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### NAZI-INSPIRED PLAN FOR POGROM IN YUGOSLAVIA UNCOVERED

LONDON, Feb. 21. (JTA) -- Axis propaganda in Yugoslavia is being accompanied by violent anti-Jewish agitation, according to reliable reports received here today.

A plan to blow up the Jewish community offices in Zagreb and organize pogroms there was uncovered by an investigation into a Croat Fascist bomb plot against the British consulate in Zagreb. The Government is reported to be trying to hush up Croat Fascist activities, which are guided by German Nazi agents.

The Belgrade newspaper Vreme is demanding a numerus clausus on Jews and introduction of "ghetto benches" in elementary schools.

### Hungarian Deputies Protest Anti-Jewish Film

BUDAPEST, Feb. 21. (JTA) -- The German-made propaganda film, "Jew Suss," is now showing in suburban as well as metropolitan theaters to hysterical audiences whipped up by the expanding propaganda campaign.

It is reported a whole company of soldiers, led by their officers, were shown the film gratis in the provinces. The picture is having such inflammatory effects that several Parliament deputies have written to Premier Paul Teleki urging a ban on its exhibition to avoid possible outbreaks. One deputy said he was writing because he was "ashamed to raise the question in the House."

### NAZIS PLAN "JEW-LESS" VIENNA BY APRIL 20; INTENSIFY EXPULSION TO POLAND

BUDAPEST, Feb. 21. (JTA) -- Expulsion of Jews from Vienna to Poland has been intensified with the object of completely ridding the city of its Jewish population of 40,000 before Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler's birthday on April 20, according to informed travelers who arrived here today.

Baldur von Shirach, Provincial Governor of Vienna, was said to have promised "a Jewless Vienna for the Chief's birthday."

The Lublin Jewish "reservation" in Nazi-occupied Poland was reported to be the destination of a large number of the Jews being expelled. The first party to be transported (Continued on reverse side)

to Poland was said to have numbered 1,100. In another transport, several Jews died of the intense cold while en route to Poland in unheated trains.

It was reported that Dr. Joseph Loewenherz, head of the Vienna Jewish Community, had been confined in the hospital, suffering from a nervous breakdown. Dr. Loewenherz had been devoting intensive efforts to arrange emigration of Jews from Vienna.

### 3 JEWS RELEASED FROM INTERNMENT IN FRANCE

VICHY, Feb. 21. (JTA) -- Three important Jews are among a large number of political internees reported today to have been released by order of the Vichy Government.

Paul-Louis Weiller, former head of the Gnome-et-Rhone airplane motor works, and Marcel Bloch, foremost airplane construction expert, were said to have been freed from the Pellevoisin internment center. Both were arrested last October and Weiller was deprived of his French citizenship and property.

Abraham Schrameck, former Minister of Interior, was also released from Pellevoisin, where he had been under "administrative internment." He had been a leader in Edouard Berriot's Radical Socialist Party.

### WEIZMANN LEAVING FOR NEW YORK SOON

LONDON, Feb. 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency, is scheduled to leave for the United States on March 8, it was learned today. He will fly to Lisbon, from where he is expected to take the Clipper to New York on March 8.

Dr. Weizmann will bring to New York important news resulting from his prolonged negotiations with the British Government regarding various problems concerning Jewish interests in Palestine, including the proposed formation of a Jewish army.

### CONDITIONS FOUND SATISFACTORY IN BRITISH INTERNMENT CENTER

LONDON, Feb. 21. (JTA) -- Otto Schiff, chairman of the German Jewish Aid Committee, returning from a visit to the Isle of Man internment camps, today expressed complete satisfaction with conditions in the camps.

Schiff declared he had advised internees without means or prospects of employment to stay in the camp, pointing out the Government had stated that internment cast no stigma on the character of the refugee. Through employment in the camps, internees could contribute to the war effort, even while interned, he said.

Meanwhile, it was announced that part of the Jews' Temporary Shelter, which closed at the beginning of the war, will shortly be reopened as a hostel for Jewish working men who either have been bombed out of their homes or whose wives and children have evacuated so that they have no one to do housekeeping for them.

The hostel will be run through the London Hostels' Association and those utilizing it must contribute to the cost of board and lodging. At the same time, the shelter is carrying on assistance to stranded aliens whose cases do not come within the scope of work of other organizations.

POSTMASTER ASKS CHECK ON FOREIGN PROPAGANDA; REPORTS 15 TONS DESTROYED IN 2 MONTHS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21. (JTA) -- Reporting that 15 tons of foreign propaganda, much of it anti-Semitic material from Germany, had been destroyed by the Postoffice since last December, Postmaster-General Frank Walker has recommended legislation to force identification of the sources of foreign propaganda.

