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2,609 U.S. SERVICEMEN RECEIVED ANTI-JEWISH CORRESPONDENCE COURSE, WAR DEPT. REVEALS

WASHINGTON, June 27. (JTA) -- A War Department spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the correspondence course containing anti-Jewish statements, which was distributed by the U.S. Armed Forces Institute, was sent to 2,609 members of the armed forces in various parts of the world. The Institute, he revealed, purchased 9,000 copies of the course.

The course was purchased from the University of Alabama, one of the 85 universities and colleges cooperating with the U.S. Armed Forces Institute, which operates under the auspices of the Army and Navy, the War Department spokesman disclosed. It was used for approximately one year, he added.

Emphasizing that the 2,609 soldier and sailor students who used or are using this course are scattered all over the world, the War Department official said that this accounts for the fact that it is still cropping up here and there. He pointed out that the institute began moving toward elimination of the course in October, because it failed to meet the Army's academic standards.

Planning has been started for a new course to begin early this month, he declared. Work on this course is continuing. In the meantime, with the controversial course eliminated, nothing has replaced it. He added that the 2,609 students who applied for and received the course constitute a very small percentage of the over 1,000,000 students in the Army and Navy who took USAFI courses.

The Army spokesman said that Col. Carl W. Hansen, commandant of the Armed Forces Institute, upon whom the War Department has placed responsibility for distribution of the anti-Jewish material, had a purely academic background prior to entering the Army, and specialized in education and educational psychology. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago, where he took his master's degree and has received the degree of Doctor of Education from the University of Minnesota. He was a teacher of history in a university, the name of which was not given, and, at one time, he held the post of superintendent of schools in Quincy, Ill.

MISSISSIPPI SENATOR ATTACKS JEWS IN THREE-HOUR SPEECH IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, June 27. (JTA) -- A vitriolic attack on Jews and Negroes was made today by Senator Theodore Bilbo of Mississippi in a three-hour filibuster against FEPC appropriations, during which he warned of a "revolution in this country" if the bill for the establishment of a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission is passed.

Sen. Bilbo read a statement prepared by Rep. John Rankin, also of Mississippi, and one of the bitterest opponents of the FEPC, listing FEPC employees as Jews, "niggers" and "white Gentiles." Emphasizing that population figures show a proportion of twenty Gentiles to every Jew in America. Bilbo denounced the FEPC for allegedly compelling different races to live and work side by side.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT REFUSES SHELTER TO REPATRIATED DEPORTEES OF FOREIGN NATIONALITY

PARIS, June 27. (JTA) — Jewish and other deportees of foreign nationality who are now returning to France are no longer being admitted to housing centers operated by the Ministry for Deportees, as a result of a policy adopted recently by the Ministry, it was learned here today.

All returning "alien" deportees no matter how long they resided in France prior to their deportation are affected. This move, which is reportedly due to the ministry's reluctance to finance the housing of non-French deportees, will work a great hardship upon Jewish organizations, since none of them have, as yet, obtained requisitions for hotels or other adequate shelters for the arrivals. Some foreign Jewish deportees are now being housed in former schools or Jewish institutions under miserable conditions.

While the total number of Jewish deportees who have returned does not exceed 2,400, of whom only a small number require housing from the Jewish community, the problem is great mainly because of overlapping and duplication by several agencies which are continuing relief activities despite the creation of the Jewish Committee of Relief and Reconstruction, which is supposed to act as a central body.

1,640 JEWISH REFUGEES, INCLUDING CHILDREN FROM BUCHENWALD, WILL LEAVE FOR PALESTINE

PARIS, June 27. (JTA) — A transport of 1,600 Jewish refugees, including the 92 children from Buchenwald who were placed in the care of a non-Jewish agency by the French Government, will leave France for Palestine within the next ten days, it was announced today by David Sealtiel, representative of the Jewish Agency here.

Among the 1,600 will be 670 internees from Bergen-Belsen, who were scheduled to be expelled this week from a Swiss internment camp to an UNRRA camp in Italy. Other passengers will include 80 internees from Switzerland who were recently transferred to an American camp in Metz and children and adults from France.

Exit permits have been secured under an agreement between the French Government and the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, Sealtiel said. Transportation will be furnished by SHAEF.

NO PROSPECTS FOR EARLY LIFTING OF PALESTINE CENSORSHIP SEEN BY ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) — There are no prospects that the rigid Palestine censorship will be abolished soon, Acting High Commissioner John V. M. Shaw said today. He added that he would try to liberalize the censorship.

A demand that the censorship be lifted was made last month by several Hebrew dailies and a resolution to that effect was adopted at a meeting of the Jewish Journalists Association.

FIRST WORLD ZIONIST CONFERENCE SINCE OUTBREAK OF WAR WILL OPEN IN LONDON JULY 30

LONDON, June 27. (JTA) — The first world Zionist conference to be held since the outbreak of the war will convene here on July 30, Zionist headquarters announced today.

The announcement said that representatives of the Zionist organizations of fourteen countries will attend. The largest contingent, about 30, will come from Palestine, and the next largest from the United States. The U.S. representatives will be headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Israel Goldstein.

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PALESTINE THREATENED BY MALARIA EPIDEMIC; ASK HADASSAH TO SEND D.D.T. AND PENICILLIN

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) — Malaria is still a menace in Palestine, and a widespread epidemic is threatened as a result of recent heavy rains, Dr. Abraham Katznelson, head of the Health Department of the Jewish National Council, said today.

