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CZECH SCHOOLS ORDERED TO LIMIT JEWS TO 4%; CLOSED SHOPS MUST RETAIN EMPLOYEES

LONDON, July 10. (JTA) -- Prague advices said today that Czech schools have been ordered to limit enrollment of Jewish students to four per cent of the total registration. The schools have also been forbidden to admit Jewish pupils coming from schools where the language of instruction was other than Czech.

Jewish lawyers and doctors who have been forbidden to continue in practice, and Jewish merchants whose businesses have been closed down, have been notified that they must not dismiss their employes until the end of the year. Jewish jewelers, although forbidden to sell articles of gold or silver, are compelled to keep their shops open and not to reduce the salaries of employes.

The Union of Prague Restaurant Owners has demanded that the city immediately cancel licenses held by Jews and emigres.

Jewish organizations, including several burial societies, synagogues and a number of religious foundations, are included in a list of groups ordered dissolved by the Nazi authorities.

8 NAZIS GO ON TRIAL FOR PLOT TO NAZIFY SWITZERLAND

ZURICH, July 10. (JTA) -- Eight Nazis went on trial here today on charges of plotting to nazify Switzerland, treason and espionage within the country's borders.

First to take the stand was Dr. Alfred Zander, self-styled Swiss "Fuehrer," who denied that his Nazi society of "Faithful Confederates" had acted on behalf of Germany. The authorities charge that the organization was formed last year to provide Swiss national defense and other information to the Reich, to which Zander made frequent trips.

Rebuked by Judge M. Strebel for refusing to realize the "deadly consequences" of his activities, Zander replied: "The first struggles of an ideology are always misunderstood. It was up to us to correct such misunderstandings. The revolution I was preparing was an intellectual, and not a bloody one, in conformity with the German pattern."

Zander freely admitted that he and his followers had adopted tactics closely similar to those of the Nazi party in Germany and other countries. A co-defendant, Alfred Nikles, said the organization had spied on the French, British and other consulates to check the identity of visitors. Nikles assertedly served as Zander's bodyguard.

Zander parried all attempts to establish the source of the funds which covered the organization's monthly deficit of 1,500 Swiss Francs (about \$330). He insisted that all contributions came from Swiss nationals. The prosecution claimed there were only 176 "Faithful Confederates" in all Switzerland, instead of the 400 claimed by the organization.

HUNGARY CANCELS LICENSES OF JEWISH LOTTERY OFFICE HEADS

BUDAPEST, July 10. (JTA) -- The State Lottery Administration today suddenly cancelled all licenses held by Jewish managers of lottery offices, although the new anti-Jewish law provides cancellation only after four or five years. The managers will not be compensated. It is estimated that they brought to the State a net income of four to five million pengos yearly.

The Budapest municipal authorities have given notice to 50 Jewish stall holders in the second hand goods market on the pretext that an equal number of Christians have applied for their stalls.

MINDANAO REFUGEE PROSPECTS HAILED BY COMMISSIONER PAUL V. McNUTT

INDIANAPOLIS, July 10. (JTA) -- Paul V. McNutt, retiring U.S. High Commissioner for the Philippines, told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent here that 500 Jewish refugees have found a new home in the Islands and that plans for settlement of thousands more on the Island of Mindanao were progressing.

Commissioner McNutt, who on his departure from Manila was presented with a parchment by the Jewish Refugee Committee expressing its gratitude for his efforts in behalf of the refugees, was enthusiastic on the prospects of Mindanao. He said the island, whose colonization possibilities are being examined by an American experts' commission sent by the Roosevelt Advisory Committee on Refugees, was "definitely the most fertile part of the Philippines."

"So far," he declared, "the Islands have taken in 500 Jewish refugees, and every one of them, through the cooperation of the fine Jewish Community of the Philippines, is at work at self-supporting jobs. As soon as room is made for more, the list of applicants is scanned for the necessary qualifications and without any visa difficulty they are speedily brought to Manila."

Referring to Mindanao, he said the work there would have to be "from the very bottom, but the Island boasts plateaus equal in fertility and natural wealth to any other section of the world. It has vast untouched mineral wealth and definitely has the finest climate of the Philippine Islands."

Commissioner McNutt revealed that he had convinced President Manuel Quezon that a change should be made in the Island's laws to allow free entry of refugees without the formality of visas and passports. He also gained from President Quezon permission for refugee physicians to practice in the Philippines without examination. The president's personal physician, he disclosed, is a refugee.

900 REFUGEES MAROONED ON DANUBE ISLAND

LONDON, July 10. (JTA) -- The Daily Telegraph reported today that 900 Jewish refugees from Hungary and Slovakia were marooned on St. Mathew Island, near the Bulgarian Danube port of Rastchuk.

