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DANISH JEWS REPORTED FLEEING TO SWEDEN TO ESCAPE NAZI TERROR

PARIS, April 14. (JTA) -- The newspaper Le Temps reports that Jews in Denmark, trapped by the German occupation, were making desperate attempts to cross into Sweden, fearing Nazi anti-Semitic persecution. (There are approximately 7,200 Jews in Denmark, 1,200 of them refugees from Germany.)

NAZI LOOT IN PROTECTORATE PUT AT 100 BILLION CROWNS

LONDON, April 14. (JTA) -- The Nazi loot from the Bohemia-Moravia Protectorate in the year since the German invasion is estimated at 100 billion crowns, according to a survey published in The Central European Observer.

LARGEST MIDDLE CLASS COLONY IN PALESTINE TO BE OPENED SOON

JERUSALEM, April 14. (JTA) -- The largest middle class colony in Palestine will shortly be inaugurated at Beth Itzhak, near Nathanya, with settlement of an initial group of 65 families, the majority of them professionals from Germany.

TEL AVIV GETS FIRST PART OF BIG GOVERNMENT LOAN

TEL AVIV, April 14. (JTA) -- At a meeting of the Municipal Council, Mayor Israel Rokach announced receipt of £35,000 as the first installment of the £250,000 Government loan. The Government has approved public works plans, including development of the seashore and leveling of sand dunes. Several hundred Jewish workers have already begun work on the projects.

BRITAIN SPEEDS MEDICAL AID TO REFUGEES IN LITHUANIA BY PLANE

PARIS, April 14. (JTA) -- The British Government has sent medical supplies to Kaunas by airplane for Polish refugees in Lithuania, it was announced here today by the World OZE Union, Jewish health protection society.

The Lithuanian OZE had forwarded a request to London enumerating certain indispensable medicaments which were not available in Lithuania. These supplies were purchased through the £100,000 fund put at the disposal of the Polish Relief Committee by the British Government.

Special instructions were sent to the relief committee's representative in Kaunas emphasizing that there should be no discrimination among the refugees as to race or religion. A special committee was set up in Kaunas, comprising the Lithuanian Red Cross, the Polish Relief Committee and the OZE, to supervise distribution of the medicaments.

SPAIN PERMITS RETURN OF 12 JEWISH REFUGEE FAMILIES FROM GREECE

SALONICA, April 14. (JTA) -- About a dozen Jewish families of Greek nationality who left Spain during the civil war have received permission from the Franco Government to return to Spain and resume their occupations. The Madrid Government issued the permits without inquiring about the racial origin or religion of the applicants.

ITALY RUSHES WORK ON RACIAL EXPOSITION TO BE OPENED APRIL 20 BY MUSSOLINI

ROME, April 14. (JTA) -- Italian laborers working in two shifts are rushing to completion a racial exposition scheduled to be dedicated by Premier Benito Mussolini on April 20 in connection with the anniversary of the founding of Rome.

The exhibition is termed a scientific study of ethnology, but anti-Semitic propaganda imported from Germany will be much in evidence. It is understood that German authorities on racialism are aiding in preparation of the exposition.

Meanwhile, the names of foundations bearing the names of Jews have been ordered "Aryanized" by the Minister of Interior. It is not known how many foundations are affected, but it is estimated that they number about 50. Most of them are for educational and charitable purposes, such as funds for scholarships and hospitalization.

Asked to "Aryanize" the name of one foundation in Turin established by a grandparent, the Jewish heirs changed it to Massimo Azelio, who was a fighter for Jewish independence a century ago. The executors of the Zevi Foundation in Florence, which grants agricultural scholarships, refused to suggest a more preferable name. In such cases it is believed that the foundation fund may be returned to the heirs.

NAZIS REPORTED USING ONLY POLISH, JEWISH DOCTORS TO FIGHT WARSAW EPIDEMIC

PARIS, April 14. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities in Warsaw are using only Polish and Jewish physicians to combat the spread of typhus, in order to prevent German doctors from becoming infected, it was reported here today.

In order to protect Germans from contact with disease, the reports said, German soldiers are forbidden to enter certain streets and special street cars have been designated for the use of Nazi troops. In railway trains, special cars are reserved for German soldiers.

Scarcity of soap, medicaments and hospital facilities hinders the fighting of epidemics, it was said. The death rate is particularly high among children. It is difficult to establish the extent of the spread of typhus outside Warsaw, but the situation in the provinces is apparently worse than in the former capital.

Robotnik, Polish newspaper in Paris, reports that rape of Jewish women by Nazi soldiers continues unabated in all parts of Nazi-occupied Poland. The paper said that in Zamoszcz, in the Lublin district, Jewish women and girls were obliged to report daily for "inspection" at certain places where they were detained for several hours to be violated by Nazi soldiers.

