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FRENCH LAWYERS' GROUP BARS JEWISH MEMBERS; LAVAL HITS JEWS

ZURICH, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Jewish lawyers, with few exceptions, and those who were members of Freemason lodges were barred from membership in the French lawyers' association, Jeune Barreau Francais, at a meeting of the association in Paris, the German wireless reported today.

The only Jewish lawyers permitted to retain membership were those whose grand-fathers had been born in France and veterans of the 1914-1918 war.

Vice-Premier Pierre Laval of France was quoted by the German wireless, in an interview with the German news agency correspondent in Vichy, as declaring that "to work for German-French conciliation in order to destroy for good and all the possibility of war between the two peoples is my one and only aim."

Laval was quoted as saying that whenever a understanding with Germany was attempted in France English policy and its "henchmen" in France, such as "Jews and Freemasons," intervened.

Anti-Semitic Agitation in Paris Increases

VICHY, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Despite violent German-fostered anti-Jewish propaganda the population of Paris is showing indifference to anti-Semitism, it was reported today by a reliable eyewitness who arrived here from the Nazi-occupied former French capital.

Cafes and restaurants which announce that Jews and Negroes are not admitted are empty the observer said while the population frequents those cafes which German soldiers do not usually patronize.

No major anti-Semitic incident has occurred to date, despite the agitation against Jews. Placards reading "Down with the Jews! Smash England!" were posted on walls by the German propaganda service. A new anti-Semitic organization has sprung up in Paris called Le Front Nouveau, which recruits members among the young, promising to obtain jobs for them. The members carry a distinctive armband and are instrumental in painting anti-Semitic inscriptions, posting placards and similar activities.

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3 Anti-Jewish Propaganda Centers

NEW YORK, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Three anti-Semitic propaganda centers, ostensibly French, have been organized in Paris in recent weeks, it was declared today by Roger Seligman, former manager of an aviation plant in Paris, arriving here on the Pan-American Clipper.

Seligman said that friends arriving in Lisbon in recent days from German-occupied France had told him the Nazis were intensifying anti-Jewish agitation. Youths ran through the streets shouting anti-Semitic slogans, he said.

In unoccupied France, Seligman said, abrogation of the law against racial agitation was followed by a marked increase in anti-Jewish propaganda in the press. However, he added, the French people as a whole appeared to be antagonistic to anti-Jewish agitation.

SLOVAKIA BANS JEWISH EDUCATION; BARS JEWS FROM HIGH SCHOOLS

GENEVA, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The Bratislava wireless announced today that Jewish religious schools in Slovakia will be closed down and private Jewish teaching forbidden.

Commencing with the new school year no Jew will be accepted in schools and tuition fees already paid will be returned, the announcement said. According to the D.N.B., German news agency under the draft bill, Jewish children in Slovakia will be permitted to attend only elementary schools where they will be segregated from "Aryans."

Slovak plans for a Jewish ghetto, forced Jewish labor and economic "Aryanization" will continue uncompromisingly, Vice-Premier Sano Mach declared at a fete at Neutra according to German press reports from Bratislava. Premier Vojtech Tuka asserted that the Jews were the enemy of every national development.

ELECTIONS FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CALLED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM Sept. 3. (ONA) -- The executive committee of the Jewish National Council (Vaad Leumi) declared today to hold elections as soon as possible for the Jewish National Assembly (Asefath Hanivcharim)--highest governing body of the Palestine Jews--following resignation of Council President Pinchas Rutenberg in protest against what he called factionalism in the Jewish community.

The Hebrew press devoted considerable attention to Rutenberg's resignation. Haaretz declared editorially that the resignation marked the failure of the Jewish community's first attempt to conduct its affairs on non-partisan principles. The laborite Davar blamed "certain personalities." Haboker openly blamed "the leading party"--meaning the laborites--for Rutenberg's failure.

NEW VOLUME OF J.N.F. GOLDEN BOOK STARTED; ROOSEVELT TO BE INSCRIBED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3. (ONA) -- The sixth volume of the Jewish National Fund's Golden Book, which lists friends of the Palestine Jewish homeland, was inaugurated today with a section reserved for inscribing the name of President Roosevelt on behalf of the American Jews.

