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### INDUSTRIALISTS WHO BACKED HITLER GOT SEIZED JEWISH PROPERTY, NAZI PAPER REVEALS

PARIS, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The German newspaper Frankfurter Zeitung has published figures showing that a handful of German industrialists who financed Chancellor Adolf Hitler's rise to power are the chief beneficiaries, together with Economics Dictator Hermann Goering, of confiscation of Jewish enterprises.

The newspaper asserts that virtually all confiscated Jewish property fell into the hands of the richest German industrialists, namely, Krupp, Kirdorf, Stinnes, Klockner, Mannesmann, Friedrich Flick, Otto Wolf and Goering.

These men, the newspaper reveals, have acquired all the Jewish enterprises producing sugar, paper, chemicals, automobiles, leather, textiles, shoes and clothing. Only Jewish film concerns, newspapers and a munitions factory have passed directly into Government hands.

The newspaper publishes a detailed list of Jewish industrial and commercial enterprises which have been "aryanized" since 1933. The list, which is reproduced by French newspapers, limits itself to the most important Jewish concerns and does not include tens of thousands of smaller Jewish firms which have passed into the hands of less wealthy Germans. The Frankfurter Zeitung frankly emphasizes that the listed industrialists now control 40 per cent of the entire German heavy industry.

### ITALY SEIZES PASSPORTS HELD BY JEWS; DRASTIC TRAVEL CURBS FORESEEN

ROME, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Passports of nearly all Italian Jews have been recalled by the Interior Ministry. The action was taken without previous notice following urgent summons to individual Jews holding passports to report to the Passport Control Office.

Only those contemplating emigration in the near future have been given back their passports. Some of these were compelled to sign statements that they would not return to Italy.

What will happen to the rest is not yet known. It is most probable that restrictions similar to those in Germany will be applied to them. The former freedom of travel abroad that Italian Jews have hitherto shared with their "Aryan" compatriots will definitely be curtailed, it was stated.

One-way passports to Jewish migrants will be the only ones issued, except in special cases where a temporary visit to a foreign country is considered absolutely

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necessary. Viewed with alarm by Italian Jews is the information that they may have to sign statements that they will not return to Italy. This step would brand them as refugees and place them in the same category as German Jews.

It is also held probable that, as in Germany, passports of Jews will be indicated with a special distinguishing mark. In Germany, Jews' passports are marked with a large "J".

FOOD SHORTAGE IN POLAND ACUTE AS NAZIS PUSH SEIZURE OF SUPPLIES FOR REICH

PARIS, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Polish official sources reported today that the German authorities in Poland had intensified seizure of food from the local population, leading to an acute shortage of supplies among Poles and Jews.

Economics Dictator Hermann Goering has issued an order including Nazi Poland within the German four-year plan as a source of food, the report said, and the Nazi food authorities in Poland have been separated from the German administration there and instead made directly responsible to Berlin.

As a result, all possessions of inhabitants of Nazi Poland in the form of grain, cattle and other foods are being registered and large quantities are being confiscated for shipment to Germany, it was declared. The confiscations have led to a shortage of bread and potatoes and food prices are mounting daily.

Meanwhile, the Polish report stated, many Jewish stores in Cracow--even those not dealing with foods--have been closed by the Nazi authorities and their owners evicted for "speculation."

The executive committee of the German Social Democratic Party, from its headquarters in Paris, issued a report, based on an account by one of its members who visited Warsaw, Lodz and other German-held Polish cities, which stated: "It is quite clear--and this is also admitted by German officials--that before Spring hunger and starvation will prevail among the population in the whole of occupied Poland."

The statement also gave added confirmation to reports of wholesale executions of Jews, mass arrests and confiscation of property.

Dead in Poland Put at 2,000,000-5,000,000

LONDON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Nazi firing squads, starvation and disease have taken a toll of between 2,000,000 and 5,000,000 Polish civilians since the German invasion of Poland last September, the British and French governments have been informed by competent sources, it was learned tonight.