Walker's recommendation was made public in a letter to Senator Kenneth McKellar (Dem., Tenn.) in which he revealed that since last December the Post Office Department had taken advantage of a technicality in the 'foreign agents' registration act to destroy 75,000 pieces of foreign propaganda mail received for distribution in this country, mostly at Pacific Coast ports.

Under the law all foreign agents who have not registered with the State Department lose the right to use the U.S. mails. While most of those distributing the propaganda in this country have registered, the postal authorities took advantage of a little-noted phase of the act which requires those abroad to do so also.

It was the mail from these agents which has been destroyed. The bulk of it came from Germany and Russia, some from Japan and comparatively little from Britain and Italy, Walker declared. He did not go into details as to the nature of the material seized by officials of the Foreign Mail Section, but said that a substantial part of that from Germany was anti-Semitic.

Pointing out that under the International Postal Agreement the department had been forced to notify foreign governments of the destruction of the mail, Walker urged legislation which would publicize both the sender and receivers of propaganda as being in line with "Congress's evident policy that publicity rather than prosecution" should be used to combat alien propagandists.

Revealing that the postal authorities and the Department of Justice have had such legislation under study for some time, the postal chief recommended that the legislation require copies of a foreign propaganda to be filed with the U.S. Government as a condition for distribution, and that the names of the senders and recipients be marked plainly on the mail and be made available to the public, which would also be permitted access to the propaganda matter on file. In this manner, he pointed out, the admittedly knotty problem of totalitarian efforts to stir dissension and sympathy for foreign political and social theories could be met without recourse to censorship or U.S. withdrawal from the international postal agreement.

Senator McKellar said he contemplated sponsoring "some legislative move to combat this alien propaganda which attacks our people and our form of Government," but added that "it depends greatly on how far we will be able to go under the Constitution and in the public interest."

BROTHERHOOD WEEK OBSERVANCE BEGINS SATURDAY IN 2,000 COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 21. (JTA) -- Twenty-nine national organizations are officially cooperating in the observance of Brotherhood Week, Feb. 22 to 28, it was announced by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, sponsors of the observance. According to Dr. Clinchy, this is the largest number of national groups which have ever cooperated in the observance. The week will be marked in some 2,000 communities.

Among the organizations are the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, American Jewish Committee, Anti-Defamation League, Jewish Welfare Board, Junior B'nai B'rith, International Council of Religious Education; National Council of Jewish Women, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and National Federation of Temple Youth.

The three radio networks have scheduled programs in connection with the observance. "Portrait of an American," a drama based on the life of the late Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, will be broadcast over the Red Network of NBC from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m., EST, Saturday. CBS will broadcast a program on Saturday featuring Dr. Frank Kingdon, the educator. Dr. Clinchy will speak over the Mutual network from Atlantic City from 12:15 to 12:30, EST, Thursday, Feb. 27, in an address, "Liberties and Duties," before a general assembly of the convention of school administrators.

Programs for Brotherhood Week will be on the air on more than 150 local stations in various cities, cooperating through the use of three 15-minute scripts made available by the N.C.C.J. The scripts revolve around the "National Unity" theme. Cooperating with stations in putting on these programs are local "round tables" of the NCCJ committees of citizens furthering the observance of Brotherhood Week.

Gladys Swarthout, guest soloist on the Ford Sunday Evening Hour over the Columbia network on Sunday, will sing the late Cantor Joseph Rosenblatt's "Hallelujah" in observance of Brotherhood Week.

#### HITLER OFFERED POLAND COLONY FOR JEWS, LIPSKI REVEALS

LONDON, Feb. 21. (JTA) -- Josef Lipski, former Polish Ambassador to Berlin, revealed for the first time today that colonies large enough to "settle the whole Jewish problem" had been offered to Poland by Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler at the time when he tried to secure Warsaw's cooperation in plans for German hegemony in Europe. Lipski is now serving as a private in the Polish army in Britain.

#### 1,800 JEWS HELD IN ITALIAN CONCENTRATION CAMPS

ROME (JTA-By Mail) -- Approximately 1,800 Jewish refugees are now interned in Italian concentration camps. An estimated 1,400 others, nearly all women and children, are still at liberty, principally in the cities of Milan and Rome.

The largest group of interned, about 1,000, are concentrated in barracks near the village of Cosenza in southern Italy. Although the accommodations are improvised and wanting in some provisions, principally heating and toilet facilities, they are generally praised as sufficiently comfortable, considering the circumstances. Continuous and effective efforts are being made to improve accommodations, Italian authorities being particularly efficient in acting on suggestions of interned refugees and camp officials.

The interned enjoy a maximum amount of liberty although under strict surveillance. All forms of recreation, and particularly sports, are encouraged. This latter activity has reached the point where teams of "all stars" selected from among the refugees have several times engaged, and usually beaten, local village soccer teams. Some of the refugees had been big names in European soccer circles in pre-Hitler days.