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LINDBERGH'S ANTI-JEWISH SPEECH MEETS WITH SEVERE CRITICISM IN AMERICAN PRESS

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA)-- Severe criticism against Charles A. Lindbergh for charging in his speech in Des Moines that the Jews are "the second major group leading America towards war," is being voiced in almost all leading newspapers throughout the country. At the same time it is reported that Lindbergh's slur on the Jews has also provoked dissatisfaction in the ranks of the America First Committee which sponsored the flier's speech. Some members of the America First Committee may withdraw unless the organization repudiates Lindbergh's anti-Jewish tenets.

The New York Herald-Tribune, in an editorial "Against the American Spirit," said: "The Des Moines speech, marking the climax of a series of innuendoes and covert allusions by isolationist leaders, opens new and ugly vistas and seeks to inject into open debate subjects which all good Americans should pray might be confined to the pages of the 'Voelkischer Beobachter' and the addresses of one Adolf Hitler. To be sure, Mr. Lindbergh did not counsel anti-Semitism. He warned the Jews that they may suffer from it in the event of war - and provided anti-Semites with fuel for their anti-Semitism. He asserted, after the fashion of anti-Semites everywhere, that the Jews were dangerous to the United States because of their 'large ownership and influence in our motion pictures, our press, our radio and our government.' To state that Jews exert an influence in this country out of proportion to their numbers is to state what is unproved and unprovable; to state that their influence is exerted as Jews and not as American citizens is to libel not only the Jews but the whole American system."

The New York Post, in an editorial "Obsession," comments: "So deep does Mr. Lindbergh's anti-Semitism go that he can look upon a world in which almost half the human race has suffered intolerable outrage against its independence and dignity, and decide that somehow the chief villain in the piece is the Jew. This is no shallow, surface anti-Semitism, no mere petulance or passing bar-room anger; this is a deep, dark, mystical current, Teutonic, if not in inspiration, quite obviously in coloration and content. Only a feeling that has climbed to the level of obsession, only a fury among emotions can explain such an analysis of recent events. To look upon a nation which has responded to an obvious peril by taxing and straining itself for a fifty-billion-dollar defense program, and to conclude that its future would be bright if only the Jews would cease to make war, is to tell us more about the speaker than about the world in which he lives. This is anti-Semitism of size, so strong that it seems to have taken possession of its possessor."

The Detroit Free Press, in an editorial carrying the headline "Enough Said," writes: "Colonel Lindbergh at Des Moines let his mask slip long enough to charge that the Jews are responsible for our entry into the World War. No more need be said. He should not only keep that Nazi medal Goering pinned on him. He should use it as a decoration for a Ku Klux Klan nightshirt when he is also given that 'honorary' decoration."

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The Philadelphia Inquirer in its editorial on Lindbergh's speech says: "Anti-Semitism is a cardinal Nazi doctrine. Without urging anti-Semitism in so many words, Lindbergh virtually accuses Jewish citizens in the United States of being dangerous to its peace and safety. Place the most striking passages from Lindbergh's and Hitler's speeches side by side and they are as alike as Tweedledum and Tweedledee."

The Cincinnati Enquirer declares: "Lindbergh took the chapter and verse of his speech from official German propaganda. It was not the first time this has occurred, but never before so strikingly as when he said that America was being driven to war by three groups - the British, the Jews, and the Roosevelt Administration. Characteristically, there was not a word of criticism of the Nazis in his speech. Anti-Semitism, Hitler's staple commodity, showed itself repeatedly in Lindbergh's speech."

The Chicago Tribune, taking an apologetic tone, writes: "Col. Lindbergh said that the Jews of America, as a group, are working for war, although he conceded that a few far-sighted Jews see the folly of this course and oppose it. He might have added that other racial groups whose birthplaces have been overrun by Hitler are also working for war. But neither these other groups nor the Jews are unanimous in this. It may be recalled that while the only ward in Chicago that voted for war in the Tribune's poll was a predominantly Jewish community, that ward gave only the barest majority for war... Americans have but one demand that they may rightfully make of American Jews and that is the same demand that they rightfully make of Americans of British, Polish, Italian, Irish, or any other descent. It is that they think and act as Americans. This does not mean that they should abandon religion, or customs, or sentimental ties. It does mean that in political matters, and particularly in matters touching our foreign relations, they should be wholly American and not members of any racial group."

The Kansas City Times, calling Lindbergh's attack on the Jews "cheap, unfair and unAmerican," states: "When Mr. Lindbergh publicly accuses a racial group among his fellow countrymen of warmongering, as he did on Thursday night in Des Moines, then he goes beyond the rights of an American citizen. Lindbergh may not have meant to play upon race prejudice when he described the Jews of the United States as anxious to bring this country into the conflict, out of sympathy for the plight of the Jews in Germany. That remains, however, the incontestable effect of what he said."

SAMUEL C. LAMPORT DEAD; FUNERAL TODAY

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA)-- Samuel C. Lamport, one of the most widely known figures in American Jewish life, died yesterday of a heart attack at his summer home in New Rochelle, N. Y. at the age of 61.

One of the leading cotton merchants in America, Mr. Lamport devoted much of his time to Jewish activities and was a generous contributor to various Jewish philanthropic and educational institutions. Among the organizations in which he took particular interest were the JDC, the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish Publication Society, the Jewish Education Association, the Yeshiva College. He was also interested in the Zionist movement and at one time served as a member of the ZOA executive. In 1925 he visited Palestine. He was also active in trying to bring about better treatment of the Jews in Poland.

