REICH JEWS FACE NEW YEAR OF ECONOMIC DESTRUCTION, SOCIAL OUTLAWRY

BERLIN, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Nazis' New Year's greetings to German Jewry are a series of decrees which plunge this people into economic annihilation and social outlawry. Under the impact of these and scores of previous measures in the past year at least 100,000 German Jews -- nearly one in five -- became automatically paupers.

At the same time, the earning power of virtually all the remaining 80 per cent of the Jews practically disappears, leaving Germany's half-million Jews no other course but to live on their remaining capital, which has more book value than real value -- with the Nazis keeping the books.

The measures ground out one by one in recent months at high speed from the anti-Semitic mill go into effect on Jan. 1. The most far-reaching decree, issued after Herschel Grynszpan, Polish Jewish youth, had slain a German Embassy official in Paris in November, makes a clean sweep of the Jews in the commercial and industrial life of the nation. Under this decree a Jew may no longer conduct a retail or wholesale shop, export or mail order business or handicrafts shop, nor may he hold a position of responsibility in any type of business. Even a simple employee becomes subject to dismissal without cause and without pension.

Where does this leave the Jew as a breadwinner? Technically he may still own a factory, furniture removal business or coal mine, but under the decree he must first give up the management of his enterprise. In any case, these businesses are shortly taken away by forced "Aryanization."

The Jew may also find a subordinate job with an "Aryan" firm, at least theoretically, but the German Labor Front, one of the most ferociously anti-Semitic organizations of the anti-Semitic Reich, will not permit employers to give him a job. Unless new decrees change the situation, all but an insignificant fraction of the thousands of Jewish workers who lose their jobs with the formal closing down of Jewish enterprises on Jan. 1, do not have the slightest chance of finding other work.

There is no law yet preventing a Jewess from taking in washing or hiring out as a maid in a Jewish home. There is also limited opportunity for young, strong Jews to obtain work as common laborers -- a type of manpower which is lacking. Beyond these meager possibilities the future of the German Jews lies in the breadline. But another of the Nazis' New Year gifts threatens even the breadline.
On New Year's Day a new welfare law thrusting all responsibility for care of indigenant Jews on the Jewish communities goes into effect. Under this law thousands of poor Jews will no longer receive monthly relief from the municipal welfare depots, nor will the Jewish communities any longer receive municipal contributions for the upkeep of charitable institutions. Thus the last return which the Jews were receiving from the millions of marks they have paid in taxes is cut off. Hereafter, the Nazis only contribute when the Jewish communities are no longer in a position to help the doomed Jewry.

Two other measures effective on Jan. 1 represent progress toward the radical Nazis' ideal of a Jewry stigmatized and outlawed as in the medieval ages and the days of the Russian Pale of Settlement. The first forces every Jew over three years of age to carry a special identity card bearing his fingerprints and photographs. The second renames every Jew who does not already bear one of the list of typically Jewish pre-names.

Under this decree thousands of German Jewish "Hanses," "Ottos" and "Fritzes" automatically become "Israel," while the "Hildes" and "Gretchens" become "Sarah." Under the law the Jew's original first name may be retained as a middle name, after Israel or Sarah, which must be used in all communications to the authorities. In itself unimportant and often characterized as ludicrous by the few Germans who have not lost their senses of humor, the measure nevertheless carries serious implications. It helps to destroy the anonymity in ordinary routine activities which until now alone has made life still bearable for the German Jews.

As far as possible, German Jewry has complied with the law in advance. Thousands have already applied for identification. The few physicians and lawyers permitted to continue practicing are having their nameplates changed.

This first day of 1939 carries tragic significance for the German Jews. It marks the end of Reich Jewry's bleakest year.

