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7,000 REFUGEES FLEE TO SAFETY IN SWITZERLAND AND SPAIN, JDC REPORTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.(JTA)-- A total of seven thousand refugees, in fear of deportation to the East from Holland, Belgium and France, have fled to neutral Switzerland and Spain in the past three months, it was announced today by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.

The refugees, of whom 6,000 entered Switzerland and 1,000 entered Spain without legal documents, are destitute, Mr. Hyman declared. At least half of the arrivals in Spain have been interned or jailed. The Joint Distribution Committee, in cooperation with local Jewish committees, is making strenuous efforts to alleviate their situation.

According to the information received by the Joint Distribution Committee by cable from its representative in Lisbon, the 6,000 refugees who have crossed the Swiss border are being held in special camps by the authorities. Until recently, as many as 220 refugees a day were entering the country, but this has been cut down to 30 a day as a result of increased vigilance by Swiss and French border guards, the cable said. The camps to which these arrivals are sent appear to be model internment centers and far superior to similar camps in Europe. The camps are well equipped and food is adequate. The Swiss Government is attempting to provide work for able-bodied internees in accordance with its policy of permitting refugees to earn their keep.

Spain Places Women and Children in City Jails

"Of the approximately 1,000 who made their way to Spain at least half have been apprehended," Mr. Hyman said. "The women and children have been placed in city jails, the men in the internment camp of Miranda del Ebro. Others are still circulating in Barcelona, Madrid, Figueras and other cities, but are in constant danger of being picked up. Under the circumstances, the cost of their maintenance is extremely high. Our representative, who personally spent several days in Spain discussing the situation with local groups, indicates that he is trying to secure the release of the jailed refugees on the basis of a guarantee of maintenance to be supplied by the Joint Distribution Committee. Prospects for the release of about 75 women and children held in Figueras seem hopeful."

Supplying funds for maintaining the refugees in Spain will constitute a major problem, Mr. Hyman added, since, in the absence of any authorized local Jewish welfare body, the refugees must be supported on an individual basis at tourist rates. In the past the cost has run as high as \$20 a week per person. In the first ten months of 1942, the Joint Distribution Committee has had to allot \$215,500 for the support of refugees in Spain. Since the beginning of the year it allocated \$463,000 for the care of refugees in Switzerland whose number has been doubled by the new arrivals.

PLANS FOR EMIGRATION OF REFUGEE CHILDREN FROM FRANCE PROGRESSING, HULL SAYS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.(JTA)-- Plans for bringing refugee children to this country from France are developing along lines already announced, Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today.

Mr. Hull's statement came in response to a question at his press conference concerning Nazi reports that the children would not be permitted to leave unless the United States ceased "anti-French and anti-German propaganda."

PRO-NAZI ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLICATIONS STILL ACTIVE IN AMERICA, SURVEY ESTABLISHES

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.(JTA)-- More than ten months after Pearl Harbor, there still persist in the country propaganda sheets which tend to sabotage the spirit of the war effort by spreading anti-Jewish, anti-war and even pro-Nazi statements, the New York Herald-Tribune reported today.

"These sheets are not so numerous nor outspoken as they used to be, before the United States went to war, or before last July, when Federal indictments were returned against twenty-eight propaganda writers accused of trying to foment disloyalty in the armed forces. But they still exist, circulating the same old hate-lies with a bit more subtlety and caution. Several of them have been put out in recent weeks by some of the very persons indicted in July for issuing anti-American or pro-enemy propaganda," the paper writes.

The principal themes of the propaganda sheets, whose effect is to serve a pro-Axis and pro-Japanese cause in America, are to cast doubt and aspersions on allies of the United States; to discredit the Administration guiding the nation's war plans, and to raise the chimera of anti-Semitism and international Jewish plots.

"Yankee Freeman" Calls for Drive "to Stop Judaism" in U.S.

The most barefaced propaganda piece now in circulation comes from Seattle and advertises an organization known as the "Yankee Freeman." Its program advocates the immediate resignation of President Roosevelt, immediate peace with Germany, Italy, and Japan, and the immediate annulment of all lend-lease laws. A pledge card soliciting funds for the organization commits the signer to help stop "Judaism" and to work for putting "a military man in the White House." A "Yankee Freeman" pamphlet asks: "Do you know that all hate Hitler propaganda is inspired by the enemies of mankind (Jews and Freemasons)?"

