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POLISH GOVERNMENT REPUDIATES ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- The exiled Polish Government today deplored anti-Semitic articles in the nationalist weekly, *Jestem Polakem*, as a group of British parliamentarians prepared to demand suppression of anti-Semitic and anti-democratic propaganda in some Polish papers here.

A Polish official told the *London News-Chronicle*: "The Polish Government repudiates the anti-Jewish articles by *Jestem Polakem*, which are injuring our cause, and we deplore them."

The *News-Chronicle* editorially demanded suppression of the weekly, asserting: "It is intolerable that men enjoying hospitality in Britain should be allowed to print views diametrically opposed to the aims for which we are fighting."

The group of parliamentarians, it was learned, is preparing to make strong representations to the British Government demanding that the Polish Government suppress the flood of pro-Fascist propaganda in *Jestem Polakem* and other Polish periodicals.

A member of the group, S.S. Silverman, Laborite, announced he would support the question in Commons. "A group of us," he said, "are following with growing apprehension the outbursts in the Polish press. It is a curious fact that Poles in Britain are allowed openly to contradict the avowed aims for which Britain is fighting the war, which no English paper would be allowed to do even if it so desired."

"We have collected a mass of evidence which will be handed to the Government. It is bunkum to say that the absence of Sikorski (Polish Premier) accounts for the resumption of anti-Semitic outbursts. It is no use saying *Jestem Polakem* is not an official paper."

"Certainly there are no millionaires among Polish refugees, but if Poles have money to spare, why should they be allowed to buy newsprint in order to besmirch Britain's war effort? Newsprint is rationed because it is scarce. We want to know who sells the Poles newsprint and who pays for it."

NAZIS STRESS ANTI-SEMITISM IN BROADCASTS TO CROATS

ZURICH, April 8. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish incitement figures prominently in the broadcasts of the so-called Croatian "freedom station" established by the Nazis for propaganda in Yugoslavia.

A special talk, announced as being authorized by Dr. Anton Pavelitch, Nazi propaganda chief for Croatia, who was implicated in King Alexander's assassination, accused the Croatian Jews of having ruined the Croatian language, culture and customs.

The broadcast charged that there were 250 Jews among the 600 physicians in Croatia and that one Jew in Zagreb owned 67 buildings. The broadcast concluded with the slogan, "Croatia for the Croats."

JEWS DONATE AMBULANCE TO IRISH RED CROSS

DUBLIN, April 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish Ambulance Fund today presented a 34-horsepower Chrysler imperial ambulance to the Irish Red Cross. Prof. Leonard Abrahamson, making the presentation to Justice Maguire, Red Cross president, said members of the Jewish community engaged in defense work were anxious to contribute to the general effort and demonstrate that men of all races and creeds could work together for alleviation of human suffering.

VICHY DENATURALIZES 61 MORE JEWS

VICHY, April 8. (JTA) -- Twenty-nine Jewish families with 61 members are among the 136 denaturalized under a decree published today.

Meanwhile, 17 Jews have been reinstated to citizenship because of their war records. They are Samuel Steinberg, Sneider Avram with his wife and two children, Vladimir Rittenberg, Etienne Gullier, Wolf Levi, brother of a member of the New Zionist Organization executive; Joseph Hochmann and wife, Coloman Gluck, Raoul Amar, who was killed in the war; Tonel Albrecht, Szlama Rosenholz, Jankiel Batlaj, Jacques Madjar, Jean Tasca, Francois Vahl and wife, Andre Perebinosoff, Maurice Gubinski and Charles Hertzovitz.

GENERAL JEWISH COUNCIL PLANS TO GO ON DESPITE CONGRESS WITHDRAWAL

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith and Jewish Labor Committee announced today that the General Jewish Council intended to continue and to enlarge its scope, notwithstanding the withdrawal of the American Jewish Congress delegation.

"The three organizations who continue their membership in the General Jewish Council voiced their regret at the action of the American Jewish Congress and expressed their regret at the action of the American Jewish Congress and expressed their hope that the American Jewish Congress would soon return to the General Jewish Council," the statement said.

