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### JEWS FLEEING SLOVAKIA AS ANTI-SEMITISM RISES; SEPARATIST MOVE LAID TO HITLER

(Boris Smolar, Chief European Correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was in Praha, completing a survey of several Central European countries, when the Slovakian separatist outbreak began on Friday. His dispatch was wireless-ed from Paris immediately on his arrival in the French capital by airplane from Praha.)

PARIS, March 12. (JTA) -- The 80,000 Jews in Slovakia have been thrown into panic by the separatist outbreaks. The majority are liquidating their affairs and hurriedly transferring their belongings to Praha, where they hope to find safety until they can emigrate. The Slovakian Jews feel themselves to be in a position similar to that of the Jews in Sudet-enland prior to its occupation by the Reich. Nazi flags are flying unmolested over many buildings, and anti-Semitism is assuming serious proportions, marked by bombing of Jewish stores and institutions.

(Reports reaching London said a bomb was thrown Friday night at the principal synagogue in Bratislava, but there were no casualties. Two Jewish-owned shops were completely wrecked by storm troopers and one shopkeeper was seized. An attempt was made to lynch a Jewish youth accused by German Nazis of firing a shot at a storm trooper, and the Jew was arrested. In Pilsen, two Fascists were killed by the premature explosion of a bomb they were planting in a Jewish cemetery hall. Czech police arrested 17 persons suspected of various anti-Semitic bombings in the provinces.)

Playing Slovakia against the Praha Government, Chancellor Adolf Hitler is believed to be paying huge sums to the Slovakian leaders to promote a separatist movement, resulting in Praha's desperate act of dismissing Slovak Premier Josef Tiso and proclaiming martial law in Bratislava and elsewhere. (A completely new Cabinet was named, headed by Dr. Karol Sidor as Premier.)

In general, this correspondent found during his stay in Czecho-Slovakia that the Reich is forcing the Government to take orders from Berlin not only in foreign relations but in domestic affairs. Newspaper stands in Praha that refused to sell Julius Streicher's Nuremberg anti-Semitic weekly, Der Stuermer, received threatening letters from Nuremberg as though Praha were a part of the Reich. All the stands, many of them unwillingly, are now consequently displaying Der Stuermer.

J.T.A. dispatches affecting the Reich and editorials unfavorable to the Reich in American and British newspapers are not permitted by the Czech censor to appear in Praha newspapers. This situation prevails despite the deep hatred which the average Czech, in contrast to the average Slovak, feels towards Germany.

An example of Germany's influence in Praha is furnished by a personal experience. Departure of an airplane from Praha for Paris was delayed for 40 minutes while this correspondent was taken into a special room in the aerodrome by plainclothesmen and all his notes and documents covering a survey of the Czecho-Slovak situation, including notes on interviews with the highest Czech officials, were thoroughly searched and examined.

The search was started after the writer had passed through the usual customs and currency examinations. As he was about to embark on the plane, two plainclothes agents appeared and ordered him, with all his luggage, into an isolated room. There, paying no attention to other articles, they began a detailed examination of all manuscripts and notes, scrutinizing even those found on this correspondent's person, demanding an explanation where the contents were not clear and setting some aside for confiscation.

Only after the writer had threatened to lodge a protest with the American Minister and with Dr. Jiri Havelka, Chief of the Cabinet Chancellery, whom he had interviewed, the agents, who knew from the writer's passport that he was the only American among the plane's 16 passengers, disappeared into the next room for consultation and later emerged with the announcement that he was free to leave. The agents returned all the notes and apologized, declaring the search had been the result of special orders and not on their own initiative.

While the detention puzzled this correspondent, it did not surprise the other passengers, who later explained that the search was not due so much to Czecho-Slovakia's sensitiveness as to what might appear in the foreign press as to the fact that the Czech Government, being completely under Germany's influence, permitted German agents to intervene freely in virtually all internal Czecho-Slovakian activities. Activities of the Nazi agents, the correspondent was informed, includes surveillance of passengers going from Praha to Paris by plane, since such passengers are usually anti-Nazi and frequently carry anti-German information which the Reich authorities would like to obtain.

#### Foreign Press Association in Praha Dissolved

PRAHA, March 12. (JTA) -- The Czech Government last night dissolved the local Foreign Press Association in what was seen as a move to permit exclusion of a Netherlands correspondent deemed offensive by the Reich authorities. The action was reportedly the result of pressure from Berlin. The correspondent, M. Alletrino, is well known here for his democratic views and his dispatches have resulted in repeated representations by the German Government. Czech officials tried to get Alletrino to resign but he refused.

