

Published by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency

106 East 41st Street, New York 17, N. Y.

VOL. XI. NO. 10 (26th year)

Thursday, January 13, 1944

JEWS NO LONGER SEEN ON BERLIN STREETS; OFFICIALS "EXPLAIN" THEIR DISAPPEARANCE

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Jews are no longer seen on the streets of Berlin, the correspondent of the Swedish newspaper Sydvenska Dagbladet reports today from the German capital.

Inquiring in official quarters why no persons wearing the yellow badge have been seen recently in the city, the correspondent was told that this was due chiefly to the fact that Jews keep indoors as much as possible, and also that they "have become more cheeky, and simply remove the Stars of David thinking that the authorities are too busy to supervise such details."

The correspondent adds that the official explanations are not true. "When officials are drunk," he reports, "one can hear from them the most gruesome revelations regarding the liquidation of the Jews."

BRITISH JEWRY FACES COMMUNAL CRISIS OVER RECOGNITION OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

LONDON, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- A serious crisis is developing within Jewish communal life in England as a result of a proposal that a closer link be established between the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the World Jewish Congress. This proposal is expected to come up for discussion at the next session of the Board on Sunday.

The executive committee of the Board today indicated that it considers the London office of the World Jewish Congress an agent of the New York headquarters of the Congress. It emphasized that the Board of Deputies, as the representative body of British Jewry, is the only Jewish organ authorized to make representations on behalf of British Jews. At the same time, it suggested that the foreign committee of the Board exchange information with the London office of the World Jewish Congress with regard to the situation of Jews abroad, through the creation of a permanent liaison committee composed of three representatives of each of the two bodies. This liaison committee would meet regularly once a week for the purpose of full consultation and exchange of information. Neither of the two groups would take any action on Jewish affairs abroad prior to consultation.

It is understood that the Anglo-Jewish Association objects to the above proposal and may discontinue its collaboration with the Board of Deputies should the proposal be accepted at Sunday's meeting. This collaboration was agreed upon only recently after protracted and very difficult negotiations. The arrangement between the two major groups in English Jewry does not provide for the establishment of a permanent liaison committee, such as the one suggested for the Board and the World Jewish Congress, but only for "informal contact" between the offices of the two organizations and stipulates that the chairmen of the two groups can have informal meetings for the purpose of "exchanging views from time to time," as well as for full consultation whenever matters of major importance arise.

The Anglo-Jewish Association, anxious to avoid anything that would create the impression that the policy of the Jews in England is influenced by Jewish groups abroad has indicated that it will find it impossible to adhere to any arrangement with the Board of Deputies should the plenary session of the Board ratify the proposal of its executive committee with regard to the establishment of political relations with the World Jewish Congress.

SWEDISH STATESMAN URGES SWEDEN TO DENY ASYLUM TO GERMANS GUILTY OF TORTURING JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- German war criminals, including those responsible for the maltreatment of Jews and their deportation to death camps, should not be given asylum in Sweden, it was urged today by former Swedish Foreign Minister Osten B. Unden. The suggestion is made in an article which Mr. Unden, now chancellor of the University of Upsala, published in the Stockholm publication Norden Tidning.

The Stockholm newspaper Morgon Tidningen reports today that Nazi agents are flooding Sweden with anti-Jewish leaflets which are being distributed in restaurants and cafes in Stockholm and in public places all over the country. The paper urges the authorities to prohibit the distribution of the Nazi literature.

Another Stockholm newspaper, the Svenska Dagbladet, also draws attention to the growing Nazi anti-Jewish propaganda in Sweden. The Dagbladet emphasizes that "the Nazis have every reason to try to spread this propaganda, because they know that when they create anti-Semitism they create a potential fifth column." The paper urges its readers to use "common sense" when hearing these slanders.

SPAIN STILL HAS 2,300 JEWISH REFUGEES; INSISTS ON THEIR EMIGRATION TO OTHER LANDS

LONDON, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- There are still 2,300 Jewish refugees in Spain in addition to the several hundred that have been supplied with Palestine visas, it was disclosed here today by the Hias-Ica on the basis of a report by its representative who visited Spain in connection with refugee relief work there. About 1,300 of the Jewish refugees are in Barcelona, 700 are in Madrid and about 300 are still held in internment in the Miranda camp.

The majority of these Jews, the Hias-Ica predicted, will probably be evacuated to North Africa. The Spanish authorities consider they are residing "in transit" and insist on their emigration from Spain. More than 1,200 of the Jewish refugees are stateless, 450 of them are French citizens, 500 are holders of Polish passports and the remainder are of Belgian, Dutch and Yugoslav nationality.

The Canadian Immigration Inspector M. Cormier, who recently arrived in Lisbon in order to select refugees from European countries for admission into Canada, will soon proceed to Madrid and Barcelona in order to choose several hundred refugees for emigration. Preference will be given to family units.

WEIZMANN INVITES BEN-GURION TO LONDON; URGES ABANDONMENT OF PAST DIFFERENCES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organisation, has cabled to David Ben-Gurion, the resigned chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, inviting him to head the delegation which the Agency is sending to London to assist Dr. Weizmann in political negotiations, it was learned here today.

The Weizmann invitation, it is reported, urged Mr. Ben-Gurion to forget past differences and to join other Zionist leaders in coping with the problems of the future. It is understood that Ben-Gurion's reply expressed agreement that past disagreements must give way to unity in the critical period ahead, but declined the invitation on the basis that he could not leave Palestine at present.

Ben-Gurion is also reported to have voiced the hope that the Jewish Agency delegation's mission would be successful. The delegation will leave for London as soon as transportation can be secured, it was reported today.

PROSKAUER GIVES FOUR-POINT PROGRAM TO COMBAT RACIAL DISUNITY; ARCHBISHOP BACKS IT

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee's four-point program to combat racial disunity in America, read over the radio last night by Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president, today won the indorsement of Archbishop Francis J. Spellman.

"I trust your noble efforts to be helpful in overcoming religious and racial animosities will bear fruit and will promote mutual respect, understanding and tolerance among all groups of Americans," the Archbishop said in a message to Mr. Proskauer.

The four points, which Judge Proskauer urged be accepted by every American to achieve that accord which is the basis and the vindication of American democracy, are:

"1. I will spread no rumor and no slander against any sect.

"2. I will never try to indict a whole people by reason of the delinquency of any member.

"3. I will daily deal with every man in business, in social and in political relations, only on the basis of his true individual worth.

"4. In my daily conduct I will consecrate myself, hour by hour, to the achievement of the highest ideal of the dignity of mankind, human equality, human fellowship and human brotherhood."

After "Hitler will be gone," Judge Proskauer said in his radio talk, "rabble rousers who have learned a trick or two from him will remain and may be expected to continue their attempts to stir up hatred between groups."

In a letter to Mayor LaGuardia, Mr. Proskauer asked that there be no delay in adopting a program to fight anti-Semitism, as disclosed in Commissioner of Investigation Herlands' report. He advocated the appointment of an inter-racial and inter-faith committee as suggested by the commissioner. "The incidents disclosed in Herlands' report" he said, "bear every evidence of having been inspired by the type of propaganda originated in Germany and which the Nazis have used consistently to 'divide and conquer every democratic nation.'"

The Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith also commented on Commissioner Herland's report. "We have studied the Herlands report, as approved by the Mayor, and we believe it to be a constructive and intelligent analysis of prevailing conditions in New York City," the league said. "It coincides with our own findings." Carl Sherman, chairman of the Commission to Combat Anti-Semitism of the American Jewish Congress, said the report revealed "a complete lack of awareness by the Police Department of the basic factors involved in the series of anti-Semitic outbreaks in the city."

CANADIAN OFFICIAL ASKS DOUBLING OF CANADA'S POPULATION BY IMMIGRATION

MONTREAL, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- An appeal for the doubling of Canada's population through immigration, "in order to give the people of Canada a higher standard of living and provide them with goods and services at lower cost," was made here today by J. S. McGowan, director of colonization and agriculture of the Canadian National Railways. He emphasized that he was not, however, in favor of a policy of free and unrestricted immigration.

"Canada must return to a more positive policy on immigration as compared with the negative one that has been dominant for some time," Mr. McGowan declared. "We must realize that immigrants are assets and not liabilities."

Another propagandist for a larger influx of immigrants is Jean Charles Harvey, editor of the local French language weekly Le Jour, who in a speech today declared "that Canada now is one of the few countries where another 60 million people might live comfortably."

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS WILL CLARIFY ITS ATTITUDE ON PALESTINE ISSUE

CINCINNATI, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The attitude of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations on the Palestine resolution adopted by the American Jewish Conference, which demanded the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth, will be clarified at a meeting of the executive board of the Union which will be held next Tuesday in Chicago. It was announced here today.

The meeting will also clarify the UAHC attitude on the resolutions passed recently by the Congregation Beth Israel of Houston, Texas, which provoked much criticism. A Chicago Federation of Reform Synagogues will be formed as a result of the meeting.

The UAHC also announced today the inauguration of an "American Institute for Jewish Studies" to promote Jewish ideals among adults and young people. The Institute is sponsored by the UAHC, Central Conference of American Rabbis, National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods and National Federation of Temple Youth.

AMERICAN JEWISH FLIER DOWNS THREE GERMAN FIGHTERS; HOLDS TEN AWARDS

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Lt. Harvey D. Kaufman, of Springfield, Mass., a veteran of fifty operational flights, is the recipient of ten air medals in recognition of his achievements on various fronts, it was reported today by the National Jewish Welfare Board. As flight leader he guided a squadron of American planes in daylight assaults on enemy positions in Europe. On one flight he downed three German fighter planes. Lt. Kaufman is only 23 years old.

Lt. Jerome S. Victor, 24, of Chicago, an Army bombardier, is a nine-medal flier, holding the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and seven Oak Leaf Clusters, the JWB discloses. One of three brothers in service, Lieutenant Victor has been on combat duty in the Mediterranean area and flew in the lead ship on crucial missions over Floesti, Rome and Foggia.

Lt. Charles A. Blumenfeld, 25, of Jamaica, N. Y., navigator of a Flying Fortress, holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, an Oak Leaf Cluster to the D.F.C., the Air Medal, and three Oak Leaf Clusters, according to another JWB report. Lieutenant Blumenfeld, with twenty-five bombing attacks to his credit, has participated in the Schweinfurt, Gdynia, Bremen, and Stuttgart assaults, as well as the Regensburg-North Africa "shuttle" bombing.

NATIONAL JEWISH COUNCIL FORMED BY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO SAVE THE JEWS OF EUROPE

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe today announced the formation under its auspices of a National Jewish Council, the purpose of which is to seek means of saving European Jews in Nazi territory. The Council will be composed of representatives of congregations, synagogues, landsmanschaften and other groups. It will hold a three-day conference in New York the middle of next month.

JEWISH CONCILIATION BOARD OF AMERICA RE-ELECTS DR. GOLDSTEIN AS PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Rabbi Israel Goldstein, president of the Jewish Conciliation Board of America since its inception in 1928, was re-elected for his 16th term at the Board's annual meeting last night. During the sixteen years of its existence, the Jewish Conciliation Board has adjusted and conciliated more than 4,000 disputes without any financial cost to the litigants.