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TERRORISM IN NAZI POLAND UNABATED; MANY SLAIN IN WARSAW AREA; TEMPLES BURNED

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Trustworthy advices reaching here today told of unchecked anti-Jewish terrorism in Nazi Poland marked by wanton slayings, burning of synagogues, and mass removal of Jews to unknown destinations.

Ten Jews were picked out at random by the Nazis in Nowemiaszt, District of Warsaw, and shot dead. No reason was ascribed for the execution. In Grojec, also in the Warsaw district, a number of Jews were shot dead while returning from compulsory labor projects in the vicinity. Many Jews in the same district have been transferred to an unknown destination, believed to be some place in the Reich.

Last Saturday, the Jews in Grojec were forced to set fire to the principal synagogue. The Great Synagogue in Wloclawek was dynamited by the Nazis after the community leaders had been forced to sign a statement that the Jews had set fire to it. A few days later, a collective "fine" of 600,000 zlotys (\$120,000 at pre-war rates) was imposed on the Jewish population "for burning down the synagogue." Another synagogue in Wloclawek, housed in a former gymnasium, was burned down by the Nazis. Following the burning, 700 Jews were placed under arrest and cruelly maltreated during a detention that lasted six weeks.

Two synagogues in the township of Gniewaszow, near Radom, have been converted into stables. The Jewish population of 400 families was "fined" 25,000 zlotys. All Jewish houses in the township have been marked with the Mogen David (star of David). A collective "fine" of 50,000 zlotys has been imposed on the Jews in the Ciechanow district of Warsaw.

NUREMBERG LAWS FOR SOVIET JEWS SEEN IN REICH AS PART OF RED-NAZI PACT

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Oswald Garrison Villard, noted journalist, reported in The Nation today that "responsible circles in Germany" held the belief that the Nuremberg racial laws would be applied to the Jews in Soviet Russia as part of the Soviet-Nazi agreement.

Date for institution of the laws, Villard wrote in an article mailed from The Hague on Nov. 20, was placed at within six months of conclusion of the agreement. The Soviet-Nazi non-aggression pact was signed on August 23.

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Villard, who had spent some time in Germany during an extensive European tour from which he recently returned, declared: "One other piece of bad news I must give. It is widely believed in responsible circles in Germany that part of the bargain with Stalin calls for the application of the Nuremberg laws to Russian Jews, and that this will be done within six months from the signing of the pact. It is not thought that such laws will actually be put on the statute books. Stalin will simply give certain orders; that will be enough."

The article, captioned "The Latest Anti-Jewish Horror," is devoted largely to a description of the Nazi efforts to set up a Jewish "reservation" in Nazi Poland. Villard suggested that "a tremendous wave of denunciation from non-Jews, led, let us say, by the Quakers, might help, because the Germans are particularly anxious just now not to draw America into the war. I recall those wonderful mass-meetings at the time of the Kishinev massacres in Russia, one in Carnegie Hall with ex-President Cleveland speaking. If ever a similar outcry were called for, it is now."

Nazis Out to Drive Polish Jews Into Russia, Ex-Foreign Aide Holds

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The purpose of Nazi persecution of Jews in Poland is apparently to drive as many of them as possible into Soviet Russia, it was declared today by Edward Kulikowsky, former counsellor of the Polish Foreign Office and onetime secretary of the Polish Embassy in Washington.

Kulikowsky told the J.T.A. that oppression of Jews had reached such a point in Nazi Poland that it was impossible to consider it as the usual Nazi mopping up after a conquest. The main object of Nazi policy appears to be to force the Jews into Soviet Poland, he said.

The former Government official left Warsaw on Nov. 19 and arrived in New York on Dec. 6. He is remaining here indefinitely.

NAZIS RENEW DRIVE TO FORCE ANTI-SEMITISM ON UNWILLING CZECHS

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A new attempt to force anti-Semitism upon the Czech population in Bohemia-Moravia, which has hitherto stoutly resisted all previous efforts, has been launched in the Nazi "protectorate" with formation of a new Fascist anti-Semitic organization called the "Czech National Camp."

The German newspaper Koelnische Zeitung reports that Jan Rys, former editor of the Czech newspaper Vlasta, is leader of the group. Members of the organization are known as the Vlastkari, wear uniforms and give the Fascist salute.

The Vlastkari program's principal plank is introduction in the "protectorate" of the Reich social legislation and the Nuremberg racial laws. The Camp cooperates with the Moravian Fascists, under the leadership of Jaromir Vala, in a National Committee for Action, the aim of which is to "open the eyes of the Czech population to the racial problem."

The committee has issued five anti-Semitic pamphlets and has organized an exhibition in Prague which has the slogan, "Jews and Freemasons are the Scourge of the World." According to the Koelnische Zeitung, the exhibition has scored a great success.

