

**AFRIQUE DU NORD: CONGRÈS JUIF MONDIAL.
MAROC, PAYS ÉTRANGERS, 1938-1948
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Abstract: The collection includes various materials concerning Jews in French North Africa, particularly following the allied invasion, and miscellaneous documents concerning anti-Jewish measures in various European countries.

Languages: French, German, English, Polish, Spanish, Slovak.

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Custodial history:

These materials were collected and arranged by the CDJC, but the second part of the collection was wholly or partially constructed from material provided by its counterparts in other European countries during the period of cooperation between documentation centers following their international conference in Paris in late 1947.

These include documents received in January 1948 from the Jewish Historical Documentation Center (Judische Historische Dokumentation) in Linz, Austria, as well as documents from the Central Jewish Historical Commission (Centralna Żydowska Komisja Historyczna or CŻKH) in Poland.

In February 1956, the collection was filmed as part of a project with Yad Vashem. In 1998, the CDJC provided a reproduction of the Yad Vashem film for refilming by USHMM.

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Administrative history

French North Africa was comprised of Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia. Tunisia and Morocco were protectorates, with autonomous and theoretically independent traditional governments under French control. Algeria by contrast was considered part of France and divided into departments on French lines with representation for full French citizens. It was also different for Jews in that Algerian Jews had been granted citizenship by the 1870 Crémieux Decree, which was later revoked by Vichy.

The World Jewish Congress, formally established in 1936, was a body proportionately representing the world's Jewish communities. It lobbied governments, opposed anti-Semitism, pressed for the admission of Jewish refugees, and supported Zionism.

Scope and content of collection

The collection is divided into two series, Miscellaneous North African Documents, and Miscellaneous Documents Concerning the Persecution of the Jews.

The North African documents cover Jewish matters in all three French territories, but are largely focused on Morocco. They also focus on the period beginning in early 1943 with the installation of Giraud and later De Gaulle in North Africa following the Allied invasion. Only a few records date from the pre-war and early war period and almost none from the Vichy period.

Topics include the North African delegations to the World Jewish Congress' 1944 "War Emergency Conference," the ultimately successful Jewish opposition to Giraud's refusal to reinstate the Crémieux

Decree in 1943, and a large group of documents concerning the July 30th 1944 pogrom in Sefrou (Morocco) as well as documentation of the Jewish community's relations with the authorities in that protectorate more generally.

The documents on persecution contain publications, correspondence, and reports from various sources on Jews, Jewish history, anti-Semitism, and anti-Jewish measures in various countries (not including North Africa). These are in a variety of languages, but chiefly German and French with some English and a few sections in Polish, Spanish, or Slovak.

Many if not most of these documents were acquired by the CDJC after the war from its counterparts abroad such as the Jewish Historical Documentation Center (Judische Historische Dokumentation) in Linz, Austria and the Central Jewish Historical Commission (Centralna Żydowska Komisja Historyczna or CŻKH) in Poland after they began cooperating more intensively in the aftermath of the international conference in Paris in 1947.

Post-war documents include records relating to the work of Philipp Auerbach in Munich with regard to post-war German anti-Semitism and anti-Jewish laws, records relating to or stemming from the Nuremberg tribunals, documentation on the career, work, and fate of Adolf Eichmann, and post-war documents relating to pro-German activities in allied and neutral countries during the war.

System of arrangement

The collection is divided into two internally unarranged series.

The first series, on North Africa, was originally a separate record group called "Divers" (Miscellaneous), while the second series, on the persecution of the Jews in various countries was a record group called "Pays Etrangers" (Foreign Countries).

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Indexing terms

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Wisliceny, Dieter, 1911-

Corporate names

World Jewish Congress.

International Military Tribunal.

Topical entries

Jews--Morocco.

Jews--Africa, North.

Jews--Persecutions--Europe.

Geographical entries

Sefrou (Morocco)

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