Jews in Romania sent to concentration camp for traveling without permits

ZURICH, March 26. (JTA)--The arrest and internment in a concentration camp of a number of Jews in Romania on the charge that they traveled from one city to another without the necessary special authorization is reported in the Universal, a Bucharest daily newspaper which arrived here today.

The paper states that the Romanian authorities are determined to prevent the flight of Jews from the country under any circumstances. This explains why a strict control on the movements of Jewish inhabitants has been introduced in the country, the Universal says. This also explains why the authorities last week issued an order revoking the driving licenses of all Jews.

Among the Jews reported interned for traveling without permission is a Jewish woman, Rasela Blumberg. Other Jews who have been sent to a concentration camp on the same charge include Jacob Marcovici, Isaac Smilovici and Moche Strul. The regulations prohibiting Jews to leave the country were issued under the pretext that Jews act as "enemy agents" when reaching abroad and report developments in Romania concerning which the Romanian government is anxious to keep the outside world uninformed.

Jews demonstrate in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv against Palestine officials

JERUSALEM, March 26. (JTA)--Street demonstrations took place today in Jerusalem and in Tel Aviv with thousands of Jews marching and carrying banners and placards demanding the punishment of those responsible for the death of the 768 refugees who lost their lives in the sinking of the Strune after being refused admission to Palestine.

The demonstrations marked the occasion of the end of the thirty-day period following the death of the Strune victims. The police did not molest any of the demonstrators and the processions passed without any disturbances. In Jerusalem the demonstration concluded with a mass meeting at the Jeshurun synagogue addressed by Chief Rabbi Herzog and Chief Rabbi Uziel.

Hungarian Jews will receive worthless bonds in return for their property

GENEVA, March 26. (JTA)--Jews whose properties are to be confiscated under the new Hungarian law, which provides for taking over all Jewish-owned agricultural holdings, will not receive monetary payment for their possessions but will be given virtually worthless government bonds, it was reported here today.

All Jewish property falling into the proscribed categories has been sequestered since March 20, the reports confirmed and none of it may be sold or transferred.
FRENCH GOVERNMENT ISSUES LAW PROHIBITING JEWS TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES

VICHY, March 26. (JTA)-- Jews in France will henceforth be forbidden to change their names as a result of a new anti-Jewish law proclaimed here today by the French Government. The law aims at preventing Jews from assuming French-sounding family names.

The new measure is part of the increased anti-Jewish legislation stimulated by the Nazi occupational authorities in Paris and prepared by Xavier Vallat, the Vichy Commissioner for Jewish Affairs. More anti-Jewish orders are expected.

BELGIAN JEWS FORBIDDEN TO SELL OR BUY ANY PROPERTY WITHOUT NAZI PERMISSION

LONDON, March 26. (JTA)-- Belgian Jews are prohibited to either acquire or dispose of any property without special permission of the Nazi occupation officials, under a new German decree issued in Brussels, the Belgian government-in-exile learned today.

At the same time, the Belgian circles report, the Nazis appointed a board of directors for the recently-formed Association of Belgian Jews, to which all Jews must belong. Regulations, details of which are still unknown, were also issued covering educational matters, such as the transfer of Jewish teachers dismissed from Belgian schools to Jewish schools, which all Jewish children will be compelled to attend.

SATURDAY EVENING POST ARTICLE, "THE CASE AGAINST THE JEWS," SCORED BY FM EDITOR

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA)-- Milton Mayer's article entitled "The Case Against the Jews," which appears in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post, is assailed today in the newspaper FM, by Ralph Ingersoll, the daily's editor.

In his article, Mayer stated that the Jews of America were afraid that "their number was up" because "they know that every war since Napoleon has been followed by collapse, and they know that the post-war collapse will remind a bitter and bewildered nation that 'the Jews got us into the war.'" He criticized those Jews who seek to become completely assimilated and discard their Jewishness and those Jews who exploit their fellowmen. As his solution for the Jews of America, Mr. Mayer suggested a return to the principles of the prophet Isaiah: "In righteousness shalt thou be established."

