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NAZIS SPEED ELIMINATION OF JEWS FROM DUTCH ECONOMY; 2-WEEK DEADLINE REPORTED

STOCKHOLM, March 3. (JTA) -- The elimination of Jews from economic life in Holland along the same lines as in occupied France and other Nazi-held countries is contemplated by the Nazi administration there, according to Utrechtsch Dagblad, a Dutch daily newspaper published under Nazi censorship.

"Within a fortnight the entire commercial life of Amsterdam will be freed of Jewish domination," the newspaper reports.

The report reveals that Jews in Amsterdam will no longer be permitted to use the municipal slaughterhouse, which actually amounts to depriving Jews of kosher meat.

While isolating the Jews in Amsterdam from the rest of the population, the Nazi military authorities demand that Amsterdam Jewry contribute a large proportion of the 15,000,000 guilders (about \$3,000,000) "fine" imposed by the Nazi administration upon the city as a penalty for the recent disorders against the occupation forces. The Nazi press in Germany attributes the anti-Nazi riots to an alleged "secret Jewish organization."

Marshal Hermann Goering's Essener National Zeitung came out with an article from its correspondent in The Hague requesting a "total solution of the Jewish question in Holland." The correspondent says that the Jews are to be held responsible for the increasing sabotage in Holland. He demands that strict measure be taken against the Jews "in order to make it impossible for them to spread hate and dissension in Holland, to attack the Dutch population and to incite to cowardly acts."

(The New York Times, in a cable from its Berlin correspondent, says that the cause of recent disturbances in Amsterdam remains clouded. Non-Nazi circles state that the measures taken by the Dutch National Socialist Party against the Jewish inhabitants of Amsterdam caused clashes. The Jews, it is said, were defended by Netherland workers, particularly stevedores in the harbor section. The police were forced to intervene, these sources continue, and did so with such sharpness that street car, gas and electric workers struck in sympathy with the Jews.)

Meanwhile, it was reported from Amsterdam that a Jew was executed by a German firing squad today and many others were sentenced to prison terms of ten years or more in connection with last week's disorders. The Jew who was executed was accused of spraying acid on a Gestapo agent.

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JEW EXECUTED BY NAZIS IN FRANCE AS 'FOREIGN RECRUITING AGENT'; 4 YOUTHS JAILED

VICHY, March 3. (JTA) -- A Jew charged with acting as a recruiting agent for "a foreign power" has been shot at Nancy under sentence of a German military tribunal, it was reported from Paris today. The man, whose name was held secret, was said by the Nazis to be "an Israelite and former collaborator of Leon Blum," Socialist ex-Premier of France.

Four youths alleged to have been enrolled by the "agent" were sentenced to death, but after intervention by Fernand Brinon, French Government delegate in the occupied zone; the Bishop of Nancy and the university authorities, the sentence was commuted to imprisonment. A number of other persons have been arrested in connection with the affair.

The French authorities in the occupied zone have issued a statement warning youths against enrolling in "foreign forces," stating that this is not only punishable by the German courts, but by the French laws. In connection with increasing activity of "foreign recruiting agents," Mediterranean ports are being watched with utmost strictness, it is stated.

WINANT STRESSES HE CHOSE COHEN AS AIDE

LONDON, March 3. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador John G. Winant, at a press conference today for American correspondents, went out of his way to emphasize that he personally was responsible for choosing Benjamin V. Cohen as his legal counsellor. No questions had been asked at this point and it was Winant's only unsolicited remark during the conference. It was presumed that the Ambassador intended his remark as a reply to Axis propaganda stating that President Roosevelt had chosen Cohen and that the appointment proved Roosevelt's "close connections with the Jews."

PATRIA DEATH TOLL RISES TO 170

JERUSALEM, March 3. (JTA) -- The death toll in the Patria disaster of last November reached 170 today when 12 more bodies, including that of a child, were recovered from the sunken bulk of the vessel which sank in Haifa harbor after a mysterious blast last November while waiting to transport more than 1,700 Jewish refugees who had been barred from Palestine to a British colony for the duration of the war. None of the bodies was identified. The survivors of the tragedy ultimately were permitted to remain in Palestine.

FARM RESEARCH CENTER OPENED AT DAGANIA

JERUSALEM, March 3. (JTA) -- Hundreds of Jewish settlers from the Jordan Valley and the Galilees participated in the informal inauguration of a \$5,000 research and instruction center at Daganja dedicated to the study of nature and agriculture. The center includes a library, a collection of plants and a zoo. It was erected with funds contributed largely by Americans and South Africans.

CONDITIONS IN WARSAW GHETTO DESCRIBED

LONDON, Feb. 12. (JTA-Airmail) -- Living space in the Warsaw ghetto is so restricted that two families have to be accommodated in a single room, the Polish Telegraphic Agency learns from a reliable informant who has arrived in Istanbul from Warsaw.

Average earnings, he states, are as low as from 90 to 200 zlotys, and in present conditions this does not suffice even for the purchase of food.

Conditions in the concentration camp at Oswiecim, it is stated, are even worse. There is no heating at all, and recently some three hundred persons were found frozen to death.

