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ITALIAN JEWS HIT BACK AT FASCIST ANTI-SEMITIC DRIVE

ROME, April 28. (JTA) -- Italian Jews for the first time today struck back at the anti-Semitic campaign being pressed by a number of Fascist newspapers and some party leaders.

Charges that Jews cannot be good Italian patriots if they are Zionists, made in a book by Parliament Deputy Paolo Orano, are refuted by the Jewish paper "Israel," which is published in Florence.

Discussing Dr. Orano's book, "The Jews of Italy," which bases its assertion on the allegation that Zionism is pro-British, the paper points out that the adherence of Jews to Zionism has been open and has had the approval of the authorities. The authorities, it declares, have been convinced that Zionism represents not only a Jewish humanitarian cause but also an Italian one.

Meanwhile, the Rome newspaper Il Tevere continued its anti-Semitic pronouncements with the assertion that in a who's who of contemporary Italians the relative percentage of prominent Jews is sixteen times higher than Christians.

The paper declares it is "high time to remind Italy of racial values."

ZIONIST COUNCIL TO SET UP ECONOMIC BODY, PROBE IMMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, April 28. (JTA) -- The General Council of the World Zionist Organization ended its session early today after it had adopted a resolution calling for establishment of a special economic council.

A special commission was named to investigate charges of unfair distribution of labor immigration certificates among various Zionist groups. It comprises representatives of all parties.

The session, which opened April 20, was closed with a review of the Council's work by M. M. Ussishkin, chairman.

The Council cabled a message of encouragement to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, for successful continuation of the fight for establishment of a Jewish national home. A message of encouragement was sent to the new settlements in the dangerous Beisan area of the Jordan Valley. A special resolution was adopted calling for strengthening and encouragement of colonization in the Galilee district.

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The small administrative committee in Jerusalem of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, establishment of which was approved by the Zionist General Council, was decided upon by a meeting of the Jewish Agency executive in London, and not by a plenary session of the administrative committee as incorrectly reported in yesterday's News Dispatches.

ARAB HOMES NEAR SAFED JEWISH QUARTER RAZED

JERUSALEM, April 28. (JTA) -- Troops are destroying a number of Arab houses on the border between the Arab and Jewish quarters of Safed as a result of recent disturbances there. Similar measures were taken in Jaffa during the 1936 disorders.

The biggest military maneuvers in Palestine since its occupation by British troops took place yesterday, according to the Havas News Agency. Fifteen aeroplanes, 10 tanks and a full regiment participated.

REICH OPENS DRIVE TO ALIGN POLAND, RUMANIA AGAINST SOVIET

BERLIN, April 28. (JTA) -- Germany has launched a diplomatic campaign to forge an alliance with Poland and Rumania against the Soviet Union, it was reported here today, according to the Havas News Agency.

The essential strategy of this campaign was outlined by the Berliner Tageblatt which yesterday hailed the "awakening" of Poland and Rumania to what it called the need for solidarity among the Soviet Union's neighbors.

"If the hour for settlement of accounts with the Russian-Soviet colossus should sound one day, the two neighbors of Russia will be too weak to meet the blow," the paper said. "One need not be a great military expert to realize that support can be given them only by the Reich and that bloc of powers which has just been formed in southeastern Europe under Italy's aegis.

"Because the Slavic power consciously hostile to the Soviet Union extends in the Balkans from the Alps and the Adriatic as far as the

Black Sea, the more quickly it is realized by Warsaw and Bucharest the more profitable it will be to all those interested, since cooperation as important as that which will be needed jointly to repulse a Russian attack must be prepared to be efficacious.

"It would be improvident," the Tageblatt warned, "to base it on improvisations. Such preparation ought not only to be military, but psychological as well. The conversations between (Polish Foreign Minister Jozef) Beck and Antonescu (Rumanian Foreign Minister Victor Antonescu) can only fortify the solidarity of all Soviet Russia's neighbors. The rest must come from natural political development."

LAGUARDIA TARGET OF HITLER STORM TROOP ORGAN

BERLIN, April 28. (JTA) -- S. A. Mann, organ of Hitler's Storm Troops, resumed its attack against Mayor LaGuardia of New York today with an editorial which spoke of "prostitutes and criminals demonstrating against Germany."