BERLIN ASKS JEWISH EVACUATION FROM EUROPE; EMIHATION DEADLOCKED; NEW CULTURE LEAGUE

BERLIN, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- For the first time linking up the fate of German Jewry with that of Jews in other lands under anti-Semitic regimes, the Jewish News Page today urged mass settlement of European Jews in some pioneer land as the only possible solution of "the acute and pressing problem." (The Jewish News Page, only remaining Jewish paper in the Reich, is a semi-weekly issued under the close control and dictation of the Propaganda Ministry.) The paper asked united support of Jewish emigration bodies for a plan to open British Guiana to Jewish colonization.

"To those who wish to see," the paper declared, "it is unmistakably evident that areas of settlement are necessary not only for German Jews, but also for Jews in other European lands. Those who appreciate the march of events must see clearly how quickly the Jewish problem in other countries is coming to a climax and how urgent an immediate solution of the problem has become." Voicing hope for the absorption of 150,000 German Jews in other lands, the paper asserted that this would make easier the resettlement of the rest in some pioneer colony.

Informed Nazi quarters admitted, however, that neither the so-called Schacht plan nor any other transfer scheme had developed the slightest possibility of realization and that the whole emigration problem, resurrected by the moderate Nazis, was no nearer to solution than it was two months or two years ago.
From the viewpoint of Jews here, the only bright spot in a gloomy picture is the fact that the door is not definitely closed to negotiations with the Intergovernmental Refugee Bureau. Usually well-informed circles declared that Director George Rublee's visit to Berlin was very likely, although they denied that a definite time had been fixed.

The Reich is said to have adopted definitely the attitude that foreign countries must pay for their humanitarianism towards the Jews by acceptance of increased German exports or by sending increased foreign exchange into Germany, while Dr. Schacht's visit to London and other tentative approaches have revealed that the nations are not prepared to accept this. Repeated rumors of negotiations progressing along these lines, arising from sources close to Field Marshal Hermann Goering, have proved baseless.

According to one of the latest rumors, English, Dutch and Belgian bankers have offered a 2,000,000 mark loan to finance Jewish resettlement, accepting the fortunes left behind by the Jews as part security. It is reported that this plan has fallen through because Field Marshal Goering demanded that at least 50 per cent of the loan be sent to Germany, while the bankers wished all of the money to remain outside.

**Jewish Cultural Activities Centralized**

At the same time a new nation-wide Jewish Cultural Union, modelled on totalitarian lines and taking over all German Jewry's cultural, artistic and entertainment activities from Jan. 1, was officially announced today. The existing local Jewish Culture Leagues will be merged into the new organization. The Cultural Union will become the sole publisher and distributor of Jewish books, newspapers and magazines. Separate departments will be devoted to theater, music, lectures, adult education and new Jewish cinemas. The first such cinema opened last night in one of the large halls of the Union's headquarters.

Publication will continue of the semi-weekly Jewish News Page and an official monthly journal of the union and information as to Jewish emigration, hitherto published by the Hilfsverein der Juden in Deutschland, central Jewish relief organization. Additional publications may be announced in the future.

Meanwhile, the Volksischer Beobachter announced a decree which will have the effect of using the expulsion of Jews from the retail trade to help solve Berlin's pressing housing shortage. On Jan. 1, when the ban on Jews as retailers becomes effective, about 2,500 Jewish stores will be permanently vacated, the paper points out. This, in addition to several thousand Berlin stores vacant for some time, will be sufficient to produce room for at least 6,000 dwellings for "Aryans," the paper said. Commenting on Jewish business, which after tomorrow will remain "closed forever," the Nazi organ remarked that these businesses had profited enormously because of the economic upsing which the paper claimed had taken place since the formation of the Third Reich.

It was announced that the anti-Jewish exhibition, "The Eternal Jew," has proved "so popular," that it will remain open until Jan. 13.

