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NUREMBERG LAWS PROCLAIMED IN CZECH PROTECTORATE BY PRESIDENT HACHA

ZURICH, March 23. (JTA)-- Emulating the Nazi Nuremberg Laws, the puppet government of the Czech Protectorate today proclaimed a Law for the Protection of Czech Blood which imposes racial legislation upon the Czech population.

Signed by Emil Hacha, President of the Protectorate, the new law prohibits intermarriage between Jews and citizens of the Protectorate who are neither Jews nor partly Jewish. "Jews" are considered to be those who have at least three "racially Jewish" grandparents.

The new law also forbids Jews in the Protectorate to employ "Aryan" maids under the age of 45. It provides punishment of up to fifteen years penal servitude for the man participating in "illicit sexual relations" between Jewish and non-Jewish citizens of the Protectorate, but leaves the women unpunished. Punishment is also provided for Jews flying the Czech colors. Hitherto, these "racial laws" were only applied to Germans in the Protectorate.

In announcing the new law, the Nazi-controlled Prague radio added that "racial purity is now safeguarded and the Czech genius will thus be able to express its creative forces without Jewish interference."

SOVIET WARNS NAZIS OF PUNISHMENT FOR ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWISH AND RUSSIAN POPULATIONS

MOSCOW, March 23. (JTA)-- With the Soviet Army at the gates of Kharkov, the GPU was reported here today as having completed preparations for the arrest and punishment of all those in the city who are responsible for the killing of Jews and for terror against the local population during the months of Nazi occupation.

Leaflets have been dropped over Kharkov during the last few days urging the people to keep an eye on the terrorists and to prevent their escape. "When the Red Army enters the city, there will be a great round-up of all the Nazi criminals responsible for the atrocities committed upon the population," the leaflets stated. Special units of the GPU will conduct the round-up under the personal supervision of L.P. Beria, the chief of the Soviet Political Police, it was declared in Moscow.

A warning to Nazis that they will be court-martialed by Soviet military courts for their atrocities in Kharkov and other parts of the occupied Ukraine where the number of Nazi-executed Jews runs into the tens of thousands, was also broadcast in the German language over the Moscow radio. The warning stated that "no kid gloves will be used against those who will have to pay for their crimes."

JEWISH WELFARE PROGRAMS MUST BE ADJUSTED TO AMERICAN VICTORY NEEDS. LEADERS ARE TOLD

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25. (JTA)-- Reorganization of the Jewish welfare programs to meet the country's victory needs was advanced as a basic necessity by more than 250 Jewish community leaders attending the annual regional conference of the Western States Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which concluded here yesterday.

The assembled leaders discussed problems of fund-raising and campaign techniques in 1942, army and navy activities, Jewish education in war and peace and emigre problems.

H.L. Lurie, executive director of the Council, told the West Coast leaders that "we must expect profound changes in our way of life by the war and the post-war settlements." He pointed out that "our local organizations and activities, our continuing fund-raising campaigns, our continuing national and overseas responsibilities are all in the best tradition of democracy and are the elements out of which our future life will be built."

Ephraim Gomberg, representing the National Refugee Service, reported to the regional assembly on the steps taken by the American Jewish community to meet the problem of possible evacuation of Jewish refugees from certain areas.

Speakers at the conference stressed that "our new obligations are not substitutes for the old" and expressed confidence that with greater sacrifice in time, effort and giving, fund-raising campaigns in 1942 will be highly successful.

One of the highlights of the regional assembly was a special session devoted to civic protective programs. Leading the discussion were Maurice Wertheim, president of the American Jewish Committee; Charles B. Sherman, representing the Jewish Labor Committee; David Coleman of Los Angeles, representing the anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and Walter S. Hilborn of Los Angeles. Separate "Information Please" sessions were held for the national and overseas agencies and the Palestinian agencies. Walter S. Hilborn of Los Angeles was elected president of the Western States Region, succeeding James L. White of Salt Lake City. Dr. Harold G. Trimble of Oakland and Max H. Block of Seattle were named vice-presidents. Oscar Mathews of Sacramento was re-elected treasurer.

