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NAZIS INTENSIFY DEPORTATION OF POLISH-BORN JEWS FROM BELGIUM TO GHETTOS IN POLAND

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, Feb. 5. (JTA)-- The deportation of Polish-born Jews from Belgium back to Poland is now being conducted by the Nazi authorities in Antwerp on a large scale, according to information reaching Belgian circles here today. Polish Jews who have been residing in Antwerp for many years, are being herded into trains and transported to a special ghetto in Poland, in the city of Krasnick.

The mass-deportation of Polish Jews follows the Nazi military order issued on November 25 in Belgium, requesting the Jews there to make preparations for emigration to their countries of origin. The order provided for the merging of all Jewish organizations in Belgium into one central body to which Jews must surrender all property and possessions and which will be responsible to the Nazi authorities for this property as well as for aiding the Jewish deportees in any way necessary.

Reixist Newspaper Says Jews Received "Autonomous Administration"

The Reixist newspaper "Pays Reel," published in Belgium, reporting on the forced merger of all Jewish organizations into one association to which every Jew in Belgium must belong, tries to create the impression that the Jews in Belgium have been given an "autonomous administration" by the Nazis. "The aim of the obligatory Association of Jews," the Reixist paper writes, "is to accord to the Jews their own representation and to make possible for them the autonomous administration of their business, especially the preparation of the indispensable measures for a regulated subsequent emigration. To enable the Association to accomplish its tasks, the members are obliged to make contributions. The Association of Jews in Belgium, is an organization of public rights and is incorporated, with its office in Brussels. It is under the control of the Ministry of Interior.

"In the first place," the Reixist paper continues, "Jewish benevolent institutions and Jewish schools are to be supported by the Association of Jews. Concerning Jewish instruction, an ordinance of execution has already been enacted by the Chief of the Military Administration. The Association has an obligation to create schools and has to occupy itself with the formation and perfection of Jewish teachers. It may also create kindergartens, high and technical schools, as well as a special series of lectures useful to emigration. As soon as Jewish schools will be created in the different regions of the country, all the Jewish pupils, under obligation to attend school in the regions in question, have to leave the non-Jewish schools. Only Jewish teachers may give instruction in Jewish schools; some exceptions being foreseen during the transition period. These new ordinances are intended to create a separation of the Jews from the non-Jewish population; the separation having already been begun by a series of other measures," the Pays Reel concludes.

SOSUA MEETING MARKS SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF AGREEMENT WITH DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT

SOSUA, Dominican Republic, Feb. 5. (JTA)-- A meeting of the Council of Settlers here today commemorated the second anniversary of the agreement between the Dominican Republic and Dorsa, which provided for the establishment of this colony. The meeting expressed "its profound thanks" to the Dominican Republic Settlement Association in a cable addressed to Mr. James Rosenberg, Leon Falk, Jr., and Dr. Joseph Rosen, executive officers of the Dorsa, in New York

The message stated: "On this second anniversary of the agreement with the Dominican Government, we express the profound thanks of all Sosua settlers for the efforts and work of Dorsa."

BRITISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONFERENCE URGES EQUALITY FOR JEWS IN POST-WAR WORLD

EDINBURGH, Feb. 5. (JTA)-- Restoration of the "full status of human dignity" to the Jewish people as part of the post-war settlement as well as provisions for the emigration of Jews who cannot find homes in Europe after the war, was urged upon the Allied governments today in a resolution passed at a special conference on "Jewry's post-war position" held here by the Presbyterian churches of Britain and Ireland.

The resolution declares that the conference, after considering the position of Jews in post-war reconstruction "deplores any denial to persons of Jewish descent of the right to equal treatment before the law and the rights due their status as ordinary citizens." It urges that all governments "take immediate steps to restore the full status of human dignity to such Jewish people as have been deprived of it, particularly that all legislation unjustly diminishing the rights of Jews as such shall be repealed at an early date." It concludes by urging "His Majesty's Government, in conjunction with other of the Allied and friendly nations, to provide some scheme for the emigration of Jews who cannot find a home in Europe."

Rev. W. Gauld, opening the conference, declared that the Churches of the world can no longer afford to ignore the Jewish problem. "Hitler has definitely put the question of the Jews on the agenda of the world's business," Rev. Gauld declared. Rev. R. Clephane Macanna, speaking on the problem of securing political rights for Jews, warned that peace would not bring an end to racial discrimination and pointed out that the Jews of Europe are "economically dead" and that the positions which have been taken from them will not be lightly given up.

CENTENARY OF GEORGE BRANDES MARKED BY BROADCASTS IN ALL SCANDANAVIAN LANGUAGES

LONDON, Feb. 5. (JTA)-- The Centennary of George Brandes, Danish-Jewish critic and author, who was born Feb. 4. 1842, was marked here last night in E.B.C. broadcasts in Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish and Danish. Extracts from Brandes' work in which he condemned German aggression against Denmark in 1864 and violently attacked Prussian militarism were read.