**Berlin Sees No Hope for Improvement of Relations with U.S.**

BERLIN, Dec. 30. (HAVAS) -- There is no hope for improvement of United States-German relations as long as the American State Department continues practices which "obviously favor Jewish interests without taking account of real German-American interests," the official German News Agency (D.N.B.) said today. Under the heading "In the Service of Jewish Interests" the article said it was only to be expected that the State Department should seek to "cover" the Secretary of Interior.
NAZI-INSPIRED ANTI-JEWS LAWS LOOM IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

PRAGUE, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Czechoslovakian newspapers today published a series of proposals for far-reaching anti-Semitic legislation on the Nazi model which were put forth under Germany's influence. The laws to "solve the Jewish problem" had not been introduced earlier because Great Britain had intervened in the Jews' behalf in connection with the recent loan to Prague, the newspapers said.

The demands were made as the Czechoslovakian Jewish Party, already dissolved in Slovakia and Carpatho-Russia, faced prohibition in Bohemia and Moravia as well. A number of newspapers had urged dissolution of the party as "endangering public interests."

The proposed anti-Jewish measures follow: (1) A Jewish census to ascertain the proportion of Jews in the population; (2) elimination of Jews from the fields of press, films, radio, hospitals and social insurance; (3) a proportionate restriction on Jews in the liberal professions and economic life; (4) denationalization of Jews who acquired citizenship after 1920; (5) definition of the Jews according to the German Nuremberg Laws.

Fearing imminent anti-Jewish legislation, the Supreme Council of Jewish Communities today submitted a 22-page memorandum to the Government and the speakers of both houses of Parliament describing the Jewish situation and appealing for the maintaining of tolerance.

Meanwhile, the Jewish question was included in the agenda of the first session of the Slovakian Diet on Jan. 8. The Slovakian press reports that the Government is studying the Jewish problem, a solution of which has been promised by Premier Rudolf Beran.

In Moravská-Ostrava, Adolf Gruenspan, 40 years old, a relative of Herschel Grynszpan has been arrested today. The reason for the arrest was not known.

Germans blame Jewish financiers for Prague "leniency"

BERLIN, Dec. 30. (HAVAS) -- The new Czechoslovak Government is lenient toward the Jews because of the threats by "Jewish financial circles in New York and the City of London," Ernst Kundt, leader of the German minority in the remnant State, has declared.

RUMANIA SPURS EMIGRATION DRIVE; CONTACTS COLONIAL POWERS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Romanian Government today intensified its drive for Jewish emigration, spurring negotiations with colonial powers. The Jewish emigration problem is of the utmost urgency and will be solved without further delay, Foreign Minister Grigore Gafencu declared last night in broadcasting a Government statement.

It is necessary in the interests of the Jews as well as of the progress of the country that a part of the Jewish population should migrate, Mr. Gafencu asserted. The Government is determined to approach the problem with full energy and has already got in touch with colonial powers to obtain acceleration of colonization plans for Rumanian Jews, he said. The Foreign Minister declared in conclusion that all minorities in Rumania would enjoy equal treatment within the framework of the Constitution.

Meanwhile, the Chamber of Commerce of Râmnicu-Sarat struck 31 Jewish firms off its register. The licenses of the majority of Jewish grain brokers were cancelled by grain exchanges in Czernowitz, Balti, Kishinev and Constanza. King Carol has given his annual Christmas donation for the Jewish poor in Bucharest. The sum this year was 5,000 lei (about $25).
ARAB MODERATE, JEW KILLED; NABLUS MUNICIPAL COUNCILMEN ARRESTED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Major-General Richard N. O'Connor, military governor of Jerusalem, today cancelled all permits of Arab taxicab drivers in the Jerusalem district, beginning Saturday, after shots had been fired from a taxi at two soldiers. All-day curfew was imposed in Nazareth after Tafa Fahoum, a prominent Arab independent, had been shot dead near police headquarters in Jerusalem's Old City quarter. He left a wife and nine children.