"Why is LaGuardia shouting so much?" the paper asked. "Why are prostitutes and criminals demonstrating against Germany? Has everything been done to clean up your house?"

POLISH SCHOOL OFFICIALS MEET TO ACT ON DISORDERS

WARSAW, April 28. (JTA) -- An important conference of school authorities from all parts of the country was scheduled to take place here today in the wake of new anti-Jewish disorders at the Warsaw Business College, the Havas News Agency reported. It was called by the Ministry of Education.

Armed with smoke and stench bombs, Nationalist students almost completely wrecked the college offices. Rotten eggs assailed the rector when he sought to intervene.

A small political news agency operating under the name "Press" was suppressed here last night on the grounds that it operated against the welfare of the nation, particularly "through its false and biased manner of presenting questions touching foreign as well as internal policy."

For several months the agency has conducted a strong campaign against Nazi activities in Danzig and among the German minority in Poland. Particularly popular with opposition newspapers, the agency defended democratic institutions when dealing with internal political questions.

KIN OF BAPTIZED JEW, ENDEK LEADER IS OUSTED

WARSAW, April 28. (JTA) -- Prof. Bogdan Wasiutinski, president of the Executive of the anti-Semitic National Democratic Party, was dismissed from the party's leadership today after discovery that he is the son-in-law of a baptized Jew.

LONDON CLOTHIER, ZIONIST LEADER, MAKES GOOD AS ARTIST

LONDON, April 28. (JTA) -- Cyril J. Ross, clothing magnate and Zionist leader, received recognition as an artist today after two-and-a-half years of self-training when the Royal Academy accepted two of his paintings. They are entitled "The Promised Land" and "Hear, O Israel!"

"I am painting the plight of my people today because I feel I must," Mr. Ross said. He is the treasurer of the Jewish National Fund.

Mr. Ross is chairman and managing director of Wear-Well, Ltd., and head of a chain of clothing stores.

AUSTRIA PLANS LAW TO CONTROL HOSPITAL STAFFS

VIENNA, April 28. (JTA) -- It was learned today that the Austrian Government is preparing a law to control appointment of doctors in Vienna hospitals.

The law is being drafted, it is understood, to forestall court actions by a number of Jewish doctors who have been illegally dismissed from hospital posts. If passed, it is certain to result in further elimination of Jewish physicians from hospital staffs.

REVOKE CITIZENSHIP OF EAST EUROPEAN JEWS, VIENNA OFFICIAL URGES

VIENNA, April 28. (JTA) -- Deputy Mayor Kresse, in a strong anti-Semitic address here last night, demanded revocation of naturalization of all Jews from eastern Europe. Similar demands have been voiced in speeches by Mayor Schmitz.

PRISON TERM FOR HUNGARIAN NAZI LEADER SET ASIDE

BUDAPEST, April 28. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court yesterday set aside a three-month sentence against Major Franz Zalassy, Hungarian Nazi leader, who had been convicted of anti-Semitic agitation.

ANTI-SEMITISM LEFT TO CONSCIENCE OF SO. AFRICAN CHURCHGOERS

CAPE TOWN, Union of South Africa, April 28. (JTA) -- The question of anti-Semitism is left to the members' conscience as to whether it is "justified in the public interest," in a resolution adopted yesterday by a meeting of the Dutch Church Council of Pretoria.

JEWISH CONGRESS BODY TO MEET IN VIENNA JUNE 19

PARIS, April 28. (JTA) -- The administrative committee of the World Jewish Congress will open a two-day session in Vienna on June 19 to discuss the situation of the Jews in Europe, plans for relief of Polish Jews and immigration problems, it was announced today.

DR. WISE HONORED ON THIRTY YEARS IN FREE SYNAGOGUE PULPIT

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise was honored on the completion of thirty years as rabbi of the Free Synagogue at a dinner last night at the Hotel Commodore attended by about 1,000 persons. It was announced that \$200,000 has been raised in the \$300,000 campaign for a new synagogue building.

