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MANCHESTER GUARDIAN OPPOSES BRITISH ROLE IN OLYMPICS

LONDON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The Manchester Guardian launched a campaign today against British participation in the 1936 Berlin Olympics with prominently featured article headlined, "The Olympic Games in the New Germany: the Case against Taking Part."

The Guardian declared that Germany's pledged given to the International Olympic Committee that no discrimination would be practiced against Jewish athletes are valueless because the laws enacted by the Reichstag at Nuremberg on September 15 deprived all the Jews of German citizenship, automatically barring them from competing in the games under Olympic rules, and because the German Jewish athletes are not given the chance to reach or maintain Olympic standards of skill.

The invitations to Greta Bergmann of Stuttgart and Helene Mayer, now living in California, to compete for the German team were characterized by the Guardian as "a gesture to placate opinion in the United States," the result of a visit by Brig. Gen. Charles H. Sherrill to Germany last September.

The Guardian quoted a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report from Berlin appearing in the Jewish Bulletin of New York on September 27 as proof that Jewish athletes would not be able to compete.

The report stated:

"A nation cannot be represented in the Olympic games by an athlete who is neither a citizen nor a subject of the country.

"The Reichstag stripped the German Jews of citizenship at its Nuremberg session last week.

"No German Jew will be permitted to participate in the 1936 Olympics, was the logical conclusion which Jewish athletic circles drew this week from the above two facts. This is believed

the clinching factor that will keep Jewish athletes out of the Olympics, even if other handicaps placed in their path were overcome.

"The German Maccabi Association, Jewish sports organization with more than 20,000 members, consequently announced it would not be represented on German teams in next year's competitions."

JEWISH FENCERS SCORE IN OLYMPIC TRIALS IN BUDAPEST

BUDAPEST, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Two Jewish fencers scored the highest number of points today in an athletic exhibition held at the State Theater in connection with next Summer's Olympic games.

REPORTED SALE OF DER STUERMER NOT CONFIRMED

BERLIN, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Reports widely circulated abroad that Julius Streicher, Germany's high priest of anti-Semitism, has sold his pornographic weekly Der Stuermer for 2,500,000 marks could not be confirmed here today.

There have been persistent reports that a group has been seeking to take over the anti-Semitic publication or to buy Streicher's moderation in his war upon the Jews until after the Olympic Games, or at least until the United States has made its final decision on participation.

AIMED AT JEW, ENDEK WOUNDS CHRISTIAN CHILD

WARSAW, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Police in the city of Radom were searching today for a member of the Endek anti-Semitic party who shot and wounded a three-year-old Christian child yesterday afternoon while aiming at a Jewish passerby. He disappeared after the shooting.

In a number of towns surrounding Radom, which has been the storm center of anti-Semitic disturbances in the past two weeks, the authorities prohibited the holding of the usual markets to avoid excesses.

In Lodz, a Jewish tailor named Mordechai, 46, died in the hospital today of wounds received last week when he was attacked by anti-Semites. The Jewish community defrayed the cost of the funeral.

NAZI PAPER DEMANDS BAN ON "WER IST'S"

BERLIN, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Suppression of the newly published 1936 "Wer Ist's," the German Who's Who, was demanded today by Der Schwarze Korps, organ of Hitler's blackshirted elite guards, on the ground that the volume contains too many Jewish names.

The paper states: "Of 18,000 names every tenth one is non-Aryan."

The newspaper demands that the publisher of the volume be prosecuted "for not fulfilling the high responsibility that any one publishing such a work bears."

JEWISH FIRM TAKEN OVER BY "ARYANS"

BERLIN, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The Deka department store in Schweinfurth-am-Main controlled by the Jewish firm, Teitz Brothers, and capitalized at 80,000 marks passed into "Aryan" hands today.

CHRISTMAS BOYCOTT OF JEWISH STORES OPENED IN BUDAPEST

BUDAPEST, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Karl Wolff, leader of the Christian Social Party, launched a drive today for the posting of placards around the city bearing appeals to the Christian population not to make Christmas purchases from Jewish shops.

