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30,000 Jews Held in 43 Labor Camps

Week In Review

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PALESTINE AND REFUGEES

While the Palestine Government's move to begin deportation of illegal immigrants to a British colony created a new crisis in the Holy Land, a ghastly event off the Turkish coast gave poignant illustration to the plight of homeless refugees.

The Bulgarian authorities forced some 380 Jews to sail on a small, leaky vessel, the Salvator, which hit a reef in the Sea of Marmora mid a raging storm, drowning 223 of its passengers, most of them women and children.

The Jews had been forced to sail for Palestine, despite the protest of the ship's captain that the small sailing vessel could hardly hope to make the voyage. The 150 survivors this week were being detained in the Turkish village of Silviri, having lost their meager possessions, their documents, and many of them even their last clothing.

Boycott German-Made Toys!

Economic aid to Nazi Germany is being given by many anti-Nazi Americans who unwittingly buy Christmas toys and similar articles made in Germany, it was asserted by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

In a warning to the American public, the Anti-Nazi League recently pointed out that the Department of Commerce recently announced that a small amount of toys from Nazi Germany was arriving in the United States on the boats of neutral countries, coming particularly via Siberia and Japan.

The public was urged by the League to exercise particular care during the holiday season in making purchases, to avoid aiding Nazi Germany or other Axis countries.

JWV Auxiliary Has Hospital Program

In a world torn with war and the care of its victims attracting a great deal of attention the hospitalization program announced for 1941 by the National Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States is indeed noteworthy. The hospital work of the auxiliary compromises all activities which will benefit disabled War Veterans of the last world halocaust.

A six point program has recently been announced which calls for frequent visits to hospitals with small gifts, such as cigarettes, matches, candy, shaving items, writing paper, pencils, etc., and special visits at Purim, Passover, Chanukah and other Jewish holidays, with appropriate gifts for the occasion. Each auxiliary hospital chairman has been instructed to keep in touch with each Jewish veteran as he enters the hospital, either personally or through the mail. To help accomplish all this a national hospital penny fund has been set up.

This program is built upon two concepts. First, the desire of the National Ladies' Auxiliary to provide comfort and cheer to all disabled War Veterans, regardless of race, color or creed, thus promoting good fellowship between Jew and Gentile in carrying out hospital work. Second, the realization that the auxiliary has a special duty to men of their own faith to bring them comfort and cheer. It is the work of the auxiliary, a recent chapter bulletin reported, to make their foremost task "the rehabilitation of those who have borne the brunt of the battle" (quoting Abraham Lincoln).

Typical and outstanding of this program is the work Mrs. Esther Katz of Pittsburgh has been doing. For seven years Mrs. Katz has been visiting the hospital several times a month distributing cigarettes and providing the "buddies" with little things they might need. She knows every Jewish veteran by name and many of the non-Jews. She has made it her

Light of Hope



The lights of hope burning in the seven-branched Menorah — since the victory of the Maccabees a symbol of Jewish hope for the triumph of right over might — will, during the observance of Chanukah this year (beginning next Tuesday evening, December 24th), alas, be blacked out in Nazi-dominated lands. They will, however, shine as ever in the Jewish communities in the free part of the world and in Eretz Israel, an outpost of democracy in the present struggle, where the Jewish National Home continues to be built in war as in peace.

Above is a Chanukah scene in the agricultural settlements on Jewish National Fund land in Palestine where the ancient Menorah is, during the Chanukah week, placed on top of the water tower in each settlement and lighted with the appropriate traditional ceremony in which the heroic spirit of the ancient Maccabees is the central theme. The same spirit of determination will dominate the Chanukah parties which have been planned in many U. S.

business to know a little about each one, the nature of his illness, his interests and something of his family. At times of serious illness she is always ready to offer her blood for transfusions, and at times of death she is invaluable in helping and comforting bereaved families.

There are three auxiliary posts in Florida carrying out the national hospitalization program. These are stationed in Miami, West Palm Beach, and Jacksonville. Mrs. Jack Goldberg is president of the Jacksonville auxiliary.

Majority of Jews Held in Lublin Sector

GENEVA (JTA)—More than 30,000 Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland are now being held in 43 labor camps established by the Nazi administration, it was learned when the list of the camps reached Geneva. The majority of these camps are in the Lublin district. About 26,000 Jews are reported held in 31 centers there, while the remainder are held in the camps in the Warsaw district.

