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Jacob Lestchinsky Estimates Reduction in Europe Since '39

The Jewish population in Europe has been reduced from 9,500,000 in 1939 to 3,500,000, it was estimated yesterday by Jacob Lestchinsky, exiled economist and newspaper man, in an address at the nineteenth annual conference of the Yiddish Scientific Institute. Mr. Lestchinsky, who is research secretary of the institute, spoke at the closing sessions of a three-day conference at the Hotel Park Central and attended by delegates from Jewish educational and cultural groups.

"Of the 6,000,000 European Jews who have died, 5,000,000 had lived in the countries under Hitler's occupation," he said.

Other speakers included Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky, Professor of Bible at the Jewish Institute of Religion; Prof. Abraham Heschel of Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, and Joseph Opatoshu, vice president of the institute's executive board.