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NEW REPRESSIVE MEASURES TAKEN BY POLICE AGAINST ITALIAN JEWS

ROME, May 2. (JTA) -- After a brief respite, Italian Jews are again being subjected to further anti-Semitic measures. Although no new decrees have been passed and none are in view, more elaborate interpretations of those in effect now are being enforced with a view to effecting further restrictions against the Jews, particularly in the economic field.

To circumvent the lack of specific decrees aimed at elimination of certain Jewish businesses, the Italian police authorities are refusing to renew the licenses of Jewish enterprises frequented by the police and consequently requiring police supervision.

Establishments thus affected include coffee houses, wine shops, bars, restaurants, tobacco shops and billiard parlors. When such places are unable to obtain police authorization for the public to congregate on their premises, they are automatically forced out of business. Jewish jewelry shops are also being compelled to cease operations inasmuch as they, too, require special police authorization in Italy.

Although the anti-Jewish measures ostensibly are taken by the police, it is believed that the original orders emanate from the Ministry of the Interior. It is also believed that other Jewish businesses in Italy will shortly be eliminated by similar methods.

TENSION BETWEEN VATICAN, ROME MOUNTING; RACIAL ISSUE SEEN FACTOR

PARIS, May 2. (JTA) -- Reports reaching here from competent sources in Rome disclosed today that tension is mounting between the Italian Government and the Vatican over the Holy See's refusal to follow Italy's lead in adopting a pro-German attitude in the present European war.

"The Vatican is the chronic appendicitis of Italy," National Councillor Francesco Giunta was said to have shouted during his sensational speech in the Chamber of Fasces and Corporations a week ago. This was the same speech in which he predicted that Italy would have to enter the war at Germany's side at some time in the future.

Giunta made his speech last Thursday. On Friday Guido Giudi-Buffardini, Mussolini's Undersecretary for the Interior, told the deputies that while relations between Rome and the Vatican were good from an administrative point of view, there was considerable difference of opinion between the Holy See and the Fascist Government on the role of the State in national life and on the racial question.

Urging a ban on the Vatican organ Osservatore Romano unless it limits itself to Church matters, the Fascist leader Roberto Farinacci charged in his newspaper Regime Fascista today that Jews had recently given the paper 5,000,000 lire.

BARRED BY SOVIET, 280 RELEASED WAR PRISONERS EXECUTED BY NAZIS, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, May 2. (JTA) -- A report reaching the Jewish Times from Trieste describes today the wholesale execution by the Nazis of 280 Jewish war prisoners near the townships of Bialo-Polona along the Russo-German border of occupied Poland.

Last March, the dispatch states, 1,100 released Jewish war prisoners arrived in Poland from Nazi concentration camps. Of this group, 283 who were born in Russian-occupied territory were brought to the Russian frontier. Soviet guards, however, refused to admit them, saying they had been instructed to let only mixed and not purely Jewish groups pass.

The Nazi Commissar of nearby Lublin refused to admit the war prisoners, asserting that the city was overcrowded. Thereupon, the commander of the transport ordered the Jewish soldiers to dig a mass grave near a forest and ordered the entire group machine-gunned. Only three members of the group escaped.

Afterwards, the rabbi and community leaders of the nearby town of Wlodwa were forced to sign a document stating that the soldiers had frozen to death while on the way to the Soviet frontier.

TOBACCONISTS LOSE LICENSES AS HUNGARY EXTENDS ANTI-SEMITIC CURBS

BUDAPEST, May 2. (JTA) -- With the end of April, Jewish owners of tobacco shops throughout Hungary have lost the State licenses necessary to continue in business. The tobacconists, many of whom have been in business for 20 years or more, face ruin.

Only a few of the Jewish tobacconists have received exemptions on account of having been severely wounded in the World War or having received war decorations. Some of those ousted from the tobacco industry are trying to remain in business by converting their shops into stationery enterprises.

At the same time, anti-Semitic measures are being extended to the postal services. Postal authorities have been ordered to submit to the Commerce Ministry by June 15 exact lists of postal officials who are regarded as Jews under the Hungarian definition. Beginning in June a "progressive elimination of Jews from postal services" is envisaged.

