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### REICH ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE, NAZI LEADER ADMITS

BERLIN, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- That Germany is a "besieged fortress" with its population facing a desperate struggle for existence was the statement made by Robert Ley at the closing session of the fifth convention of the German Labor Front of which he is leader.

Although the speech was delivered Friday, it was so frankly and bluntly worded that it was held up by the Ministry of Propaganda and its text not made public until today.

The virtual admission that Germany is on the verge of economic collapse was made by Mr. Ley, who said that such a situation was "due to the cold war Jews abroad are conducting to destroy the Reich by boycotting German goods."

But for the Jews, Mr. Ley declared, Germany would not be playing an important role in international affairs. He complained that "Jews are hampering us, are doing their best to minimize our importance and are spreading atrocity stories against us all over the world. The happier our people are, the more lies the Jews spread about us. They've started a boycott against us which is nothing less than a cold war to humiliate our nation. Our only answer to that can be that the German nation hopes for nothing from abroad.

Making the analogy between Germany and a "besieged fortress", Mr. Ley declared:

"The situation in which our country finds itself is so serious that there's no need to fool ourselves on the actual state of affairs and to conceal it by means of artificial enthusiasm. The German people must know the truth. They must tell it now not with feminine sobs, but in the manner of man to man."

"The poison which cripples the German people's spirit," he said, "threatens not only the Jewish people but also all the weaker nations of the world. Goebbels produces anti-Jewish poison while the German factories are producing poison gases to subdue entire countries and peoples. The Nazis produce bestial hate bacteria against the Jews and the German war industries are producing deadly bacteria for the whole world. Parallel with the growth of the anti-Jewish blood madness is the increase in the production of the Krupp factories."

#### JEWISH LAWYERS ATTACKED IN BUCHAREST RIOTS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- A crowd of 300 Rumanian lawyers ranged through Bucharest today on a hunt for Jews, driving Jewish attorneys out of courtrooms, assaulting many and participating in disorders around the Palace of Justice.

A number of Jewish lawyers were removed to the hospital seriously injured, among them some of the outstanding Jewish barristers of Rumania.

Meanwhile, an anti-Semitic mob roved through the streets, overturning tramcars and throwing out their Jewish passengers. Many Jewish passersby were beaten.

The riots follow on the heels of a conference between Premier Tatarescu and Minister of Interior Inculiet after which it was announced that any form of anti-Semitic violence would be swiftly suppressed by the Government.

The present disorders began yesterday when anti-Semites forcefully ejected Jewish attorneys from a meeting of the Rumanian Bar Association at which election of officers was to be held.

#### ZIONISM HELD BULWARK AGAINST ASSIMILATION, COMMUNISM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Zionism was today characterized as a bulwark against assimilation and Communism by David Ben-Gurion, leader of the organization department of the World Zionist Executive, at a conference with members of the press.

Mr. Ben-Gurion declared that it is the movement's aim to conquer the Jewish people for Zionism and to develop Zionist comradeship for the sake of inner unity in the movement.

Discussing the recent World Zionist Congress at Lucerne, Mr. Ben-Gurion listed its greatest achievements as follows:

First, the return to the presidency of the World Zionist Organization of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, veteran Zionist leader and noted scientist.

Secondly, establishment of a coalition executive comprising representatives of the leading Zionist parties.

Mr. Ley disclosed that the country has hardly an gold reserves left, that there is a forty per cent shortage in clothing as well as in certain foodstuffs and that foreign exchange coverage is extremely limited.

He further revealed that had Germany used its credits to alleviate the food shortage, there would have been a minimum of 4,500,000 persons added to the unemployed lists because of the lack of raw materials which are now being bought instead of food.

"It is for these developments," Mr. Ley concluded, "that the Jews have been waiting, but we will never capitulate."

He announced that German housewives will shortly be asked to dispense entirely with butter fats and will be taught to cook without fats.

#### KOSHER MEAT IMPORTS BARRED, MEATLESS DAYS FACE REICH JEWS

BERLIN, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Beginning today orthodox Jews of Germany will be forced to go meatless as a result of an order issued yesterday which prohibits the import of kosher meat.

With shechita (orthodox ritual of slaughtering animals for consumption by Jews) prohibited in Germany for some time, the only hope orthodox Jewry here has left of obtaining kosher meat rests in arrangements that may be made with foreign relief organizations.

Since the ban on shechita, kosher meat has been imported from Hungary and Denmark by the various Jewish community organizations with the special permission of the German authorities. This permission was granted because at the time Germany had a favorable trade balance and no foreign exchange was needed for the purchases.

The prohibition on kosher meat imports was decreed because, it was stated, Germany now needs all her credits for food for the general population and because it is vital that the Reich conserve its foreign exchange.

The new law affects not only thousands of orthodox individuals but deals a crushing blow to Jewish butchers and restaurants.