The Nazi newspaper's are taking special pains to convince the German reader that the anti-Semitic movement in the "protectorate" has not been inspired by the Nazis but is a native development which was suppressed by the former republic but has been given rein under the opportunity for free development accorded to the Czechs under the "protectorate." Organs of the new Camp point out that the organization considers German National Socialism as "an ally. They feature a declaration by Rys in which he states that the Vlakari are "ready to collaborate without reserve with Germanism in the protectorate."

The general aim of the Nazi press is to conceal the fact that anti-Semitism has made little headway in the "protectorate," despite pressure of the Gestapo, German secret police. In spite of efforts to show that a majority of the subjugated populace is friendly to the Reich, the press is unable to conceal the fact that the Czechs do not act against the Jews unless the Gestapo forces their hand.

Emil Hacha's Camp of National Unity, Czech organization led by the president of the "protectorate," is criticized by the Nazi papers for failure to recognize the racial problem in Bohemia-Moravia. Citing figures to prove the alleged domination of Jews in cultural spheres, the German press complains that this domination never disquieted the Czechs.

The Koelnische Zeitung criticizes the Czechs because they failed to place in power the Fascists Radula Gadja and Jiri Stribrny after the resignation of President Eduard Benes, thus obliging the Nazis to establish a "protectorate" in order to see that the Jews were excluded from cultural and professional life.

WASHINGTON GRAND JURY TO PROBE ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES, MURPHY REVEALS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Attorney General Frank Murphy said today that a special District of Columbia Grand Jury which will convene Jan. 2 to consider sabotage and espionage matters will also delve into "anti-Semitic activities of organizations and individuals."

The Attorney General said he considered the investigation of anti-Semitic groups in this country to be of "the greatest importance." The Department of Justice, he said, believes it is its function "to see to it that the freedom of religion is guaranteed to all peoples."

Asked by a reporter whether "the anti-Semitic activities of Father Coughlin are coming under scrutiny," Murphy said: "No complaint of any kind has ever been made in this department against Father Coughlin."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has quietly been investigating anti-Semitism for many months. The investigation of anti-Semitism, the Attorney General added, "is the beginning of something that may mean a great deal towards orderliness under democracy."

What organizations and individuals are being investigated remained a mystery but it was admitted some time ago that the F.B.I. was probing the German-American Bund, the Christian Mobilizers and the Silver Shirts.

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Bar Colin Ross as Nazi Agent, Dies Body Demands

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Dies Committee, in a report prepared by Rep. Jerry Voorhis and endorsed by every member of the committee, today recommended that Dr. Colin Ross, German propagandist who recently toured this country, "be prevented from ever again setting foot on American soil."

Dr. Ross, a World War spy, made a lecture tour of the country, wrote articles for the Nazi press in America in which he attacked Jewry and, incidentally attempted to photograph American industrial plants, according to the report.

In one article, appearing on the Deutscher Weckruf, official organ of the German-American Bund, entitled "Jews in America", he said: "Every one is aware that the Constitution of the United States does not apply to modern living conditions. America isn't a democracy any more...."

In releasing its report on the activities of Ross, the Dies Committee said: "Neither the committee as a whole nor any of its individual members entertains the slightest doubt of the unswerving loyalty to the United States of our fellow citizens of German descent. It is as much in their interest as in that of the nation as a whole that the committee has endeavored to bring to light some of the facts concerning the activities of Nazi agents like Colin Ross and the leaders of the German-American Bund.

"The question of the form of government of the German or any other nation is not one that concerns either this committee or the American people, but attempts by any foreign agency to influence American citizens in favor of a foreign form of government and against American democracy is quite a different matter and one concerning which the Committee on Un-American activities has immediate and great concern."

BELGIAN SENATE VOTES 8,000,000 FRANCS FOR REFUGEE AID IN 1940

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Senate has approved an 8,000,000-franc State grant towards maintenance of refugees in Belgium, provided that it be spent for all emigres irrespective of religion.

The vote of approval was taken after a debate in which Senator Boodt opposed assistance to the Jewish refugees held in special centers. He argued: "Let the wealthy Jews abroad take care of them." He was opposed by other speakers, especially Socialist Senator M. Rollin, who also protested against certain measures concerning the interment of political refugees.

Replying, the Minister of Justice explained that these measures were necessary in view of the entry of about 100 Jewish refugees weekly into Belgium. The Government, he said, was puzzled over how they succeeded in passing the German Army front and the Belgian frontier.

ORT GROUP LAUNCHES INTENSIVE RETRAINING PROGRAM IN HUNGARY

PARIS, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- An intensive program of vocational retraining for young Hungarian Jews has been launched in Hungary by a committee of 60 prominent Jews under the leadership of Dr. Imre Szekely, outstanding industrialist and Chief Councillor of State, it was announced here today by the World ORT Federation.