NAHUM GOLDMANN CHIDES POLISH LEADER FOR ATTACK ON JEWISH CONGRESS

GENEVA, April 14. (JTA) -- Returned to Geneva after a tour of the United States and South America, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the World Jewish Congress administrative committee, today expressed surprise at the recent attack made on the Congress by Tadeusz Bielecki, vice-chairman of the Polish National Council, at a meeting of the Council in Angers, France.

Dr. Bielecki, a leader of the anti-Semitic National Democratic Party, had taken particular exception to a speech made by Dr. Goldmann before the convention of the American Jewish Congress in Washington on Feb. 10. Dr. Goldmann had spoken of limited sovereignty of states after the war to guarantee protection of minorities, which Dr. Bielecki interpreted as a reference to Poland.

Dr. Goldmann emphasized today that neither he nor Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, had referred to Poland. He recalled that their speeches had stressed the need of an international organization which would limit the sovereignty of all states by international law. "Otherwise there will never be a definite peace or collective security," he explained.

"This idea is not a Jewish one, but has been recognized by Premier Reynaud (of France) and British statesmen. I do not think it is wise for a Polish statesman to oppose, in the name of Poland, the construction of a new Europe in which the sovereignty of states would be limited."

The Rev. M.L. Perlzweig, head of the British section of the Congress, also arrived here after his American tour and departed for London.

WAR FORCED BOARD OF DEPUTIES TO ASSUME NEW TASKS, ANNUAL REPORT STATES

LONDON, April 14. (JTA) -- With the outbreak of the war the work of the Board of Deputies of British Jews took new directions imposed by prevailing circumstances and the paramount necessity of doing everything possible to help the country in the national emergency, states the Board's annual report to be submitted to its meeting on April 21.

Mentioning the alteration of the constitution to permit setting up of an executive committee for duration of the war, the report reveals that the Board now consists of 388 deputies representing 107 London synagogues, 129 provincial congregations, 12 colonial congregations and 16 institutions.

The Joint Foreign Committee at the outbreak of the war directed its attention to new tasks which it was called on to assume because of the changed conditions. At the end of the year it had under consideration the draft of a program of work which it hoped would enable the committee to play its part when the time arrived for constructive proposals.

Special war tasks with which other committees are concerned include evacuation, with the provision of religious education and kosher canteens for evacuees; food rationing, defense activities and the technical "enemy aliens."

JUDGE LEHMAN RESIGNS JEWISH WELFARE POST; WEIL NAMED PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- Frank L. Weil, New York attorney and leader in educational and social organizations, was elected president of the National Jewish Welfare Board today to succeed Chief Justice Irving Lehman of the New York State Court of Appeals, who announced his resignation.

Weil was chosen by the 2,000 delegates of the Board, parent organization for more than 300 Y.M.H.A.'s, Y.W.H.A.'s and Jewish community centers throughout the United States, at the twenty-third annual conference at the New Yorker after Judge Lehman announced that pressure of other duties had forced him to relinquish the office he has held for more than 20 years. Judge Lehman became honorary president.

The new president, 46 years old, is also a member-at-large of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America, trustee of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, a director of the National Refugee Service and of the New York Vocational Adjustment Bureau, and an employer representative on the New York State Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council, appointed by Governor Lehman.

Taking leave of office in his address opening the conference, Judge Lehman expressed confidence that the Welfare Board would enlarge its functions to meet the critical needs of American Jewish youth, and the challenge of events abroad to American institutions.

"The Jews of America have never failed to view with level heads the situation here and abroad from the same standpoint as other American citizens, and with the same firm resolve to consider only the welfare of America," he said. "Though every Jew here feels in all the fibres of his body and in the depths of his soul the misery and injustice meted out to the Jews in Germany and the countries which are subject to Germany's power and influence, yet all Jews here are united in the intense will to preserve peace in their own country and to strengthen democratic ideals."

Striking the same note in his last annual report, Judge Lehman declared that while the Jewish centers affiliated with the Welfare Board have done their full share in assisting stricken Jews abroad and aiding refugees here, "our loyalty, our aspirations and our duties are here, and as always the work of the Jewish centers during this year has been primarily to help American Jews towards happier and more useful lives."

In his address accepting office, Weil announced intensification of the Welfare Board's program, which he said was being carried on in 314 centers in 216 cities and 34 States.

In a plea to the American people for tolerance, Dean E. George Payne of the New York University School of Education, addressing the conference, declared "the most original and sacred achievement of American life has been differences