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BRITISH JEWS SEEK UNIFIED DRIVE FOR RELIEF FUNDS

LONDON, June 7. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews decided unanimously yesterday to seek coordination of all fund-raising drives in England for the Jews of Poland and Eastern Europe in a single campaign under its own auspices.

A resolution introduced by Neville Laski -- who was re-elected president of the board -- said:

"This board, in view of the situation of the Jews in Poland and Eastern Europe, authorizes the launching of an appeal under its auspices and empowers its officers and the Foreign Appeals Committee of the board to take all necessary action, such as the consolidation of appeals in behalf of Polish and East European Jewries into one organization, a unification which the board regards as essential to the interests both of the community and of those whom it is desired to help."

Mr. Laski declared that the community was bewildered by the large number of appeals made in behalf of the Polish and other distressed Jewries.

The urgent need for relief of pogrom-stricken Jews of Brzesc, Poland, he asserted, only brought to a head the determination of responsible elements to "end this overlapping and confusion."

The board also approved a plan for reorganization of the Joint Foreign Committee, comprising the board and the Anglo-Jewish Association, and approved by the association on May 23.

Besides Mr. Laski, officers re-elected are Sir Robert Walley Cohen and Lionel L. Cohen, vice-presidents.

### CHARGE NAZIS PUSH PRO-REBEL DRIVE IN GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON, June 7. (JTA) -- German Nazi organizations are conducting an active propaganda campaign in Great Britain on behalf of the Spanish Rebels, the laborite Daily Herald charged today, according to the Havas News Agency.

The propaganda principally is addressed to British statesmen sympathetic to the Nazi cause and its anti-Jewish campaigns, the newspaper said.

Publishing alleged facsimiles of the Nazi pamphlets and other propaganda media printed in English, the laborite organ charged that these were usually dispatched along with little swastika emblems. The addressees were urged to wear these swastikas in their lapels, the newspaper added.

### LONDON COURT JAILS ANTI-SEMITIC ORATOR

LONDON, June 7. (JTA) -- John Penfold, 46-year-old auctioneer, was sentenced to two months at hard labor today and bound over to be on good behavior for a year for using insulting words against the Jews from a public platform.

Penfold had alleged that Jewish brides were examined by a rabbi before marriage. A crowd listening to him shouted: "Get him down! It's wrong!" Police prevented possible disorder.

In Old Street Police Court the magistrate declared of the defendant:

"He intends to continue until he attains his object, which is to curtail the liberties of a section of the people. I have no alternative but to sentence him."

### NAZIS JAIL JEW WHO ORDERED GERMAN WORKERS TO OBSERVE YOM KIPPUR

BERLIN, June 7. (JTA) -- A well-known Jewish industrialist of Bielefeld has been sentenced to four months in jail for ordering "Aryan" employees of his textile factory to suspend operations for one and a half hours last Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, it was revealed here today.

The public prosecutor asked a severe sentence because the industrialist had allegedly told the Nazi Workers Council, which protested the stoppage for a Jewish holiday, that he wouldn't observe national holidays "if you do not heed my holidays."

The court ruled the manufacturer had "gravely insulted" his "Aryan" employees.

### ANTI-JEWISH DISORDERS FLARE IN HUNGARIAN CITY

BUDAPEST, June 7. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic excesses flared today in the southeastern city of Hodmezovarsarhely, resulting in the serious wounding of Karl Wollner, Jewish timber merchant, and smashing of windows in a number of Jewish homes.

The disorders were organized by a band of 100 members of the Arrow-Cross, anti-Jewish organization modeled on German Nazi lines. Wollner was attacked for allegedly abusing a Hungarian widow during a quarrel.

Police dispersed the rioters. Legal action will be taken against leaders of the Arrow-Cross, it was stated.

### HUNGARIAN JEWS TO HOUSE REICH CHILDREN FOR HOLIDAYS

BUDAPEST, June 7. (JTA) -- Hungarian Jewish groups are making arrangements to accommodate a number of German-Jewish secondary school children for the holiday months, it was announced today.

The children will be lodged with Jewish families here. Arrangements are being made jointly by the Hungarian Israelite Community and the Post Jewish Community. Selection of the children is in the hands of the Hilfsverein, central Jewish relief organization in Germany.

### AUSTRIAN FARMER COPIES BIBLE ON POSTCARD

VIENNA, June 7. (JTA) -- What is claimed to be the smallest Bible in the world has been produced by a young farmer of Horn, Lower Austria, on a postcard, it was revealed here today.

The farmer, Franz Wiolach, copied the entire Bible in a space covering fifteen centimeters. Each laboriously written word is plainly legible. Chapter headings were written in red ink.

Wiolach, who spent months on his self-appointed task, said he was spurred by religious inspiration.

### FIRE RAZES FAMOUS BAGHDAD YESHIVAH

BAGHDAD, Iraq, June 7. (JTA) -- The famous Midrash Beth Zakkah Yeshiva (rabbinical seminary) was completely destroyed by fire yesterday with an estimated property loss of \$200,000.

Five rabbis studying in the building, trapped by the flames, were rescued and the Holy Scrolls of the Law were saved, but the yeshiva's library, containing works of great literary and historical value, was destroyed.

humans, author of the Hebrew volume "Zivkhei Tzedek" (Offerings of Righteousness). It provided rabbis for Iraq, Iran (Persia), Kurdistan and Afghanistan for generations and was an important cultural influence among the Jews throughout the Near East.

#### WOMEN ZIONISTS' PARLEY HITS NEW LABOR ENTRY SCHEDULE

NATHANIA, Palestine, June 7. (JTA) -- A resolution protesting against the new labor immigration schedule as limiting Jewish immigration was adopted today by 200 delegates to the annual conference of the Women's International Zionist Organization.

Representatives of 23 branches of the movement also protested against anti-Jewish disorders in Poland.

Miss Henrietta Szold, American-born women's Zionist leader, greeted the conference in the name of the Jewish National Council of Palestine.

#### TEL AVIV INDUSTRY URGED TO SPEED UP ACTIVITY

TEL AVIV, June 7. (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv Municipal Council today urged industrial enterprises to enlarge their capacity and speed up activities to take up the slack in the labor market.

#### PALESTINE LABOR GROUP ASSAILS POLISH EXCESSES

TEL AVIV, June 7. (JTA) -- Police guarded the Polish Consulate here today as the Labor Zionist Party staged a large rally to protest against the anti-Jewish riots of May 13 in Brzesc and disorders in other parts of Poland. Greetings were sent to the Polish Socialist Party for helping to defend the Jews.

#### VIENNA JEWS CONTRIBUTE TO BRZESC VICTIMS

VIENNA, June 7. (JTA) -- The Executive of the Vienna Jewish Community decided today to send a large contribution for the victims of the anti-Jewish riots in Brzesc, Poland, on May 13.

#### DR. BLAU WINS HIGHEST AUSTRIAN SCIENCE AWARD

VIENNA, June 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Amarieta Blau received today the Lieben Prize, the highest Austrian scientific award, for research in the photo-chemistry of atoms.

#### WAUCHOPE REJECTS NAZARETH PLEA FOR PUBLIC WORKS' PROJECTS

JERUSALEM, June 7. (JTA) -- High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, while visiting Nazareth today, rejected the municipality's requests for inauguration of public works projects there, stating that the Government's income had been seriously affected by the Arab general strike of last year.



## ARABS IN ACRE JAIL END HUNGER STRIKE

JERUSALEM, June 7. (JTA) -- Ninety-six young Arabs in St. John's prison, Acre, ended a hunger-strike in support of their demands for freedom today when Arab leaders promised to intervene with the authorities in their behalf.

## COMMONS IN UPROAR OVER BRITISH ENVOY'S OVERTURE TO BERLIN

LONDON, June 7. (JTA) -- The House of Commons was thrown into an uproar today when Arthur Henderson, Laborite, and Miss Eleanor Rathbone, Independent, challenged the right of Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador to Berlin, to express sympathy for the National-Socialist regime, the Havas News Agency reported.

They referred to the speech made by Sir Neville in Berlin last Wednesday, in which he was said to have emphasized the urgency of erasing "misunderstandings" between the two countries. He was further quoted as stating that these "misunderstandings" had given a false impression of the Nazi regime in England.

Henderson, son of the late president of the disarmament conference, and Miss Rathbone queried the Government as to whether the Ambassador's discourse corresponded to the view of the British Government.

Miss Rathbone's dry suggestion that the Ambassador be asked to abstain from expressing his opinion on the form of the Government to which he is accredited was greeted with applause from the Labor and Liberal opposition benches and protests from Conservatives.

Replying to the Laborite M.P. Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden declared the question of an expression of Government views was in no wise involved.

"The speech which Henderson refers to was made on a social and unofficial occasion," he told the Commons. "I see no reason for action of any kind."

Henderson then insisted on knowing whether it is a "part of the function of an Ambassador, when eulogizing the Nazi regime, to criticize those sections of opinion in this country who are opposed to dictatorships, and is it an erroneous conception of what the National-Socialist party in the Reich stands for?"

Henderson attacked the Nazis for having "oppressed the Jews, suppressed all political opposition, placed many of their opponents in concentration camps and destroyed the trade unions."

ROME, June 7. (JTA) -- Zionism and the Jews were the butts of strong attacks by two important Italian newspapers today, the Havas News Agency reported.

Although no official anti-Semitic campaign was under way, sections of the press, including the influential Milan newspaper *Il Popolo d'Italia* - which was founded by Premier Benito Mussolini and is edited by his nephew - openly carried on the offensive begun some weeks ago to bring Jews into line with Fascist ideology.

*Il Popolo*, after arguing the incompatibility of Zionism with Fascism, printed letters from several Italian Jews in which the latter solemnly repudiated Zionism, branded as a pro-British, anti-German movement.

Amplifying this argument, the extremist Rome newspaper *Il Tevere* assailed the "sainted ingenuousness" of those who believe the Jewish problem will be solved by Jewish oaths of loyalty to Italian Fascism.

"The solution consists in a severe control of their (the Jews!) activities," *Il Tevere* asserted, "and in a revision of their values, judgments, tendencies and orientations, so that they may cease being deformed and poisoned by a mentality which is completely foreign to the Italian mind."

#### RABBIS URGED TO TAKE OVER SOME FUNCTIONS OF SOCIAL WORKERS

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) -- Rabbi Eugene Kohn, in a presidential message to the opening session of the Rabbinical Assembly of America's 37th annual convention, urged rabbis today to take over many social workers' functions to prevent the rabbis' work from deteriorating to "that of a tea-drinking, cake-eating ministry."

Addressing 200 rabbis meeting at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Kohn declared that "the modern rabbi cannot exercise his function adequately under the conditions of modern life without being trained in the social sciences and arts."

He held that rabbis must be able to render "sound, practical advice based on a thorough knowledge of the psychology of religion and the sociology of communal life." To this end he asked inclusion of sociology, psychology and other social science courses in the curriculum of rabbinical training schools.

The Social Justice Commission submitted a report endorsing the "general spirit of the New Deal," supporting the Spanish Loyalists, opposing curtailment of Federal relief and expressing satisfaction with the Wagner Labor Relations Act.

The report also endorsed the Tennessee Valley Authority, the President's proposals for reforming the judiciary, the proposed Child Labor Amendment and urged legislation for "complete neutrality for the United States" in the event of war.