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HOLLAND'S QUEEN HONORS MCDONALD FOR REFUGEE AID

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- In recognition of his services for German refugees Queen Wilhelmina of Holland has conferred the Order of Orange Nassau upon James G. McDonald, retiring League of Nations High Commissioner for German and other refugees, it was learned here today.

The order was handed to Mr. McDonald by The Netherlands Ambassador to Great Britain prior to Mr. McDonald's departure Sunday for the United States.

LORD STRABOLGI LAUDS WORK OF JEWS IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Former opponents of the Palestine mandate owe the Jewish people an apology in view of their service to Great Britain in developing Haifa as a Mediterranean base, declared Lord Strabolgi, addressing a dinner meeting of the Jewish Secondary School.

Maintaining that Haifa is the greatest base on the Mediterranean, Lord Strabolgi said:

"Palestine is now the key of the Mediterranean. If trouble comes, it is the builders of Haifa who will stand loyally by us. Those who were blind enough in the old days to attack the Palestine mandate may now think otherwise and they owe the Jewish people an apology."

PALESTINE FARM BANKS PLAN 8% LOAN RATE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A rate of eight per cent on loans is being planned by the Government agricultural banks, it is reported today in Haaretz, Hebrew daily. Financial circles here are voicing their opposition to so high a rate on the grounds that it will prevent farmers from using loans.

ICE, SARDINE PLANTS PLANNED AT RED SEA PORT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A Jewish company has obtained the permission of the Transjordan Government to build an ice factory and a sardine packing plant at El Akaba, port on the Red Sea, it was learned here today. Work on the projects is expected to start shortly.

LWOW SCHOOL EXTENDS "JIM CROW" SYSTEM

LWOW, Poland, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- "Jim Crowing" of Jewish students in Polish Universities was extended by the Lwow Polytechnic Institute tonight when authorities ordered Jews in the fourth and fifth year of the engineering school segregated in separate lecture rooms instead of separate benches in the same rooms.

The Jewish students served notice on the dean that they would not comply with the order. "Do as you like," the dean replied.

At the order of Minister of Education Swietoslowski, the rector of the institute left for Warsaw, evidently to confer about anti-Semitism in the school.

REICH TOY EXPORTS TO U.S. HELD EXAGGERATED

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Commerce Department figures were quoted today to disprove the statement of the German press that exports of toys to the United States had risen to ten times the 1934 figure. The actual increase, according to a statement from the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, was less than 40 per cent.

YUGOSLAVIAN NAZI ORGANIZATION BANNED

BELGRADE (JTA) -- The Belgrade police have closed down the Swabian German Kulturbund, which conducted Nazi propaganda activities in Yugoslavia. The police action was caused by publication of the fact that members of the organization have been ordered from Germany to swear on the swastika not to associate with Yugoslavs, Magyars or Jews and not to intermarry with "non-Aryans."

KARESKI DESPERATELY ILL IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Georg Kareski, State Zionist leader recently appointed by the Nazis head of the Reich Federation of Jewish Cultural Unions, is desperately ill, it was learned today. He is suffering from inflammation of the lungs, the result of a slight illness last week.

SWIFT RECOVERY OF ILL JEW REVIVES BLOOD LIBEL IN COLOMBIA

MENDELLIN, Colombia (JTA by Airmail) -- The Jewish population of Colombia is just getting over a scare involving the old libel that Jews use blood of Christian children that started here when a local Jew recovered with unusual rapidity from an attack of acute tuberculosis.

Police, checking several "eyewitness" reports that the Jew's wife had been seen drawing blood of Christian children, found bottles of homemade cherry brandy in the ill man's home.

The rumor had been printed as a leading story in a number of anti-Semitic newspapers. After the family was cleared, punishment was demanded for these papers and for anti-Semites who had helped to spread the reports,

The Jew, A. Chaikin, who had been living here five years, contracted a severe cold, which developed into acute tuberculosis. After doctors had given up hope for his recovery, specialists engaged by the family succeeded in curing him.

Credence was lent to the rumors by the sudden disappearance of several children.

After ransacking the Chaikin home, police completely cleared the family.

