

SLOVAKIA DECREES SEVERE ANTI-JEWISH LAWS

GENEVA, Sept. 17. (JTA)-- A new "Jewish Code" which completely bars Jews from any participation in the political, social, economic or cultural life of Slovakia, and which will mean virtual starvation for some 100,000 Jews, was promulgated today by the Slovak Government, it was announced over the Bratislava radio.

At the same time a twenty per cent tax on all Jewish property was ordered. Since German sources estimate that Jewish wealth in Slovakia totals about 3,000,000,000 kronen, it is expected that the Slovak authorities will demand a levy of 600,000,000 kronen, or about \$20,500,000.

The "Code," which contains 270 articles, prohibits Jews from organizing any political groups or joining any existing groups; contains special provisions implementing the general policy of barring Jews from engaging in political, cultural or economic pursuits; and strictly forbids all contact between "Aryans" and Jews. It also makes it obligatory for all Jews to wear yellow armbands bearing a Mogen David on their left arm.

This new code, which is obviously inspired by the Nuremberg laws, is expected to be complemented in the near future by the creation of ghettos all over the country. A possible indication of a slightly liberal interpretation of the anti-Jewish laws is contained in a broadcast from the Bratislava radio which announced that the Slovakian President has the power to release certain Jews from the restrictions of the decrees.

JEWS "OF THE WHOLE WORLD" WILL PAY FOR GERMAN MARTYRS ON SOVIET FRONT, NAZIS SAY

LISBON, Sept. 17. (JTA)-- A threat to the "Jews of the whole world" is voiced in the Nazi press today asserting that the Jews will pay for the "martyrdom" of the German soldiers on the Eastern front.

Declaring that the yellow Mogen David has been introduced in Germany as "an answer to the demand of German troops who have seen on the Eastern front the disagreeableness and cruelty of the Jews," all the newspapers in Germany publish virtually the same text blaming Jews for alleged GPU atrocities. The yellow star will help to fix a share of the blame on the Jews in Germany, the Nazi press states. It will also serve as means of identifying Jews and thus prevent any unwitting contact with them.

Indicating that Jews in all territories under German control will be forced to wear yellow Mogen Davids, the Berliner Boersen Zeitung warns that Jews in other countries may also expect Nazi reprisals. "Jews of the whole world will no longer be able to escape their responsibility," the Nazi newspaper writes. This is the first time that the German public has learned that Jews in the Reich have been ordered to wear yellow stars over the left breast of their outer garments.

PALESTINE MUFTI CORNERED BY BRITISH IN JAPANESE LEGATION IN IRAN

LONDON, Sept. 17. (JTA)-- The British radio today announced that Haj Amin El Husseini, ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, has been cornered in Iran and is hiding in the Japanese legation in Teheran.

"The Iranian Government, acting upon a demand formulated by the British authorities, has sent a note to the Japanese legation requesting that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem be delivered," the announcement of the British radio said. "The ex-Mufti was the main instigator of Arab revolts in Palestine before the war."

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE REPLIES TO LINDBERGH'S ANTI-JEWISH CHARGES

CHICAGO, Sept. 17. (JTA)-- A statement "to the American people" in which Lindbergh's charges against American Jewry are repudiated one by one as "unfounded in fact" was issued here today by the Anti-Defamation League, under the signature of Sigmund Livingston, its chairman.

Pointing out that "no recognized national Jewish organization, either lay or religious, has declared in favor of American entry into the war," Mr. Livingston, in his statement said:

"The defamatory charges made by Mr. Lindbergh against American Jewry are unfounded in fact and are un-American. In justice, we deem it necessary to make this statement to the American people. Americans of Jewish faith, like all other citizens, react each according to his own light and conviction to the present foreign relations policy of our government. No recognized national Jewish organization, either lay or religious, has declared in favor of American entry into the war. Every citizen, of whatever racial or religious group, should be guided by consideration of what is best for the nation as a whole. Consequently, any assertion which attempts to give the impression of a group conviction on the part of American Jewry is a figment of the imagination of irresponsible propagandists."

"The charge made that the Jews own or influence the press is without foundation. Arthur T. Robb, editor of "Editor and Publisher," an authoritative journal of American newspapermen, pointed out that of the 1,700 owner-publishers in this country, only 15 or less than 1%, are Jewish, and of the newspapers only three or four are of any prominence. It is a scurrilous indictment of newspapers and their owners to even intimate that on a great public question of this kind they could be influenced."

"The charge concerning the control of radio is likewise unfounded. Lindbergh has never lacked time nor facilities over the radio. In fact, newspapers and radio have given far more space and time to him than to any other individual in similar capacity in relation to this national issue. His repeated appearance on networks is in itself sufficient refutation of his unwarranted allegation."