#### Jews Beaten in Budapest Riot on Slovak Issue

BUDAPEST, March 12. (JTA) -- Four Jewish students were brutally beaten and ejected from the Budapest University today by anti-Semitic students during a demonstration in connection with final delimitation of the Hungarian-Slovakian frontier.

#### Nazis, Slovaks Joined in Anti-Jewish Attacks

BRAATISLAVA, March 12. (Havas) -- This Slovak capital returned to comparative calm today after a weekend of uncertainty and excitement which yesterday saw formation of a new cabinet. Czecho-Slovak troops and gendarmes had vanished from the streets, as well as the armed Hlinka Guards and their German storm troop allies. Evidences of past disorders remained, however. A number of Jewish shops were partly wrecked by detonators set off by pro-Nazi and Slovak extremists, whose superficial alliance probably comes the closest to real understanding in their mutual anti-Semitism.

JEWS DEMAND SPECIFIC SAFEGUARDS FOR HOMELAND AS BRITISH GIVE VAGUE ASSURANCES

LONDON, March 12. (JTA) -- A two-hour informal meeting between British and Jewish representatives ended inconclusively last night. Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald was understood to have declared that the Jewish national home interests would be safeguarded, but the Jewish delegation was not satisfied with the vague assurances and sought to find out what specific safeguards would be offered under any plans the British might advance for the future of Palestine. Immediately after the Jewish session, Mr. MacDonald saw Ragheb Bey and Fakhri Bey Nashashibi, moderate Palestine Arab leaders.

Last night's meeting with the Jews was called to discuss a letter by the Jewish Agency Executive asking guarantees that continued development of the Jewish national home would be safeguarded under any plans the British might advance. The letter catalogues a number of possible plans and declares the Jews are willing to accept any of these as a basis for further discussions. First on the list is establishment of a Jewish state in part of Palestine, with provisions for adequate immigration and land settlement. The others refer to cantonization and political parity.

Before the meeting, it was considered likely that the Government, at this late stage, would not agree to revert to other bases for discussion, but would proceed with present plans for creation of a federal state upon Swiss lines. The Government was represented at last night's talks by Mr. MacDonald and Foreign Undersecretary Richard A. Butler. The Jewish delegation was headed by David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Agency's Jerusalem Executive, and included Lord Reading.

Weizmann Sees French Foreign Minister

PARIS, March 12. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet today received Dr. Chaim Weizmann, head of the Jewish delegation to the London conferences. Details of the interview were not disclosed.

2 Jews, 45 Arabs Killed

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- Two Jews died today in continuing disorders. A special policeman, Jacob Alexenberg, 27, of Rumanian origin, succumbed this morning to wounds received last night when attacked while guarding the outskirts of Rehoboth. A worker, Eliahu Sokolnik, was shot dead near the new Government hospital in Haifa. Ghaffir Shragai Simon was seriously wounded in the same attack.

Arab inmates in the Nur-el-Shemsh prison seeking to escape overpowered and slightly injured a Jewish sergeant. Police fired at the Arabs, killing one and wounding two of them. Two of the prisoners succeeded in escaping.

JERUSALEM, March 12. (Havas) Forty-five Arab rebels were killed and 60 wounded in a violent battle on Transjordan territory Saturday with detachments of the "Arab Legion" and the Transjordan Frontier Force, backed by military planes. The rebels had crossed the Palestine border into Transjordan and raided the northern section of that country. Most of the band was wiped out.

ITALIAN TROOPS DRIVE 150 JEWS ACROSS FRENCH BORDER

LONDON, March 12. (JTA) -- Reports here today said 150 Jewish refugees had been driven out of Italy by troops and had arrived at the French frontier exhausted after days of exposure in the Alps. Some were taken to a Monte Carlo hospital suffering frostbite while others were reported still wandering in the mountains, afraid to go on and unable to turn back.

REICH BARS JEWS FROM ALL MILITARY SERVICE

BERLIN, March 12. (Havas) -- German Jews were today finally and completely excluded from any military service, either active or in reserve units. Until the new decree of the high army command Jews were barred only from active military service, but formed a part of the supplementary reserve known as No. 2. Henceforth they will be given "certificates of exclusion," and treated as barred "for unworthiness."

Writer Likens Vienna Jews to 'Frightened Animals'

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- The Jews of Vienna live in an indescribable state of misery and terror, Anne O'Hare McCormick declares in an article in the New York Times Magazine. The correspondent describes the Jew as "an outcast in his own city, dispossessed, debarred from work, slinking through the streets like a frightened animal, completely at the mercy of official hate." More than 125,000 visa applications are on file with the American Consulate, the writer states, and 7,000 is the top quota for the district.

