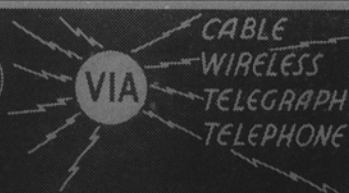


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The article brought into the open the long-undercurrent unpopularity of anti-Semitism and the Italians' coolness to the use of "international Jewry" as the explanation of war and all kindred evils.

Italy's Richest Jew Becomes "Aryanized"

ROME, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Italy's wealthiest Jew, Senator Abraham Jacob Isaac Levi, has succeeded in obtaining Government certification that he is an "Aryan," it was learned today, under the section of the racial law of 1939 which makes it possible to obtain "Aryanization" by proving illegitimacy and showing that one's actual father was an "Aryan."

Persons who know Senator Levi find it difficult to understand his action since he is 77 years old, has no children who could benefit by his "Aryanization" and lives alone with his 70-year-old wife, whose maiden name is Cohen. They reside in his showplace palace in Rome which he is rumored to have offered to Premier Benito Mussolini as a residence at one time.

It is indicated that he will shortly be officially known as Senator Leva.

Levi has been a supporter and close friend of Il Duce since the early days of Fascism. His philanthropic work in the ranks of Fascism brought him a senatorial nomination in 1933 on the Premier's recommendation. He was one of Italy's ten Jewish senators.

Born in Turin of poor parents, Levi built up his enormous fortune in shoes, clothing and department stores. He is considered one of the most important businessmen in Italy. At one time he owned most of the leading department stores in Italy, having obtained most of his business ideas through wide traveling, particularly in the United States. He is generally referred to as the "king of ready-made clothes" and is recognized as a leading figure in the development of several branches of Italy's industry. He is reputed to possess \$50,000,000.

ASK JEWISH MINORITY REPRESENTATION IN CZECH COUNCIL

LONDON, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- In connection with the opening session of the Czechoslovak State Council, the National Council of Jews of Czechoslovakia issued a statement today expressing deep regret that no representatives of the Jewish minority had been included in the State Council. Stressing that the Jewish minority had participated for 20 years in the Republic's development and consolidation, the statement voiced hope that the claim of the national Jews for representation would be acceded to in the near future.

Two Jews were included in the council in a personal capacity. They are Dr. Julius Friedman, former head of the economic section of the Czech Foreign Ministry, and Dr. H.J. Stransky.

U.S. PROVIDED 59% OF J.N.F. INCOME IN 1940

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund provided 180,000 days of work during the past year in afforestation and other land amelioration, especially in the hilly districts of the Galilee, Samaria and Judea, where stony ground was converted into cultivable areas, it was announced today.

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the refugee pressure for a haven in this free land of ours become as severe as it is, my department had proposed legislation which would provide for a further colonization of Alaska, whose economy would also thereby be greatly improved.

"Here are two small corners of the Western Hemisphere in which American freedom would mean life and liberty to fellow human beings as well as economic improvement for ourselves."

GENERAL SENDS GIFT TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Sending an unsolicited contribution to the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs, General W.H. Hodges Jr., of Elm Grove, La., declared that it was his "firm conviction that the world is now paying the penalty of its indifference to the persecution of Jews by Hitler and his kind," the U.J.A. revealed today.

General Hodges, who is now stationed at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, said the movement to provide relief for the distressed should be supported by "all people of every race and creed in this free country."

COLORADO STOPS ASKING RELIGION OF JOB APPLICANTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The practice of requesting and recording applicants for employment as Catholics, Protestants and Jews has been discontinued by the Colorado State Employment Service, the Commission on Economic Problems of the American Jewish Congress reported today. The action followed negotiations by State Senator A.B. Hirschfeld of Denver, a member of the Governing Council of the Congress.

The Commission on Economic Problems is continuing its efforts to secure the elimination of the question of religion by state employment bureaus throughout the country, Chairman J.X. Cohen stated.

Z.O.A. URGES EMPHASIS ON ZIONISM DURING CHANUKAH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of America today urged that emphasis be placed on the Zionist cause during celebration of Chanukah. "Jewish pioneers who are valiantly defending their position in Palestine, which they have built with sacrifice and toil in the past two decades, are the true descendants of the Maccabees of old," E.I. Kaufman, ZOA president declared.

2 SPIES WHO ENTERED ENGLAND AS REFUGEES EXECUTED

LONDON, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Two German spies who entered Britain disguised as refugees and were caught with a portable radio transmitter with which they intended to broadcast information to Germany were executed today at Pentonville Prison. They were Jose Waldberg, 25, and Karl Meier, 24--the first spies executed in Britain in this war.

CHIEF RABBI KISS DEAD IN BUDAPEST

BUDAPEST, Nov. 14. (JTA-By Mail) -- Chief Rabbi Arnold Kiss of the Buda Jewish Community died today in the Pester Chewra Kadischa hospital. Member of a noted rabbinical family of Nagybeeskerek, southern Hungarian town now belonging to Yugoslavia, he was rabbi in Zsolna and Veszprem and came to Budapest in 1900. He was for more than 40 years leader of the Jewish community of Buda, one of the two sections forming the capital city. He was known as a gifted speaker, poet and writer.