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ALL ROMANIAN JEWS MUST JOIN NEW CENTRAL ORGANIZATION BY FEBRUARY, GOVERNMENT DECREES

ANKARA, Dec. 25. (JTA)-- All Jews in Rumania must enroll in the newly-created government-controlled Central Jewish organization before February 20, on pain of ten years imprisonment and a 200,000 lei fine, approximately \$1,400, it was announced today by the Bucharest radio. The forms that have to be used in filling out the registration papers will be sold for 20 lei, which will be used to help finance the Jewish body, the broadcast stated.

Comments on the new anti-Jewish regulations in Rumania are coupled with continued violent attacks on Dr. William Filderman, former president of the dissolved Union of Jewish Communities, in the Rumanian papers reaching here today.

Filderman is charged with, firstly, fostering a whispering campaign that undermined Rumanian business and resulted in factories closing and much unemployment; secondly, with being instrumental in the ousting of the late Octavian Goga, leading Rumanian anti-Semite who was premier for a six-week period early in 1938; and, lastly, with intervening for Jews at the peace conference in 1919.

PRAGUE JEWS FORCED TO CLEAR STREETS OF SNOW; BARRED FROM MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES

ZURICH, Dec. 25. (JTA)-- Prague Jews are being forced to clear the streets of snow as they did last year, it is reported in the newspaper, Ceske Slovo, reaching here today. After the first heavy snowfall 600 Jews were rounded up by the Prague authorities and forced to clean the streets with pick and shovel, the paper discloses.

It also reports an order of the Agricultural department prohibiting the selling of wines, liquors or other alcoholic beverages to Jews. Czechs are barred from even giving Jews a drink. At the same time Jews were forbidden to attend public auctions, museums, art galleries, public meetings, or public libraries of any kind.

ANTI-SEMITIC VANDALS ATTEMPT TO BURN DOWN COPENHAGEN SYNAGOGUE

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 25. (JTA)-- An attempt to set fire to a Copenhagen synagogue is under investigation by the police, it is reported today by the Copenhagen correspondent of the Aftonbladet.

On December 20, the correspondent reports, a bottle of inflammable liquid was hurled through the window of the synagogue causing a small fire which, however, was speedily extinguished. Jewish circles in Denmark believe that the attempted arson is part of the concerted anti-Semitic drive which has intensified since Denmark affixed its signature to the anti-Comintern pact in Berlin recently.

FIRST FRENCH ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA FILM COMPLETED IN PARIS

LONDON, Dec. 25. (JTA)-- The first French anti-Semitic propaganda film has been completed, Radio Paris announced today. Entitled "Les Corrupters," it deals with the control allegedly wielded by Jews over the press, the stock exchange and other French institutions. It endeavors to show how Jews managed to secure leading appointments in these businesses, and how they controlled the professions. The French people's determination "to rid themselves of the Jews" marks the film's conclusion, the Paris broadcast stated.

HAMBURG NAZIS PERTURBED BECAUSE THREE MOGEN DAVIDS IN CITY'S COAT OF ARMS

ZURICH, Dec. 25. (JTA)-- A controversy has arisen in Nazi circles in Hamburg concerning the fact that the city's coat-of-arms contains three six-pointed stars, it is reported in the Hamburger Tageblatt, reaching here today.

Orthodox Nazi circles are upset, the paper writes, by the fact that the identical symbol appears on the coat-of-arms of the Reich's second largest city and on the garments of the "subhuman" Jews. The Tageblatt attempts to calm the excited spirits of the more rabid Nazis by declaring that although the stars on the coat-of-arms resemble the Star of David, there is no necessity to change the city's shield.

TWO NEW COLONIES ESTABLISHED IN PALESTINE TO SPUR FOOD PRODUCTION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25. (JTA)-- Two new Jewish settlements have been established in Palestine as part of the program of the Jewish Agency to spur food production for the local population and for the British and allied armies garrisoned in Palestine, it was announced here today.

