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### HESS, NAZI ANTI-JEWISH EXTREMIST, ANNOUNCED AS 'MISSING' ON PLANE FLIGHT

BERNE, Switzerland, May 12. (JTA) -- Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy in the Nazi Party and author of most of Germany's anti-Jewish laws, today became the center of widespread speculation over trouble within the Nazi ranks as the Nazi Party in Berlin announced that he was missing on an airplane flight undertaken in defiance of the Fuehrer's orders. It was believed possible that Marshal Goering had some hand in the situation since relations between him and Hess had been strained for some time.

The political aspect of Hess's disappearance became clear as the official Berlin announcement said he had "fallen victim to hallucinations" and stated that Hitler had ordered arrest of the Nazi leader's adjutants.

Jewish circles here pointed out that Hess was one of the most extreme anti-Semites among the Nazis. As Hitler's deputy, he sponsored Germany's major anti-Jewish legislation of the past eight years. Among the many anti-Semitic decrees he signed were the 1934 order prohibiting party members from dealing with Jews, another order forbidding Nazis to accept money from Jews for party collections and warning them to avoid even private dealings with Jews.

The Berlin communique said Hess was suffering from "an illness which had been progressing for years" and that he had left behind a letter indicating "traces of mental derangement," but it was recalled here that only ten weeks ago Hess addressed a meeting of athletes from several European countries and that in 1940 he delivered several speeches in the course of which he blamed the Jews for the war and accused the Jews of seeking to starve Germany.

The communique did not make clear just what had happened to Hess. It said that, contrary to orders forbidding him to fly, he recently acquired an airplane and on May 10 started on a flight from which "he did not return." It added that the party "will have to count on the possibility that Party Comrade Hess either crashed or met some other accident on his flight."

It is recalled that Hess had been considered as No. 2 Nazi for years until September, 1939, when Hitler established a new order of succession, making Marshal Hermann Goering his political heir and relegating Hess to third place.

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Speakers at the meeting included U. S. Education Commissioner John W. Studebaker, Dr. Harrison S. Elliott, president of the Religious Education Association; Prof. Horace M. Kallen and Dr. Alexander M. Dushkin, director of the New York Jewish Education Committee.

NAZIS REPORTED PLANNING GHETTO IN SALONIKA FOR ALL GREEK JEWS

ZURICH, May 12. (JTA) -- Segregation of all the Jews in Salonika into a closed ghetto is contemplated by the Nazi authorities in Greece following an order issued there introducing yellow armbands for Jews, it was learned here today.

Reports from Greece reveal that the Nazi military authorities in Salonika and Athens have ordered a census of the Jewish population with a view to establishing the number of Jews who served in the Greek military forces fighting the Italian and German armies. The same reports state that able-bodied Jews in Salonika and in Athens are being ordered to report for forced labor and will be organized in special Jewish labor battalions.

The wealthier Jews in Salonika have been ordered to move into the section of the city inhabited by the poor Jewish population. The homes of the richer Jews in the city have been occupied by Nazi officers, who did not permit the owners to remove any of their belongings. It is believed that the Jews of Athens and other parts of Greece will be ordered to leave for Salonika, where the Nazis intend to segregate all the 70,000 Jews of Greece and isolate them behind the walls of a ghetto, as was done with the Jews in Warsaw.

JEWS OUSTED FROM ITALIAN CITIES; TRIESTE COMMUNITY RAIDED

GENEVA, May 12. (JTA) -- Mass eviction of Jews from their homes was reported here today from Milan, Turin and other Italian cities while from Trieste came a report that the offices of the Jewish community there were raided by the police and that a number of Jewish community leaders were arrested.

Those evicted were permitted to move into any section of Italy they wished but not permitted to take their furniture and other household property. The reason given for the raid on the headquarters of the Jewish community in Trieste was that the Jews were spreading anti-Fascist propaganda among the Italian population.

The new anti-Jewish measures were taken by Jewish leaders in Rome as indication that a more severe course against Italian Jewry is to be expected now that Italy has fallen entirely under the domination of Germany. In addition to the Italian Jews, about 1,800 German and Polish Jews are interned in special camps and about 1,400 other Jewish refugees, mostly women and children who are permitted to reside in Milan and Rome.

Reports from Tunis state that Italian propagandists are spreading violent anti-Jewish propaganda, exploiting the fact that Jews are fighting in the British ranks against the Italian army on the Libyan front.

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NAZIS REPORTED PLANNING TO DRAFT MILLION POLISH JEWS FOR FORCED LABOR

GENEVA, May 12. (JTA) -- The Nazi authorities in Poland have completed Summer plans according to which 1,000,000 Jews--half of the entire Jewish population there--will be drafted for forced labor, it was reported here today.

The report states that labor camps are being built in various parts of the Government-General. Jews will be used for widening of the river Vistula, cutting of lumber in the Polish timber regions, coal mining and stone breaking. Every Jewish community in Nazi-held Poland will have to provide a number of Jews.

The same report reveals tragedies of separated Jewish families in Nazi-Poland resulting from the expulsion orders in various Polish towns. In many towns, the report states, Jewish parents are being torn away from their children. This is especially the case in towns where the local Nazi authorities have ordered that Jews who are necessary for local work must remain while their children over the age of 14 must leave. Appeals to the Nazi commissars to permit the parents to follow their children into exile meet with no success. Similarly, the commissars refuse to permit the parents even to visit their children and reject all applications for travel permits necessary when traveling from one town to another.

RUMANIA PLANS TO OUST REMAINING BESSARABIAN JEWS

BUDAPEST, May 12. (JTA) ---A warning to all Bessarabian-born Jews still residing in Rumania to be ready to leave for Soviet-held Bessarabia has been issued by the Rumanian Government, it was reported here today.

The report adds that negotiations are being conducted between the Rumanian and Soviet governments for repatriation to Bessarabia of some 14,000 Jews affected by the warning. The Soviet authorities are reluctant to admit the Jews since the Rumanian Government insists that they must leave their property behind.

The report estimates that 90 per cent of the entire Jewish population in Rumania is now dependent on charity. The confiscation of Jewish enterprises and the dismissal of Jewish employees is increasingly aggravating the Jewish situation.

GOVERNOR SEES JEWS VICTORIOUS AT BALTIMORE YESHIVAH CEREMONY

BALTIMORE, May 12. (JTA) -- Governor O'Connor joined Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine yesterday in declaring that Jewish teachings would withstand the attacks of their enemies. They addressed 2,000 persons attending the ground-breaking ceremony of the new building of Ner Israel Rabbinical College.

Rabbi Herzog, who is leaving by plane for Palestine on May 20, asserted that Israel would remain the eternal people, despite present persecution in many parts of the world. Governor O'Connor said that the Jews' courage would prove victorious over Hitler and other enemies of the Jews. Mayor Edward Jackson was among the other speakers.