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NAZIS BAN KULTUREBUND ACTIVITIES IN REPRISAL FOR DEATH OF GUSTLOFF

BERLIN, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Nazi Government today made its first reprisal against the German Jews for the assassination of Wilhelm Gustloff, Swiss Nazi leader, by David Frankfurter, Yugoslavian Jew.

Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels ordered the Jewish Culture Union, the organization controlling Jewish artistic and intellectual pursuits, to suspend all activities.

The announcement said the measure was taken "in order to prevent anti-Jewish disturbances as a result of the assassination." The order remains effective "until further notice."

The decree will serve to suspend all dramatic productions, artistic exhibitions and intellectual activities carried on by the Jews under the regulations prohibiting them from participating in German culture.

In Jewish circles it was believed no further reprisals would be attempted until after the conclusion of the Winter Olympic games at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, which open tomorrow. It was thought that the Government would take no action that might jeopardize the success of the games in the eyes of foreigners by anti-Semitic manifestations.

Apparently under strict orders from a central source, the evening papers treated the case with reserve. Even Propaganda Minister Goebbels' *Der Angriff* limited itself to criticizing Switzerland for permitting "anti-German" propaganda.

Der Angriff assailed the Swiss authorities for "permitting the Swiss liberal and Marxist press to conduct unrestrained anti-German propaganda, which can only inspire one to such acts as that committed by the Jew, Frankfurter."

The Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung attacked the Yugoslavian press for defending Frankfurter.

The morning papers were far less unrestrained in their attacks on the Jews in connection with the assassination. Led by Reichsfuehrer Hitler's Voelkischer Beobachter, the papers printed bitter attacks on the German Jews.

The Beobachter stated: "If any further justification of National Socialism's stand on the question of the Jews was still necessary, this shameful deed has provided it."

SLAYER OF NAZI LEADER TO GO ON TRIAL; SAYS HE ACTED
ON HIS OWN VOLITION

GENEVA, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- David Frankfurter, confessed slayer of Wilhelm Gustloff, Swiss Nazi leader, declared today that he had no grudge against his victim, but used him to hit at Hitler.

The 26-year-old Yugoslavian Jewish medical student dispelled the idea that the assassination may have been planned by a terrorist group by asserting that he acted on his own will and "for ideological reasons."

Preparations were made to remove the youth, who remained calm and self-possessed through an ordeal of grilling, to Berne. His trial will probably take place in the town of Chur.

Although it was denied in German circles that Gustloff had been connected with the German Government, the flag over the German consulate here was half-staffed today. It was stated that this was merely a gesture of unity between the German State and the Nazi Party.

It was announced in German quarters that Gustloff's body would be transferred to Germany and buried with State honors. It was emphasized, however, by the Germans that no political significance was attached to the assassination and that the trial would not be used for propaganda.

Swiss newspapers today condemned the slaying but refrained from discussing the motive.

Frankfurter, who confessed that he had gone to the town of Davos from Berne to shoot Gustloff, studied medicine in Berne University until July, 1935, when he left Switzerland, returning in the Fall. He lived in a small pension on Erlacher Strasse, but did not resume his studies.

He was never known to have displayed an interest in political affairs and was connected with no party. He was not known in Berne Jewish circles.

Gustloff, a 41-year-old physicist attached to the Davos observatory, had often been warned by the Swiss Authorities about his activities in organizing the Germans in Switzerland in support of Hitler.

GERMAN ZIONISTS ASK BRITAIN TO OPEN PALESTINE'S GATES

BERLIN, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Zionists of Germany forwarded a plea to the British Government today asking that the "gates of Palestine" not be closed to the Jews.

A resolution adopted at the closing session last night of the first national Zionist conference since Hitler came into power appealed against immigration restrictions which the Palestine Government, under Britain, the Mandatory Power, is reported preparing.

It was emphasized in the resolution that the Jews of Germany, particularly the youths, see themselves as completely dependent on emigration. The conference asserted that thousands of trained "chalutzim," or Palestine pioneers-in-training, and thousands of German families with capital and economic experience are awaiting the opening of Palestine's gates.

The resolution called on the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the body recognized under the League Mandate as representing the Jews, to combat most vigorously the contemplated entry curbs.

Dr. Siegfried Moses was re-elected president of the German Zionist Federation as its twenty-fifth convention closed.

While stressing emigration to Palestine, the Zionists adopted a resolution also recognizing the necessity of migration to other countries. The resolution stated that training of the emigrants is required and orderly liquidation of their property.

The resolution added that "the solution to the Jewish problem lies, however, in migrating to Palestine and becoming rooted there."

Another resolution recommended that if plans are completed for transferring capital of German Jews to other countries as under the Palestine plan, whereby indirectly it is withdrawn in the form of German goods, then the Jewish Agency should have control of the transfer.

Other resolutions expressed hope for the success of the British delegation headed by Sir Herbert Samuel in the United States in

obtaining emigration opportunities for German Jews, asked strict enforcement of internal Zionist discipline and directed Zionist members on the boards of Jewish communities to vote as units.

BRITISH JEWISH LEADERS GRATIFIED OVER RESULTS OF VISIT

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Gratification over the results of the visit of the British Jewish delegation to the United States in behalf of the German Jews was expressed by Sir Herbert Samuel in a press conference at the Waldorf Astoria before sailing for London on the Majestic tonight with Viscount Bearsted. Simon Marks, the third member of the delegation remained in New York.

