

NAZIS LAUNCH RADIO DRIVE ON SOVIET JEWS; URGE RUSSIAN TROOPS TO TURN BAYONETS ON JEWS

LONDON, June 23. (JTA)-- A ferocious anti-Semitic campaign, calling for destruction of the Jews in Soviet Russia, was launched by German broadcasters today as part of the propaganda offensive accompanying the Nazi invasion of the U.S.S.R. The broadcasts were in the Russian, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian languages.

The Breslau radio, which apparently has been set aside for this special purpose, poured out an unceasing flood of incitement against the Jews in Soviet Russia. The broadcasts gave evidence that Russian White Guardists and Ukrainian nationalists had been carefully trained for the job long in advance.

Russian soldiers were called upon to use their bayonets against the Jews, not against the Germans, who, the broadcaster said, were "coming as liberators of the Russian and Ukrainian peoples from Stalin and his Jewish clique."

Ex-Commissar Lazar Kaganovich was made a special target of attacks, which charged that he, not Stalin, was the "real boss," conducting a "Jewish policy." Ex-Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinov was also subjected to violent attack.

At the same time, all German stations broadcast an official warning that the enemy might use Jews and German-speaking Poles as parachutists for sabotage and destruction.

In one of its characteristic quick changes, Axis propaganda, which had been harping on the theme of "Judaeco-capitalism" and "Jewish plutocracy" for almost two years since the German-Russian pact, has returned to an effort to identify Jews with Communism.

"The "line" for the new propaganda drive was laid down by Reichsfuehrer Hitler in his proclamation of war on Soviet Russia. He charged "Jewish Bolshevist rulers" in Moscow with attempting to set Europe aflame and declared "it is necessary for us to take steps against this plot devised by the Jewish Anglo-Saxon warmongers and equally the Jewish rulers of the Bolshevist center in Moscow."

The German radio immediately opened its "crusade against the Bolshevist-Jewish-democratic world menace," and Nazi-controlled radio stations in Amsterdam, Paris and other occupied cities quickly took up the theme.

The Italian radio not adept as the German at the art of quick-change, did not immediately completely revise its theme. A Rome broadcast restated Italy's aim as elimination of "the Jewish capitalism of London and New York" and then straddled the issue by saying that the Axis was fighting to protect Europe from "the attacks of Judaism, be it capitalistic or Bolshevik."

Programs Feared if Nazis Occupy Ukraine, Galicia

ZURICH, June 23 (JTA)-- Massacres of Jews in the Ukraine and Galicia, equalled only by those of 1918 when anti-Semitic bands murdered more than 60,000 Jews in the Ukraine are feared in the event of Nazi occupation of Soviet territory.

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It was learned here that the Nazis have set up, in Cracow, a "Free Ukrainian Government" which will be proclaimed as the official government of the Ukraine as soon as the Nazi army reaches Ukrainian soil. The possibility is not excluded that this "government" will move in to Lemberg (Lwow), capital of Eastern Galicia, should the Nazi troops succeed in entering this city, which is thickly populated with Ukrainians and Jews and which is less than a hundred kilometers from the demarcation line between German and Russian Poland.

The "government," composed of a group of notoriously anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi Ukrainians who had been in the service of the Nazis ever since Hitler came to power, will be used by Nazi propagandists to stimulate anti-Jewish pogroms throughout Galicia and the Ukraine as part of the program of "liberating" the Ukrainian people from "Jewish Communist domination." It is expected that the "Free Ukrainian Government" will be headed by Hetman Skoropadski, whom Germany proclaimed as head of the Ukraine during the German occupation of the Ukraine in the first World War.

The position of the 1,500,000 Jews in Galicia and other parts of Soviet-occupied Poland in the event of Nazi occupation, would be even more precarious than that of the Jews in Nazi-held Poland. It is pointed out that these Jews, whose property was confiscated and currency devaluated immediately after the Soviet occupation, would now face complete starvation, coupled with fierce anti-Jewish action which local Ukrainians might develop under the influence of Nazi-trained Ukrainian propagandists, who are following the Nazi troops.

Fear was also expressed here over the fate of the Jews in the Baltic countries, especially Lithuania, where the economic situation of the Jews is like that in Galicia. It was reported from Germany that Lithuania and Latvia had declared their "independence" and it was stated here that the position of the 300,000 Jews in these two countries might be very serious, in view of the possibility that the Anti-Semitic elements in these countries may now have the upper hand in their readiness to serve Germany's interests.

VICHY TO COMPILE LIST OF 'EXEMPTED' JEWS; NEW DENATURALIZED LIST ISSUED

VICHY, June 25. (JTA)-- A census of Jews has been started in the Limoges and Lyon districts. The Jews were given two days to register.

At the same time, it was learned that a list of Jewish families who settled in France before 1815 will be compiled by the Commissariat for Jewish Affairs for eventual exemption from the anti-Jewish laws.

A new list of denaturalized persons published in the Official Journal includes the names of Jacob Scheffel, member of the central administration of the ORT; the lawyer M. Frenkel who was entrusted with the defense of Herschel Grynszpan, and Mr. and Mrs. Rappoport, son-in-law and daughter of the painter, Marc Chagall. (Chagall arrived in New York on Saturday on the steamship Mouzinho from Lisbon.)

ZOLA FILM BANNED IN PORTUGAL

LONDON, June 25. (JTA)-- The biographical film, "Zola," in which Paul Muni plays the title role, though at first approved by the censorship for exhibition in Portugal, has since been banned, states the Lisbon correspondent of The Times.

