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SPANISH GOVERNMENT REFUSES EXIT VISAS TO JEWISH REFUGEES OF MILITARY AGE

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA)-- The Spanish Government has refused to issue exit visas to Jewish refugees between the ages of eighteen and forty, who are among the 5,000 who have arrived in Spain in recent months from Nazi-controlled countries in the hope of emigrating to overseas lands, it was reported here today following a conference between the office of the Director of the Inter-Governmental Refugee Committee and Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee who was on a five-day visit to London.

It is understood that Dr. Schwartz stressed the necessity of securing emigration facilities for the refugees during his conference with committee officials and in discussions with Jewish leaders here. About 3,000 of the refugees, Dr. Schwartz reported, are concentrated in Barcelona while the remainder are in six or seven smaller towns. The JDC, he said, is spending about \$65,000 monthly to support them. Partial support for the forty percent of the refugees who are Polish citizens, is being provided by the Polish Government, which, it is reported, has unsuccessfully intervened with the Spanish authorities in an attempt to secure exit visas for those of military age.

A suggestion that the United Nations grant temporary haven in North Africa to those refugees "who have succeeded in escaping from Nazi-held territory at the risk of their lives," is being advanced by various quarters, it is reported today in the Sunday Observer. The paper states that 20,000 refugees might be sheltered in North Africa until they could be repatriated after the war.

PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER URGES JEWS AND ARABS TO MAINTAIN "COOL WISDOM"

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA)-- Jews and Arabs in Palestine were asked today by Sir Harold MacMichael, High Commissioner for Palestine, to maintain cool and balanced wisdom in face of the great responsibility of maintaining peace in Palestine in the future. The appeal was made in the first 1943 radio broadcast by the High Commissioner.

At the same time the Friends of the Hebrew University in Palestine today held a meeting in Tel Aviv and adopted a resolution protesting against the activities of Dr. Yehoshua Magnes in behalf of the establishment of a bi-national state in Palestine. The meeting expressed regret over the fact that "the Hebrew University is headed by a person who is conducting propaganda which is contradictory to the spirit of the Yishuv and of the Jewish people."

In his broadcast Sir Harold stated: "To those Arabs and Jews who are in a position to lead their people, I say: Face with cool, balanced wisdom the great responsibility that lies upon you for the maintenance of peace and good-will in the Palestine of the future, even if you incur the odium of the irresponsible in doing so."

HITLER'S ANTI-JEWISH THREATS OMITTED BY NAZI RADIO IN BROADCAST TO FOREIGN LANDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. (JTA)-- Two varying texts of Hitler's New Year speech-- one in which Hitler mentioned the Jews directly and indirectly thirteen times and the other in which the Jews are mentioned only once - have been broadcast over Nazi radio stations, the Office of War Information reported today.

The first version, in which Hitler devoted about one-fifth of his oration to attacking the Jews, threatening their further extermination, was broadcast over the Breslau radio and was apparently intended for internal consumption only. The second version, in which the anti-Jewish portions of Hitler's proclamation were soft-pedalled was broadcast by Transocean, the Nazi propaganda agency which uses writers and editors familiar with American journalistic practices, apparently with a view to making it "acceptable" to the American public.

Hitler's original message contained one paragraph which mentioned Jews five times. This and other passages levelling wild accusations against American and British Jews and predicting the annihilation of "International Jewry" were all omitted from the Nazi broadcast censored by the Transocean Nazi editors before it was transmitted in foreign languages.

Hitler's Anti-Jewish Outbursts as Presented to the Germans for New Year

In the Breslau broadcast, intended for internal consumption, Hitler said in his New Year's proclamation that "International Jewry has always been a past master in the art of sowing discord between peoples and nations." He charged the Jews with being "wire-pullers" in the First World War, and declared:

"I gave assurance that the hope of international Jewry to destroy the German and other European nations by means of a new World War will be the gravest error committed by Jewry for thousands of years, that it will in any case not destroy the German nation but will exterminate itself. There could no longer be any doubt about this matter, even today. This time millions of decent people will not again with impunity be driven into the field of battle and sacrificed in vain in the interests of a race burdened with a curse so that international Jewry may be able to conduct its business transactions or to indulge in Old Testament rage.

"But that this race is the chief originator of this war can best be proved by the fact that what may appear to be the most extreme differences have been united in the fight against European national States. This alliance between the arch-capitalist States of the West, or even of America with its mendacious sham socialist regime of bolshevism, can only be understood because the leadership in both cases lies in the hands of international Jewry, even if the personalities visible to the outside world appear to contradict each other. But Roosevelt's Jewish brain trust, the Jewish press of America, the Jewish broadcasting system of these countries, the Jewish party organization and so on - they are nothing else but an equally Jewish framework of the leadership of the Soviet Union."

GERMAN-SPEAKING LUTHERAN CHURCHES IN BRITAIN OFFER SERVICES FOR JEWS

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA)-- Acting upon a call issued by a conference of Lutheran pastors of German-speaking congregations in Britain, Lutheran churches today offered solemn prayers "for the Jewish people in their unparalleled sufferings."

PALESTINE JEWRY MOURNS DEATH OF DR. ARTHUR RUPPIN; NOTABLES ATTEND FUNERAL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA)-- Leaders of all sections of Palestine Jewry and representatives of the Palestine Government were among the scores of notables who attended the funeral today of Dr. Arthur Ruppin, outstanding authority on Jewish colonization in Palestine and an eminent Jewish scholar, who died Friday evening.

