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2 RABBIS HELD BY GESTAPO IN COLUMBIA HOUSE

BERLIN, Dec. 24. (JTA) -- Rabbi Emil Bernhard Cohn, 55-year-old author, playwright and Zionist leader, has been transferred by the Gestapo, secret political police, to the notorious Columbia House, it was learned by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

Rabbi Cohn is accused of ridiculing the section of the Nuremberg laws which prohibit employment by Jews of "Aryan" women servants.

The rabbi was arrested at Koepenick, near Berlin, while addressing a Jewish meeting. When he referred to the Nuremberg laws, a Gestapo agent in the audience leaped to the platform, ordered the audience to disperse and arrested Rabbi Cohn.

Also being held in the Columbia House, on charges which haven't been made clear, is Rabbi Ignatz Maibaum, spiritual leader of Frankfurt-am-Oder, who was arrested on Dec. 15 following an address he delivered at a Jewish meeting.

ARAB PAPER REPORTS COUNCIL WILL BE DEFERRED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 24. (JTA) -- A sensational report that the legislative council for Palestine will be postponed despite its proclamation by the High Commissioner on Sunday is published today in Alliwa, Arab newspaper which because of its connection with the Grand Mufti has been unusually well informed on all council developments.

According to the paper, the British Colonial Office has ordered Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, the High Commissioner for Palestine, to take no further action towards establishment of the council until informed of the results of negotiations being carried on with the Zionist Executive in London.

The paper purports to reveal that Viceroy Willingdon of India pressed the Colonial Office for establishment of the council because of promises that had been made to Moslems in India on behalf of their Palestine co-religionists.

NEW CURBS PLACED ON REICH JEWISH DOCTORS

BERLIN, Dec. 24. (JTA) -- The medical authorities today issued a decree forbidding the panels (medical insurance associations) to send patients to Jewish specialists for operations or to private Jewish clinics for treatment. The decree states that German patients may be sent only to "Aryan" institutions.

Jewish members of the panels, the decree adds, may be sent to Jewish clinics only with the special permission of the head of the Association of Panel Doctors.

538 JEWISH STUDENTS LEFT IN GERMAN UNIVERSITIES

BERLIN, Dec. 24. (JTA) -- Official figures made public today disclose that there are only 538 Jews among the 89,093 students registered at German universities. Of this number 323 are foreign citizens, one-fourth of them being women. All matriculated before the Nazis came to power.

ADLER-RUDEL'S DEPORTATION PUT OFF TO JAN. 15

BERLIN, Dec. 24. (JTA) -- Deportation of Dr. S. Adler-Rudel, a labor Zionist leader and head of the emigration department of the representative Jewish body in Germany, has been postponed by the Nazi authorities until January 15, it was announced today. On December 15 he was ordered deported within two weeks. Dr. Adler-Rudel is a citizen of Poland who has made his residence in Germany for twenty years. No reason for his deportation has been given by the authorities.

ENDEKS BARRED IN UPPER SILESIA

WARSAW, Dec. 24. (JTA) -- The anti-Semitic National Democratic Party and its affiliated groups have been ordered dissolved by the authorities of Upper Silesia, it was learned here today, for stirring unrest through their activities.

REICH ECONOMICS MINISTRY REPORTS JEWISH SHOPS FREE OF PICKETS

BERLIN, Dec. 24. (JTA) -- On the basis of a survey it conducted throughout Germany, the Ministry of Economics today reported that Jewish shops were not molested during the Christmas shopping period.

The report states that there was no picketing of stores in the provinces, explaining that the press failed to conduct a propaganda campaign urging "Aryans" not to patronize Jewish enterprises when making Christmas purchases. Such campaigns were last year conducted on a nation-wide scale.

DR. LOEBELRITTER DEAD AT 80; WAS ROTTERDAM CHIEF RABBI

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Bernard Loebelritter died here on Sunday at the age of 80, it was learned today. He was chief rabbi of Rotterdam for 43 years and was a Knight of the Order of Orange Nassau.

ITALIAN CONSUL AT JERUSALEM CALLED TO ROME

JERUSALEM, Dec. 24. (JTA) -- Commander Mariano de Angelia, Italian consul at Jerusalem, was summoned today to Rome to report to his Government in connection with new developments in London affecting Italy.

JERUSALEM'S NEW WATER SYSTEM NEARS COMPLETION

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Now limited to an average of four gallons of water a day, the 150,000 inhabitants of Jerusalem will soon have a plentiful supply when the huge pumping-relay system shortly begins operating.

A unique engineering problem had to be overcome before Jerusalem's growing population could be provided with a water supply commensurate with its needs. It was necessary to pump the water sixty kilometers from its source, up 800 feet to the city perched on the hills.

At present Jerusalem depends for its water on the Bible-famed Solomon's pools, five pools lying between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea, and on the ingenuity of the residents in catching rain-water. The shortage has been so acute in recent months that water is meted out in 24-gallon quantities every six days.

Modern engineering has made it possible to tap the great Ras-el-Ain supplies, which lie at sea-level near Tel Aviv. Five pumping stations, each having three pumps, have been installed. These will pump the water up the slopes of the hills.

The first trickle of water has already been pumped up the hills, but not in a steady supply. The new pipe-line is not yet complete and the old pipes will not stand the pressure.

The construction work on the new pipe-lines is nearing completion. A 10,000,000-gallon reservoir is being built at Romema since present reservoirs can only hold a week's water supply. The Ras-el-Ain supply is sufficient for a 200,000 population, but there are complaints that the water is hard and tastes unpleasant. The present supply, while small, seems to suit the taste of the population better.