The Congress withdrew its delegation at a meeting on April 6 after the Council had voted down the Congress's proposal that the Council dissolve.

NEWS GUILD ACCUSED OF 'RAID' ON JEWISH PRESS THROUGH 'DAY' STRIKE

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- Accusing the Newspaper Guild of aiming to undermine the existence of the Jewish Writers Union, the professional organization of Jewish writers, a conference of 655 Jewish national and local organizations, including labor unions, fraternal and cultural bodies, held Sunday at the Capitol Hotel, adopted a resolution condemning the Newspaper Guild for "raiding" the field of Jewish journalism by declaring a strike against the "Day", New York Yiddish newspaper.

The conference was called by the Jewish Writers Union, whose members oppose the Guild strike. The organizations participating in the conference were represented by 1,735 delegates said to voice the sentiments of over a million members. The resolution charged that the Guild is a "Communist-controlled body" and that its "raid" on the Jewish journalistic profession and on the "Day" was "a Communist attempt to annihilate the Jewish press."

Principal speakers at the conference were Reuben Guskin, Chairman of The United Hebrew Trades and president of the Workmen's Circle, Dr. B. Zivion-Hoffman, president of the Jewish Writers Union, Vincent J. Ferris of the Allied Printing Trade Council, L. Siegel, General Secretary of the Jewish National Workers Alliance, Ab. Miller of the Joint Board of the Amalgamated Labor Union, Dr. S. Margoshes, editor of the "Day", Morris Feinstein, General Secretary of the United Hebrew Trades and M.D. Mekler editor of the Jewish Morning Journal.

All speakers joined in charging that the Newspaper Guild sought to impose "dual unionism" upon the Jewish journalistic profession which has been organized with the Jewish Writer Union for the last 25 years.

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RABBI HERZOG SEES LORD HALIFAX

WASHINGTON, April 8. (JTA) -- British Ambassador Lord Halifax yesterday received Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine at the embassy and held a conversation of over half an hour with him. At the same time Lady Halifax received Mrs. Sarah Herzog, wife of the Chief Rabbi.

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NEW YORK, April 9. (JTA) -- Governor Lehman has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the Reception Committee for Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine. The formal reception, under the chairmanship of Samuel Levy, former Borough President of Manhattan, will be held April 15 in Carnegie Hall.

ROTH DEDICATES BOOK ON SASSOONS TO HITLER

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- The honor of having a prominent Jewish historian's book on a famous Jewish family dedicated to him is the latest, though unsolicited, "tribute" to Adolf Hitler. The book is Cecil Roth's "The Sassoon Dynasty," published today by the Robert Hale firm.

Prof. Roth explains he dedicated the work to the German Chancellor, first, because he considered the topic "a useful object lesson to the people whom you have misled into thinking themselves a pure and superior race," showing that England was enriched by receiving fresh elements from other sources and, second, "I am happy to have this opportunity to express once again by profound execration and abhorrence, not merely as a Jew and Englishman, but as a human being, of you, your ideals, your methods and all you stand for."

EUROPEAN JEWISH LEADERS JOIN ORT GROUP

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- Prominent Jewish leaders from various European countries are joining the newly-organized European Friends of ORT, it was announced today by Dr. David Lvovitch, vice-president of the World ORT Union. These leaders, most of whom were active in ORT affairs in Europe, include Dr. William Kleemann, former president of the Berlin Jewish Community; Julius Stern of Germany, Daniel Wolff of Holland, Dr. Max Gottschalk of Belgium, Aschberg of Sweden, Leopold Kessler of England and Lytton-Libermann of France. This organization gave a dinner last week for Lord and Lady Marley at which Anatol Muhlstein, former Polish Minister to France, presided.

SOSUA FILM SHOWN IN LONDON

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- Addressing an audience at a private screening of a film made in the Sosua refugee settlement in the Dominican Republic, Sir Herbert Emerson, director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, asked the Dominican Minister to convey appreciation to his government for what it was doing for refugees.

The screening was attended by representatives of the Jewish Refugees Committee, the Care-of-Children Movement and other organizations interested in the Dominican settlement. The United States Embassy was represented by Third Secretary Theodore Achilles.