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REICH CURBS PRESS INCITEMENT AFTER WARNING FROM FOREIGN POWER RELATIONS "WILL BE HAMPERED"

BERLIN, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- It was learned from a reliable diplomatic source today that a foreign power whose friendship the Reich is eagerly seeking has informed the German Government that if Jew-baiting in the Nazi press continues unchecked the development of friendly relations "will be seriously hampered."

It was understood instructions have been issued to Nazi papers, as a result of this warning, to stop using the assassination of Wilhelm Gustloff, Swiss Nazi leader, for anti-Jewish propaganda in the Nazi papers.

Confirmation of this was seen in the sudden shift in the attack of Reichsfuehrer Hitler's Voelkischer Beobachter from the Jews to the Communists for the Gustloff murder.

The warning was understood to have had an effect upon the deliberations of Nazi Party leaders in Munich, who had met to map reprisals against the Jews for the slaying. The conference announced officially that it was continuing its sessions but divulged no details. There was reason to believe, however, that anti-Jewish measures would not be as extreme as Nazi leaders had at first planned.

The Beobachter which, had been assailing the Jews for the assassination on the basis of the fact that David Frankfurter, confessed slayer, is a Yugoslavian Jew, suddenly turned to an attack on the Communists, charging that Frankfurter had visited Moscow in 1934 to participate in an international conference of anti-Fascist Jews as the member of a Jewish sect, the "True Israelites."

The paper also accused Frankfurter's attorney, Dr. Lurie of Brunn, Czechoslovakia, of being a member of the Communist International.

NAZI TRADE BODY REVIVED FOR NEW WAR ON JEWS

BERLIN, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The National Socialist Hago, organization which conducted the anti-Jewish boycott, has been officially revived under the name of Federal Department for Trading and Artisanship.

A communique from Robert Ley, head of the German Labor Front, stated that the organization had been granted wide powers from Reichsfuehrer Hitler's deputy, Rudolph Hess, and made clear that it would become an important cog in the machine for ousting the Jews from the economic life of the Reich.

The announcement was widely interpreted as heralding a campaign to oust the Jews from commerce despite repeated orders from Minister of Economics Hjalmar Schacht that Jews were not to be molested in industry and trade until their status was defined by law.

The organization will establish headquarters in every state at the Nazi Party headquarters and will open branches in every district and special sections in towns and villages. The department will work hand in hand with the Labor Front, the announcement said.

Extension of the Hago's powers was taken to indicate that the authorities intend to extend the Nuremberg anti-Jewish legislation to the field of commerce as soon as practicable, but probably not before the conclusion of the Olympic games. The possibility remains, however, that the Nazis may not even wait until then.

Reports from the provinces told of widespread increase in agitation for an anti-Jewish boycott. In many cities, Nazis have been officially informed of an obligation to read Julius Streicher's lurid anti-Semitic paper, "Der Stuermer" in order to become acquainted with the Jewish question."

ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES REPORTED IN REICH PROVINCES

BERLIN, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Reports of anti-Jewish excesses in provincial cities reached here today. They stated that in a number of cities Jewish passers-by were attacked in the streets and that school boys had, at the instigation of their teachers, smashed windows of Jewish homes.

In the city of Zierenberg, the reports said, the only synagogue was demolished and five sacred scrolls desecrated.

PRINTING TRADE UNDER NAZIS DECLINES 50%

HAMBURG, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The printing trade in the Reich has declined fifty per cent, resulting in loss of employment for 45,000 workers, a conference of printing workers was informed here.

Speakers attributed the decline to "the elimination of Jewish literature," the "unification of the German press," and the decrease of exports. It was emphasized that no improvement could be expected during 1936.

3 JEWS GO ON TRIAL FOR "RASSENSCHANDE"

MAGDEBURG, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Charges of "race defilement" against three Jewish employees of the Bachrach Department store, which resulted in anti-Semitic demonstrations last December, were aired in court today.

In addition charges of abetting the "race defilement" were lodged against a seventy-seven-year old employee of the store. He will be tried later.

The three employees, who were accused of maintaining intimate relations with "Aryan" salesgirls, gave their ages as fifty-one, forty-seven and twenty-nine respectively.

Demonstrations following the arrests last December prompted the police to close the store, the biggest in the city, "for the protection of public order." It was later permitted to reopen with an "Aryan" manager in charge, with the chief of police announcing that it would continue to be known as a Jewish enterprise.