Sensational reports from neutral observers, whose identity must of necessity remain secret for the duration of the war, will form the basis of a "world declaration" expected to be made by the Allied governments. The declaration is expected to pledge that drastic punishment will be meted out at the conclusion of the war to the German leaders responsible for the atrocities in Poland.

French Writers Assail Nazis' 'Barbarity'

PARIS, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A group of prominent French writers, including Jules Romains, Paul Valery and Georges Duhamel, issued a manifesto denouncing the "unprecedented barbarity of the German Army and German authorities in the western Polish provinces annexed to the Reich in violation of international law." The manifesto protested the "attempt to wipe out a nation which is an indispensable member of the European family."

PROTECTORATE EXPULSIONS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE QUARTERS FOR BALTIC GERMAN REPATRIATES

PARIS, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Eleven districts in the vicinity of Prague have been set aside by the Nazi authorities for colonization by repatriated Germans from the Baltic countries, it was reliably learned here today. Proposed settlement of the German repatriates in those districts, it was considered certain here, is one of the motivating factors behind the ordered expulsion of 70,000 Jews from the Protectorate.

BERLIN SEEN FORCING RELEASE OF IRON GUARD LEADERS IN RUMANIA

PARIS, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Rumanian circles here reported today that the Bucharest authorities, under pressure from Berlin, have begun releasing leaders of the anti-Semitic Iron Guard who were arrested after the assassination of Premier Armand Calinescu.

It was recalled that Corneliu Zelea Codreanu, executed leader of the Iron Guard, had often announced his support of Germany and had promised a German-Rumanian treaty within 24 hours after his organization came to power. The Iron Guard had been hoping for a common frontier between Rumania and Germany.

Suppressed by King Carol, the Guard continued to operate illegally, boasting that many Army officers were among its members and declaring that it was ready for action when the time was ripe.

Jewish circles in Rumania were said to be fearful that the authorities would yield to German pressure for initiation of an intensified anti-Semitic program. Zionist activities in Rumania were suppressed by the Government last week.

PEACE DRIVE, PALESTINE AID BACKED BY MONSKY AT B'NAI B'RITH PARLEY IN TAMPA

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Support of the movement to keep America out of war, an appeal for added backing for efforts to develop Palestine and condemnation of "Russia's brutal and unprovoked invasion of Finland," were voiced here today by President Henry Monsky of B'nai B'rith in his report to the opening session of the two-day 96th annual meeting of the fraternal organization's executive committee.

"The paramount importance of peace and unity in America," Mr. Monsky said, "emphasizes the need for unrelenting efforts to preserve democratic traditions and to protect our free nation from the impact of philosophies incompatible with the

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American concept of a race of free men." He pledged the 125,000 members of the organization, the largest Jewish fraternal body in the country, "to full devotion to the cause of peace in America."

Mr. Monsky urged that propaganda seeking to divide Americans, because it "threatens our unity and vitality" and constitutes "a menace to the peace and security of our nation," should be "quarantined by the mobilization of the nation's moral indignation." He cited as an "example of the product of such irresponsible preachments" the 17 members of the Christian Front who are awaiting Grand Jury action on charges of sedition.

Reaffirming previous B'nai B'rith condemnation of communism as "equally as hateful" and dangerous as nazism and fascism, Mr. Monsky renewed the organization's pledge to fight all such political ideologies menacing democracy.

Touching on the European situation, Mr. Monsky said American Jewry "cannot but share in the universal feeling of outrage against Russia's brutal and unprovoked invasion of Finland." He described the invasion as "another act in the tragedy being written by the nazi-fascist-communist dictatorships, a tragedy in which the Jews of Germany and Poland were cast as the first victims."

Mr. Monsky asked the executive committee "to approve the policy which I have been pursuing of lending the man power and resources of the B'nai B'rith in greater measure than ever before toward the upbuilding of Palestine because it affords such a splendid opportunity for the resettlement and rehabilitation of the victims of persecution."

