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ROOSEVELT HITS NAZI RACIAL THEORIES, UPROOTING OF PEOPLE FROM HOMES

WASHINGTON, April 15. (JTA) -- Without directly naming Hitler, President Roosevelt denounced the Nazi theories of racial supremacy today in his speech before the Governing Board of the Pan-American Union.

"We of this hemisphere," he said, "have no need to seek a new international order. We have already found it. This was not won by hysterical outcries or violent movements of troops. We did not stamp out nations, capture governments or uproot innocent people from the homes they had built. We did not invent absurd doctrines of racial supremacy or claim dictatorship through universal revolution."

Stressing that whatever touches one nation in the Western Hemisphere touches them all, he said: "We have only asked that the world go with us in the path of peace, but we shall be able to keep that way open only if we are prepared to meet force with force if challenge is ever made."

"Today we can have no illusions. Old dreams of universal empire are again rampant. We hear of races which claim the right of mastery. We learn of groups which insist they have the right to impose their way of life on other nations."

Foreseeing the downfall of the use of force, the President said: "The value of truth and sincerity is always stronger than the value of lies and cynicism. No process has yet been invented which can permanently separate men from their hearts and consciences or can prevent them from seeing the results of their ideas as time rolls by. You cannot make men believe that a way of life is good when it spreads poverty, misery, disease and death. Men cannot be everlastingly loyal unless they are free."

German Charge d'Affaires Hans Thomsen, who had announced he would be at the Pan-American meeting to hear the President, failed to appear. The Ambassadors of Japan and Soviet Russia also failed to attend.

NAZIS CLOSE JEWISH SHOPS IN OSLO; CURBS ON DANISH JEWS FEARED WHEN GESTAPO ARRIVES

LONDON, April 14. (JTA) -- Stockholm dispatches said refugees arriving in the Swedish capital from Norway reported that all Jewish shops in Oslo had been closed by order of the Nazi administration.

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands, April 15. (JTA) -- Allied diplomats arriving here from Denmark today said that no action had been taken against the Danish Jews up to the time of their departure.

They pointed out, however, that only the German Army was at present in Denmark and the military authorities were not interfering locally. The Jews, they said, were most apprehensive over developments expected to follow the awaited arrival of Gestapo agents to reorganize the country.

A majority of the 1,200 refugees in Denmark, the diplomats said, were German and Czech Social Democrats.

U.S. Mail Service to North Europe Halted

WASHINGTON, April 15. (JTA) -- Possibility of American aid reaching tens of thousands was further diminished today when the Post-Office Department announced that extension of the European war had cut off the U.S. mail service to Russia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland and the Scandinavian countries. Service will be resumed as quickly as possible, but there was scant chance of resumption with Norway, Sweden and Finland.

NAZIS CLOSE JEWISH SCHOOLS IN CRACOW, TURN STUDENTS' HOME INTO BROTHEL

PARIS, April 15. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities in Cracow have closed down all Jewish schools and Zionist offices, including the Palestine Emigration Bureau, according to a reliable report reaching Jewish organizations in Paris today.

A Jewish students' home, the report said, has been converted into a house of prostitution for German soldiers. The report added that Jewish women were being compelled to pose in the nude for Nazi photographers and that the authorities had specified that the 200 women supplied daily by the Jewish Community for forced labor must be young college students.

A warning that no foreign currency should be sent into Nazi Poland for relief purposes was contained in the report, which advised that relief shipments be confined to food, clothing and medicaments. The report revealed that the Cracow Jewish Hospital, considered one of the finest in Poland, had been completely looted by the Nazis.

Herr Siebert, Gestapo Commissar for Jewish Affairs in Cracow, who has made his headquarters in the Jewish Community building, was said in the report to make a practice of ordering groups of Jews to perform kosher slaughter and other Jewish rituals in front of Nazi cameramen. The films will be used to create the impression that the Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland enjoy religious liberty, while as a matter of fact all the rituals shown have long been forbidden by the Nazis.

Economically, the report said, the Jews in Cracow are completely ruined. Jewish enterprises which still manage to exist were said to be under supervision of "Aryan" commissars, mostly Ukrainians. All display signs stating: "This shop is under supervision of an Aryan commissar," but even these, according to the report, are destined for early elimination.

Other reports reaching Jewish organizations here said that Nazi Governor-General Hans Frank has ordered all Catholic priests to submit lists of all Jewish converts during the past 100 years. It was also reported that the Gestapo agents in Radom informed the Jewish Community it could have some 120 Scrolls of the Law taken from synagogues returned upon payment of 100,000 marks.

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All Jews in Memel But 2 Exiled to Lublin

KAUNAS, April 15. (JTA) -- A single aged Jewish couple remained in Memel after all other Jews who were unable to escape in time had been deported to the Lublin region in Nazi Poland, it was learned here today.

This couple was also threatened with deportation but, following an appeal to the Berlin authorities, was permitted to remain, on condition that it turn over its house to the Nazis, who are paying 600 marks monthly as a pension in return.

DIES WARNS LOCAL OFFICERS TO ACT AGAINST ALIEN AGENTS

WASHINGTON, April 15. (JTA) -- Rep. Martin Dies, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, today called upon State and city law enforcement officers to proceed against Nazi and Communist agents in the United States. Warning this country against the fate of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Finland and Norway, he said that while strengthening national defense, Americans should ferret out the enemy from within.

Meanwhile, Fraser S. Gardner, former Washington agent of William Dudley Pelley, pleaded guilty in District Court to one count of indictments charging him with perjury. Gardner pleaded guilty to falsely stating he was not Pelley's representative when he applied for a job as an investigator for the Dies committee. He can receive a jail sentence of from two to ten years.

