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FRANCE DEPORTS 500 JEWISH CHILDREN FROM INSTITUTIONS; REFUGEES NEED CLOTHING

GENEVA, Sept. 23. (JTA)-- Five hundred Jewish children residing in homes maintained by the OSE, Jewish Health Society, in unoccupied France were delivered by French authorities to the Nazis for deportation to occupied territory in eastern Europe, it was reported here today.

Jewish organizations here today started collecting clothing for Jews escaping from France into Swiss territory. Many of these Jews continue to slip into Switzerland, but arrive in a most deplorable state, the majority of them with their clothing torn from long wandering on roads, hiding in caves, and crawling in woods and on mountains.

A ten-point statement outlining the policy of the Swiss federal authorities with regard to the admission of refugees from France, Holland and Belgium was submitted last night to the Swiss National Council by Edouard von Steiger, Minister of Justice. "Switzerland," he said in his statement, "cannot allow mass-entries of refugees as this would amount to a veritable invasion. The country's immigration laws must be rigorously enforced in order to safeguard the country's vital interests." A full dress debate on the Government's statement will take place in the National Council today or tomorrow.

Vichy Confiscates Blum's Summer Home; Censorship of Sermons Demanded

The Paris radio today announced that the summer home of former Premier Leon Blum, has been confiscated under the law transferring Jewish property to non-Jews. Blum's home was located in Marbonne, unoccupied France, where pro-Jewish demonstrations recently resulted in the arrest of thousands of "Aryan" Frenchmen.

A campaign to introduce censorship of sermons delivered by Catholic and Protestant clergymen in order to prevent them from condemning the anti-Jewish policy of the French Government was initiated today throughout France by Jacques Doriot, notorious anti-Semitic leader who enjoys the backing of Hitler.

The Weltwoche, a leading Swiss liberal weekly newspaper, today carries an article explaining why the Nazis forced the anti-Jewish measures on Pierre Laval, chief of the French Government. "The Nazis have long regarded each nation's attitude towards the Jewish question as a touchstone of its powers of resistance," the article states. "The Nazi leader Werner Best, lecturing before leaders of the S.S., Hitler's Elite units, on July 27, emphasized that the Jewish question is dynamite with which we blast the forts where the last liberalist snipers have their nests, since countries which abandon Jews thereby abandon their former judaized way of living with false ideals of liberty."

SLOVAKIAN JEWS SHORN OF LABOR PERMITS, MADE LIABLE TO DEPORTATION

ZURICH, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- Revocation of the labor permits which were granted to certain categories of Slovakian Jews considered essential to the nation's economy has been ordered by Minister of the Interior Sano Mach, who administers all anti-Jewish measures, it was announced today by the Bratislava radio. This new decree automatically makes the holders of the labor permits liable to deportation.

At the same time Mach ordered that baptismal certificates granted to Jews be cancelled. The pro-Nazi Slovakian press has been agitating for such a ruling, charging that too many Jews are escaping deportation because they possess labor permits or have been hastily baptized by sympathetic Catholic priests.

Meanwhile, information reaching here from the Czech Protectorate reveals that the Nazis have speeded up the deportation of Czech Jews, looking towards the expulsion of all Jews from Bohemia and Moravia by the beginning of October. The fortress prison of Theresin, where the Germans have been concentrating Jews prior to deportation eastward, is so overcrowded that the Nazis have been forced to open a new concentration camp in a small village near Tabor, in southern Bohemia, the report states.

PARIS UNIVERSITY FORCED BY NAZIS TO TEST "JEWISH" AND "ARYAN" BLOOD

BERN, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- Quoting a Berlin broadcast, Swiss newspapers today report that for the first time a blood test was made in France to determine whether a man was a Jew or an "Aryan".

The test was made on a Parisian who failed to register as a Jew and declared that he was not Jewish. He was taken to the Sorbonne University where one of the professors was ordered to make a "biological examination" of his blood. "The test established that the man had Jewish blood and he will therefore be placed on trial for violating the anti-Jewish laws," the Berlin radio is reported as stating.

(The Medical Information Bureau of the New York Academy of Medicine, informed of the above report, commented: "It is extremely unlikely that such a test could ever be devised. In the light of present knowledge, the claim sounds preposterous, particularly since the term 'Aryan' is a propagandist and political concept rather than a biological one.")

NAZIS MARK ROSH HASHANAH BY OPENING SWIMMING POOL IN POZMAN SYNAGOGUE

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- The Nazi authorities in Poznan, in the German-annexed section of Poland, marked the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 12, by opening a swimming pool and public bath in the premises of the former synagogue of Poznan, it was reported here today. Arthur Greiser, German commissar for the annexed area, participated in gala ceremonies opening the baths, the report states.

PROMINENT RUMANIAN SCIENTIST SEEKS TO ENLIST AS FIRST "ARYAN" IN A JEWISH ARMY

LONDON, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- An application from the first "Aryan" to volunteer for enlistment in a Jewish army, was received here today by the Anglo-American Committee for a Jewish Army.

A Rumanian scientist, whose name cannot be divulged, wrote that he would like to join a Jewish force when it is formed "to atone as far as possible for the sins of my nation. Having associated with Jews since childhood, I would consider it a privilege to fight with them against the common enemy."

JEWS BARRED FROM PARK BENCHES IN HOLLAND; DUTCH CLERGYMEN PROTEST DEPORTATIONS

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 23. (JTA)-- Nazi occupation authorities in Holland have instructed the Jewish councils of Amsterdam and The Hague to inform Jews in those cities that they are forbidden to sit upon benches placed in street squares or in parks, it is reported in the current issue of 'the Joodsche Weekblad, official organ of the Amsterdam Jewish community, which was received here today. Jews found seated upon these benches will be arrested and deported to forced labor in Germany, together with their families, the paper writes.

