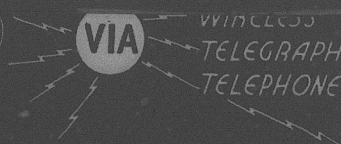




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BELGIAN DIAMOND TRADE HITS NAZI EFFORT TO OUST JEWS

ANTWERP, Belgium, May 4. (JTA) -- Capital and labor united today against efforts to oust Jews from Belgium's great diamond industry after fifteen Belgian Nazi dealers had sent the Government a memorandum demanding elimination of Jews.

The sending of the memorandum was revealed in a joint proclamation issued by the Association of Belgian Diamond Industrialists and the Union of Diamond Workers of Belgium, which said the Jews had helped to build the present high standard in the world's diamond markets and declared the Jews were more important in the industry than the small group of Belgian Nazis.

JEWISH BIRTH RATE DECLINES IN REICH

BERLIN, May 4. (JTA) -- An example of the decline of the Jewish birth rate in Germany is furnished by figures for Stettin and Krefeld. In the former city, there have been 11 deaths and one birth among the 1,900 Jews since the beginning of this year. In Krefeld there have been no births among the 1,500 Jews this year.

Decrease in Jewish population because of emigration has caused the sale of the synagogues of Stommeln and Zundorf.

Julius Streicher's Frankische Tageszeitung (Nuremberg), blames the Jews for the sharp fall on the London stock exchange last Thursday.

"Jewish manipulators unloaded their shares to spoil Chamberlain's (Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer) announcement of new fiscal measures and to sabotage his statesmanship," the paper states.

JEWS SEEN AFFECTED BY STRONGER REICH-ITALY LINK

LONDON, May 4. (JTA) -- The Rome correspondent of the Morning Post reported today that cultural collaboration between Italy and Germany had been intensified as a consequence of German Foreign Minister Konstantin von Neurath's visit to Premier Mussolini.

"Repercussions are foreseen regarding the Jewish question," the Post dispatch said, although Italy had not taken such a problem seriously hitherto.

VETERANS ASK EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL JEWS IN POLAND

WARSAW, May 4. (JTA) -- A conference of Jewish veterans of the Polish war for independence today demanded equal citizenship rights for all Jewish nationals while Poland celebrated its national festival.

During the nation-wide celebrations, in which representatives of Jewish organizations participated, Nationalists attacked Jews and broke shop-windows in various places. In some cities Jews were compelled to leave cafes and several were slightly injured.

The two-day conference of the Union of Jewish War Veterans discussed the recent statement of the Fascist-inclined government party, the Camp for National Unity, barring Jews as members. A statement issued after the parley stressed that in these troubled times there should be no disagreement among Polish groups.

HEBREW DAILY TO BE PUBLISHED IN WARSAW

WARSAW, May 4. (JTA) -- A Hebrew daily newspaper is being established here by a firm founded by Dr. Aaron Solowaitchik and Dr. M. Tauber at the suggestion of Chief Rabbi Moses Schorr. There have been Hebrew dailies published in Warsaw before, one of them edited by the late Dr. Nahum Sokolow, the Zionist paper, Hazefera which suspended in 1928.

BUMPER GRAIN CROP EXPECTED FOR PALESTINE

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Palestine is expected to harvest a bumper crop of grain this year with 14,000 tons of wheat alone -- double last year's harvest.

This will make the Holy Land nearly self-sufficient in bread supplies. The barley crop is also promising and Palestine may be able to resume its practice of several years ago of exporting barley.

The anticipated yield is the largest in seven years. The crops were favored by late rains, particularly the late-sown wheat.

CHRISTIAN ADOPTS REFUGEE, PAYS FOR RABBINICAL TRAINING

TORONTO, May 4. (JTA) -- A Christian has made it possible for a young German Jew, Klaus Goldschlag, to come to this city, live with him and study for the rabbinate.

Alan Coatsworth, the first person in Toronto to take a refugee from Naziland into his home, is adopting the Jewish youth and will furnish the means to make him a spiritual leader of Toronto Jewry.

The story of the benefactor, who has taken an interest in Jewish youths for many years -- even to leading a Jewish boys' club called the Maccabees -- is told in the Canadian Jewish Review by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, who first had to break down Mr. Coatsworth's resistance to making public the story.

Mr. Coatsworth gave in, Rabbi Eisendrath relates, only when convinced his example might open another household to a refugee-- for whose maintenance the Council of Jewish Women is willing to pay.

Mr. Coatsworth approached Rabbi Eisendrath, the rabbi relates, fearing that his plan to adopt a refugee might not be feasible or that his motives be suspected. Rabbi Eisendrath, who was going to Germany, promised to see Chief Rabbi Leo Baeck to find out what could be done. Mr. Coatsworth asked that a boy be chosen who had the craving to be a rabbi.

Such a youth was found and "after several years' preparation, at the personal expense of his foster-father-to-be, he will be enrolled at the Hebrew Union College where he will become equipped to minister, we trust, in our own city of Toronto," Rabbi Eisendrath writes.

