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NO ANTI-ZIONIST MEASURES PLANNED BY REICH, GESTAPO STATES

BERLIN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Officials of the Gestapo, secret State police, today allayed fears that measures might be enacted against the Zionist movement in Germany.

In an interview with foreign correspondents, the officials dismissed occasional anti-Zionist attacks in Nazi newspapers as not to be taken seriously. They stated the attacks did not presage anti-Zionist measures since the Zionist movement, because it stimulates Jewish emigration from Germany, is not in disfavor.

REICH BARS TRAVEL ABROAD TO ALL MEN OF CONSCRIPT AGE

BERLIN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A new German decree restricting the crossing of Reich frontiers by persons within the military conscription age limits was reported today to be due to a disturbing increase in the number of desertions from the army, the Havas News Agency said.

Although it could not be confirmed that this was the explanation, it was known that considerable uneasiness had been occasioned by Interior Minister Wilhelm Frick's ruling that no German subject to military obligations can obtain a passport without special permission from his district's military authorities.

Foreign observers linked the edict with recent measures paving the way for general civil mobilization and reinforcement of army garrisons in certain parts of the Reich. Whatever its origins, the restriction was held certain to curtail Germany's outward bound tourist trade, already depleted by stringent currency restrictions.

All German males between 18 and 45 are automatically banned from foreign travel by the edict. For residents of East Prussia the maximum age limit is 55.

On railway and bus excursions to neighboring countries and even to the German frontier zones, tickets are refused to all persons suspected of attempting to evade this labor camp or military training obligations.

German athletes going to other countries must carry special credentials from officials of their organization.

REICH'S COLONY DEMANDS WIN STRONG SUPPORT IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A bold declaration by an influential British source that Germany be returned all of its colonies as the price for its full collaboration in a lasting European settlement today threw startling light on growing British preoccupation over the Reich's situation, the Havas News Agency reported.

It mirrored fears felt by qualified British observers and the press that Germany's economic stress and its delicate position in the Mediterranean may force Chancellor Adolf Hitler into a "serious foreign adventure" before many months are past.

"If Germany is prepared to pay as the price a lasting settlement in Europe for a return of all her colonies, let her have them," the influential Times declared as newspaper after newspaper focused attention on the situation beyond the Rhine.

In such an agreement Germany would have to give pledges of a complete return to European political and economic collaboration and abandonment of all adventures, the Times said.

VATICAN PROTESTS STREICHER ATTACK ON CATHOLICS

BERLIN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Formal representations by the Vatican against a bitter attack on German Catholic Bishops by Julius Streicher, Nazi leader of the Nuremberg district and publisher of the anti-Semitic weekly Der Stuermer, were understood today to be in the hands of German foreign officials, according to the Havas News Agency.

In a recent speech at Cologne, Streicher reportedly attacked German Catholics as a whole and lodged personal accusations against Catholic bishops and archbishops in the Reich.

SECRET NAZI COURT UPHOLDS SEIZURE OF JEWS' ARMS PLANT

MEININGEN, Germany, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Nazi circles here today acclaimed the decision of a secret tribunal upholding Government confiscation of the fortune and property of Arthur Simson, Jewish former owner of the famous arms plant at Suhl, expropriated last year, the Havas News Agency reported.

The tribunal handed down its decision late yesterday. Simson and three other persons had been charged with reaping "illicit profits to the detriment of the Reich."

Simson, who is now living abroad, faces arrest if he returns to Germany. Two of his co-defendants were acquitted for lack of evidence, while a third was given his liberty under the amnesty of 1934.

The Suhl plant, which employed 3,000 workmen, was ordered placed at the disposition of Chancellor Adolf Hitler last December, by Fritz Saukel, Nazi Governor of Thuringia, and Gen. Werner Von Blomberg, defense minister. Simson, whose family was one of the oldest Jewish families in Germany and had owned the plant for generations, was forced to turn over several million marks as alleged "illegal profit."