New anti-Semitic measures are also planned by the Budapest municipal authorities. According to the press, the Budapest authorities will henceforth not issue theater licenses to Jews, nor licenses for sale in the streets, for petrol stations, for dealing in cattle and meat and for several other businesses.

The authorities have begun registration of Jewish land in the counties of Bekes and Szoldik, having so far registered 52 Jewish-held properties. The purpose of the registration is "redistribution" of the land, which is scheduled to be consummated by Autumn. The owners have so far not been informed how they will be compensated for their property.

100 REFUGEES FROM POLAND UNDER POLICE PRESSURE TO QUIT ITALY

ROME, May 2. (JTA) -- Some 100 Polish Jewish refugees who have come to Italy since the beginning of the war are being subjected to special police supervision which is aimed at forcing them to leave Italy, it was learned today. Nearly all of them entered this country on transit visas and are awaiting immigration permits for Palestine, the United States or other countries.

Approximately 400 other refugees who entered as Polish war refugees have already re-emigrated. Most of the remaining refugees are concentrated in the port of Trieste, where the offices of the Jewish Agency for Palestine are located. Virtually all of them have received threats of expulsion, with ultimatums to leave the city within 20 days.

One case of a refugee who was expelled across the German border is reported. He is Moses Wirmin, who had arrived from Warsaw four weeks earlier. This expulsion believed to be the first confirmed case of such action, was intended as a warning to the others. Its effect has been to throw terror into the Polish-Jewish refugee colony in Trieste. It is believed that more than half of them will be able to emigrate within a short time. They represent, for the most part, the wealthier Jewish class of Warsaw and none is dependent on charity.

U.S. Consulate in Oslo Aided Refugees

PARIS, May 2. (JTA) -- The American consulate in Oslo gave shelter to a number of Jewish refugees from Germany on the day the Germans invaded Norway, to save them from falling into the hands of the Nazis, it was reported today in letters from refugees who reached Stockholm.

The refugees, most of whom have immigration visas for the United States and Palestine, recounted with gratitude that they were admitted to the consulate on April 9 and were permitted to remain until they could escape across the border in Sweden.

Some of the refugees faced Nazi reprisal if they had been caught because they had expressed their anti-Nazi feelings prior to the German occupation. All were seeking transit visas from the Soviet consulate in Stockholm to emigrate to the United States or Palestine via Russia, according to the letters.

Refugee Youths to Get Palestine Visas

LONDON, May 2. (JTA) -- Certificates for youths under the present Palestine immigration schedule will be used for emigration of young Jewish refugees from Denmark, Sweden, the Netherlands and Belgium as soon as negotiations with the German authorities regarding exit permits have been concluded, it was learned today.

The present schedule includes 1,200 certificates for youths between the ages of 15 and 17 and 400 for children from 10 to 14. Although these certificates will be issued in three installments, the Youth Aliyah headquarters have been informed they can use these certificates for 270 children now in Denmark who would have had first claim on the allocation as well as for children in Sweden, the Netherlands and Belgium.

DUTCH PAPER SUGGESTS AUTONOMOUS JEWISH AREA GUARANTEED BY WORLD POWERS

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands, (JTA -By Mail) -- Establishment of an internationally-guaranteed territory for Jews unable to continue their existence in Europe after the end of the war is urged editorially by the Haagsche Post, a leading Netherlands weekly.

"Nobody can predict with certainty when and how the war will end," the editorial says. "However, there can be no doubt that we must prepare for peace. We must now study all problems which the peace conference will have to solve. One can assume that there will be no other Versailles Conference, but no matter how the war will end an international congress will be called in which all the neutrals, at any rate the most important of them, will be represented. Among the questions with which the peace conference will have to deal will be the Jewish problem in Eastern and Central Europe, which will have a not unimportant place."

