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About 42 000 men and women (over 16 years of age) have complied with the order to report in accordance with the ordinance concerning Jews, published by the Military Commander on 28 October 1940. Among these, there were 36 000 non-Belgian citizens. Altogether Belgium had probably 52 000 Jews, including children exempt from reporting. Of these, about 15 000 men, women and children have been deported to the East. New transports will leave Belgium in the near future. Among the deported, there were stateless persons, former Germans, Czechs, Poles, Dutch, Romanians, Greeks, Slovaks, Russians, Luxembourians, Croats and members of the three Baltic States. There were also several Belgians among them who had to be deported because they refused to wear the Star of David when appearing in public.

People coming under the deportation program, first received a labor assignment order concerning the "concentration of Jews". Since however, in the course of time, orders to report were no longer complied with, due to rumors about the slaughter of Jews etc., they had to be seized by means of raids and individual measures.

Reports have been lately received that illegal emigration to France, especially to her unoccupied territories and to Switzerland, is taking place. At a conservative estimate, about 3 000 to 4 000 Jews have emigrated to Switzerland. But no reliable figures are available.

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