Handbills were also distributed with the legend, "Whoever buys from Jews is a murderer of the Hungarian race."

J.D.C. SPENT \$2,654,500 FOR RELIEF OF EUROPE'S JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Reporting that American Jews contributed \$2,654,500 for the relief of Jews in Germany and Eastern Europe from the Spring of 1933 to September, 1935, the American Joint Distribution Committee emphasized that the conditions of the Jews are becoming increasingly worse.

The report made public today shows that \$902,000 was spent in Germany in efforts to ameliorate distress, to retrain dislodged Jews and for emigration. It was also reported that \$947,500 was contributed for German refugees in various countries.

In addition, the J.D.C. spent \$805,000 for distressed Jews in Poland and Eastern Europe, who were said in the report to be "suffering from almost complete economic prostration."

The report, written by Joseph C. Hyman, secretary of the J.D.C., warned that conditions of the German and Eastern European Jews are such that "millions face complete destruction unless the work of the Joint Distribution Committee can continue on an even larger scale.

In the period covered in the report, the Hilfsverein der Juden in Deutschland aided 80,000 individuals seeking to emigrate to lands other than Palestine, of whom 32,000 actually left Germany. About 38,000 sought advice on emigrating to Palestine and 3,700 actually emigrated there, exclusive of 4,300 tourists and 3,000 persons in the capitalist category. Of 40,000 foreign born individuals forced to leave Germany 30,000 received assistance to enable their return to their native lands.

Nearly 13,000 Jewish youths were enabled to change their vocations through retraining. It is estimated that some 69,000 more require vocational guidance and readjustment.

By the end of 1934, forty-nine loan societies were established in Germany, and 100,000 applications for economic aid handled.

Ninety schools were established which cared for 20,000 of the 63,000 German Jewish children. Employment bureaus placed 16,000 out of 123,000 applicants in jobs.

The Palestine Economic Corporation, the American Jewish Joint Agricultural Corporation and the American Joint Reconstruction Foundation were reported to have rendered increased service during the past year.

The report declared: "The situation of the refugees in all countries has become most precarious...Due to the increasingly onerous legislation against all foreigners in these days of economic stress, the status of the refugees in various countries has become alarmingly insecure..."

"While a large number of the refugees, at the outset, were in a position to tide themselves over for a short period of time, either with their own resources or with the aid of relatives and friends, as time wore on, they were obliged to consume their meager resources. The problem then increasingly became one, not alone of furnishing actual physical and palliative relief to a considerable number of refugees who had to be housed and fed, but it became primarily a problem for creating employment opportunities, finding new occupations and adjusting numbers of refugees to the life of the lands in which they found themselves."

The report laid stress on the grave situation created by the German regulation which stops remittances to Germans abroad. This affects thousands of adults and children who had been receiving support.

Discussing the Eastern European situation, the report declares:

"While palliative aid has had to be rendered not alone last year but this year in sections of Poland, Galicia and Rumania, the chief emphasis of the J.D.C. activity continues to be the support of constructive programs of economic aid and the extension of credits, the vocational training of children and youth, aiding Jewish artisans and workmen in plying their trades, the maintenance of large-scale medical-sanitary associations in Poland and bordering lands and the granting of contributions to the various school systems of the Jewish populations as well as the preservation of the most important and vital institutions of religious and cultural training."

WEDGWOOD DEMANDS QUIZ ON ARAB ARMS

LONDON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The demand was made on the floor of the House of Commons today that the Palestine Government investigate the means by which Arab brigands who have been active of late have been able to obtain rifles.

Col. Josiah Wedgwood, labor Member of Parliament, made the request. Colonial Secretary J. H. Thomas refused to comply, stating that the Palestine authorities are fully alive to the importance of tracing arms smuggling, no matter which section of the population was suspected.

Arab brigands armed with rifles recently killed a Jewish police sergeant. The band which was being hunted by Palestine police engaged in a pitched battle with them in the Gilboa hills as a result of which one British constable and five Arabs were killed.

