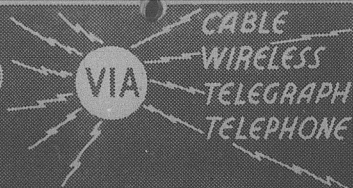


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ROME SHAKE-UP SEEN BLOW TO RACIAL POLICY; ANTI-SEMITES OUSTED

BERNE, Switzerland, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Today's drastic shake-up of the Italian Government and Fascist Party organs by Premier Benito Mussolini, ousting pro-German members, was interpreted throughout Europe tonight as a blow to the Rome-Berlin axis and thus, indirectly, to the Fascist racial policy.

Among those eliminated were Achille Starace, secretary-general of the Fascist Party, and Dino Alfieri, Minister of Popular Culture, both of whom were associated with the anti-Jewish campaign. Alfieri was succeeded, perhaps significantly, by Deputy Alessandro Pavolini, whose brother, Corrado, is said to have married into a Jewish family.

Starace, now transferred to the post of chief of staff of the Fascist Militia, issued the party's official declaration of war against the Jews on July 26, 1938, and the five-point program of Italian racism on Aug. 12, 1938. He was prominently identified with the pro-Nazi elements in Italy and in October, 1937, entertained Julius Streicher, German Jew-baiter, while the latter was visiting in Rome.

Alfieri, now named Ambassador, but for the moment with no post, was the one who issued, on July 14, 1938, the report of an anonymous group of Fascist professors advocating a racial policy. This report was considered the charter of Italian racism.

Comment in virtually every capital in Europe, belligerent and neutral alike -- with the conspicuous exception of Berlin -- agreed on the major political importance of the shake-up as a blow to the axis. It was pointed out that it was Alfieri and Starace who had been chiefly responsible for the pro-German propaganda campaign among the Italian masses and the manufacture of slogans in support of the axis.

In Paris, Premier Mussolini's action was regarded as a fresh sign of the growing rift between Italy and Germany. It was pointed out that Starace and Alfieri had played a capital role as "instructors" of the Italian people during the predominance of pro-German orientation of Italian policy. It was they who were most closely identified with the familiar but now soft-pedalled slogans of "pact of steel," "the agony of the democracies," and the "future of the totalitarian nations." Unofficial circles in London expressed a similar opinion.

In Berlin, Nazi officials held that Mussolini had simply "changed the guard" in his Cabinet shake-up, following an established practice of the Italian Government, and that the step could not be construed as having foreign policy significance.

Swiss newspapers saw a connection between the dismissal of pro-Nazi officials and the recent "surprising" return of German Ambassador Hans-Georg von Mackensen from Rome to Berlin. The newspaper Der Bund said "the changes mark a cleavage in the evolution of Italian policy, perhaps even to a shift in orientation." In Amsterdam, the Algemeen Handels-

REPORT JEWS IN GDYNIA REGION WILL BE SENT TO EAST POLAND

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The German newspaper Frankfurter Zeitung reported today that three to four million German colonists will be sent to western Poland while another two million would be shifted to East Prussia.

All Jews and Poles in the Gdynia region, the newspaper said, will be transferred to eastern Poland. About 2,000 German repatriates from Estonia have already arrived at Gdynia.

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More Czech Jews Moved to 'Reservation'

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- A Prague dispatch to the New York Times reported today that a second group of 600 Jews has been sent by the Nazi authorities from Maehrisch-Ostrau (Moravska-Ostrava) to the projected Jewish "reservation" in Poland. The dispatch added that Jewish women called up for transportation last Wednesday were still awaiting their deportation.

Brutal treatment of Jews in Nazi Poland is cited in a Paris dispatch to the Times which quotes observations of a foreign diplomat who left Warsaw a week ago. The diplomat, reporting eviction of Jews from their homes on three hours' notice with only two suitcases permitted them, said that any who dared complain were told by German officials: "There is plenty of room in the Vistula."

Efforts of the Nazis to win the Polish population's favor through anti-Semitic measures, the envoy said, would not succeed. He added that common suffering during the siege of Warsaw and under the German occupation had wiped out racial antagonism and the Poles were showing great sympathy for Jews.

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Repatriated Germans Promised Poles', Jews' Property

LONDON, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Estonian Germans who will be transferred to Nazi Poland have been promised compensation out of Polish and Jewish property in Poland for the possessions they leave behind in Estonia, it was reported here today.

WHITE PAPER ON 'NAZI SAVAGERY' SPURS WAR ON HITLER, BRITISH PRESS DECLARES

LONDON, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The British White Paper's disclosure of "Nazi savagery" in German concentration camps, the press said today, adds further impetus to this country's determination to fight until Hitlerism is smashed.