"Concerning Mr. Lindbergh's attack upon the Jews in relation to the activities of the movie industry, it is generally known that Jews and non-Jews alike in this industry have depicted in films the horrors of the European situation. These pictures largely reproduced stories from books which had been best sellers, and from the serials published in the outstanding national magazines. The Jews are neither responsible for nor can they claim credit for what may be done in this or in any other particular industry."

"Mr. Lindbergh's charges parallel those made by Hitler and his Nazi regime to incite hatred of the Jews. This method was used by the Nazis as the spearhead for their attacks upon the erstwhile government of Germany. It is true that the Jews

suffered severely from the persecution of Hitler and the Nazis. It is conspicuous, however, that Mr. Lindbergh failed to mention that Catholics, Lutherans, and other Protestant groups - every one who has placed conscience above the dictates of Hitler, and every one who respects the rule of law and order as distinguished from the rule of force and terror - has suffered persecution in Germany. It is also conspicuous that Mr. Lindbergh forgot or deemed it inimicable to his apparently mischievous purpose to mention as haters of Hitler, American Czechs, Poles, Danes, Norwegians, Belgians, Dutch, Greeks and others who have observed with distress the destruction, spoliation and subjugation of their homeland now under Nazi occupation, control and oppression.

"This is a time of great national emergency when national solidarity is of unprecedented importance. No loyal citizen will use his influence or power to incite religious or racial hatreds which are so foreign to the basic traditions of America. The loyalty of the Jews to America and its traditions dates back to the Revolutionary period and is a recognized fact throughout American history. It cannot be challenged by reckless, irresponsible or propagandist statements. Whatever be the future course of America in this world conflict, the Jew will be found loyal to the best interests of America and American democracy."

SENATOR NYE DEFENDS LINDBERGH'S SLUR ON JEWS

ROCHESTER Sept. 17. (JTA)-- Senator Gerald P. Nye in an interview here today defended Lindbergh and stated that the flier was not being anti-Semitic when he said that the Jews want to involve America in the war. Instead, Senator Nye charged that "the interventionists want to inject the anti-Semitic issue" into debates on America's foreign policy.

"As Lindbergh said, without being anti-Semitic," Nye commented, "those of the Jewish faith are contributing to the cause of intervention. Their interest is very natural. If I were one of them, I should feel as they do toward those who have persecuted my people. But I should try not to let my natural hatred blind me to the first and best interests of my own country."

NO JEWS WILL BE INDUCTED INTO ARMY DURING HIGH HOLIDAYS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. (JTA)-- No Jews will be inducted into the army during the Rosh Hashanah holidays, it was announced today by Brig. Gen. Lewis Hershey, National Director of Selective Service. Gen. Hershey has ordered all State Selective Service Directors to refrain from inducting Jews from September 21 to 25, Rosh Hashanah, and from September 30 to October 1, Yom Kippur.

N.Y. CITY COUNCIL ASKS THAT WORLD SERIES NOT OPEN ON YOM KIPPUR

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA)-- A resolution was unanimously passed by the City Council yesterday urging that the start of the world series be postponed from Oct. 1 to Oct. 2 because the scheduled opening date coincides with the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

NAZIS IMPOSE CURFEW UPON BRUSSELS JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 17. (JTA)-- Jews in Brussels may not leave their homes between the hours of 8 P.M. and 7 A.M., under a new order issued by the German military commander of the city, it is reported in the Brusseler Zeitung, reaching here today. Traveling elsewhere than within the area of Brussels, Antwerp, Liege and Charleroi is also forbidden to Jews. These measures have been taken because "Jews have been abusing the liberty they have enjoyed," the Nazi-controlled Belgian paper states.

ROOSEVELT RIDICULES ANTI-SEMITIC ISOLATIONISTS; WALLACE, LEHMAN DENOUNCE THEM

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA)-- Lindbergh's and Senator Nye's insinuations that the Jews are conducting war propaganda in America received an indirect, sarcastic reply yesterday from President Roosevelt at a press conference at which he indicated that his personal attitude is one of good-humored derision.

By way of comment, the President read a telegram received by a Senator whose name, he emphasized, he was not at liberty to disclose. The telegram said: "Have just been reading a book called the Holy Bible. Has a large circulation in this country. Written entirely by foreign born, mostly Jews. First part full of warmongering propaganda. Second part condemned isolationism with a story about a Good Samaritan which is dangerous. Should be added to your list and suppressed."

Without mentioning Lindbergh's name, Vice President Henry A. Wallace, Governor Lehman, and a number of Protestant and Catholic leaders united last night in denouncing anti-Jewish and anti-religious propaganda of all kinds as a grave threat to American democracy. They spoke at the Fordham University centenary dinner given in the hotel Waldorf-Astoria, here, as part of the three-day celebration of the 100th anniversary of the largest Catholic university in the United States.

