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U.S. DELEGATION AT BERMUDA CONFERENCE SAYS IMMIGRATION LAWS HAMPER REFUGEE ENTRANCE

HAMILTON, Bermuda, April 21.(JTA)-- The American delegation to the Anglo-American conference on refugees claimed at today's session that more than 500,000 Nazi victims have already been admitted to the United States, and indicated that it was doubtful that America would admit additional refugees on a large scale, since the U.S. immigration laws and the lack of shipping facilities make the entrance of immigrants into the United States difficult.

Sir Bernard Reilly, British Colonial Office expert who reported yesterday to the refugee conference on the possibilities of receiving more refugees in the British colonies, today declared that the policy of the British Government with regard to admitting Jewish immigrants to Palestine remains the same as outlined in the White Paper of 1939.

Sir Bernard emphasized that preference will be given to Jewish children in granting visas to the more than 33,800 Jews who can still enter Palestine under the White Paper from April 1 of the current year until the end of March, 1944. He declared that the food problem in Palestine is at present "not critical" insofar as it would affect admitting the Jewish refugees under the White Paper limitations and expressed the hope that transportation facilities could be provided unless unforeseeable war exigencies arise.

JEWISH HOSPITALS IN HUNGARY CONFISCATED FOR WOUNDED AXIS SOLDIERS; PATIENTS REMOVED

ZURICH, April 21.(JTA)-- The Jewish hospital in Budapest, one of the largest and most modern hospitals in Central Europe, and six other Jewish hospitals in Hungary, have been confiscated by the Hungarian authorities for the accommodation of large numbers of wounded Hungarian soldiers who continue to arrive from the Russian front, it was learned here today. The Jewish communities in the cities where the hospitals were located were given short notice to remove all Jewish patients from the institutions.

In Rumania the local authorities have issued an order ordering all Jews born in 1925 to report for forced labor, it is announced in the Rumanian newspaper *Argus*, which reached here today from Bucharest.

In Slovakia, the Minister of Education has issued an order to all schools and libraries instructing them to remove the works of ninety-three authors, the majority of whom are Jews. All Slovakian newspapers reaching here today from Bratislava carry inspired articles demanding the "immediate deportation" of all Jews who still remain in the country.

Newspapers from Prague received here today report that only a small number of the original 35,000 Jews who lived in the Czech capital in 1930 remain there. They estimate that 60,000 Jews are now being held in the fortress city of *Terezin* of whom 16,000 are from the Czech Protectorate and the remainder from Germany, Austria and Holland. The majority of the Czech Jews have been deported to Poland, they report.

ALL JEWS IN HOLLAND WILL BE CONFINED IN CONCENTRATION CAMP THIS WEEK

STOCKHOLM, April 21.(JTA)-- All the Jews in Holland - with the exception of those residing in the Amsterdam ghetto - have been ordered sent to the concentration camp which the Nazis established last month in Vught, southern Holland. The deportations to the Vught camp will begin on Friday, according to a report reaching here today.

A Nazi paper received here today from Amsterdam reports that an entire Jewish family has been deported to slave labor in Germany because the mother of the family purchased a pound of butter during hours when Jews are forbidden to shop.

MASS-CREMATATION OF BELGIAN JEWS BY NAZIS REPORTED IN LONDON

LONDON, April 21.(JTA)-- For the past several months, the Nazi occupation authorities in Belgium have been delivering to the crematorium at Uccle, a suburb of Brussels, the bodies of a large number of Jews, with orders that they were to be cremated immediately, according to information reaching official Belgian circles today from underground sources.

The total number of such bodies that have been cremated in the past few months is not known, but it is reported that it is substantial. None of the bodies were accompanied by the usual permit from the municipal authorities required before cremation and various reports have spread throughout Brussels concerning how these Jews met their death. However, no definite information as to who they were and the circumstances of their death can be ascertained, the report to the Belgian Government here stated.

At the same time, it was learned today that among the ten hostages recently executed by the Germans in Belgium in reprisal for the murder of several members of the fascist Wallon and Flemish legions, was a Jew, Michael Loewenwirth.

REFUGEE INDUSTRIES WILL PROVIDE WORK FOR 100,000 BRITISH WORKERS AFTER WAR

LONDON, April 21.(JTA)-- Industries established by refugees from Nazi countries now in England will provide employment after the war for at least 100,000 British workers, it is estimated in an article published in the Spectator, one of Britain's leading weekly publications.

The growth of anti-Semitic propaganda in England, spread by fascist elements, has prompted the League to Eradicate Racism, which hitherto has devoted its efforts to seeking equality for the colored peoples, to take up the fight against anti-Jewish agitation.

At a special conference of the League today, Prof. C.E.M. Joad, prominent author and broadcaster, who presided, pointed out that the "anti-Semitic manifestations witnessable in England today were unthinkable twenty or thirty years ago. Englishmen then looked upon Czarist Russia, Rumania and other countries where anti-Semitism was practiced as 'lower countries.'" Prof. Joad added that England has not known anti-Semitism since the time of Richard the Lion-Hearted in the 13th century, and called upon Englishmen to exert all efforts to see that anti-Semitism remains unknown here.

JEWS IN ALGIERS PRESENT TWO ANCIENT TORAHS TO U.S. FORCES; PASSOVER SERVICES HELD

WASHINGTON, April 21.(JTA)-- Hundreds of American Jewish soldiers in North Africa attended Passover services in the American Red Cross club in Algiers and were later the guests at seders in the homes of local Jewish families, it was reported today in a cable received from "Somewhere in North Africa" by the headquarters of the Red Cross here. Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman of St. Louis officiated.

Rabbi Isserman, who is on a leave of absence from his congregation in connection with special club-and-field work for the American Red Cross, marked his arrival to North Africa by also officiating as guest rabbi at ceremonies in which the Jewish community of Algiers presented two ancient Torahs to the Jewish soldiers in the American and Allied armies. "Passover has even greater significance here in this land where men of many nations are fighting for freedom," he said during the presentation ceremonies held at the Red Cross club in Algiers, attended by the president of the Jewish community of Algiers, leading Jewish laymen, soldiers of the French, British and American armies and Red Cross officials.

The two Torahs were presented to Major Horace N. Cooper, chaplain at the North African Air Force headquarters, who received the scrolls in behalf of the armed forces. The Chief Rabbi of Algeria, Maurice Eisenbeth, who made the presentation, greeted the visitors as "liberators and delegates of freedom." The difference of language, he said, "sometimes makes it difficult for Jews in North Africa to express to the Allied forces our gratitude, but you may be sure that you have won our hearts and that we shall never forget the amount of gratitude we owe you."

THOUSANDS OF JEWISH SERVICEMEN IN CANADA, ALASKA, LABRADOR OBSERVE PASSOVER

MONTREAL, April 21.(JTA)-- The thousands of Jewish servicemen in the armed forces of Canada and in allied forces stationed in the dominion were provided with complete facilities to enable them to observe Passover to the fullest extent allowed by the exigencies of military service, it was announced here today by Harry R. Moscoe of the War Efforts Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress.

The headquarters of the Canadian armed services arranged for leave for all Jewish men for the first two days and the last two days of the holiday and the official orders issued by headquarters referred men desirous of hospitality and accommodation to the Canadian Jewish Congress offices and committees across Canada. Netherlands, Belgium and Polish military authorities in Canada were also offered the facilities of the Canadian Jewish Congress for their Jewish servicemen.

The Congress committees, with the full cooperation of Capt. Samuel Cass and Flight Lieutenant Jacob Eisen who head the Jewish chaplains in Canada, and all the rabbis in the Dominion, carried out an extensive program of hospitality for the Jewish men on Passover leave. Those who did not have time to reach their homes for the holiday were provided with accommodation, meals and sedorim. In certain cases, where arrangements could be made with the nearby military camps, meals are being provided for men in service for the intermediate days of the holiday as well as for the days of rest and prayer. Invitations were extended to the Jewish servicemen by the major synagogues of Canada.

