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CONGRESS ASKED TO ADMIT JEWISH REFUGEES FROM FRANCE TO U. S. A.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.(JTA)-- Permission for refugees, fleeing internment and deportation in France, to enter the United States was urged in a resolution submitted to Congress today by Rep. Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat.

The resolution, which was sent to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, would authorize the State and Justice Departments to admit "as refugees" anyone living in France on Sept. 15 "upon proof being shown that said intended immigrants are refugees fleeing round-up, internment, castigation and punishment and other religious persecutions inspired or conducted by Nazi authorities or French officials under compulsion."

The resolution proposed by Congressman Celler cites the protests against Laval's policy by the Canadian government and the Catholic clergy within France, as well as the protest by the United States. It recalls the traditional American hospitality to refugees, enunciated by Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and President Roosevelt.

ANTI-SEMITISM IS OUR FIRST COMMANDMENT, SAYS VICHY; RAIDS ON JEWS CONTINUE

LISBON, Sept. 25.(JTA)-- The people of France were advised today over all radio stations in the unoccupied zone that their opposition to the anti-Jewish measures of the Laval government will bring no results.

Indicating that the Vichy authorities are determined to continue the deportation of Jews, a broadcast by an official of the Commissariat for Jewish Affairs stated that "one of the first conditions for the emancipation of the French people is that they should treat the Jews as dangerous foreigners."

Information reaching here from Paris today states that several thousand Rumanian Jews have been arrested there during the last few days for deportation to Transnistria, the Rumanian-held section of the Nazi-occupied Ukraine. At the same time, Hungarian Jews were arrested for deportation to unknown destinations. In rounding up alien Jews for deportation to Eastern Europe, the Nazi authorities in Paris have heretofore abstained from arresting Jews who are nationals of countries allied with the Axis powers. The present arrests of Rumanian and Hungarian Jews were carried out with the consent of the Bucharest and Budapest governments, the Gestapo in Paris claims.

The Berlin radio today announced that any Jew in Rumania over the age of 15, whether man or woman, who returns illegally from the camps in Transnistria to the section of Rumania from where he was deported, will be executed, according to an order issued yesterday by the Rumanian Government. Those aiding Jews to return will be punished by 5 to 25 years at hard labor.

JEW IN BERLIN ARE WALKING CORPSES, EYE WITNESS REPORTS

BERN, Sept. 25.(JTA)-- The several thousand Jews who are still permitted to reside in Berlin are "walking corpses," a Hungarian eye-witness who left Berlin a few days ago reports in the Swiss press today. He states that the situation of the Jews there is becoming worse from day to day.

"Though Jews are formally allowed to do their shopping between 4 and 5 in the afternoon, owners of grocery stores have been secretly instructed not to sell them anything," the Hungarian observer stated. "When I passed a Jew in the street, I could almost hear his bones rattling. One can now recognize a Jew in Berlin not only by the yellow insignia which he must wear, but also by his very pale face. The majority of the Jews still in Berlin are elderly women whose husbands and sons have been deported to Eastern territory."

The Berlin radio today reported that Jews in Bulgaria who fail to wear a yellow Mogen David will be punished by three years imprisonment and a maximum fine of 100,000 leva, approximately \$1,250 at the pre-war rate of exchange.

ONLY ONE JEW LEFT ALIVE IN VITEBSK; 11,000 JEWS MASSACRED IN PONIEVEZH BY NAZIS

KULBYSHEV, Sept. 25.(JTA)-- Submitting to requests by wives of German officials in the Nazi-occupied city of Vitebsk, Byelorussia, the Gestapo left one Jew in the city after killing thousands of others and deporting the remainder to unknown destinations, it was reported here today by Russian partisans returning from the Vitebsk area.

The Jew for whom the wives of the Nazi officials interceded with the Gestapo is a gynecologist. The women argued that it was in the interest of their health and their expected children that the Jewish doctor remain in the city where no other civilian doctors were available.

