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SLOVAKIA ORDERS THE CONFISCATION OF ALL JEWISH MOBILE PROPERTY

ZURICH, March 18. (JTA)-- An order to confiscate all Jewish mobile property in Slovakia which for some reason escaped previous confiscation orders was issued this week by the Central Economic Office in Bratislava, according to a report reaching here today.

The report says that the confiscated articles will be auctioned off at public sales and the proceeds will be used "for financing the solution of the Jewish problem in Slovakia."

The registration of all Jews residing in Slovakia, including foreign citizens, was completed throughout the country on March 10th, the report informs. All registered Jews received a special certificate on which every movement of the holder must be entered by the local authorities from March 20th on. Many of the Jews in the larger cities have been "evacuated" by the authorities during the last few weeks into the ten "ghetto cities" near the Slovak-Polish frontier where the Slovak government intends to concentrate all the 70,000 Jews in the country.

Despite the fact that many prominent Slovaks have been arrested in connection with the growing anti-Nazi whispering campaign, the Slovak press, in a renewed anti-Jewish drive, accuses the Jews of being responsible for the large-scale whispering propaganda now being conducted all over the country. The Nazi-controlled Slovak newspapers demand that the government retaliate by introducing even more drastic legislation against the Jews.

10,000 Czech Jews Imprisoned; Czechs Continue To Defy Nazi Anti-Semitism

In Bohemia and Moravia, the report states, the Nazis continue to make every possible effort to eradicate the pro-Jewish feelings among the Czech population. However, all Nazi efforts in this direction produce no results. The Narodni Politika, a Prague pro-Nazi paper, complains in an article that the Czechs, being forbidden to openly greet Jewish acquaintances, have adopted the method of greeting their Jewish friends in the street by a twinkle in their eyes. "These Czech philoSemites had better take care of their necks," the paper threatens.

More than 10,000 Czech Jews are already interned in the prisons in the fortress town of Theresin, which the Gestapo in the Czech Protectorate has designated as the place to which all Jews of Bohemia and Moravia will be transferred, according to information reaching Jewish circles in Switzerland. Each day brings new victims who are taken from their homes at night by Gestapo agents and transferred to the Theresin jails, the report states.

"As a result of the continued night raids," the report informs, "Jews in Prague and in other Czech cities live in constant fear that they may be dragged out of their beds at any moment to be sent to the Theresin fortress. None of the Jews jailed in the

prison of Theresin are permitted to communicate with the outside world, thus practically nothing is known of the conditions under which they are being held. It is known, however, that the first thing which the Gestapo does when the victims reach the fortress town, is to take away their Czech citizenship papers and declare them to be 'stateless' prisoners."

Racial Hatred Alien to Czechs, Head of Czechoslovak Parliament Declares

LONDON, March 18. (JTA)-- National and racial hatred is strange to Czechoslovakia and anti-Semitism never succeeded there and never will succeed, declared Prokop Maxa, chairman of the Czechoslovakian State Council, the Czech parliament-in-exile, at a reception tendered by the Jewish Agency today in his honor. He announced that the Council was awaiting the arrival in London of Ernst Frischer, the Jewish member of the body, who is en route from Palestine. Prof. Selig Brodetsky, who presided at the meeting, lauded the late Thomas Masaryk as a friend of the Jews and supporter of the Jewish national movement.

"JEWS ARE DIFFERENT," WRITES WALDO FRANK IN SATURDAY EVENING POST

PHILADELPHIA, March 18. (JTA)-- Every Jew, whether he be assimilationist, Zionist, or somewhere in between, is nevertheless the successor to an ancient tradition that makes him different from the rest of the population in the United States, declares Waldo Frank, novelist and essayist in an article, "The Jews Are Different," appearing in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post.

