

Fate of Greek Jews.

Cairo.

Hardly 10 per cent. of the Jewish population in Greece survived Nazi persecution, a high official of the Hellenic Government stated here, on the basis of the latest reports received from Greece.

Only a score of Jews were found in Salonika of 50,000 who existed before the war. Half of the 4,000 Jews living in Athens before the war had been deported. The Jewish population of the capital was, however, swelled by an influx of 6,000 refugees from all parts of the country, mainly from Salonika, but also from Janina, which had a strong Jewish community of 5,000, Volos, where 2,000 Jews lived, and Larissa with a Jewish population of 1,500. In Eastern Macedonia and Western Thrace the Jews numbered 27,000 before the war.

What remains of Greek Jewry is completely broken. Bankers, lawyers and doctors were lately seen begging in the streets. The Jews have been left penniless. They have no clothes and no roof over their heads.

The position is aggravated by the fact that both Elás, the left wing military organisation, and Edes, the right wing military formation, both look upon the Jews with misgiving. The former is accusing the Jews of pro-British leanings, while the latter consider them as their natural opponents. The Nazis have left deep anti-Semitic traces among the population and an unfriendly attitude is shown even towards those Jews who took part in the resistance movement.

Paris.

M. Jacques Heilbronner, former President of the Jewish Consistory of France, has been reinstated as a member of the Consistory by the Minister of Justice, M. de Menthon.

U.S. Economists to Survey Palestine.

Jerusalem.

Mr. Robert R. Nathan, head of a group of economists who are here to undertake an economic survey of the country, has arrived in Jerusalem. The other members of the mission, Mr. Oscar Gass and Mr. Daniel Creamer, arrived earlier this month.

Mr. Gass told "The Palestine Post" that they had come to investigate Palestine's economic potentialities in the next decade. They will stay in Palestine until the middle of March and will conduct research into all branches of economic life: industry, agriculture, irrigation, housing, fuel resources, etc. The investigation will cover the whole country and will encompass both the Jewish and Arab sectors.

The mission does not represent any official body. Mr. Gass denied rumours that it had been sent to Palestine by the U.S. Government or had been invited by the Jewish Agency. On their return to the United States a detailed report will be submitted to the American-Palestine Institute in New York, which is an independent non-partisan body.

Rome.

A remarkable proposal was made by the Socialist Party in the Bonomi Government in connection with property confiscated by the Fascist regime. The proposal stated that 75 per cent. of such property, whether belonging to Jews or non-Jews, should not be handed back to its former owners, but should be appropriated by the State for the benefit of all citizens. The proposal was rejected by the Government.

Book on Jewish Resistance to Nazis.

The first record of Jewish resistance to Nazis to appear in French was published in book form, describing the Jewish resistance in each of the countries of Europe, the role of Palestine in the war, and the participation of Jews in the armies of Great Britain, the United States and Russia.

The book, "The Struggle of the Jews Against the Nazis," is by Marc Jarblum, President of the Federation of Jewish Communities of France. It contains also the text of a report on the Nazi extermination at Auschwitz (Oswiecim).

"The world knows all the horrors of the persecution," M. Jarblum writes in the preface, "but what it perhaps does not yet know is that the honour of the Jewish people requires that it know the truth, is that the victims did not let themselves be led to the slaughterhouse like sheep, that they fought heroically everywhere, on all fronts, against the hangmen of humanity. The principal episodes of this unequal struggle against mechanised barbarism which we wish to make known to our duty to render this homage to the victims: their courage rehabilitates them, dishonoured by the inhuman savagery of the Germans."

A violin concerto found at the death camp near Lublin by a Reuter correspondent, has been sent to America on film and presented by the O.W.I. violinist Joseph Szigeti. It was composed by Ernst J. Weil, believed to have perished in the camp.



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