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### TIBERIAS DEPUTY MAYOR KILLED IN ARAB DRIVE ON MODERATES; JEWESS DIES

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- Ibrahim Jousef, deputy mayor of Tiberias, was shot dead last midnight in what was regarded as Arab extremist terrorism against moderates. Another Arab and a Jewess were also murdered over the weekend.

Jousef was shot in the Arab village of Shafraam while returning home from a wedding celebration. He was a lawyer and had refused to participate in the strike of Arab municipal officials held coincident with the Arab general strike last year.

The second Arab was found dead this morning between Yarkona and Petach Tikvah.

Friday night, Mrs. Mali Engelshardt, 41 years old, a colonist at Yarkona was shot and fatally wounded while investigating a suspicious noise outside her home. An unsuccessful operation at the hospital showed she had been shot with a dum dum bullet. A husband and two children in Germany, whom she left in 1924, survive her.

Two Arabs were seriously wounded by shots fired at close range as they were leaving the Mosque of Omar. The attack was aimed against a group of four Arabs, two of whom are leaders of strike committees in Arab villages in the vicinity of Jerusalem. Police expressed the belief the shooting had a political motive.

### ITALY REPORTED REJECTING ANTI-SEMITISM; ROME PAPER LISTS JEWISH NAMES

LONDON, April 11. (JTA) -- Authoritative Rome quarters were reported by the Daily Telegraph as declaring the Italian Government has no intention of instituting an anti-Jewish policy.

Fears that Italy might embark on such a program have been aroused by the sporadic outbreaks of anti-Semitic articles in Italian newspapers, notably Il Tevere and Il Regime Fascista.

Also giving rise to apprehension in Jewish circles is an attack on Zionism contained in a book, "The Jews of Italy," by Parliament Deputy Paolo Orano, rector of Perugia University and prominent Fascist. Dr. Orano declares "it is impossible to be good Italians and Zionists at the same time."

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### Jews' Surnames Listed by Il Tevere

The New York Times on Saturday reported from Rome that the daily, Il Tevere, published "what purports to be the completest existing list of Italian Jewish surnames."

Commenting on the list's publication, the Times Rome correspondent writes:

"What the object is remains somewhat of a mystery, unless the newspaper intends to suggest, as seems probable, that persons whose names appear on the list are bad or doubtful Italians of whom the mass of the population should beware.

"This move does not stand as an isolated instance of animosity against Jews, but must be judged in relation to other attacks for which the Italian press has been responsible. It should be added in fairness that only a few newspapers have taken an active part in the anti-Semitic campaign, that the government has never given any indication that it shares the views such newspapers express and that the bulk of the Italian people have no particular feeling against Jews.

"It is noticeable, however, that even newspapers that have not actively attacked Jews recently have adopted the practice of using such headlines for news dispatches as 'Jew Stalin' or the 'Jew Yagoda' or the 'Jew Trotsky' does this, that or the other thing. The intention is obvious - namely, to create in people's minds the impression that the words 'Jew' and 'Communist leader' are synonymous and interchangeable.

"It cannot be denied that Jewish communities in Italy are beginning to be seriously worried. Hitherto they have enjoyed a degree of freedom from social, racial and religious prejudice that has been paralleled in few other countries. Even when Rome was the capital of the Papal States, Jews were allowed to go about their business undisturbed, and they have never been the object of the cruel repression or oppression that has been their lot in some other countries. Now, however, they are beginning to fear that the example of Nazi Germany may ultimately have a fatal influence upon Fascist Italy.

"The Tevere prefaces the list of Italian Jewish names with the following words:

"We believe it useful and timely to divulge the list of surnames of Jews in Italy compiled in 1925 by the Jew Samuel Schaerf and published in the volume, The Surnames of Jews in Italy."

"It then cites the preface to this volume to the effect that the list includes about 1,605 surnames, corresponding to 9,800 families, adding:

"It has been compiled on the basis of the registration of the statistical office of Keren Ha-Yesod (The Palestine Reconstruction Fund) of Italy and comprises those of German communities, excluding those of the colonies.

