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11 ITALIAN JEWISH DOCTORS CLEARED OF VIOLATING RACE LAWS FOR TREATING "ARYAN" PATIENTS

ROME, April 23. (JTA) -- Eleven prominent Jewish physicians have been acquitted, in a brief, dramatic trial in which they were defended by noted "Aryan" attorneys, of charges of violating the Italian racial laws by treating "Aryan" patients. Four other defendants were fined a total of 2,200 lire (about \$110).

Charges against the Jewish doctors, nine of whom are Italian citizens and six "stateless," were preferred by the Provincial Syndicate of Medical Men.

The indictment was based on the law of March 1, 1940, curtailing the activities of Jews--those certified by the Government as having rendered "meritorious" services during one of Italy's wars--are permitted to practice their professions freely among Jews and "Aryans." Exceptions are permitted only in emergency cases, as might apply in the medical profession.

In practice, the law was found effective as applied to the legal and other professions, but not in the medical, where considerable ambiguity arose in defining "emergency cases." As a result, a number of non-exempt Jews continued accepting "Aryan" patients who sought their professional services.

After six months of postponements, the defendants were finally brought to trial before a crowded courtroom in Rome. They were represented by a group of "Aryan" lawyers who included some of Italy's most prominent legal authorities, who, it is understood, volunteered their services.

The brief trial was climaxed by the testimony of an "Aryan" woman whose young son one of the defendants was charged with having treated in violation of the racial laws. From the witness chair, with her son in her lap, she harangued the prosecution for several minutes, tearfully shouting that her son would not now be alive but for the treatment administered by the defendant.

Six of the defendants were acquitted on the ground they did not commit the acts charged. Five were acquitted on the ground their acts did not constitute an offense. The remaining four received nominal fines.

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Particular interest centered about the case of Dr. Irving Stukgold, one of the acquitted "stateless" Jews. Until Hitler's rise to power, Stukgold was a prominent physician and surgeon in Berlin who enjoyed a flourishing practice. Among his more enthusiastic patients was the Italian Ambassador in Berlin as well as a number of prominent Italians in the Berlin Italian colony. They induced him to transfer his practice to Rome late in 1933. In Rome he soon gained a respectable practice which rapidly grew in volume and importance. Among his patients were members of the royal family and he soon became known in court circles as the "miracle doctor" because of the cures he effected in cases pronounced by leading Italian physicians as "hopeless." He is credited with having twice saved the life of the King's daughter, Princess Mafalda.

Although Dr. Stukgold's fame as a "miracle doctor" is still widespread, his practice has been depleted considerably by fear of exciting official displeasure.

HOUSE BILL WOULD CURB ENTRY OF INTERNED REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, April 23. (JTA) -- The House Immigration Committee has scheduled a hearing for May 7 on a bill introduced by Rep. A. Leonard Allen (Dem., La.) which is apparently designed to prevent refugees interned in Canada from immigrating to the United States. The resolution, which was introduced on March 27, reads:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that no alien who has been imprisoned or otherwise incarcerated in the United States or in a foreign country shall be eligible to apply for admission into the United States until after the lapse of a period of five years from his or her release from confinement and until such alien shall have made an affirmative showing that he or she was not confined for the commission of a crime involving moral turpitude and that he or she has been a person of good moral character since such confinement."

REFUGEES SWELL ARMY RANKS IN ILLINOIS

CHICAGO, April 23. (JTA) -- Officers at Camp Grant, Illinois, declared today an amazing number of refugees were swelling the ranks of the army.

Among the refugees to enlist recently were the twin brothers, Maximilian and David Weiss, who arrived in the United States a year ago and obtained employment in a department store. Between 1935 and 1938 they served in the Rumanian army and were mobilized twice. They fled during the Rumanian anti-Jewish excesses.

JEWS BARRED FROM ANTWERP MUSIC HALL

LONDON, April 23. (JTA) -- Notices that Jews are not admitted have been posted outside the Antwerp Music Hall. Belgian circles here reported today. The notices were put up after a brawl between Flemish extremists and other spectators. The Nazi authorities blamed "Jewish troublemakers" for the incidents, resulting in general indignation against the Nazis.

OSE OPENS NEW CHILD HOME IN FRANCE

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- The OSE, Jewish health protection society is establishing a new children's home and a special camp for school children in occupied France, the American Committee of OSE reported today. A report from Paris said the OSE was also maintaining a home for war orphans at La Varenne, two day nurseries for 200 children and four dispensaries.

EINSTEIN URGES AID IN EXPANSION OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY DESPITE PALESTINE'S 'PERIL'

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- "Resolute cooperation" to expand the scientific work of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, despite "the perils which seem now to threaten even Palestine," was urged last night by Prof. Albert Einstein addressing an audience of more than 100 persons at the first plenary meeting of the Academic Friends of the Hebrew University, held at the Harkness Academic Theater of Columbia University.