At the same time it was learned here that Catholic and Protestant clergymen in Holland have addressed a joint petition to Arthur Seyss-Inquart, Reich Commissar for the Netherlands, protesting against the deportation of Dutch Jews to eastern Europe. The protests charges that the deportation order "contravenes the profound moral and ethical feelings of the people of Holland." Other reports indicate, however, that the deportations continue at a rapid pace and that many cities are already "Judenrein."

The Assen Nationale Dagblad, a collaborationist newspaper, reaching here today, reports that six Jews were among nine Hollanders recently sentenced to prison by a German tribunal for listening to illegal broadcasts in the house of a Dutch "Aryan." Although their names are not given, they are listed as a florist, an apprentice, a dental mechanic, a warehouse clerk, a vulcaniser and a trade representative.

NAZIS EXECUTE 95 JEWS IN MASS-SLAUGHTER IN RUSSIAN TOWN OF TOROPETZ

KUIBYSHEV, Sept. 23. (JTA)-- Ninety-five Jews, including fifteen children ranging in age from one to thirteen, were executed in the Russian town of Toropetz, in Kalinin province, in a mass-slaughter staged according to the familiar Nazi pattern, it was revealed here today by Misha Ivanov, a non-Jewish turner who managed to survive until the Red Army recaptured the town.

Ivanov stated that immediately upon entering Toropets, the Nazis ordered all its Jewish residents to don armbands bearing blue Mogen Davids. Later all the Jews in the city were concentrated in the dormitory formerly used by workers at an adjoining textile factory. There they lived without adequate clothing, food or heat.

One day German police halted all passers-by near the dormitory and ordered them to return to their homes. Shortly afterward heart-rending shrieks came from the dormitory; Ivanov and some friends succeeded in peering through holes in the building's gates. They saw German soldiers lead groups of five Jews to the brink of one of two deep pits which had been dug in the courtyard. There the Jews were shot and their bodies tumbled into the pits. This continued until eighty Jews were dead - both men and women. Then the children were thrown into the pits still alive and the Nazi soldiers proceeded to cover the mass grave, suffocating those who were not yet dead.

JEWSH IMMIGRATION BARRED IN BILL ADOPTED BY BOLIVIAN DEPUTIES

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Sept. 23. (JTA)-- A proposal which would bar Jews from immigrating to Bolivia was adopted yesterday by the Chamber of Deputies. The bill will now go to the Senate.

JEWIS IN FUTURE POLAND WILL HAVE TO BECOME FARMERS, SAYS ECONOMIC EXPERT

LONDON, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- The view that Jews in post-war Poland will have to play a larger part in agriculture, was expressed by Dr. Manfred Lachs, expert on questions of economics and international law, in the course of a lecture on "The Contribution of Polish Jews to the Economic Life of Poland during the Years 1918-1939" delivered here last night.

Emigration, Dr. Lachs said, was not the only solution of the Jewish problem in Poland. The Polish Government has repeatedly stated that the Jews will be able to participate in all spheres of Polish life, and a policy of intensive agricultural production would provide new opportunities also for Polish Jews, he stated.

PLEDGE TO LIBERATE NAZI-TORTURED EUROPEAN JEWRY GIVEN AT USSISHKIN MEMORIAL MEETING

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- A declaration expressing solidarity with the Jews of Palestine and pledging the rededication of the Jews of the United States to the liberation of Nazi-tortured European Jewry was adopted here tonight at a mass meeting arranged by the Jewish National Fund of America to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of M. M. Ussishkin, who died a year ago today in Jerusalem.

Similar memorial meetings were held tonight in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and other cities. In Jerusalem an all-day conference of the Jewish National Fund took place today culminating with a memorial meeting for the late JNF president on Mt. Scopus, where Ussishkin is buried. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine who is now in this country, sent a message to the New York gathering expressing his grief over the fact that his impaired health and physicians' orders did not permit him to be present at the meeting to join in tribute to Ussishkin. He emphasized in his message that the land which the JNF is redeeming "is the most priceless possession in preparation for the establishment of the Jewish Commonwealth."

Sounding the keynote of the meeting, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the JNF in America, said that had there been a Jewish Commonwealth established in Palestine during Ussishkin's lifetime, he would undoubtedly have been chosen as either President or head of its Legislative Assembly. He credited Ussishkin with preparing Palestine for its present vital role in the war effort of the United Nations. Dr. Stephen S. Wise, eulogizing Ussishkin, stated that "he takes his place in Zionist history by the side of such men as Dr. Herzl, Justice Brandeis, and Dr. Weizmann." Other speakers at the meeting here included Rabbi Samuel Brodt, World Mizrahi leader, and Hayim Greenberg, leader of the Zionist laborites.

The declaration adopted at the meeting, read by Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund of America, also expresses "fullest confidence in the final victory of freedom," salutes the armies of the United States, the armies of the United Nations in the Middle East, and the "brave armies of the Soviet Union now locked in bitter struggle with the enemies of civilization and humanity," and concludes by pointing out that the goal of the Jews is "the establishment of a free Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine."

DUTCH AUTHORITIES RELEASE JEWISH REFUGEES INTERNED ON ISLAND OF BONAIRE

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.(JTA)-- A group of refugee Jews who had been interned as "enemy aliens" by the Dutch authorities of Curacao on the tiny island of Bonaire, have just been released, according to official advice received by the World Jewish Congress in New York today.