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GERMAN JEWS FACE COLLAPSE OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES; SILENT CAMPAIGN ORGANIZED IN REICH PROVINCES

BERLIN, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The German Jews faced today complete collapse of their cultural activities with consequent impoverishment of hundreds of Jewish artists and entertainers as a result of the refusal of the Ministry of Propaganda to permit resumption of the Jewish Cultural Union.

The union, headed by the Nazi-appointed Georg Kareski, was suspended immediately after the assassination of Wilhelm Gustloff, Swiss Nazi leader, in what was described as a reprisal. Under Nazi legislation, German Jews can conduct cultural and artistic activities only under the aegis of the union.

It was feared in Jewish circles that the ban would be long-lasting if not permanent. The Propaganda Ministry has failed to reply to an appeal from leaders of the ghetto culture organization to permit resumption of activity.

Indications of a silent but organized anti-Jewish drive were reported here today from various parts of the country as a secret conference of Nazi Party leaders called in Munich to map reprisals against the Jews for the assassination of Wilhelm Gustloff, Swiss Nazi leader, closed its deliberations.

Reichsfuehrer Hitler's Voelkischer Beobachter reported that Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels addressed the closing session of the conference, held on the eve of the anniversary of the Nazi Party's founding, and outlined a program of propaganda on Jews and other subjects to be carried out during the Spring.

Addressing a public meeting in Hanover, Herr Seifert, district leader of the German Labor Front, was quoted as saying: "We will make the ground so hot for the Jews that they will have to import fireproof soles for their shoes."

He disclosed that in connection with the slaying of Gustloff by a Yugoslavian Jewish medical student, members of the Labor Front had been ordered not to make purchases from Jews. The order would extend the anti-Jewish boycott, now mandatory for Nazi Party members, to all members of the Labor Front, actually all German workers.

Herr Bruttel, Nazi Party district commissioner for Rustringen, assailed Germans who, despite the Gustloff murder, still defend the Jews and object on moral and esthetic grounds to the anti-Semitic displays of Julius Streicher's Der Stuermer. The objections, he said, proved that they were still obsessed by "Jewish sentimentality."

Dr. Wagner, medical commissar, has ordered extension of the Nuremberg anti-Jewish laws to the field of medicine. "Aryans" were prohibited from recommending Jewish physicians for participation in consultations.

LAST JEWISH FAMILIES QUIT SAAR

BERLIN, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- With Nazi anti-Semitic legislation going into effect in the Saar on March 1, the last Jewish families intending to leave the territory had emigrated today.

About 500 Jewish families, consisting chiefly of artisans and laborers, are remaining as a result of their inability to secure residence permits from the French authorities.

When the Reich took over the Saar last year, it guaranteed protection of minority rights and permission to export capital from the territory until March 1 of this year.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN AUGUST;

U.S. AND PALESTINE NOT TO HAVE DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS

PARIS, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A world Jewish congress to combat Nazism and establish a united Jewish front will be held next August, it was decided today by a conference of the Executive Committee for the World Jewish Congress.

The United States and Palestine were exempted from a decision of the conference that democratic elections must be held for delegates to the congress. Palestine will be represented by its Jewish National Council.

The action was taken after the question of a rule on democratic elections had precipitated a heated debate during which Louis Lipsky, of New York, vice president of the American Jewish Congress, asserted that "American Jewry does not need lessons in democracy."

The statement was protested by Dr. Henry Rosmarin of Poland and I. Schechtman of Paris, who declared that if democracy was eliminated it would mean the "burial of the Congress idea."

Shalom Asch, Jewish writer, supported Lipsky, stating that democratic elections would only accentuate differences among the Jews.

The plan announced by a British delegation in the United States for expatriating 100,000 Jews from Germany was subjected to attacks today at the closing session of the conference. Mr. Lipsky and M.H. Davis, of London, characterized the plan as an example of "unorganized initiative."

They promised the support of the United States and Great Britain for the congress.

An indication that direct negotiations would be held with the Soviet Government for regeneration of Russian Jews was given by Dr. Nahum Goldmann of Geneva, leader of the Committee of Jewish Delegations. Discussing the Jews in various countries, he declared that the congress would not interfere in internal policies and religious problems.

Mr. Asch stated in an address that "the Jews must fight for their rights; otherwise they will not deserve them."

It was announced that a world-wide campaign for election of delegates to the congress would be launched next month. The Zionist Revisionists, a right wing group, declared they were withholding participation in the congress because the elections were not entirely democratic.

The Palestine question was added to the congress agenda. Other questions to be taken up are:

- 1) Creation of a permanent Jewish representative body.
- 2) The struggle for Jewish economic and political equality.
- 3) The problem of the German Jews.
- 4) The fight against anti-Semitism.
- 5) Economic reconstruction among the Jews.
- 6) Democratization of Jewish philanthropic institutions.
- 7) Emigration of Jews from certain countries.
- 8) Creation of a world-wide central Jewish fund.

The session was opened by Dr. Goldmann, who reported extensively on the situation of the Jews throughout the world, stressing the plight of the Jews in Germany and Poland.

LWOW SCHOOLS GHETTO ORDER RESCINDED

LWOW, Poland, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The Senate of the Lwow Polytechnic Institute annulled today an order of the school's rector segregating Jewish students into special benches.

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The Senate Court also rescinded the expulsion order issued against seven Jewish students for protesting against the "ghetto rule," but ordered them suspended for three terms.

POLISH MINISTER TO WEIGH ANTI-SHECHITA BILL

WARSAW, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Minister of Cults and Education Swietoslowski promised a delegation from the Rabbis' Union today to study data they had submitted to him before formulating an attitude on the Parliament bill which would ban kosher slaughtering.

