

NEWS

from all over the world



by the

JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

1560 BROADWAY, N.Y.C.

VOL. VII. NO. 2.

Friday, April 5, 1940.

'BIOLOGICAL DEATH' OF REICH JEWRY PROCLAIMED BY NAZI INSTITUTE

PARIS, April 4. (JTA) -- Germany's Jewish population is rapidly dying out, according to a report prepared by the "Scientific Institute" of the German Labor Front and published in Nazi newspapers.

The institute was instructed last month to prepare a "balance sheet" of accomplishments in the anti-Jewish drive "in order to know where we stand in the fight." The press described the results as "very satisfactory."

The number of Jews has been reduced from 499,000 in 1933 to 185,000 in 1939, including about 77,000 males and 108,000 females. Biologically, the Reich Jewish population is already dead, the institute reports, since only ten per cent of the men and seven per cent of the women are of an age at which they can give birth.

Commenting on this report, the Nazi newspaper Der Weltkampf states:

"The aged Jews may await here the end of life. Racially they are already dead and need not be taken any longer under special observation. They no longer represent any enemy power, although they are naturally under constant surveillance even at present.

"If there were no war at present, this active army of the Jewish enemy would have been even smaller. The war prevented the emigration of many who will undoubtedly emigrate soon after the war has ended."

Indicative of the fact that anti-Jewish measures are still being intensively enforced, the Juedisches Nachrichtenblatt, Nazi-supervised Jewish organ, publishes a warning to Jews not to forget to add "Israel" or "Sarah" to their names when applying for listing in the new Berlin telephone directory, as required by law.

Letters from Jews in the Reich reaching Jewish organizations here via Belgium advise against sending food parcels to Jews in Germany or Austria because they are not fully delivered. One such letter, from Vienna, said:

"Please do not send any food parcels for the time being, especially no fats, as the customs house takes away all quantities exceeding one pound. We do not think that Jews abroad should support or be forced to support the Nazi welfare organizations or the Nazi Party. I should rather prefer to starve.

"I do not wish any person willing to help me to be robbed. The Jews are anyhow getting smaller rations than the chosen people of the Aryan 'God-like' nation. It is the latter that should make the sacrifices for their compatriots. We Jews have sacrificed enough."

- - -

Lodz to Be Germanized, Nazi Paper States

BRUSSELS, April 4. (JTA) -- Essener National Zeitung, organ of German Economic Dictator Hermann Goering, declares that Jews and Poles will be expelled from Lodz, Poland, to make it "the great German city in the East" and "the greatest and most important textile center in Greater Germany."

Admitting that when the war broke out the Lodz population was half Jewish, 58 per cent Polish and only 12 per cent German, the paper nevertheless asserts that "Lodz has always been a German city and the influx of Jews provoked a social declassing of the German population while the Polish State deliberately neglected the interests of this German city."

To Germanize the city, the National Zeitung states, the Nazis are closing down shops, "which generally are Jewish ones," and are settling Germans repatriated from the Baltic "to take the place of Poles and Jews who are leaving the city."

"The transformation of a city of 600,000 inhabitants, half of them Jews, cannot be done in a day," the paper says, adding that "with every Jew and every Pole who leaves, Lodz becomes more German."

- - -

Million Poles Shipped to Reich

AMSTERDAM, April 4. (JTA) -- The total number of Poles sent into Germany as labor conscripts is rapidly approaching the million mark, it was reliably reported here today. The Polish conscripts, the reports said, will be forced to wear yellow armbands marked with a "P" as a warning that they are to be shunned by Germans.

NAZI 'FIFTH COLUMN' INTENSIFIES DRIVE IN U.S., BRITISH PAPER REPORTS

LONDON, April 4. (JTA) -- The New Statesman and National, liberal weekly, declared today that a secret Nazi "fifth column" in the United States was intensifying its activities with the objects of strengthening isolationist sentiment and spreading anti-Semitism.

An article captioned "Hitler Over U.S.A." with the signature "American Correspondent" said "there is every indication that this pro-Nazi propaganda campaign, cleverly planned and disguised under various labels breathing the true spirit of '100 per cent Americanism' and firmly hitched to the isolationist bandwagon, is to be pressed with every weapon in the local Nazi armory during the coming months."

"The Nazi chorus in the United States," the article said, "pursues two main objectives--to strengthen isolationist sentiment and thus keep the country out of the war and to direct the spread of anti-Semitism as the first step toward imposing on the United States those racial theories for which Adolf Hitler has become infamous and by which it is hoped that democracy can be disintegrated on this side of the Atlantic."

The correspondent said the Nazis in America used three weapons in their campaign:

(1) Ample funds, to influence the press to publish the German viewpoint.

(2) Mobilization of German-Americans. "It is reliably reported that at least a half million German-Americans are fully regimented and working for the downfall of the British Empire. France, the Jews, the New York Times ('the best British newspaper published in the United States,' sneer the Germans) and democratic institutions, while another million are probably sympathetic to the German cause."

(3) Use of pro-Nazi Catholics, Irish, industrialists, some members of the American Legion, "even a handful of suspicious liberals who declare Tory England is pro-Fascist at heart."

The article declares that "anti-Semitism, undoubtedly stimulated to the point at which many Jews are taking alarm," and rapidly increasing Jew-baiting are perhaps Germany's greatest single achievement and one which is causing headaches in Washington.

REPORTED PLAN TO EXPEL JEWS FROM SPAIN DRAWS DENIAL IN LONDON

LONDON, April 4. (JTA) -- Official Spanish quarters here today denied all knowledge of reportedly pending legislation by the Franco Government for the expulsion from Spain of all Jews who entered after April, 1931. (A Santiago, Chile, dispatch quoted Barcelona sources as stating that an anti-Semitic campaign was in progress in Spain and that legislation for expulsion of the Jews was in preparation.)