FOREIGN POLICY ASS'N SEES DISCONTENT RISING IN REICH

WASHINGTON, May 4. (JTA) -- Discontent with the Nazi regime is growing in Germany, particularly among the working classes, "where it has occasionally provoked spontaneous but scattered outbreaks of passive resistance," the Foreign Policy Association reports.

"That the Nazi regime has to some extent lost its hold on the masses is indicated by the frequency of government appeals and exhortations," says John C. Dewilde, of the association's research staff.

PROF. M.M. KAPLAN, OF SEMINARY, NAMED TO HEBREW U. POST

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Prof. Mordecai M. Kaplan, of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York, has been appointed to the Chair of the Principles of Education of the Education Department of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus.

ZIONIST BODIES REACH AGREEMENT ON HULEH CONCESSION

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- An agreement relating to the development of the Huleh concession was signed by the Palestine Drainage and Amelioration Company, the Palestine Land Development Company and the Emica Association, representing the Jewish Colonization Association in Palestine last month.

The Palestine Drainage Company was last year formed by the Palestine Development Company, the Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Foundation Fund to carry out work directly connected with the Huleh concession. Its share capital amounts to £100,000. The general meeting, which was held in Jerusalem on April 15, unanimously approved the company's work during the past year.

The J.T.A. learns that the company's scope will be widened in accordance with the provisions of its statutes. Originally it was created only for the purpose of dealing with the Huleh concession during its transitional stage, but there is nothing to prevent it from taking on larger responsibilities.

The following members of the board were re-elected: Dr. Arthur Hantke, of the Palestine Foundation Fund; Eliezer Kaplan and Moshe Shertok, of the Jewish Agency; M.M. Ussishkin, Salman Schocken and Dr. A. Granovsky, of the Jewish National Fund; Dr. Arthur Rupp, J. Hankin and Dr. J. Thon, of the Palestine Land Development Company.

ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES AGAINST REFUGEES IN PORTUGAL DENIED

LISBON (JTA) --- Measures taken by the Portuguese Immigration officials to revise identity cards of foreigners are not directed against Jews, it is authoritatively stated here.

Apart from 20 cases of Jewish refugees who were obliged to leave Portugal with many other foreigners who were distrusted by the police, no further cases of compulsory deportations have been registered, it was stated.

Two expulsion orders against German Jewish refugees have been revoked, those of Hugo Loesser and of Frau Dr. Landau. No anti-Jewish measure has ever been put into practice by the Portuguese Government, it is asserted.

ORTHODOX RABBIS OPPOSE PLAN TO PARTITION PALESTINE

ATLANTIC CITY, May 4. (JTA) -- The Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, at its annual convention, today went on record in opposition to cantonization of partition of Palestine.

A resolution adopted by the more than 200 rabbis assembled at the Hotel Ostend asserted that the plan "would be deemed a flagrant

violation of the mandate and the pledges contained in the Balfour Declaration, as well as a contravention of the religious rights of the Jewish people, to whom the whole of Palestine has been sacred not only as a homeland but also as the spiritual fountain-head of its entire religious life."

The rabbis asked Great Britain "to remember God's promise to bring the Children of Israel into Palestine and make them a proud nation, as well as his pledge to extend the borders up to the Great Sea, envisaging a unified Palestine as the domain of the Jewish people and the very center of its cultural and religious existence."

The resolution, proposed by Rabbi Joseph Konvitz, president, reaffirmed "the respect and admiration of the rabbis for Great Britain as one of the worthy powers of the world." It conveyed blessings to King George and Queen Elizabeth on their forthcoming coronation and to their subjects.

GERMAN WHO FIRED SYNAGOGUE FOUND SANE; HELD FOR GRAND JURY

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- Alexander Kinderman, 49-year-old caretaker of the West End Synagogue, was held for grand jury on a charge of arson yesterday after Bellevue Hospital officials testified in Felony Court that he had been found sane. Kinderman is accused of setting three fires in the synagogue, the last of which caused damage estimated at over \$200,000. He denies any connection with the third fire, but admits setting the first two.

AMERICAN YEAR BOOK REVIEWS PLIGHT OF EUROPE'S JEWS

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- The plight of European Jews, with special reference to persecutions in Germany and Poland, as well as the Palestine troubles are taken up in the latest edition of "The American Year Book," an annual issued under the editorship of William M. Schuyler and Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart and published by Thomas Nelson and Sons.

A chapter is given to "Judaism and Jewish Communal Affairs" prepared by Bernard G. Richards as part of the section on "Religion and Religious Organizations."

JEWISH CO-OPERATIVE BANK IN PALESTINE INCREASES CAPITAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The paid up capital of the Palestine Kupat-Am Bank Cooperative Society, Ltd., of Tel Aviv, with branches in Jerusalem, Haifa and Hadar Hacarmel, one of the biggest cooperative banks in the country, was increased last year by £3,015 to £34,280, including 6,685 shares of £5,128 each. Reserves stand at £28,784, including a special reserve of £4,000 as compared with £37,636. The Bank's capital thus amounts to £83,065, compared with £68,902 at the end of 1935.

Deposit accounts show a slight decline by £3,000 to £149,601; current accounts, on the other hand, increased in 1936 from £350,000 to £377,430, bringing the total amount of deposits up to £527,035, compared with £502,390 in 1935.