After outlining the economic, social and political developments since the last war which have brought about increasing elimination of Jews from economic positions and expulsion of many from Central Europe, the periodical suggests the following Jewish demands:

- (1) Upbuilding of Palestine must be continued;
- (2) If Palestine cannot absorb the masses which must leave Eastern and Central Europe, a territory must be designated where the Jews can lead an autonomous existence--either something like a British dominion or a territory with an internationally-guaranteed status--and where all Jews could settle who have no possibility of existence in their present homes;
- (3) Equal rights for the Jews who remain in their home countries.

The editorial expresses the belief that an agreement among the various Jewish parties could be reached on this basis. It urges a united Jewish front and suggests that the Jews immediately investigate colonization possibilities in various areas of the world.

FINKELSTEIN NAMED SEMINARY PRESIDENT; WAS CLOSE FRIEND OF ADLER

NEW YORK, May 2. (JTA) -- Prof. Louis Finkelstein, provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary since 1937 and acting president since the death of President Cyrus Adler on April 7, has been elected president by the board of directors beginning with the fall semester, it was announced today by Board Chairman Sol M. Stroock.

"Dr. Finkelstein was Dr. Adler's intimate friend and adviser for many years," Stroock stated. "In making this appointment, the members of the board of directors feel that they are acting in accordance with the desires of the alumni and faculty of the institution."

Dr. Finkelstein said: "In accepting the office, I am mindful of the charge given me by Dr. Adler many years ago and repeated during his recent illness, urging

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on me the duty, if the occasion should arise, to see that the institution be further developed in the tradition which he and his predecessors have created for it."

Prof. Finkelstein will be the fourth president since the founding of the seminary in 1886. The others were Dr. Sabato Morais, 1886-1897; Dr. Solomon Schechter, 1902-1915, and Dr. Adler. Dr. Finkelstein is 44 years old, was born in Cincinnati, holds degrees from the College of the City of New York and Columbia University and served in the rabbinate for 12 years before joining the seminary faculty in 1921.

WILLIAM BISHOP TALKED OF BOMBING SYNAGOGUES, SEDITION JURORS TOLD

NEW YORK, May 2. (JTA) -- The seditious conspiracy trial jury in Brooklyn Federal Court listened today to the reading of a statement made by defendant Michael Joseph Bierre to FBI agents which said that William Gerald Bishop, chief of the 16 defendants, had talked of bombing synagogues in order to incite a revolution which would give him a chance to seize control of the Government.

The statement said that one purpose of the "Action Committee" headed by Bishop was "to coordinate the members of the Christian Front to vote out Jews holding office."

RED CROSS AGENTS ARRIVE IN CRACOW TO DISTRIBUTE RELIEF SUPPLIES

WASHINGTON, May 2. (JTA) -- The American Red Cross received cable advices that its three representatives arrived in Cracow today to supervise distribution of 165 tons of clothing, hospital supplies, shoes, sheeting and blankets to the Polish civilian population in the Government General of Poland.

The Red Cross announced that it has expended \$542,068 for Polish refugee relief not including the value of chapter-produced garments and surgical dressings. Contributions designated for Polish relief have been augmented by \$50,000 voted by the Polish American Council, according to a letter from President F.X. Swietlik, of Milwaukee, Wis.

Relief Body Reports Distribution of \$250,108

NEW YORK, May 2. (JTA) -- Referring to the State Department's statement that the Commission for Polish Relief had spent \$83,534 between September and March (JTA NEWS April 28), the Commission pointed out today that it had been credited only with amounts received from organizations not registered under the Neutrality Act, but actually had distributed \$250,108 in cash remittances and materials sent to European countries during that period. The commission uses funds received from other agencies.

TAX BOOSTS SLATED TO KEEP PALESTINE BUDGET BALANCED

JERUSALEM, May 2. (JTA) -- Tax increases totalling an estimated £200,000 have been found necessary to maintain Palestine's self-balanced budget, it was announced officially today.

GERER REBBE ARRIVES IN PALESTINE

HAIFA, May 2. (JTA) -- The Gerer Rebbe, Abraham Mordechai Alter, arrived today from Warsaw by way of Trieste. He was met at the pier by hundreds of his followers.