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LAVAL SAYS JEWS IN FRANCE WILL NOT BE GRANTED EXIT PERMITS, EVEN IF THEY HAVE VISAS

BERN, Sept. 27. (JTA)-- The Vichy Government will refuse to issue exit visas to Jews in France "who wish to emigrate to places other than Germany," even though they may have visas for other countries, Chief of Government Pierre Laval announced last night, at a press conference in Vichy, according to a broadcast today by the Nazi-controlled Paris radio. Laval added that the ruling - which will affect several thousand Jews in France who possess visas for the United States and South American countries - applies only to foreign Jews who have been naturalized or have entered France since 1936.

Meanwhile, the Union Francaise, published in Lyon, in the unoccupied zone, stated that a campaign has been launched to confine all Jews under Laval's rule in a ghetto-like reservation outside of Vichy.

At his press conference, Laval said that his reasons for not granting exit visas to Jews who entered France since 1936 were, firstly, "because they might take up arms against Germany, which would be contrary to the Armistice agreement," and, secondly, "there is a suspicion that they would work against the interests of the French Government as soon as they reached another country," the Paris radio stated. At the same time, Laval is reported to have reiterated his determination to continue the deportation of Jews from France, despite criticism from Catholic circles and the open opposition of the French people.

A report reaching here from the French Riviera states that pro-Nazi French storm troopers invaded two synagogues there over the week-end and refused to leave until the local Jewish community paid them 1,000,000 francs. Local leaders of the Catholic Church attempted to persuade the storm troopers to leave the synagogue, but their pleas were unavailing.

The Swiss press today reports that in order not to provoke further pro-Jewish demonstrations among the French population, the authorities in unoccupied France have decided to move the centers where Jews are being concentrated for deportation. Instead of locating these centers in large cities, like Marseille and Toulouse, where the local French population and Christian religious organizations are interfering with the police, a large center for all Jews slated for deportation has been established at Rivesaltes, unoccupied France, nine miles north of Perpignan. From this camp direct trains will take the deportees to Germany for transfer to unknown destinations.

The local press today also publishes eye-witness reports of how Jewish children are separated from their fathers and mothers when deported from France. The identity papers of the children are destroyed by the police, while mothers are crowded into trains departing in one direction and their children are herded into trains headed in another direction, the accounts state.

HUNTED JEWS HIDE IN CORNFIELDS IN FRANCE; TRY TO FLEE TO SPAIN

LISBON, Sept. 27, (JTA)-- A number of Jews from France have succeeded in reaching Spain in a attempt to escape deportation to Nazi-held territory by fleeing to Portugal from where they intend to emigrate to overseas lands, it was reported here today.

These reports state that in the neighborhood of Pau, in the unoccupied part of France, not far from the Spanish frontier, Jews are being hunted in the cornfields where they are hiding in the hope of being able to cross into Spain at night. The same reports confirm that arrests of Hungarian and Rumanian Jews are now proceeding in Paris on a large scale following "authorization" by the Hungarian and Rumanian governments, permitting the arrest of their Jewish nationals in France.

AMERICAN JEWISH WAR EFFORT SENDING \$2,000,000 GIFT TO RUSSIAN ARMIES

NEW YORK, Sept. 27, (JTA)-- A campaign to purchase and send 1,000 fully equipped medical field units to Soviet Russia for use at the front, each unit to cost \$2,000, has been undertaken by the United Jewish War Effort, it was announced today by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Chairman of the organization, and Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, Chairman of the Executive Committee. This special campaign, which will be launched on October 1, is part of the United Jewish War Effort's activities on behalf of American Victory and Allied Relief.

The undertaking has the approval of the Russian Government authorities and the Soviet Purchasing Commission. In behalf of the Russian Government, Ambassador Litvinoff has assured the United Jewish War Effort of the urgent need of medical supplies by the Russians, and of the great appreciation "of the Soviet people and the Red Army for the planned help."