NAZIS PLAN CONCENTRATION CAMPS FOR "ARYAN" DOMESTICS

HOHENSTEIN, Germany, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Special concentration camps for "Aryan" domestics forced under the Nuremberg laws to leave the employ of Jews will be set up, according to a resolution adopted by a conference of Nazi domestic servants here.

Herr Schmid, a leader of the German Labor Front, which sponsored the conference, explained in an address that the camps were necessary to train the domestics in Nazi ideology lest, through association with Jews, they had "imbibed pernicious racially alien ideas."

Attempts by Jews to replace female "Aryan" servants by males, whose employment by Jews is not specifically prohibited by the Nuremberg laws, were scored by the parley.

U.S. GROUP MAPS BIRO-BIDJAN FUND DRIVE

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Plans for inauguration of a fund-raising campaign to assist Polish, German and other European Jews to settle in the Jewish autonomous territory of Biro-Bidjan in Soviet Russia were announced today at a luncheon of the American Committee for the Settlement of Jews in Biro-Bidjan at the Bankers Club.

Soviet Consul General Jeane Arens said that "the time is not far when we will see a flourishing Jewish Soviet republic in Biro-Bidjan."

The importance of transferring impoverished Polish and other eastern European Jews to the region was stressed by other speakers, among whom were Prof. Marcus Nadler of New York University, Benjamin Winter, president of the Federation of Polish Jews in America, John L. Bernstein, president of HIAS; David A. Brown, chairman of the American ORT campaign; Prof. Horace M. Kallen of the New

School for Social Research; Benjamin Brown, chairman of the advisory board for the Highstown project; Geroid T. Robinson of Columbia and ex-Congressman William W. Cohen, who presided.

Icor, American organization promoting settlement of Jews in Biro-Bidjan, will celebrate the election of the region's first government Dec. 18, 1934 with a concert tomorrow night at the Central Opera House.

DR. SCHACHT HAS RESIGNED, BERLIN REPORTS

BERLIN, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Reports were current in many quarters of Berlin today that Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Reich Minister of Economics, has submitted his resignation to Reich Chancellor Hitler.

Although the reports could not be confirmed, it was recalled here that in a recent speech Dr. Schacht had hinted he would resign if there was any danger of the Government resorting to inflation.

The report of the resignation coincides with an announcement by the Reichsbank revealing that the gold reserve has suffered a loss of 5,909,000 marks in the past week, leaving a reserve of only eighty two million marks. The statement asserts that the gold loss is due to expenditures abroad for foodstuffs.

MRS. EINSTEIN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL SERIOUSLY ILL

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Mrs. Albert Einstein, wife of the famous German-Jewish scientist, was today removed to the Montefiore Hospital here from Princeton, N.J., seriously ill of enlargement of the heart, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. Prof. Einstein accompanied her to New York.

Mrs. Einstein, who is in her sixties, has been suffering from the ailment a long time. She is being attended by Dr. C. Lichtwitz, noted German-Jewish specialist.

FIRST TEL AVIV RETURNS INDICATE DIZENGOFF DEFEATED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Early election returns today indicated that colorful, 75-year-old Meier Dizengoff, mayor of this all-Jewish city of some 80,000 population since he founded it twenty-six years ago, has reached the end of his political career.

The first tabulated results of Sunday's balloting showed Mr. Dizengoff running well behind his laborite opponent, Joseph Aronowitz. Of 12,472 ballots counted, 5,804 were cast for laborite candidates. A total of 21,000 odd ballots were cast in the election, 90% of the electorate.

Mr. Dizengoff was mayor of Tel Aviv since its founding in 1909. He turned his entire salary over to projects not financed by the city, such as the Tel Aviv orchestra, the fire brigade and various public improvements.

He has resided in Palestine more than thirty years. Coming here from Russia in 1905, when anti-Jewish pogroms were at their height,

he laid the foundation for his career in Jaffa. During the World War Mr. Dizengoff and other Jews of Tel Aviv were banished to the north. He undertook to supervise relief activities for the stricken Jews, and frequently his life was in danger as a result of the antagonism his activities aroused in Turkish circles.

In 1928, he was elected to the Zionist Executive Committee in Jerusalem and placed in charge of the Executive's new urban colonization department. He resigned this post after a few months when the project failed.