#### RUBENSTEIN ASSAILS NAZI REGIME IN SEJM DEBATE

WARSAW, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- A scathing attack against Nazi Germany was delivered by Deputy Isaac Rubinstein during a debate in the Polish Parliament on ratification of the Polish-German commercial treaty. Deputy Rubinstein was called to order by the Speaker for insulting a friendly nation.

In his speech the Jewish deputy drew parallels between the persecution of the Jews by the Nazis and the preparations the Government is making to wage war against the world.

Thirdly, the transfer to Jerusalem of the organization department.

Others who addressed the conference were Rabbi J. Fishman and Isaac Gruenbaum, who share with Mr. Ben-Gurion the organization department portfolio. They called for Zionist education as the basis of Zionist work and for increased effort in the upbuilding of Palestine.

#### 56 GUNS MOUNTED IN HAIFA AREA

HAIFA, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- A total of fifty-six big guns have been mounted in and around this most important Palestine port as a defense against possible attacks, it was ascertained by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

The guns, of varying bore, are strategically distributed as follows:

Six are mounted near the railway workshops. Four are at Shemen, six at Bath-Galim, four at the municipal baths. Around Carmel, seven are mounted. Four are in the Bahaiian quarter of the city. Eight are located in colonies bordering Haifa and Acre. Twelve are mounted in the El Nakura Harbor which is near the Syrian frontier. Five guns have been posted at the various lighthouses in the Haifa harbor, to be used principally for signalling purposes.

#### 2 JEWS WOUNDED IN BOMBINGS AT KATOWICE

WARSAW, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Two Jews were wounded, a synagogue and several Jewish homes were damaged by a series of bomb explosions which early this morning rocked Katowice and its environs. The bombs were believed to have been planted by Endeks, members of the anti-Semitic Nationalist Democratic Party.

In Katowice a bomb shattered the entrance to the synagogue. In the nearby town of Lipiny, windows in the home of a Jewish merchant named Schell were shattered and Mr. Schell was injured. A second bomb placed in the home of another Jewish merchant named Fleischer was discovered and removed before it exploded.

A Jewish merchant named Laub was wounded when a bomb exploded in his home in Hrobaczow. Another bomb destroyed the stockroom of a shop owned by a Mr. Steinitz.

#### LEAGUE EXPERTS DIVIDED ON AID TO REFUGEES

GENEVA, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Deadlocked by the refusal of Italian Ambassador Giuseppe de Michelis to agree to League aid to refugees, the other four members of the League Council's expert committee on international aid to refugees have completed a majority report to be published at the League Council meeting January 20, it was learned today.

While neither the majority nor minority report was made public, it was learned that Signor Michelis' recommendation demands that the refugee problem be left to private philanthropy.

The majority report, subscribed to by the British, French, Czech-slovakian and Norwegian experts, recommends establishment of either an autonomous section for refugees attached to the Nansen International Office with the president of the Nansen Office the automatic High Commissioner for Refugees, or establishment of a separate office for refugees directly responsible to the League Council.

Although the Council will discuss the reports next month, final decision rests with the Assembly, which will meet next September. Meanwhile, the committee has proposed as a provisional measure the appointment of a special high commissioner for refugees who, with the technical assistance of the League Secretariat, would serve until September.

The provisional plan would entail selection of a new high commissioner to replace James G. McDonald, whose resignation is effective Dec. 31. Among the names being mentioned in connection with the commissionership is Sir Herbert Samuel, who was the first British High Commissioner for Palestine.

#### AUSTRIAN LEAGUE BODY ASKS AID FOR REICH REFUGEES

VIENNA, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The Executive Committee of the Austrian League of Nations Society today addressed an urgent request to the British League Society to launch a campaign aimed to arouse the conscience of the world and of the League of Nations on behalf of the German Jews.

The committee, meeting under the chairmanship of Ambassador Pumba, also asked the British society to demand that no German refugees be expelled but rather be afforded opportunities for employment, and to influence Britain to permit a larger number of Jews to enter Palestine without capital. "The British nation will thus earn the thanks of the civilized world," the resolution concluded.

#### NEW YORK QUOTA \$1,250,000 IN J.D.C. 1936 DRIVE FOR \$3,500,00

CHICAGO, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- A New York quota of \$1,250,000 and a Chicago quota of \$350,000 were adopted following the action of the conference of 150 Jewish leaders from thirty states and Canada yesterday in setting a \$3,500,000 goal for the 1936 campaign of the Joint Distribution Committee for the aid of German and eastern European Jews.

The conference unanimously agreed that efforts must be redoubled in this country for aiding reconstruction work. Speakers were Felix M. Warburg, honorary chairman of the J.D.C.; Paul Baerwald, chairman; Joseph C. Hyman, secretary; William Rosenwald of Philadelphia; Alexander Kahn of New York, who recently returned from Poland; Solomon Lowenstein of New York, Prof. Joseph P. Chamberlain, American member of the League high commission for refugees and Gov. Henry Horner of Illinois.