President Roosevelt sent a message praising Dr. Wise for serving "your own people and every American ideal." Another message was received from Dr. Albert Einstein, who had been scheduled to speak. Among the speakers were Mayor LaGuardia, the Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Borough President Samuel Levy, Morris Rothenberg, Louis Lipsky, Ludwig Lewisohn, Judge Julian W. Mack, Max Brauer, Harry Hirschfield and Louis Nizer, who was toastmaster.

YALE TO SEND NO DELEGATE TO GOETTINGEN CELEBRATION

NEW HAVEN, April 28. (JTA) -- Yale University will send no delegate to the bicentenary celebration of Goettingen University in Germany, according to an announcement by Secretary Carl Lohman. Mr. Lohman said Yale would send a brief message "in recognition of the great tradition of Goettingen and of the associations which have existed between the two universities."

The announcement followed publication of an editorial in the Yale Daily News which declared rejection of the invitation by Yale "would certainly establish a beneficial example to those American universities that are still debating their course, and for Yale it would do much to reaffirm our belief in free thought."

SHOLEM ASCH URGES RELIEF FOR POLISH JEWS AS "REBUKE TO ENEMY"

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- Relief for the Jews of Poland as a "re-buke to the enemy" and as evidence they are backed by "the spirit of a united Jewry" was urged tonight by Sholem Asch, the author, at a reception in the Hotel Astor given by the Joint Distribution Committee, in whose behalf he arrived here last week.

This support, Mr. Asch declared, will serve to convince the Polish Government that "her dream of evacuating 3,000,000 of her people will cost her more dearly than the reality which she has been afraid to face," namely the reality of the existence of these people.

"The greatest and most important asset of the Polish Jews is their faith in themselves," he said. Mr. Asch declared the reason for the notion of superfluity of the Polish Jews was that "Jewish life and Jewish honor have become defenseless" because of the Jews' unprotected position and the spread of Hitlerism.

MISSIONARY LEADER DENIES POLAND ANTI-SEMITIC

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- Konstanty J. Jaroszewicz, president of the Union of Churches of Christ, which carries on missionary work in Poland, Russia and Rumania, today defended the Polish Republic against charges of anti-Semitism which he attributed to Sholem Asch.

In a letter to the New York World-Telegram he described as "inconceivable" a statement by Mr. Asch that the need for relief in Poland was even greater than in the days of the post-war relief program. "Mr. Asch does not see that he is becoming an instrument to arouse the hatred in the hearts of the Gentiles toward his own people so that they might be driven out of the Gentile countries," the missionary leader said.

NEGLECT OF JEWISH LEARNING DEPLORED BY EISNER

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- The neglect of Jewish learning in the United States was deplored tonight by Mark Eisner, chairman of the Board of Higher Education, addressing the annual dinner of the Yeshivah Torah Vodaath of Brooklyn, held at the Broadway Central Hotel.

"Even though Jews have been living in this country for nearly 300 years and the Jewish community has been growing in numbers all these years, we have, as yet, failed to produce a generation of scholars comparable to the erudition in Jewish learning that has been developed in the large and small communities wherever Jews lived," Mr. Eisner said.

43 NEW COLONIES FOUNDED FOR JEWS OF CENTRAL, EAST EUROPE

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- Forty-three new colonies for Jews from Central and Eastern Europe have been founded in Palestine since August, 1935, with United Palestine Appeal funds, according to a report issued by Harold Jacobi, chairman of the Greater New York campaign of the U.P.A. Eight thousand Jews from Germany were settled on the land as farmers during the past four years since the beginning of the Hitler regime, the report said.

REICH ANTI-SEMITISM SEEN HINDRANCE TO COOPERATION

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- "The German anti-Semitic policy has become one of the main hindrances to German international collaboration," declares Frederick T. Birchall in a Berlin dispatch to the New York Times. "The Jewish persecution is important because as long as it persists German Jews will continue to try to leave the country with their possessions," he states. "The value of their possessions is still estimated at between 10,000,000,000 and 15,000,000,000 marks.

"While such an amount of capital is seeking any possible outlet from the country, Germany cannot lift her foreign exchange restrictions. As long as she is unable to do this she cannot join in any movement for a freer international exchange of goods and money."