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GOEBBELS WARNS FOREIGNERS IN GERMANY NOT TO ASSOCIATE WITH JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 17. (JTA)-- Foreigners in Germany have been warned by Goebbels to abstain from walking through Berlin streets in the company of Jews unless they wish to be considered as elements hostile to the Reich, Swedish newspapers reported today from Berlin.

The warning of the Nazi Minister of Propaganda follows the sudden disappearance from the American Embassy in Berlin of Dr. Walther Pick, one of the two non-American Jewish employees of the embassy who have to wear a Star of David. It comes close on the heels of Goebbels' warning last week to Germans that they will be considered as traitors to the German cause should they be caught sympathizing with Jews.

"Foreign non-Jews who parade in the streets of Berlin with Jews are arousing the feelings of Germans. They deserve to wear a Star of David," Goebbels writes in *Das Reich*, official organ of the Ministry of Propaganda.

"Many non-Jewish foreigners," he continues, "explain their provocative behavior with the argument that 'Jews are also human beings.' To this our reply is that murderers, seducers of children, thieves and pimps are similarly human beings, but none will parade with them on *Kurfuerstendamm*. Some of these foreigners argue that 'their Jew is a decent Jew' and that they have known each other for years. To this our answer is that there is no reason to give a guard of honor to any Jew. Their walking with non-Jews on the street is nothing but a defensive reaction to having to wear the Star of David."

Goebbels concludes his article by saying that the fact that the American and British press are able to report the Berlin anti-Jewish measures within twenty-four hours after they have been issued proves that "even today Jews have secret connections with hostile countries and use them not only in their own cause, but also in matters of importance to the Reich," since most of the recent anti-Jewish regulations were published in the American newspapers long before they were made public in the German press.

"REICH IS FIGHTING TO DEATH AGAINST JEWS," SAYS ROSENBERG, NEW RULER OF BALTIC STATES

ZURICH, Nov. 17. (JTA)-- Harder times were predicted here today for Jews in the Baltic countries and Minsk district following the announcement from Berlin that Alfred Rosenberg has been appointed Reich Minister in charge of the civil administration in the Baltics and occupied White Russia.

"The Reich is now fighting to death against the Jews," the *Voelkischer Beobachter* in Berlin, of which Rosenberg is editor-in-chief, said today in a violent anti-Jewish article. The section of White Russia over which Rosenberg will rule includes the Jewish-populated regions of Minsk, Polotzk, Vitebsk, Mogilev and Bobruisk - all formerly a part of Soviet Russia.

JEWISH WAR PRISONERS MISTREATED IN GERMANY, ESCAPED OFFICER REPORTS

LONDON, Nov. 17. (JTA)-- Details of how the Nazis, in defiance of the existing international regulations, are segregating and mistreating Jewish war prisoners were reported here today by a French Jewish officer who was one of a group of 186 French war prisoners who succeeded in breaking away en-masse from a German prison camp to Soviet territory and reached England by way of the Near East. All 186 will be awarded war decorations by General de Gaulle at a formal ceremony here.

Jewish war prisoners, the officer related, are never addressed by the Nazi guards in the German camps as "soldiers" but always as "Jude." They are excluded from farm work outside the camp under the pretext that they speak the German language and therefore constitute a danger since their contact with the native population "is contaminating the superior German race." Instead they are made to do the hardest and most degrading work in the camps, such as cleaning the sewers and the latrines with old tin cans or even with their bare hands. When not engaged in this kind of work, Jewish prisoners are forced to do so-called "exercises" consisting of standing at attention for hours or throwing themselves flat on the ground at the sound of whistle. They must lie in snow or in mud for as long as the sadistic Nazi sergeants wish.

This policy of harsh treatment of Jewish war prisoners, the French Jewish officer continued, is approved by the superior military and political authorities. In certain cases the Nazi military authorities, in order to facilitate the segregation of the Jewish prisoners of war, spread the rumor that Jewish war prisoners would be released because they are not desirable on German soil. The prisoners thus identified as Jews were then sent to "special camps" in Germany. In the officers camp, a list was demanded of all officers of Jewish race and religion for unspecified purposes. On the advice of the superior war prisoners in the camp many Jewish officers refused to register for such a list. Others, however, made it a point of honor to acknowledge their Jewishness. The latter were later ordered into a special camp.

NAZI REPORT OF PROJECTED JEWISH GHETTOS IN FRANCE NOT CONFIRMED IN VICHY

VICHY, Nov. 17. (JTA)-- No confirmation is forthcoming here, so far, of the report emanating from Berlin that the Petain Government intends to establish Jewish ghettos in France. Usually well-informed sources here learned of this alleged plan for the first time today from German reports published in Swiss newspapers.

Jewish organizations in France are at present worried not so much over the question of whether or not ghettos will be established here, as they are over the forthcoming law merging all Jewish groups into one body under the supervision of the Commissariat for Jewish Affairs. Conferences of Jewish relief and philanthropic organizations are being held constantly, devoted to the problem of alleviating the growing hardships of thousands of Jews in France in connection with the coming winter.

Paris newspapers arriving here today report that the anti-Semitic exhibition "Jews and France" which was opened in Paris some time ago had its 200,000th visitor during the week-end. An announcement was made on this occasion that the exhibition, which was scheduled to close on November 23, will be prolonged for several weeks "because of its great success."

PROTESTANT CHURCHES IN HOLLAND CONDEMN NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEWS

GENEVA, Nov. 17. (JTA)-- Dutch Protestant Churches in Holland have voiced their protest against Nazi persecution of the Jews by issuing a special booklet "The Mystery of the Jews" in which the Nazi racial doctrines are condemned, it is reported here today by the World Council of Churches.

NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT PERMITS 86 WANDERING JEWISH REFUGEES TO LAND AT CURACAO

WILHELMSTAD, CURACAO, Nov. 17. (JTA)-- The eighty-six refugees who have been wandering for ten months vainly seeking haven in South America were today granted permission to temporarily stay in the Dutch colony of Curacao, it was reported today by the Netherlands East Indies News Agency. The announcement came as the refugees were on the high seas back to Spain.

According to an agreement reached between the Joint Distribution Committee and the Netherlands government in London, the refugees will be permitted to stay in Curacao for three months thus giving the JDC time to secure permanent residence for them somewhere in the Western Hemisphere. The JDC has guaranteed funds for their maintenance until that time. Permission for the refugees to land was obtained through the efforts of Sir Herbert Emerson, League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

HUNGARY WILL SOLVE JEWISH PROBLEM WITHIN NAZI "NEW ORDER," MINISTER STATES

GENEVA, Nov. 17. (JTA)-- Hungarian requirements will be sacrificed to the Nazi "new order" in so far as the Jewish question is concerned, the Hungarian Minister of Justice declared today in the Chamber of Deputies, according to a broadcast over the German wireless.

The Nazi radio also announced that the Ministry of the Interior in Hungary has proposed a law excluding all Jews from seats in municipal councils. Hungarian newspapers reaching here today report that during a debate in the Hungarian Parliament on the budget of the Ministry of Public Instruction several deputies of the right wing government party demanded the striking out of a sum of 1,500,000 pengos, approximately \$290,000, allotted to Jewish schools. These deputies declared that by doing so Hungary would be following the "new European movement."

JEWISH INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN PALESTINE IS \$60,000,000 A YEAR, SURVEY SHOWS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17. (JTA)-- Jewish industrial enterprises in Palestine manufactured \$60,000,000 worth of commodities during the last year and are now producing at even a greater rate, it was announced here today by the Institute for Economic Research of the Jewish Agency. Non-Jewish industrial production in Palestine during the same period was about one-fourth the Jewish production.

A delegation headed by Isaac Ben-Zvi and Mayor Rokach today visited the Government offices and submitted to the Palestine Administration the resolution adopted at various meetings in the Yishub urging the Government to combat profiteering and the high cost of living. The delegation also discussed the sum which the Palestine Government is to contribute towards the social welfare budget of the Jewish National Council.

CLOSING OF CZECH UNIVERSITIES BY NAZIS MARKED AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17. (JTA)-- The second anniversary of the closing of the Czech universities and the execution of nine leaders of the Czech student organizations by the Nazis in reprisal for anti-German demonstrations, was marked today at ceremonies in the Hebrew University.

After a two minute period of silence had been observed, manifestos issued by the English, Czech and Jewish students were read to the assembled students and faculty. The students of the university cabled their greetings and encouragement to the Czech student organization in London.

ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT APPEALS TO ARYAN PHARMACISTS TO TAKE OVER JEWISH STORES

ZURICH, Nov. 17. (JTA)-- The Rumanian Government today appealed over the Bucharest radio to demobilized pharmacists to apply for positions as state commissioners over pharmacies confiscated from Jews.

The ousting of Jews from most businesses and professions in Rumania has left the authorities with many specialized enterprises on their hands and no qualified persons available to run them.

The Rumanian broadcast also reported that the Ministry of Propaganda has announced that the decree providing for the withdrawal from sale of all recordings made by Jewish performers or of compositions by Jewish composers is now in effect. Any shopkeeper selling such records will have his stock confiscated under the provisions of the order.

JEWISH SOCIAL PROBLEMS WIDELY DISCUSSED IN SOCIAL SERVICE ORGAN

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA)-- Almost every phase of Jewish social problems is treated in the current issue of the Jewish Social Service Quarterly, published here today, in its presentation of the major proceedings of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare which met in Atlantic City in June of this year. The Quarterly is the official organ of the National Conference.

Community, national and institutional problems are discussed in papers by William J. Shroder of Cincinnati, Chairman of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; Kurt Peiser of the Philadelphia Federation of Jewish Charities; and Joseph Kleinman of the St. Louis Jewish Orthodox Old Folks Home. Papers on Overseas and Migration Conditions are contributed by Arthur Lourie of the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, Moses W. Beckelman and Joseph J. Schwartz of the Joint Distribution Committee and Cecilia Razovsky of the National Refugee Service.

Henry Monsky of the B'nai B'rith and Frank L. Weil of the Jewish Welfare Board write on two separate aspects of the national defense situation. Papers dealing with the present status of Jewish education are presented by Samuel Dinin of New York Teachers Institute and Azriel Eisenberg of the Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education, while a separate discussion of health services is contributed by Frances N. Harrison of the Philadelphia Federation of Jewish Charities.

Four experts discuss the subject of employment problems and vocational services: Eli E. Cohen of the New York Jewish Occupational Council, H. I. Barron of the Chicago Bureau of Jewish Employment Problems, A. L. Sudran of the Cleveland Jewish Vocational Service, and Richard L. Plaut of the New York Federation Employment Service.

AMERICAN COMMUNITIES PREPARING PROGRAMS TO OBSERVE JEWISH BOOK WEEK

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA)-- "The brutal destruction of Jewish communities in Eastern and Central Europe has not only impoverished large segments of the Jewish people economically but has also rendered them impotent from the point of view of cultural creativity," it was stated by Dr. Mordecai Soltes, chairman of the National Committee for Jewish Book Week, in an introductory message to a Book Week Manual, issued by the Committee today for use in connection with the 1941 observance of National Jewish Book Week from November 23 to 30. Reports received at the national office today indicate that a variety of programs in celebration of Jewish Book Week will be conducted in hundreds of communities throughout the United States.