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EX-MOSLEY AIDES FORM RIVAL FASCIST GROUP IN ENGLAND

LONDON, April 13. (JTA) -- A split in Sir Oswald Mosley's uniformless British Union of Fascists was revealed today with the announcement that two of his former chief aides have formed a rival organization.

The new group, organized by William Joyce and John Beckett, will be known as the National Socialist League. It claims to number among its leaders many of Mosley's former high officials.

Mr. Joyce, in an interview with the Morning Post, made the following statement:

"After four years' experience in the British Union in a high official position, I can definitely say the Union has completely failed to win support in England. Mosley's insistence on personal autocracy and continental heel-clickings has repelled and will repel a majority of Englishmen."

ANOTHER BIRO-BIDJAN EXECUTIVE DISMISSED AS TROTSKYIST

MOSCOW, April 13. (JTA) -- The authorities today announced the dismissal of M.P. Chavkin as secretary of the Central Communist Committee of Biro-Bidjan, autonomous Jewish territory in the Soviet Far East, for patronizing alleged Trotskyists and using his position to advance personal interests.

A statement by the Central Committee of the Biro-Bidjan Communist Party further charges Chavkin used political blackmail methods in operating his office. It also charges him with responsibility for the breakdown in the 1936 settlement plans for the territory, declaring he surrounded himself with subordinates whom he brought from his native city of Smolensk.

Chavkin is the third high Biro-Bidjan official to incur official punishment for Trotskyist associations. Previously, Prof. Joseph Liberberg was deposed as president of the territory and his successor, Michael Katell, suffered a similar fate.

## DUBLIN DAILY LAUDS IRISH JEWS, PAYS TRIBUTE TO HERZOG

DUBLIN, April 13. (JTA) -- The appointment of Dr. Isaac Herzog, former Chief Rabbi of Ireland, as Chief Rabbi of Palestine "reflects high honor upon our nation," the Irish Times declared in an editorial today.

"We do not claim special credit for Ireland because she never persecuted the Jews," the Times said. "The fact that other nations have seen fit to persecute the Jews renders our nation's attitude more laudable by contrast.

"Here in Ireland the Jews are not a separate people; they are part of the nation. They have done fine service in our industry, our commerce and our art. We have been more than repaid by their presence in our midst.

"The choice of Dr. Herzog will bring Ireland's name and reputation for kindness to the notice of millions of Jews throughout the world. Our hope is that this reputation will be maintained for many years to come."

## 2 ZIONIST GROUPS HIT PLAN TO DIVIDE PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- The Mizrahi religious Zionists and the Palestine section of the Group "B" General Zionists joined today in denouncing the Royal Commission's reputed plan to partition the Holy Land as an attack on Jewish rights and a violation of the League of Nations mandate.

"We did not concede the unnatural separation of Transjordan and we will not concede an inch of the historic boundaries of the Land of Israel," Mizrahi stated to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "National religious Jewry will tirelessly fight such schemes, and we are certain the Jewish community and the Zionist movement will oppose them and the Jewish Agency for Palestine will stand guard in this decisive hour."

The General Zionists termed the partition plans the severest attack on Jewish historical rights and said it would undermine the mandate.

## Abdullah Confers With Sheiks on Partition Reports

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- Emir Abdullah, Arab ruler of Transjordan, is conferring with Bedouin sheiks about partitioning Palestine into two states with the Emir as king of the Arab state, it was reported here today by Haaretz, Hebrew daily.

## PALESTINE PROBE FINDS IMMIGRATION POSSIBILITIES LARGER

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- A commission set up by the Government to study Palestine's capacity to absorb immigrants has expressed the unanimous opinion that possibilities exist for larger Jewish immigration, it was reported tonight.

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Berlin Jewish Commission has already presented its report, which, the Review said, was unanimous despite the fact the commission included two Arabs and one Jew.

#### NAZIS IRKED BY "MARTYR" FILM SHOWN IN CHURCH HERE

BERLIN, April 13. (JTA) -- Alleged presentation of a film entitled "Christian Martyrs in Germany Today," in a church in New York City caused the controlled Nazi press here today to turn its wrath once more against that American metropolis, the Havas News Agency reported.

The film was said here to be propaganda directed against the Third Reich. Particular indignation was expressed at the fact that its showing was prefaced by an "anti-German speech" by Erika Mann, daughter of the exiled German novelist Thomas Mann and wife of W.H. Auden, British poet who is understood to be serving with the Spanish Loyalists.