Hinting at the recent attempts to introduce anti-Jewish laws in Denmark, the Free Danish broadcast stressed the fact that "in a free Denmark Brandes' Jewish origin did not prevent him from reaching the high moral position of a professor and writer whom the whole Danish people read with admiration."

DANISH AUTHORITIES RESTRICTING LOCAL NAZIS, CLAUSENIST LEADER COMPLAINS

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 5. (JTA)-- Danish authorities are keeping a close watch on the Clausenists, the Danish Nazis, in order to prevent their arranging any anti-Semitic demonstrations, it was revealed in reports reaching here today from Copenhagen.

At a Nazi meeting in the Danish capital the Clausenist staff leader Byrld complained that 600 of his followers had been imprisoned since the Nazi occupation and that 1,400 cases against them have been brought to court. He declared that Danish friendship towards Germany is only an outward pretense, while a campaign of anti-Nazi incitement continues at secret meetings and elsewhere.

PALESTINE POLICE SEIZE THREE JEWS SUSPECTED OF TERRORISM

TEL AVIV, Feb. 5. (JTA)-- Benjamin Zerou and Chanoch Sterlitz, two of the seven Jews wanted by the police on charges of participating in the recent outbreak of terrorism in Tel Aviv and Haifa, surrendered to the authorities here today. Nachman Shulman, a third fugitive, was arrested today in Haifa.

ANNUAL MEETING OF B'NAI B'RITH EXECUTIVE WILL MAP OUT WAR SERVICE PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (JTA)-- A far-reaching war service program, supplementing war service activities already under way in seven major fields, to be executed by the 200,000 B'nai B'rith men, women and young people in every state of the Union, will be laid before the 99th annual meeting of the Executive Committee of B'nai B'rith, when it convenes at the Essex House in New York City on February 8 and 9, it was announced here today by the B'nai B'rith headquarters.

During the First World War, B'nai B'rith created the Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare League, which set up a network of recreational clubhouses and centers in communities near Army and Navy bases; raised large sums for the purchase of Red Cross ambulances; sold millions of dollars worth of Liberty Bonds to its members; won the commendation of the U.S. Food Administration for aid in food conservation; and contributed 3,256 of its members to the armed forces, a figure that represented 10% of the membership at a time when the average member's age was 51.

The two-day session, to be presided over by Henry Monsky, B'nai B'rith president, will also deal with major questions of policy, program and budget that will determine the war-time scope and character of service and activity of such major arms of B'nai B'rith as the Anti-Defamation League, the Hillel Foundations, the Aleph Zadik Aleph, Vocational Service Bureau, the National Jewish Monthly and Wider Scope. Ample consideration will also be given to B'nai B'rith's role in war relief, post-war reconstruction and other war-created problems of special Jewish concern.

Mr. Monsky's annual report, summarizing the work of B'nai B'rith on many fronts since the triennial convention of March, 1941, will be the highlight of the meeting. The Executive Committee will also receive detailed reports from Maurice Bisgry, secretary; Sigmund Livingston, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League; Philip M. Klutznick, president of the Supreme Advisory Council of A.Z.A., B'nai B'rith youth organization; Alfred A. Benesch, chairman of the national Vocational Service Committee; Sidney G. Kusworm, chairman of the national Americanism Commission; and from the executive heads of the B'nai B'rith departments.

JEWISH DAILY FORWARD GIVES \$4,100 FOR BRITISH RELIEF; DONATED \$2,000,000 IN 45 YEARS

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA)-- A check for \$4,100, representing 25% of the gross receipts of the special British Empire Edition published by the Jewish Daily Forward on December 7, was presented here today to the British War Relief Society at a luncheon at the Commodore Hotel presided over by Frederick W. Gehle, chairman of the fund-raising division of the Society.

Mr. Alexander Kahn, general manager of the Jewish Daily Forward, in a speech explaining the humanitarian motives which prompted the Jewish newspaper to pledge the entire net profit of the special edition to the British War Relief, disclosed that the Forward has during the 45 years of its existence contributed about \$2,000,000 to various charitable and social relief enterprises. He presented the check to Matthew Well, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, who accepted it on behalf of the American Labor Committee to Aid British Labor and turned it over to Mr. Gehle for British war relief. Principal speakers at the luncheon also included Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, and Dr. S. Margoshes, editor of the Day.

Y.M.H.A. HONORS AMBASSADOR STEINHARDT AND HANK GREENBERG

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA)-- The annual citations of honor of the Young Men's Hebrew Association were awarded at a dinner last night to Laurence Steinhardt, United States Ambassador to Turkey, and Hank Greenberg, Detroit baseball star, now a sergeant of infantry at Fort Dix, N. J. Former Supreme Court Justice Joseph M. Proskauer and Frank L. Weil, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, made the presentations.