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DIES PLANS REPORT ON RACIAL AGITATION; FINDS MOST INCITEMENT AIMED AT JEWS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A special report analyzing the extent, nature and background of propaganda appealing to racial and religious prejudice in the United States is being prepared by the Dies Committee for release shortly after the life of the committee is renewed by the House, Chairman Martin Dies said today.

He said the major portion of the propaganda unearthed by the committee during its existence had been directed against the Jews.

"We have made a thorough survey over the past three years of all those spreading attacks on Americans because of their race or faith and I feel the publicity given the background and objectives of those who spread such propaganda will be extremely beneficial," Dies declared.

He said three classes were responsible for all published matter designed to raise racial and religious hatred. He described them as "(1) the propagandists for totalitarian governments with whom racial and religious hatred are part of the political and social beliefs they espouse, (2) the racketeers who seek profit in fanning such prejudice and (3) the mentally unstable, many of whom unfortunately have funds with which to carry our rather extensive campaigns."

"But, however they are inspired, they all, wittingly or unwittingly, aid the dictators abroad, whose principal objective today is the disunity of the American people and who welcome any movement which will contribute to that disunity," Dies said.

"Practically all racial and religious propagandists would be covered in the committee report," Dies said, but he would not comment on what individuals would be named.

U.S. PLANS NEW EXAMINATION SYSTEM TO AID EXILES' ENTRY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Justice Department is currently working out, in conferences with the Canadian Government, a system of "preexamination" for refugees which is expected to expedite greatly the entry of European exiles into this country as permanent immigrants, it was learned today.

Under the system being discussed, refugees in this country on visitors' visas would be able to volunteer for preexamination by the Justice Department immigration division.

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preparatory to leaving for Canada for subsequent reentry into this country as permanent immigrants. If the examination showed the applicant to be acceptable to the United States he would be certified as such to both the Canadian Government and the United States consulates in Canada, which would eliminate delay in securing an immigrant visa.

The plan is part of the general interdepartmental drive to eliminate bottlenecks in U.S. participation in refugee aid.

In this connection it is noted that part of the immigration quotas for Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary and Germany were recently assigned to U.S. consulates in Canada, Mexico and Cuba. It is expected that successful completion of the negotiations with Canada may lead to similar arrangements with other nearby countries.

PROPERTY OF BRITISH JEWS SEIZED BY NAZIS IN OCCUPIED FRANCE

VICHY, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Property of British Jews in occupied France has been confiscated and liquidated for the benefit of the German treasury, it was announced in Paris by Oberrat Rinke, member of the German military administration, according to reports reaching here today.

Other British property has been registered and placed under the control of the occupation authorities, but is otherwise intact, Rinke told a press conference.

He added that Palestinians, other subjects of British-mandated territories and assimilated British subjects were regarded as enemy aliens, as well as Englishmen.

PROTEST FORCING JEWS TO JOIN POLISH ARMY IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The procedure for enforcement of conscription of allied citizens is receiving urgent attention of Government departments, Home Secretary Herbert Morrison stated in Commons today, replying to the Rev. R.W. Sorenson, Laborite, who asked that Jews fearing anti-Semitism in the Polish Army should not be compelled to join it.

Sorenson said certain Polish refugees had fled to England from fear of Polish anti-Semitic repression. Prominent anti-Semitic Poles have attempted to continue their propaganda in England, he said.

Morrison called attention to Polish Premier Wladislas Sikorski's order of the day emphasizing equality among members of the Polish forces, regardless of race or religion.

COL. DONOVAN IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Col. William J. Donovan, President Roosevelt's special envoy, was in Jerusalem today. He arrived at Lydda last night and was met by United States Consul General George H. Wadsworth and Palestine Government representatives.

Accompanied by Wadsworth, Col. Donovan drove through Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, where he spent the afternoon sightseeing and later visited High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael at Government House. He is staying at the consulate until Friday, when he will proceed to Egypt.

N.P.'s HEAR NZO POST-WAR PROPOSALS

LONDON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A group of parliamentarians under the chairmanship of Clement E. Davies, National Liberal, met in a committee room of Commons today to hear Abraham Abrahams, head of the political department of the New Zionist Organization, outline plans for a Jewish army and proposals to be submitted to the ultimate peace conference.

His principal proposal was transfer of Jewish populations from distressed areas of Europe to Palestine. He said the NZO believed the conditions for establishment of a Jewish state existed only in Palestine and voiced doubt that there was an alternative territory suitable for a sovereign state large enough to solve the Jewish problem.

The NZO is making efforts to constitute parliamentary committees in Britain, the Dominions and the United States.