Chief Rabbis Herzog and Uziel, David Ben Gurion, who narrowly escaped death yesterday in an automobile accident, Miss Henrietta Szold and representatives of the Jewish Agency, the Jewish National Council and the Palestine Government headed the funeral procession to the Yeshurun synagogue here. Dr. Ruppin's son, Raphael, in the uniform of the British Army, recited Kaddish for his father. Following the services, the body was taken for burial to the colony of Daganah, one of the oldest Jewish settlements in Palestine of which Dr. Ruppin was one of the founders. Scores of automobiles followed the hearse to Daganah and thousands of Jewish settlers lined the route.

An expert in land settlement, Dr. Ruppin, who was 67 years old, was planning to go to London soon to confer with the World Zionist Executive on plans for post-war Jewish colonization in Palestine. He was a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, at different periods and was a lecturer at the Hebrew University since 1927.

Dr. Ruppin was born in Rawitsch, a small town in Posen, Germany. For a time he practiced law in Magdeburg but later moved to Berlin, where he was appointed Director of the Society for Jewish Statistics in the establishment of which he took a prominent part. He also edited the "Zeitschrift fuer Demographie und Statistik der Juden." During that time Dr. Ruppin laid the foundations of a new branch of science, the sociology of the Jews. Following the publications of his remarkable monograph, "The Jews of the Present Time," which showed his Zionist views, he came into contact with the Zionist leaders and was asked by David Wolffsohn, then president of the World Zionist Organization, to take over the direction of the Palestine Office of the Zionist Organization at Jaffa.

Dr. Ruppin came to Palestine in 1908 and since that time had devoted himself to colonization activities. Under his direction the first Kvutzoth (Labor communal settlements) at Daganah and Merhavia, as well as the farms at Huldah and Kinnereth, were established. He was also largely responsible for the foundation of several colonization institutions, including the Palestine Land Development Company, which has transferred hundreds of thousands of dunams to Jewish hands. He was also one of the sponsors of Tel Aviv, the first all-Jewish town in Palestine.

During World War I, Dr. Ruppin organized relief work for the Jewish Community in Palestine, which was cut off from the rest of the world. He carried on this work until 1916, when together with other Jewish leaders, he was expelled from the country by Jamal Pasha. While in exile in Constantinople, he wrote "Syrien als Wirtschaftsgebiet." On returning to Palestine after the War, Dr. Ruppin cooperated with M. M. Ussishkin in the purchase of the Emek and the establishment of many Jewish settlements there. In 1921 he was elected a member of the Palestine Zionist Executive and, with one interval, has acted since then as the head of the Executive's Colonization Department. His guiding principle has been to give preference to labor elements in colonization.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES IN TEL AVIV STRIKE; DEMAND WAGE INCREASE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3.(JTA)-- Approximately 1,000 municipal employees went on strike today demanding that their salaries be doubled in view of the fact that prices of various commodities have risen more than 150 percent.

Nineteen Jewish youths were graduated today from the Haifa Nautical Institute, the first and only Jewish school of its kind in the world. At the ceremonies marking completion of a four-year course of study, eight of the students received certificates as engineers, four as radio operators, three as navigators and four as shipbuilders. A parade and a flag-raising ceremony preceded the graduation exercises. Representatives of the Palestine Government and Jewish institutions attended.

DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE REPLACES MACMILLAN AS COLONIAL UNDER-SECRETARY

LONDON, Jan. 3.(JTA)-- The appointment of Duke of Devonshire to the post of Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Colonies was announced here today. He succeeds Harold Macmillan who resigned last Wednesday to become British Minister Resident in North Africa.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TAKES OVER ALIEN REGISTRATION WORK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.(JTA)-- The Justice Department today announced that as of January 1 all activities connected with alien registration have been taken over by it. Instructions to this effect have been sent to the local post offices by the Post Office Department.

Since alien registration started in 1940, all registrations, fingerprinting and filing of notices and applications have been handled in about 7,500 first class and county seat postoffices, which sent the data to the Justice Department for processing and filing. Under the new program aliens will register at the sixty-seven field offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, of which alien registration is a part.

SOCIALIST LEADERS OF EUROPEAN NATIONS MEET TO ASSAIL NAZI ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.(JTA)-- Leading representatives of the Jewish parties of Europe, who are now in the United States, met at the Hotel Pennsylvania, here yesterday to issue a declaration condemning the Nazi atrocities against the Jews in occupied countries. The meeting, which was called by the American Representation of the General Workers Union of Poland, heard messages from C.I.O. president Phillip Murray and A.E. of L. president William Green. Representatives of the Socialist groups of Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, France, Norway, Spain, Germany, Hungary and other countries participated.

PUBLISHER OF NEWARK JEWISH CHRONICLE KILLED IN FALL

NEWARK, N.J., Jan. 3.(JTA)-- Arton Kaufman, blind publisher of The Newark Jewish Chronicle and one of the most prominent leaders in Jewish affairs in New Jersey, lost his life in a fall from his eighth-floor room in the Robert Trent Hotel, here. The 65-year-old publisher is believed to have fallen out of a window of his room in attempting to lower the sash.

Mr. Kaufman lost his sight in 1931. He was born in Hungary and came to the United States immediately after being graduated from the University of Berlin in 1905. After working on several English and German language newspapers he established the Detroit Jewish Chronicle in 1914 and was its publisher until 1918. He founded The Newark Jewish Chronicle in 1921.