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### ANTI-JEWISH AGITATION REVIVED IN BERLIN; ASSASSINATION PLOT CHARGED

BERLIN, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Jews were disturbed today at a revival of anti-Jewish agitation, which for some weeks had been overshadowed by other political events.

Apprehension was particularly aroused over a sensational headline in the Voelksischer Beobachter, principal Nazi organ founded by Chancellor Hitler, which declared that Jews were threatening "new assassinations" similar to that of Wilhelm Gustloff, Nazi agent who was slain in Switzerland last February.

The headline tops a four-column story which reviews the Chur trial of Gustloff's slayer, David Frankfurter, who is now serving an 18-year term, but which contains nothing to substantiate its allegations of "assassination threats."

In another column, the Beobachter reports under the headline, "Tactics of the Jewish World League," a meeting of Nazi party, military and civil officials at which an official of the Propaganda Ministry, Wolfgang Diewerge, charged that Jews stimulate international political trials against Germany in order to keep public opinion abroad antagonistic to the Nazi regime.

### NORWEGIAN COURT HOLDS ANTI-JEWISH BOYCOTT ILLEGAL

OSLO, Norway, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The anti-Jewish boycott has been declared illegal in Norway in the first lawsuit of its kind. The suit was brought by a Jewish trader against a Norwegian cloth factory for refusing to execute an order previously accepted.

The manufacturer said he had refused the order because "personal animosity" forbade him to deal with Jews. The court, ruling in the plaintiff's favor, declared the manufacturer's action was against the law since all races and nationalities were equal under the law.

REPORT LACK OF FOOD FORCED 75 FAMILIES TO QUIT POLISH TOWN

WARSAW, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Nationalist newspapers reported today that 75 Jewish families in the township of Sieradz had been compelled to leave because they were without food.

The anti-Semitic papers revealed that while 28 Jewish shops in the town had been forced to close, 42 Polish stores were opened. Ten artisan shops operated by Jews were also liquidated, the papers reported, and were replaced by eleven run by Poles.

POLICE RAID ON WILNO STUDENT HOME NETS RIOTS - EVIDENCE

WARSAW, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Incriminating documents dealing with anti-Jewish riots in universities were discovered last night in a police raid on a Polish student home in Wilno. Two Nationalist students were arrested.

A meeting of Polish students scheduled to be held in Wilno was prohibited by the rector at the last minute.

In Cracow Nationalist students at the Academy of Arts and the Engineering Institute decided to introduce the "Aryan paragraph."

A Lodz court sentenced a Nationalist, Tadeush Poniawski, to twelve years' imprisonment for the murder of two Lodz Jews last Nov. 9.

Two Nationalists were sentenced by a Kielce court to three-and-a-half years' imprisonment each for the murder of a Jewish merchant named Kirschenbaum.

3 NEW ANTI-SEMITIC PAPERS IN RUMANIA BRING TOTAL TO 59

BUCHAREST, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The Government has issued publication permits to three new anti-Semitic dailies, it was announced today, making a total of 59 anti-Jewish newspapers and periodicals in Rumania.

SEPHARDIC BODY VOTES \$500,000 FOR JERUSALEM RABBINICAL INSTITUTE

LONDON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Creation of a \$500,000 trust fund to establish a rabbinical institution in Jerusalem was voted today at a conference of the executive of the World Union of Sephardic Communities.

WATCHMAN WOUNDED IN ARAB ATTACK

JERUSALEM, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Arab bandits shot at a group of Jewish watchmen touring orange groves in Belania today, slightly wounding one of them, Josef Blumenfeld.

## HEBREW RENDITION OF KORAN WINS MOSLEM PRAISE

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Much interest in the Moslem world, in and outside of Palestine, has been aroused by the Hebrew translation of the Koran prepared by Dr. Joseph Rivlin, staff member of the Hebrew University School of Oriental Studies, and published by the University.

