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FASCIST DAILY ASKS BAN ON MIXED MARRIAGES

ROME, April 12. (JTA) -- The anti-Semitic Fascist newspaper, *Il Tevere*, which recently started a campaign for "racial purity," has now asked the Italian Government to pass a law prohibiting marriage between an Italian and a member of another race.

Under the headline, "We Wish to Talk of Racial Problems," the daily publishes the names of a number of Jewish physicians, lawyers, professors and scientists in Italy with a demand for adoption of legislation against Jews, "half Jews" and all persons of Jewish blood.

The article was reprinted in the *Journal Quadrivio*, organ of the extreme Fascists.

Il Tevere also publishes a detailed alphabetical list of all Jewish family names in Italy. The list contains 1,600 names.

WIDE CULTURAL PROGRAM MAPPED BY RUMANIAN ZIONISTS

BUCHAREST, April 12. (JTA) -- An extensive cultural program for the Rumanian Jews has been launched by the Rumanian Zionist Executive Council which will include establishment of a chain of Hebrew bookshops to aid in the distribution of Jewish works.

Archives for documents on the Zionist movement will be established in Bucharest shortly. Another feature of the program is establishment of holiday camps for Jewish teachers and students at a Black Sea resort. In addition, the "Library of Dr. M. Singer" is now compiling a *Who's Who* of Rumanian Jewry as the first compendium of Rumania's outstanding Jews.

RUMANIAN LEADERS HONOR CUZA ON 80TH BIRTHDAY

BUCHAREST, April 12. (JTA) -- Prominent Rumanians attended a celebration of the 80th birthday of Prof. Alexander Cuza, anti-Semitic Nationalist leader, last night in the Athenaeum, Bucharest's largest lecture hall. Loudspeakers brought the speeches to an overflow crowd of 20,000 in the streets.

Patriarch Miron Christea, opening the meeting, praised Prof. Cuza's racial activities. Metropolitan Archbishop Baron Vartolomeus and other speakers, including members of the Rumanian Academy of Sciences and Arts, newspaper editors, leading lawyers and physicians, praised Prof. Cuza's anti-Semitic movement and declared adherence to it.

RUMANIAN BOYCOTT OF GERMAN FILMS EFFECTIVE

BUCHAREST, April 12 (JTA) -- The newspaper Renastera reported today that of all the films shown in Bucharest this week only three were German.

The constantly decreasing number of German films being exhibited is attributed to the intensive anti-German boycott being waged.

EMIGRES ADMIT TAKING TAGEBLATT'S SUBSCRIPTION LISTS

PARIS, April 11. (JTA) -- Five anti-Nazi emigres, on trial for robbery in connection with the Pariser Tageblatt's alleged sale to Nazi interests last year, have admitted in Correctional Court they were guilty of taking the paper's circulation lists and editorial matter.

The emigres explained their action was prompted by a desire to save the names of German refugees from falling into the hands of Nazis in view of the charges made against Vladimir Poliakoff, publisher of the Tageblatt. (Poliakoff subsequently was cleared of the charges by a committee of notables.)

Henri Torres, well known attorney, represented the defendants in the trial, which ended Saturday. A verdict is expected shortly. A libel action, instituted by Poliakoff against former members of the Tageblatt staff, now publishing the Pariser Tageszeitung, is scheduled for trial soon.

DANZIG SENATE DENIES IT PLANS RACIAL LEGISLATION

FREE CITY OF DANZIG, April 12. (JTA) -- An official denial was issued here today of charges contained in a World Jewish Congress memorandum to the League of Nations that the Danzig Senate intends to introduce racial legislation on the Nazi style.

"The report is entirely unfounded," the denial said. "It has been spread with the intention of stirring up trouble between the Senate and the League of Nations."

SWISS NAZI ORGAN SUSPENDS FOR LACK OF FUNDS

GENEVA, April 12. (JTA) -- The Swiss Nazi organ, Die Front, suspended publication today. Dwindling circulation and lack of funds were given as reasons.

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Police in Berne are investigating daubing of a synagogue with swastikas during the night. Walls of the edifice were also painted with the inscription, "Perish Juda!"

SOUTH AFRICA PUTS NEW CURB ON ALIENS

JOHANNESBURG, April 12. (JTA) -- The Government today issued a regulation forbidding issuance of temporary landing permits to aliens who sailed from home after March 31. Under the regulation, permission to enter South Africa must be obtained prior to sailing. It was issued in connection with the recently enacted Aliens Law providing for selective immigration.

BELGIAN OFFICIALS ELATED OVER ROUT OF REXISTS

BRUSSELS, April 12. (JTA) -- Jubilation reigned in Government circles today over Premier Paul Van Zeeland's crushing victory in yesterday's by-election over Leon Degrelle, leader of the pro-Fascist Rexist party. The election resulted in a "confidence vote" for Van Zeeland, and a decline in Rexist strength which exceeded all expectation. A total of 275,840 votes -- 75.89 per cent -- were cast for Van Zeeland, as compared with only 69,242 votes -- 19.05 per cent of the total -- for his opponent. The result was attributed in large part to the influence of the Catholic church, in the person of Ernest Joseph Cardinal Van Roey, Primate of Belgium, who called upon the faithful to support Van Zeeland and attacked Rexistism in a pre-election statement.