Dr. Einstein was elected honorary president of the organization. Other officers are Salo W. Baron, president; Selig Hecht and Max Radin, vice-presidents, and A. Arthur Schiller, secretary-treasurer. The organization intends to cooperate with the university through exchange of professors, students and publications with American universities.

Prof. Einstein declared the developments of recent years had accentuated Jewish isolation and solidarity, "turning our voluntary and devoted cooperation into a simple law of self-preservation." He asserted that "we must also stand together to preserve and foster the spiritual and intellectual values which have given us our peculiar vigor and cultural significance."

Urging aid for the Hebrew University, he said that "it will be possible for us to assist certain promising undertakings which until now have been restricted in means and connections and give them a chance for fruitful development."

"You will rejoice to put yourselves at the service of this work," he said. "Regard it not alone as a kind of charitable activity, but also as a source of strength which will profit in turn the whole Jewish community. Do not be intimidated by the perils which seem now to threaten even Palestine itself. For, whatever may come, resolute cooperation is our only refuge in these heavy times. Things can only work out for good if we summon all our strength and pull together."

Other speakers were Salmann Schocken, chairman of the university's executive council; Prof. Hecht, Dr. Israel Wechsler, Dr. Schiller and Prof. Baron, who presided.

TROPER LEAVES FOR LISBON FOR "OFFENSIVE AGAINST WANT"

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- Hastening to Lisbon to launch a "spring offensive against want in Europe," Morris C. Troper, chairman of the European Executive Council of the Joint Distribution Committee, left this morning on the Atlantic Clipper from LaGuardia Airport.

In a statement issued on his departure, Troper said he was going back to Lisbon, where the overseas headquarters of the J.D.C. are located, because "now that armies are on the march again, humanitarian agencies such as the J.D.C. must respond to new appeals for help and must deal with greater problems of mass misery than have ever faced mankind before." He was accompanied by his wife.

BACKER GIVES RECEPTION FOR GUNZBOURGS

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- George Backer, president of the American ORT Federation, gave a reception to Baron and Baroness Pierre de Gunzbourg at the Hotel Pierre yesterday. Baron Gunzbourg, president of the ORT Reconstruction Fund and member of the Central Board of the World ORT Union, and the Baroness, recently arrived here.

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HUNGARY PREPARING THIRD ANTI-JEWISH LAW

BUDAPEST, April 23. (JTA) -- Difficult days for the 800,000 Jews of Hungary were foreseen here today following an address by Dr. Stefan Antal, high official of the Ministry of Justice, in which he indicated that new anti-Jewish legislation was in preparation and would soon be promulgated.

It became known here today that no fewer than five conferences were held during the last fortnight between officials of various Government departments for the purpose of speeding up the promulgation of the so-called "Third Jewish Law" to supplement the previous anti-Jewish laws, which have led to the ousting of thousands of Jews from commerce, industry and other fields.

Recent developments in the Balkans have strengthened the hand of those elements in the Hungarian Cabinet who have been demanding stricter anti-Jewish measures in Hungary to follow the path of Germany and Italy. Introduction of such measures had been hitherto opposed by other members of the Cabinet, including the Minister of Finance, who argued that the complete elimination of Jews from the economic life would necessarily lead to the ruination of the Hungarian economic system.

In his address, Dr. Antal announced that the promulgation of stricter anti-Jewish laws in Hungary was only a question of a few weeks. The third "Jewish law" is on the threshold, he said. He accused the Jews of circumventing the previous laws "so that the issuance of a third anti-Jewish Law became necessary, in order to fill the gaps left open by the second Jewish law."

BRITISH ZIONIST ARRIVING TODAY

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- Lavy Bakstansky, general secretary of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain, will arrive from London on the Dixie Clipper Thursday. While in this country, he will visit leading Jewish communities in behalf of overseas relief, Palestine defense and reconstruction and refugee aid.

COL. MENDELSON LEAVES FOR SOUTH AFRICA

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- Col. Morris J. Mendelson, chairman of the New Zionist Organization of America and former national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, sailed today on the S. S. Onion for Cape Town to participate in the "Jewish Army Campaign" of the South African New Zionist Organization. He will lecture in important centers of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia.

TROTZKY, CHILD CARE EXPERT, DEAD IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, April 23. (JTA) -- Elias Trotsky, for 30 years superintendent of the Marks Nathan Orphans' Home and an authority on institutional child care, died yesterday at the age of 60. He had published many articles in national magazines on psychology, sociology and education.

SHOMER HATZAIR URGES FIGHT AGAINST PALESTINE POLICY

DETROIT, April 23. (JTA) -- The final session of the five-day ninth annual convention of Hashomer Hatzair, laborite Zionist youth organization, attended by 260 delegates from the United States, Canada and Mexico, Sunday, adopted resolutions calling for a more militant Zionism, a vigorous chalutz movement and an "untiring struggle" against the British policy on Palestine.