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JEWISH REFUGEE CHILDREN REACHING NEUTRAL COUNTRIES WILL BE ADMITTED TO ENGLAND

LONDON, Feb. 12. (JTA)-- Jewish refugee children reaching Sweden, Spain or Portugal from Nazi-held or Nazi-dominated countries will be admitted into England in accordance with a decision of the Home Office made public here today. The decision supplements the standing order to admit Jewish refugee children from France.

Following the announcement, Jewish relief organizations here issued a call to Jews in Britain to submit applications for visas for children from Germany, Austria and other Nazi-occupied countries now living in neutral countries.

Pointing out that "effective action can still save millions of people" from Nazi annihilation, Lord Vansittart, former diplomatic adviser to the Government, addressing the House of Lords today made a renewed appeal to the British Government "to take effective steps which would halt the systematic extermination of people in occupied countries before it has gone beyond repair." He complained that the radio broadcasts from London to Germany have encouraged the Germans not to take seriously the warning of the Allied Nations about post-war retribution for the murder of innocent civilians.

The Bishop of Chichester, speaking in the House of Lords, stated that for ten years the Gestapo has been torturing and killing innocent victims. He called for punishment against these "assassins and gangsters." Lord Selborne, Minister for Economic Warfare, replying for the Government, assured the peers that all Germans responsible for atrocities against civilians in occupied countries will be treated with the utmost severity.

ARAB LEGION FORMED BY MUFTI WIPED OUT ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT

LONDON, Feb. 12. (JTA)-- An Arab legion recruited in Europe by the former Mufti of Jerusalem under German auspices was reported today by the Daily Sketch to have been wiped out in recent battles in southern Russia.

The Germans, it was reported, had promised the legion, which was organized to fight "for the freedom of Iraq and Palestine," that it would participate in a Nazi invasion of the Near East. It was composed of Arab students in Europe and former members of the French Foreign Legion.

GROUP OF JEWS REACHES PALESTINE FROM GERMANY UNDER EXCHANGE ARRANGEMENT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 12. (JTA)-- A group of fourteen more Jewish women and children arrived here today from Germany under an exchange arrangement by which a similar number of German internees in Palestine were returned to the Reich. The Jewish group had been held in a concentration camp in the vicinity of Sosnowice, Poland, since the outbreak of the war.

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OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION PUBLISHES ACCOUNT OF ANTI-JEWISH ATROCITIES IN WARSAW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.(JTA)-- The Office of War Information today issued a black-bordered report on the Nazi atrocities in Warsaw, recounting the wholesale extermination of Jews there before the ghetto was made practically "Judenrein." It describes the Jewish ghetto in Warsaw as "an escalator of death." The account is based on material gathered by the Office of War Information from all possible sources, many of them hitherto confidential, including numerous governmental and private reports and eye-witness accounts.

"Before the policy of total extermination went into effect," the O.W.I. booklet says, "more than half a million Jews were packed into the Ghetto, a dismal section of 100 blocks in the northern part of Warsaw, surrounded by an eight foot wall topped by broken glass. No one could enter or leave without a pass. No streetcars ran between the Ghetto and other parts of the city. Inside the Ghetto, the Germans systematically created an escalator of death; when 500 Jews died, 500 others immediately took their places, shipped into the Ghetto from various parts of Poland and Europe.

"During April, May and June, 1941, 10,232 Jews died in the Ghetto; only 1,208 were born. The annual death rate in the Ghetto in 1941 was roughly 83 per thousand; the highest annual death rate of any modern city is less than 30 per thousand. Death from starvation was common, rations being little over half those allotted Poles outside the Ghetto. Furthermore, Ghetto rations were the first to be reduced. The Jewish Community Council, operating within the Ghetto, did its best to feed thousands of persons each day. Former warehouses and loft buildings, without adequate sanitary facilities, were turned into dwelling places, 30 to 40 persons living in one office 'room.' There was only one hospital in the Ghetto, without linen and with few drugs. Carts went through the Ghetto streets at night to pick up the dead left lying there."