Under the direction of technical, pedagogical, agricultural and economic subcommittees, there have already been established a number of training workshops for boys and girls in Budapest and in the sub-Carpathian areas, the poorest province in the country. Courses in engineering, nursing, dressmaking, farming, glass blowing, tailoring, weaving, domestic work and others have either already been started or will be instituted in the near future.

The ORT committee, organized to cope with the disastrous effects of the anti-Jewish legislation, includes among its officers Dr. Ernest Boda, Chief Councillor of State; Dr. Bela Alapi, former director of the City Savings Bank in Budapest, and Dr. Adolf Deutsch, director of education for the Budapest Orthodox Congregation. Members include Baron and Baroness Alfons Weiss and other outstanding members of Hungarian Jewry.

BUDAPEST, Dec. 28. (JTA)-- This year for the first time Jews were not permitted to sell Christmas trees in Hungary.

UNITED FRONT AT PEACE PARLEY URGED BY BRODETSKY

MANCHESTER, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- An appeal for unity among Jews in formulating demands for presentation to the ultimate peace conference was sounded here by Prof. Selig Brodetsky, newly-elected president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Addressing the annual congress of the Order of Ancient Maccabees, Prof. Brodetsky warned that it would be "utterly fatal if the farce of divided Jewish councils and warring Jewish voices at Versailles is repeated."

Prof. Brodetsky asserted that the human race could not look for freedom, happiness and progress until "the devilry which has been let loose in Berlin has been destroyed and the German people have been made to realize that they could have liberty and happiness only if they allowed others to have liberty and happiness also."

NEW YIDDISH THEATER OPENS IN WILNO AS CULTURAL LIFE BECOMES NORMAL

WILNO, Lithuania, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Jewish cultural life in this city is returning to normal after the war experiences. Besides new dailies that are being established, a new Yiddish theater has been founded. The theater was opened with a performance of Aaron Zeitlin's "In No Man's Land," which was attended by all the Jewish refugee writers in Wilno.

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RECORD GROUP OF REFUGEES LEAVE ENGLAND FOR PALESTINE

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The largest party of immigrants ever to leave England for Palestine departed this week. It was a group of 184, of whom 174, including refugees, had immigration certificates from the last schedule.

The party sailed on a British liner which does not usually stop at a Palestine port but special arrangements were made for disembarkation in Haifa. The refugees were assembled here for one large transport because of the difficulties under present circumstances of obtaining transit visas.

RIGA, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Twenty-five chaltzim trained in Denmark and Sweden, who arrived here by airplane, are proceeding to the Holy Land via Russia.

CLIPPER BEARING WEIZMANN TO LAND AT BALTIMORE; ARRIVAL NOW SET FOR WEEK-END

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann is still in Lisbon and will leave for New York on the next available trans-Atlantic Clipper, according to cabled advices received today by the Zionist Organization of America. Pan-American Airways here said that the American Clipper would probably take off from Lisbon on Dec. 30 or 31, arriving approximately a day later in Baltimore. The terminus of the trans-Atlantic airline is being changed to Baltimore from Port Washington, L.I., because winter conditions make landings at the northern port unsafe.

MANY NEW INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS STARTED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Industrialization in Palestine is progressing rapidly, and new industrial enterprises are being established daily.

One of the recently-introduced industries is manufacture of bristle brushes, started by Polish Jewish experts who are building a large factory. Pig bristles will be imported from the Balkans. It is hoped that the new industry, which is widespread among Jews in Poland and Lithuania, will also provide livelihood for many Jews in Palestine.

Manufacture of wooden toys under the direction of Czech experts has been started in the collective colony Shaar Hanegv. The razor blade factory Okava has considerably expanded its plant production. Several kvutzot (cooperative colonies) have started manufacturing various kinds of marmalade and jams. Special instructors have been appointed to supervise boiling and packing of the jams.

PALESTINE CATHOLIC PRELATE TO VISIT VATICAN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (Havas) -- Mgr. Luigi Barlassina, Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem, has left for the Vatican. His unexpected departure was linked today by some circles with growing Church preoccupation over a possible extension of Soviet influence in the Near East. The Patriarch, it is believed, will confer with Italian Government and Vatican officials on measures to check a spread of Communism to these regions.

3,200 COMMUNITIES BACKED U.J.A. CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The 1959 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs, which ends this week, has enlisted the support of 3,200 Jewish communities throughout the country as against a total of 1,900 communities which participated in the 1958 drives of its constituent agencies, Chairmen Abba Hillel Silver and Jonah B. Wise announced today.