BACKER, LYOVITCH PAY TRIBUTE TO BRAMSON

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- Statements by George Backer, president of the American ORT Federation, and Dr. David Lyovitch, vice-president of the World ORT Union, mourning the death of Dr. Leon Bramson, chairman of the Executive Committee of the World ORT Union Central Board, were issued today.

Backer said: "The death of Dr. Bramson is a deep personal loss to those who knew him for his passionate devotion to humanitarian principles. To the ORT, in whose behalf he worked strenuously for 32 years, his loss is irreparable. It is due to the organization he developed that ORT can continue its vital program with the efficiency and thoroughness that marked his administration.

"We in America can pay no better tribute to this noble leader of Jewry than to pledge ourselves anew to the ideals that motivated his entire life, and to assure Dr. Bramson's associates, Prof. William Oualid, president of the Central Board; Pierre Dreyfus, Baron Pierre de Guinzburg and Dr. A. Syngalowski that we will give them the same undiminished support."

Dr. Lyovitch stated: "I consider that the loss of Dr. Leon Bramson is a great loss not only for ORT but for all Jewry, for whom he gave his life. He was a victim of his own indefatigable devotion to the cause of the rehabilitation of Jewry. He was already a sick man when France collapsed; and yet he refused to leave his post although the conditions in South France were such that there is no question that they further undermined his health and shortened his life. His past had conditioned him to accept his duties as sacred. This is characteristic of the man with whom I worked so closely for over twenty years.

"My best tribute to Dr. Bramson's memory will be not to express my personal grief but to help in seeing to it that the work of ORT continues without interruption. In this spirit, I send my heartfelt condolences to my colleagues, Prof. Oualid, president of the Central Board of ORT; Dr. Syngalowski, Pierre Dreyfus and Baron Pierre de Guinzburg, vice-presidents of the Central Board, as well as to the many other old co-workers of Dr. Bramson."

SOVIET PLANS TO SEND 1,000 MORE FAMILIES TO BIRO-BIDJAN

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 3. (JTA-By Mail) -- A thousand more Jewish families are to become members of the collective farms of Biro-Bidjan in the course of this year, it was revealed by M. Sucharev, Secretary of the Jewish autonomous region, speaking at a Moscow press conference, according to reports in the Soviet press.

Plans for the development of the Region, Sucharev added, also include the establishment during this year of four new settlements.

ANTI-JEWISH LIBRARY ESTABLISHED IN FRANKFORT

ZURICH, Feb. 9. (JTA-By Mail) -- A special anti-Jewish library has been set up at Frankfort by Alfred Rosenberg for "research" into the Jewish question, according to a broadcast from Breslau.

AUHAGEN INDICTED FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER AS FOREIGN AGENT

WASHINGTON, March 3. (JTA) -- A Federal Grand Jury, probing the vast Nazi propaganda network in this country since last October, today took its first action in handing down an indictment against Friedrich Ernst Aubagen, for failure to register as an agent of a foreign government.

The indictment found that Aubagen had lectured, arranged meetings and written articles seeking to create a favorable impression of Hitler's regime for pay since September, 1938, and had attempted to contact many people who could aid him in this aim. His establishment of the American Fellowship Forum and the magazine, Today's Challenge, were cited in the indictment.

If Aubagen fights the indictment it is expected that testimony at the trial will cast a revealing light on the extent of the Nazi propaganda effort in this country and the names and members of U.S. citizens who have cooperated in its establishment.

Still under Grand Jury investigation is the Department's demand for the indictment of Manfred Zapp, chief of the Nazi-subsidized Transocean News Service, for the same offense. Zapp is registered as a foreign newspaperman, but he failed to describe himself as a propagandist.

Indication that the Justice Department is seeking the indictment of several other foreign propagandists in addition to Zapp was seen in the Department's comment that "the Grand Jury has not finished its deliberations and other indictments may follow."

30 ANTI-ALIEN BILLS INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- Thirty "anti-alien" bills have been introduced in Congress during its first month of the present session, it was disclosed in a study made public today by Prof. Walter Rautenstrauch, of Columbia University, co-chairman of the Fifth National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, which is to be held in Atlantic City on March 29 and 30.

The study shows that ten measures pending in Congress would exclude non-citizens from securing employment in specific fields. Twelve of the thirty bills pending are deportation measures.

CANADA GETS FIRST HILLEL FOUNDATION

WASHINGTON, March 3. (JTA) -- Opening of the first B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation in Canada, at Queens University, Kingston, Ont., was announced by B'nai B'rith here today. In addition five new Hillel counselorships were established, three in New England, one at the University of Arizona and one at Miami University in Ohio. This brings to 55 the number of colleges where Hillel Foundation has units, serving 30,000 Jewish students.

DR. SALZ, POLISH ZIONIST LEADER DEAD

GENEVA, March 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham Salz, veteran Polish Zionist, vice-president of the first Zionist Congress in Basel in 1897 and founder of the Palestine colony of Mahanaim, has died in Tarnow at the age of 77, reports Gazeta Zydowska, Jewish organ in Poland.

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