The action against him, started six months ago, was heard behind closed doors because of "military secrets, disclosure of which would have put the safety of the state in danger."

ROBBERIES, SHOOTING MARK. CONTINUED ARAB DISTURBANCES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23, (JTA) -- Sporadic disturbances continued today in several parts of Palestine, marked by highway robberies and attempted assassination of an Arab labor leader.

Four Jewish-owned trucks were held up on the Tiberias -- Nazareth road. The bandits, reported to be Arabs, fired upon and robbed two of the trucks, the other two escaping.

In Jaffa, Arab assailants fired upon and wounded Michel Mitri, president of the Arab Labor Association.

40 JEWS WIN SOVIET RAILWAY POSTS

MOSCOW, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Forty Jews have been accepted as railway engineers for service in the Far East, it was announced today by the railway authorities.

The announcement was accompanied by an appeal that special attention be given to training Jewish apprentices for railway work since this field was entirely new to Jews, who had been barred from it in the Czarist regime.

700 ENROLLED IN FIRST STATE MUSIC SCHOOL IN BIRO-BIDJAN

MOSCOW, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Opening of the first State music school in the autonomous Jewish territory of Biro-Bidjan, in the Soviet Far East, was announced here today. The school has an enrollment of 700 children and has been allotted a fund of 75,000 rubles for instruments.

SWIM CLUBS THAT SNUBBED OLYMPICS REINSTATED IN PRAHA

PRAHA, Czechoslovakia, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Two Jewish swimming clubs which had been set down for having forbidden its members to participate in the Olympics at Berlin last Summer were today reinstated in good standing.

The Czechoslovakian Swimming Club announced that the ban on the clubs, the Hagibor and the Bar Kochba, had been lifted. Both had been barred for one year from participating in games within the country and for two years abroad.

PARLEY IN WARSAW MAPS AID TO OUSTED JEWISH MERCHANTS

WARSAW, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Representatives of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish community here at a joint conference today mapped plans to help Jewish merchants ousted by changed economic conditions.

The plans include readjustment to new occupations and stimulating export of merchandise produced by Jews.

ANTI-JEWISH STREET ATTACKS REPORTED IN WARSAW

WARSAW, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Jewish newspapers reported today numerous anti-Jewish street attacks in Warsaw, with women among the victims.

AUSTRIA ACTS TO HALT SUICIDE WAVE LAID TO ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Associated Press reported in a dispatch from Vienna today that the Austrian Cabinet has ordered reductions in the price of food necessities in an effort to check the increasing suicide rate.

Milk, sugar and coffee were included in the latest move to ease the economic pressure which is believed to be the main cause of the wave of daily suicides.

Although open anti-Semitism is not conspicuous in Austria, an increasing number of Jews, many of them exiles from Germany, are killing themselves or are among the 200 persons who call each month at the semi-official department for people who are tired of living (Lebensmüdenstelle).

Utterly dejected, they lay bare their woes and are offered as much help as possible in readjusting themselves, the dispatch said.

Although the department has aided more than 15,000 persons since it was started in 1928, the number of suicides reported is growing constantly.

Official statistics are almost impossible to get, but it is estimated that in Vienna alone six persons seek death every day. More men than women are victims of the suicide epidemic, according to the bureau.

TRADE UNION DELEGATION TO PALESTINE FETED; SAILS SATURDAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Several hundred labor organization delegates and others attended a farewell banquet at the Manhattan Opera

House tonight for a delegation of seven Jewish trade union leaders who will sail on the Normandie Saturday for Palestine under the auspices of the National Labor Committee for the Jewish Workers in Palestine.

Joseph Schlossberg, head of the committee, explaining the trip, said:

"The chief reason is the present crisis in Palestine. We owe it to the Jews in Palestine, who carry such a large share of the burden, morally, financially and physically, of providing homes for victims of race persecution, to come to them at this very difficult time with a message of cheer and solidarity from the great masses of organized Jewish workers in the greatest of the free and democratic countries."

