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### DIES REPORT FINDS UN-AMERICAN GROUPS WANING; ASKS RENEWED DRIVE ON "ISMS"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Reporting that "ism" groups were fast losing membership and prestige in the United States, the Dies Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report delivered to Congress at noon today, called for "earnest effort" by the American people and "vigorous action" by law-enforcing agencies to speed the decline of subversive organizations.

Not more than 1,000,000 people have been affected by un-American activities and the remaining 131,000,000 remain loyal to American institutions, said the report, based on the committee's hearings held over the past year. It asked for continuation of the investigation, which officially expired today.

Nazi and Fascist organizations in the United States were denounced as making their chief appeal to "the basest forms of religious and racial hatred."

The committee declared that "probably the largest, best financed and certainly the best publicized" Fascist group is the Silver Shirt Legion of America; whose leader is Pelley. It added:

"From the documentary evidence and testimony before the committee concerning the activities of Pelley, the conclusion that he is a racketeer engaged in mulcting thousands of dollars annually from his fanatical and misled followers and credulous people all over the United States and certain foreign countries, is inescapable."

The report, which failed to recommend any specific legislation, urged, however that laws now on the statute books under which these organizations could be prosecuted be vigorously enforced. The 20,000-word report, which equally condemned Nazi and Communist leaders and organizations, mentioned Father Charles E. Coughlin only once when it said that his publication, Social Justice, was standard reading in German-American Bund camps.

While the Nazi-Fascist groups have fallen upon evil days, the report said, they are still seeking a "man on horseback" to unite all factions. Excerpts from the report follow:

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"The German-American Bund, the Communist Party, the Silver Shirts and some other similar organizations have fallen upon the darkest days they have seen yet. They are losing both membership and prestige and the time may speedily come when they will cease to be seriously regarded by any one in the United States. If this result is to be achieved, however, the earnest effort of all groups of people in the United States will be required, as well as vigorous action to enforce the laws we now have on our statute books.

"We believe that the committee would render a disservice to the nation if it left the impression in its report that there is anything in the present situation to cause anyone to lose faith in the American people as a whole or their devotion to their basic institutions. Indeed, one of the greatest facts of all that should be recorded in the report of this committee is that on the basis of evidence presented to the committee not over one million people in the United States can be said to have been seriously affected by these essentially foreign or un-American activities. That leaves about 131,000,000 Americans who, in spite of the efforts of Nazis, Fascists, Communists, self styled saviours of America and all the rest, and in spite of the suffering and distress of ten years of unemployment and depression, are still as sound and loyal to American institutions and the democratic way of life as they ever were.

"We owe something to these 131,000,000 people, especially to the poor, the unemployed, the distressed among them. We owe something to our farmers, our workers, our business and professional people who have so nobly stood by America, her institutions and ideals through these difficult years. We owe them a solution of the economic and social problem of unnecessary poverty in the midst of possible plenty."

Without directly asking for a new appropriation for the continuance of the committee, the report presented four reasons why the work of the Dies investigators should go on. It said:

"1. The continually changing international situation, with its direct bearing on the activities of these un-American groups in this country, warrants the constant vigilance of a special investigating committee of the House in the immediate future.

"2. With these un-American groups, both on the Right and on the Left, in a state of confusion as a result of the disclosures by this committee, the events abroad and recent prosecutions by various governmental agencies, it becomes doubly important that such an inquiry be continued to make certain that the aforementioned confusion is turned into complete rout.

"3. Since the advent of the European war, the committee has been deluged with offers of evidence and testimony of extreme importance to the American public and damning to the cause of subversive groups but which could not be accepted because of the shortness of time for preparation of the cases before the life of the committee expired and because of the press of cases already prepared.

"4. Because of several reasons beyond this committees control, numerous important cases were prepared and scores of witnesses obtained, particularly on

the West Coast, whose testimony is yet to be heard. The West Coast cases alone would require from a month to two months to hear.

"The committee believes that its efforts to expose un-American activities should keep pace with an active campaign of prosecution by the various agencies of government to the end that American and American institutions may successfully repel these insidious forms of attack by foreign powers."

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Roosevelt Warns Against Racial Hatred

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt, in his message to Congress today, called for national unity and warned against racial, religious and class hatred. He declared:

"Doctrines which set group against group, faith against faith, race against race, class against class, fanning the fires of hatred in men too despondent, too desperate to think for themselves, were used as rabble-raising slogans on which dictators could rise to power. And once in power they could saddle their tyrannies on whole nations and on their weaker neighbors. "

"This is the danger to which we in America must begin to be more alert. For the apologists for foreign aggressors, and equally those selfish and partisan groups at home who wrap themselves in a false mantle of Americanism to promote their own economic, financial or political advantage, are now trying European tricks upon us, seeking to muddy the stream of our national thinking, weakening us in the face of danger, by trying to set our own people to fighting among themselves.