200 JEWISH LEADERS IN SOUTHWESTERN STATES PLEDGE SUPPORT TO U.S. VICTORY PROGRAM

DALLAS, March 25. (JTA)-- More than 200 delegates representing 24 cities in three Southwestern states pledged their resources and facilities to the country's victory program at the first annual conference of the Southwestern States Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Sidney Hollander of Baltimore, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, called for increased support to overseas needs but emphasized that local obligations should not be neglected.

The delegates adopted a report urging their communities to give maximum support to the 1942 fund-raising campaigns. Optimism was expressed by both delegates and speakers that increased funds could be raised in 1942 to meet the increased needs. A special "Information Please" session was one of the features of the regional assembly, with representatives of national and overseas agencies describing their war-time programs in response to questions from the delegates.

The conference adopted a resolution calling upon the national agencies to "conserve their energies" by combining regional conferences and field services wherever possible. Leslie L. Jacobs of Dallas was elected president of the Southwest States Region. Sol Brachman of Fort Worth and Mose M. Feld of Houston were elected vice-presidents. Julius Livingston of Tulsa was named treasurer.

HUNGARIAN MINISTER LEADS CAMPAIGN TO OUST JEWS FROM LAST ECONOMIC POSITIONS

ZURICH, March 23. (JTA)-- Stricter anti-Jewish measures in the fields of commerce and industry in Hungary, which will supersede the provisions of the so-called "Third Jewish Law," are expected to be taken by the new Hungarian Premier, Nicholas von Kallay, as soon as Parliament passes the bill for a speedy and complete expropriation of Jewish agricultural resources. It was reported today from Budapest.

The report, published in the Hungarian press and broadcast by the Budapest radio, states that the so-called Baross Union, the association of anti-Semitic merchants, founded some time ago in Hungary, has again come to prominence since Kallay assumed the premiership and is now conducting a campaign to oust the Jews from the few economic positions which they have been permitted to retain even under the recent drastic anti-Jewish laws. The campaign, according to advices reaching here, is fully backed by the Kallay government, and finds its expression in mass-meetings being called in Budapest and in provincial towns at which resolutions are passed demanding the complete elimination of Jews from commercial and industrial life.

Leading this drive is Josef Varga, Hungarian Minister of Commerce and Industry, who during the week-end addressed a large anti-Jewish meeting in the Vigado Hall in Budapest. Reviewing Hungary's economic position, the Minister presented the usual anti-Semitic arguments that the Jews have "penetrated" into Hungary's economy and "occupied the key positions" there. He demanded that Hungarian trade, commerce and industry should be carried on "by Christians exclusively" and urged that Jews be prohibited from conducting any kind of business. "Though the present laws make it almost impossible for a Jew to obtain new trade licenses, it is necessary that far-reaching measures be taken to altogether eliminate the Jews from our country's economic system," he said.

Hungary "Liquidates" 3,830 Jewish Enterprises in Occupied Czech Territory

GENEVA, March 23. (JTA)-- Jewish circles here today learned from reliable sources that the Hungarian authorities have cancelled the licenses of 3,830 Jewish enterprises in the Sub-Carpathian part of Czechoslovakia which passed into the hands of Hungary. In addition, about 1,590 Jewish businesses there were notified that the Jewish owners are being left "temporarily" as managers of the firms until they can be replaced by Hungarians.

The elimination of Jews from commercial life in the part of Czechoslovakia which was annexed by Hungary is reported to be going on at great speed. Jews are forbidden to maintain stores or workshops on the main streets of even the smallest towns, unless they take in Christian partners. In towns where the percentage of Jewish business licenses exceeds the Christian, all Jewish licenses are being revoked. At the same time, the Hungarian Government is sending into Sub-Carpathia hundreds of Hungarian businessmen to take over Jewish enterprises or establish firms of their own. More than 400 such businessmen have received government subsidies amounting to about 2,000,000 pengoes, the report received here states.