"It is the authors and devisers of the Buchenwald (concentration camp) barbarities," said the Daily Telegraph and Morning Post, "who rule the roost now in Germany. What is done is done not only with their consent but by their express orders, and the black infamy of which they bear the guilt will never be effaced in living memory."

"Now we know the full horror of the tyranny we are fighting," said the Daily Express. "Now we see the full cunning and cruelty of Hitler and his ruffians."

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Levy on Jews Reported \$100,000,000 Short

LONDON, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Daily Telegraph reports that despite the five per cent increase in the 20 per cent fine on Jewish fortunes in Germany, it was estimated that the German Government would have the greatest difficulties in raising the entire \$400,000,000 levied on the Jews after the assassination of a German Embassy official in Paris last November.

So far only \$300,000,000 has been collected, the report said, but this does not give an idea of how Jewish capital was hit, since Jews had to sell their property almost invariably at a heavy loss. The Telegraph quoted Berlin circles as saying that wealthy Jews would have to make up the deficit.

FRIEDSAM FOUNDATION GIVES \$1,000,000 FOR EXTENSION OF JEWISH EDUCATION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Friedsam Foundation has made a \$1,000,000 grant for improvement and extension of Jewish religious education in New York City, it was announced today by Supreme Court Justice Samuel I. Rosenman, president of the newly-formed Jewish Education Committee of New York, at a press luncheon at the Biltmore Hotel attended by John S. Burke, president of the foundation.

The committee, with Dr. Alexander M. Dushkin as executive director, will use the funds to finance a far-reaching program, including coordination of educational supervision in the committee, financial support for higher standard schools, organization of model or experimental schools, scholarship grants for poor children, home study groups, establishment of a central library of Jewish religious education, certification of teachers and preparation of new text books and other material.

Mr. Burke, who is head of B. Altman & Co., declared that in making the grant from the fund created by the will of Col. Michael Friedsam, president of Altman's who died in 1931, the trustees of the foundation were giving concrete expression to Col. Friedsam's great concern for the welfare of children. "To many of us the religious education of youth has always seemed a matter of primary importance," Mr. Burke said. "The events and trends of today have made it a first essential."

Justice Rosenman, stressing the community-wide significance of the gift at a time of general reawakening of religious interest, declared that never before had the youth of all faiths stood in such need of a firm foundation of religious teaching with which to face life. On behalf of the community and particularly those of the Jewish faith he thanked the foundation's board of trustees for initiating the project and paid tribute to Col. Friedsam for the generosity and public spirit which made the gift possible.

The committee, which will administer the fund, represents a merger of several existing religious educational agencies and will seek to work with all types of religious schools, planning its activities in consultation with representatives rabbis, teachers and laymen, Justice Rosenman said.

Officers, besides Justice Rosenman and Dr. Dushkin, are Harry Liebovitz and Mrs. Gabriel Hamburger, vice-presidents; Dr. Maurice B. Hexter, secretary, and Lewis L. Strauss, treasurer. The board of directors includes Isaac Allen, Mark Eisner, Jonah J. Goldstein, Frederick F. Greenman, Herbert W. Haldenstein, Henry S. Hendricks, Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, James Marshall, Louis J. Moss, Samuel Rottenberg, Bernard Semel, Bernard L. Shientag, Isaac Siegel, Alan M. Stroock, Edward M.M. Warburg, Frank L. Weil and Joseph Willen.

The gift and formation of the committee have been under consideration for some time, Justice Rosenman said. An informal committee representing all religious groups within the Jewish faith was constituted under his sponsorship about four years ago to make an extended survey of the entire field of religious education among Jewish youth in New York and to develop a comprehensive survey.

"The survey disclosed," he continued, "that about 25 per cent of the Jewish school age population regularly attend religious schools at any one time although more than 70 per cent receive such instruction at some time during their school years and an additional group study under tutors in their homes. There are 476 institutions listed as schools for Jewish religious education in the city.

"This constitutes quite a religious instructional system in itself, and several efforts have been made in the past to correlate and coordinate their work into a community program that would raise educational standards and extend opportunities for religious education to children for whom no provision is made at present.

"The committee which made the study recommended that the several organizations with this common objective be merged into the new Jewish Education Committee of New York. That plan has now been adopted. The Jewish Education Association will be absorbed by the end of 1940; the Bureau of Jewish Education will turn over its administrative and supervisory functions and devote itself principally to the education of adolescent youth; and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropic Societies will transmit to the new committee on a graduated percentage schedule the funds which it has allocated annually to the five institutions affiliated with it. The new committee will have full discretion as to the future use of these subsidies.

