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3,000 JEWISH EMPLOYEES IN ALGERIAN CIVIL SERVICE DISMISSED BY VICHY

CASABLANCA, Dec. 4. (JTA)-- More than 3,000 Jewish employees in the French civil service in Algeria have been dismissed as a result of the anti-Jewish laws introduced by the Vichy regime, it was revealed here today.

Until the application of the French anti-Jewish laws in Algeria, the local Jewish community was able to meet all the requirements for aid to refugees congregated here. With the mass-dismissals of Algerian Jews from their positions under the anti-Jewish laws, the situation of the native Jews of Algeria became so aggravated that they can hardly take care of their own unemployed.

The refugee problem in Algeria has been further aggravated by the opening of several work and internment camps, where hundreds of foreign Jews are concentrated. The budget for refugee aid in Algeria has therefore increased from 50,000 francs monthly at the beginning of the war to more than 300,000 francs monthly now. The refugee relief committee in Algeria is practically dependent now on the funds which it receives from the American Joint Distribution Committee.

BRITAIN URGED TO ISSUE NEW STATEMENT ON JEWISH RIGHTS IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA)-- The demand that the British Government issue a statement on Jewish rights in Palestine, similar to the Balfour Declaration issued during the first World War, was voiced in the House of Commons today by Geoffrey Mander, Conservative.

"His Majesty's Government does not think it necessary to make further statements regarding Palestine," was the reply given by Clement Attlee, Lord Privy Seal. Queried by Mander as to whether the British Government still stands by the Balfour Declaration, Mr. Attlee replied by referring to Prime Minister Churchill's statement made in Commons on July 30, in which he said that "there is no need for any change in the policy of His Majesty's Government regarding Palestine."

ARGENTINA ORDERS RIGID EXAMINATION OF 230 JEWISH REFUGEES ON PORTUGUESE STEAMER

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 4. (JTA)-- Argentine authorities today ordered a rigorous examination of landing documents of all 230 Jewish refugees due here Saturday on the Portuguese steamer Nyassa. None of the passengers will be permitted to land unless his visa is in perfect order, the authorities indicated.

GREEK JEWS IN PALESTINE ESTABLISH SHELTER FOR NON-JEWISH REFUGEES FROM GREECE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4. (JTA)-- The Greek Jewish community here today contributed three thousand dollars to equip a 4th century Greek monastery in Palestine as a shelter for non-Jewish Greek refugees who escaped from Greece. The first funds for maintaining these refugees were also raised by Greek Jews in Palestine.

1,500,000 JEWS WERE UNDER ARMS IN LAST WAR; 250,000 SERVED UNDER AMERICAN FLAG

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA)-- More than 1,500,000 Jews were among the 65,000,000 men under arms in the sixteen nations involved in the last World War, it is revealed in a special publication "Jews in the World War" issued today by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States. While the total Jewish population in these sixteen countries was only one percent, the Jews constituted over two percent of the mobilized men there.

There were 1,055,600 Jewish soldiers among the 42,000,000 mobilized by the twelve Allied nations, or two and one-half percent, while the Jewish population in these countries was one percent compared to the total population. Similarly, there were 450,500 soldiers among the 23,000,000 mobilized by the four Central Powers, or two percent of the total, as compared with a Jewish population slightly more than one percent of the total.

A breakdown of the figures for the United States shows that 250,000 Jews, or 4.5% of 4,355,000 Americans mobilized for service, were in the U. S. Army during the World War, although the entire Jewish population in the country was only slightly more than three percent. Some 3,400 of these American soldiers of Jewish faith were killed in action. There were 1,100 citations for valor conferred on Jewish soldiers in the American army. Of these, 723 were conferred by the American command, 287 by the French, 33 by the British and 46 by various other Allied commands. The rare Congressional Medal of Honor was won by three Jews out of a total of 72 awarded.

A cheque for \$4,600 was today presented to Major General Ian Hay Beith, representing the British War Relief Society by Mr. Archie Greenberg, New York State Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States. The funds will be used to purchase three mobile field kitchens for the British troops, with the exception of \$100 which will be donated to the Sara Delano Roosevelt Nursing Home in England.

COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY EXPOSES NAZI ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA)-- Stressing the fact that anti-Semitism in America is chiefly the work of groups interested in deriving from it either political or financial gains, the Council for Democracy today issued a booklet "Nazi Poison" exposing the fallacies behind the Nazi anti-Jewish propaganda in the United States and suggesting that inciting to racial hatred should be made a crime.

ALIENS OF GOOD RECORD NEED NOT FEAR CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN USA. SAYS MRS. ROOSEVELT

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA)-- Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said yesterday that no aliens of good record in this country need fear concentration camps if this country goes to war.

The President's wife, addressing 150 persons at the Immigrants' Conference held at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, said she was assured by the State Department that there was absolutely no reason why any one with a good record in this country - that is, without a criminal record or connection with any criminal group - need have any feeling of anxiety.

"I hope we shall never see concentration camps in this country, though I know we need to put certain people in places where they can do no harm. But I trust we shall not be so hysterical that we came to fear people who may actually be more devoted to liberty than many of us whose ancestors came here earlier than theirs did."

JEWISH APPRENTICE SCHOOLS IN RUMANIA CLOSED BY MINISTRY OF LABOR

ANKARA, Dec. 4. (JTA)-- Jewish apprentice schools in Rumania have been closed down by the Ministry of Labor, it is reported in Bucharest papers reaching here today.

