

MASS DEPORTATIONS OF JEWS FROM FRANCE RESUMED; 3,000 DEPORTED TO POLAND

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.(JTA)-- Mass deportations of Jews from France, suspended last fall because of domestic and foreign public pressure, have begun again, the Joint Distribution Committee disclosed today on the basis of information cabled by Dr. Joseph Schwartz, its European chairman.

Simultaneously, the Hias-Ica Emigration Association received a report from Dr. James Bernstein, European director of the organization, stating that 3,000 Jews who were held in a concentration camp near Nice were deported on September 25 to Poland.

Men and women and children of all ages are being packed into the deportation trains rolling toward Germany and Poland and, according to Dr. Schwartz's report, the situation of the Jews in France is "constantly deteriorating." The thoroughness of the Gestapo manhunt in France is evidenced by the fact that the Nazis are now demanding full lists of Jewish children all over the country and are threatening to close all children's homes, the cable to the J.D.C. said.

Swiss Consuls Announce They Are Unable to Protect Swiss Jews in France

GENEVA, Nov. 7.(JTA)-- Swiss citizens returning from France to Switzerland today stated that the Swiss Consulates in Vichy and in Paris declared that they are no longer able to protect Swiss Jews residing in France, since the German authorities there have announced that they consider them "Jews" rather than Swiss nationals.

The Swiss newspaper Le People today reports that huge raids on Jews have recently been carried out by the Gestapo with the aid of French police in Nice, on the French Riviera. People arrested on the streets were brought into the local synagogue where their identification documents were examined by Gestapo officials. Since a large number of Frenchmen are now using false documents, the Gestapo officials were not satisfied with the fact that the documents of many of the arrested persons bore "Aryan" names and forced them to remove their clothes. Only those who were not circumcised were released.

A similar round-up took place in Marseilles where even "Aryans" were detained aboard a ship in the harbor for more than forty-eight hours. The Jews arrested throughout France are all being transferred to the Drancy concentration camp which is described by German witnesses as "even worse than Dachau."

The Swiss newspaper also reports that one of the largest raids on Jews took place recently in Paris when all exits to the subway stations were closed and all persons of Jewish appearance, including aged men and women, were taken to police headquarters. In a raid on a train running from Marseille to Lyons, the Chief Rabbi of Lyons was arrested, taken off the train and deported. His fate remains unknown.

COPENHAGEN MUNICIPALITY SEIZES APARTMENTS BELONGING TO JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 7.(JTA)-- The Copenhagen municipality has assumed ownership of 550 apartments belonging to Jewish families who either fled or were deported from the city, it was disclosed here today by the Danish Press Service.

SWEDEN PREPARING TO OUTLAW ANTI-SEMITISM; LEGISLATION BEING DRAFTED

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 7.(JTA)-- Sweden is getting ready to outlaw anti-Semitic and other racist propaganda, it was revealed today in an announcement by the Department of Justice that it has prepared a report regarding legislative action to incorporate a ban on spreading racial and religious hatred into the Swedish legal code.

The report recommends that prison sentences be imposed on persons spreading untrue assertions, rumors, insults or threats concerning individuals or groups of any origin or faith. The government's action is believed here to be a reply to the agitation by the small Swedish Nazi groups whose propaganda has become particularly violent since the influx of refugees from Denmark.

Democratic members of the Riksdag, including Fredrik Storem, former mayor of Stockholm, have expressed the hope that the Justice Department's recommendations will be introduced at the current session of the Swedish parliament.

ROOSEVELT SAYS WAR CONTRACTS MUST CONTAIN CLAUSE BARRING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.(JTA)-- Government contracts must contain a clause outlawing discrimination against employees because of race or creed, President Roosevelt yesterday told Attorney General Francis Biddle in a strongly worded letter which overruled an opinion of Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren that the clause need not be included in all cases. The President wrote:

"You have brought to my attention the Comptroller General's opinion holding that Executive Order 9346 is directive only and not mandatory in requiring insertion in all government contracts of a provision obligating the contractor not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on account of race, creed, color or national origin; and requiring the contractor to include similar contractual provisions in all sub-contracts.

"There is no need for me to reiterate the fundamental principles underlying the promulgation of the executive order, namely, that the prosecution of the war demands that we fully utilize all available manpower, and that the discrimination by war industries against persons for any of the reasons named in the order is detrimental to our national democratic purposes.

"I realize the hesitancy of the Comptroller General to withhold payments on government contracts in which these provisions have not been included where there is doubt as to whether the order is mandatory. I, therefore, wish to make it perfectly clear that these provisions are mandatory and should be incorporated in all government contracts. The order should be so construed by all government contracting agencies."

AUSTRALIAN JEWS DECIDE TO TURN ALL OVERSEAS RELIEF FUNDS OVER TO J.D.C.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov. 7.(JTA)-- All funds raised by Australian Jews for overseas relief will be placed at the disposal of the Joint Distribution Committee, it was decided today at a meeting of Jewish welfare fund officials.

The opening campaign in Melbourne has already netted about \$65,000 for overseas relief and it is reported that pledges of \$40,000 have been obtained in the state of Victoria. A nation-wide campaign for relief funds will soon be launched.

J.D.C. ALLOCATES \$1,000,000 FOR SENDING FOOD PACKAGES TO REFUGEE JEWS IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.(JTA)-- Thousands of packages of food and clothing are crossing the Soviet-Iranian border into Asiatic Russia each month in a unique relief project devised to relieve the widespread suffering caused by the second World War, the Joint Distribution Committee announced today. The packages bear the names and addresses of individuals who were given refuge and sanctuary in Russia when they fled from Poland, Latvia and Lithuania before the advance of the German armies and they represent the results of months of tireless investigation and planning on the part of the J.D.C.