Uruguay Deports 60 Refugees

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, March 12. (JTA) -- All refugees arriving here with tourist visas will be forced to return to Europe, it was stated today after 60 Jews had been deported. Twenty-five refugees who were detained on their arrival last week were obliged to leave today, another 25 left yesterday and an additional 10 refugees left on Friday.

China Plans Refugee Colony

CHUNKING, China, March 11. (JTA) -- Official circles said today that the Chinese Government is considering a plan to create a Jewish refugee colony in China. Suggested sites include the provinces of Yunan, Kweichow, Szechwan and Sikang.

POLAND ASKS EMIGRATION OUTLETS AS "PREVENTATIVE" MEASURE

WARSAW, March 12. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Jozef Beck told the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee today that "preventative" action to find territories for Jewish emigration must be taken before the emigration problem has become "actual." Col. Beck, who last week reached a joint policy on Jewish emigration with Rumanian Foreign Minister Grigore Gafencu, is leaving for London for conversations with the British Government in which the emigration question will play an important role.

"Simultaneously with existing difficulties, the political and psychological aspects of the problem are becoming more accentuated," he declared, stressing the necessity of drawing the attention of Intergovernmental Refugee Committee powers to the necessity of early action. "The problem will be directed into the proper channels and its difficulties will be diminished, provided there is goodwill by the countries having territories for immigration and collaboration by the Jews themselves," he said.

Meanwhile, plans were made for a two-week "meatless period" by the Polish Jews, beginning this week, in protest against the impending ban on kosher slaughter. Despite the Government's prohibition on publicity for the meatless period, Jewish newspapers published an announcement of the Rabbinical Association's Executive Committee including poultry and smoked meat under the foods not to be eaten. A Committee for Defense of Shechita was established with all Jewish groups except Socialists participating.

LITHUANIAN JEWS AID CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN MEMORY OF PIUS XI

KAUNAS, March 12. (JTA) -- The sum of 10,000 lits (about \$1,700) was presented to Bishop Butshia today for Catholic charities as Lithuanian Jewry's contribution in memory of Pope Pius XI. The money will be turned over to the Catholic Home for the Aged in Kaunas, the Bishop told the delegation from the Committee for Protection of Jewish Rights in Lithuania which made the presentation.

During the conversation, Bishop Butshia told the Jewish delegation that the natural friendship of Catholics and Jews was due to their common monotheistic philosophies, based on respect for human dignity and their high moral codes. He said that relations between Jews and Catholics in Lithuania had been for centuries based on peace and mutual understanding. Later, the Prelate visited the delegates in their homes to express officially the thanks of the Catholic Church for the gift.

POLICE SUPPRESS ANTI-SEMITIC DEMONSTRATIONS IN SOFIA

SOFIA, March 12. (JTA) -- Police were called upon to suppress anti-Semitic demonstrations in Rustchuk, Pleven and Dupnica, which climaxed an intensive propaganda campaign allegedly stimulated by Germany. Legionnaires smashed the windows of a clubhouse in Plovdiv during a Purim ball of the Maccabi Sports Association. They were dispersed by the police.

NETHERLANDS PLANS ACTION ON ANTI-SEMITISM

AMSTERDAM, March 12. (JTA) -- Justice Minister Goseling, answering complaints voiced by several members of the First Chamber that anti-Semitism was growing, has promised strong legal measures to combat anti-Semitic activities. He also revealed plans to establish a large camp in the Gelderland province to house 3,000 refugees who are now interned in camps throughout Holland.

COMMUNIST LEADER SCORES FASCISTS AS FOMENTORS OF PALESTINE REBELLION

MOSCOW, March 12. (JTA) -- Dmitry Z. Manuilskiy, head of the Russian section of the Communist International, addressing the 18th Congress of the Communist Party, tonight denounced the "cynical imposture of the Fascist warmongers who planned the Palestine insurrection....and are furnishing arms and money to the feudal Arab countries."

GESTETNER, LONDON MANUFACTURER AND PHILANTHROPIST, DEAD

LONDON, March 12. (JTA) -- Word was received from Nice of the death today of David Gestetner, of London, well-known Jewish philanthropist and founder of D. Gestetner, Ltd., manufacturers of duplicating equipment. He was 85 years old.

I. LEVY, LISBON JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADER, DEAD

LISBON, March 12. (JTA) -- Isaac Levy, dean and former president of the Lisbon Jewish Community, died here today. He was 78 years old.