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NAZIS IN HUNGARY DEFY CENSORSHIP IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST JEWS IN CINEMA FIELD

BUDAPEST, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The German Volksgruppe (minority group) today served notice on the Hungarian Government that it would no longer submit to Hungarian censorship but would organize a special Volksgruppe censorship.

The Deutsche Zeitung, German minority organ, recently published numerous items specially banned by the Hungarian censor and which were not printed in Hungarian papers. One of these was the interpellation made by the Nazi deputy, Dr. Ferenc Rainiss, in which he asked Interior Minister Ferenc Keresztes-Fischer to explain why the Government "allowed the majority of cinemas in Hungary to remain in Jewish hands."

The Interior Minister yesterday replied in Parliament, denying the Nazi thesis and backing up the denial with statistical data. Refuting the Nazi charge that there were 78 movie licenses in Budapest, "the majority of them under Jewish control," the Minister stated there were only 48 licenses, of which only 13 had been granted to Jews. All these Jews, he said, were war veterans or widows or orphans of war veterans, therefore specifically exempt from penalties under the anti-Jewish legislation.

Nazi deputies greeted this explanation with jeers and shouts that "Jewish influence" was responsible for the original box-office failure of the anti-Jewish "House of Rothschild" picture.

Nazi organs ascribed the box-office failure of the picture to a "Jewish boycott" favoring American pictures. They succeeded in forcing a return engagement and the film is now playing in 52 theaters throughout Hungary.

The Deutsche Zeitung announced that leaflets had been distributed in provincial towns demanding immediate showing of another anti-Semitic picture, "Jew Suss." "This is not an advertising campaign," the newspaper said, "but constituted a manifesto clearly demonstrating the anti-Jewish spirit brought by the Nazis to the Hungarian population."

The Nazis are pressing a campaign to prevent the showing of "Jewish-American" films and to tie up the Hungarian market for German propaganda pictures, such as "Jew Suss" and "The House of Rothschild." The attacks in Nazi organs have become so violent that the Jewish community was moved to protest to the Interior Minister.

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NAZIS REPORTED PLANNING GHETTO IN AMSTERDAM

ZURICH, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The German authorities in Amsterdam are planning to enclose the 50,000 Jews of the city's Jewish quarter in a ghetto, it was reported here today.

The action followed reported disturbances in the section on Feb. 10 aimed against Dutch Nazis. It was said that a number of uniformed Nazis were injured in the disorders.

EMERGENCY VISAS ISSUED TO 'PRACTICALLY ALL' 2,000 APPROVED APPLICANTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Officials of the interdepartmental committee set up to expedite the handling of emergency visitors' visas for European refugees said today that "practically all" of the 2,000 persons recommended had been issued visas. Very few were turned down, but a sizeable number were unable to take advantage of the visitors' permits made available by committee recommendation, it was said.

In addition, it was said, the State Department is encountering difficulty in distributing visas, both visitors' and immigrants', to visa applicants in Europe, many of whom are classed as refugees but who do not fall into the emergency classification.

The difficulty is due to restrictions placed on emigration of refugees from territory occupied or dominated by the Germans, officials asserted. Exodus of "Aryan" refugees has been banned entirely by the Nazis. Jews, while under less restriction as to departing, generally have been plundered of their funds and cannot leave without assistance.

The bulk of the refugees in unoccupied France are hampered in their efforts to reach this country by the necessity of crossing Spain to reach Lisbon, the Continent's sole remaining "open door," it was declared.

REFUGEES ALLOWED TO JOIN ARP SERVICES IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A Government spokesman said in Commons today that it was for the local authorities to decide on admission of aliens to civil defense services and the Home Office was allowing the local authorities to employ as many aliens as they desired.

The statement was made by Mabane, parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, replying to a question by Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite, as to whether anti-Nazi Germans and German Jews who are now admitted into the Auxiliary Territorial Service would likewise be admitted to Air-Raid Precautions squads.

Miss Eleanor Rathbone, Independent, suggested that the Home Office issue a press statement to that effect in view of the uncertainty among women aliens about the different practices in different localities. Mabane replied that the local authorities ought to be quite clear. He added that if there was any doubt he was prepared to take it up with the local authorities concerned.

JEWS AID IN REPAIR OF GREEK CHURCH DAMAGED BY BOMBS

SALONICA, Greece, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A joint meeting of rabbinical councils has decided to donate 50,000 drachmas toward the cost of repairing the St. Sofia Cathedral, damaged by Italian bombing planes, a delegation today informed Metropolitan Genabios. The metropolitan thanked the Jewish delegation and asserted that the gift would further strengthen the fraternal feelings which had existed for centuries between the Orthodox Church and the Jews of Salonica.

JEWS BARRED FROM FISHING IN PROTECTORATE

BUDAPEST, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Nazi authorities in the Bohemia-Moravia Protectorate have forbidden "fishing in all forms to persons of Jewish descent," the newspaper Neuer Tag of Prague reports. Violators of the ruling will be fined up to 5,000 crowns or sentenced to labor gangs for two weeks, it was said. A similar regulation was imposed in Slovakia recently.

