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HUNGARY'S JEWISH POPULATION DECREASING

"Race Suicide" Alleged

Budapest, October 30th.

THERE were 531 fewer births than deaths in Budapest during the first six months of 1940, according to the Municipal Statistics Bureau.

The falling birth-rate is explained as due to the large Jewish population, which is alleged to be practising "race suicide." During the first half of the year there were only 421 births as against 1,868 deaths among Budapest's 190,000 Jews—a decline of 1,447 in the last six months.

Excluding Jews, there were 8,888 births against 7,904 deaths—an increase of 984 for the Gentile population.

Statistics show that the Jewish population has been falling off at a constantly increasing rate since 1936, when there was a decline of 1,251 for the year. The Jewish decrease since then has been 1,582 in 1937; 1,721 in 1938; and 2,354 in 1939. The net decrease in 1940 is expected to exceed 3,000.

Adding emigration figures to the 8,335 natural decrease, Budapest's Jewish population has fallen off in the last four-and-a-half years by approximately 20,000, or 10 per cent. of the 200,000 Jewish population at the last census.

MENUHIN PLAYS FOR ORT-OZE

Melbourne, November 8th.

THE Ort-Oze campaign for reconstructive aid to war victims, which is being carried on in Australia by Mr. Honig, of the British Ort-Oze, is being widely and enthusiastically supported by the small Jewish communities in Australia.

The campaign received an important contribution from the proceeds of a concert which the world-famous violinist, Yehudi Menuhin, gave in aid of the Ort-Oze. As a result, the Ort-Oze benefited by £1,000.

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ITALIAN DRIVE AGAINST JEWISH STREET VENDORS

CANCELLATION OF LICENCES

Rome, October 26th.

THE Italian police are rounding up Jewish street vendors and cancelling their licences in what is regarded as one of the most important economic sanctions yet imposed by the Italian Government since the institution of its racial policy two years ago.

Approximately 1,200 heads of families, or more than 10 per cent., of the entire Italian Jewish population, are affected by the drive. Rome Jews are particularly hard hit, since there are more than 800 of the vendors, representing some 30 per cent. of the Jewish population of the capital earning their living at this occupation.

The police action does not arise from any specifically anti-

Jewish decree, but is an administrative measure resulting from police powers over street vendors' licences. It is noteworthy that even the licences of Jews exempt from the racial laws in recognition of meritorious service to Italy in war-time, are also being cancelled.

Among Rome Jews, the profession of street vendor dates back to the days of their imprisonment in the Ghetto, which came to an end only some three-quarters of a century ago. During that period, virtually every other means of livelihood was barred to them. When, with the unification of Italy in 1870, they were liberated, many Jews found it difficult to rehabilitate themselves in other professions, so that a relatively large number remained street vendors.

HARRIET COHEN'S HOME BOMBED

Priceless Music MSS Destroyed

London, October 26th.

A PRICELESS collection of music manuscripts belonging to Harriet Cohen, the prominent British pianist, was destroyed when her home was swept by fire caused by a Nazi incendiary bomb.

An A.R.P. worker entered the flaming building in an effort to rescue the manuscripts but succeeded only in bringing out a bundle of charred sheets.

NEW ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES IN CZECH PROTECTORATE

London, October 28th.

IT is reported in Czechoslovakian circles here that new anti-Jewish measures have been introduced in the Protectorate. According to these, Jews are forbidden to reside in hotels in Prague, and are permitted to use only the rear portions of tramways.

DR. LOEWI APPOINTED TO NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

New York, October 26th.

DR. OTTO LOEWI, co-winner of the 1936 Nobel Prize for Medicine, and now an exile from Nazi Germany, has been appointed Research Professor of Pharmacology at New York University.

Dr. Loewi received the Nobel Prize for research into the chemical transmission of nervous impulses.

VIENNA'S SURVIVING JEWS

Only 45,000 Remain

London, October 26th.

BEFORE the Anschluss, in 1938, there were 176,000 Jews in Vienna. On September 1, 1939 (the day on which Hitler marched into Poland) there were 58,754 Jews left in the Austrian capital, or almost one-third of the Jewish population of pre-Anschluss days.

In the course of the past year approximately another 5,000 Jews have managed to escape from Vienna to other countries, and about 8,000 have died, mainly through starvation and disease, and ill-treatment at the hands of the Nazis. The remaining 45,000, forced to live in congested homes under insanitary conditions, suffer pitifully from nervous diseases and insomnia, and the local Rothschild Jewish Hospital has to deal daily with huge numbers of cases. And now it is reported that the new Nazi administrator of Vienna, Baldur von Schirach, is planning to confiscate the hospital. Schirach is a close friend of Julius Streicher.

AMERICAN RESOLUTION TO ASSIST PALESTINE

Washington, November 8th.

THE Conference of the United Palestine Appeal, held here, has carried a resolution to rush assistance to Palestine in order to strengthen "the Near Eastern bastion against the Axis aggression."

— CUTHBERT'S for GIRLS' SCHOOL SHOES —