Inscriptions on the first page include Menahem M. Ussishkin, president of the fund on his 75th birthday; Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine, on his 50th birthday, and also an inscription for "the persecuted Jewries of Germany and Austria."

A total of 7,063 names were inscribed in the Golden Book in the last decade, of which 3,063 were from the United States and 675 from Great Britain. King George V, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands are among the prominent names included.

RUMANIA INTERNS 231, MOSTLY JEWS

ZURICH, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Cabinet today issued a decree ordering 231 persons, mostly Jews, to remain in specific residence and not leave these points, the German wireless reported. The decree was issued under the Defense of the State order. The list of persons to whom the order applies included Emmanuel Săcor, former chief editor of the liberal newspaper Adeverul, the report said.

THORKELSON CIRCULATES ANTI-JEWISH PAMPHLET AMONG CONGRESSMEN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3. (ONA) -- As the House opened debate on draft legislation today, Rep. Jacob Thorkelson of Montana, lame duck "Gauleiter" of the small House pro-Nazi bloc, busied himself with circulating copies of a viciously anti-Semitic paper-bound book entitled "War, War, War" among certain of his colleagues.

Congressmen receiving the book said it was an anonymously-written and printed attack on Jews, charging that Jewish interests were responsible for all wars and the current one in particular.

When asked the objective of the circulation of the book at this time, Thorkelson said he was trying to bring "important information" to the attention of House members. He refused to comment on the book's contents other than to state "it contains a lot of good information." A request for a copy for the press brought the reply: "I am running short and you newspapermen have a lot of information now that you don't print."

Rep. Pat Cannon of Florida, who found one of the volumes on his desk in the House chamber said a cursory inspection gave him the impression that "it was something about Jews being behind the war."

A Georgia Congressman who received a copy from Thorkelson said he had paid no attention to the book other than to note "it was part of the usual stuff he has been spreading around here." After cautioning reporters "not to use my name in connection with Thorkelson" the Georgian said "he has been trying to convert me for some time now but has not had much success I am afraid."

The Montana Congressman made several trips to his office for copies of the book and it was estimated he had distributed about 50 in the House.

McWILLIAMS AIDE COMMITTED FOR OBSERVATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- William Fox, bodyguard of Joseph McWilliams, organizer of the Christian Mobilizers, today was committed to Bellevue Hospital by Magistrate Edgar Bromberger in West Side Court for 10 days' mental observation after a probation

office had reported that he was a "religious maniac" with a "fixation against the Jews." Fox was up for sentence on an assault charge arising out of a disturbance on Aug. 7 at a McWilliams meeting.

The case of McWilliams, who was also up on an assault charge, was adjourned until tomorrow.

JEWISH REFUGEE CHILDREN SHARE IN CHILDREN'S CRUSADE FUNDS

NEW YORK, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Additional Jewish refugee children in Europe and in Palestine will share in relief and reconstructive activities maintained by United Jewish Appeal agencies through the contribution made to the U.J.A. and received on its behalf by National Co-Chairman Edward M.M. Warburg from the \$135,000 fund contributed by school children throughout the United States to the Children's Crusade for Children.

At special ceremonies held at the home of President and Mrs. Roosevelt at Hyde Park last week, Warburg received a share of the fund whose other beneficiaries are young refugee children of France, England, China, Holland, Belgium, Poland and Finland. The child care organizations, CENTOS and OSE, supported by the Joint Distribution Committee, are to benefit from the contribution.

RABBI BLUMENFIELD HEADS Z.O.A. YOUTH DEPARTMENT

NEW YORK, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Rabbi Samuel M. Blumenfield, dean of the College of Jewish Studies in Chicago, has been unanimously confirmed by the National Executive of the Zionist Organization of America as head of its newly-created Department of Youth and Education, President Edmund I. Kaufmann announced today.

Kaufmann stated that Rabbi Blumenfield will have supervision of all youth activities of the ZOA including those of the three youth organizations subsidized by it. These are: Young Judaea; Masada and Avukah, with a combined membership of some 40,000 girls and boys ranging in age from 12 to 25. The Department will remain in New York for the present, although constant contact will be maintained with the Zionist headquarters, which is being removed to Washington.