Secretary Maurice Bisgyer reported to the committee a net increase of 19,000 members, bringing the total male membership to 82,860, as of October 1, 1939, a new high in B'nai B'rith's history. He emphasized that the organization's membership had nearly doubled in the past four years. Sixty-six new lodges were chartered in 1939, Mr. Bisgyer reported, bringing the total of active chartered lodges in the United States and Canada to 584 and in foreign countries to 62. The women's senior and junior auxiliaries have 35,000 members, 49 auxiliaries having been established in 1939, Mr. Bisgyer declared.

Mr. Bisgyer also reported expenditures in excess of \$25,000 for aid to refugees from Germany, Poland and elsewhere in central and eastern Europe and for emergency relief work in Poland, Finland and Chile.

As part of its effort to combat un-American propaganda and to fortify American democratic principles of equality and good will, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith distributed 1,771,309 pamphlets and reprints during 1939 to non-Jews, Sigmund Livingston, chairman of the Anti-Defamation Commission reported. His report also showed that the League had added 438 new "fireside discussion groups" during 1938, making a total of 2,588 such groups now functioning in 46 states, in Canada and 11 other foreign countries, as centers for disseminating the facts about Jews and Judaism; that members of the League's speakers' bureau delivered 4,534 addresses before non-Jewish audiences, including 760 in foreign languages; and distributed 10,150 books to schools, libraries and clergymen.

Aid rendered to 58 refugee students was cited as the year's outstanding development in the 12 B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations by Dr. A.L. Sachar, national director. His report emphasized that the Hillel Foundations had initiated the movement by which Jewish fraternities and sororities gave room and board to refugee students while Hillel Refugee Aid Funds, raised by the students, or university-wide funds in which Hillel was the spearhead, furnished grants-in-aid for tuition and living expenses.

#### REFUGEES STRANDED IN LITHUANIA BY TRAVEL CURBS IMPOSED BY SWEDEN, ESTONIA

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Refugees from Poland, Germany and Czecho-Slovakia, including holders of valid visas for the United States, are stranded in Lithuania as result of an announcement made here by the Swedish Navigation Company and Swedish airlines that they will carry no passengers of Polish, German and Czech nationalities if they are of military age, that is between 18 and 50.

The Swedish statement follows a similar announcement by Estonia and the closing of the Latvian frontiers to refugees wishing to cross that country. There are about 11,000 Jewish refugees from Poland who will thus find it difficult, if not impossible, to emigrate from Wilno unless they secure transit visas through Soviet Russia for Palestine or some other part of the world.

The Swedish and Estonian bans are the result of pressure from Germany after a German cruiser had taken all Polish passengers from an Estonian steamer and interned them in concentration camps as war prisoners.

At the same time the Swedish lines refused to load on their steamers cargoes, mostly furniture, belonging to Jewish refugees from the Reich who were permitted by Berlin to emigrate to South American countries. The Swedish lines explained that such cargoes might be considered contraband by the Allied naval authorities when passing French or British waters as they contain many articles on the Allied contraband list.

#### \$23,000,000 U.J.A. GOAL IS 'MINIMUM EXPECTATION,' SILVER, WISE HOLD

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A "minimum expectation" goal of \$23,000,000 for the 1940 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal was announced officially today by Chairmen Abba Hillel Silver and Jonah B. Wise. Participants in the U.J.A. are the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service, Inc.

Although the quota is the largest American Jewry has been called upon to meet in any one year, the statement by Rabbis Silver and Wise emphasized that the total of the minimum budgets of the constituent agencies exceeds the goal of \$23,000,000 which has been set up as a "minimum expectation." The 1940 quota represents a substantial increase over the 1939 objective.