A Jew who, together with two Lithuanians, succeeded in escaping from the Nazis, today reported that the Germans massacred 11,000 in the town of Ponievezh, near Kovno. "The town itself did not have eleven thousand Jewish residents, but the Nazis drove hundreds of Jews from the neighboring townships into Ponievezh in order to make the entire district 'judenrein' through one pogrom," the Lithuanian Jew declared. He added that Catholic priests in Nazi-occupied Lithuania pleaded with the Gestapo to be allowed to take Jewish children under their care, but their appeals were ignored.

LOUD SPEAKERS ANNOUNCE DEPORTATION OF JEWS FROM YUGOSLAV CITY

BERN, Sept. 25.(JTA)-- All Jews will be driven from the Yugoslavian town of Osijek, according to a public announcement over loud speakers by the Nazi occupational officials there that "the cleansing process has begun," it is reported in the Nazi press reaching here today from Belgrade.

Dispatches from Slovakia, appearing in the same papers, state that Sanr Mach, Slovakian Minister of the Interior, who is in charge of all anti-Jewish measures, has announced that a delegation of "leading citizens" of the town of Tyrnau came to Bratislava to petition him to rid their city of Jews.

At the same time, the pro-Nazi press received here charges that Czechs living in Slovakia are cooperating with Jews in fomenting anti-Slovak activities. The newspapers suggest that Czechs be sent to the Protectorate "where they will learn discipline and begin to appreciate life in Slovakia."

CANADIANS CAN CABLE TO RELATIVES IN NAZI-HELD COUNTRIES, RED CROSS ANNOUNCES

OTTAWA, Sept. 25.(JTA)-- Canadians will now be able to send personal cable messages to relatives in enemy or enemy-occupied countries, as a result of a new service established by the Canadian Red Cross, it was announced here today. Previously there was only a postal message service handled by the Canadian Post Office and the International Red Cross. The Jewish Section of the Canadian Red Cross is handling the service in Montreal.

The Jewish National Labor Alliance in Toronto, a Zionist Laborite fraternal organization, today announced that it will provide two ambulances through the Canadian Red Cross for Palestine and Russia. Both ambulances will be presented next week to Matthew Woll, chairman of the United Nations War Labor Committee, at a special ceremony which will be attended by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and by representatives of the Canadian Government and of the Canadian Red Cross.

CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT JAILING OF INDICTED ANTI-SEMITIC LEADER LAUNCHED BY FOLLOWERS

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.(JTA)-- An organization calling itself "The Committee for the Preservation of Christ's Cause in America" is sending an appeal to every Protestant preacher and Catholic priest in the country in an effort to enlist aid for Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, one of the anti-Semitic leaders in America whom the United States Government has indicted for sedition.

Stating that "prayers are ascending for Dr. Winrod everywhere and many churches are keeping a constant vigil on his behalf," the appeal urges that "pastors of all denominations shall make his matter a subject of public discussion and prayer." It suggests bringing pressure on Representatives and Senators in Winrod's behalf and emphasizes that "Dr. Winrod has been a faithful public servant of the Lord Jesus Christ for 22 years" and occupies "a warm place in the affections of Christians numbering into the millions who have attended his great inter-denominational meetings."

500 MONTREAL Y.M.H.A. MEN IN ARMED FORCES

MONTREAL, Sept. 25.(JTA)-- More than 500 members of the Young Men's Hebrew Association in this city have already joined the Canadian armed services, according to the Honor Roll now being displayed in the auditorium of the "Y" building here.

"Y" members are to be found in the Canadian Active Army, in the Royal Canadian Air Force and in the Navy, many of them having already risen to high rank. The Honor Roll also includes the names of 14 members of the Y.M.H.A. staff who have enlisted to serve their country on active service.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH SOLDIERS DECORATED FOR GALLANTRY

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 25.(JTA)-- Four Jews were among those decorated today for gallantry in action, at impressive ceremonies at Government House here. The awards were made by Governor-General Sir Patrick Duncan, representing the King. Prime Minister Jan Smuts attended the reception which followed the presentation ceremonies. Those decorated were: Captain Heyman Samson, who was raised to the rank of Lieut. Colonel; Lionel Melzer and Lieut. Frank Solomon, who received the Military Cross; and Second Lieut. Sydney Bernstein who was given the Distinguished Flying Medal.