Governor Lehman of New York, sent a message to the conference. Mr. Warburg declared: "At no time since the beginning of the World War has there been so great a need for service, understanding and giving.

"Given an understanding of their problem," he continued, "a sympathetic approach from governments and authorities, willingness to give some regard to special difficulties and sufferings that oppress the Jewish elements of the population, I am convinced that progress can be achieved in restoring the Jewish people in all these lands to a position of health and self-support."

Discussing the termination of the agreement between the J.D.C. and the American Palestine Campaign in the United Jewish Appeal, Mr. Warburg said:

"Some have deplored that next year the J.D.C. and Palestine campaigns will go their separate ways. I too am sorry in a sense, yet I am glad that as a result of two years of partial contact and partnership, many values in mutual understanding and in good will have developed. These will persist and continue in efforts in many local communities. Whether a locality shall determine to have one drive for both or separate efforts there is today, I know, a more sympathetic understanding, clearer appreciation of needs, than in many years before.

"I might have hoped the united appeal could still continue but I was convinced that in both groups, those who saw in Palestine the major program and those who saw in Germany and Poland the major need, that it was not feasible to attempt to harness these spirited chargers together. They both had the same objective, the same ultimate hope, but they dashed off in separate directions. It was not easy for those who held the reins to keep them together.

"I am proudly convinced that we can part as good neighbors and as good friends. We can help each other as we have in the past. We can work together wherever local circumstances make it desirable and possible. In our programs of activity abroad we can dovetail our work.

"The J.D.C. has long contributed toward the work for Palestine. In this German situation a substantial part of our funds have gone to enable Jews from Germany and refugees to emigrate to Palestine, to train and prepare for life there. Part of our funds have gone to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

"So we will continue as we have from the very beginning of our work in 1914, to include Palestine in our efforts, but we will have to concentrate in bringing aid to German and Polish Jews. In whatever plans we work out we shall think of Palestine in all its possibilities as a means and as a goal toward helping many of our fellow Jews. But we cannot stop with Palestine."

Mr. Baerwald told the conference that the future prospects of the Jews throughout the world have been strengthened by the institutions established and supported by funds from the American J.D.C. He said:

"No history of contemporary Jewish life would fail to record the evidences of American contributions through the J.D.C. All over Eastern and Central Europe, Russia and Palestine there remain tangible and intangible benefits that your contributions have established. Your funds made possible for Jews of all those countries overseas to feel they could go on, keep their organizations functioning."

Reviewing the conditions of the Jews in Germany, Mr. Hyman declared that at most not more than 15,000 to 20,000 Jews can leave Germany yearly. This means, he said, that measures must be taken to aid the rest.

"We must plan with them," he said. "We must support their responsible leaders and organizations in preventing panic flights, in stopping mass exodus that will endanger those who flee and that will have serious results in spreading the dreadful poison of anti-Semitism in all those countries in which they seek refuge."

#### ANTI-OLYMPIC FORCES MAP NEW DRIVE AGAINST BERLIN GAMES

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Undaunted by the resolution of the Amateur Athletic Union convention backing participation in the Berlin Olympics, the forces opposing the Nazi games began to rally today for a new offensive.

The participation resolution, introduced by Gustavus T. Kirby, treasurer of the American Olympic Committee, and passed yesterday in the closing hours of the parley at the Commodore Hotel, was followed by a number of resignations from Olympic posts.

First, Jeremiah T. Mahoney, president of the A.A.U., refused to accept the mandate of the convention and declined nomination for any office "to devote my energies to preserving the honor of American athletes." He also resigned from the American Olympic Committee executive, but retained his membership in the committee.

His lead was followed by Louis di Benedetto, secretary-treasurer of the Southern A.A.U. and member of the A.O.C. executive; Charles L. Ornstein, A.O.C. member, Miss Charlotte Epstein, A.O.C. member and Harry D. Henshel, member of the Olympic Basketball Committee.

Berlin-Olympic opponents were today mapping plans for a new offensive against the Nazi games. They pointed out that in two tests of strength during the convention the A.A.U. delegates gave a majority to the anti-Berlin resolutions, but the balance was swung by votes of affiliated organizations.

A number of these organizations, Judge Mahoney charged today, registered at the last moment, in violation of the A.A.U. requirement that they register twenty days before the convention.

One of the concrete proposals expected to be put forth shortly is to send a commission of three headed by Mr. Mahoney to Germany to investigate conditions.

A similar proposal for a fact-finding commission, laid before the closing session of the convention by Supreme Court Justice Aaron Steuer as a compromise measure, was turned down by the narrow margin of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  votes although the tally of A.A.U. delegates showed a majority of eleven for the resolution.

