

Eire Sanctuary for Jews, Sends Food, Says Dublin Cantor on Visit to Hub

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Ireland, "the only country in Europe where Jewish blood has not been spilled through the centuries," now is extending sympathetic help to the displaced persons on the continent.

EIRE GAVE MEAT

The Rev. Wolf Garb, chief cantor of the United Hebrew Congregation in Dublin, explains some of the understanding that his Catholic and Protestant neighbors have for the Jewish situation by drawing a parallel between the Irish nation's and Jewish people's fight for survival.

The cantor, who was invited here to give services at the annual convulsions in the Mishkan Tefila, Roxbury, says that even the government of Eire is awake to the problem. Recently it allocated 1,000,000 pounds of kosher meat for Jewish displaced persons in Germany.

In addition, the government has made it easy for the Jewish people in Dublin to bring relatives into the country. Members of the cantor's community, of 1000 families in Dublin have received permits for relatives in concentration camps to enter the country within a few days of application.

A naturalized Irish citizen, Cantor Garb says there is "no Jewish problem" in Eire. His people there are very happy, he declares, and have no wish to move, even to come to the United States.

But the war is still going on over there, the cantor declares—"There is no peace yet." In the midst of fuel rationing, sugar and

tea and clothing allotments in their own country, however, the members of the Jewish community and their friends of other faiths are sending food parcels to the Continent.

During the war, some 70 refugees who farmed about 400 acres of Northern Ireland contributed, according to Dublin's chief cantor, "millions of potatoes and millions of pounds of vegetables to the war effort."

"They were not only self-supporting, but they produced for the country."

200 DIE IN FAMILY

Cantor Garb has real knowledge of his people's problems in many countries of Europe. His own family is almost a United Nations in itself. Born in Warsaw, Poland, he came to Dublin by way of Antwerp, Belgium, and Manchester, England. His four children, one born in each of the countries, are of different nationalities.

In his own family, the cantor counts 200 members dead in war atrocities—most in the city of Warsaw. A brother, who survived in a rabbi now in Manchester, England.

"You people don't realize what it means to come to America," he says. He and his wife have many members of their families across the



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country and will visit them before returning to Ireland.

"But once you visit America, Cantor Garb says, "—it has a magnetism that draws you to visit again."

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Mr. PHILIP MODDEL writes: "Dublin Jewry has been shocked by the sudden death of the Rev. Wolf Garb, at the age of 52. At his funeral, which was attended by a large gathering, Rabbi I. Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi of Eire, paid a tribute to him. Mr. Garb, before entering business in 1947, was First Reader of the United Hebrew Congregation for a period of 18 years; he had previously served congregations in Manchester and London. A native of Warsaw, Mr. Garb employed his magnificent voice for the traditional rendering of the services in a most pleasing way. He was always ready to respond to requests to grace social and other gatherings with his attractive Hebrew and Yiddish melodies, and he took a very active interest in the Dublin Jewish Musical Society, the choir of which he joined at the Israeli Zimriyah last year."

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