Utilization of the entire Jewish manpower and economic resources has been decided upon by a conference of heads of the Warsaw subdistricts, according to Gazeta Zydowska, only Jewish newspaper in Nazi-occupied Poland. During the conference, the chief of the Resettlement Department announced that the establishment of ghettos for the entire Warsaw district had been completed. Jews have been

entrusted with police and sanitary services in the ghettos, it was stated.

A Jewish militia, 1,000 strong, is being organized by the Nazi administration of Warsaw to act as a police force within the Warsaw ghetto. Only high school graduates may join it. Their records must show they have never been sentenced to any punishment and that they have had military training.

Reliable information reaching Geneva from Nazi-occupied Poland also revealed that the Nazi administration in Warsaw issued an order prohibiting Jewish group prayers.

The Jewish community of Warsaw was permitted by the Nazi administration to raise a loan of 100,000 zlotys necessary to cover immediate needs in connection with urgent relief for ghetto residents. The loan is to be taken from the "emigration fund" created through confiscation of Jewish property and is to be repaid at the end of March, 1941.

An average of 400 Jews weekly are reaching Warsaw from provincial towns, where life for Jews has become unbearable. This constant influx is aggravating the situation in the ghetto, where there are not sufficient dwellings to accommodate even the Jews compelled to move from other sections of Warsaw into the ghetto.

Declaring that Jews had not complied with previous orders to leave Cracow, the German authorities in the capital of the Polish Government-General have issued a new order for expulsion of the Jewish inhabitants to "reservations" and forbidding Jews henceforth to enter the city.

Feast of Light

— A Poem for Chanukah —
By RUFUS LEARSI

(Editor's Note: Rufus Learsi is the pen name of Israel Goldberg of the Jewish Education Committee of New York. Under this name he has published books of original poetry and translation which have won him considerable acclaim.)

Joyous festival of light,
Bringing tales of heroes bright,
Of mighty deeds and bold;
As our songs we sing again,
From your lights there spring again
The Maccabees of old!

Mattathias, priest of God,
Scoffing at the tyrant's rod,
And all his wicked horde;
Judas and his fearless band,
They who freed the ravished land,
And faith and shrine restored.

Judas, noble heart and true,
Leading but the weak and few,
You foiled the tyrant's rage!
You it was who kindled then
Lights that thrill the souls of men,
And shine from age to age!

Festival of holy light,
Lift the darkness of our night
And ne'er from us depart:
In the Temple first you glowed,
Now our hearts be your abode,
A temple every heart!

Jewish Recruits Have Inspection



Jewish Troops Parade

Recruits of the Jewish Infantry Company of the Royal East Kent Regiment in Palestine undergoing inspection by the General Commanding Officer.

A parade of the all-Jewish Company of Auxiliary Military Pioneers was recently held in Jerusalem prior to their encampment. Members of the Jewish Company were inspected by prominent British military officials. Mr. Moshe Shertok bid the Jewish troops farewell in behalf of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

The Spirit of Christmas

One of the many excellent features of Christmas is the ideal of "good will toward men and peace on earth." This year Christmas is a paradox in a world ripped apart by a few dictators whose corrupt practices have swept aside the sacred virtues imbued in this holiday.

Yet, despite the chaos and uncertainty present today, we still cling to our hope that tomorrow will bring better days of happiness and contentment among all races and people who inhabit the earth. Without this faith for a more peaceful future, life would be extremely difficult in this war-torn world.

And so it is with this spirit of tolerance and friendship for all members of humanity that we of The Southern Jewish Weekly take this opportunity on behalf of our readers to wish all our many Gentile friends the season's heartiest greetings and best wishes for a Merry, Merry Christmas.

Jewish Calendar

Join a Synagogue
or Temple

Attend Its Services
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First Day of Chanukah	Dec. 25
Rosh-Chodesh	Dec. 30-31
Fast of Tebet	Jan. 9
Rosh Chodesh Shevat	Jan. 29
Chamisha Asar	Feb. 12
Rosh Chodesh Adar	Feb. 28
Fast of Esther	March 12
Purim	March 13
Rosh Chodesh Nisan	Mar. 29
First Day Passover	April 12
Rosh Chodesh Iyar	April 28
Lag B'Omer	May 15
Rosh Chodesh Sivan	May 27
First Day Shavuoth	June 1
Rosh Chodesh Tammuz	June 1
Fast of Tammuz	July 13
Rosh Chodesh Ab	July 25
Fast of Ab	Aug. 3
Rosh Chodesh Elul	Aug. 24

*Observed previous day as well. All holidays begin at sundown of day preceding that listed above.