAND RELEASED IN SOVIET RUSSIA

LONDON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Polish authorities here today received information from the Polish embassy in Soviet Russia that two Jewish writers, Leo Finkelstein and Berl Kutcher, of Warsaw, have been released from Soviet exile and are now in Samarkand in good health and spirits.

CANADIAN MINISTER LAUDS JEWISH ENLISTMENT IN ARMED FORCES

OTTAWA, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Citing the Jewish enlistment record as an exemple, War Services Minister Thorson told the Hours of Commons that many groups of alien origin were emlisting in Canada's armed forces in numbers as great or greater than any other section of the population of Canada.

"People say that the Jews are not enlisting. The number of Jews in this country is about 170,000. The number of Jews who have enlisted for active service is somewhere between 5,000 and 4,000. It is not a bad average," the minister stated.