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## NAZI RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS PERSECUTIONS SINCE 1933 WILL BE PROSECUTED AS WAR CRIMES

WASHINGTON, June 7. (JTA) — Atrocities and persecutions on racial or religious grounds committed by the Germans since 1933 will be considered war crimes and those guilty of inciting, ordering or counselling their commission will be punished, Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson, U. S. war crimes prosecutor, declared today in a report to President Truman, following his return from London where he consulted with the United Nations War Crimes Commission.

Justice Jackson said that the American people considered the Nazi regime "a band of brigands," adding that "our people have been outraged by the oppressions, the smallest form of torture, the large-scale murder and the wholesale confiscation of property which initiated the Nazi regime within Germany. They witnessed persecution of the greatest enormity on religious, political and racial grounds, the breakdown of trade unions and the liquidation of all religious and moral influences." Citing the Nazi record of brutality, he stated: "We propose to punish acts which have been regarded as criminal since the time of Cain."

Discussing what persons and groups would be liable to punishment, Justice Jackson said that the War Crimes Commission would indict "a large number of individuals and officials who were in authority in the government, in the military establishment including the General Staff, and in the financial and economic life of Germany, who by all civilized standards are provable to be common criminals." Organizations such as the Gestapo and the S. S., which played a "cruel and controlling part" in subjugating, first, the German people and then their neighbors would also be prosecuted, he declared.

## HOPIUM OF DISPLACED JEWS IS OF "INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE" SAYS STATE DEPT. ORGAN

WASHINGTON, June 7. (JTA) — The problem of displaced Jews, while only a small part of the problem of displaced European populations, is nevertheless "a matter of international importance and concern," it is stated today in the current bulletin of the State Department, in an article discussing the Jews of Germany.

Despite the end of Nazi religious and racial persecutions in Germany, as a result of its defeat by the Allies, large number of Jews exiled from the Reich will not want to return there, says the article, which was prepared by Clarence B. Odell, head of the Population Section of the State Department, and Robert H. Billigmeir, a population analyst.

They point out that no reliable data is available on the number of Jews killed by the Nazis since 1939 and little is known concerning how many fled or were transported or placed in concentration camps. Therefore, there is little indication as to how many Jews remain in Germany.

MEXICO ISSUES DECREE BARRING IMMIGRANTS FROM PRACTICING MANY PROFESSIONS

MEXICO CITY, June 7. (JTA) — A law barring immigrants from practicing many professions has been promulgated by the Mexican Government, it is revealed in the "Mario Oficial," official publication of the government.

The decree is not retroactive, and exempts those who "can prove that they were victims of political persecution in their own country." It, however, does not mention immigrants who have fled their native lands because of racial or religious persecution.

Under the new law immigrants cannot fill the following positions: Accountant, attorney, architect, bacteriologist, biologist, broker, chemist, dentist, economist, engineer, lawyer, metallurgist, notary public, nurse, pilot, social worker, teacher and veterinary.

BRITISH CHURCH LEADER CHARGES EXILE GOVT. WITH FOSTERING ANTI-SEMITISM IN POLAND

WASHINGTON, June 7. (JTA) — Agents of the Polish Government-in-Exile have been charged with fostering anti-Semitism in Poland by the Dean of Canterbury, the Rev. W. Hewlett Johnson, according to a broadcast on the Moscow radio reported by the Office of War Information. The broadcast said that Dr. Johnson made the charge at a press conference in Moscow, at which he also said that in all the time he was in Poland he heard only one shot fired, and that was at a Jew.

(The Lublin radio today appealed to the population to submit by June 20 all information concerning the activities of Paul Hoffmann, who was in charge of the crematorium at the Maidanek concentration camp where more than 1,000,000 Jews are believed to have been murdered. Hoffmann was captured by Polish security police earlier this week.)

RESIDENTS OF GERMAN TOWN WHO LOOTED SYNAGOGUE FORCED TO CONTRIBUTE TO ITS RECONSTRUCTION

LONDON, June 7. (JTA) — Residents of Bad Nauheim, in Allied-occupied Germany, who participated in the looting of the city's synagogue, have been compelled to contribute to the reconstruction of the house of worship, it was reported by the Allied-appointed mayor of Bad Nauheim, broadcasting over the Luxembourg radio.

Announcing that one of his first tasks had been to "reconvert the synagogue into a temple of God," the mayor said that it would serve the spiritual needs of any Jews in Bad Nauheim, Frankfurt and Kassel. He stressed that the compulsory contributions and the decision to reconstruct the synagogue had been taken on his own initiative, without Allied orders, but added that "I realize that this is not enough to make good the wrongs done in the concentration camps and the mass murders, but we are obliged to help the dependents of those who perished during the Nazi horror."

LORD GORT ILL, PALESTINE ATTORNEY GENERAL NAMED ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER

JERUSALEM, June 7. (JTA) — High Commissioner Lord Gort is "prevented through illness from acting in office" and, therefore, Leslie Bertram Gibson, Palestine Attorney General, has been named by the Colonial Office to take over the administration of the Palestine Government, the Official Gazette reported today.