Ingersoll's reply, which calls Mayer's article "a glove slapped across the American mouth," takes issue with the concept that a collapse has followed each war in which America has participated. Rather, writes Ingersoll, "at the end of each of these wars the principles on which this country was founded were not weaker but stronger." The FM editor charges that Mayer's article in essence said that "this was a Gentile country of shopkeepers without morals or meaning, competing only for the privilege of exploiting one another." Scoring this thesis, Ingersoll reiterates that the strength of America lies in the fact that it is built on people of all creeds and colors and terms the Saturday Evening Post article an insult to millions of democratic Americans.

REFUGEE GROUP COMPILING ROSTER OF ALIEN SPECIALISTS READY TO SERVE U.S. WAR EFFORT

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA)-- A national occupational roster of loyal aliens in the United States is being prepared by the Immigrants' Conference, a federation of organizations of loyal immigrants who have come to America since 1953, it was announced today. This roster will be made available to interested Government agencies.
NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA)—Leading Jewish organizations today lauded the services of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in messages congratulating the JTA on the 25th anniversary of its existence as the only news agency serving as a link between Jews in all parts of the world.

Maurice Wertheim, president of the American Jewish Committee, said in his message: "The twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the JTA is an event of importance in Jewish life. It marks the end of an uninterrupted period of distinguished service in the gathering and dissemination of news affecting Jews throughout the world. During the past quarter of a century, unfortunately a period of great upheavals and catastrophe for Jews, the work of the JTA in keeping open vital channels of communication during this epochal era is a signal contribution. The American Jewish community as a whole is in its debt. My very best wishes to the JTA for many more decades of notable service."

Horris D. Waldman, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, in a congratulatory statement declared: "The JTA is an amazing achievement. Conceived and undertaken by a Viennese youth with a one-pound note in Amsterdam, it has grown under the management of Mr. Jacob Landau into a great institution, the value of whose services is universally recognized. I have learned to respect the resourcefulness, high intelligence and dependability of its correspondents. These men like Boris Smoler and Victor Bienstock have developed a tradition of journalism that is on a level with that of the ablest correspondents of other leading news agencies and metropolitan dailies. On the basis of my intimate knowledge of its work, I can emphatically repeat what Louis Marshall said to me fourteen years ago: 'If there were no Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the Jewish Community would have to create one.' My warmest wishes for continued usefulness."

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William Rosenwald, president of the National Refugee Service, sent the following message: "The National Refugee Service takes pleasure in commending the fine record of achievement of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on this auspicious occasion, the twenty-fifth anniversary of its inception. As a world-wide news service, it has been of inestimable value to the community, not only as a speedy source of accurate and impartial information but also as an instrument for the interpretation of Jewish life to the world at large."

Henry Minsky, A'uai B'rith president, in expressing his congratulations declared: "The bulletins of the JTA have served a useful purpose in providing those who participate actively in the execution of the programs which minister to the
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changes from day to day."

I. M. Hinkoff, executive secretary of the General Jewish Council, extend-
ing his congratulations, said: "One active in Jewish affairs today must have in-
telligent and comprehensive information about Jewish life the world over. Without
such knowledge no constructive work can be carried on either in the field of civi-
protective activities or in the field of relief. The JTA, whose extensive service
embraces Jewish life over all parts of the globe, has become an important factor
in our daily struggle."

William J. Shrader, chairman of the Board of the Council of Jewish Feder-
tions and Welfare Funds, congratulating the JTA on its record of twenty-five years
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and valuable instrument in furnishing prompt, accurate and impartial information to
the Jewish communities of the United States. The value of this service to the pro-
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American life is understanding by all groups of the cultural problems and aspira-
tions of the other groups. Not of the least valuable of the by-products of the JTA ac-
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H. L. Lurie, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and
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problems here and abroad is profoundly affected by the trend of events and by the
day-to-day occurrences throughout the world. A knowledge of these events and an
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services. The general press and other media for public information and communication
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of news of special Jewish interest is inadequate. A special news-gathering service
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George E. Medalie, president of the Federation for the Support of Jewish
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minute service in keeping ourselves informed of the catastrophic changes now going on
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construction. Your enterprise deserves the high regard in which it is universally
held, and I wish for it continuing and increasing usefulness."

Frank L. Weil, president of the Jewish Welfare Board, stated in his message
of greetings: "The work of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency is invaluable in its collec-
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Louis Kraft, executive director of the J.W.B., congratulating the Jewish
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