Jewish Children Dropped into Sewers by Nazis; Germans Proud

"Seeking food outside the Ghetto, bands of boys crept through holes in bombed buildings and emerged from cellars and excavations," the report continues. "They roamed the streets of Warsaw, begging. Jewish police within the Ghetto and Polish police outside its walls turned their backs on this activity. Germans maintained a bicycle guard around the Ghetto wall, constantly circling in search of persons who had left without permission. Some months ago Nazi soldiers caught a small boy who was returning to the Ghetto with a bag of food. Lifting a manhole cover, they dropped the boy into a sewer.

"The Nazis were proud of the conditions they had created in the Ghetto; regular tours passed through its twisted, somber streets, the sightseers being Germans who had settled in Poland or been brought there from bombed areas in the Reich. Poles were often forced to take these tours, too, but they utilized them to make mental note of persons suffering worse than others. Later they threw small packages of food over the Ghetto wall near those spots. Mutual suffering bred bonds of brotherhood," the account says. Copies of the booklet published under the title "Tale of a City," will be distributed to business groups, farmers, war workers, patriotic organizations, and schools throughout the country.

JEWISH AGENCY READY TO CARE FOR 25,000 CHILDREN FROM NAZI EUROPE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 12.(JTA)-- The Jewish Agency today informed the Palestine Government that it is ready to care for 20,000 Jewish children from Nazi Europe. Immediately, in addition to about 5,000 already arranged for.

CHRISTIAN DELEGATION APPEARS BEFORE DUTCH NAZI GOVERNOR TO ASK MERCY FOR JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 12, (JTA)-- A delegation of prominent Protestant and Catholic church leaders of Holland visited Arthur Seyss-Inquart, Nazi governor of the Netherlands, and vigorously protested to him the persecution and deportation of tens of thousands of Dutch Jews, it was learned here today upon receipt of a copy of the illegal newspaper "Vry Nederland," which was smuggled out of the country.

The churchmen pointed out to Seyss-Inquart that numerous Jews had been deported and that there was an alarmingly high rate of mortality among the deportees. "The Church would fail grossly to do its duty," they told the Nazi commissar, "if it did not call on the authorities to halt these measures." Replying, Seyss-Inquart stated that "with Jews there can be no question of charity. The Jewish problem will be solved by the Germans themselves."

IMMEDIATE ACTION TO CANCEL THE ANTI-JEWISH LAWS IN NORTH AFRICA IS DEMANDED

NEW YORK, Feb. 12, (JTA)-- Declaring that "the anti-Jewish legacy of the Nazis remains intact in North Africa," and that 330,000 Jews there are still the victims of Nazi laws, the American Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Congress joined in a statement today asking for immediate action to implement the declaration of President Roosevelt calling for the abrogation of all laws and decrees inspired by Nazi governments or Nazi ideologists."

Recalling that three months have elapsed since the military occupation of North Africa by troops of the United Nations under American command, the organizations pointed out that while "grudging concessions have been made" no changes "of an important character have been made in the political and economic situations." They emphasize that they have remained silent during the past months because "we have appreciated to the full the difficulties, military and otherwise, of the situation, and because we wish to avoid saying anything which might embarrass those who share the burden of responsibility."

This policy of silence, "the statement says, "can no longer be maintained since it has become clear that the principles of human rights and democracy have been suspended, if not waived, in North Africa. It is impossible for us by our silence to appear to acquiesce in this policy, which by implication denies the principles upon which these United States were founded, and in defense of which we have accepted the Nazi challenge."