## MIRACHI DEMANDS REORGANIZATION OF ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL; ASKS RECALL OF SILVER

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) -- Declaring that "unless Zionist policies and Zionist effort take a new turn we face a most serious defeat," Leon Gellman, president of the Mirachi Organization, today demanded that the American Zionist Emergency Council be reorganized within the next two weeks to take in "all active forces," particularly Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

In a letter to Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the council, Mr. Gellman declared that the Mirachi Organization has "reached the point where we must declare that we can no longer bear responsibility for the work and policies" of the council. "The widespread interest which has been aroused among the Jewish public by the San Francisco Conference should not obscure the fact that these actions are of relatively minor importance so far as the future of Palestine is concerned," he continued. "Such minor successes as we may achieve there should not blind us to the grave realities of the general political situation."

"In view of the imminent danger, we feel that adequate measures were not adopted by our political leadership as represented in the American Zionist Emergency Council. No attempt has been made to reintroduce the Palestine resolution in Congress. There has been no forthright denunciation of the anti-Zionist trends prevailing in the State Department. There has been no adequate attempt to force a showdown on our government's policy through the concentrated pressure of public opinion. There has been excessive reliance upon the private and public assurances of individual statesmen and the continuing failure to pursue more vigorous and militant policies."

"With all due respect to the present leadership of the Zionist Emergency Council," Mr. Gellman added, "we feel most strongly that conditions demand a reorganization of the Council to include all active forces in a spirit of complete unity and harmony. Six crucial months have passed since the leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and his policies were challenged. We have urged that steps be taken to re-establish Zionist unity and recall Dr. Silver to active leadership and our proposals were rejected."

## DR. ROBERT WALEY-COHEN URGES JEWISH UNITY; FOUND SERIOUS DIVERGENCIES AMONG U. S. JEWS

LONDON, June 7. (JTA) -- An appeal for unity in Jewish life here and abroad was made today by Sir Robert Waley-Cohen, prominent communal leader, reporting to the Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association on his recent visit to the United States, during which he met with Jewish representatives at San Francisco. He said that the main impression that he received after contacting various American Jewish organizations, was one of "serious divergences."

Regarding Jewish activities at San Francisco, Sir Robert said that while Jews were only consultants there, the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Conference and other groups did good work in connection with the charter on human rights. He also praised the Committee's fight on anti-Semitism in the U.S. The discussion on mandates, he asserted, was confused, but it was indicated that the final draft of the proposals covering mandates would leave the Palestine mandate intact and not prejudice Jewish rights.

Where Jewish organizations were divided on issues, their counsel was rejected and ignored, Sir Robert said, but "their united voice was received with open ears and had an effect." It would be a great tragedy, he continued, if Jewish organizations failed to find a common ground for united work. Admitting that it was difficult to reach an agreement on the question of Palestine, the Anglo-Jewish Association leader said that it is possible for all to agree on the great value of Jewish achievements in Palestine if the Balfour Declaration is carried out. "A united Jewry can convince the world that the hands of the clock cannot be turned backwards in Palestine," Sir Robert stated.

WAR REFUGEE BOARD EXPECTS TO WIND UP ITS OPERATIONS BY END OF AUGUST

WASHINGTON, June 7, (JTA) — The War Refugee Board, which was formed by President Roosevelt to rescue refugees from behind the German lines during the European war, expects completion of its work by August 30, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. The board, headed by Brigadier General William O'Dwyer, is now engaged in winding up all its operations.

MASSACHUSETTS CLERGYMEN OF ALL DENOMINATIONS URGE ACTION ON STATE FAIR EMPLOYMENT BILL

BOSTON, June 7. (JTA) — Religious leaders of all denominations today appealed to ministers, priests and rabbis throughout Massachusetts urging action for the passing of a fair employment law.

Stressing that the prospect of such legislation has "aroused tremendous hope among all racial and religious minorities," 25 Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergymen sent a letter to all church leaders asking them to press for action on an anti-discrimination bill now before the state legislature.

DR. MICHAEL FEKETE NAMED NEW RECTOR OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) — Prof. Michael Fekete, who has held the chair of mathematics at the Hebrew University since 1923, has been elected Rector of the institution, it was announced today by the American Friends of the Hebrew University. Prof. Fekete was born in Hungary in 1886. Before joining the faculty of the Hebrew University in 1928, he taught at the University of Budapest.

The Rector is the academic head of the Hebrew University which he represents in all academic matters. He is elected for a period of two years by the university's Senate, composed of the 38 Professors and representatives of the 112 lecturers and instructors who constitute the faculty. Prof. Fekete succeeds Prof. Leo Mayer.

JEWISH CENTER OPENED IN PANAMA CITY; FIRST YIDDISH PUBLICATION ISSUED

PANAMA CITY, June 7. (JTA) — The first Jewish center in Panama has been opened here as a result of joint efforts by all Jewish groups and prominent Panamanian intellectuals. A religious school will shortly be opened in the center. Recreational and social facilities are available in the modern \$50,000 structure. To mark the opening of the center, the "Beneficencia Israelita de Panama" issued a journal in Yiddish and Spanish, which was the first Yiddish publication to appear here.

HAROLD MAGER NAMED PUBLICITY DIRECTOR OF NEW YORK FEDERATION; FORMER TREASURY AIDE

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) — Harold Mager, former editor-in-chief of the War Finance Division, Treasury Department, has been named director of public relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. It was announced by Joseph Willen, executive vice-president of Federation.

Mr. Mager began his association with the Treasury Department in 1942 as Technical Assistant in the office of the Secretary of Treasury, preparing confidential material for Secretary Morgenthau and Under Secretary Daniel W. Bell. A year later he was appointed editor-in-chief of the War Finance Division. His services to the department won the praises of Secretary Morgenthau and Ted R. Gamble, national director of the War Finance Division.