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JTA CORRESPONDENT WITNESSES FLIGHT OF REFUGEES FROM FRANCE INTO SWITZERLAND

ON THE FRANCO-SWISS FRONTIER, Sept. 28. (JTA)-- As a teeming rain poured down, turning the fields along the Franco-Swiss frontier into a muddy morass today, this correspondent witnessed a sad and depressing exodus as scores of refugees from France, fleeing from deportation to forced labor in Germany, reached a refugee center here after crossing into Switzerland along secret mountain paths.

Women and children - ranging in age from two to fifteen - most of them just a step ahead of the French police, crossed the border in drenched clothes, many of them weeping for loved ones who had failed to escape. One elderly woman carrying a small child suddenly burst into tears as she was being given food by relief workers. She told me afterwards that her husband had been taken prisoner a half hour before she reached the Swiss frontier.

Nervous and distraught, many of the refugees were bitter at the fact that small Switzerland is the only place where they can find refuge - and that by slipping across the border illegally. "Why do countries like England and the United States do nothing?" cried one refugee. "Why do they not send ships to save us? Why must Switzerland, which struggles along on small food rations, be the only nation to help us?"

On the whole, the refugees are in remarkably good shape, emotionally, despite the fact that many of them have been fleeing like hunted beasts for several days. They organize themselves under the leadership of one man or woman and obey orders. They are being aided here by public and private organizations and by individuals. A Dr. Ascher who conducts a private school in the small town of Bex, close to the border, has housed and fed 130 refugees who came within two days.

The relief organizations here are doing a remarkable job in providing for the hundreds of refugees who have entered Switzerland in the past few weeks. Even the Swiss Army and private farmers in the neighborhood have donated hundreds of pieces of wearing apparel and thousands of sheets and pillows.

Switzerland Will Continue to Receive Refugee Children

BERN, Sept. 28. (JTA)-- Switzerland will continue to receive refugee children from all European countries, but the problem of adults must be treated differently, the Bern radio announced today.

"Some of our deputies would like to be guided by their hearts, but high government officials believe that brakes must be put on our hearts in view of what may happen in the future," the announcement said. The broadcast also suggested that thousands of Jews in France could be saved from deportation if admitted to certain British possessions or to the American-owned Virgin Islands.

JEWIS DEPORTED FROM FRANCE TO CORSICA; VICHY CABINET SPLIT ON DEPORTATION POLICY

BERN, Sept. 28.(JTA)-- The deportation of 3,500 Jews from Lyon to Corsica was reported today over the Rome radio, while reports from Vichy revealed that there is a split in the French Cabinet over the continued deportation of Jews from unoccupied France to German-occupied territory.

The Vichy report stated that Joseph Barthelemy, French Minister of Justice, and Lucien Romier, Minister without portfolio, have offered their resignations in protest against the unceasing mass-deportation of Jews from France.

Several thousand Hungarian and Rumanian Jews who were arrested last week in Paris, were deported during the week-end to an "unknown destination" after being held for several days in an internment camp at Nancy, it was announced today by the Nazi authorities in France. The announcement said that the deportees were permitted to take with them food for two days and "some clothing."

Acting under Gestapo orders, the French police began to arrest for deportation baptized Jews who have belonged to the Christian Church since their birth, as well as Jewish husbands of "Aryan" wives. At the same time the Paris radio warned Catholic and Protestant church leaders in France that they had better "alter their mind before they engage in a struggle, lost in advance, with the powers of the European Revolution." The Vichy radio today continued its attacks on Archbishop Gerlier for his persistent campaign against the deportations.

MURDER OF JEWS CONTINUED SIX MONTHS AFTER NAZIS OCCUPIED UKRAINE, EYE-WITNESS SAYS

KUIBYSHEV, Sept. 28.(JTA)-- Mass round-ups and executions of Jews were still continuing in the Nazi-occupied Ukraine more than half a year after the Germans had seized the territory, it was revealed today by two eye-witnesses, Genia Vinnikova and her daughter Celia, who recently escaped from the town of Novozibkovo in the Kiev district.

In the nearby town of Unich, the women relate, the Germans, in March of this year, drove seventy Jewish families - consisting mainly of women, aged men and children - into a wrecked house and kept them there without food in the freezing cold for several days. Those who did not die of exposure were subsequently shot.

In Novozibkov, Mrs. Vinnikova said, the Germans gathered together all the Jewish men in the town shortly after they arrived. After being humiliated and tortured, the Jews were taken to an anti-tank pit at the edge of the town and shot. Later entire Jewish families were ordered to appear at a certain place. The young women and girls were violated by the Nazi soldiers and then tortured and mutilated before being flung into shallow pits. Following the now familiar Nazi pattern the fascists did not bother to shoot the children but threw them into the graves alive, allowing them to suffocate.

"AMERICAN VINDICATOR" REAPPEARS; ASKS FOR COMPLETE STOPPAGE OF IMMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.(JTA)-- Publication of Sen. Robert Reynolds's (D., N.C.) organ, The American Vindicator, has been resumed here after a lapse of several months. Direct anti-Semitism has disappeared in the current September issue, but the abolition of all immigration is demanded. Reynolds is chairman of the Senate's Military Affairs Committee.