CHRISTIAN CLERIC PERFORMS HEBREW FUNERAL RITES IN WALES

LONDON, April 12. (JTA) -- London newspapers today told the story of a Christian pastor in the remote town of Narberth, Wales, who performed a burial service according to Jewish ritual for a Jewish war veteran, Covel Hertzog, whose dying wish it was to be given a Hebrew funeral.

The nearest rabbi being fifty miles away, Dr. Llewellyn Davies, a gifted scholar, was asked to perform the service. This he did, chanting the psalms and reading the prayers in Hebrew.

MAFFEY RETIRES FROM VITAL COLONIAL OFFICE POST

LONDON, April 12. (JTA) -- Sir John Maffey, Permanent Undersecretary of State for the Colonies since 1933, will retire on July 1, it was announced today.

Sir John's retirement is arousing considerable interest in view of his great influence on Palestine policy. His successor will be Sir Arthur C. C. Parkinson, Assistant Undersecretary of State in the Colonial Office since 1931.

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MELCHETT OPENS PALESTINE EMERGENCY DRIVE IN BUENOS AIRES Review said.

BUENOS AIRES, April 12. (JTA) -- With Lord Melchett, British industrialist and Jewish leader, the principal speaker, a Zionist conference today proclaimed a Palestine emergency campaign for funds to help Palestine Jewry recover from the disastrous 1936 disorders and guard against future disturbances.

Expressing admiration for Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, Lord Melchett voiced his faith in the ultimate success of the Palestine cause.

Lord Melchett yesterday opened the fifteenth convention of the Argentine Zionist Organization, of which he has been named honorary president. The convention is marking the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Zionist body here.

POLAND PROBING MADAGASCAR'S IMMIGRATION OUTLOOK

WARSAW, April 12. (JTA) -- The Polish Government is sending a delegation to the French colony of Madagascar, off Southeast Africa, to investigate possibilities of Jewish colonization, it was learned here today.

Jewish organizations, asked by the Government to participate in the investigation, are still considering it.

(The French Government recently offered opportunities for Jewish immigration into four of its colonies, including Madagascar, on a limited scale with the proviso that Jewish organizations help finance it.)

COMMUNISTS SEIZED IN PALESTINE AS BOMBING SUSPECTS

JERUSALEM, April 12. (JTA) -- Many Communists, including Arabs participating in marauding bands, have been arrested in various parts of the country on charges of throwing bombs at Jews, it was reported here today. A teacher employed by the Government was arrested on a similar charge.

Four Jews were arrested at Petach Tikvah on suspicion of connection with the death of an Arab, whose body was found near Yarkona. They were released when the suspicion proved unfounded.

ARAB PEASANTS GET GOVERNMENT LOANS

JERUSALEM, April 12. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government has allotted £5,000 for loans to peasants in the Nablus and Samaria districts, it was announced today.

VETERANS' LEADER DIES IN LWOW

LWOW, Poland, April 12. (JTA) -- Nicodem Polak, vice-president of the Jewish War Veterans' Union, died here today. He was 43 years

old. Polak was an officer in the French army during the World War. He was wounded at Verdun and holds the Medaille de la Guerre and other honors.

PLAN PALESTINE FOREST TO HONOR FELICE DI RAVENNA

ROME, April 12. (JTA) -- Prominent Jews joined today in an appeal to the Italian Jews to plant a forest in Palestine in memory of Felice di Ravenna, president of the Union of Jewish Communities, who died on March 20.

ZIONISTS OPEN DRIVE FOR 500,000 SHEKEL REGISTRATION

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Setting a goal of 500,000 shekolim to be sold in the United States, the Central Shekol Board today issued a "Call for Shekol Registration for 1937" asking American Jews to support the Palestine homeland by buying the certificates, which are necessary to vote for delegates to the World Zionist Congress.

"We feel that American Jewry, enjoying as it does full freedom and economic security, must rally to the cause of the Jewish national homeland in Palestine," the call said. The campaign is being directed by Samuel Schmidt, of Cincinnati, secretary of the board.

MANN ARRIVES FOR "UNIVERSITY IN EXILE" ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA). Thomas Mann, the exiled German author, arrived here today on the Normandie to participate in the celebration of the fourth anniversary of the Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science of the New School for Social Research (the University in Exile). The three-day celebration begins tomorrow and will conclude with a dinner Thursday night.

GOVERNOR CROSS ACCEPTS PRESIDENCY OF GERMAN CULTURE LEAGUE

HARTFORD, April 12. (JTA) -- Governor Wilbur L. Cross announced he has accepted an invitation to become the first president of the recently-organized American Guild for German Cultural Freedom, whose aim is to preserve and develop the life and spirit of German culture outside the Reich. Governor Cross will preside at a dinner to Thomas Mann in New York on April 20.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY HELD MEANS TO REDEEM JEWS FROM "CULTURAL STERILITY"

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University in Jerusalem was advanced as a means to redeem Jewry from its "present cultural sterility" by Prof. Mordecai M. Kaplan of the Jewish Theological Seminary, speaking at a public meeting tonight marking the university's twelfth anniversary at Temple Emanu-El.

"If we want the Hebrew University can equal the temple of old in significance to the Jewish people of our day," Dr. Kaplan said. He declared the institution served as "the highest common denominator of unity and cooperation among Jews."