It was said that the arrests had been made in attempt to force the Jewish owners to sell the store to "Aryans" at a fraction of its value.

STUERMER ORDERED TO CORRECT STATEMENT JEW OWNED STORE

BERLIN, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A Cologne court has ordered Der Stuermer, anti-Semitic paper owned by Julius Streicher, to correct a false report that the city's leading department store was still in Jewish hands. It was formerly owned by the Tietz Co.

Fritz Ut of Schwidenmuehl was sentenced to six weeks in jail on a similar charge. In imposing sentence, the court stated: "It is a grave insult to call any one a Jew because a Jew is a human being of the second class."

POLISH GOVERNMENT SANCTIONS EMIGRATION OF JEWS

WARSAW, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Polish Government has given its sanction to demands of Senate leaders for mass emigration of Jews, adding that international action was necessary to bring it about.

Replying to addresses by Prince Janusz Radziwill, president of the National-Conservative bloc, and Count Michal Westworowski, the Minister of Interior, Ladislaw Raczkiewicz, asserted that the Government looks with great favor upon an increase in emigration of Jews from Poland.

The question does not "lie within the competence of the Polish Government," but demands international action, he stated.

Parliament circles were stirred by the demands of the two prominent senators that Britain increase the quota of Palestine immigration certificates for Polish Jews. Prince Radziwill stated:

"If Germany has by anti-Semitism obtained a high quota of certificates, the Polish anti-Semites might wish to follow Germany's example."

Addressing the Senate budget committee, they demanded that the Government start diplomatic negotiations with Britain for Palestine certificates and approach American and British organizations to expatriating Polish Jews.

Senator Westworowski indicated he thought 1,000,000 of the more than 3,000,000 Jews should emigrate. While condemning anti-Semitic excesses, he asserted that there are no prospects for amelioration of the Jews' plight because "the economic development of Poland tends toward the ousting of Jews from employment."

He declared that perhaps a territory other than Palestine could be found for settling Jews which was "less dependent on the caprices of English politics." England holds the League of Nations Mandate for Palestine.

ANTI-SHECHITAH BILL REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

WARSAW, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The bill for banning Jewish kosher slaughtering, introduced by Deputy Janina Prystor, wife of the Senate President, was given its first reading in the Sejm (Parliament) and sent into committee without discussion.

The bill, which would go into effect, Jan. 1, 1937, would enforce stunning of cattle before slaughtering, which contravenes the Jewish ritual code. It would provide penalties of prison sentences not exceeding three months and 3,000-zloty maximum fines.

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TERRORIST SENTENCED BY POLISH COURT

WARSAW, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A court in Radom sentenced the president of the anti-Semitic Nationalist Party in the Przytyk district, Wincenty Korczak, to five months in jail for organizing terroristic attacks on peasants who refused to boycott Jews.

Two other defendants were sentenced to three months each. Witnesses revealed at the trial that the terrorists had received pay for their activities.

JEWISH TRADERS ATTACKED NEAR LODZ

LODZ, Poland, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Scores of Jewish traders were seriously injured at Brzeziny when anti-Semites attacked Jewish tradesmen during the weekly marketing day and pillaged their stalls.

HUNGARY TO REDUCE PROPORTION OF JEWISH WORKERS

BUDAPEST, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Premier Julius Goemboes has told the Lower Chamber of Parliament that the Government is planning to reduce the proportion of Jewish workers in certain industries where they "predominate."

He stated that the Government did not intend to raise the Jewish question, but feared that Jewish predominance in certain occupations might arouse unrest.

The statement was made in explanation of the inclusion of a question on religion in a compulsory questionnaire for workers. Employees must state religion on pain of fines.

The questionnaire, he said, would be used to obtain reliable data on the basis of which the Government could reach an amicable understanding for employment of more Hungarians in industries where Jews now predominate.

GIRL, FORBIDDEN TO REMAIN IN HOLY LAND, TAKES POISON

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A fifteen-year-old Jewish girl drank poison in an attempt at suicide after the Government Immigration Department had refused her permission to remain in Palestine. She was confined in the hospital in serious condition.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY GIVES FIRST DOCTORATE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem has conferred its first doctor's degree upon Raphael Patai, son of Josef Patai, noted Hebrew writer.