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NAZIS REVIVE FORGED FRANKLIN "ATTACK" ON U.S. JEWS

BERLIN, March 9. (JTA) -- An assertion attributed to Benjamin Franklin that the Jews should be expelled from the United States received wide circulation in German newspapers today after the official German News Agency had picked it up from Der Angriff.

The importance attached to the alleged Franklin document by the Propaganda Ministry was indicated by the fact the German News Agency carried the full text to newspapers outside of the Reich, as well as the German press.

Chancellor Hitler's Voelkischer Beobachter featured the article on its front page with this headline: "Franklin was right; the Jews will swallow the United States."

Der Angriff quoted from the "text" of a reputed speech by Franklin before the United States Congress in 1789 as follows:

"The Jews are a great danger to the United States. They are vampires degrading the morale of a country whenever they settle in large numbers. If Congress does not adopt measures to expel the Jews, they (the Congressmen) will be cursed by their grandchildren."

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"Crude Forgery," Historians Hold

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- "The alleged Franklin document is merely a forgery and a crude one at that," it was established in 1935 by Prof. Charles A. Beard, noted historian, after the reputed statement had been printed in William Dudley Pelley's Silver Shirt organ "Liberation" and reproduced elsewhere in the United States and abroad.

Prof. Beard told in the Jewish Frontier how he had investigated the alleged declaration and found that the "private diary" of Charles Pinckney, from which the Franklin assertion was supposed to have been quoted, did not exist, and that Franklin, far from being anti-Semitic, had high regard for the Jews.

"This alleged {prophecy' ascribed to Franklin is a crude forgery, and his name should be cleared of the crass prejudices attributed to him," said Dr. Beard. "There is in our historical records no evidence whatever of any basis for the falsehood. Whoever encounters this piece of falsehood should nail it at once."

After publication in the Liberation, the alleged statement had been issued by the Weltdienst, international anti-Jewish news service, and printed in the Volksbund, Swiss Nazi organ. Der Stuermer, Julius Streicher's weekly, then picked it up and it was subsequently circulated in New York by Robert E. Edmondson, anti-Semitic propagandist.

Dr. John Musser, dean of the Graduate School at New York University and authority on the life of Franklin, today also denounced the purported document as a fabrication.

DENIES BILL TO CURB EMPLOYMENT OF NON-RUMANIANS

BUCHAREST, March 9. (JTA) -- Commerce Minister Valerius Pop stated today that press reports that the Government had prepared a bill restricting employment of non-Rumanians in commercial, industrial and financial enterprises were incorrect.

A special meeting of the Council of Rumanian Jews, acting on the reports, appealed to King Carol and Premier Tatarescu to guard Jews' constitutional rights.

Dr. Wilhelm Filderman, president of the Union of Rumanian Jews, presided at the conference, and Senator Jacob Niemirower was among the delegates from all provinces who attended.

It was decided to send messages to King Carol and Premier Tatarescu assuring them of the Jews' devotion to the throne and "the fatherland" and expressing hope no measures will be taken to restrict the Constitutional guarantee that no discriminations will be made among citizens on the ground of creed or race.

RUMANIA ARRESTS NAZIS FOR ACTIVITIES AMONG SWABIANS

BUCHAREST, March 9. (JTA) -- Several members of a secret Hitlerite organization were under arrest here today on charges of organizing Nazi "cells" among the Swabian minority in the Banat region, the Havas News Agency reported.

REICH SEIZES PAMPHLET SHOWING HIGH JEWISH SUICIDE RATE

BERLIN, March 9. (JTA) -- The Gestapo today confiscated a pamphlet showing the high rate of suicides among Jews in Germany.

The pamphlet, issued by the Reichsvertretung, showed that in Berlin alone between 1932 and 1934 the proportion of Jewish suicides was 50 per cent above that of the rest of the population. It was written by Dr. Franz Goldman, a former official of the Reich Ministry of the Interior, and Dr. Georg Wolff, former statistician of the Berlin health department.

In that period 334 Jews, including 122 women, took their lives, of whom 63 men and 38 women were over the age of 60. Forty-six per cent of the men and 38 per cent of the women suicides were married.

REICH PLANS REPRISALS FOR ACTS AGAINST NATIONALS ABROAD

BERLIN, March 9. (JTA) -- The Nazi Government today adopted a law empowering its Interior Ministry to take reprisals against foreigners whose countries take measures against German citizens, the Havas News Agency reported.

Under the law, approved by the Cabinet at today's emergency session called by Chancellor Hitler, the Interior Ministry is granted full powers to take punitive action against foreign nationals if their own governments have acted against Reich nationals in these foreign territories.

The law is entitled "for security of the Reich frontier," and includes provision for the Interior Ministry to take "all useful measures" for frontier security.

NAZIS CLOSE ONLY JEWISH CONSUMPTIVES' SANATORIUM

BERLIN, March 9. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities have ordered the closing of the only sanatorium in Germany for Jewish men consumptives, located at Badsoden, near Wiesbaden. Jews thereby lose the only place where they can receive treatment since German sanatoria do not, as a rule, accept them.

