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### DISORDERS REPORTED IN POLAND; MAY BE USED AS PRETEXT FOR DRASTIC ACTION

BERNE, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Basler Nachrichten's Berlin correspondent reported today the outbreak of disorders in German-occupied Poland.

The report said the Nazi authorities would use the disorders as a pretext for stiffening the already severe regime in that region.

### ALEXANDER SAFRAN, 30, NAMED CHIEF RABBI OF RUMANIA

BUCHAREST, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Youthful Dr. Alexander Safran was today elected Chief Rabbi of Rumania to succeed the late Dr. Jakob Niemirower. He was named by the Congress of Jewish Communities of Old Rumania. A resident of Bacau, Dr. Safran is a graduate of the Vienna Rabbinical Seminary. He is 30 years old and holds the degree Doctor of Philosophy.

### HOOK DEMANDS EXPERTS' VIEWS ON 'PELLEY LETTERS', REFUSING TO CONCEDE FORGERIES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Called before the House Rules Committee considering a motion by Rep. Clare Hoffman to have charges against Rep. Martin Dies expunged from the Congressional Record, Rep. Frank E. Hook today refused to admit that the "Pelley letters" were forgeries, but at the same time said he doubted their authenticity.

Hook demanded that the letters, purportedly written by William Dudley Pelley to David Mayne, his Washington agent, be examined by experts before the Rules Committee made its recommendations to the House. The letters intimated that Dies had promised to go easy on Pelley, Charles E. Coughlin, James True and other anti-Semites.

Hook shouted that if Mayne was perjuring himself when he signed an affidavit swearing the letters were genuine, then he might as easily be perjuring himself when he told the Dies committee under oath that the documents were forgeries.

Hook, even when confronted with a palpably manufactured letter, with a Silver Legion letterhead pasted over a sheet of ordinary paper, would not admit that all the letters were forged. He said he would submit proof that some of the letters had been written on Government stationery. Hook said the letters had been given to him by Harold Weissberg, former investigator for the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee, to whom he had been introduced by Gardner Jackson, counsel for Labor's Non-Partisan League.

The Rules Committee will continue its investigation tomorrow.

Z.O.A. URGES VOLUNTARY 'TAX' TO AID TRANSPORT OF REFUGEES TO PALESTINE

BALTIMORE, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, whose principal purpose in coming to America was stated by Zionist President Solomon Goldman here yesterday to be the raising of a \$4,000,000 loan from American Jews to aid Palestine, was in Washington today, where it was said he would hold consultations with various political leaders.

Dr. Weizmann, in a message to a meeting of the Zionist Organization of America's Administrative Council yesterday, called for intensified efforts to continue with upbuilding of the Jewish homeland because of the plight of the Jews in Europe.

The council responded by adopting a resolution calling on all Zionists to subject themselves to a voluntary "tax" as large as each could afford to help defray the costs of transportation of refugees to Palestine. The council also referred Dr. Goldman's plan for reorganization of the Z.O.A. to a special commission which will report to the executive committee.

RADIO STATIONS SEEN INVOLVED IN F.B.I. ACTION IF COUGHLIN IS LABELED 'FRONT' INCITER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The mystery surrounding Charles E. Coughlin's failure to speak on his regular Sunday radio program yesterday was as deep here today as it was in Detroit, the veil pierced only by surmisals that the action may have been due either to Church censorship or a plan to build up interest for some special announcement in next Sunday's talk.

The Federal Communications Commission and National Association of Broadcasters both denied having any information on Coughlin's surprising action. The development was discussed in Capitol corridors, and some members of Congress said privately the believed Church authorities had finally "cracked down" on the radio priest.

Meanwhile, with a Federal grand jury in Brooklyn considering indictments for 17 arrested Christian Front members on sedition charges and with the Justice Department avowedly seeking the identity of any who "aided" or "abetted" their alleged conspiracy, radio circles were discussing the possibility that stations broadcasting Coughlin's talks might become involved if the Government took any action against Coughlin.

At the FCC office it was stated that radio stations are liable as individuals in civil and criminal suits involving programs which they broadcast.

ISAAC GANS, FRIEND OF PRESIDENTS, DEAD IN WASHINGTON AT 80

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Isaac Gans, friend of presidents and a Washington civic leader and philanthropist, died of heart disease yesterday at the age of 80. Funeral services will be held Wednesday with Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld and Bishop James E. Freeman of the National Cathedral officiating.

PROSPECTIVE DOMINICAN SETTLERS WILL AID REPUBLIC, ROSENBERG STATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- James N. Rosenberg, president of the Dominican Republic Settlement Corporation, told a group of intellectual leaders at the ancient University of Thomas Aquinas that refugees who would aid the Republic's developments would be chosen as settlers under the recently-signed colonization contract, it was disclosed here today by George L. Warren, executive secretary of the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees. He spoke on the eve of sailing for New York on the S.S. Borinquen.

HALLER ADMITS 'SOME EXCESSES' IN OLD POLAND; PLEDGES SQUARE DEAL IN NEW STATE

DETROIT, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Gen. Josef Haller, "good-will ambassador" from the Polish Government-in-exile, admitted here today that there were "some excesses" during the early days of the Polish Republic but pledged a square deal for all minorities in the new Poland. He made his statement to Philip Adler, foreign correspondent who represented the Detroit News in Poland, Russia, Japan and Germany.