In Muncie, Ind., Court Asher still publishes his weekly "X-Ray," although he is one of those indicted in July. Asher refers to New York as Jew York. He also openly attacks President Roosevelt. Gerald K. Smith, a former Huey Long associate and long a promoter of various movements, publishes "The Cross and the Flag" in Detroit. In his September issue he warned the "Christian farmer" and the "Christian worker" against Farmer-Labor political parties. William Kullgren, who as publisher of "The Beacon Light" in Atascadero, Calif., is under Federal indictment, sent a recent circular to friends and subscribers, asking contributions for his defense.

"The Broom," of San Diego, Calif., formerly published by C. Leon de Aryan, who still writes for it, though he, too, has been indicted, raised this question: "In view of the fact that England has a little more war on her hands than she can comfortably manage, it seems passing strange that she so persistently refuses to allow the Jews to form their own army to fight with her. One is forced to the conclusion that the international Jews are a long way from the decent, upright Zionist Jews and are perhaps blocking their demands for such an army."

Charles B. Hudson, of Omaha, publisher of "America in Danger," and now under Federal indictment, recalls in a recent issue that it was he who raised speculation over the advancement of the "part-Jew Churchill" to the post of the British Prime Minister.

During investigations leading to the July indictments, most of the sheets lost their second-class mailing privileges. Now most of them circulate through first-class mail.

ARMY MEDICAL OFFICE REFUTES ACCUSATION AGAINST REFUGEE DOCTORS

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA)— Unaware of the recent Army reversal of a previous ruling that foreign physicians who became naturalized after three months service were eligible for commissions, many groups - especially organized medical groups - are attacking refugee doctors accusing them of failure to assume army service, it was reported today by the National Refugee Service.

"In one instance in Akron, Ohio, a medical journal editorial accused ten refugee physicians in that city of draft evasion. Prompt investigation revealed that all ten had tried to join the army but were not accepted," the NRS report establishes.

Colonel Samuel J. Kopetzky of the Army Medical Corps, in charge of the assignment and procurement of physicians through the New York Selective Service Office, strongly refuted an accusation against refugee doctors which appeared in the Journal of the Medical Society of the County of New York. Col. Kopetzky stated:

"In the Public Forum there has appeared a letter by a physician who hid behind anonymity, probably ashamed to have asked the question he put forth publicly for answer. He wanted to know the number of foreign-born physicians who had volunteered in the armed forces, as soldiers, being precluded from commissioned rank because of being non-citizens."

Substantial Number of Refugee Doctors Seek to Enlist

Col. Kopetzky then explained that foreigners are not accepted by the armed forces until application for their induction, submitted by their Local Boards, has been passed on and accepted by his (Col. Kopetzky) Headquarters and by the Army. "The question as put," he said further, "has an invidious, insidious propaganda angle which has nothing in common with true Americanism...I am putting the procedure on record in such cases because the foreign physician should not be blamed for regulations which delay his entry into armed duty by those who cannot comprehend what must first happen before he can even be sent up by his local board. The numbers of such who have come into this Headquarters asking help to facilitate their entry into the government's service is a record which in itself is the unspoken answer to the query. Figures may not be published at this time. I am writing this, however, so that all may comprehend and not lend themselves as volunteer Nazi propagandists."

While attacks on emigre doctors, particularly by organized medical groups, have multiplied in recent weeks, public demands for their full utilization have also increased, the NRS reports. Much attention has been given in the public press to the fact that despite the shortage of doctors, all but a few states prohibit emigre physicians from practicing without citizenship, the report emphasizes.

CANADIAN HADASSAH PRESENTS NINE AMBULANCES TO MILITARY HOSPITAL IN PALESTINE

MONTREAL, Oct. 29. (JTA)—A Canadian Hadassah will present a fleet of nine motor ambulances to be attached to the military hospital in Palestine, Mrs. A. Raginsky, national president of the Hadassah Organization of Canada, announced here today.

The ambulances will be driven by members of the Palestine Auxiliary Territorial Service. Each of the nine ambulances will bear a plaque with the inscription: "Presented by Canadian Hadassah." Contributions from Hadassah members in all the nine provinces of Canada provided the funds for the ambulances.