He revealed that a cable has been sent to the Hadassah Organization in the United States urging it to ship ten tons of D.D.T. powder, the new insecticide developed by the U.S. Army, and also penicillin.

Dr. Katznelson reported that Palestine Jewish health groups have done much to combat malaria among troops in Italy and Burma, and Lieut. Col. G. Mehr, Jewish anti-malarial expert and one of the world's greatest experts in the field, is now in Burma.

He disclosed that the Jewish National Council has submitted a memorandum to the Palestine Government demanding that the latter contribute fifty percent towards maintenance of the Jewish community's health facilities. The memorandum pointed out that while in most modern countries there are five hospital beds available for every 1,000 persons, in Palestine there are only two per each 1,000 residents.

It was also announced today that Palestine-made thermometers will soon be on the market, following many months of experiments at the Hebrew University. They will be manufactured under the supervision of Prof. Farkas of the university. There is no other thermometer plant in the Middle East.

Dr. Ibrahim Elab Aldin, head of the Palestine Government's Health Department, will represent Palestine physicians at an international medical congress in Teheran in July, it was learned today.

It is not yet known whether any Jewish physicians from Palestine will be invited, although world-famous refugee physicians residing here have converted Palestine into the foremost medical center in the Middle East.

IRGUN URGES ESTABLISHMENT OF "TEMPORARY JEWISH GOVERNMENT" IN PALESTINE; TERROR FAILS

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) — Virtually driven out of existence by the opposition of the Jewish community, the terrorist Irgun Zvai Leumi seems to be turning towards political activity.

In a memorandum sent to high personalities and institutions this week, the Irgun suggests the establishment of a "temporary Jewish government" and a national assembly composed of representatives of the Jewish Agency, all political parties and unaffiliated persons.

This temporary government and assembly, the memorandum continues, should inform the Jewish community here and abroad of its existence, should proclaim the extra-territoriality of the holy places of the Christian and Moslem world, pledge complete equality of the Palestine Arabs and offer "good neighbor" treaties to neighboring Arab countries.

The Arab newspaper Falastin reports today that the Arab Chamber of Commerce in Haifa has protested against the municipality's adoption of a regulation compelling Jewish merchants to close their shops on Saturdays. The chamber of commerce based its objections on the fact that the mandate prohibits the Palestine Government from introducing laws affecting only a single religious community.

MIRACHI LABOR GROUPS RETURNS TO JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL ENDING SPLIT

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) -- The split within the Jewish National Council caused by the withdrawal of the Mizrahi and Poale Mizrahi delegates was partially healed today when the latter group voted to instruct its representative, S.Z. Shragai, to return.

The Poale-Mizrahi action came as a result of a resolution adopted by the council urging strict observance of the Sabbath in all and every Jewish enterprise. The Mizrahi labor organization, at the same time, asked the world Mizrahi organization to instruct its leader, Rabbi Meir Berlin, to return to the council. Rabbi Berlin withdrew at the same time as Shragai.

THOUSANDS OF JEWISH CHILDREN IN EUROPE MAY BECOME MARRANOS, RABBINICAL CONFERENCE TOLD

ATLANTIC CITY, June 27. (JTA) -- The resurgence of a Judeo-Christian religion such as the religion of the Marranos was predicted here today at the 56th annual convention of the Central Conference of American rabbis by Dr. Salo W. Baron, speaking on the possible effect upon thousands of Jewish children of the influence exerted during their formative years which were spent in Christian homes during the Nazi occupation.

Dr. Baron said that communal reconstruction of European Jewry will not be easy. He expressed the belief that the movement for complete separation of Church and State will grow in the liberated countries. "In many countries the Jewish communities will not rise again," he said. "Synagogues may not be restored. The Jews of the Allied countries can be helpful in assisting to locate the loot that was stolen, and restoring the priceless cultural resources to many Jewish communities."

125,000 JEWISH REFUGEES ADMITTED TO SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA HAVE ALL BEEN ABSORBED

NEW YORK, June 27. (JTA) -- The 125,000 Jewish refugees admitted to Central and South American countries since 1933 have been absorbed both in the Jewish and in the general communal life of those nations, it was reported here today by Gertrude D. Pinsky, representative of the Joint Distribution Committee who just returned from a 15-months stay in Latin America.

Miss Pinsky emphasized that the newcomers have enriched Jewish cultural life in their new homelands and have also contributed to the economic development of these countries by establishing new industries. "Within the first six months of this year, Jews in Central and South America raised about \$200,000 for Jewish relief abroad," Miss Pinsky reported. They turned over the money to the Joint Distribution Committee.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY MARKS CONSECRATION OF FIRST JEWISH MILITARY CEMETERY IN CANADA

MONTREAL, June 27. (JTA) -- The first Jewish military cemetery in Canada was consecrated here this week at an impressive ceremony witnessed by many Dominion military leaders and Jewish veterans of both world wars.

The cemetery is part of the "Field of Honour" located in Pointe Claire, a suburb of Montreal. The religious ceremonies were performed by Flt. Lt. Julius Chaplain of the Royal Canadian Air Force. M. H. Herscovitch, president of the Brigadier Frederick Kisch Branch Canadian Legion, unveiled the monument.