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A sound film entitled "Modern Christian German Martyrs," had its premiere Monday night at the Riverside Church under the auspices of the American Committee for Christian German Refugees, which is conducting a nationwide campaign for \$400,000 to aid fugitives from Nazi persecution. The picture will be distributed to cities throughout the country wherever local sponsoring committees can be formed.

#### 1,471 JEWISH DOCTORS IN BERLIN, OFFICIAL FIGURES REVEAL

BERLIN, April 13. (JTA) -- Official figures published today on the number of Jewish physicians reveal that 1,471 of the 6,319 doctors in Berlin, or 23.3 per cent, are Jews.

Proportions of Jewish physicians in other sections are: Silesia, 12.8 per cent; Hamburg, 11.8; Hessen-Nassau, 10.0; Raden, 5.4; East Prussia, 4.9; Rhineland, 4.0; Pomerania, 3.4; Brandenburg, 2.9, and Lower Saxony, 1.9.

#### SAMOJE, BERLIN JEWISH LEADER, DEAD AT 62

BERLIN, April 13. (JTA) -- Ferdinand Samoje, attorney and prominent Jewish leader, died here yesterday following an operation. He was 62 years of age.

Mr. Samoje had been long active in the Jewish life of Berlin and in the central Jewish organizations, particularly the Central Union of Jews in Germany. He was also a prominent figure in the Reichs Union of Jewish Front Soldiers, a veterans' organization.

#### GESTAPO IMPOSES NEW CURBS ON REICH JEWS

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- The German police today placed an absolute 60-day ban on Jewish meetings of any sort with the exception of synagogue worship, the Associated Press reported from Berlin. Police declined to divulge the reason for the action.

Berlin Jewish school in what the New York Times called a new campaign of the secret police against Jewish institutions in Germany. In this case, too, no reason was given.

Jewish circles, said the A.P., knew of nothing in recent months that might have caused the restrictions. The effect of the police order was such that if as few as four Jews got together they might fall under the ban.

The Times dispatch suggested that the reason for the earlier restrictions might have been the sentencing of Helmut Hirsch, a stateless Jew, for treason; the circulation of secret anti-Nazi propaganda or Mayor LaGuardia's recent attacks on Hitler. "On the other hand there may be no reason," the Times added.

Some Jews said they feared the new order meant new repressive measures would be taken against them by the Nazi authorities, who, they said, were faced by the necessity of keeping their followers in a "fighting mood," according to the A.P. dispatch.

Meanwhile the London Daily Express reported that the secret police, holding that stamp collecting has become a means for "Jews and other traitors" to evade currency regulations, has seized several wealthy Germans on charges of smuggling their fortunes abroad in stamps.

#### REICH PROTESTS TO VATICAN ON POPE'S ANTI-NAZI ENCYCLICAL

BERLIN, April 13. (JTA) -- Germany today protested to the Vatican against the anti-Nazi encyclical issued three weeks ago by Pope Pius XI and read in German churches, the Havas News Agency reports.

The note, delivered in Vatican City by Dr. Diego von Bergen, Reich Ambassador to the Holy See, was entitled "Stellungnahme" (taking a position). This alone was held to indicate that it constituted a protest. It did not, however, include denunciation of the concordat.

#### DANZIG OFFICIAL SEES OPPOSITION CRUSHED BY YEAR-END

WARSAW, April 13. (JTA) -- Wilhelm Huth, vice-president of the Nazi-controlled Senate of the Free City of Danzig, today told a Danzig group meeting in Hamburg, Germany, that "all opposition parties will be eliminated in Danzig by the end of the year," according to reports received here.

This was the first time a responsible Danzig government officer ever confirmed the warnings frequently voiced by Nazi leaders in Danzig, the Havas News Agency reported.

Senator Huth also said that Danzig citizens in Germany are under the protection of Chancellor Adolf Hitler, thereby contravening the Danzig constitution, which places Danzig citizens abroad under the protection of Poland.



#### SHOLEM ASCH SAILS TO AID J. D. C. DRIVE HERE

PARIS, April 13. (JTA) -- Sholem Asch, the author, will sail tomorrow on the Conte di Savoia for a six-week visit to the United States in behalf of the fund-raising campaign of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

"Interested in the Jewish situation in Poland, I responded to the Joint Distribution Committee's call as a soldier," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency before sailing. "I hope to be able to assist the campaign by which Polish Jewry and other Jewries benefit."