POLISH DAILY DISPUTES ENDEKS' ARGUMENTS ON JEWS

WARSAW, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Endek arguments that there are a disproportionate number of Jews attending the higher schools of the country were given the lie today by the Gazeta Polska, semi-official Government organ.

The paper points out that it is untrue that the proportion of Jewish students, as contended by the anti-Semitic nationalist students, is larger than the proportion of the Jewish population in the country.

Another argument used by the Endeks in explaining the reasons for their recent attacks upon the Jews, is that Jewish students receive a disproportionate share of scholarships. This contention is also disproved by the Gazeta Polska which points out that Jewish students in the academic year 1934-35 received only 3.5% of the total scholarships distributed as against 7.9% during 1932-33.

POLISH OFFICIAL LAUDS PALESTINE WORK OF JEWS

WARSAW, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Admiration for the Jewish pioneering in Palestine was voiced today by Minister of the Interior Ladislaw Raczkiewicz during an audience granted to Leib Jaffe, director of the Palestine Foundation Fund. Mr. Jaffe is in Poland directing the fund campaign. During his stay he has interviewed many high Government officials, including President Moscicki.

JEWSH HOMES STONED IN UPPER SILESIAN TOWN

WARSAW, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Reports were received here today of a short-lived riot that flared in the Upper Silesian town of Mislwice, near the German border, during which unidentified persons stoned Jewish houses, smashing the windows.

PROPERTY CONFISCATION PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF NEW NAZI LAW

BERLIN, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Confiscation of all property is the penalty announced today by the exchange office for violation of the new laws prohibiting export of more than 1,000 marks in goods by prospective emigrants from Germany.

The warning definitely states that those sending abroad merchandise exceeding that amount, with the intention of following after to collect the purchase price and then remain abroad, will also suffer confiscation of all their remaining property.

Yesterday's decree is a severe blow to many Jews who had been planning to emigrate, since the limit of 1,000 marks in goods is considered entirely inadequate for starting life anew in a strange country.

KARESKI NAMED HEAD OF KULTURBUND FEDERATION

BERLIN, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Georg Kareski, leader of the German State Zionist Party, was today appointed president of the Reich Federation of Jewish Kulturbunds, by Reichs Minister for "Non-Aryan" Culture Hans Hinkel.

The appointment, which makes Mr. Kareski virtually director of the entire Jewish cultural life of the Reich, was opposed by many Jewish leaders.

The Federation of Kulturbunds was organized under Nazi supervision to set up a "ghetto" culture for the Jews in Germany. Only Jews may attend the various affairs sponsored by the Kulturbund. Membership in the federation is obligatory upon all Jewish cultural organizations.

Last Spring Mr. Kareski proposed a plan whereby all the Jews of Germany would emigrate within twenty-five years.

A.A.U. CONVENTION OPENS TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Petitions containing names of 4,000,000 persons as individuals and groups demanding that the Amateur Athletic Union vote against American participation in the Berlin Olympic games will be laid before the A.A.U. executive committee when it meets at the Hotel Commodore at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Tomorrow, the first day of the three-day convention, will be devoted to committee reports. The Olympic issue will reach the floor Saturday, the first day of plenary sessions, according to Daniel Ferris, national secretary-treasurer of the A.A.U.

Among the organizations whose representatives will appear before the executive committee tomorrow are: The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, the Catholic War Veterans, the Anti-Nazi Federation, the Young Circle League, the Move-the-Olympics Committee and the American League against War and Fascism. The executive committee has made arrangements to receive the representatives.

The Committee on Fair Play in Sports reported today that it has brought to a close its fight against Olympics participation. No move will be made during the convention, a spokesman for the committee said, so that no charge can arise of undue influence being brought to bear on the delegates.

JACOB DEHAAS HONORED AT RECEPTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The importance of mass emigration of Jews from Europe to Palestine was stressed last night by Jacob de Haas, veteran Zionist leader, at a reception in his honor at Town Hall. Among those who greeted him on his return from Europe were Dr. A. A. Berle and Rabbi Louis I. Newman of Temple Rodeph Sholem.