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NAZIS RESUME MASS DEPORTATION OF JEWS FROM REICH TO OCCUPIED EASTERN TERRITORY

STOCKHOLM, April 5. (JTA)-- Mass deportation of Jews from Germany, which was suspended about two months ago, was resumed on Passover, according to reports from Berlin published by Swedish newspapers today.

The Berlin correspondents of the Swedish newspapers reported that Jewish families in Germany were given a few hours notice to appear at the railway stations where they were packed into freight cars and transported to Nazi-occupied territory in Eastern Europe. The maximum age of the Jewish deportees was raised to 65 years.

The plan to establish ghettos for Jews within the Reich and in the Czech Protectorate has been abandoned, the Swedish correspondents reported from Berlin. Despite the mobilization of all rolling stock for the Spring offensive, there are enough locomotives and cattle trains available to transport thousands of Jews from Germany, Austria and the Protectorate to Nazi-occupied Eastern territory, the Swedish journalists write. They add that the present policy of the Nazis is to deport even people of mixed blood who previously enjoyed certain privileges under the Nuremberg Laws. The number of such people in the Reich today is estimated at about 1,200,000, including women.

The correspondent of the Stockholm Social Demokraten today reported from Berlin that after April 15 all Jewish households throughout Germany will be forced to display on their doors a black Mogen David on a white background. The correspondent suggests that the new measure is designed to make the public branding of Jews more complete. German Jews, like Jews in all Nazi-dominated territories, are already obliged to wear a yellow Star of David on their outer clothing whenever they appear in the streets.

SLOVAKIA CLOSES ALL JEWISH RESTAURANTS, LIQUIDATES SIXTY JEWISH COMMUNITIES

ZURICH, April 5. (JTA)-- All Jewish restaurants throughout Slovakia were closed down by the police on the day before Passover and their staffs were sent to labor camps, according to reliable information reaching here today from Bratislava.

On the same day an order was issued by Sano Mach, Slovakian Minister of Interior, dissolving 60 Jewish community boards. The order, which entered into effect immediately, provides that only one Jewish community council will be permitted to function in Slovakia.

Severe punishment for Slovaks attempting to "interfere" with the expulsion of Jews is provided in another order issued this week by Sano Mach. In the meantime, the deportation of Slovak Jews into Nazi-occupied Galicia as well as the order confiscating the personal belongings of these deportees are resulting in many robberies, with the robbers, who pose as secret service agents, entering Jewish homes to "confiscate" valuables prior to the departure of the victims.

15,000 ATTEND PASSOVER SERVICES AT WALLING WALL, ARABS SILENT ON INDIA

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA)-- More than 15,000 Jews, including many soldiers of the Allied armies, attended Passover services at the Walling Wall, it was estimated here today by members of the Jewish Agency.

The Hebrew press, commenting on the present negotiations in India in which Palestine is greatly interested, points out that this is the first time in the history of the British Empire that a Dominion status has been offered a people which is not of the Anglo-Saxon race. The newspapers urge the Hindu leaders to come to an understanding with England. The Arab press in Palestine has abstained so far from commenting on the British proposal to India.

AXIS RADIO STATIONS UTILIZE PASSOVER WEEK FOR ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

LONDON, April 5. (JTA)-- The Axis radio stations have been utilizing the Passover week for conducting violent anti-Jewish propaganda. The attacks, which surpass anything yet carried by the German and Italian radio stations, are directed this time not against the Jewish race but against the Jewish religion.

The Manchester Guardian, discussing the situation in the Near East, attempts to answer the question of whether the German military command can count on effective support on the part of the local population in case of an offensive on Syria and Palestine. The paper says: "Only in Palestine is there a compact, resolute, tough people who are anxious to place all their resources of men and talent at the disposal of the Allies, because their cause is the cause of the Allies. But we are discouraging the Jews by choosing to believe against all facts that we can win the cooperation of the Arabs by sacrificing the real cooperation of the Jews."

RUMANIA ARRESTS FOUR PERSONS ON CHARGES OF AIDING JEWS TO ESCAPE FROM GHETTOS

ANKARA, April 5. (JTA)-- Three former Rumanian policemen and a Jew have been arrested in Rumania on charges of assisting Jews to escape from the ghettos which the government has set up in Kishinev and Czernowitz, it was learned here today. The four arrested men are accused of bringing the Jews from the ghettos to Bucharest.

The German minority in Rumania, meanwhile, evidently emboldened by the fact that Rumania has openly allied itself with Germany, is interfering in internal matters which previously were within the province of the Rumanian government, according to reports reaching here today. The latest example is that of the Volksgruppe Research Institute which has started an investigation of "Jewish influence on the church" with the object of "removing such influence from the dogma and life of the churches and restoring the relations between the churches and the people."

OUSTING OF OVER 150 JEWS FROM KEY POSTS IN BULGARIAN INDUSTRY, COMMERCE ASKED

ZURICH, April 5. (JTA)-- The ousting of more than 150 Jews from key positions in Bulgarian industry, commerce and banking establishments has been recommended by two special commissions appointed some time ago by the Bulgarian government as part of its drive to completely eradicate Jews from the economic life of the country, the Donau Zeitung reports today.

One commission recommended the ouster of 110 Jews engaged in industrial pursuits and 25 in commerce. The second commission urged replacing 25 Jews now holding important positions in Bulgarian banks.

ANTI-SEMITIC PELLEY TO BE TRIED FOR SEDITION IN INDIANAPOLIS FEDERAL COURT

INDIANAPOLIS, April 5. (JTA)-- Preparations were under way here today for the trial on charges of sedition of William Dudley Pelley, notorious anti-Semite, who was seized in Darien, Conn., Saturday morning by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, operating under direct orders from Attorney General Biddle.

Pelley, the fifth person to be accused of sedition since the United States' entry into the war, will be tried on three counts, B. Howard Gaughran, United States District Attorney here stated.

The first count, he said, alleges that Pelley attempted through publication of "The Galilean" to aid enemies of the United States. "The Galilean," of which Pelley was editor, was published in Noblesville, Ind., by the Friendship Press of Indianapolis. This publication suspended several weeks ago when recent issues were declared non-mailable by the Post Office Department.

The second and third counts are that on two occasions Pelley "knowingly and feloniously did attempt to cause insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny and refusal of duty in the military and naval forces of the United States," Mr. Gaughran added.

Conviction on the charge might lead to a maximum sentence of twenty years' imprisonment or a \$10,000 fine, or both, Mr. Gaughran said.

CHURCHES BAN SALE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE FOLLOWING DISAVOWAL BY DETROIT ARCHDIOCESE

DETROIT, April 5. (JTA)-- A number of distributors of the anti-Semitic magazine Social Justice were barred today from their posts in front of many churches, where they usually sold the publication every Sunday, as a result of the announcement by the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit this week-end disavowing the mouthpiece of Father Coughlin.

In order to make clear that Social Justice, which is formally owned by the parents of the radio priest, is not a Catholic paper, the Catholic Archdiocese published an editorial in its organ The Michigan Catholic in which it disassociates itself from the anti-Semitic publication. The editorial reads.

"A Catholic paper is, by definition, one that is published under the supervision of proper church authority. Social Justice is not under such supervision and is, therefore, not a Catholic paper. Moreover, for nearly two years back--since Father Coughlin's latest withdrawal from responsibility for Social Justice with the issue of May 27, 1940--no priest of this diocese has asked or received permission to contribute to Social Justice and no priest of this diocese has been authorized to associate himself in any capacity with its publication or circulation or, to the knowledge of this office, has actually done so. In a word, the Archdiocese of Detroit has no responsibility, direct or indirect, for Social Justice Magazine."

JEWS IN ALGERIA WILL BE DEPRIVED OF THEIR PROPERTY

GENEVA, April 5. (JTA)-- Jews in Algeria may only own a house for their personal residence, according to a new decree published in the La Depeche Algerienne, which was received here today.

All other property owned by Jews will be placed under provisional administrators, the Algerian paper reports.

J.W.B. EXPLAINS HOW ALIENS SERVING IN ARMED FORCES CAN BECOME U.S. CITIZENS

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA)-- An explanation of the new federal law under which aliens serving in the armed forces of the United States may become American citizens was made public here today by the Jewish Welfare Board's Army and Navy Service Division.

Under the provisions of the bill, servicemen who have been lawfully admitted to the United States are not required to have been residents of the country. The petitioner need not speak the English language, nor meet any educational test. If he can furnish the affidavits of two credible witnesses concerning his character, and furnish proof that he is or was serving honorably in a branch of the armed forces sometime during the present war, he may be naturalized as soon as he and his witnesses have been examined by a representative of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Persons discharged on account of alienage, conscientious objectors who have performed no military duty, and servicemen dishonorably discharged during the present war are not entitled to the benefits of the law, which will be in effect until December 31, 1944.

ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER SAYS CHURCH ABHORS AND CONDEMNS ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, March 31. (JTA--Air Mail)-- Declaring that "the Church abhors and condemns anti-Semitism," Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster and Catholic Primate of England, issued a statement appealing to the Christian world to combat anti-Jewish prejudice.

"The cruel treatment of Jews at any time and in any land calls for the strongest condemnation," the Cardinal stated, adding that "in every human heart the decent sentiments of justice and equity proclaim that the Jew is a fellow man and entitled to be treated as such: he is an innocent brother unless and until he commits a crime that is brought home to him by clear evidence.

"All these motives of religion and natural humanity have been discarded by the Jew-baiters in past times and in many lands," Cardinal Hinsley continues. "But never and nowhere has the savagery of prejudice been so fiercely let loose as in Nazi Germany and in the Nazi-dominated countries during these last years of unexampled brutality.

"As we hope for goodwill and fair play for ourselves, we must insist on justice and compassion for all our fellow men," the Archbishop concludes. "The Church abhors and condemns anti-Semitism."

RED CROSS THANKS B'NAI B'RITH FOR ITS SUPPORT TO THE WAR FUND CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 5. (JTA)-- S. Sloan Colt, acting chairman of the Red Cross, today expressed to Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith, "the appreciation of the American Red Cross for the very generous support which your units have given to the War Fund Campaign." Mr. Monsky reported to the Red Cross that B'nai B'rith had gone over the top in its pledge of \$50,000 to the Red Cross War Fund Drive for \$65,000,000.