Funeral services will take place Monday at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism. Mr. Lamport leaves a widow, Mrs. Miriam Dworsky Lamport, and two daughters, the Misses Sarah Marcia and Vivien Felicia Lamport.

MASS SUICIDES OF JEWS REPORTED FROM NAZI-OCCUPIED FRANCE

VICHY, Sept. 14. (JTA)-- A wave of Jewish suicides in the Nazi-occupied part of France is reported here today as a result of increased Nazi terror in Paris and other cities against the Jewish population there.

Simultaneously it is reported that thousands of panic-stricken Jews are trying to find their way from the occupied into the unoccupied part of France by illegally crossing the demarcation line. Throngs of them are reported to have been assembled at the Free Zone line, but are not permitted to proceed any further. Jewish organizations in agreement with the Free Zone authorities are contemplating the establishment of special shelter camps for them.

The process of "aryanization" of Jewish enterprises in the Free Zone territory began this week with "Aryan" administrators being appointed over a number of Jewish establishments in Marseille.

JEWS IN SLOVAKIA ORDERED TO YIELD THEIR PASSPORTS AND WEAR YELLOW ARMBANDS

ZURICH, Sept. 14. (JTA)-- Following the introduction of the Nuremberg Laws in Slovakia last week, an order was issued yesterday in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, stating that all Jews and so-called half-Jews in the country must wear yellow armbands with the Shield of David painted on them. They must also yield their passports to the local authorities.

Simultaneously orders have been issued during the week-end instructing the Jewish population to immediately submit to the Slovakian authorities all radio sets, fishing and photographic equipment, telescopes and gramophone records.

AMERICAN ZIONISTS URGE ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT TO RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14. (JTA)-- Rabbi Isadore Breslau, executive director of the Zionist Organization of America, today denied that the political committee at the ZOA convention in Cincinnati declined the suggestion to pass a resolution on Soviet Russia as a British ally in the present war.

"No political resolutions were considered or adopted other than the one proclamation presented to the convention by Dr. Wise on September 7th and unanimously adopted," Rabbi Breslau said. "The proclamation included a paragraph saying 'we are confident that the mighty effort of the British Commonwealth of Nations, China, Russia, Free France and all their allies, with the increasingly effective aid of our own country, will, under God, result in the total defeat of Hitlerism and in the triumph of freedom.' This proclamation was intended to cover all political matters, and it includes a definite and specific reference to Russia, along with the other major belligerents, as deserving of our encouragement and support."

"JEWISH COMMISSARIATE" ESTABLISHED IN RUMANIA

LONDON, Sept. 14. (JTA)-- Emulating the Vichy pattern, the Rumanian government established a Commissariate for Jewish Affairs and appointed M. Demulescu, under-secretary of State, as commissioner of this department, according to information received here today by Free Rumania circles.

Demulescu is known as a notorious anti-Semite. He has been in charge of enforcing the regulations for Jewish forced labor in Rumania.

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JEWISH LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY MOURN THE DEATH OF STROOCK

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA)-- Messages of condolence on the death of Sol M. Stroock, president of the American Jewish Committee, continued to reach the offices of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency during the week-end from all parts of the country.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the UPA, wiring from Cleveland, said: "I learned with profound sorrow of the death of Sol M. Stroock. Personally and as chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, I wish to pay tribute to a high minded and cultured gentleman, a true American, and a loyal Jew who loved his people deeply and served them with distinction in many fields. His passing is a great loss to American Jewry.

Sidney Hollender, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, wired: "In the passing of Sol M. Stroock the Jewish community of America suffers a great loss. For years without end his keen mind and great energy have been at the service of his people, and we will all sorely miss him. Sol M. Stroock's name will always rank high among the great leaders of the Jewish people."

William J. Shroder, chairman of the board of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, wired from Cincinnati: "The end of his great life well-lived brings a sense of personal loss to all who knew Mr. Stroock and of him. The record of his achievements is our consolation."

Henry Monsky, president of the B'nai B'rith, wired from Omaha: "The sudden and unexpected death of Mr. Sol Stroock, at a time when men of broad experience concerning the problems of our people, are so much needed, is a great loss to the Jewish community of American. Those of us who were privileged to work with him, respected him for his profound interest in and zealous devotion to the causes that concern the Jews."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, in a statement said: "In the passing of Sol M. Stroock, American Israel has lost one of its foremost leaders. Over a span of a generation, he counseled, guided and strengthened the philanthropic and cultural life of American Jewry. He was a great patron of learning. Scholarship, wisdom, humility and a high sense of public responsibility were his characteristics."

Leon S. Lang, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, in a statement declared: "The Rabbinical Assembly of America is profoundly grieved by the passing of Sol M. Stroock, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Mr. Stroock was much beloved by our colleagues for his valiant leadership in Jewish life and his untiring and zealous devotion to the Seminary, our Alma Mater. His sterling character and love of scholarship will be sorely missed in the counsels of the Seminary, especially in these trying days."

H. L. Lurie, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, said in a message: "All of us concerned with Jewish problems recognized the qualities of his leadership. He was a personal symbol of the aims of Jewish life and culture in this country. These qualities, even more than his functions of leadership in Jewish organization, determined and guided a large part of our thinking. The loss to community life is real and irreplaceable."

Messages were also received from numerous Jewish leaders in Chicago, Baltimore, Atlanta, Detroit, Los Angeles, Washington, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Boston, San Francisco and other cities.