

Schwartz Says Only 1,500,000 Jews Are Left In Europe as Result of German Murders

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PARIS, Feb. 16—Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, estimated today that 500,000 of Europe's 6,000,000 Jews had escaped destruction by emigration and that only 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 of Europe's 6,000,000 Jews were now left on the Continent.

Dr. Schwartz, who was executive director of the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities until 1939, gathered his information from all sources that have come to light in liberated Europe. He has just returned from Belgium and recently visited Italy.

France, whose Jewish population was approximately halved, now probably has the largest number of Jews of any European country, he said, with 170,000. Incomplete reports from Poland show between 100,000 and 200,000 survivors out of a pre-war Jewish population of 3,500,000.

Almost no Jews remain alive in Germany which once had 600,000. Italy has 20,000 known survivors out of 50,000; Belgium, 20,000 to 30,000 out of 90,000; the Netherlands, 10,000 to 15,000 out of 140,000, and Czechoslovakia, 45,000 to 50,000 out of 360,000. Most of the latter are Jews from all parts of Europe in a concentration camp at

Theresenstadt. In Austria it is believed some 200 baptized Jews and Jews married to Gentiles survive out of a former 180,000.

Dr. Schwartz expressed the hope that as the Allies' armies penetrated into Germany they would find some Jewish survivors among the forced laborers from all parts of Europe. Some are believed to have gone to Germany as laborers to avoid a worse fate, although Germans knowingly drafted some thousands of Jewish laborers from Hungary.

Arrangements are now being made, he said, for Joint Distribution Committee representatives to work with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in the repatriation of Jews found in Germany. Considering the extent of Germany's impregnation with anti-Semitism, he said he did not believe the Jews who succeeded in emigrating would return after the war. "On the other hand," he declared, "Jewish property in Germany, as in other occupied countries, must revert to the Jewish community.

Pressure for emigration to Palestine may be lessened after the war in Dr. Schwartz's opinion, but many who came to France and other countries as refugees will still want to continue their journey to Palestine.