BEGIN RECONSTRUCTION OF BOMBED JEWISH LIBRARY IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Jewish Historical Society announced today the purchase of the Anglo-Judaica collection of the late Maurice Myers, son of Asher Myers, for many years editor of The Jewish Chronicle, as the basis for reconstitution of the library destroyed during a recent air raid. The collection includes invaluable material, such as the only copy of the Cartwright petition of 1648 for the recall of the Jews to England.

ZOA URGES CREATION OF U.S. MARKETS FOR PALESTINE PRODUCTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Promotion of the sale of Palestine products in this country as a means of supporting industry and trade in the Jewish homeland was asked in a statement issued today by Edmund I. Kaufmann, president of the Zionist Organization of America. Jewish households were called upon to include Palestine wines and other products in their purchases for Passover.

The statement stressed that until the outbreak of the war, Palestine industry and agriculture depended in the main on foreign markets, of which Europe formed a large part. Efforts are now being made to extend American and Palestine trade relations in order to recoup the serious losses that resulted from the closing of the European markets.

The Palestine Bonded Warehouse Company in Tel Aviv announces the opening of a direct regular fortnightly steamship freight service between New York and Palestine, the ZOA reported. The company states that the route is through safe zones and that both freight and insurance (including war insurance) rates are reasonable. This service has received approval of the United States Government, the company says.

A new Town Hall in Haifa is being built at a cost of L66,000, of which L50,000 is being contributed by the Palestine Government. The contract has been awarded to the Haifa Labor Contracting Bureau, which is affiliated with Solel Boneh.

A stretch of Government land comprising 800 dunam, located between Rehovoth and Gedera, has been granted to Jewish Farmers' Federation for housing purposes. It is announced that for each household two-and-a-half dunam will be allotted.

Tnuva, cooperative dairy organization of Palestine, reports that during the year ended September, 1940, the sale of Milk and milk products totaled L317,000, compared to L274,000 in the preceding year. Sales of eggs, vegetables and poultry totaled L374,500 as against L311,100 for the same period in the preceding year.

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CONTEMPORARY RECORD TELLS OF RESISTANCE TO ANTI-SEMITISM IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic measures and policies, imposed on the conquered European nations by their Nazi overlords, are meeting brave resistance in many parts of the Continent, according to an article by Hanna Fried and Zachariah Shuster in the current issue of the Contemporary Jewish Record, bi-monthly publication of the American Jewish Committee. Entitled "Conquered Europe Resists Nazi Anti-Semitism," the article describes how the people of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France have demonstrated their distaste for Nazi-inspired acts against fellow-citizens of the Jewish faith.

While the forms of resistance vary in accordance with the national temperaments of the individual countries and the treatment meted out to them by the Nazis, the writers declare enough facts have slipped through the censorship to indicate a uniform hatred for the conquerors. "Defiance," the article states, "is expressed by lone individuals, by isolated groups, by secret organizations, by distinguished societies and associations as long as they are permitted to exist, and by whole communities."

Numerous examples showing how the conquered peoples express sympathy for their Jewish fellow-citizens are cited by the authors, who state that Protestant and Catholic leaders have been particularly active in this regard. Such pro-Jewish sentiment, the article states, is primarily an expression of anti-Nazism and "must be recognized as part of the awakening process during which the conquered peoples are at least realizing that anti-Semitism has been used as the spearhead of conquest by the Nazis and that the Jews are nothing more or less than convenient scapegoats for the rulers of the Third Reich."

Lancelot Hogben, the British scientist, contributes an article, "Biology and Modern Racism," in the same issue. Other articles are "Released Time for Religious Study" by Morris Fine, "Coordinating the Community" by Rabbi Solomon Fineberg and "Conflict Among Catholics" by George N. Shuster, president of Hunter College.

BILL OF RIGHTS WEEK SET FOR FEB. 16 TO 24

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A call to the members of all three faiths to participate in "Bill of Rights Week," Feb. 16 to 24, was issued today by Col. Theodore Roosevelt, chairman of Citizenship Educational Service, which has been invited by the New York State Department of Education to cooperate in the celebration of this commemorative week.

JNF REPORTS ON TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund today issued a review of its tree-planting activities in connection with Chanisho Osor be Shvat, the "new year of the trees," which occurs on Feb. 12.

The colony of Hulda is now mechanically pressing 27 tons of olives annually by mechanical means, providing 2,000 man-days of work and marketing nine tons of oil, besides disposing of three-and-a-half tons of table olives. The industry is important in reducing present and future imports. Shade trees have converted the mountain settlement into a Summer resort, supplanting foreign holiday places.

Emergency conditions have enhanced the value of timber from JNF forests. Sale of industrial timber yielded L1,000, besides fuel sales. Tree-planting provided the bulk of wages and income at Kfar Hachores and other hill settlements pending maturation of their fruit trees.