PALESTINE IMMIGRATION CERTIFICATES GRANTED TO TWO STRUME SURVIVORS

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA)-- Palestine immigration certificates have been granted to the only two survivors of the S.S. Strume, which sank in the Black Sea carrying 768 Jewish refugees from Rumania to their death, it was learned here today. These two are M. Stelaru, the only survivor of the explosion, and Mrs. Salamonovits, who was removed from the Strume to a hospital before the vessel sailed because of a grave illness connected with pregnancy.

BRITAIN PERMITS MORE REFUGEE DOCTORS TO ACCEPT HOSPITAL POSTS

LONDON, March 25. (JTA)-- More Jewish refugee doctors will be allowed to assist in the British war effort as a result of a decision today by the Ministry of Health allowing a considerable increase in the number of refugee doctors who will be permitted to accept resident appointments at hospitals.

This decision was made in view of the shortage of doctors and the difficulties that have resulted from filling the posts with newly qualified men. The new regulation provides that refugee doctors can now be appointed so long as there is at least one British physician employed in the hospital. Previously, it was required that at least two British doctors be serving in a hospital before alien physicians could be employed.

J.W.B. ARRANGES SEDER SERVICES IN FAR-FLUNG ARMY AND NAVY POSTS OVERSEAS

NEW YORK, March 25. (JTA)-- Preparations for the observance of Passover by Jewish soldiers and sailors at twenty-one bases abroad have been completed by the National Jewish Welfare Board with the approval of the War and Navy Departments, it was announced yesterday by the board.

The board reported that it had assigned six civilian rabbis to conduct the Seder services at points where no Jewish chaplains are on duty. These rabbis will arrive at their posts by April 1, when the observance begins.

More than 5,000 Passover prayer books and 8,000 pounds of matzo and other traditional foods have been shipped to various bases. The rabbis assigned include Isaac Toubin of New York, assigned to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Shephard Z. Baum of New York, to Puerto Rico; Henry M. Rosenthal of New York, to Bermuda; Levy M. Becker of Boston, to Trinidad; H. O. H. Levine of Bangor, Me., to Newfoundland, and Morton Baumann of Hollywood, Cal., to Alaska.

SOCIAL JUSTICE, IN ANTI-JEWISH ARTICLE, URGES APPEASEMENT OF GERMANY AND JAPAN

DETROIT, March 25. (JTA)-- Siding openly with Hitler in his anti-Jewish persecutions and declaring in its leading article that "perhaps the war in Europe will be defined in favor of the enemy in 1942," Social Justice, mouthpiece of Father Coughlin, today published a three-page attack on the Jews which at the same time urges the American people "to listen to reason and terminate a war which now no one can win completely and which Americans can lose completely."

Replete with the wildest charges against Jews, the article asserts that the answer to the question as to how long America will remain at war can be given by "the Jews whose sons exercise so much control in the matters of communication, press, cinema, and radio - and the Government." It terms the American and British governments "Jewish-dominated" and continues its allegation that the Jewish boycott against Germany is responsible for the present war.

Catholic Writer Urges American Catholics to Take Stand Against Coughlin

CHICAGO, March 25. (JTA)-- "It is about time for Catholics in this country to declare themselves on Father Coughlin in no uncertain terms," says Edwin A. Lahey, a Catholic writer, in today's Chicago Daily News, condemning the anti-Jewish outbursts in Social Justice. The writer points out that not only the Jews but also organized labor boycotted the Nazis. Mr. Lahey also recalls that Meyer Levin, was the bombardier who sank the Japanese battleship Haruna. "I relate this only because I have heard the traditional canard that the Jews are 'not in this war'," he writes.