"The Tevere particularly emphasizes that the list includes a number of Catholic names owing to marriages between Catholic men and Jewish women."

POLAND CONFISCATES "THE BROTHERS ASHKENAZI"; BOOK HELD "INSULTING"

WARSAW, April 11. (JTA) -- The Polish authorities today prepared legal proceedings against I.J. Singer, Jewish author now living in New York, following confiscation of all available copies of his novel, "The Brothers Ashkenazi," which had been held "insulting" to Poland.

The novel, depicting Jewish life in Poland in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and describing the rise of the industrial center of Lodz, had previously aroused official irritation when it was published serially in the Fall of 1935 in the Warsaw Jewish daily, Nasz Przegląd.

At that time the paper was confiscated because of two chapters of the novel: One described a pogrom in Lemberg (now Lwow) after the occupation of the city in 1919 by the Polish army. The other portrayed the brutal treatment of the brothers Max and Yacob at the Polish border town of Pali on their return from Russia, and the killing of Yacob by a Polish customs officer.

In the Yiddish edition, published here by a Jewish publishing house, both of the offending chapters were deleted. The novel has a wide sale in its English editions in Great Britain and the United States.

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NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- I.J. Singer, when reached at his Brooklyn apartment by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said the confiscation of the Yiddish edition was probably due to the Polish authorities' irritation over the fact that the complete story has been made available to English readers.

He said the police had raided his former home in Warsaw six months ago and also the residence of the Jewish publisher, who at the time

was away from Poland. Mr. Singer disclosed that he has received a number of letters from Polish professors and writers assailing him for "insulting" the Polish nation in his book.

Mr. Singer has been living in New York for the past three years.

2 SENTENCED FOR MURDER OF JEWISH FAMILY IN POLAND; 6 OTHERS JAILED

WARSAW, April 11. (JTA) -- A Ukrainian named Harwalka was sentenced to death and another, Misak, to life imprisonment by a Lwow court today for the murder of a Jewish family named Friedman in the town of Janow, East Galicia.

The defendants pleaded that murdering Jews was no crime and that, to the contrary, was an act deserving of credit.

A Sosnowiec court sentenced three leaders of the Polish Nationalist Party to prison terms varying from eight to eighteen months for bombing Jewish shops. Six other defendants were acquitted.

A district court here sentenced three men to prison terms ranging from six months to two and a half years for participating in anti-Jewish disorders near Radom in November, 1935, during which two Jews were killed.

REICH STRIPS JEWS OF CITIZENSHIP IN MUNICIPALITIES

BERLIN, April 11. (JTA) -- Minister of Interior Wilhelm Frick issued an order today depriving Jews of citizenship in municipalities. The order points out that German municipal law is no longer in effect so far as Jews are concerned.

Jews are to be regarded merely as inhabitants of municipalities, the order states, and the Nuremberg racial laws are to be extended to municipalities.

RUMANIAN NATIONAL CHRISTIANS LAUNCH ELECTION DRIVE ON JEWS

BUCHAREST, April 11. (JTA) -- A nationwide anti-Jewish campaign of extreme virulence was launched by the National Christian Party today in connection with the municipal elections to be held on April 16.

Every village and city in Rumania has been flooded by posters blaming Jews for all the world's ills. The ultra-nationalist press has redoubled the fury of its attacks against Jews.

In Bucharest the Jewish Party, which had entered a slate in the capital's Jewish section, was forced to withdraw its candidates because the authorities had invalidated a great number of Jewish franchises on the pretext of "technical errors."

Of interest is the anomalous situation in the town of Deva, Transylvania, where Jews and anti-Semites have concluded an election pact



aimed against the Socialist Plowman's Party. Consequently, the name of Dr. Eugene Loering, president of the town's Jewish Community, appears on the same slate with those of the National Christians and the Rumanian Frontists.

In Bucharest, particular importance is attached to the elections by the National Peasants, the Social Democrats and the Conservatives, all of whom expect from them definite indication of what may be expected in the future.