The entire Municipal Council of Tulkarem was placed under arrest and a rigid 24-hour curfew clamped on the town after it was discovered that two of the councilmen were leaders in the Arab revolt. Troops and police, conducting house-to-house raids in search of suspects, rounded up an additional 250 Arabs suspected of complicity in the revolt. British military forces, operating in the outskirts of Tulkarem, surrounded one rebel force led by Aref Abdul Razek and clashed with another, headed by Abdul Rahim Hadj Mohammed, which attempted to rescue the besieged band. The rebels were reported to have suffered heavy casualties in the engagement, which took place near the village of Tayiba.

Rebel chieftains have issued warnings to Arab moderates to join their cause against the British and the Jews or run the risk of assassination. In a manifesto attacking leaders of the opposition, Abdul Rahim declared that "whoever acts against the nation deserves worse than death." The notorious rebel Fakhri Abdul Hadi threatened "execution" of several Damascus dignitaries if they failed to donate large sums to him.

PRAYERS FOR REFUGEES PLANNED SUNDAY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Palestine Jewry will usher in the New Year with a day of prayer and mourning for their persecuted co-religionists in Germany. Since Jan. 1 coincides with the Tenth of Tevet in the Hebrew calendar, a fast day, the rabbinical councils have proclaimed a general day of prayer for the oppressed German Jews, coupled with appeals to Britain to permit increased immigration of refugees to Palestine.

Jewish stevedores in Haifa stopped unloading cargo from the German freighter S.S.-Barmbek after the Second Officer had remarked: "There is no room for Jews but in heaven." The stevedores intend to boycott German ships in the future.

POLAND WARNS DANZIG ON EXPULSION OF JEWS

WARSAW, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Newspapers here reported today the Polish High Commissioner at Danzig had warned the Free City's Nazi-controlled Senate that the expulsion of Polish Jews would not be countenanced and would be met with deportation of Danzig citizens from Poland.

JEWS URGED TO AID JAPAN'S "HOLY TASK"

HARBIN, Manchukuo, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A conference of eight Jewish communities in the Orient has adopted a resolution calling on world Jewry to cooperate in "the holy task of Nippon and Manchukuo in establishing a new order in the East." Declaring that racial equality was the basic principle of life in Manchukuo, the resolution reassured "law-abiding Jews" on their rights and added that misunderstandings regarding European Jewish refugees' entry to Manchukuo had now been cleared up.

Prof. Abram Kaufman, president of the Harbin Jewish community, presided at the meeting. The Jewish communities of Mukden and Shanghai were among those represented.
BRITAIN ADMITS MORE REFUGEE CHILDREN, PRESSES COLONY PLAN

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Fifty children of the 6,000 Polish Jews deported from Germany who are now interned near the Polish border town of Szbonszyzn will be brought to England on a permit granted by the Home Office to the organization for the care of German refugee children, it was announced today. A party of 44 children from Germany arrived at Southampton on the United States liner Washington to find refuge in England.

The Governments of Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia and Tanganyika have received from London the text of the experimental plan for establishing several hundred Jewish colonists in Kenya. The British Government is taking this means to invite the Governors of these colonies to study the feasibility of applying similar plans in the colonies they administer, it was stated. London has in mind settlement of small groups only in the East African possessions and does not wish to exaggerate the possibilities of these territories, informed quarters pointed out.

The project concerning Tanganyika is independent of the more far-reaching plans announced in Commons by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, which might be carried out following Jewish societies' study of the possibility of sending greater numbers of colonists to that colony. The problem of settling Jews in Tanganyika would therefore be similar to that of British Guiana, and Jewish associations would have to take the financial responsibility of sending survey groups to Tanganyika and Guiana, it was indicated.

FRANCE ORGANIZES REFUGEE COMMITTEE

PARIS, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- France has organized a special committee to deal with the ever-growing refugee problem. Headed by Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet, the committee will deal with emigre problems of all nationalities and faiths.