JEWS RANK FOURTH AMONG RUSSIAN PEOPLES DECORATED FOR BRAVERY AT FRONT AND AT HOME

KUIBYSHEV, Feb. 12, (JTA)-- Jews rank fourth among the peoples of the Soviet Union who have been decorated by the Government for heroism at the front and for speeding production for the Red Army, it was reported today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in a review of Jewish participation in the Russian war effort during the past year, issued on the occasion of the second annual plenum of the Committee which will open in Moscow on Sunday.

The Committee also disclosed, on the basis of reports reaching it from occupied Europe, that the number of Jews fighting in the ranks of the guerrillas in Poland, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Greece and elsewhere has greatly increased in recent months. It also cited the many Russian Jews who are leading and fighting with the partisan bands that constantly harass the Nazi rear. The masses of Jews in Nazi-held Europe are not quiescent, the Committee pointed out, adding that "the call of battle reaches them in the ghettos and concentration camps."

NEUMANN VOICES CHARGES AGAINST ZIONIST EMERGENCY COMMITTEE; WARNS OF DIFFICULTIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.(JTA)-- The conditions leading to Dr. Emanuel Neumann's resignation from his position on the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs were revealed today by Dr. Neumann at a press conference at which he warned of the difficulties which face Zionist political work.

Declaring that it became "increasingly difficult and finally impossible" for him to continue his work on the Emergency Committee, Dr. Neumann stated that among the reasons prompting his resignation were: recurrent factional and personal differences, possibly inherent in the structure of the Committee; vacillation in policy and in action; absence of centralized administrative direction; failure to adopt a definite and comprehensive program of activities; and budgets wholly incommensurate with the immensity of the task. "Repeatedly I warned against this dangerous state of affairs in the light of the heavy responsibility resting on American Zionism," Dr. Neumann said. "I pleaded for a more dynamic policy, bolder conceptions and larger budgets; but the response was slow and painfully inadequate."

Reviewing his activities in the Emergency Committee, which led to the establishment of the American Palestine Committee, which developed into an important political force, as well as to the winning of many Congressmen and Senators and hundreds of Christian clergymen, intellectuals and writers, to the Zionist cause, Dr. Neumann continued: "Without belittling the work which has been done, including my own modest contribution, I must warn against underestimating the difficulties and the seriousness of the position. There is no ground for undue optimism regarding our political situation. With respect to the present British Administration in Jerusalem, it is hopeless; in London, it is bad; in Washington, it is unsatisfactory. Our own Government has been taking a greater interest in the Near East than ever before, but that in itself does not necessarily imply a pro-Zionist orientation or a pro-Zionist policy. Through the occupation of North Africa, America has become -- at least for the time being -- a great Moslem power. This means that the policy-makers in our Government are growing more sensitive to Moslem susceptibilities and Arab opinions. There is a great pro-Arab propaganda which is being carried on persistently and with considerable skill. It is not only pro-Arab but definitely anti-Zionist in character and is receiving both guidance and support in certain influential quarters.

"At the same time, consideration of post-war problems has now passed the stage of academic discussion and is proceeding concretely and practically in our Government departments and other chancelleries. It is probably much later than we think. No amount of skillful negotiation and persuasiveness on the part of our political leaders at the "front line" can succeed unless it is supported by an effective and sustained activity "behind the lines." This is no time for relaxation of our political efforts. We have done perhaps ten percent of what needs to be done. Matters are approaching a stage where every day counts. Opportunities now missed may be irretrievable," Dr. Neumann warned.

TISO, ANTI-JEWISH PRESIDENT OF SLOVAKIA, NOT DEAD, CZECH CIRCLES REPORT

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.(JTA)-- The Czechoslovak Information Service said today that a report of the death of Rev. Josef Tiso, anti-Semitic President of the Nazi puppet state of Slovakia, had been mistakenly broadcast by the Vichy radio. Tiso's father, who has the same first name, appeared to have been the deceased, as evident from the age stated in the report, it was pointed out. Reports quoted the Vichy station as saying that Josef Tiso, 80 years old, had died Feb. 9 at Bratislava. The puppet president is 55 years old.