

Interim Decision #1567

MATTER OF **SALAMA**

In Deportation Proceedings

A-10753808

Decided by Board March 28, 1966

Respondent's application under section 243(h), **Immigration** and Nationality Act, **as amended**, to withhold deportation to the United Arab Republic (**Egypt**) in granted since he, a person of the **Jewish faith**, would be subject to persecution **in that country** because of his **religion**.

CHANGE:

Order: Act Of 1952—Section. 241 (a) (2) [8 U.S.C. 1251 (a) (2)]—Exchange visitor—remained longer.

The special **inquiry** officer found respondent deportable upon the ground stated above, but under **section 243(h)** of the Act granted his **application** for withholding deportation to **the** United Arab Republic (**Egypt**). The special inquiry officer found that **respondent**, a person of the Jewish faith would be subject to **persecution in** the United Arab Republic because of his **religion**. **He** certified **his** order to the Board because the phrase "persecution on account of **race**, religion, or political **opinion**" had not been construed by the Board.

We believe the special inquiry officer properly found that the record established that a government **campaign of discrimination** was responsible for the departure of some 37,000 Jews **from** Egypt since 1954, leaving only between 3,000 and 4,000, **including** many **who** are aged and ill. In addition, evidence that the Medical Association of Egypt had directed the Egyptian populace to refrain **from** consulting Jewish surgeons and **physicians** for any **cause**, and that Jewish professional men have been dropped from the rolls of professional societies, establishes respondent would face **persecution in Egypt** because of his **religion**.

ORDER: It is ordered no change **be made** in the **order** of the special inquiry officer.