KLEIBER QUITS LA SCALA, PROTESTING ANTI-JEISH BIAS

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Erich Kleiber, famous conductor, has canceled all engagements to appear at La Scala, Milan, because of Italy's anti-Jewish campaign. In a letter to authorities of La Scala, Kleiber wrote: "I have just learned that the doors of La Scala Theatre will be closed to your Jewish fellow-citizens. Music is made for every one, like the sun and air. When this fountain of consolation, so necessary in these hard times, is denied to any human being - and that merely because he belongs to a different religion and race - I cannot collaborate either as a Christian or an artist."

JAN MASARYK SAILS FOR U.S.

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Jan Masaryk, former Czecho-Slovakian Minister to Great Britain and son of the first President of the Czecho-Slovakian Republic, sailed today on the United States liner Washington for New York. He will address the National Conference for Palestine in Washington in January and make other speeches.

STEFAN ZWEIG TO ADOPT BRITISH CITIZENSHIP

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Stefan Zweig, noted Austrian author, has applied to the Home Office for naturalization as a British subject. He has lived in London for four years.
ANTHROPOLOGISTS HIT "ARYAN" THEORY; DECRY DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The American Anthropological Association yesterday formally attacked the "Aryan" theories of racialism, declaring that the terms "Aryan" and "Semitic" have "no social significance whatsoever," but "simply denote linguistic families." The thirty-seventh annual conference of the association, which represents 1,100 American anthropologists, unanimously approved a resolution asserting that "anthropology provides no scientific basis for discrimination against any people on the ground of racial inferiority, religious affiliation or linguistic heritage."

Prof. Franz Boas of Columbia University, dean of American anthropologists, who moved adoption of the resolution, declared in a statement that Germany was the most "crude" offender and that American scientists must strive to preserve academic and intellectual freedom in the United States. The resolution follows:

"Whereas, the prime requisites of science are the honest and unbiased search for truth and the freedom to proclaim such truth when discovered and known, and whereas, anthropology in many countries, is being conscripted and its data distorted and misinterpreted to serve the cause of an unscientific racialism rather than the cause of truth;

"Be it Resolved, That the American Anthropological Association repudiates such racialism and adheres to the following statement of facts; (1) Race involves the inheritance of similar physical variations by large groups of mankind, but its psychological and cultural connotations, if they exist, have not been ascertained by science. (2) The terms Aryan and Semitic have no racial significance whatsoever. They simply denote linguistic families. (3) Anthropology provides no scientific basis for discrimination against any people on the ground of racial inferiority, religious affiliation or linguistic heritage."

FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS SCORE RACE BIAS

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 teachers and scholars from colleges and universities throughout the nation, attending the fifty-fifth annual meeting of the Modern Language Association of America, unanimously passed a resolution yesterday expressing opposition to racial, religious and political discrimination. They resolved that the association, as a body of "scholars and teachers devoted to the advancement of research, makes no discrimination of persons on the basis of racial, religious or political preferences," and "regards such discrimination as disadvantageous to its free, unbiased and cooperative endeavor to discover and disseminate truth."

COUGHLIN USED GOEBBELS SPEECH AS HIS OWN ARTICLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Father Charles C. Coughlin on Dec. 5 published an article in his organ, Social Justice, under his name which was almost exactly the same as a speech delivered on Sept. 13, 1935, by Reich Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels, the New York Post revealed today. Under sensational headlines the Post devoted nearly half its front page to publishing extracts from the Coughlin article and the Goebbels speech side by side. The extracts dealt with Jews and Communism and revolutions in Germany and Hungary.

BRAZILIAN POET AIDS GRYNSZPAN FUND

SAO PAULO, Brazil (JTA) -- Calling on Brazilian intellectuals to support Herschel Grynszpan as a symbol of Jewish persecution, the young Brazilian Poet, Cazalans deCampos, has announced that he will donate 50 per cent of the proceeds of his new book, "Marcha Heroic to the American Journalists' Defense Fund for the young Polish Jew who killed a German Embassy official in Paris. The fund was started by Dorothy Thompson.