Details of this package relief plan were given by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, who announced that \$775,000 has already been allocated for this project for 1943, with the possibility that actual costs, including packing and shipping, may run to \$1,000,000. Tea, soap, woolen and cotton underclothing, and medical supplies, purchased in India; shoes from South Africa; sugar, flour, vegetable fats, peas, dried fruits, from Iran; clothing and medical supplies from Palestine, go into these packages. The package shipments are expected to reach a rate of 5,000 each month by the end of this year, Mr. Hyman said.

ROSENBERG HOPES RUSSIAN POLICY TOWARDS JEWS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.(JTA)-- Lauding the outlawing of anti-Semitism by Soviet Russia and the complete equality enjoyed by Jews there, James N. Rosenberg, addressing a meeting arranged by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship today, to celebrate ten years of American-Soviet diplomatic relations, expressed the hope that "the Soviet policy towards minorities will be a pattern for the United Nations."

The meeting, held at the Hotel New Yorker, also heard a message from Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, director of the Agro-Joint, who established the Jewish colonies in the Crimea and in the Ukraine, emphasizing that now, when these sections of the U.S.S.R. are being liberated from the Nazis by the Russian Army, "we look forward hopefully to the active resumption of the great Agro-Joint work, in order that we of America may aid in rebuilding the torn and ravaged agricultural, industrial and economic life of the Soviet Union."

Other speakers at the celebration included Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of Interior; Mayor F. H. LaGuardia; Major General James A. Ulio, the Adjutant General of the U.S. Army; William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; R. H. Thomas, vice-president of the C.I.O.; Dorothy Thompson and a number of prominent American scientists and educators. Reviewing the Jewish colonization work conducted by the Agro-Joint in Russia, James N. Rosenberg revealed that 80,000 non-Jews were also helped by Agro-Joint to settle on land in the Crimea and the Ukraine.

Emphasizing that the present Russian policy towards national minorities "wrought a complete transformation in the Jews of the Soviet Union," Mr. Rosenberg said: "At cost of innumerable lives, the world must have begun to learn that unchecked hate and persecution is a disease which, when suffered to run its course, in time engulfs all mankind. Let us hope that the Soviet policy toward minorities will be a pattern for the United Nations. It is not easy to eradicate prejudice. It is a major task confronting the entire world. It is a task which majority groups must face and perform, not as a matter of charity or tolerance for the minorities, but in sheer self-protection for all nations, all peoples and all groups, be they majorities or minorities."

UNIONISTS WILL ERECT WORKERS' APARTMENTS IN WARSAW AS MEMORIAL TO GHETTO FIGHTERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.(JTA)-- A large workers' apartment house will rise in the center of the Jewish quarter of Warsaw after the war as a monument to the Jews of the ghetto who battled the Nazis until they were exterminated almost to the last man, it was stated today by David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, addressing 2,000 delegates from Jewish labor groups gathered at a memorial meeting for B. Charney Vladek, Jewish labor leader and a member of the N.Y. City Council at the time of his death. Mr. Dubinsky said that his union would contribute the funds to erect the building.

The meeting, which was devoted to a discussion of post-war relief and rehabilitation for Jews in Europe, heard messages from the principal Jewish relief groups, including the Joint Distribution Committee, the Jewish Labor Committee and the ORT, outlining their plans for assisting the liberated Jews of Europe. Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, under whose auspices the meeting was held, stated that his group is planning to:

- 1) Establish a fund for the reconstruction of the Jewish labor movement and all labor institutions in Europe.
- 2) Open homes and schools for homeless children and orphans. The plan calls for the immediate collection of clothing, beds, toys and funds.
- 3) Immediately collect clothing to be sent to the half-naked people who have survived the horrors of Nazi aggression.
- 4) Replace all Jewish schools that were destroyed, all Jewish books that were burned, all Jewish cultural institutions that were demolished. The Jewish Labor Committee will undertake to collect thousands of books and materials for studying and writing to be sent to the Jewish youth of Europe.

SYNAGOGUE CONSECRATED ON SITE OF BOMBED GREAT SYNAGOGUE OF LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 7.(JTA)-- In an impressive ceremony reminiscent of medieval times, the temporary synagogue which has been erected on the site of the Great Synagogue of London, destroyed by Nazi bombs during the "blitz," was consecrated today.

The synagogue was formally opened by Sir Samuel Joseph, Jewish Lord Mayor of London, who was accompanied by his sheriffs, mace-bearers, chaplains attached to the Jewish units of the Royal Fusiliers and other dignitaries. Chief Rabbi Joseph Hertz delivered a sermon after which the scrolls of the Torah were carried to the Holy Ark and an eternal lamp which had stood in the ancient synagogue at Hamburg was kindled. Among the guests attending the ceremony were Jewish chaplains attached to the American and Canadian forces in Britain.

RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA CRITICIZES AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.(JTA)-- The Rabbinical Council of America today announced that its executive committee has adopted a resolution criticizing the American Jewish Committee "for opposing the Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine and leaving the American Jewish Conference." The announcement said that the resolution expresses the opinion of "some 300 younger orthodox rabbis."

MIZRACHI WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OPENS THREE-DAY CONVENTION TODAY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.(JTA)-- The 18th annual convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America, religious wing of the Zionist movement, will open at the Henry Hudson Hotel here tomorrow and will last through Wednesday. Five hundred delegates, representing 140 chapters throughout the country, will attend.