Community sedorim and services were held in the coastal ports where large numbers of Jewish men are stationed through the efforts of the Jewish chaplains of the services. Every Jewish serviceman stationed overseas, in Alaska, Labrador, and in isolated areas of Canada and Newfoundland, or in Canadian military hospitals, received a special Passover hamper containing matzoth, kosher salami, a Jewish calendar as well as other little luxuries not included in official rations and issue. In addition matzoths were sent overseas to the Jewish chaplain with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, Captain S. Gershon Levi.

CARL M. LOEB, JR., NAMED HEAD OF JEWISH WELFARE BOARD WAR EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, April 21.(JTA)-- Carl M. Loeb, Jr., prominent in communal activities here, has been named chairman of the War Emergency Campaign of the National Jewish Welfare Board. Announcement to this effect was made today by Frank L. Weil, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board and Walter Rothschild, chairman of its Army and Navy Committee.

In assuming the post of chairman, Mr. Loeb said: "The Jewish Welfare Board receives U.S.O. allotments as an agency of the U.S.O. But it must meet its own budget for the special religious and welfare needs of Jews in uniform and for the maintenance of its normal peacetime operations, more than ever essential in war-time, in communities throughout the United States. All Americans have reason to take pride in the interfaith non-sectarian service the Jewish Welfare Board is rendering and also in its religious program for those of the Jewish faith. The vital need for religious activities to aid high morale of the soldier, sailor and marine has been demonstrated time and again. The Jewish Welfare Board's work in that field represents a significant contribution to their fighting spirit."

Associated with Mr. Loeb as honorary chairman are: Paul Baerwald, Mrs. Sidney C. Borg, Henry Ittleson, Edward Lazansky, Mrs. Arthur Lehman, Samuel D. Leisdesdorf, Harry H. Liebovitz, George Z. Medalie, and Joseph M. Proskauer.

JAMES N. ROSENBERG HOLDS EXHIBITION OF HIS PAINTINGS FOR AMERICAN RED CROSS

NEW YORK, April 21.(JTA)-- An exhibition of paintings, pastels and water colors by James N. Rosenberg, American-Jewish leader, will open next Monday at the Ferargil Galleries here, it was announced today. It will continue through May 9. Proceeds from the sale of all paintings will go to the American Red Cross.

An exhibition of Mr. Rosenberg's paintings and pastels for the benefit of the Red Cross was held at the Anderson Galleries here twenty-five years ago during World War I. Mr. Rosenberg's works were last shown publicly ten years ago. Prior to that time he had one-man shows at the Anderson Galleries and the Ehrlich Galleries in this city, the Rosenbach Galleries in Philadelphia and the Fogg Museum at Harvard.

PHILIP COWEN, FOUNDER OF "AMERICAN HEBREW," DEAD; FUNERAL TODAY

NEW YORK, April 21.(JTA)-- Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Philip Cowen, founder and publisher for 27 years of the American Hebrew and former official of the U.S. Immigration Service, who died at his home in New Rochelle yesterday, aged 89. He will be buried at Mt. Neboh cemetery, Brooklyn.

Shortly after his appointment to the United States Immigration Service by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905, Mr. Cowen went to Russia on a special mission to report on the cause of the large migration from Eastern and Southern Europe. He spent part of the Summer of 1906 in Russia. He also inquired into the conditions of Jews in other Central and Southern European countries, notably Rumania, and was partly responsible for the entry into this country of a large number of refugees.

Mr. Cowen spent twenty-two years in the Immigration Service, first at Castle Garden and later at Ellis Island. He retired from active business life in 1927, but continued as secretary and treasurer of B'nai B'rith, with which he had been connected for more than half a century. Mr. Cowen's connection with B'nai B'rith dated from the time his father was prominent in the councils of Jcordan Lodge in New York. He developed an interest in that movement and was secretary and treasurer of Manhattan-Washington Lodge 19, B'nai B'rith, which honored him with a grand reception at the clubhouse on his eightieth birthday.