Declaring that in 1940 the J.D.C., the U.P.A. and the N.R.S. must receive larger sums in order to snatch from annihilation large sections of European Jewry, Dr. Silver and Dr. Wise asserted that the 1940 quota "challenges the sacrificial generosity of American Jewry."

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Major Jewish communities throughout the country have already launched their 1940 campaigns. According to the U.J.A., the Chicago Jewish Welfare Fund is setting the pace for the entire country, having opened its drive officially on Jan. 30 at a mass rally addressed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. The Chicago campaign, under the chairmanship of Harris Pearlstein, is directed toward the largest goal in the history of the city's Jewish community. Other cities in which campaigns have already been launched include Louisville, Birmingham, Miami, Jacksonville and Troy.

#### 27,193 JEWS ENTERED PALESTINE IN 1939, NEARLY HALF WITHOUT PERMITS

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A total of 27,193 Jews entered Palestine in the calendar year 1939, it was announced today by the United Palestine Appeal. Of this number, 8050 entered between Sept. 3 and Dec. 31.

A breakdown of the figures shows that 16,370 of the immigrants came in on certificates provided by the Palestine Government to the Jewish Agency for Palestine. The balance of the immigrants, numbering 10,823, constituted refugees who entered the country without certificates.

#### LATZKI-BERTHOLDI, ZIONIST LABOR LEADER, DEAD IN PALESTINE AT 59

TEL AVIV, Palestine, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Wilhelm Latzki-Bertholdi, labor leader, Zionist and writer, died here yesterday of heart failure. He was 59 years old.

Born in Kiev, Russia, Latzki-Bertholdi was raised and educated in Riga. He was a founder of the Socialist Zionist party in Russia and also helped organize the Jewish Peoples' Party there. After the war, he became vice-president of the Jewish National Assembly in the Ukraine.

Latzki-Bertholdi was among the first to stir interest in the Jewish emigration problem, advocating the idea of organizing emigration on the basis of democratic self-help. He lived in Berlin for a time, working for the Ullstein Verlag. He visited New York in 1908 as a member of the Territorialist Commission. His articles have been published by Yiddish newspapers throughout the world.

#### SCHWEITZER COMING HERE TO REPORT TO J.D.C. ON STATUS OF CREDIT BODIES

PARIS, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- David J. Schweitzer, European vice-director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, left Paris yesterday to sail from Genoa on the Italian liner Rex for New York, where he will report to J.D.C. leaders on the extent to which the war has affected the system of Jewish credit cooperatives built up in Poland, Lithuania and other European countries.

Mr. Schweitzer, who is the first American Jewish relief worker to return to New York since the outbreak of the war, is also expected to review for American Jewish leaders the Jewish situation in general. In addition, he will discuss the development, with J.D.C. and Jewish Colonization Association funds, of a large credit cooperative system for Jewish immigrants in Latin American countries to aid in economic adjustment of refugees arriving in these countries.

The major part of the activities of the credit cooperative system established by the J.D.C. and the American Jewish Joint Reconstruction Foundation, of which Schweitzer is one of the directors, were in Poland. After the occupation of Poland the kassas (loan societies) in the Soviet area continued to operate, while in Nazi Poland it is taken for granted they have been liquidated.

Troper to Visit Budapest, Milan, Zagreb

GENEVA, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Morris C. Troper, European director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, has left for Budapest, Milan and Zagreb after spending several days in Geneva during which he consulted with Dr. Saly Meyer, president of the Swiss Union of Jewish Communities, regarding assistance for refugee emigration.

In Budapest, Troper will hold conferences with J.D.C. representatives from neighboring countries regarding aid to refugees and facilitation of emigration. In Milan, he will consult with the Jewish Refugee Aid Committee. He had previously held conferences with Red Cross officials regarding relief to Polish Jews. The J.D.C.'s activities in Warsaw and environs are assisting 50,000 persons daily.