In announcing the special undertaking, Dr. Wise and Dr. Tenenbaum expressed the admiration of the Jewish community of the United States for the heroic struggle of the Russian Army and pointed out that in defending their own fatherland, the Soviet Armies have also "defended millions of Jews against a ruthless enemy who has singled out the Jewish people for extermination."

MASS-KILLING OF JEWISH WAR PRISONERS TAKEN ON RUSSIAN FRONT REPORTED

KUIBYSHEV, Sept. 27, (JTA)-- Reports of the shooting of Jewish prisoners taken by the Nazis on the Russian front reached here today, and were confirmed by an article published in Nowa Widnokrengi, official organ of the Polish military forces in Russia.

The report says that large groups of Jewish prisoners were brought from various German camps to Chelm, in the Lublin district, and were all machine-gunned there. Earlier reports stated that when the Nazis capture prisoners on the Russian front, they separate them into Jewish and non-Jewish groups and gradually kill all the captured Jewish soldiers.

The story of how a Jewish soldier, Samuel Leibowitch, killed 505 Germans on the Southern front is reported today in the Soviet press. The hero was feted by his unit at a "banquet" improvised during an hour when hostilities had let up. Leibowitch distinguished himself on numerous occasions as a sniper and carried out many dangerous assignments, participating in battles on various fronts.

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CANADA PLANS TO OPEN ITS DOORS TO LARGE SCALE POST-WAR IMMIGRATION

OTTAWA, Sept. 27. (JTA)-- Canada is making post-war plans for increased immigration, it was learned here today. These plans are being studied, at present, by a special committee which is considering the need for increased population in relation to the Dominion's agricultural, industrial, mining and new settlement requirements.

In the past, Canada based her immigration policy, particularly since the first World War, on agricultural and political needs. Politically, the province of Quebec--which held the balance of power--was strenuously opposed to newcomers to Canada on the grounds that every new settler was a threat to this balance of power. Today, it is admitted in the press and by Canada's leaders that this policy has definitely hurt the Dominion, particularly at the present time when man-power is of such vital importance to the war effort.

Today, Canada finds itself, because of the war, not an agricultural country but rather an industrial one. But the pool of available man-power for industrial purposes is not sufficient. Therefore, since it is likely that industry will continue to hold a leading place after the war, it is planned to open the gates to increased immigration.

Canadians Regret Curbs on Immigration of European Jews

Considering the fact that the Jewish agricultural population in Canada has grown rather than decreased, it is admitted today that the Dominion could have used more Jewish immigrants as well as other Europeans. The reason for this is that enlistment figures of Canada's fighting forces reveal that "New Canadians"--which includes Jews--form a large proportion. On a percentage basis the Canadian Jews rank fifth among the groups in the armed forces, headed only by the English, Scotch, Irish and Polish. This achievement has exploded a strong argument of the anti-immigrationists, who asserted that the Jews could not make good Canadian citizens. Today, it is the sons of those so-called "undesirables" that fly over Germany with the R.C.A.F., ride the seas on Corvettes in search of Nazi submarines, and partake in Commando attacks, such as the foray at Dieppe.

The Conservative Party--which is the official opposition in the Canadian House of Commons--hold a round table conference this month at Port Hope, Ontario, where the question of immigration was discussed, together with other proposed planks in a new political platform. The young element in the Party has always been pro-immigration and many of them now in key positions are prepared to insure that a progressive immigration policy is adopted.

The Cooperative Commonwealth Federation--sometimes referred to as the Socialist and Labor Party of Canada--is also pro-immigration. Its chances of gaining power are considered excellent by those acquainted with Canada's political scene, on the grounds that after the war this country will desire a great change.

One factor as to future immigration appears definite. Germans and other enemy aliens will not be admitted for a long period of time. The reason for this is not the fact that Canada is at war with Germany but rather that many Germans dwelling here are prone to be sympathetic to anti-democratic systems.