It is castigated in the press as "Jewish and anti-military propaganda," and the works of Zola himself are said to be an expression of the spirit in France which led to the very debacle he described and which a year ago again overtook that unhappy country. (The film was exhibited in the United States under the title, "The Life of Emile Zola.")

PROGRAM FOR JEWISH CONGRESS PEACE INSTITUTE ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, June 25. (JTA)— Declaring that the Jewish people faces a crisis unparalleled in its history, "with one out of every four Jews in the world the victim of Nazi and Fascist oppression," Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress and chairman of the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress, today announced establishment of the Institute of Jewish Affairs to prepare a brief "on the basis of which four million Jews may be restored to normal life at the end of the war and means devised to prevent a recurrence of what has taken place, and to insure security in the future."

The institute, Dr. Wise explained, is to be analogous in the Jewish field to other organizations now concerned with studies respecting the future organization of the world at the end of the war. Its headquarters have been established in New York under the direction of Dr. Jacob Robinson, former counsel to the Lithuanian Government at the International Court of Justice at The Hague, and an authority on minority problems.

Announcement of the project was made at a press conference held this afternoon at the Hotel Astor to introduce Dr. Robinson to the press and to make public the program of the institute, published in booklet form. The findings of the institute when completed, Dr. Wise said, will be placed at the disposal of the representatives of the Jewish people at the peace conference to follow the war:

Dr. Robinson declared the institute's purpose is "to conduct a thorough investigation of Jewish life during the past 25 years with a view to establishing the facts of the present situation, determining its direct and indirect causes and suggesting the lines on which Jewish rights may be claimed in a post-war settlement. The institute is not a political body. It is a group of scholars and represents an attempt to mobilize the intellectual resources of the Jewish people to attack the gigantic problem which confronts it."

The work of the institute will be conducted through four departments. (1) Political Science and Law. (2) Statistics and Economics. (3) Migration and Colonization and (4) Post-War Reconstruction. Each department will undertake to assemble the documentary evidence relating to its field and to conduct special surveys into the facts involved.

SONS OF ZION PARLEY PLEDGES AID IN NATIONAL EMERGENCY

ATLANTIC CITY, June 25. (JTA)-- The closing session of the 35rd annual convention of the Order Sons of Zion, held at the Hotel Ritz-Carlton with 400 delegates from 20 states attending, today adopted a resolution pledging individual and collective support for the unlimited national emergency proclaimed by President Roosevelt.

The resolution urged constituent camps of the order to buy defense bonds and otherwise to participate fully in the defense program. Other resolutions expressed gratitude to the President for denouncing treatment of Jews in totalitarian countries and praised the closing of German consulates in the United States.

Harry Grayer was reelected Grandmaster; Harry Pine, Newark, and Abraham Redelheim, New York treasurers, and Herman Zion Quittman, New York, secretary.

Col. Joshua Wedgwood, member of the British Parliament, accepted for the Red Hogen Dovid in Palestine a desert ambulance presented by Grayer in the name of the Order. Announcement was also made of the completion of the Harris J. Levine Forest of 10,000 trees planted in honor of Dr. Levine's services to the Jewish National Fund.

Brith Sholom Hears Mead Stress Unity

ATLANTIC CITY, June 25. (JTA)-- The 56th annual convention of Independent Order Brith Sholom today heard Senator James M. Mead of New York declare that "the emergency of today demands the highest degree of loyalty and the highest degree of unity from all of our citizens."

"We do not want war," he said. "We reject it as the only method of settling national disputes. But we are not going to let them detract us from the urgent all-out demand for a more than adequate national defense."

The convention voted \$2,500 for the United Jewish Appeal with a recommendation to individual lodges to assist local campaigns. It was decided also to aid the ORT and HIAS.

AID POLISH JEWS STRANDED IN IRAN

LONDON, June 25. (JTA)-- The Polish Foreign Ministry has obtained transit visas for 45 Polish Jews stranded in Teheran, Iran, en route from Wilno to Palestine. They will proceed via India and Egypt. The Social Welfare Ministry is also seeking additional Canadian visas for Polish refugees in Portugal, in addition to the 200 already issued.

AXIS PROPAGANDA BOOKS REMOVED BY U. OF MIAMI

MIAMI, June 25. (JTA)-- Propaganda books and literature of the Axis powers, Germany, Japan and Italy, have been removed from the library of the University of Miami, Dr. Jay Pearson dean of administration, announced.

Although the volumes will not be destroyed, said Dr. Pearson and William J. Harkins, head librarian, they will be put away for use only of advanced students doing research in the study of propaganda methods, for those courses as they may study, such as history, economics and sociology.

Until this week, the books were listed in the general card catalogue, not as "propaganda" but under the headings "German" and "Germany" with no indications that they were not available to all students.

SERVICES HELD FOR PAUL BLOCK, FAMOUS PUBLISHER

NEW YORK, June 25. (JTA)-- Funeral services were held at Temple Emanu-El today for Paul Block, newspaper publisher, who died here yesterday at the age of 65 after an illness of several months. Block was president of Paul Block and Associates and publisher of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Toledo Blade and Toledo Times.

He was born in Elmira, N.Y., on Nov. 2, 1877, was educated in the Elmira public schools and at Cornell University. He was active in Jewish philanthropy, heading the 1951 campaign of the New York Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies. He is survived by a widow, two sons, a brother and three sisters.