"In its effort to bring the Jewish religious schools as a group to higher educational standards, the new committee will seek first to make available supervision and guidance to the many small schools which desire such help. The program contemplates also close collaboration and financial support for some of the higher standard schools so that they may serve as models for other institutions. Another effort in this same field will be to encourage the teachers' institutes to organize model or experimental schools and classes and if necessary to establish subsidiary agencies to undertake such work.

"Financial assistance will be extended to the most deserving schools in the form of scholarship grants for children of poorer families and in direct grants to make possible experimental projects in religious education, to develop new instruction forms and to improve teaching methods. A new and developing field for religious education is the home study group and the committee proposes to devote itself to developing methods for the organization and conduct of group religious teaching in the children's homes."

COUGHLIN ORGAN DISTORTS RABBI SILVER STATEMENT ON WAR

CLEVELAND, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Distortion of a statement by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver in Charles E. Coughlin's Social Justice Magazine was revealed here today.

Social Justice, in its issue dated Oct. 30, quoted Rabbi Silver as saying in a sermon at the Cleveland Temple: "If there is to be such a (peace) conference it should be stipulated in advance that...the rights of the Jewish minorities shall be given first consideration," and then stated: "In other words, Rabbi Silver believes that, unless the Jewish question can be solved, the war must go on -- even though this might mean the slaughter of thousands and millions of Christians."

What Rabbi Silver actually said, as quoted by the Cleveland Plain-Dealer of Oct. 9, was: "If there is to be a conference it should be stipulated in advance that the just claims of free and independent Czecho-Slovakia, Austria and Poland and the rights of the Jewish minorities must be given first consideration. There will never be peace in Europe until these rights are firmly established."

BRAZIL REFUSES TO REVOKE BAN ON ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Justice Ministry today rejected an appeal for reconsideration of its action banning the Brazilian Zionist Federation on the ground that it was conducting foreign political activities. Proposed amendments to the present law against foreign political activities were also turned down.

The order closing the Zionist center here affected the fund-raising campaigns for Palestine colonization and for assistance to Polish refugees. A new amended statute changing the character of the Zionist Federation is being urgently prepared.

REFUGEES TO BE PERMITTED IN BRITISH AUXILIARY CORPS

LONDON, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Refugee aliens will be allowed to join the newly formed Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps, composed of men between the ages of 35 and 50, it was announced today.

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Assurance to Refugees in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Assurance that the new Belgian aliens law would not apply to political refugees or victims of racial persecution was given by Justice Minister Soudan at a meeting of the Socialist parliamentary group. The aliens laws should affect only undesirable aliens whose activities disturb internal peace and the country's social order, he said.

It was announced that ordinary aliens would be interned in special camps, particularly at Merzplas by the Jewish refugee hostel, and would be kept separate from the internment camps of undesirable aliens.

ONLY 5% OF POLISH CIVILIAN REFUGEES IN RUMANIA JEWS, REPORT REVEALS

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Only five per cent of the estimated 30,000 Polish civilian refugees in Rumania are Jews, it was disclosed today by the Commission for Polish Relief on the basis of cabled advices received from its Bucharest representative, Paul Super. He said that 95 per cent of the refugees were Christians, that 35 per cent came from Russian Poland and the remainder from the German areas.

The commission reported that it was giving daily aid to 10,000 of the refugees in Rumania. It announced that Super had gone on to Hungary to assist in organization of relief work for the 20,000 civilian and 30,000 soldier refugees there. Super informed the commission that the Hungarians were showing great kindness to the refugees but that local resources were "utterly unequal" to the task of providing adequate relief.

The Commission announced that two Americans, Dorsey Stephens and Gilbert Redfern, already in Europe, were on their way to Kaunas and Wilno to help in ameliorating the situation of the refugees in Lithuania, of whom there are an estimated 17,500 outside of the Wilno area.

MAYOR OF NEWPORT GETS NEW BOOK ON TOURO, LOPEZ

NEWPORT, R.I., Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Mayor Henry S. Wheeler tonight received, for the City of Newport, a copy of the new book, "Aaron Lopez and Judah Touro, a Refugee and a Son of a Refugee," by Dr. Morris A. Gutstein, rabbi of the 221-year-old Touro Synagogue, at a ceremony held at the Newport Jewish Community Center. The book is published by Behrman's Jewish Book House, New York.