SPECIAL CONCENTRATION CAMP FOR JEWS ESTABLISHED IN MOROCCO; THOUSANDS INTERNED

LISBON, Sept. 28.(JTA)-- A special concentration camp for Jews has been established in Vichy-controlled Morocco by Gen. Nogues, the French governor, it was reported here today by the German Transocean News Agency.

Tens of thousands of Jews are already in this camp, the Nazi report revealed. Other reports reaching here today from Morocco stated that German agents there are conducting a whispering campaign alleging that there are 300,000 Jews in Morocco today, while actually the Jewish population in Morocco hardly exceeds 150,000.

The elimination of Jews from various branches of commerce in Morocco under the French anti-Jewish laws has seriously disrupted the colony's economy, one of the reports discloses. Almost all Jewish-owned and controlled firms now have Moroccan Moslems or non-Jewish Frenchmen as directors and managers.

ANNULMENT OF ANTI-JEWISH LAWS IN POST-WAR POLAND DEMANDED BY JEWISH LEADERS

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The agenda of the session also includes a discussion of the draft of an electoral law under which the first elections would take place in a liberated Poland, until the new parliament assembled.

MORE THAN 1,750,000 AMERICAN JEWS WERE REARED SPEAKING YIDDISH, CENSUS SHOWS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.(JTA)-- Yiddish is the mother tongue of at least 1,751,100 American Jews, according to the results of a study of the 1940 census of people in the United States who were reared speaking foreign languages, it was revealed here today by the Census Bureau.

The Yiddish language as a mother tongue ranks fifth in the census, being preceded by German, Italian, Polish and Spanish. In 1920, 2,043,613 Jewish-Americans spoke Yiddish. Of the 1,751,100 who gave Yiddish as their mother tongue in the 1940 census, 924,440 were born abroad.

"Nearly 53 percent of the second-generation whites reported English the mother tongue in 1940, as compared with only about 30 percent in 1920 and 35 percent in 1910," a statement by the Census Bureau said. "Since the proportion of immigrants from English-speaking countries has been declining for many decades, it would appear that immigrants of a foreign mother tongue are less inclined than formerly to use it in their homes and thus teach it to their children."

JEWISH MILITARY FORMATIONS PARADE THROUGH STREETS OF TEL AVIV

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A committee to determine the minimum wages for skilled and unskilled workers in Palestine and to calculate the cost of living in relation to wages was appointed today under the chairmanship of the Chief Justice of Palestine.

DR. MORGENSTERN URGES JEWS NOT TO APOLOGIZE FOR EXISTING

CINCINNATI, Sept. 28.(JTA)-- Declaring that "Judaism must play an indispensable, distinctive and distinguished part" in the fashioning of the world which will emerge from the present war, Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of the Hebrew Union College, addressing the opening exercises of the 68th academic year of the College, appealed to the Jewish people "to cease to fear what the world may think of us, or what it may do to us," but to fear only God.

"Judaism must be lived by our Jewish people confidently, courageously, eagerly, exultantly, with full appreciation of the worth of our heritage, of its indispensability for human salvation and of the lofty role which we, as its bearers and transmitters, are called upon to play in this next, momentous and happier act in the drama of human life," Dr. Morgenstern said. "It is a proud role indeed, from which we need not shrink, and the burden of which need terrify us no longer, but which we may assume with faith, with purpose and with self-consecration.

"It is well for us to realize this now and clearly. For the last three-quarters of a century anti-Semitism has been the most potent directive force in Jewish life. It has shaped not only our attitude towards the world, but also our attitude towards ourselves, towards our people and towards our destiny. It has made us deeply self-conscious and has created within us a decided inferiority complex. It has disposed us to be overly solicitous and apologetic and to constantly justify our existence. It has set us on the defensive and made mere survival as a people the highest Jewish goal toward which we dare aspire. It has called forth assimilation in its extreme expression, a cowardly haste, even a panic, on the part of cringing individuals to shake off the burden of the Jew by obliterating both their Judaism and their Jewishness and making themselves as they think exactly like the mass of men in the world without.

"But equally anti-Semitism, plus a not unnatural primary and largely emotional reaction to it, has created Jewish political nationalism, the attempt on the part of a large section of the Jewish people to make itself once again what it was actually only during brief periods of existence, and with no distinguished achievement nor particularly glory as such, a nation precisely like the other nations of the earth, with its own lands, its own army, its own government, its own politics and its own politicians, its own economy, its own culture, its own international and interracial feuds, to force Judaism and the Jewish people backward once again into the mould of nationalism, the spirit and inevitable purposes of which have been the chief cause of the present world-cataclysm, and which, we believe firmly, is now about to be superseded by a far higher form of organization of peoples in the impending pattern of world-unity."

JEWSH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION INAUGURATES 21ST ACADEMIC YEAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.(JTA)-- Ten percent of the graduates of the Jewish Institute of Religion are on leave of absence from their congregations, serving as chaplains in the Army and Navy, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise announced last night at the exercises inaugurating the 12th academic year of the Institute. Right Rev. Francis J. McConnell, Resident Bishop of the Methodist Church, delivered an address on "Some Jewish Contributions to Democracy."

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