The Badsoden sanatorium was supported by Jewish welfare funds and had been in existence for many years before the Nazis came into power. Some Jewish patients will be accommodated temporarily in Jewish hospitals in the larger cities while others will be sent home until the problem of providing treatment for them is solved by central Jewish organizations in Berlin.

The order to close the institution was issued by the mayor of Badsoden and approved by the Nazi central authorities.

NAZIS BAR JEWISH CHILDREN'S MASQUERADE

BERLIN, March 9. (JTA) -- Jewish children in a "ghetto school" of Berlin wanted to hold a masquerade festival. They applied for permission and were informed they could hold the fete.

Last night, as they assembled at the school in costumes, they were told the Gestapo, State Secret police, had banned the function at the last minute. No reason was given for the action.

5 JEWS JAILED FOR PROTEST ON PRZYTYK DISORDERS

WARSAW, March 9. (JTA) -- Five Jews were sentenced to prison terms varying from one to five years by a local court today for participating in a protest demonstration last June 30 in connection with anti-Semitic disorders in the town of Przytyk. They were accused of barricading streets, throwing stones and obstructing traffic.

WARSAW HISTORIAN SUCCEEDS KIPLING IN FRENCH ACADEMY

PARIS (JTA) -- Dr. Marcel Handelsman, of Warsaw University, noted Polish Jewish historian, has been elected a member of the French Academy of Moral and Political Science in succession to Rudyard Kipling.

Dr. Handelsman was born in 1882. He has been professor of history at Warsaw University since 1915 and editor of Przegląd Polityczny (Political Review) since 1924. He is a member of the Society of Sciences and Polish Academy, corresponding member of the Paris Academy, President of the Polish Society for International Affairs, Dean of the Faculty of Letters at Warsaw University.

Dr. Handelsman's works include studies on Napoleon and the influence of French political ideas on Poland.

REFUGEE APPOINTED PROFESSOR AT STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY

STOCKHOLM (JTA) -- The Swedish Government has given its consent to the appointment of Professor David Katz to the chair of psychology at Stockholm University.

Professor Katz is a German refugee who has spent some time in London as lecturer of psychology. The Chancellor of the university and a certain section of the Stockholm press were against the appointment.

JEWISH LEADERS SAIL FOR LONDON TODAY

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- Felix M. Warburg, Dr. Maurice Hexter, Dr. Solomon Lowenstein and Dr. Maurice J. Karpf will sail tomorrow on the Queen Mary for London to confer with leaders of the Council for German Jewry and to discuss with Jewish leaders matters relating to the situation in Palestine and Central Europe.

LAWRENCE MARX NAMED PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK FEDERATION

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- Lawrence Marx has been elected president of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies. It was announced today by Felix M. Warburg, chairman of the board of trustees, following a meeting of the board. Mrs. Arthur Lehman was named vice-president and David M. Freudenthal, controller.

NAZIS BLAME JEWS FOR REPORTS OF HUNGARIAN PUTSCH

BERLIN, March 9. (JTA) -- Hungarian Jews, attempting to stage a stock market coup, were responsible for reports that German Nazis were behind last week's abortive putsch in Budapest, Nazi spokesmen declared today in formally denying German instigation of the alleged plot against the Hungarian Government, the Havas News Agency reported.

The semi-official German News Bureau also denied that German Ambassador Hans Georg von Mackensen's sudden departure from Budapest was due to exposure of the plot. The ambassador merely left for a three-week vacation in Greece, the agency insisted. It failed to mention whether or not he would return to Hungary, however.

Nazi newspapers and party spokesmen declared that "Jews had circulated rumors of the putsch to poison the international atmosphere."

This was a curious about-face from the stand taken by the official party organ, Voelkischer Beobachter, on Sunday when it said that "groups of Hungarian extreme Rightists" had placed Germany and von Mackenson in an embarrassing position through their "grotesque and absurd accusations." The Voelkischer Beobachter article made no mention of the Jewish "stock market coup" which apparently has just been "discovered."

YUGOSLAVIA REAFFIRMS RACIAL EQUALITY GUARANTEES

BELGRADE, March 9. (JTA) -- Yugoslavia never violates the principles of the Constitution recognizing equal rights for all racial and religious groups, Education Minister Svetkovic said in Parliament today replying to the anti-Semitic deputy, Dr. Milan Banic.

HISTORIAN REPORTED DISMISSED FROM UNIVERSITY FOR HITLER DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, March 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Charles C. Tansill, historian, has been removed from the faculty of American university after criticizing William E. Dodd, Ambassador to Germany, for a "continued unsympathetic" attitude toward the Nazi Government, the Washington Post reported today.

NEW HEAD OF AUSTRIAN KEREN HAYESOD APPOINTED

VIENNA (JTA) -- Dr. Siegfried Schmitz, former representative of the Keren Hayesod in Czechoslovakia, has been appointed head of the Keren Hayesod in Austria in succession to Dr. Fritz Eckstein, who died Jan. 29.

Dr. Schmitz has been active on behalf of the Keren Hayesod for many years. He is well known as the German translator of Shalom Asch's works.