CURBS ON JEWISH SALESMEN IN HUNGARY SEEN BLOW TO NATION'S ECONOMY

BUDAPEST, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Difficulties have arisen in carrying out the regulations which provides for dismissal of Jewish sales agents and traveling representatives to reduce their number to the ratio permitted under the so-called "Jewish law."

Such reduction, it is revealed in the press, would greatly affect Hungary's commercial stability and economic life. The newspaper Ujsag reports that instructions have been issued to use discretion in application of the regulation and refrain from applying it to such Jewish sales agents as have been in service with their firms for more than 10 years or are employed in local industries.

NAZI AGENTS SPUR DRIVE TO OUST JEWS FROM RUMANIAN FIRMS TRADING WITH REICH

BUCHAREST, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- With German-Rumanian trade relations somewhat improved, Nazi agents in Rumania have started an organized propaganda campaign for firms here dealing with the Reich to dismiss Jewish employees and sever relationships with Jews on pain of losing orders from the Reich. German agents also demand that Rumanian firms shipping goods to Germany should use only German banks in Rumania, especially the Societates Bacara Rumana, which is the former Dresdener Bank.

Simultaneously, the Nazi-subsidized German-language press in Rumania opened a campaign against Jews in commerce and industry. This is apparently under instructions from Berlin, which is believed to feel that such a campaign would enable Germans in Rumania to obtain greater control over Rumanian exports.

DUTCH JOURNALISTS NAME JEW TO PRESIDENCY, FIRST IN GROUP'S HISTORY

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- G. Polak Daniels, famous Hague liberal journalist and parliamentary correspondent of the newspaper Het Vaterland, has been elected president of the Dutch Journalists Association. The election, which was almost unanimous, marked the first time in the organization's 40-year history that a Jew was elevated to the presidency.

DETROIT NAMED AS SITE OF 7TH SESSION OF WELFARE FUNDS COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, comprising 177 federations, welfare funds and community councils in 145 cities in the United States and Canada, will hold its seventh annual General Assembly in Detroit on January 27, 28 and 29, it was announced by Sidney Hollander of Baltimore, president of the Council. Delegates from local community agencies, Mr. Hollander said, will discuss war-time requirements of refugee, overseas and Palestinian causes and consider methods of organizing local communities more effectively to provide for changing local needs.

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JEWISH RESEARCH BODY RE-ELECTS OFFICERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Officers of the American Academy for Jewish Research were reelected at its 17th annual meeting at the Jewish Theological Seminary yesterday. They are Professors Louis Ginzberg, president; Zevi Diesendruck, vice-president; Alexander Marx, treasurer; Ralph Marcus, corresponding secretary, and Shalom Spiegel, recording secretary. Papers were read by Professors Salo W. Baron, Ismar Elbogen, Ginzberg and Guido Kisch and Drs. Sidney B. Hoenig and Ilse Lichtenstaedter.

MANY HEBREW BOOKS PUBLISHED DURING DISORDERS, EXHIBIT REVEALS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- An exhibition of Hebrew books published since outbreak of the disturbances in Palestine has been opened here by the World Union for Hebrew Culture. The exhibit reveals that a surprisingly large number of Hebrew works have been published during this period despite the economic difficulties.

FARM JOBS AWAIT POLISH REFUGEES IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- It was officially announced that Polish refugees reaching France can get immediate employment in agricultural work, even if they have no experience in such labor. Whether farm workers or intellectuals, Polish refugees can also lease small or large farms in various parts of France, with the opportunity of obtaining credits for development.

OTTO SCHIFF CURTAILS REFUGEE WORK ON ADVICE OF PHYSICIAN

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- On advice of his physician, Otto M. Schiff has decided because of overwork to restrict considerably his participation in refugee work starting with the new year, it was learned today. Although Mr. Schiff, "under pressure," will continue to act as president of the German Refugee Committee, his general duties will be taken over by a "committee of management." Mr. Schiff will be at Bloomsbury House, headquarters of the refugee committee, only a few hours daily and will no longer attend to individual cases.

RED PAPER NOTES ANTI-SEMITISM IN SWEDEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The New York Times reports from Moscow that "persecution of Jews, a subject that has been taboo since the signing of the Soviet-German pact, was rediscovered today by the Army organ, Red Star." The dispatch said that "on German authority, the Army paper has discovered the appearance of anti-Semitic leaflets in Sweden," although no echo of "Hitler's continued intensified anti-Jewish measures since the outbreak of the war has reached the Soviet press."

BELGIUM HITS AT ALIEN ANTI-JEWISH PRESSURE IN BUSINESS

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A declaration that Belgium will never tolerate foreign anti-Semitic pressure in its commercial life has been made by Minister Paul Henri Spaak in Parliament during a discussion on the Foreign Affairs budget.