ARABS WOUND JEW IN BOMBING JERUSALEM HOME

JERUSALEM, July 10. (JTA) -- Arabs today bombed a Jewish home in a suburb of Jerusalem, seriously wounding its owner, Karl Shamgar, 42, an immigrant from Germany.

The Tel Aviv municipality protested against the redistricting of Palestine, under which the city is included in the Lydda district thus ending all its special privileges.

ITALIAN PAPER WOULD SOLVE "HEBRAIC PROBLEM" BY SETTING UP STATE OUTSIDE OF PALESTINE

ROME, July 10. (JTA) -- Solution of the "Hebraic problem" and an end of all "provocations against the totalitarian states" were among demands listed today by the newspaper Resto del Carlino in an outline of conditions that would lead to peace.

Reiterating Italy's demands for Tunis, Djibouti and Suez, and also naming British Malta, the newspaper supported German claims to Danzig, the Polish corridor and former Reich colonies, and declared: "There must be an end of all provocations against the totalitarian states, all persecutions of Italians and Germans living abroad. Finally, the Hebraic problem must be solved by a general agreement establishing the Jews in a non-European country which shall not be Palestine."

LORD DUFFERIN'S WARNING ON REFUGEE INFLUX ASSAILED BY NATHAN LASKI

LONDON, July 10. (JTA) -- Colonial Undersecretary Lord Dufferin and Ava was today sharply criticized by Nathan Laski, president of the Manchester Jewish Community, for declaring in the House of Lords last Wednesday that an increased influx of refugees would lead to an increase in anti-Semitism in England. Writing in the Manchester Guardian, Mr. Laski, father of the president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, termed the assertion "insulting to the noblest traditions of the country." He charged that anti-Semitism was fostered by the Nazi regime and was used as a smokescreen for an anti-British policy.

NIEMIROWER ATTENDS PALACE FETE FOR NEW ROMANIAN PATRIARCH

BUCHAREST, July 10. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Jakob Niemirower represented the Jewish religious community at ceremonies in the Royal Palace introducing the new Patriarch of the Rumanian Orthodox Church, Nicodem Muntianu. The Patriarch received Dr. Niemirower in a special audience and the two engaged in a lengthy, cordial talk.

POLISH TRADE BODY MOVES TO SPUR BOYCOTT OF JEWS

WARSAW, July 10. (JTA) -- In a move designed to facilitate the boycott of Jewish firms, the Poznan Chamber of Trade has asked the Trade Ministry to institute compulsory marking of such articles as paints, dyestuffs, ink and writing materials with the name of the manufacturer. Compulsory naming of manufacturers already applies to foodstuffs, cosmetics and other products.

The rector of the Warsaw University announced today that the regulations forcing Jewish students to occupy "ghetto" benches will not be applied to classes in air defense organized for the university's students.

BRAZILIAN THEATRE TO PRODUCE PLAY ON DISRAELI'S LIFE WRITTEN TO PROTEST PERSECUTION

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 10. (JTA) -- The semi-official Government theatre here will shortly produce a play on the life of Benjamin Disraeli which was written by the successful young playwright, Raymundo Magalhaes Jr., as a protest against persecution of Jews. The play, titled "A Jew," will be produced simultaneously in the Argentine and Portugal. It is also being translated into English.

SENATE BODY, BACKING REFUGEE BILL, CITES "SERIOUS EMERGENCY"

WASHINGTON, July 10. (JTA) -- The Senate Immigration Committee's report on the Wagner-Rogers bill for admission of 20,000 refugee children, amended to deduct the number from the present quotas for Greater Germany, will be submitted to the Senate on Tuesday.

The report will say that the legislation is predicated on a "serious emergency." The committee, however, feels that the existing quotas should be permitted to stand and will not sanction breakdown of existing restrictions. It emphasizes, on the other hand, that the German quotas have been far from filled in the past few years.

As to the argument that admission of the children will mean bringing their parents over in the future, the Committee's answer is: "The parents can come now if eligible and if within the quotas. They cannot come in the future unless they are eligible and unless they come within the quota. Admissions from Germany during the past few years have been far less than the quotas."

The report points out that the need for admission of the children is "not only acute but tragic." "Children affected by the conditions mentioned," it declares, "are denied public education, not permitted the use of parks and playgrounds, are insulted and frequently beaten. Meanwhile the condition of the parents is becoming more and more acute. There is no future for these children in Germany." The report points out that "literally hundreds" of applications have already been received from responsible persons for one or more children, and concludes that the evidence is convincing that the children will not become public charges.