Acting as spokesman for the trio, Sir Herbert stated that they were gratified at the sentiment expressed by non-Jews as well as Jews and by promises of cooperation from non-Jews. He said they had found complete agreement among the American Jews as to the objects to be pursued and the general methods to be adopted in expatriating German Jews.

The next step, he disclosed, will be to set an executive committee, including American members which, in consultation with the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Palestine, will proceed to work out the details of emigration.

It is planned to launch a \$5,000,000 drive in Great Britain as part of the four-year \$15,000,000 budget for removing about 100,000 Jews to Palestine and other countries at an average cost of \$150 per person. He said that leaders in France, Belgium and Holland will also be invited to make fund-raising efforts. The British drive will, in reality, only involve \$4,000,000 since \$1,000,000 has been pledged by "three or four persons," Sir Herbert stated.

The question of transferring capital of the emigrating Jews remained indefinite. Replying to a question, Sir Herbert said the delegation had no plans for transfer and would leave the problem to be arranged by the German Jews.

Discussing emigration to Palestine, Sir Herbert described the benefits that had accrued to the country from Jewish immigration. He pointed out that German Jews required training to fit them for occupations in the Holy Land.

While stressing that the delegation had had no communication with the German Government, Sir Herbert said that the Government had stated it was willing to provide facilities for training Jews provided that it was guaranteed they would emigrate. He added that the Government was unwilling to provide facilities for Jews who proposed to remain within the country.

Sir Herbert was asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency whether an effort would be made to have the British Government liberalize Palestine immigration laws. It was recalled that the German Zionists last night appealed to Great Britain to open the gateway to Palestine.

Sir Herbert replied that immigration into Palestine was governed by absorptive capacity. At this point Lord Bearsted interpolated that "it would not benefit either the German Jews or Palestine" if they entered beyond the country's absorptive capacity.

Asked about the attitude of the Arabs toward Jewish immigration, Sir Herbert said that "the Arab population is always restless with regard to Jewish immigration and I fear they may continue to be so."

The trio were in the United States a fortnight. During that time they consulted with about twenty Jewish leaders, addressed meetings in New York, Baltimore, Chicago and St. Louis.

POLISH MINISTER ACTS TO CHECK DISORDERS

WARSAW, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Minister of Interior Ladislaw Raczkiwicz announced today that the police have been instructed to suppress immediately all anti-Jewish outbreaks and to take measures for preventing new disorders.

The statement was made to the speaker of the Sejm in reply to an interpellation from Deputy Emil Sommerstein about the security of life and property of the Jewish population.

The Minister of Interior also announced that no new regulations will be issued but that drastic punishment will be provided for these participating in anti-Semitic disorders.

Meanwhile, seventeen anti-Semitic Nationalists were arrested in the town of Truskolas near Czestochowa for complicity in recent anti-Semitic excesses. Four others were arrested in Klobuck after outbreaks there.

New disorders occurred in Nova Vileyka near Wilno, organized by members of the same Nationalist party, who exhorted Polish peasants not to buy in Jewish shops and forcefully ejected those found in Jewish stores.

GERMANY SENDS AMBASSADOR TO PROTEST GUSTLOFF SLAYING

BERLIN, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The German Government today recalled Freiherr von Weizsacker, Ambassador to Switzerland, from a vacation and sent him to Berne to lodge a verbal protest with the authorities in connection with the assassination of Wilhelm Gustloff, Swiss Nazi leader.

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The Ambassador was instructed to emphasize that Germany expects a thorough investigation to ascertain the identity of the people behind David Frankfurter, the confessed slayer.

REPORT JEWISH HOCKEY STAR PLAYING FOR REICH AGAINST WILL

BERLIN, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Rudi Ball, Jewish hockey star, will play on the German team against an American aggregation at the opening of the Winter Olympic games at Garmish-Partenkirchen tomorrow, it was learned today.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned reliably that he is playing against his will, having yielded to "persuasion" by Nazi sports authorities.

HELD FOR SELLING EGGS ONLY TO JEWS

BERLIN, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Accused of selling eggs exclusively to Jews, a Jewish egg dealer in the town of Seitelbach was placed under "protective custody today" by order of Berlin Police Commissar Wolf von Helldorf. His dealer's license was confiscated and the store was padlocked.

DEMAND CURBS ON INDEPENDENT GERMAN PAPER

BERLIN, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Das Schwarze Korps, organ of Hitler's black-shirted elite guards, demanded today the lightening of censorship laws to prevent the Frankfurter Zeitung from reporting sufferings caused by the Nuremberg anti-Jewish laws.

The paper accused the Zeitung of presenting a false picture of Germany. The Zeitung has frequently aroused the Nazis' ire by its relative independence.

PALESTINE DRAFTS CHILD LABOR LAW

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The draft of an ordinance prohibiting employment of children under sixteen years of age and employment of women in hazardous occupations was published today in the Government gazette.

The gazette also announced a new law empowering the High Commissioner to name an examiner for Palestine's banks. F.G. Horwill was temporarily appointed to the post.

Concerning immigration, the gazette disclosed that 4,312 Jews entered the country in December, 286 of them possessing \$5,000 or more.

Licenses were issued to 293 Jewish physicians in December.

It was learned that approximately 2,100 Jewish immigrants entered Palestine in January.