The delegation will confer with leaders of the Histadruth, Palestine Jewish federation of labor, and will also visit France and England to seek from labor leaders continued support for Palestine's Jewish labor movement. In Poland, too, they will confer with labor leaders.

Mr. Schlossberg is head of the National Labor Committee, which appointed the delegation at its last convention. The other members are Max Zaritsky, Isadore Naglor, Reuben Guskin, Samuel Perlmuttor, Joseph Broslaw and Jack Blume.

Among the listed speakers at tonight's banquet were B. Charney Vlodeck, general manager of the Jewish Daily Forward; Alexander Kahn, of the Joint Distribution Committee; Morris Feinstone of the United Hebrew Trades, and Joseph Baratz and Dr. Shalom Zemach, both of the Histadruth.

WEIZMANN TO VISIT U.S. FOR PALESTINE CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the World Zionist Organization, will be guest of honor at the National Conference for Palestine to be held in Washington on Jan. 24, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, announced today.

Dr. Weizmann, whose visit to the United States will be brief to enable him to return to London and Jerusalem before issuance of the Royal Commission's findings, will deliver several addresses at the conference and confer in Washington on American support of the Jews in Palestine.

POLISH JEWS TO ENTER BIRO-BIDJAN NEXT YEAR, LORD MARLEY SAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government has agreed to admit 2,000 Polish Jewish families and 500 individuals into the autonomous Jewish territory of Biro-Bidjan during 1937, Lord Marley, deputy speaker of the British House of Lords, said last night.

He addressed a farewell dinner of the American Committee for the Settlement of Jews in Biro-Bidjan, of which he is honorary president, William W. Cohen, president, said he had received a telephone message from Soviet Ambassador Troyanovsky that his Government would permit the immigration to begin in February or early March. Lord Marley will sail on the Normandie Saturday for England.

DR. MOSKOWITZ BEQUEATHS LIBRARY TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The library of Dr. Henry Moskowitz, civic and political leader who died on Dec. 17, was bequeathed to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, it was disclosed today. Among the other bequests in his will are: for the ORT Union, \$500; American ORT Federation, \$500; Joint Distribution Committee, American Jewish Committee and Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, \$250 each.

NAZI, RED TEACHING METHODS BREED "SLAVISH CITIZENS," EINSTEIN HOLDS

BOSTON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The educational methods of Germany and Russia breed "slavish citizens," declares Prof. Albert Einstein in an article published by the Christian Register. It was originally designed as an address for delivery at Harvard's Tercentenary celebration last Summer, but Dr. Einstein was unable to appear because of the illness of Mrs. Einstein.

"Let the teacher have as little disciplinary power as possible," Dr. Einstein urges. "Then the only source of respect for him, on the part of the students, will rest on his human and intellectual qualities."

M.S. FLORSHEIM DEAD AT 68

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Milton S. Florsheim, chairman of the board of the Florsheim Shoe Co., and connected with the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Charities of Chicago, died yesterday of a heart attack. He was 68 years old.

ONTARIO CLOAK INDUSTRY BARS FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY WORK

TORONTO, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Ontario cloak industry today barred work on Friday night and Saturday in an agreement reached following a joint petition from employers and employees to the Labor Department.

The agreement, in providing a five-day week, prohibits overtime work on Friday or Saturday. It also provides regular wages for overtime. The wage schedule is almost identical with that of Quebec. More than 2,000 workers are affected, most of them in this city.

FIVE JEWS NAMED KING'S COUNSELS IN ONTARIO

TORONTO, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Five Jews were among the lawyers appointed King's Counsels today by the Ontario Attorney-General as a "Christmas box" to the legal profession. They are I. Levintor, Toronto; B. Goldfield, Ottawa; B.D. Caplan, Windsor; M.A. Miller, Uelph; and I. Greenizen, Petrolia.