CONGRESS SESSION HERE URGES WASHINGTON PARLEY TO FOCUS ON POST-WAR TASK

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 delegates, representatives of Jewish organizations in Manhattan, meeting at the Free Synagogue this afternoon, unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the national session of the American Jewish Congress to be held in Washington next week-end, to make the principal item of its agenda the task of preparing immediately for the ultimate restoration of the rights of Jews after the end of the present hostilities in Europe and to do what it can to alleviate and limit the extent of Jewish suffering.

The resolution was adopted after the session had heard personal reports on the conditions of oppression under which millions of Jews now live in Europe by leaders of European Jewry. Principal speakers at the meeting, which was the annual conference of the Manhattan Council of the American Jewish Congress, were Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the administrative committee of the World Jewish Congress, and the Rev. Maurice L. Perlzweig, head of its British section. They told the delegates that of the 3,000,000 Jews in Europe, 7,000,000 were living under conditions of oppression which outrival the torture of the Middle Ages. One million of these, they stated, are doomed to die in the coming year if this oppression is not ended, while the remainder will be living in the atmosphere of a huge concentration camp.

NAZI ORGAN TERMS ENGLAND NATION OF 'WHITE JEWS'

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A Berlin dispatch to the New York Times reported today that Gestapo leader Heinrich Himmler's newspaper the Schwarze Korps has published an editorial calling the English a nation of "white Jews" and describing England's Protestantism as resting exclusively "on the Old Testament."

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STANLEY ASSAILS PERSECUTION OF JEWS IN REICH

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, England, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- War Secretary Oliver Stanley, in a speech here yesterday, denounced persecution in Germany of Jews, "thousands of whom worked for Germany, fought for Germany and whose fathers died for Germany-- whose only fault was the fault of race."

FORMER REICH WAR VETERANS AMONG VOLUNTEERS IN BRITISH ARMY

MANCHESTER, England, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Technicians, former physicians and men who fought for Germany in the last war are among the first group of refugee volunteers leaving Manchester on Tuesday to join the British Army.

9 REFUGEES DIED IN ORAZIO DISASTER

PARIS, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Nine Jewish refugees were among the passengers who died in the burning of the Italian liner Orazio at sea, the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association announced today. All were on their way to Latin American countries. Names of the victims, as listed by the association, were: Hugo Schoenfeld, Elizabeth Bossert, Adolph Hutter, Charlotte Heilborn, Bertha Kleiner, Ernst Metz, Israel Elias Karl Menges and Anna Mengers.

JABOTINSKY TO FLY HERE FEB. 8 ON WAY TO SOUTH AMERICA

LONDON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Vladimir Jabotinsky, president of the New Zionist Organization, is scheduled to fly to New York by Pan American Clipper on Feb. 8, it was announced today. He plans to visit South America.

Dr. Joseph H. Hertz, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, will leave on a visit to Palestine next week.

FEB. 8 SET AS DAY OF FAST. PRAYER BY RABBI GRODZIENSKI

WILNO, Lithuania, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Rabbi Grodzinski, noted Polish Jewish sage, today proclaimed February 8 a day of fast during which prayers and psalms will be recited in all synagogues for the hardships to which Jews are being subjected.

NO ANTI-SEMITIC POLICY FOR BULGARIA, PREMIER PROMISES

SOFIA, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Premier Kiosseivanoff has received a delegation of the Jewish community and renewed assurances that Bulgaria would not adopt an anti-Semitic policy. He also promised the delegation to communicate with the Justice Minister regarding the new nationality law, about which they had asked details.

JEWS IN SOVIET POLAND HELD ANGERED BY RED TRADE CURES

LONDON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The Daily Telegraph reports that the Jewish population in Russian-occupied Poland is incensed by the drastic policy of preventing legitimate trade, thereby precluding economic existence. The younger Jews, the newspaper states, are disgusted by the Moscow-Berlin alliance. It added that the growing revolt in Poland against the "chaotic organization" of the Soviet authorities and their "brutal treatment" was causing great anxiety in the Kremlin.