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HITLER PUTS BLAME FOR BALKAN WAR ON 'JEWISH FINANCE'

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- Chancellor Hitler charged that the war "was forced on Germany by British Imperialism and by Jewish finance and capital" in a statement to the German people early today on the Yugoslav developments, according to a resume of the statement picked up by the Columbia Broadcasting System's short-wave listening station.

It was recalled here that the Chancellor had blamed "Jewish plutocratic and democratic upper crust" for the war in a statement to the German people when it started in September, 1939. The same accusations were made when the Nazis attacked Norway, Holland and other countries.

In his declaration today Hitler said "the present Yugoslav Government is ruled by the same dark forces which once before inflamed Europe and led the continent into a war through the Sarajevo incident," according to the listening station resume.

There are 75,000 Jews in Yugoslavia, half of them located in Belgrade, Zagreb and Sarajevo. There is a small number in Slovenia and virtually none in Montenegro. The 12,000 Jews of Zagreb began hurried evacuation of the town for interior points during recent days owing to fears of a German invasion.

NAZI AGITATION IN SYRIA, IRAQ FORESHADOWS AXIS DRIVE ON PALESTINE

LONDON, April 6. (JTA) -- Informed circles today interpreted the intensification of Nazi agitation in Syria and Iraq, coupled with the Axis occupation of Bengazi, as foreshadowing a new Axis drive towards Palestine and the Suez Canal.

In connection with the coup d'etat in Iraq led by Rashid Ali-Bey Gailani which overthrew the government of Seyid Taha al-Hashimi, the name of Haj Amin el Husseini, exiled ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and leader of the Palestine Arab nationalists, came into the limelight today.

The Times declared: "It is more than possible he assisted Rashid in the intrigues to overthrow the Government. The Mufti has become quite a feature in the Iraqi political landscape and is believed also to be dabbling in Syrian affairs."

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The Times asserted it had been learned that the Nazi leader behind the troubles in Syria was named van Heuting.

The ex-Mufti, who fled to Syria and then to Iraq during the Palestine revolt of 1939 to avoid arrest by the British authorities, was reported to be working with Axis agents to spread anti-British feeling in the Near East. He was said to have at his disposal Arab propagandists trained in Berlin for agitation among the Arabs.

Activities of Gestapo agents in Syria and Iraq have been intensified in recent weeks. The British authorities have received information that the Nazis are pouring funds into Syria to finance propaganda among certain Arab organizations known to be pro-German. These include the National Arab Youth, the Arab Group of National Action and the Arab Club, the last of which comprises mainly persons who are German-educated and avowed Arabian National Socialists.

(A competent Arab observer who reached Istanbul, Turkey, told the correspondent of the New York Times there two weeks ago that he saw posters pasted up in the market place in a Syrian city reading: "In Heaven Allah is thy ruler, on earth Adolf Hitler will rule us." These posters, carrying a huge swastika, appeared in the early morning hours and were promptly torn down, but by the afternoon they had been replaced. The whole country is a hotbed of Nazi propaganda, he said.

VALLAT PREDICTS EXPULSION OF DENATURALIZED JEWS FROM FRANCE

VICHY, April 6. (JTA) -- Xavier Vallat, newly-appointed Commissar-General for Jewish Affairs, declared at a press conference in Paris that denaturalized Jews probably would be "expelled" from France, it was learned here today.

Meanwhile, the Journal Officiel said that 59 Jews were among a group of 265 persons deprived of their French citizenship last week. Seventeen Jews who previously had been denaturalized were reinstated, the official organ said. Among those denaturalized are two members of the German branch of the Goldsmid-Rothschild family.

Vallat, who went to Paris shortly after his appointment as Commissioner last week, was quoted as saying that, "legions of Jews from Central Europe and also the Orient came to our country to its great misfortune."

He said he intended to propose new measures to "fill up the gaps in the Jewish Statute."

Other questions which were being studied, he said, were the following: first, the position of the old Franco-Jewish families, mostly from Alsace, who "seem assimilable," and the question of the Jews of Provence, among whom there are some agriculturists; second, the position of Jewish ex-soldiers; third, the position of recent immigrants; fourth, liquidation of Jewish property.

It was learned here that Vallat, although an anti-Semite, is not sufficiently pro-German to please the Nazis and the latter assertedly have demanded his dismissal and the appointment of a "more convenient" person in his place.

Sees All French Jews Ousted From Office

GENEVA, April 6. (JTA) -- Describing French Jewry as a "hostile minority," Xavier Vallat, newly-appointed Commissar-General for Jewish Affairs, expressed the conviction in a recent interview that complete elimination of Jews from French public life would be achieved it was learned here today.