"Such tactics are what have helped to plunge Europe into war. We must combat them, as we would the plague, if American integrity and security are to be preserved. We cannot afford to face the future as a disunited people.

"We must as a united people keep ablaze on this continent the flames of human liberty, of reason, of democracy and of fair play as living things to be preserved for the better world that is to come."

REFUGEES FROM POLAND TRANSFERRED TO SOVIET INTERIOR FOR BUILDING WORK

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Ten thousand refugees in Bialystok, Soviet Poland will shortly be transferred to the interior of the U.S.S.R., where they will be employed in the building industry, the Polish-language daily Wyzwoleny Bialystok reports. The first transport left at the end of December and 300 refugee women with their children will be sent to join their husbands, who left previously.

The Soviet press publishes details of a new order against illegal crossing of the frontier. Violators will be liable to three years' imprisonment. Persons guilty of contraband traffic will be punished by a year's imprisonment and confiscation of their goods. In special cases capital punishment will be applied. Staying in the frontier zone is prohibited without special permits. The order asks all residents of the frontier zone to cooperate with the authorities in combating illegal entry

\$2,400,000 REPORTED EXTORTED FROM WARSAW JEWS; DISEASE HELD CONTINUING

PARIS, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Polish Government sources reported today that the Nazi administration in Warsaw had extorted 12,000,000 zlotys (about \$2,400,000 at the pre-war rate) from the Jewish community there. The advices said 10,000,000 zlotys had been paid to the Nazis for agreeing to postpone institution of a ghetto and 2,000,000 for agreeing to require Jews to wear a six-pointed star instead of the yellow armlets as had been planned.

"The special anti-Jewish laws issued by the Nazis in Warsaw are nothing but a racket to extort huge sums from the Jews, since, in fact, German officers do not hesitate to patronize Jewish stores within and outside the ghetto, despite their being marked as Jewish," the Polish report stated.

Advices reaching here said a typhus epidemic was continuing in Warsaw. This conflicts with statements made by Frederic C. Walcott, treasurer of the American Commission for Polish Relief, that there is no epidemic in the occupied Polish city.

An official message received from the International Red Cross in Geneva said that of approximately 400 patients in the Warsaw Jewish hospital more than 250 were typhus cases. In addition, Polish Government circles reported that typhus was prevalent in Warsaw and Nazi authorities were taking measures to prevent its spread among German military forces but were doing nothing to fight the disease among the population, especially the Jews.

Jewish relief leaders said that as far as they knew none of the international relief agencies had yet succeeded in reaching Warsaw with actual assistance. The need of feeding the Jewish population in Nazi-occupied Poland is growing daily, it was said, and non-sectarian organizations had not yet met the problem. The Joint Distribution Committee is functioning in Warsaw and is seeking to find means for extending assistance.

The Red Cross advised the J.D.C. that the Jewish hospital in Warsaw was in extreme need of financial and medical aid. The hospital can accommodate 1,400 patients with adequate facilities, but is now housing only 400 for lack of sufficient funds and medicaments.

The J.D.C. office in Amsterdam, from which emigration of Jews from the Reich was regulated has been transferred by its European chairman, Morris C. Troper, to Brussels and will be conducted by Alice R. Emanuel, who recently arrived from New York as a volunteer worker, it was announced here today on Troper's return from the Netherlands and Belgium. During his stay in these two countries Troper conferred with Jewish leaders on various relief plans for 1940 and the extent of assistance which American Jews would be prepared to contribute to the carrying out of these plans.

Reports from Hungary said Jews were trying to enter that country from both German and Soviet Poland, despite great difficulties. Those escaping from the Russian-held area, it was said, were mostly Zionists, since Zionism is prohibited in the U.S.S.R.

DROP ANTI-RED PROPAGANDA AND CENTER ON JEWS, BERLIN REPORTED ORDERING AGENTS ABROAD

PARIS, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- French newspapers reported today the discovery in Alsace of secret instructions issued from Berlin to Nazi agents abroad to drop anti-Communist propaganda and concentrate on agitation against the Jews.

At the same time newspapers said that despite increased anti-Jewish propaganda within the Reich, a change of spirit was noticeable among many Germans, who were sympathizing with the Jews and found no justification for severe anti-Semitic measures.

The purported instructions to Nazi agents abroad follow: "It should be understood that all attacks against any member of the Soviet Government are to be dropped. Also, attacks against Communism as such must be diminished and ultimately dropped.

"On the other hand, propaganda against the Jews must become more severe and the guiding policy must be that Jewry, having lost its chances with Stalin, has joined the western capitalist democracies for the purpose of destroying by war the two great countries--Germany, which has already emancipated itself from the Jews, and Russia, whose leader realized in time the danger of a new, capitalist re-Judaization and who acted accordingly. Russia and Germany did not want this war, which is in the interests of the Jewish capitalists.

"It must be seen to that the neutral countries contribute to the formation of an anti-Jewish coalition. The lull produced by the dropping of anti-Communism from our propaganda should be balanced by increased propaganda against the Jewish-democratic western capitalism."

Nazi Organ Suppressed for Attack on Kaganovich, London Hears

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The current issue of the Schwarze Korps, organ of Chancellor Hitler's elite guards, has been suppressed because it contained an attack on Lazar M. Kaganovich, Soviet Commissar for Fuel Industry, for allegedly holding up oil deliveries to Germany, it was reported here today. Kaganovich is Jewish.

REICH ORDERS DISSOLUTION OF MIXED MARRIAGES

BRUSSELS, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Dissolution of all mixed marriages has been ordered by the authorities in Germany, it was reported here today. Those disobeying the order will be prosecuted for committing "Rassenschande" (race defilement), it was said.

OSKAR HIRSCHFELD, AUSTRIAN JEWISH LEADER, ARRIVES HERE

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Oskar Hirschfeld, former secretary-general of the Union of Austrian Jews and former editor-in-chief of the Vienna Jewish weekly Die Wahrheit, arrived here last week from London. He was arrested during the German occupation of Vienna in March, 1938, and held in prison for three months, living in the same cell as the late Prof. Heinrich Neumann and Robert Stricker. Released after signing an undertaking to leave Austria within four weeks, he and his wife went to England under the guarantee of the British Jewish Refugee Committee and he worked for this committee as a social worker for several months until he emigrated to the United States.

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## BRITAIN GRANTS £750,000 FOR RELIEF IN PALESTINE; TEL AVIV TO GET LOAN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Speaking at Government House, High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael revealed today that the British Government has agreed to continue grants-in-aid, approving the expenditure of £750,000 of Palestine Government income for relief of distress in Palestine.

Immediate expenditures will include £20,000 in four monthly instalments to the Palestine Jewish National Council (Vaad Leumi) for direct Jewish relief and £25,000 as a loan to the Tel Aviv municipality for relief and road-building projects.

Expenditures in the new fiscal year, or earlier, will include £50,000 for Jewish relief throughout the country, £50,000 for small municipalities and local councils for essential public works and £150,000 as a Government loan to Tel Aviv subject to certain conditions.

### 600 More Refugees Arrive

HAIFA, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Six hundred refugees, most of them from Czechoslovakia, arrived here today aboard an Italian steamship. It was the sixth transport of refugees to reach Palestine in recent weeks. The passengers included 100 children traveling without their parents.

### Junior Hadassah Increases Budget

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Junior Hadassah, on information from Palestine that war conditions have "greatly increased" the cost of living, will make a concerted drive to collect at least 50 per cent more than its 1940 budget of \$95,435 for Palestinian projects, it was announced.

## PALESTINE JEWS OFFER TURKEY AID IN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The Turkish consul today received and transmitted to his Government two alternative offers of Palestine Jewish organizations to dispatch a medical mission to Turkey for earthquake relief or to ship medical supplies.

The offers were conveyed by a delegation including Dr. Abraham Katznelson, of the Jewish National Council; Eliahu Epstein, of the Jewish Agency, and Dr. Haim Yassky, speaking for Hadassah, the Hebrew University and the Tel Aviv Municipal Council.

The Turkish Government has already expressed gratitude to the Jewish Agency for Palestine Jewry's expressions of sympathy over the catastrophe. Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University, wrote to the consul expressing the university's sympathy. Many Arab notables also visited the consul to voice condolence. Emir Abdullah of Transjordan donated £100 to start a relief fund.

### Hadassah Sends Funds for Medical Unit

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Hadassah announced today that it had cabled funds and an authorization to its medical director in Jerusalem, to send a surgical unit to Turkey to aid victims of the recent earthquakes and floods. The unit will be placed at the disposal of the Turkish government. Hadassah President Mrs. David de Sola Pool made public a telegram and letter of sympathy sent to Mehmet Munir Ertegun, Turkish Ambassador in Washington.

#### WEIZMANN LEAVING FOR U.S. SATURDAY, ARRIVING SUNDAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann will leave Lisbon on the American Clipper on Saturday and arrive in Baltimore on Sunday, it was announced today.