#### BOARD OF DEPUTIES MOVES TO RECONSTITUTE JOINT FOREIGN COMMITTEE

LONDON, April 11. (JTA) -- Postponing further discussion on the functioning of the Joint Foreign Committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Anglo-Jewish Association, the board today decided to negotiate with the association to reconstitute the committee under a new agreement.

The decision was made at a meeting of the board following a two-hour discussion of the report of a commission appointed to inquire into the joint committee's workings. The vote to defer further discussion was 67 to 60.

Neville Laski, president of the board, replying to a question on the Polish situation, declared that advantage had been taken of the recent visit to London of Felix M. Warburg, New York philanthropist, to have certain conversations. When the board is re-assembled steps will be taken in regard to coordinating relief activities in Poland, it was said.

#### German Jews' Lot Unimproved, Board Reports

The lot of the Jews in Germany shows no sign of improvement, the Board of Deputies of British Jews said in its annual report for 1936.

"The Joint Foreign Committee continues to make every effort to keep public opinion in England informed of the true nature of the German attack on civilization," the report said.

"The effect of Nazi propaganda is evident in Rumania, where activities of anti-Jewish organizations have been greatly intensified.

"In Poland, the solution of the Jewish problem rests mainly with the Government, not through a policy of forced emigration, but in measures taking full account of the needs of the whole population, including those of Jewish origin and religion."

#### J.D.C. GRANTS \$103,950 FOR SPECIAL POLISH PROJECTS

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- Special grants of \$103,950 have been made to Polish Jewish organizations for support and extension of schools, trade training, productive enterprises and cultural activity during the first three months of 1937 by the Joint Distribution

Committee in addition to regular expenditures of approximately \$170,000, Joseph C. Hyman, executive director, announced today.

The largest single grant, \$23,800, was made to the various Jewish school systems in Poland for renovating existing buildings and erecting new schools, the J.D.C. contributing only part of the cost. The remainder is to be raised by the Polish Jews themselves. Trade schools were given grants totaling \$21,950 for the extension of their facilities. Trade and commercial schools in Warsaw, Lodz, Wilno, Lwow, Cracow and several smaller cities will benefit from this grant.

A total of \$10,000 has also been granted for the trade retraining of adults, for the development of new trades and for other productive economic assistance to Jewish heads of families. This grant will help finance producers and workers cooperatives, workshops, and farming.

#### RELIGIOUS STUDENTS IN "PILGRIMAGE" TO YESHIVA COLLEGE

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- Hundreds of students of Hebrew religious schools throughout the East made a "pilgrimage" to Yeshiva College today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the institution, now the largest orthodox Jewish theological seminary in the world.

The students, accompanied by their teachers, brought as a gift to the Yeshiva copies of the Jerusalem and the Babylonian Talmud. Each section was presented by a student representing a different religious school, and each was accepted for the Yeshiva by a student from a different state or nation. Among the latter were Rahmin Sion of Iraq, where the Babylonian Talmud was first brought forth; Elias Levi of India; Julius Heinemann of Wurzburg, Germany; and Leon Katz, son of the chief rabbi of Petach Tikvah, Palestine. Russia, Poland, Rumania, were also represented.

Among those on the speakers' list for addresses of welcome were Dr. Bernard Revel, president of the Yeshiva; Rabbi B.L. Leventhal of Philadelphia, dean of the American rabbinate, Borough President Samuel Levy of Manhattan, chairman of the institution's council and Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, principal of the Teachers Institute, presiding.

#### LORD DUNCANNON TO ASK PORTUGAL TO RATIFY REFUGEE CONVENTION

LISBON, April 11. (JTA) -- Lord Duncannon, assistant to the League of Nations High Commissioner for German Refugees, arrived here yesterday to negotiate with Portugal ratification of the Geneva refugee convention, by which refugees are accorded legal status.

#### KAFKA NAMED PRESIDENT OF PRAHA KHEILLAH

PRAHA, April 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Emil Kafka has been elected president of the Praha Jewish Community, to succeed the late Dr. Max Reiner.