He has held manifold posts in Palestinian life, including membership in the Jewish National Assembly and the consul-generalship for Belgium.

Recently, he announced that he would not run again for mayor because of the "negative treatment by the Palestine Government of Tel Aviv's needs." Later, after he had been visited by High Commissioner Sir Arthur Wauchope, he withdrew his refusal.

PALESTINE PREPARES FOR REBURIAL OF BARON DE ROTHSCHILD

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Palestine Jewry today began making elaborate preparations for reburying Baron Edmond de Rothschild and his wife on Palestine soil and making their tomb a national shrine. Their bodies were recently sent here from France.

The bodies of the couple will be interred on the highest mountain in Zichron Jacob, one of the colonies endowed by the Baron. One hundred dunams of land have been reserved.

Near the tomb, a special synagogue will be erected in which a permanent minyan (the ten men required by Jewish law to hold group services) will constantly render psalms and portions of the Talmud in their honor.

In addition, a special road will be laid from the main highway to the tomb.

The Palestine Jewish Colonization Association, which administers the group of 29 settlements founded by the Baron, owns twice as much land as the Jewish National Fund. The Jewish philanthropist spent about \$50,000,000 on these colonies.

JEWISH STORE IN MAGDEBURG REOPENED

MAGDEBURG, Germany, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Bachrach Bros. Department Store, which had been closed by police Friday "for the protection of public order," was permitted to reopen today with an "Aryan" manager in charge. The store, however, will continue to be known as a Jewish enterprise, it was announced by the chief of police.

In an effort to force sale of the store to "Aryan" interests at a small part of its true value, the authorities filed wholesale charges of "rassenschande" (race defilement) against Jewish employees whom they accused of intimate relations with "Aryan" salesgirls. Publication of the charges resulted in demonstrations against the store and the chief of police ordered it closed.

BERLIN JEW GIVEN 15-MONTH TERM FOR "RASSENSCHANDE"

BERLIN, Dec. 17, (JTA) -- This city's first "rassenschande" (race defilement) trial, one which featured international complications, ended here today with the sentencing of Otto Jaffe, 43-year-old German Jew, to fifteen months in prison.

Jaffe was brought to trial for having lived since 1933 with a woman, who, though she is German-born, possesses a certificate from the Turkish Embassy here attesting to the fact that she is a Turkish citizen, by virtue of a previous marriage to a Turk. As a Turkish citizen, neither she nor her husband would have been held subject to the Nuremberg laws "for the protection of German blood and German honor."

The court, however, ruled that she could not be a citizen of two countries and on that ground convicted Jaffe. The couple are the parents of a child.

According to the Berlin Tageblatt which reports the trial, the case is the first of a long series which are to be heard in the local courts.

FRICK ORDERS GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO FIRE ALL JEWS BY DEC. 31

BERLIN, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Germany must meet the new year with all Government divisions purged of Jews, it was decreed today by Minister of the Interior Wilhelm Frick. Dr. Frick ordered all branches of the Government to dismiss all Jews and "non-Aryans" considered Jews not later than December 31. Those entitled to pensions, the order states, must submit special applications for consideration by the Ministry of the Interior.

SELZ, BRITISH JEW, ORDERED TO QUIT REICH

BERLIN, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Rudolf Selz, British Jew who was held by the Munich police on charges of "rassenschande" (race defilement) and released upon vigorous representations by the British Government, was today given his passport and notified to leave the country.

REPORT PALESTINE COUNCIL WILL BE DECREED SATURDAY

JEKUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A representative legislative council for Palestine will definitely be decreed Saturday, according to a statement in tomorrow's issue of Alliwa, the organ of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, powerful Arab leader.

DANZIG ZIONIST RELEASED BY NAZI POLICE

BERLIN, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Berl Eisenstadt, Danzig Zionist who was arrested here Sunday on a charge of violating passport regulations, was released today by the police. He was seized with six German chalutzim (Palestine pioneers-in-training, who were released the same day,

BRITISH SCOUTS DROP SWASTIKA SYMBOL

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Boy Scouts Association of Great Britain today abandoned the use of the swastika on two of its badges of distinction. No reason was given for the action.