#### DR. MOSES NAMED BOMBAY MAYOR FIRST BENE ISRAELITE IN POST

BOMBAY, April 13. (JTA) -- Dr. E. Moses, prominent medical practitioner and member of the Bene Israelite community, has been elected mayor of Bombay by the Bombay Municipal Corporation.

His election marks the first time in history that a member of the Bene Israelite sect, legendary survivors of seven men and women who fled from Palestine in pre-Biblical times and were shipwrecked in India, has occupied the mayoralty. The sect numbers approximately 20,000 members in India of a total of 25,000 Indian Jews.

#### SUICIDE OF KAUNAS REVISIONIST "AVENGED" IN ATTACK ON ZIONISTS

KAUNAS, Lithuania, April 13. (JTA) -- Members of the militant Brith Trumpeldor were suspected today of breaking windows of the Palestine office and disrupting a Zionist meeting in "revenge" for the suicide Sunday night of one of their comrades.

The incidents were seen as an outgrowth of dissatisfaction of right-wing Zionist Revisionists with the allocation of Palestine immigration certificates by Palestine offices, controlled by the Zionist Organization, in various European countries.

An inscription left at the Palestine office after the windows had been broken said the act was in revenge for the suicide of Puluschnitzky, a member of the Brith Trumpeldor, who, it was thought, might have taken his life after failing to obtain a Palestine immigration certificate.

The youths disrupted a meeting organized by the Palestine Foundation and did not permit Leib Jaffe, director of the fund, to proceed with an address. The police prohibited the address.

#### RABBI JANTSCHUK, KAUNAS YESHIVA HEAD, DIES AT 60

KAUNAS, April 13. (JTA) -- Rabbi Samuel Chaim Jantschuk, head of the widely known Etz-Chaim (Tree of Life) Yeshiva, died here today at the age of 60.

### DR. MENDES HAILED ON EIGHTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- Dr. H. Pereira Mendes, Minister Emeritus of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, celebrated his 85th birthday today. He received numerous messages of congratulations from many prominent persons, including Governor Lehman, Dr. Cyrus Adler, Bishop Manning, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Miss Lillian D. Wald.

Dr. Mendes is now working on a translation of the Bible and of late years has devoted himself to extensive research in Biblical philology. His congregation, Shearith Israel, observed his birthday by presenting last Sunday evening in the synagogue's auditorium a biblical play, "The Eternal Problem," which Dr. Mendes wrote 60 years ago.

Dr. Mendes is a past president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and the author of numerous books on Jewish history and religion.

### 105,000 JEWISH STUDENTS IN U. S. COLLEGES, B'NAI B'RITH FINDS

CINCINNATI, April 13. (JTA) -- There are 105,000 Jewish students in American colleges and universities -- 9.1 per cent of the national student body -- according to what is described as the first complete survey ever made in the field.

The survey, made by B'nai B'rith's Hillel Foundation Research Bureau, headed by Dr. Lee J. Levinger, covered 1,319 institutions in the United States and Canada, or 9.1 per cent of all those in existence, with an aggregate registration of 1,150,000 students.

The 105,000 Jewish students represent one for every 42 Jews -- probably the largest proportion of college students of any group in the world -- and the Jewish proportion in colleges of 9.1 per cent compares with a 3.5 per cent Jewish ratio in the population.

In other words, the percentage of Jewish students is two and a half times that of the Jewish population. The Jews tend to concentrate in the great universities, forming 14 per cent of the students in these institutions and 13.5 per cent of the students in private professional schools. In separate arts colleges they are only 6 per cent, 1.65 per cent in teachers colleges and 1.7 per cent in junior colleges.

Of the colleges studied, 477 have no Jewish students at all, while 113 have 100 or more each. These 113 institutions contain 90 per cent of all Jewish students, the rest scattered among 729 schools.

### LOWENSTEIN SLATED FOR PRESIDENCY OF NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK BODY

INDIANAPOLIS, April 13. (JTA) -- Solomon Lowenstein, executive vice-president of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies of New York, will be named president of the National Conference of Social Work, it was announced today. The conference will hold its 64th meeting here from May 23 to 29.