According to Adler, Gen. Haller blamed the last Polish Government for failure to meet with Jews in conference to iron out differences and said that the presence of 600,000 non-Polish Jews described as "Litvaks" was responsible for the trouble.

Asked what guarantees there were that the discrimination against minorities would not be repeated in the new Poland, Gen. Haller said: "Our best guarantee is the fact that the moment Hitler invaded Poland, Ukrainians, Jews, White Russians and other minority groups forgot their past differences with the Polish Government and fought side by side against the foreign invader. They died side by side on the battlefield and are today dying side by side before the Nazi firing squads and in the inquisition chambers of the Gestapo."

When the interviewer reminded him of the charges against him by Jews that he was responsible for pogroms and that the term "Hallerscszyk" (a Haller soldier) at one time was a synonym for a Jew-baiter, Gen. Haller explained his attitude as follows:

"I must admit there were some excesses in Poland during the early phases of post-war reconstruction. The reasons were many. They were different for different nationalities. Ukrainians, Lithuanians and White Russians were separatists. They wanted to break up the Polish State when we tried to create it. We had to use force. After all, the interests of the whole are greater than those of any of its parts. We had to save the Polish union first and make adjustments with nationality groups afterward.

"The Jewish problem then was quite different. We never accused Jews of trying to break away from Poland. On the contrary, Poland's historical tradition in dealing with the Jews was liberal. Jews, remembering this, began to flock to Poland from neighboring states. Some 600,000 non-Polish Jews settled in Poland in those days. They created an antagonism not only among the Poles, but among the Polish Jews themselves, who derogatively referred to them as 'Litvaks.' Many of those Jews brought with them the Russian revolutionary ideas. On the other hand, many of my Polish troops had been raised on the anti-Semitic traditions of the Czar. A clash was inevitable. It came. There were excesses. I do not condone them."

Referring to the "wave of national minority disturbances which preceded the German invasion," Gen. Haller said:

"The so-called Jewish question again was different than the other minority problems. Again there was no Jewish separatism. Controversies with Jews arose over questions of kosher meat, of Jewish passion for education which resulted in a Jewish invasion of our universities far out of proportion with the size of population, etc. All these were questions which could have been settled amicably at a conference table

But the last Government of Poland, to which I was not an adherer, did not believe in conference tables. It shut down all parties. The opposition was not permitted to raise its voice. Jews felt they were being discriminated against and, naturally resented it. The fact is that my own Polish party was not given a voice in Parliament. I may add that my military advice was not heeded. In fact, there was nobody to whom I could present it.

"Much as it hurts me to do so, I must admit that life in Poland preceding the German invasion was somewhat chaotic. National minorities, like Polish opposition groups, suffered considerably from this chaos. The war made us all forget our petty little differences, and take a common stand against our common foe. I am confident that those of us who will survive this holocaust will come out of it better men. Poles have learned much from our national calamity about the patriotism and loyalty of our minority groups."

#### NAZIS SEEN BLOCKING FURTHER EXODUS OF JEWS ON MILITARY GROUNDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A United Press dispatch from Berlin said today that the Nazi authorities were considering the advisability of blocking further Jewish emigration because they viewed as dangerous the possibility that Jews will enter enemy services or impart vital information. The dispatch added that emigration to Palestine has been banned for Jews of military age.

High death tolls, the U.P. said, were reported among Jews in concentration camps. Some ten per cent of a group of Polish Jews held in Sachsenhausen since the outbreak of war were said to have died. The death rate at Buchenwald, where 6,000 "Aryans," Polish and Vienna Jews are held, was also reported to be high, with scarcity of food and inadequate clothing for winter assertedly the causative factors.

#### ANTI-SEMITISM LAID TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL IN RESIGNATION OF DENTAL STAFF

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Fourteen members of the dental clinic staff of St. Luke's Hospital, an Episcopal institution, said in a statement today that they were resigning as a result of the resignation of Dr. Jerome M. Schweitzer, director of the clinic since 1938, which they attributed to anti-Semitic influences.

Dr. Claude W. Munger, superintendent of the hospital, denied to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that anti-Semitism was involved. He said that Dr. Schweitzer had resigned voluntarily. He admitted that a reorganization plan was contemplated which would place the dental clinic under the direction of a doctor of medicine. Dr. Schweitzer could not be reached for comment.

#### KEEP U.S. FREE OF BIGOTRY, McNUTT URGES AT B'NAI B'RITH PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- There will be no despair in the hearts of the Jews so long as one nation, America, "keeps alive the flame of hope to the oppressed of all lands," Social Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt told the Washington chapter of B'nai B'rith, meeting at the Mayflower Hotel tonight.

"Let us in America," he said, "whatever our race, creed, or faith, dwell together in peace and maintain always the liberty of thought, action and worship which has made us a great people. Let us strengthen our defenses in behalf of tolerance and freedom. One land there must be where freedom prevails, one Government which gives to bigotry no sanction."