The delegation visited him for an hour to protest that the proposal would violate Jewish rights.

PALESTINE RABBIS TO GO TO WARSAW IN PROTEST ON SHECHITAH

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A conference of Palestinian rabbis adopted today a resolution bitterly attacking the bill in the Polish Parliament which would ban kosher slaughtering and decided to send a delegation to Warsaw in an attempt to induce the Government to abandon the proposal. The delegation will also bring a message of encouragement from Palestine Jewry to the Polish Jews.

Meanwhile, the Jewish National Council (Vaad Leumi) also adopted a resolution assailing the Polish slaughtering bill.

Addressing the rabbinical conference, Moshe Avigdor Amiel, chief rabbi of Tel Aviv, asserted that the upbuilding of Palestine outweighed all other duties of the Jewish people.

Other resolutions adopted by the rabbis favored the employment of Jewish laborers in Jewish enterprises and protested the recent announcement by the Palestine Government of a representative legislative council.

HIGH COMMISSIONER BOOED IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Residents of this all-Jewish city demonstrated yesterday against High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope as he left a museum at which he had delivered a dedication address. Visibly irritated, Sir Arthur had a proclamation read ordering the booing crowd to disperse. No arrests were reported.

The demonstration was believed to have been prompted by reports that the Government was contemplating measures restricting immigration and land sales, and by the recent announcement of a representative legislative council.

Among the other speakers at the museum dedication was Meier Dizen-goff, 75-year-old mayor of the city.

The Government warned Haboker, Hebrew daily, not to publish anti-Government attacks on pain of suspension. The paper had recently assailed the Government's attitude toward the Jews.

PART OF JEWISH DELEGATION LEAVES FOR LONDON

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Two members of a Jewish delegation left yesterday for London. The other two, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and Dr. Arthur Ruppin, head of the agency's special department for economic planning, will leave next Saturday.

Those who left were Samuel Caplan and Siegfried Hoofien. The delegation will consult with members of the British delegation to the United States headed by Sir Herbert Samuel on plans for transferring German Jews to Palestine.

JERUSALEM ASKS GOVERNMENT TO FIX MAXIMUM RENTS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- While all shops in Jerusalem remained closed in protest against high rents, the Municipal Council voted today to recommend to the Palestine Government the extension to Jerusalem of a rent restrictions ordinance regulating the rentals which can be charged.

The shopkeepers had pressed for a municipal ordinance fixing maximum rents. They claimed that rentals had risen to inordinate levels.

PALESTINE JEWRY OBSERVES MISS SZOLD'S BIRTHDAY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Miss Henrietta Szold, New York social worker and Zionist leader, replied today to Palestine Jewry's greetings on her seventy-fifth birthday, stating that without its assistance she could have achieved nothing.

She added that the most important task was to organize the Jewish people for constructive work in building Palestine.

With guests from all over the country attending, the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine held a reception for Miss Szold. She was eulogized by Isaac ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council; Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University and David ben Gurion, Zionist labor leader.

Vice-Mayor Israel Rokach of this all-Jewish city presented Miss Szold with honorary citizenship, authorized by resolution of the Municipal Council.

Mr. Ben Zvi disclosed that a fund raised in the name of Miss Szold had reached \$17,500.

18 JEWS OUSTED FROM PALESTINE PUBLIC WORKS

JAFFA, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Eighteen Jewish workers were dismissed today from a public works project after Arabs had picketed the premises demanding ousting of the Jews.

ARAB STUDENTS STRIKE AGAINST TRANSFER OF LAND

JAFFA, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A strike of Arab students at the Kadoorie Agricultural School near Tulkarm continued in its second day today in protest against the Government's action in turning over the Basa lands to the Jewish National Fund.

J.D.C. URGES THAT NO SEPARATE CAMPAIGN FOR GERMAN JEWS BE LAUNCHED

CINCINNATI, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The request that no special campaign be launched to raise the \$10,000,000 quota allotted to the United States in the four-year drive for expatriating German Jews was contained in a statement issued last night by the Plan and Scope Committee for the \$3,500,000 1936 campaign of the Joint Distribution Committee at the Hebrew Union College.

The statement, presented by Joseph G. Hyman and Paul Baerwald to clarify the relation of the J.D.C. to the proposals of the delegation of British Jews headed by Sir Herbert Samuel, said the \$10,000,000 should be included in the programs of existing organizations.

It was declared that nothing in the plan would help German exports or Germany's economy.

The J.D.C. is the only organization expending funds in helping the Jews within Germany and in refugee countries for retraining and transportation, the statement said. Activities are also being conducted in Poland and Eastern Europe.

The following national officers for the Joint Distribution Committee's 1936 campaign were elected:

Chairman, Felix M. Warburg, New York; honorary chairman, Dr. Cyrus Adler, Philadelphia; Max Epstein, Chicago; Louis E. Kirstein, Boston; Herbert H. Lehman and James N. Rosenberg, New York; Aaron Waldheim, St. Louis; Max G. Sloss, San Francisco.

Co-chairman, Paul Baerwald and Dr. Jonah B. Wise, New York; William Rosenwald, Philadelphia.

Vice chairmen, James H. Becker, Chicago; Salmon P. Halle, Cleveland; Meyer Prentis, Detroit.

Treasurer, Leon Falk Jr., Pittsburgh; Secretary, Joseph G. Hyman, New York; Controller, Morris C. Troper, New York; Campaign director, Isidor Coon, New York.

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