Instead of visiting New York first as originally planned, Dr. Weizmann will motor immediately to Washington to attend the National Conference for Palestine, the American Zionist Bureau said. His broadcast, scheduled for Saturday over the Columbia Broadcasting System, will be postponed until next week.

#### TATARESCU PLEDGES FAIR TREATMENT TO MINORITIES IN RUMANIA

BUCHAREST, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Premier Georg Tatarescu, speaking at Constanza, has reaffirmed that the Rumanian Government was sufficiently strong to assure fair treatment to all minorities, enabling them to maintain their languages, religions and cultures. At the same time, the official gazette published a decree requiring all religious communities to hold religious services on national and Royal family holidays.

Finance Minister Constantinescu has telegraphed thanks to a prominent member of the Jewish community for a large subscription to the Rumanian defense fund. In the town of Falticeni, Mayor Neculcea granted subsidies from his personal funds for 50 poor Jews and also donated clothing to 50 poor Jewish school children.

#### UNITY MITFORD, RETURNING TO LONDON, HIT BY LONDON PAPER

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Commenting on the return to England of Unity Freeman-Mitford, anti-Semitic sister-in-law of Fascist leader Sir Oswald Mosley and admirer of Chancellor Hitler, the Daily Mirror columnist Cassandra declared today:

"This wretched girl chose to endorse anti-Semitic bestialities inseparable from the revolting Streicher. She also arranged to be photoed in his loathsome presence and then wrote to Der Stuermer expressing personal hatred of the Jews." Cassandra concluded: "Let's hear no more of her because of her vile pals and villainous friends of the Wilhelmstrasse."

#### JEWISH PEDAGOGUE TO LECTURE AT YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL

CINCINNATI, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of the Hebrew Union College and internationally known Bible scholar, will give a series of four lectures on "Judaism and its Sects Previous to Christianity," from Jan. 8 to 11 at Yale University Divinity School under an exchange arrangement between the two institutions, it was announced today. The three-year exchange lecture agreement made possible by a grant from the Jeanette Miriam Goldberg Fund, was inaugurated in November when Dr. H. Richard Niebuhr, Professor of Christian Ethics at the Yale school, delivered four lectures "On the Meaning of Revelation" before students and faculty of the Cincinnati seminary.

#### NEW LIST OF JEWISH REFUGEES FROM POLAND

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress made public today a new list of 864 names of Polish-Jewish refugees who have fled to Hungary, Rumania and Lithuania. The list has been compiled by the World Jewish Congress.

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## PALESTINE PRODUCTS FINDING INCREASING MARKETS THROUGHOUT WORLD

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Increasing purchases of Palestine products by countries the world over are recorded in the current issue of the magazine Palestine and the Middle East.

Egypt has ordered a wide range of goods produced here, including carbon paper, fountain pens, baby carriages, pharmaceutical products and ladies' garments. Syria has placed many orders to fill her own needs and for French troops stationed there. Turkey has also displayed interest in Palestine products.

Palestine goods are also attracting interest in New Zealand, whose Government is the first to indicate readiness to accord the same tariff preference to the Holy Land as to other British countries. India, Singapore and Hong Kong are also receiving shipments from Palestine. Honey is finding a market in Kenya, while other East African territories, including Tanganyika and Uganda have ordered Palestine produce. South Africa has been a buyer for some time past, but latterly some 900 new orders have been received by local factories from a large department store there.

Experimental consignments have been shipped to the United States. They include some 20 products, including ceramics, knitwear, woodwork, filigree, handwoven linen and toy animals. One of the largest buying organizations in America is handling the consignments.

The magazine suggests appointment of an "economic ambassador" to the United States, which today is the center of 65 per cent of Jewry still living under democratic conditions and therefore more free to cooperate in the reconstruction of the Jewish National Home.

## SOVIET DENIES FACT FOR TRANSFER OF JEWS

PARIS, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- An official Soviet communique has denied that a Soviet-Nazi agreement for the transfer of 83,000 Jews to Russia in exchange for 150,000 Germans has been concluded. It said that when exchanging populations with Germany, no racial stipulations will be made and that no special agreement existed for the transfer of Galician Jews to Soviet occupied Galicia.

## EUGENE NAVILLE, DEFENDER OF DREYFUS, DEAD AT 89

GENEVA, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Eugene Naville, defender of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus and the author of several books on the Dreyfus trial in France, is dead here at the age of 89. Naville settled in Geneva after Dreyfus was acquitted.

## DR. HERMANN, CZECH ZIONIST, DIES IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Hugo Hermann, author and former director of the Palestine Foundation Fund in Czechoslovakia, has died here at the age of 53.