Wallace Speaks as Roosevelt's Representative

As President Roosevelt's representative, Vice President Wallace told the 2,300 eminent guests at the dinner that "no true Christian can speak bitterly against the Jew, the Negro or the yellow man." The faith of Americans, he said is "totally different from believing in the inherent superiority of one race over all other races."

Governor Lehman condemned "the sinister forces" who are sowing the seeds of discord between those of different faiths. Division between our people," the Governor said, "must not be allowed to exist if democracy is to be preserved. Hate begets hate. Intolerance begets intolerance. Oppression of the individual or of groups inevitably leads to the oppression of other individuals and groups. Wherever racial or religious division has raised its ugly head, the death knell of human liberties has been sounded. An attack on one religion weakens all religious faiths, since the basis of all true religion is identical - charity, justice and tolerance."

N.Y. Herald-Tribune says "Anti-Semitic Poison" not Accidental

The New York Herald-Tribune, in a forceful editorial today says that though many isolationists do not approve of anti-Semitism, "the evidence that their leaders are deliberately taking up this despicable, disruptive and profoundly inhuman and un-American weapon to bolster a lost cause is too strong to be disregarded." Referring to Lindbergh's speech and to Senator Nye's anti-Jewish insinuations, the editorial comments:

"Anti-Semitism was the most contemptible, as it was also the most dangerous, of all the weapons in the armory with which Hitler subverted Germany and set out to enslave the world. And from time immemorial the meanest, the most contemptible, as well as the safest and easiest, excuse of those who have spread this poison - whether Nazis, or their sympathizers or their counterparts in other times and places - has been the pretense that the poisoner was really only a great-hearted friend of the Jews, trying to save them from the prejudices which their 'unwisdom' or their 'excesses' would otherwise arouse. One encountered it, ad nauseam, in the early days of the Hitler movement in Germany; one has met it over and over again elsewhere. Its viciousness is apparent: it is an obvious and despicable device for spreading the

bigotry it pretends to combat. Yet this is the precise defense which Senator Nye has raised against the plain inference that the isolationists' precious 'investigation' into the motion-picture industry is primarily an attempt to light the fires of Nazi anti-Semitism in aid of a cause already desperate. Senator Nye, America First and the other isolationist leaders alone know their own inner motives. Others, endeavoring to assess them, can only look at the evidence. They can only infer that the increasing persistence with which the anti-Semitic poison has appeared in isolationist pronouncements is not an accident. It was hardly an accidental choice of names when Senator Wheeler, in an isolationist speech as long ago as last February, was denouncing 'political control by a financial oligarchy, whether it be the Thyssens and Krupps in Germany, the Rothschilds in England and France, the Sassoons in India and China, or the Morgans, the Warburgs, the Kuhn-Loeb and other international bankers in the United States.'

Jewish "Influence" in Movies, Radio and Press Disproved

Dorothy Thompson in her syndicated column, today, repudiates Lindbergh's and Senator Nye's anti-Jewish assertions by proving that in the ranks of the leading interventionists in this country Jews constitute an insignificant proportion. Also that the moving picture industry is actually controlled by non-Jewish banks. Miss Thompson gives a list of leading American newspapers and magazines disproving Lindbergh's allegation about "Jewish influence" in the press. "In fact, if every American Jew died tomorrow it would make not the slightest difference in the policy of the movies, the radio, the government, and the press - unless, of course, Mr. Lindbergh and his followers could fill whatever positions were left vacant from the lists of the America First Committee," Miss Thompson writes.

Hugh S. Johnson, World-Telegram columnist, in a statement today declared that he is "opposing many of Lindbergh's views and specifically any attempt to link American Jewry with warmongering."

BILL BANNING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION PROPOSED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA)-- A bill to make it unlawful for a person or corporation with a contract for city work to discriminate against any employees or prospective employees because of their race, color or creed was introduced last night in the City Council by Councilman Anthony J. D'igiovanni. The bill would make it unlawful for any person or corporation with a city contract to ask the race, color or creed of any employee or prospective employee.

Violation would be punishable by a fine of \$100 or sixty days' imprisonment, or both. The bill was referred without debate to the committee on general welfare. It read: "It is hereby declared to be the policy of the City of New York that there shall be no discrimination in the employment of any person because of the race, creed or color of such person. It shall be unlawful for any person, concern, business, agency or bureau, whether private, public or governmental, or any corporation having a contractual relationship with the City of New York to refuse to continue in employment any person on account of the race, color or creed of such person.

"It shall be unlawful for any servant, agent or employee of any person, concern, business, agency or bureau, whether private, public or governmental, or of any corporation having a contractual relationship with the City of New York, directly or indirectly, to ask, indicate or transmit, orally or in writing, the race, color or religious affiliation of any person employed or seeking employment for such person, concern, business, agency, bureau or corporation."