

Deportation of Dutch Jews, Jewish Attempts of Escape

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Subject: Deportation of the Jews

Since my above mentioned report the situation has considerably changed. After the Jews had found us out and got to know, what is behind the deportation and labor service in the East, they no more report for the weekly shipments. Of 2000 Jews called up for this week only about 400 showed up. In their homes the called up Jews cannot any longer be found. Thus it is difficult to fill the two trains, and it is not yet known, how the trains are going to be filled in the coming weeks. The movement across the Belgian frontier is in full swing. For money and good words the Jews always find people to help them to cross the frontier. A daily figure of 1000 Jews thus escaping is reported, but this is probably exaggerated.

Up to now

8500 Jews have been deported

1500 Jews will depart this week

This means a 10000 Jews deported.

Total of

To these must be added about 2000 Jews deported to Mauthausen and other places. This brings the total up to about 12000 Jews or 8%. From now on in any case strict measures will have to be resorted to enable us to carry out the

deportation. Apart from this the Jews strongly reckon with the second front, which, they hope, will give them a chance to move to England.

The following classes are exempted from Deportation:

About 22,000 Jews living in mixed marriages,

About 3,500 Jews Armament workers

About 1,200 Jews Diamond workers

Total 26,700 Jews

To the Foreign Office in Berlin. (signature) BENE

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