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AUSTRIAN GENERAL ASSAILS NAZI EDICT ON WAR MEMORIALS

VIENNA, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Reich Propaganda Ministry's order that Jewish names are no longer to appear on German war memorials was today characterized as "inexplicable moral turpitude" by General Franz Weibstanyi von Mainprogg, distinguished Austrian veteran, in a letter to the Neues Wiener Tageblatt.

General von Mainprogg, who described himself as a "true Catholic Austrian officer and a member of an old Austrian military family," voices doubt that the man who issued the order, Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels, ever fought "among these insulted war comrades who fell for the Fatherland and sacrificed everything."

"I'm appalled at such inexplicable moral turpitude," the General writes. "I cannot believe that the originator of this shameful measure fought among these insulted war comrades who fell for the Fatherland and sacrificed everything. I'm full of horror at such a measure which kills the dead a second time and deprives their survivors of the last comfort of gratitude from a beloved Fatherland. Our old Austrian soldierly spirit must ask, Where is morality, justice, faith, gratitude and comradeship? Let the German Reichswehr, which inherited the old knightly spirit of Germany answer."

MANY JEWS JOIN ITALIAN ARMY IN ETHIOPIA

ROME, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today that large numbers of Jews, including residents of Tunis, Egypt, Algiers, Turkey and Greece, have volunteered for service with the Italian expeditionary forces in Ethiopia.

A special legion stationed at Sabaudia and comprising volunteers from lands outside of Italy includes a number of Jewish officers. Major Lionello Attias, a Tunis Jew, commands a battalion in this legion and is second in command of the legion. Among the volunteers is a young rabbi, Catarinas Salomne.

ENDEK STUDENTS OPEN SCHOOL TERM WITH
ANTI-JEWISH DEMONSTRATION

WARSAW, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- After attending services at the St. Anna Cathedral, student members of the Endek (National Democratic) Party started their academic term at the university today with a demonstration against Jews.

The students, carrying banners inscribed with anti-Semitic slogans, launched sporadic attacks against Jewish passersby. Police broke up the demonstration and arrested several of the students, confiscating leaflets containing brutal accusations against Jewish tradesmen.

VIENNA BARS NAME CHANGES

VIENNA, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Possessors of such biblical names as Moses and Isaac will have to keep them, it appeared today. The municipal authorities announced today that permits to change such names will no longer be granted.

NON-RUSSIAN JEWS TO BE SETTLED IN BIRO-BIDJAN NEXT SPRING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The first group of non-Russian Jews will be settled in the Jewish autonomous territory of Biro-Bidjan next Spring, it was announced here yesterday following a conference between Soviet Ambassador Alexander A. Troyanovsky and former Representative William W. Cohen and Sol Low representing the American Committee for the Settlement of Jews in Biro-Bidjan.

Plans for admission of European non-Russian Jews were discussed by the three at a conference yesterday, according to an announcement by the Soviet Embassy.

Mr. Cohen and Mr. Low informed M. Troyanovsky that the American Committee had just received official authorization from the Komzet, Soviet commission for settling Jews on land, to proceed with the plan.

Z.O.A. CALLS FOR UNITED PALESTINE FRONT

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A call for a united Palestine Front to mobilize American Jewry for the purpose of meeting the increased opportunities in Palestine for the settlement of Jewish refugees

from Germany and other lands, was issued by the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America at its meeting Sunday afternoon at the Hotel Astor, according to a statement from the Z.O.A. today.

In order to bring about the union of all Zionist forces in the United States, the meeting adopted a resolution submitted by Louis Lipsky in the name of the Executive of the organization, directing the latter to summon an extraordinary conference of all Zionist parties and groups in the United States as well as other friends of Palestine to decide upon the form of the new agency to be created. The resolution also provides that the united front agency shall assume direction of all Palestine fund-raising bodies, and coordinate them in a United Palestine Appeal, which would be launched by the extraordinary conference.

The meeting, attended by members from many cities gave unanimous support of the proposal for launching a vigorous effort to win greater support from American Jewry for Palestine upbuilding, the statement said.

OTTAWA POLICE ACCEPT TISSOT'S RESIGNATION

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Board of Police Commissioners of this city has formally accepted the resignation of Jean Tissot, anti-Semitic detective who was recently convicted of criminally libeling A. J. Freiman, prominent Jewish merchant and president of the Canadian Zionist Organization.

The board yesterday agreed to give Tissot, who had been a member of the police department for twenty-five years, a cash settlement of \$1,500 in lieu of a life pension which would amount to \$90 a month.

Tissot is now a patient at the Ottawa General Hospital.

ROSENBACH RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HISTORIANS' SOCIETY

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. A.W.S. Rosenbach, noted bibliophile and antiquarian, was re-elected president of the American Jewish Historical Society at the last session of the society's fourteenth annual meeting at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

J.D.C. AND A.P.C. TO CONDUCT INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN NEXT YEAR

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee and the American Palestine Campaign, which have for the past two years conducted joint drives as United Jewish Appeal, for settlement of Jews of Germany and other lands in Palestine, will conduct independent fund-raising campaigns for these purposes in 1936, it was announced today following a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

This action was based on the conclusion that "the sums raised have not shown an increase commensurate with the great need, nor did they measure up to what was expected of American Jewry."

Discussing the plan of individual campaigns the statement issued by the officers of the United Jewish Appeal said:

"One of the advantages of separate campaigns was that both the Joint Distribution Committee and the American Palestine Campaign would be free to intensify their special appeals and would enlist in their particular efforts additional supporters for their respective programs in the field of European aid and reconstruction and of Palestine upbuilding."

The statement declared that the joint campaign of the past two years had developed "a larger spirit of cooperation between the partners in the campaign," producing a keener sense of "solidarity and responsibility" in local communities.

To date seven hundred communities have already contributed \$1,600,000 toward this year's objective. At present 149 communities are still to complete their campaigns during the remainder of the year.

The statement of the Executive Committee pointed out that "the results achieved by the United Jewish Appeal in both 1934 and 1935, tangible and intangible, could be regarded as satisfactory; but the general conclusion was reached that the sums raised have not shown an increase commensurate with the great need.

"It was confidently felt that friendly relations would be continued and that the good-will developed between the leaders of the Joint Distribution Committee and the leaders of the American Palestine Campaign, as well as of their followers throughout the country, would find expression in forms of practical cooperation in the 1936 campaign."

ECUADOR SCHEME HELD UP BY LACK OF FUNDS, POLITICAL CHANGES

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The plans for colonizing Jews in Ecuador are being held up by lack of requisite funds and the recent political upheaval during which a military dictatorship was established in Ecuador, according to an advance report received by the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society from its Paris office and made public today.

"We had a chance to examine a draft of the agreement drawn up for signature between the Government of Ecuador and the Paris committee," the report said. "Essentially it provides for a colonization scheme requiring millions of dollars for its real-

ization. Of course, since those millions are lacking the proposition cannot be put into effect.

"Since the drafting of the agreement," the report added, "the president of Ecuador was imprisoned and a military dictatorship established. A couple of refugees whom we were to send there as individuals refused to undertake the journey as a result."

POLAND PROBES ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES IN 2 TOWNS

WARSAW, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Minister of the Interior Koscialkowski today sent an official to investigate complaints of anti-Semitic activities submitted to him by a delegation from the towns of Kloback and Traskalas near Czenstochow.

OLYMPIC STATUTES CONTRADICTS SHERRILL ON HELENE MAYER'S ELIGIBILITY

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- When General Charles H. Sherrill, member of the International Olympic Committee, says Helene Mayer can participate in the 1936 Olympic games for Germany whether she is a citizen or not, he contradicts the International Olympic Statutes, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency established today.

An examination of the volume of Protocols of the International Olympic Federation disclosed the following under "General Rules Applying to the Celebration of the Olympic Games, Article II, Necessary Conditions for Representing a Country."

"Only those who are nationals or naturalized subjects of a country or of a state which is part of that country are able to represent that country in the Olympic Games."

The new legislation passed by the Reichstag at Nuremberg Sept. 15 bars Jews from German citizenship.

Miss Mayer is a "non-Aryan" ineligible for German citizenship. As such and in the light of the international Olympic Statutes, it would appear that Miss Mayer is not eligible to represent Germany in the games.

Another statement of Gen. Sherrill's which was checked as one he made to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency interviewer to the effect that a decision of the Amateur Athletic Union to boycott the games would have no effect on American participation.

At the office of the A.A.U., the J.T.A. was told that the union is the governing body in nine major sports. Olympic statutes provide that an athlete, to compete in a sport, must have the certification of the governing body in that sport, countersigned by the American Olympic Committee.

REICH REPORTED PLANNING IMPORTANT BARTER PACT CHANGES

BERLIN, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The German Government is planning important changes in the Palestine-Germany transfer agreement and modifications in the exchange regulations as far as sending money to Palestine is concerned, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today from a highly reliable source.

In this connection, sensational reports are being spread throughout the city that the Palestine Government intends to place certain commercial orders with Germany under the terms of the transfer agreement. The purpose of the orders, according to circles close to the Government, is to help German Jews transfer their capital to Palestine.

So strong is the belief that changes are imminent in the barter agreement by which German Jews going to Palestine are enabled to transfer their capital, that a legal conference on this and other problems connected with Palestine exchange, scheduled for next week, has been postponed by the local Palestine office. An all-German conference of Palestine office representatives will open here Sunday, however, to decide on a program of migration for the Winter months.

3 BIG JEWISH FIRMS SOLD TO "ARYANS"

BERLIN, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A majority of the shares in the Jewish-owned Hirsch Kupfer Messing Company, one of Germany's largest metallurgical enterprises, capitalized at 12,500,000 marks, was sold to "Aryan" interests today.

The new "Aryan" owners acquired shares valued at 6,500,000 marks, but the announcement of the sale fails to mention how much was actually paid the Jewish owners who are now in Palestine.

Payment for the shares, it was announced, was made in German marks. This means that, under recently established exchange regulations, the money must remain in Germany in a so-called "frozen" account and cannot be withdrawn under the terms of the existing Palestine-Germany barter agreement.

Two other important Jewish firms were sold to "Aryans" today, it was announced here. One is the Remag Aktiengesellschaft which was founded by and belonged to the noted Netter family. The second is the Simson Company, clothing manufacturers of Muenchen-Gladbach.