Frank's article, which is an answer to one by Judge Jerome Frank appearing in a previous issue of the Post, makes the point that the average man's "intuition" that the Jew is somewhat "different" is valid and to deny this, as Judge Frank does, is to play into the hands of the Fascists. This "difference," Waldo Frank states, is the democratic tradition developed in the long history of the Jews; a tradition that "more than 2,000 years before America was discovered was the American promise and the American purpose. And as a result of this tradition, the Jews have 'a particular stake in America in a land whose fathers, from Roger Williams to Abraham Lincoln, were nurtured by their fathers,'" Frank holds.

Those Jews who are assimilationists, he emphasizes, have a right to such belief and "only an obstructionist, a Fascist or a fool" would try to make them change. But the American Jew who denies or ignores the validity of his tradition, nevertheless, "does the contrary of what he supposes; he weakens his claim on America." "Most emphatically, it is not true that Jews become better Americans as they become less Jewish," Frank stresses, because "the man who thinks to benefit our country in its hour of need by wiping out the loyal differences between us, ignores the meaning of democracy, and - whether he knows it or not - is tainted by the false doctrine of our foes."

JEWISH ACADEMICIANS APPOINTED TO "SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COUNCIL" IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, March 18. (JTA)-- The establishment of a "Scientific Advisory Council" to facilitate acceleration of the British war effort in Palestine was officially announced here today.

The Council, which will work in close cooperation with the Palestine government, will be headed by Dr. Judah Magnes, who has been appointed president, and will have Prof. I.J. Kligler of the Hebrew University as secretary. It will consist of representatives from the Hebrew University, the Haifa technical high school and the Agricultural and Daniel Sieff Institutes at Rehovoth.

ALL JEWS IN YUGOSLAV TOWN SHOT IN NAZI MASS EXECUTION OF MALE POPULATION

LONDON, March 18. (JTA)-- All male Jews in the Yugoslavian town of Kragujevac, between the ages of fifteen and fifty, were among the thousands of male residents of the city executed by the Nazis last October, in reprisal for the ambushing, by a band of Chetnik guerrillas, of a Nazi detachment, during which ten German soldiers were killed, it was learned today by the Yugoslav government here.

The German troops surrounded Kragujevac on October 20 and rounded up every man or youth they could get their hands on, including all Jews who were still left in the town. The prisoners were confined in the barracks at Topovske Supe until the next morning when they were marched several miles from the barracks, in groups of forty, and mowed down by machine guns.

The massacre continued until mid-afternoon when the non-commissioned officer in charge of the executions informed Commandant Zimmerman that 2,500 had been executed. This was the number that had been previously fixed upon to avenge the ten dead Germans and twenty-six who had been wounded. Zimmerman, however, ordered the executions to continue. It is estimated that anywhere from 3,500 to 6,000 were murdered. For three days afterwards, 600 prisoners who had been spared were assigned to burying the dead.

"SOCIAL JUSTICE" CHARGES JEWS, NOT NAZIS, STARTED THE PRESENT WAR

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA)-- The pro-Nazi allegation that it was the Jews and not the Nazis who started the present war, is made this week in a violent article in "Social Justice," the mouthpiece of Father Coughlin.

The first of its kind since America's entrance into the war, the article, which resembles the anti-Jewish outpourings in the most vulgar Nazi publications in Germany, attempts to "convince" Americans that they are laboring under a false impression when they think "that this was a war to save democracy." It claims that "for persecutions suffered by 600,000 Jews in Germany, the world was catapulted into a 'sacred war' of economic boycott" which developed into the present conflagration.

"Soon nine years will have elapsed since a worldwide 'sacred war' was declared on Germany not by the United States, not by Great Britain, not by France, not by any nation; but by the race of Jews," the article reads. "Startling as that statement is, it is substantiated by a public address made over Station WABC, outlet of the Columbia Broadcasting System, by Mr. Samuel Untermyer, an American Jew.