The translation is termed a gesture of goodwill and fellowship toward Islam by *The Light*, a Moslem weekly in English published in Lahore, India, which comments appreciatively in a leading article on the fact that Dr. Rivlin spent twenty years on the translation.

The editorial contrasts the breadth of vision of the modern Jew with the frequently narrow and sectarian outlook of the modern Moslem, holding the latter greatly different from the days when Islam welcomed both Jews and Christians as the other "peoples of the book."

## FISHING INDUSTRY ON UPGRADE IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The fishing industry, which thrived in the ancient Holy Land, is experiencing a revival. Two fishing companies formed in recent months report the year 1936 on the whole favorable.

The two companies are the Palestine Fishing Co., of Haifa, and the National Fishing Co., of Jaffa. In addition, a group of Haifa fishermen have built a small motor trawler which they have been operating with a certain degree of success.

One handicap is that industrial developments on the coast of Haifa, Jaffa and Tel Aviv have led to the closing of considerable valuable areas to fishing. Haifa was once the richest fishing ground on the Palestine coast. New grounds have been discovered, however, notably between Caesaria and Tantoura.

Transport of live fish from Lake Tiberias to Tel Aviv had been started last year and was successful until halted by the disturbances.

## REPORT JOEL SLONIM, YIDDISH JOURNALIST, SLATED FOR ELLIS ISLAND POST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The White House refused today to comment on a published report that President Roosevelt was considering appointment of Joel Slonim, Yiddish poet and journalist on the staff of the *New York Day*, as Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island.

At the Department of Labor, however, it was admitted that Mr. Slonim's qualifications were considered there together with those of other applicants for the post, left vacant more than a year ago by the resignation of Edward Corsi.

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According to a *New York Journal* dispatch from Washington, Mr. Slonim's name was placed before the President with the backing of Postmaster General Farley, Governor Lohman and virtually all the New York Congressional delegation.

Mr. Slonim professed not to know that he was being considered for the post. He was at one time a New York dock commissioner and has been active in local politics for many years.

ONE-PARTY PLAN FOR POLAND OUTLINED SECRETLY BEFORE SEJM BODY

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- A plan for political reorganization of Poland, seeking to transform the republic into an authoritarian, one-party State under the leadership of Marshal Edward Smigly-Rydz was described in a Warsaw dispatch to the New York Times today by Otto Tolischus.

The plan, which was to be outlined today before a Sejm committee meeting in camera, was said to provide the following:

Proclamation of a leader equivalent to the Fuehrer or Duce;

Appointment of a grand council equivalent to the Fascist Grand Council in Italy;

Creation of "one totalitarian, authoritarian and apparently self-perpetuating political organization that will ultimately supplant the political parties of the moribund Polish democracy."

According to Mr. Tolischus, merged in the new organization will be "all the classes and interests in the country under the banner of nationalism, military preparedness, and social and economic reform."

The new scheme, Mr. Tolischus writes, apparently aims to complete "Polonization" by proclaiming the Poles, who number 22,000,000 of the 34,000,000 population, the "ruling nation."

"This presumably means," the correspondent declares, "that the Poles will reserve the government and key positions for themselves while the minorities will probably continue enjoying the 'rights of citizens,' but not those of 'rulers!'"

The program is designed, according to the dispatch, as an attempt to restore governmental authority and to avert a youth revolt by "leadin it into evolutionary channels."

"Like a good part of present Government policy," the dispatch states, "including the campaign for Jewish emigration if not 'evacuation', it is designed to take the wind out of the opposition's sails, especially the Nationalist element, and at the same time appeal to the peasants as potentially the biggest power in the State."

\$61,000 SENT TO POLISH JEWS BY RELIEF DRIVE HERE

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The American Committee Appeal for the Jews in Poland has transmitted approximately 305,000 zlotys (about \$61,000) to Warsaw to date, it was announced today. This included 229,892 zlotys covered in a report by the Polish-Jewish distributing committee dated Jan. 23; 5,000 zlotys which the appeal said it had sent before formation of the committee and 70,000 zlotys transmitted since Jan. 23.