ANIGSTEIN, POLISH TROPICAL DISEASE EXPERT, TO VISIT U.S. FOR SCIENCE PARLEYS

WARSAW, July 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Ludwig Anigstein, renowned expert on tropical diseases, was on his way today to the United States to lecture on his specialty at the San Francisco congress convened by the National Research Council. He is scheduled to arrive in New York on July 20, on the United States liner Manhattan. Dr. Anigstein has also been invited to participate in the Congress of Microbiologists, scheduled for New York next September. Ten years ago, he was entrusted by the British Government with the task of tropical fever research in the Malayan Archipelago.

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS GAINED WIDE SUPPORT IN YEAR, CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION REPORTS

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA) -- "Unprecedented support" for constitutional guarantees and a steady decrease in interference with the rights of political, racial and religious minorities developed in the United States during 1938, the American Civil Liberties Union said today in its annual report. Support for constitutional guarantees, the report asserted, developed in the face of world-wide attacks on democracy. Decrease in interference with the rights of minorities was accomplished despite "ominously increasing" propaganda.

Bitter anti-alien feeling, the report declared, has gained in strength "due to increasing fear of foreign propaganda, Nazi or Communist, stimulated by the Dies committee, and to the threatened influx of refugees competing with American workers."

NATION'S LEADERS LAUD FRANZ BOAS ON 81ST BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA) -- Leaders in all walks of life, headed by President Roosevelt and members of the Cabinet, joined yesterday in felicitating Prof. Franz Boas of Columbia University, dean of American anthropologists, on his 81st birthday. Messages from the

president, Agriculture Secretary Henry A. Wallace, Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes and 136 public officials, noted scientists including Prof. Albert Einstein, writers and educators, praised Prof. Boas for his leadership in efforts to make science serve humanity. Prof. Boas is founder and national chairman of the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom and honorary chairman of the Council for Pan American Democracy.

LaGUARDIA HOLDS COUGHLIN PROBLEM HERE TOO COMPLEX FOR "SIMPLE POLICE ACTION"

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Workers' Alliance made public today a reply by Mayor LaGuardia to its recent appeal that he take energetic action to curb anti-Jewish provocation by followers of "radio priest" Charles E. Coughlin and members of the German-American Bund.

"The matters set forth in your letter have already been called to my attention," the Mayor said, "and I am keenly aware of what is going on at present. I am sure you appreciate the fact that no one is more hostile than I am to movements aimed at the persecution or, or discrimination against, religious or racial minorities. I think you will agree with me that the problem is too complex to be dealt with solely by a little simple police action. Nor would you, I believe, after some reflection, favor the forceful suppression of the rights to freedom of utterance of any particular group, in order to do away with the advocacy of a hateful doctrine. The impartial administration of the law must not be altered for a special occasion.

"When those who preach hate, however, do not content themselves with words, but infringe upon the liberties of other citizens of this City, by violence, threats of violence, or any other action which is proscribed by our criminal law, I firmly believe in having the police bring them up sharply for the penalties justly due them, whether it is for assault, disorderly conduct, or any other breach of the law. The Police Department is paying careful attention to every instance and every occasion where demonstrations occur, whether by individuals or groups, in order to make certain that those who claim the privilege of freedom of expression shall not overstep the bounds prescribed by law, and to apprehend them the moment they do so.

"We have previously, on a number of occasions vindicated the wisdom of refusing to yield to panic by denying freedom of expression to those who preach un-American doctrines, while protecting the intended victims of those doctrines, with all the force we command, from any attempt to proceed from speech to unlawful action."

The Alliance, in a reply to the Mayor stressing agreement with a view that there should be no infringement of democratic liberties, reiterated its appeal for energetic action on the grounds that "this problem is conclusively not one of freedom of speech." "The shouting of insults, accompanied by the display of provocative, hate-inspiring slogans, with or without other hoodlum tactics are not, as you seem to indicate, within the bounds of proper freedom of expression," the Alliance letter, signed by Louis Segal, general secretary, said.

BORIS THOMASHEVSKY, PIONEER OF YIDDISH THEATRE HERE, DEAD AT 73

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA) -- Boris Thomashevsky, who pioneered the Yiddish theatre in this country and was long one of the East Side's most colorful personalities, died yesterday afternoon at Beth Israel Hospital following a heart attack Saturday night. He was 73 years old. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Gramercy Park Memorial Chapel, 152 Second Avenue, where his body is lying in state. Surviving Thomashevsky are his wife, Bessie, from whom he had been separated twenty years, and two of his sons, Harry and Theodor Thomas.