"Was Mr. Untermyer speaking as an individual, as an American citizen, as a crackpot? Absolutely, no. He was speaking as a member of 'our race.' He was speaking as the executive official of the World Jewish Economic Federation.

"What was the occasion of his speech? Having returned from Amsterdam, Holland, where he presided over the International Jewish Boycott Conference--at which conference he was elected president of the World Jewish Economic Federation formed to combat the Hitlerite oppression of Jews--Mr. Samuel Untermyer spoke most officially, most representatively, most authoritatively. In announcing the factuality of the 'sacred war,' he definitely referred to 'race,' not religion. He went so far as to say that those Jews who did not join with him were 'traitors to their race.'

"Nine years ago, approximately, this high Jewish official--then whom there was no higher at the moment--did not say that we 'will go' to war against Germany. He said that the 'sacred war' against Germany was then under way--'actively embarked upon.' Thus, at Amsterdam, Holland, at the meeting above referred to at which Mr. Samuel

Untermeyer was elected president of the World Jewish Economic Federation, a 'sacred war' was declared against Germany to destroy Germany's very existence.

"Jews all over the world were ordered not to buy from Germany, not to patronize German merchants, not to deal with firms which sold German goods, not to ship on German boats. Mr. Untermeyer, speaking officially for all the Jews in the world on 'what we are proposing and what we have already gone far toward doing,' said that his organization would 'undermine the Hitler regime and bring the German people to their senses by destroying their export trade on which their very existence depends.'

"All this to rescue 600,000 Jews resident in the Third German Reich."

Justifies Nazi Persecutions of Jews; Says Jews "Confiscated" Christian Wealth

Pointing out that "only an irrational man would deny that such an economic war would inevitably lead to a bloody, physical war," the article in Social Justice continues:

"And what about the persecution of the 600,000 Jews in Germany? It is true that Hitler placarded their shops; ostracized many Jews from professional ranks; instituted, in some instances, concentration camps for what Hitler thought to be the more dangerous Jews. But why did Hitler practice such extremities? All civilization knows that, following the first World War, wealthy Jews from America, Britain, France, Holland, Galicia and elsewhere moved into Germany with their valuable money and purchased property which was represented by worthless inflated German marks.

"Indeed, the Jews became the aristocrats of Germany--financial aristocrats, if you please, having confiscated through their monetary manipulations a great share of the wealth that belonged not only to the 2-million members of the Nazi Party but to the 50-million Catholics, Protestants and other Gentiles, who did not belong to the Nazi Party. And, as far back as 1935, a world war--a 'sacred war'--was declared not only against Hitler and his 2-million Nazis but against the 50-million Catholics, Protestants and other Gentiles who were not Nazis.

"Flauntingly before the American public--nearly 9 years ago--chief executive officer Samuel Untermeyer of the World Jewish Economic Federation has the effrontery to ask the Christians of the world to join with his nationals throughout the world to destroy not only Hitlerism and the 2-million Nazis but also the more than 40-million Christians in Germany whose very existence--according to Mr. Untermeyer--depends upon their economic activities with the outside world.

"What price Jewry!"

Jewish Appeal to Christian World Is "An Intellectual Insult"

Declaring that the Christian world suffered "an intellectual insult by the invitation to join with the racial Jews against their own fellow Christians who were more sinned against than sinning," the organ of the Detroit priest, anticipating severe criticism, takes issue with those who may indict the Coughlinites as pro-Nazis. "The Jews of America, through their various publications, persistently have calumniated Father Coughlin and Social Justice, both of whom were termed un-American," the article says. "Here, then, is our answer to them--in part. We will let the world know who is un-American and undemocratic. If pro-Americanism consists in boycotting a suffering 40-million German people upon whose neck there rested the yoke of the Nazi Party; if pro-Americanism consists in casting the entire civilized world into a seething cauldron of bloody war for the protection of 4,500,000 racialists or religionists--as you care to call them....then Americanism, under that interpretation, is not worth while fighting for."