ZOLA'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY MARKED IN FRANCE

PARIS, April 4. (JTA) -- France took time out from war activities today to mark the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Emile Zola, famous novelist who gained international renown for his role in the Dreyfus Affair. Edouard Herriot, Radical Socialist leader and president of the Association of Friends of Zola, presided at ceremonies at Zola's tomb at the Pantheon. The Government was represented by Education Minister Albert Sarraut.

HEBREW U. PROMOTES ARAB-JEWISH AMITY, WAUCHOPE TELLS LONDON FETE

LONDON, April 4. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University in Jerusalem is insurance that the Jewish people will continue to exist, Dr. Chaim Weizmann declared last night at the annual meeting of the British Friends of the Hebrew University. Dr. Weizmann is chairman of the university's board of governors.

Other speakers included Viscount Samuel, first Palestine High Commissioner, who listed the university's achievements and activities, and former High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, who said the university helped to promote amity among the two peoples in Palestine.

Sir Philip Hartog, prominent educator and head of the Friends, reported that a total of £13,613 had been sent to the university from England last year.

PROOF AGAINST SIX SUSPECTS IN PALESTINE NOT CONCLUSIVE, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, April 4. (JTA) -- Investigation has failed to produce conclusive proof against recent illegal immigrants being held in Palestine as Nazi espionage suspects, Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald admitted in the House of Commons last night.

MacDonald said, however, that on the basis of evidence he had seen he was "entirely in accord" with the action taken by High Commissioner Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael in detaining the suspects.

Since under the present circumstances it might not always be possible to obtain conclusive proof, he declared, the "benefit of the doubt should be given to the State."

Asked why the Government had not accepted an offer by Jewish organizations to assist in the prevention of entry of German agents, MacDonald said: "I am unaware of that, but I am certain that if any offers of help had been made those offers would have been accepted."

WEINGARTNER, SWISS CONDUCTOR, TO LEAD PALESTINE ORCHESTRA ON EGYPTIAN TOUR

CAIRO, April 4. (JTA) -- Felix Weingartner, noted Swiss conductor, arrived here by airplane yesterday to conduct the Palestine Symphony Orchestra on its second Egyptian tour of the season. He immediately went into rehearsal with the orchestra.

The five scheduled concerts, three in Cairo and two in Alexandria, have been sold out for ten days. Weingartner was due from Palestine Tuesday, but his plane was forced back to Lydda by a violent sand storm after nearing Port Said.

PALESTINE WORKERS' BANK VOTES 4% DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- The New York office of the Workers' Bank in Palestine announced today that the bank has declared a 4 per cent dividend on its Coupon No. 10. It is the tenth dividend declared by the bank.

BRITISH RABBINICAL LEADERS START MATZOTH DRIVE FOR REFUGEES

LONDON, April 4. (JTA) -- British rabbinical leaders, headed by Chief Rabbi Joseph H. Hertz, appealed to British Jewry today to provide matzoth for refugees in Eastern European countries.

ACTION TO AID CARPATHO-RUSSIAN JEWS LAUNCHED IN LONDON

LONDON, April 4. (JTA) -- Action to forestall complete economic collapse of Carpatho-Russian Jews, who face loss of their trade licenses under the Hungarian anti-Jewish laws, was taken here today by the Emigration Aid Committee for Carpatho-Russian Jewry.

The committee intervened on behalf of the Jews, who came under Hungarian rule with the break-up of the Czechoslovak Republic, with the Hungarian Minister here and also cabled appeals to Premier Paul Teleki, various Cabinet heads and the provincial governor of Carpatho-Russia, urging extension of licenses held by Jewish shops and businesses.

Under the Hungarian anti-Semitic legislation the licenses expire May 1 and are not to be renewed. Execution of the measure is expected to have disastrous consequences for Carpatho-Russian Jews, whose economic position is already serious.

NAZIS SEIZE PRIVATE HOMES IN PRAGUE; OUST TENANTS ON SHORT NOTICE

AMSTERDAM, April 4. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities in Prague are requisitioning many private houses, it was learned here today. Czech tenants have been given 30 days to evacuate, while Jews must move out within a fortnight from the time notice has been served.

7 JURORS NAMED IN CHRISTIAN FRONT TRIAL; COURT ANGERED BY REPORT ON JURY

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- Seven jurors were chosen today in the seditious conspiracy trial of 17 Christian Front members and supporters in Brooklyn Federal Court.

An Associated Press report quoting U.S. Attorney Harold M. Kennedy as saying he preferred an entirely Protestant jury aroused the ire of Judge Marcus B. Campbell. Kennedy denied making the statement, and the A.P. reporter present attributed the error to the rewrite man, who was called to appear before the judge tomorrow.

The public was barred from the courtroom, but a large crowd gathered outside. Copies of inflammatory publications were being sold in the crowd.

SZOSZKIES HONORED AT DINNER HERE; NAMED FIELD DIRECTOR OF POLISH JEWISH GROUP

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- A dinner for Dr. Henry Szoszkies, former member of the executive board of the Warsaw Jewish Community, was held last night in honor of his appointment as national field director of the Federation of Polish Jews in America. In a speech, Dr. Szoszkies outlined a three-point program for extending the federation's work and strengthening its relations with national Jewish organizations.

Among those present were Count Jan Drohojewski, counsellor of the Polish Embassy; Benjamin Winter, president of the federation; Zelig Tygel, executive director, and Harry J. Rubenstein, vice-president, who presided.