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### GERMAN JEWS PREPARE TO LAUNCH SEPARATE RELIEF DRIVE

BERLIN, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- While Jewish communities throughout Germany were today preparing to launch their own campaigns for Winter relief, the German press published, apparently for foreign consumption, an official denial that German Jews were to be excluded from the benefits of the general relief campaign.

The denial, deliberately couched in evasive, equivocal language, was issued by the German Nachrichten Bureau, official news agency of the government. It stated that reports published abroad that Jews were to be excluded were false and that "the fact is that in the organization of relief work it was foreseen that Jews also would be taken care of."

The denial, it is pointed out in the Gemeindeblatt, official organ of the Berlin Jewish Community, does not coincide with the actual facts, which are that "Jews this Winter will not be granted anything from the general Winter relief campaign and no funds will be solicited from Jews for this campaign." This statement by the Gemeindeblatt is accompanied by an appeal for Berlin Jewry to organize its own Winter relief drive.

Furthermore, it is pointed out, the news agency's denial is contrary to Order No. 39 issued by the Commissioner for Winter Relief in which it is stated that the Jews of Germany are taking care of themselves this year as far as Winter relief is concerned.

It was on the basis of this order that a special campaign "by Jews and for Jews" was announced with the special permission of the Nazi authorities who had decided to extend isolation of the Jews to Winter relief, apparently as a result of the Nuremberg laws.

Despite the misleading denial, Jewish communities throughout Germany today inaugurated, during Soccot services, the separate relief campaign decided upon on the basis of the official information that Jews would not receive the benefits of the general campaign.

That the launching of the drives was amply justified became apparent when the news bureau's denial of the exclusion prompted Central headquarters of the German Winter Relief to announce that "the denial of the Deutsche Nachrichten Bureau does not change the situation."

A permit for the Jewish community of Berlin to carry on its separate campaign was issued by the authorities yesterday. The campaign will be conducted by the Central Federation of Jewish Charities under the supervision of the Reichsvertretung, supreme national representative body of the German Jews.

#### HILFSVEREIN WARNS AGAINST HASTY MASS MIGRATION TO ECUADOR

BERLIN, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- A warning against premature mass immigration to Ecuador was issued today by the Hilfsverein der Deutschen Juden, leading German-Jewish philanthropic society.

The warning points out that experts are now investigating the possibilities of settling Jews in Ecuador but they are as yet not ready to submit a report. This report, it is expected will be issued next month.

The Hilfsverein, the statement emphasizes, is eager to effect as early as possible the transfer of Jewish groups to Ecuador, but a careful approach to the entire problem is held necessary because it is not as yet certain whether mass emigration to Ecuador is altogether possible. The land, it is pointed out by the Hilfsverein, has proved good for plantations, but European settlements have hitherto been unsuccessful in Ecuador because of the lack of roads, the adverse climatic conditions and other difficulties.

#### 24 BIBLE STUDENTS ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL MEETING

MAGDEBURG, Germany, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Twenty-four members of the suppressed Society for Study of the Bible were arrested by the Nazi police today at a private house where they were celebrating the birthday of the host's youngest son. All were sentenced to from two to four months in jail for holding an illegal meeting.

NAZIS TAKE OVER JEWISH CHILDREN'S HOME

NUREMBERG, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The authorities at Fuerth, near this city, have converted a Jewish home for children into a Nazi home, it was reported today.

RUTGERS' TRUSTEES BACK DISMISSAL OF BERGEL

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The board of trustees of Rutgers University has decided to accept the report of the special committee which investigated the dismissal of Lienhard Bergel, instructor of German in the New Jersey College for Women, who had charged that his dismissal was inspired by the fact that he dared to voice anti-Nazi sentiments which were contrary to the beliefs of his superior, Dr. Johannes Hauptmann.

In announcing acceptance of the committee's report, Dr. Robert C. Clothier, president of Rutgers, issued the following statement of explanation:

"In September, 1933, two years ago, Mr. Bergel, an instructor in the German department at the New Jersey College for Women, engaged on appointment from year to year, was informed that he would not be reappointed at the expiration of his contract on June 30, 1934.

"He was further informed, however, that in the event he could not secure another position by that time he would be continued until June 30, 1935, the limit allowed under the university standing rule which restricts instructors to three years of service unless, in that time, they are promoted to the rank of assistant professor.

"He was one of eight instructors whose contracts expired June 30, 1935, and who were not reappointed. The reasons for his failure to be reappointed were, first, that he could not be promoted, and second, that the enrollment in German was such that the department did not require the services of any one in his position.

"Not until the Winter of 1934-35, fifteen months after he had been informed that his contract would not be renewed, were allegations advanced that he failed of reappointment because he differed in political beliefs with the head of his department."

SALONICA JEWS GIVEN \$10,000 FOR CHARITY

SALONICA, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The municipal government of this city has granted the sum of approximately \$10,000 for the use

of Jewish charity organizations. Salonica's total charity budget is about \$140,000.

DR. HIRSCH STILL HELD BY GESTAPO

BERLIN, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Otto Hirsch, president of the executive of the Reichsvertretung, was today still being held by the Gestapo in the Columbia House, the secret police "torture chamber."

Dr. Hirsch was arrested on Wednesday in connection with a Yom Kippur message sent out by the Reichsvertretung, supreme German-Jewish representative body.

All efforts to establish contact with Dr. Hirsch have thus far failed. No charges have been laid against him by the Gestapo and the latter has refused all information as to his case.