"The Jewish problem, already grave before the war, is no less grave today," he said. "We must decide whether an ethnical minority which cannot be easily assimilated and which has done nothing to assimilate itself shall continue to be master of the country and govern it according to principles which however well-suited to its mentality are contrary to ours."

"The realization of this fundamental antagonism is sufficient proof of the necessity of eliminating this hostile minority from national affairs. Thanks to measures which will be taken this aim will be attained and at the same time the French race will be purified."

VICHY RADIO ATTACKS ON DE GAULLE ALSO HIT AT JEWS

LONDON, April 6. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish propaganda is included in attacks by the Vichy radio against Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces.

One broadcast declared that "Jews and Freemasons followed de Gaulle to England, where they are more courageous before the microphone than on the battlefields." Another broadcast accused "the Jew Geraud (Pertinax)" of asking the United States to withhold food ships for France.

Meanwhile, it was announced that the Vichy Government had appointed administrators for an additional 70 Jewish businesses.

700 NEW RUMANIAN FIRMS LISTED SINCE ANTI-JEWISH LAWS

ZURICH, April 6. (JTA) -- Seven hundred new Rumanian firms have been registered since Jan. 1 as a result of the elimination of Jewish businesses, the Bucharest radio reports.

BELGIAN COLLEGE HEAD ORDERS LISTING OF JEWISH STUDENTS

LONDON, April 6. (JTA) -- Belgian circles reported today that the new rector of Ghent University had ordered all students of Jewish origin to report to his office with identity documents and those refusing to do so would be subjected to "great difficulties."

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD JOINS IN \$10,765,000 DRIVE TO AID ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- Announcement of the launching of a \$10,765,000 program of service to soldiers, sailors and defense personnel was hailed today by Frank L. Weil, president of the Jewish Welfare Board. The funds will be raised in a nationwide inter-denominational campaign by the United Service Organizations for National Defense, Inc. The Jewish Welfare Board, is one of the six national agencies which make up the United Service Organizations.

The funds made available to the JWB. from the campaign, Weil said, will be used solely in connection with the expansion of its emergency Army and Navy program. Solicitation of gifts among individuals of large means and leading corporations will begin immediately. June 5 has been set as the date of opening the general campaign to solicit all citizens.

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The agencies are planning service club facilities in 339 places adjacent to camps, naval stations and defense industry centers throughout the United States and its overseas bases. The Government will provide buildings, and the U.S.O. will provide funds for their operation and the accompanying program of social, education and religious activities.

Special Passover seders for Jewish men in army posts and naval stations are being arranged through the Army and Navy Committee of the J.W.B., it was announced by John M. Schiff, chairman of the committee.

While a large number of men will be able to observe the holiday in their own homes because of furloughs granted by the War and Navy Department, these special seders are being arranged in adjacent communities for the men who will have to remain in camp or who are stationed too far away from their homes. Matzo's and prayer books are being provided by the J.W.B. and services will be conducted either by the Jewish chaplains or local rabbis associated with the Army and Navy Committee. Local committees are also arranging for home hospitality in those communities where a public Seder service is not feasible.

More than 325 Jewish community centers, YMHA's and YWHA's affiliated with the J.W.B. will celebrate Passover with public seders and special services. Special provision is being made by a number of centers for enlisted men and also for refugees.

MONTREAL RABBI NAMED CHAPLAIN TO ALL JEWISH TROOPS IN CANADA

MONTREAL, April 6. (JTA) -- Rabbi S. Gershon Levi of Montreal has been appointed chaplain of all Jewish troops in Canada, it was announced today. He received the rank of honorary captain from the Department of National Defense. Rabbi Levi has been conducting services for Jewish men in military camps in the Montreal district since the outbreak of war in 1939.

Captain Levi will appoint supernumerary chaplains for the various military districts. He has been in charge of religious education at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim here since 1936. Before that he went to Palestine for a two-year study tour. He was born in Toronto and is a graduate of University of Toronto.

FEDERAL PROBES CLEAR REFUGEES OF CHARGES ON JOBS, FIFTH COLUMN

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- Government investigation has proved groundless the charges that refugees displace American workers, come here to go on relief or act as fifth columnists, according to a Washington dispatch by Thomas L. Stokes, Scripps-Howard staff writer, published in the New York World-Telegram.

"The task of relief organizations," Stokes said, "is handicapped by politicians who shout that millions of foreigners are coming into the United States or trying to; by whispering campaigns that refugees are taking the places of American workers; that they are coming here to go on relief; that fifth columnists are getting into the country in refugee guise."

"All such reports are proved groundless by careful investigation by relief agencies and by denials from officials of the State Department and the Justice Department's Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization."