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WASHINGTON SEES SIMILARITY BETWEEN LINDBERGH'S AND BERLIN'S ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12. (JTA)-- The "striking similarity" between the recent outpourings of the Goebbels propaganda bureau in Germany and the speech delivered last night by Charles A. Lindbergh at Des Moines, in which he charged the "British, Jews and Roosevelt Administration" with leading America towards war, was pointed out here today by Stephen T. Early, President Roosevelt's spokesman.

Commenting on the speech in which Lindbergh for the first time expressed his attitude toward the Jews, Mr. Early said: "You have seen the outpourings of Berlin in the last few days and you have also seen Lindbergh's statement last night. I think there is a striking similarity between the two."

Speaking before an audience of 8,000 at an America First meeting at Des Moines, Lindbergh last night, said that the Jews in America constitute, next to the British, the "second major group pressing America towards the war." He warned American Jews that "they will be among the first to feel its consequences."

"It is not difficult," Lindbergh said, "to understand why Jewish people desire the overthrow of Nazi Germany. The persecution they suffered in Germany would be sufficient to make bitter enemies of any race. No person with a sense of the dignity of mankind can condone the persecution of the Jewish race in Germany. But no person of honesty and vision can look on their pro-war policy here today without seeing the dangers involved in such a policy, both for us and for them. Instead of agitating for war, the Jewish groups in this country should be opposing it in every possible way, for they will be among the first to feel its consequences. Tolerance is a virtue that depends upon peace and strength. History shows that it cannot survive war and devastation. A few far-sighted Jewish people realize this, and stand opposed to intervention. But the majority still do not. Their greatest danger to this country lies in their large ownership and influence in our motion pictures, our press, our radio and our Government. I am not attacking either the Jewish or the British people," Mr. Lindbergh continued. "Both races, I admire. But I am saying that the leaders of both the British and the Jewish races, for reasons which are as understandable from their viewpoint as they are inadvisable from ours, for reasons which are not American, wish to involve us in the war. We cannot blame them for looking out for what they believe to be their own interests, but we also must look out for ours. We cannot allow the natural passions and prejudices of other peoples to lead our country to destruction."

"The Roosevelt administration," Lindbergh said, "is the third powerful group which has been carrying this country toward war." He concluded by saying that, "if any of these groups - the British, the Jewish or the administration - stops agitating for war, I believe there will be little danger of our involvement."

HAIFA RAIDED FOR SECOND SUCCESSIVE NIGHT

HAIFA, Sept. 12. (JTA)-- Enemy bombers appeared over Haifa for the second successive time last night. Although they succeeded in dropping several bombs the damage was slight and there were no casualties.

REFUGEES END "HORROR VOYAGE" ON SHIP CALLED "FLOATING CONCENTRATION CAMP"

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA)-- Ending a "horror voyage" from Europe, 767 refugees, the majority of them Jews, reached New York today on board the Spanish freighter Navemar, which acquired the name "The Floating Concentration Camp" when sailing from Portugal for Cuba and the United States on August 17th.

The 5,470 ton freighter, with normal accommodations for 15 passengers, made the voyage across the Atlantic carrying 1,180 passengers. Several hundred of them landed in Cuba, some were sent to hospitals when the steamer landed in Bermuda and five died on the high seas.

Describing the ship as "hell on earth," the passengers upon reaching the Columbia Street pier, in Brooklyn, today, stated that hardly one of them escaped an attack of dysentery. Death and sickness, they said, were rampant aboard the vessel. The food was spoiled, the water was bad, and the passengers had to sleep on the deck. This, despite the fact that the fares they paid ranged from \$300 to \$1,000 for each passenger.

Public Health authorities held the Navemar in quarantine for several hours while they made a thorough inspection. The cutter which takes newspaper reporters down to the bay to meet incoming ships was ordered not to go near the freighter. Custom passes issued to relatives to meet the passengers at the pier beyond the custom barriers were declared void. No one but officials could get near the ship.

Thousands of relatives and friends of the passengers were waiting outside the pier for many hours while representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and the HIAS were making arrangements to meet the immigrants. Among the passengers were a number of rabbis who declared that they hardly had any food until they reached Cuba where the local JDC representatives sent kosher food to the steamer.

"When the story of the Navemar is all told it will sound like something out of the dark ages," Zelman Schneur, famous Jewish poet and novelist, who was one of the passengers on the freighter stated. The majority of the passengers were refugees from Germany and from unoccupied France.

ITALIAN RADIO REPORTS PALESTINE MUFTI ESCAPED BRITISH CAPTURE IN IRAN

ZURICH, Sept. 12. (JTA)-- Contrary to reports from well-informed British circles in London that Haj Amin Al Hussein, the ex-Mufti of Palestine, had surrendered to the British in Iran and had been brought to Palestine where he was reportedly under surveillance, the Italian radio today announced that the ex-Mufti "succeeded in evading capture by the British and his whereabouts are jealously kept secret."

The report of the Italian radio was broadcast as emanating from Kabul, Afghanistan. It said that all Iraqi rebels captured by the British in Iran have been condemned to death by a British court martial set up at Bagdad.

ZIONISTS AND AGUDISTS DISCUSS CLOSER COLLABORATION

LONDON, Sept. 12. (JTA)-- Closer relations between the Zionist Organization and the Agudas Israel were discussed today at a meeting of the Agudah executive, which was addressed by David Ben Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

The meeting discussed the entire problem of the general situation in Palestine. It is understood that further conferences will take place prior to Ben Gurion's departure from London, after consultation with Agudah leaders in Jerusalem and New York.

SOL M. STROOCK EULOGIZED AT SERVICES IN TEMPLE EMANU-EL

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA)-- Leaders of American Jewry and the New York bar gathered today to pay tribute to the late Sol M. Stroock at impressive funeral ceremonies in Temple Emanu-El.

Several hundred people heard Dr. Stephen S. Wise eulogize Mr. Stroock as "a noble Jew who rightly bore his Jewishness as a badge of honor. A honor to which he added by a life time of wise and deep concern for the well-being of his wronged brother Jews and by steadfast and generous support of Israel's institutions of learning."

Rabbi Samuel Schulman, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanu-El, praised Mr. Stroock as a "true son of Israel, whose untiring efforts on behalf of Israel's holy tradition and whose good deeds on behalf of his fellow men made him beloved."

Among the honorary pall bearers who preceded the flower-decked casket down the aisle after the services, were William Rosenwald, Hon. Irwin Untermyer, Paul F. Werburg, Henry Ittleson, Judge Irving Lehman, Dr. Sol Lowenstein and Samuel Leidesdorf.

Other rabbis officiating were: Dr. Samuel H. Goldenson of Temple Emanu-El and Dr. Israel Goldstein of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun.

Immediately following the services the funeral cortege, led by three flower-laden automobiles, proceeded to Salem Fields Cemetery in Brooklyn, where the burial took place.

American Jewish Committee Mourns Loss

The Executive Committee of the American Jewish Committee in a statement under the signatures of Louis E. Kirstein, Chairman, and Morris D. Waldman, General Secretary, said: "Mr. Stroock was a member of the American Jewish Committee for many years. In 1930 he was elected to the Executive Committee, and in 1934 he became its Chairman. Following the death of Dr. Cyrus Adler, in the Spring of 1940, Mr. Stroock was elected to succeed him as President at the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Committee, in January, 1941.

"During the many years of his association with the Committee, Mr. Stroock actively participated in its work. As Chairman of the Executive Committee, especially during the last few years of Dr. Adler's life, Mr. Stroock devoted a great part of his time, his energies and his many talents to the direction of the activities of the organization. His unstinted conscientious services were especially needed because the unhappy situation of Jews in European countries made necessary the augmentation of the work of the American Jewish Committee. It was during this period that the Committee was compelled to expend its organization and to intensify its activities. While deeply deploring the tragic events which made these steps necessary, Mr. Stroock gave skilled guidance and sagacious counsel.

"Mr. Stroock never sought personal recognition or commendation. He was wholeheartedly and unreservedly interested in the cause for which the Committee is laboring, and gave a noble example to his colleagues of complete selflessness and boundless devotion.

"His colleagues of the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Committee deeply mourn the passing of their leader and associate. We will sadly miss his genial

friendship and his inspiring devotion. On behalf of the general membership of the Committee, we extend to his beloved wife and children the expression of our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement."

B'nai B'rith Expresses Condolences

Mr. Henry Monsky, president of the B'nai B'rith, and Maurice Bisgyer, secretary, in a message from Washington stated. "B'nai B'rith extends sincere condolences to Mrs. Sol Stroock and family and to the American Jewish Committee on the passing of a great leader of Israel and American communal life. The nobility of his character and the wide scope of his humanitarian interests will serve as an everlasting monument to his memory."

"Irreplaceable Gap," Says Warburg

Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the American Joint Distribution Committee, issued a statement saying: "The passing of Mr. Sol Stroock leaves an irreplaceable gap in the American scene and the Jewish community especially. He had a kindness, a wisdom and a nobility which transcended all barriers of age or generation. We can ill-afford to have lost another great representative of the Old Guard."

Medalie Praises Stroock's Career

George Z. Medalie, president of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies of New York City, said: "In the philanthropic and religious life of the community, Sol M. Stroock was an outstanding leader whose sagacity, vision and deep understanding of life made him always greatly sought after as counselor and guide. He was a man of great spiritual quality, with a strong hold on the affections of all who knew him. We have suffered an irreparable loss in his passing."

A Leader in Defense Activities, Says Blaustein

Mr. Jacob Blaustein, chairman of the Board of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, in a statement declared: "The death of Sol M. Stroock removed from the Jewish scene a wise leader whose passing will be mourned by all who appreciated his keen and consistent interest in all meritorious Jewish movements. Mr. Stroock's leading position in defense activities as President of the American Jewish Committee, amongst his other activities, makes his passing an irreparable loss - the more deplorable coming at this critical juncture in the history of our people."

"A Synthesis of Jew and American," Says Waldman

Morris D. Waldman, General Secretary of the American Jewish Committee, in a statement said: "Still dazed by the shock of the sudden death of Sol Stroock, I can at this moment only give vent to my feeling of grief over the loss of a friend of many years, and a chief who was wise and understanding. Like his illustrious predecessors in the office of President of the American Jewish Committee, Louis Marshall and Cyrus Adler, he too personified the synthesis of Jew and American in the highest degree. We shall miss his guidance and direction, but we will carry on in his spirit."

Took Keen Interest in Palestine, Says Emergency Committee

The Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs issued the following statement signed by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Louis Lipsky and Robert Szold: "The Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs mourns deeply the passing of Sol Stroock. His wide sympathies and his great qualities of leadership will be sorely missed. Mr. Stroock's constructive

and warm-hearted approach to Jewish problems led him to take a keen interest in the work of Jewish settlement in Palestine. He was a member of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and it was his intention to preside in the near future at a meeting of leading Zionists and non-Zionists with a view to establishing closer cooperation between various sections of Jewish opinion in this country, in regard to the future of the Jewish National Home. His loss will be deeply felt by Jews everywhere."

NRS Benefited From Stroock's Counsel, Says Rosenwald

William Rosenwald, President of the National Refugee Service, said: "The loss to the American Jewish community in the death of Sol M. Stroock is great. The loss to those of us who knew him and worked with him closely is equally great. But the greatest loss of all is to the many thousands who, though they may never have seen him, were the beneficiaries of his wisdom and his philanthropy. His long record in behalf of his oppressed co-religionists in Europe in former years stands as an enduring monument. He was no less active in aiding the emigres who, fleeing from today's hatred, reached the freedom of America.

"Within the last few years the National Refugee Service has been benefited by Sol Stroock's valued counsel. Despite the many demands upon him he was always ready to give thought to the complex problems of the thousands of newcomers, whom he saw not only as co-religionists in need of succor, but as potential assets to American democracy. In our sorrow at his passing we have one consolation in remembering that he has left a worthy representative behind in his son, Alan M. Stroock, Chairman of the German-Jewish Children's Aid."

New York UJA Records Sorrow

Dr. Jonah B. Wise, as chairman of the New York United Jewish Appeal, issued a statement reading: "The officers and Directors of the New York United Jewish Appeal record their deep sorrow at the passing of Sol M. Stroock, and join with his many friends in extending profound condolences to the members of his family. A leader in civic and community affairs, the late Mr. Stroock had been long associated with welfare and philanthropic causes. As Honorary Vice Chairman and one of the guiding forces of the United Jewish Appeal, he had won the affection and esteem of all who were privileged to work with him in bringing succor and hope to distressed Jews overseas. We deeply mourn his passing."

Jewish Welfare Board Voices Condolences

The National Jewish Welfare Board, under the signatures of Frank L. Weil, president, and John M. Schiff, chairman of the Army and Navy Committee, issued the following statement: "The National Jewish Welfare Board hereby expresses deep sorrow in the passing of Sol M. Stroock, distinguished leader, public servant, warm supporter of Jewish institutions of learning, and friend of youth. As former President of the New York-Metropolitan Section of the Jewish Welfare Board, former President of the 92nd Street Young Men's Hebrew Association, and President of the American Jewish Committee, an affiliated national body of the Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board, his cooperation, support and advice have been invaluable. The Board extends to his wife and family its sincere sympathy in their bereavement. His passing constitutes a great loss to the community."

A Loss to YMHA

Frederick M. Warburg, president of the Y.M.H.A., in a statement declared: "The Board of the Young Men's Hebrew Association records herewith its deep sorrow at the

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passing of Sol M. Stroock, President of the Institution from 1924-1926, and Director since 1938. His sympathetic interest, ripe experience, sound judgment and broad understanding made a significant contribution to the Association's usefulness. He endeared himself to his fellow-Directors and the members, to all of whom his death is a personal loss. Sincere sympathy is extended to his bereaved family."

A Great Loss To Jewish Unity, Says Held

Adolph Held, President of the Jewish Labor Committee, said: "He is a great loss to the efforts for Jewish unity. His tact, his tolerance of other people's views made his presence among people who differed in their points of view a source of amicable and sensible adjustment. In these troublesome times when so much has to be done for our brethren on the other side and for our cause here, his loss is irreparable."

"His Memory Will Remain Blessed Forever, says Dr. Finkelstein

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Theological Seminary, under the signatures of Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president, and Henry S. Hendricks, secretary, said in a statement: "Mr. Stroock was the beloved and devoted associate of Solomon Schechter and Cyrus Adler. He was deeply interested in the spiritual and educational program of the Seminary and an indispensable aid in its material upbuilding. His religious feeling, his devotion to the sacred literature and lore of Judaism, the principles of personal conduct by which he was guided and his self-sacrifice on behalf of all good causes made him one of the distinguished citizens of our country, as well as a universally beloved member of our faith. His friendship was a blessing to us during his life and his memory will remain blessed forever."

An Illustrious Jew, says United Synagogue

The United Synagogue of America, in a statement signed by Louis J. Moss, president, Dr. Charles Hoffman, Cor. Sec. and Rabbi Samuel M. Cohen, Executive Director, said: "The United Synagogue of America records with deep sorrow the passing of an illustrious Jew and humanitarian. No cause which made for the betterment of humankind was foreign to his aim and purpose."

HIAS Records Its Sorrow

Abraham Herman, president of HIAS, issued a statement reading: "The Board of Directors of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society records with deep sorrow the passing of Sol M. Stroock, leader in American Jewry."

SAM BLUM, VETERAN AMERICAN ZIONIST DIES IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12. (JTA)-- Funeral services were held today for Sam Simon Blum, veteran American Zionist from Philadelphia, who died here at the age of 82. Simon was the founder of the famous dental factory in Palestine that supplied the whole Near East.

The services were extremely simple and without any flowers in accordance with Mr. Blum's request. Chief Rabbi Amiel and leaders of Palestine industry, finance and cultural institutions were among the mourners at the funeral. Blum was eulogized for having had the courage and idealism to exchange country life in America for a pioneering life in Palestine.