The Nazi papers also report that Jewish lawyers have been forbidden to practice in the provinces of Bukovina and Bessarabia, which were recently re-captured from the Russians.

Acting upon an order issued by the Government of Bulgaria all Jewish-owned drug stores in Bulgaria yesterday started to replace their Jewish employees with non-Jews. The order is part of the anti-Jewish laws now being promulgated in Bulgaria as a result of pressure from Germany.

NAZIS RELEASE NAMES OF JEWS EXECUTED FOR LEAVING WARSAW GHETTO

ZURICH, Dec. 4. (JTA)-- The names of the eight Jews - six women and two men - who were executed by the Nazis in Warsaw last week for leaving the ghetto without permission are published in the Krakauer Zeitung reaching here today.

Those executed were: Josef Paikus, Motel Fiszbaum, Rivka Klingerman, Lida Goe, Feiga Margulies, Dvora Rosenberg, Chana Seidenwart and Sarah Pasztein.

CZECH TOWN COUNCIL EARNS NAZI PRAISE FOR FORCING JEWS TO SWEEP STREETS

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA)-- The Municipal Council in the township of Planice in western Bohemia, has been publicly praised by the Nazi occupation authorities for being the first municipality in the Protectorate that has ordered all Jews to sweep the streets of the town, it was reported today by Czech circles here.

CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON ISSUES CALL FOR JEWISH ARMY IN PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (JTA)-- The drive to support the Zionist demand for a Jewish Army in Palestine received new impetus today at a conference held here under the auspices of the Committee for a Jewish Army. A message from Sec. Stimpson was read.

Samuel Harden Church, President of the Carnegie Institute, who presided, declared the proposed Jewish Army would not only increase the strength of the anti-Axis forces in the Near East but would also be the foundation for the creation of a post-war democratic state there which would bring peace and security to that section of the world. Col. John Henry Patterson, Commander of the Jewish Legion in the first World War, declared that creation of the army would enable Britain to take advantage of great manpower resources now lying fallow because of administrative policies. Pierre Von Paassen predicted the issue of the war would be settled in the Near Eastern battle-grounds and pointed out that this made the Jewish Army cause the concern of every democracy. Canadian support of the drive was predicted by Louis K. Fitch, Canadian Conservative Party leader.

RABBI WISE TO TAKE ISSUE WITH SATURDAY EVENING POST ARTICLE ON JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA)-- Terming the article on Jews by Judge Jerome Frank in this week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post as "treasonable to the Jewish people," Dr. Stephen S. Wise today declared that he will take issue with its contents in his forthcoming Sunday sermon to be delivered at Carnegie Hall.

"The article is simply inexcusable," Rabbi Wise said. He denied reports that he intends to lodge a complaint against Judge Frank with the Chief Justice of the United States Court.

8,000 APPLICATIONS FOR VISAS AWAIT CLEARANCE IN WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA)-- Special boards to hear appeals on cases where the State Department has refused immigration visas will soon be set up in accordance with President Roosevelt's order last month establishing rules, regulations and machinery to control the movements of people to and from the United States, it was announced here today by the National Refugee Service.

Since the introduction of new visa regulations by the State Department on July 1, 5,000 cases have been cleared and quota numbers allocated and 3,200 visas have been issued, the National Refugee Service learned from Washington. It was further learned that more applications are being cleared each week than are being received; 1,400 being cleared as against 1,000 being received. However, there is still a backlog of 8,000 cases awaiting clearance.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service informed the National Refugee Service that certain passport requirements will be waived in the future for Jewish refugees of German or Italian nationality, in addition to the recent regulation which makes it unnecessary for refugees of the above category to renew their passports here every six months with their respective embassies.

With the closing of American consulates in Nazi-occupied territory Cuba is assuming new importance as a way of escape for many Jewish emigrants in Germany, the N.R.S. stated. The reason for this is that the Cuban consulate in Berlin remains open. According to one report received by the National Refugee Service, 10,000 applications have been filed for Cuban visas, many of them sponsored by refugees in the United States. There are now several thousand emigres in Cuba and it is expected that by mid-December the emigre colony in Cuba will be increased. Most of this group hope eventually to enter the United States.

164 JEWISH REFUGEES, INCLUDING MIZRACHI LEADER, LANDED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA)-- Rabbi Samuel Brot, one of the leaders of the Mizrachi world movement who for eight years served as a member of the Polish parliament, was one of the 134 haggard, undernourished Jewish refugees who yesterday landed in New York on the Portuguese liner Colonial after being confined in concentration camps in Germany and in ghettos in Belgium.

Rabbi Brot, a member of the Zionist Actions Committee, was confined in a ghetto in Limbourg for several months, prior to his leaving for the United States. Some 263 passengers on the Colonial disembarked in Havana where the steamer stopped on her way to New York.

Many of the passengers were loud in their praise of the Joint Distribution Committee for its help in getting them visas, and in saving them from ticket scalpers in arranging their passage. Some of the scores of elderly refugees had been held in German concentration camps for years, and later had been confined in other European camps.

GOVERNOR LEHMAN PROCLAIMS "BIBLE WEEK" IN NEW YORK STATE

ALBANY, Dec. 4. (JTA)-- Governor Lehman today proclaimed "Bible Week" in New York State from Monday, Dec. 8 to Sunday, Dec. 14. The Governor called on citizens to do more study and greater reading of the Bible and more widespread practice of "the philosophy of understanding, justice and charity which it proclaims."