COHEN'S APPOINTMENT AS WINANT AIDE CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Secretary of Interior Ickes today confirmed Washington rumors that Benjamin V. Cohen would go to London as a special aide to Ambassador John G. Winant.

Ickes said Cohen was taking an indefinite leave of absence as Interior Department counsel, tentatively estimated at two or three months, and added that he had no knowledge of what Cohen's duty at the Embassy would be.

Washington reports are that Cohen will be Winant's legal advisor. His selection as an aide to Winant, responsible for the drafting of much of the New Deal social and economic legislation, Cohen has been comparatively idle in recent months in his post as counsel to the Federal Power Policy Committee and recently it was reported that his retirement from the Government service to enter private practice in law was imminent.

FIRST SETTLERS OF HEDERA COLONY HONORED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The 30 survivors of the men who first established the Hedera colony 50 years ago were presented with scrolls at a rally at the settlement today. After the rally, Menachem M. Ussishkin, 76-year-old president of the Jewish National Fund, and Moshe Smilanski joined in dancing the Hora on the platform.

Chairman Meirson of Hedera declared at the meeting that it was the privilege of the settlers to recall the glowing chapter of heroism marking Hedera's founding "in this dark hour for the European Jews." Among those attending the rally were Chief Rabbi Ben-Zion Uziel, Rabbi Meir Berlin, Eliezer Kaplan, representatives of the Palestine Government and of the British forces and notables from all over the country.

SEEK TO INJECT ANTI-SEMITISM INTO HEARINGS ON LEND-LEASE BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- An abortive attempt to inject anti-Semitism into Senate consideration of the Lend-Lease Bill was broken up today when Capitol police ejected Miss Mynnie Fisher of Milwaukee and several other members of the group of 250 describing themselves as "the veiled mothers" from the Capitol building.

Previous to their ejection, a sizeable group of representatives of the protest delegation, which descended on Washington last night, crowded into the Senate lobby bearing American flags. They heckled Senator Pepper of Florida and other Senators with cries of, "Why do you let Sol Bloom and his henchmen send our boys to war?"

While the leaders of two organizations, the Mothers' Crusade headed by Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling of Chicago and the Mothers' Mobilizing Against War headed by Miss Fisher, said the

presence of the 250 women here was in the nature of a spontaneous protest, members of the rank and file were frank in admitting that the "crusade" had been organized by Father Charles E. Coughlin and Charles E. Hudson of Omaha, a well-known anti-Semitic pamphleteer.

The organizations' headquarters at the Plaza Hotel here has been a distribution point for much anti-Semitic literature including that authorized by Hudson. Most of the pamphlets and books being distributed at the headquarters dwell on the theme of "international Jewry's responsibility for the war."

Mrs. Dilling said today that 500 other women would join the group here by Saturday and that a protest parade would be held.

PALESTINE INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY SHOWS UPWARD TREND

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12. (JTA-By Mail) -- Industrial activity in Palestine has shown an upward trend since July, when the lowest level since the beginning of the war was reached.

The October bulletin of the Jewish Agency Research Institute gives index figures for the number of man-days of work per month in 315 enterprises, based on the average for the period from October, 1938, to September, 1939. Production fell following the outbreak of the war, and the November, 1939, figure was down to 94.6, rising gradually to 111.4 in May, 1940. In July, following Italy's entry into the war, production dropped to 97.6; in August it had risen again to 100.9, in September to 103.9 and in October to 109.1. Similar trend is shown by the index figure for the wage bill.

It is pointed out in the bulletin that actually the expansion of industry has been more rapid than is indicated by these figures, for monopoly enterprises such as the refinery and Palestine Potash, whose output has greatly increased, are not included in the 315 enterprises observed, while in addition there is no indication of the number of new enterprises, factories and workshops established. The enterprises upon which these figures are based represent 20 per cent of the industrial works included in the 1937 census. They employ 37 per cent of the total number Jews working in industry and represent 44 per cent of the total value of production.

Meanwhile, the regulation of Palestine's oil industry in a manner similar to the citrus industry was suggested by A. Grazovsky, of the Government Department of Agriculture, before the Committee on Agricultural Economics and Marketing, which met here.

Olive growers should be protected by special rules governing the picking, storage, percentage of acidity and purity, Grazovsky declared, pointing out that over 500,000 dunams of land were under olive tree cultivation as compared with the 300,000 dunams devoted to citrus.

In spite of the difficulties which would undoubtedly occur at the beginning, such measures were particularly important now that less oil was consumed by the Nablus soap industry owing to the decrease in export.

The pressing problem now, explained Grazovsky, was to raise the standard of the surplus olive oil on hand so that it can compete in foreign markets. Recent experiments by the Department of Agriculture on the oil content of olives from various countries, namely Morocco, Italy and Spain, have proved that the Palestine fruit contains the highest proportion, 47.5 per cent of oil.