BRITAIN BARS ALIENS FROM "PROTECTED AREAS"

LONDON, April 15. (JTA) -- Greater concentration of refugees in London is expected as a result of the coming into effect today of Home Office orders defining protected areas where aliens are not allowed to reside without special permission of the regional chief constable.

Most aliens advisory committees are already dealing with applications for extended residence filed by refugees in anticipation of the order. If an alien's application is rejected he is given a further seven days to appeal to the Home Office.

Sir Norman Angell, noted author and lecturer, warned today that an anti-refugee campaign recently launched by a number of British newspaper was playing "completely the game of Hitler and Goebbels." Writing in the weekly newspaper Picture Post on "Refugees--Allies or Enemies?" Sir Norman appealed to the Government to open the empty spaces of the Empire to the refugees and refuted the charge that they were acting as German agents.

D'AVIGDOR GOLDSMID, IGA HEAD, DIES AT 63

LONDON, April 15. (JTA) -- Sir Osmond d'Avigdor Goldsmid, prominent Jewish communal worker and a veteran of the World War who retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, died yesterday at the age of 63.

Sir Osmond, at the time of his death, was president of the Jewish Colonization Association and of the American Joint Reconstruction Foundation. From 1926 until 1933, Sir Osmond was also president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. He was vice-president of the Anglo-Jewish Association and chairman of the Jews' Free School.

Sir Osmond is survived by his widow, Alice, and two sons.

Lola Beth, Berlin Singer, Dead

PARIS, April 15. (JTA) -- Lola Beth, famous German Jewish singer, has died in Berlin at the age of 76, according to the Vienna edition of the Juedisches Nachrichtenblatt, Reich Jewish organ, copies of which reached here today. The date of her death was given as March 18. (Mme. Beth sang in the Metropolitan Opera House in 1895.)

4 LORDS ATTACK BRITAIN ON PALESTINE ORDINANCE

LONDON, April 15. (JTA) -- A sharp attack against the British Government for enforcing the Palestine land ordinance without seeking the approval of the League of Nations was made today by Lords Cecil, Lytton, Meston and Snell in a joint letter published in The Times. The letter said in part:

"The White Paper, as well as the method of implementing it, seems to us inconsistent with the very principles Britain is in arms to uphold. The land ordinance discriminates against the Jews on the grounds of race and religion, a policy which British conscience rejected a hundred years ago. That such discrimination should now be reintroduced under British rule renders it even more repugnant.

"The restriction of rights granted to Palestine Jews is particularly heartless, coming at a time when they are suffering persecution unexampled in cruelty and scale. No proof has ever been produced that Jewish settlement in Palestine has injured non-Jewish interests. On the contrary, abundant proof exists that Palestine has benefited thereby.

"The Royal Commission's proposals aimed at assigning sufficient territory to the Jews and to provide a refuge for the Jewish people and a basis for a Jewish State. Such a commonwealth might enter a federation with the Arab states, which... could attain a greater degree of unity and independence than so far enjoyed, but the Government adopted a policy ruining and encumbering the ground required for a constructive scheme.

"Until the White Paper disappears in letter and spirit, it will not be possible to resume the work for the good of the two branches of the Semitic race started by Balfour. . . . Those who have repeatedly protested against the policy of the White Paper must not be taken as being in any way bound by it."

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HADASSAH ANNOUNCES NEW HEALTH PROGRAM FOR PALESTINE

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- A new health program to care for refugees who have come to Palestine during the last six years was announced today by Mrs. David de Sola Pool, president of Hadassah, addressing 1,500 women attending a luncheon of the organization's New York chapter at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria.

The plan provides for emergency feeding of 15,000 undernourished children, subsidies to the Anti-Tuberculosis League to prevent the spread of pulmonary diseases, subvention to the Tel Aviv municipality to help continue preventive and curative health work, and a system of district medical services including ambulatory treatment, home nursing, free drug distribution and obstetrical aid to rural sections of Palestine.

Mrs. Pool also announced a new "bill of rights" for children in Palestine, based on the Children's Charter of the Third White House Conference on Child Needs. The "bill of rights" is in the form of a decalogue pledging Hadassah to seek extension of pre-natal care for Arabs and Jews, more playgrounds, vocational guidance and protection against child labor.

In her address, Mrs. Pool made a plea for world unity against the forces of aggression. She praised the Scandinavian nations as symbols of progress and civilization, and commended their treatment of refugees. Other speakers were Dr. Abram Leon Sachar, Mrs. Joseph Hammerman and Mrs. Sol Boneparth.

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New Laboratory to Make Chemicals for Hadassah

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- A laboratory for the manufacture of pure chemicals has been established here by the Hebrew University Alumni Association with the assistance of the University.

The laboratory, which will begin operations before the end of the month, will be staffed by graduates in chemistry and biochemistry and will run on cooperative lines. It will supply pure chemicals required by the University and the Hadassah Medical Association.

MARITAIN SEES BASIS FOR FELLOWSHIP AMONG RELIGIONS

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- There are "foundations of fellowship and understanding between believers of different religious families and a basis for a constructive cooperation between them for the good of civilization," Dr. Jacques Maritain, Professor of Philosophy at the Institut Catholique in Paris, declared tonight in a public lecture at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Of the basis of good fellowship among men of different creeds, Professor Maritain said, "the conviction each one has, rightly or wrongly, of the limitations, deficiencies, or mistakes of others does not prevent friendship between minds."

BELGIUM SETS UP CONCENTRATION CAMP FOR 'SUSPECT ALIENS'

BRUSSELS, April 15. (JTA) -- It was announced after a cabinet meeting here tonight that the Belgian Government was establishing a concentration camp in Ruyssedele, Western Flanders, for suspect aliens.