Defeat of the amendment left the field open for passage by viva voce vote, without dissent, of the Kirby resolution, which backed participation but, as a sop to the anti-Nazis, asked the International Olympic Committee to exercise vigilance in protecting participants against discrimination.

The debate on the resolution was marked by recriminations and an atmosphere of tenseness, as was the case when the first big issue of the convention came up -- the resolution introduced by the Executive Committee by a 10 to 5 vote scoring the Nazi Olympics, calling on athletes to stay out and calling on Olympic bodies to take steps to remove the games.

Brought into the plenary session under an agreement between opposing forces that the resolution would be discussed two hours by each side, it suddenly met a parliamentary obstacle in the form of a motion to table by Patrick J. Walsh, one of the Brundage lieutenants.

The resolution took anti-Olympic forces by surprise, and after a roll call vote without discussion, the motion won -- by six votes, although it would have lost had not such allied bodies as the German-American sports club been represented.

Immediately Kirby introduced his resolution, Ornstein leaped to the floor, denounced the "double-dealing," and introduced an amendment to the Kirby resolution, stating it to be "the sense of this convention that the A.A.U. is opposed to participation in the 1936 Olympic Games."

The amendment was later withdrawn so that Justice Steuer could introduce his compromise, which provided for naming of a commission of three to investigate conditions in Germany, one member each to be named by Brundage and Mahoney and one elected by the ex-presidents of the A.A.U.

#### A.A.U. DECISION HAILED BY NAZIS AS DEFEAT FOR "JEWISH AGITATORS"

BERLIN, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The German press today described the pro-Olympics decision of the Amateur Athletic Union as a "complete defeat for the Jewish boycott agitators."

News of the decision, however, is given very little prominence, Der Angriff, leading Nazi organ, burying a brief cable dispatch on the story in an inside page.

Jewish circles here were depressed at the news, since it is now expected that with the Olympics issue safely out of the way, the Government will speed promulgation of the decrees ousting Jews from



commerce. These decrees had been held up, it was believed, in fear of arousing anti-Nazi opinion in the United States sufficiently to influence the A.A.U. to vote against participation. According to articles appearing in the German press Saturday, the new decrees on commerce are expected to be issued not later than Christmas.

The Leni Riesenstahl firm, producers of the Nazi Party Congress films, were today awarded the contract to film the Olympic Games in the languages of the competing countries.

#### MAYOR SAHM RESIGNS POST; PATRONIZED JEWISH STORE

BERLIN, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Mayor Friedrich Sahn has submitted his resignation to Minister of the Interior Frick, it was officially announced here today, and it has been accepted with the approval of Reichs Chancellor Adolf Hitler.

According to the announcement, Dr. Sahn is being considered for a post in the Government service.

Dr. Sahn was recently ousted from the Nazi party on charges of having violated its principles by patronizing a Jewish department store. He was later reinstated in the party.

It is understood that the mayoralty will be combined with the post of Nazi commissar for Berlin, which is held by Dr. Julius Lippert.

#### NAZIS SEEKING TO DRIVE JEWISH JUDGES, LAWYERS FROM UPPER SILESIA

BRESLAU, Germany, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Pressure against Jewish judges and lawyers in Upper Silesia is being applied directly from Berlin, it was charged today at a convention of Jewish jurists and attorneys at Oppeln. The convention was called to consider protective measures.

The Nuremberg laws do not apply to Upper Silesia by virtue of the Polish-German Convention in which minorities are protected. The convention expires in 1937.

It is charged that the pressure is being brought "for the voluntary resignation" of the Jewish judges, of whom there are seven in Upper Silesia, and of the Jewish lawyers.

A delegation of Jewish lawyers is understood to be proceeding to Katowice to confer on the problem with Dr. Felix Calonder, chairman of the Upper Silesia Mixed Commission.

#### HEART ATTACK FELS WINNER OF \$50,000 PRIZE

WARSAW, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The shock of winning approximately \$50,000 in a lottery proved too much today for Chaim Ratenberg, a poor boxmaker of Ocowok near this city, who died of a heart attack when advised of his fortune. He was 48 years old.

WILNO COURT REDUCES JAIL TERM OF PEASANT'S SLAYER

WILNO, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The Court of Appeals today reduced the prison sentence of one of the two Jews convicted of slaying a Polish peasant during the anti-Semitic riots in Grodno last June.

Holding that Samuel Steiner, one of the convicted, had acted under the influence of psychical shock on the night of attack, the court reduced to seven years the original twelve-year sentence imposed by the Grodno court.

E. SONNENSCHN, CHICAGO ATTORNEY, DIES AT 54

CHICAGO, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Edward Sonnenschein, Chicago attorney, and an authority on real estate law and practice, died last night following an operation. He was 54 years old. He is survived by a widow, two sons and two brothers.