Refugees from Germany, Poland and Yugoslavia have established the colonies, located in southernmost Palestine. Yesterday 187 young refugees occupied 1,500 acres of the new colony Menof, on the site of ancient Gath, where Goliath, the Philistine, was born and to which David fled from Saul. On the same day, 132 other refugees settled on 2,500 acres in the new colony of Habone near Ruhama. Both new settlements are in the direction of the Egyptian frontier.

ARGENTINE JEWISH LEADER RECEIVED BY SUMNER WELLES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25. (JTA)-- Dr. Moises Goldman, of Buenos Aires, head of the Argentinian delegation to the recent Inter-American Jewish Conference, was received here by Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles at the State Department offices.

In an extended conversation, Dr. Goldman discussed with Mr. Welles the situation in his own country and proffered the help of the Jewish community respecting the common tasks which now confront the communities on the American continent.

WILLIAM BULLITT NOW IN PALESTINE; VISITS HOME OF AARON AARONSOHN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25. (JTA)-- William C. Bullitt, President Roosevelt's emissary in the Middle East, paused here today en route to Zikhron Jacob to visit the home of the late Aaron Aaronsohn, who cooperated with the British forces during the first war, providing them with valuable secret information. Bullitt spoke with Aaronsohn's brother and sister and read the diary kept by Aaronsohn during the Paris peace conference.

BRITISH ATS LEADER IN NEAR EAST PRAISES CONTRIBUTIONS OF PALESTINE JEWISH WOMEN

TEL AVIV, Dec. 25. (JTA)-- Admiration for the services the Jewish women of Palestine are contributing to the British war effort in the Middle East was voiced here today by Mrs. M. Chitty, commander-in-chief of the Palestine Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service, at a rally of the Council of Jewish women's organizations to enroll ATS recruits.

At the rally which was the opening gun in the drive to enlist thousands of Jewish women in the Palestine W.A.T.S., whose formation was announced this week, Mrs. Chitty stated that the "biggest and nicest" ATS camp in the Near East would be established in Palestine. Training of a military character will be given at the camp, the ATS leader reported.

FUTURE WORLD MUST BAR RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION, OPPRESSION OF MINORITIES, POPE STATES

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 25. (JTA)-- Religious persecution and oppression of minorities must have no place in the world of the future, declared Pope Pius XII in his annual Christmas Eve message last night.

As two points of a five-point program for future world peace the Pope listed:

1. No oppression of minorities.
2. No persecution directed against religious sects or churches, because "faith is one of the rights of mankind."

"There can be no new order without freedom and equality of rights of all people," the Pope said. "It is for the great Powers to collaborate so that no fresh evils may arise for mankind. It is not the first time," he continued, "that people are involved in a fight for something which they think will be a new and better order and for which people have been thrown into misery which, in fact, turns out to be a stupid, vain distortion. The principles of freedom and equality of rights for all people must underlie that new day."

84 POLISH JEWS NOW EMPLOYED ON STAFF OF POLISH MISSION IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Dec. 25. (JTA)-- Eighty-four Polish Jews are now employed on the Polish government staff in Russia, dealing with problems of Polish relief and the care of Polish citizens in the Soviet, it was reported today by the Polish government here in reply to a query made by Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart on behalf of the representation of Polish Jews in Palestine.

An important post in the central Polish welfare office in Russia is being reserved for a "prominent Polish Jewish personality," the government spokesman announced. It is thought here that "the prominent personality" referred to is either Dr. Moses Schorr or Dr. Emil Sommerstein, whom the Polish authorities are still attempting to locate in Russia.

Meanwhile, Polish Jewish circles here today were informed that Rabbi Halberstam, the famous "Bobover Rebbe," has been released by the Soviets. It was also learned here that S. Wolkowicz, a past editor of the Warsaw Jewish daily, *Nasz Przegląd* has been released in Russia and is safe and well.

HEBREW PRESS IN PALESTINE PUBLISHES CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO SOLDIERS THERE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 25. (JTA)-- The entire Hebrew press today prominently publishes Christmas greetings to soldiers now stationed in Palestine. *Devar* wishes all "guests and soldiers" presently celebrating Christmas in Palestine that next year they will spend Christmas at home after the triumph of the democracies.