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### WAR DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA DISSEMINATED BY ARMY AND NAVY INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON, June 24. (JTA) -- The War Department today confirmed, in reply to a query by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, that anti-Jewish views were disseminated among the U. S. armed forces throughout the world in an official educational correspondence course established under the auspices of the Army and Navy and issued by the U.S. Armed Forces Institute at the University of Wisconsin.

The spokesman, embarrassed by the disclosure, defended the War Department's record in teaching soldiers to combat racial prejudice and pointed to the fact that during the past few months special orientation fact sheets emphasizing the importance of fighting prejudice were issued by the War Department. He added that the correspondence course containing anti-Jewish statements was withdrawn from army use last December.

The Navy Department, which also sent the correspondence course to its forces, refused to make any comment. The discriminating "lessons" were being distributed among servicemen as recently as two months ago, it was established. They contained a reprint of a chapter entitled "The Melting Pot" from "America Comes of Age" written by Andre Siegfried and published in 1927 by Harcourt, Brace & Co. The author of the book is described as a former attache of the French Foreign Office who toured the United States in 1925 to collect material for his volume.

### Soldiers and Sailors Are Told that Jews Are Not Good Americans

In this chapter, presented to the U.S. armed forces as a "lesson" in English composition, the American soldiers and sailors were told that the Jews are not good Americans, that they don't assimilate well, that they are "restless and ambitious" and that "if the Stars and Stripes is waved at a jingo demonstration in New York, you may be sure that it is a Jew who holds the standard, while the 100 percent American whose great-grand-father was a friend of Washington stands aside disgusted."

"In the American Melting Pot, the temperature at which fusion takes place varies with the different races," the American servicemen were taught. "In certain cases it occurs at a very low degree, being practically automatic. In others, however, a high temperature is needed, and even after prolonged heating an insoluble residue is liable to remain. This is particularly true of the Jewish race."

Dividing the immigrants into "Nordics" and "non-Nordics" the author of the chapter reproduced in the correspondence course says that the immigrants most difficult to assimilate are the Latins, the French, the Finns and the Mexicans, but worst of all are the Jews.

"As there are three million Jews in the country, a million-and-half in New York alone, the problem is important, more especially as they include Jews of every class of society, from aristocratic bankers of London or Frankfurt to verminous

refugees from the ghettos of the Ukraine and Poland," the soldier and sailor students were told. The chapter adds that "the Gentile fears, and with reason, the competition of the Jew in business, and despises him as a matter of course."

Speaking of the Jew as an American citizen, the chapter says: "The Jew passes through the first phase of his Americanization with disconcerting rapidity. There is something suspicious about his excessive zeal. Caught suddenly into the rhythm of the New World, he is soon more American than the Americans themselves. He joins societies for the promotion of ethical culture, where he mixes with broadminded Protestants anxious about their duty to society."

### Jews Are "Worming Their Way" Into Clubs Despite Insults, Propagandist Says

Continuing the attack on the American Jew, the book says that the Jews "are only too anxious to attach themselves to the Christians. Surreptitiously they have wormed their way into the clubs in spite of the ostracism and insults designed to exclude them. With their brilliant intellects, they have firmly established themselves in the universities, where the mediocre element tries instinctively to oust them. So this pseudo-American ferments at the bottom of the Melting Pot, unassimilated to the end."

The New York newspaper PM, which today carries a full-page article disclosing the details of the "course," reports that the U.S. Armed Forces Institute, when asked how it came to disseminate such "educational material" among soldiers and sailors, replied that the correspondence course, including the anti-Jewish part, was devised by an editorial board of civilians in Washington. The names of the members of this board were not disclosed.

### 2,000 LIBERATED JEWS IN INNSBRUCK AREA IN NEED OF RELIEF; ALL WANT TO EMIGRATE

INNSBRUCK, Austria, June 24. (JTA) -- Two small hotels here are housing about 120 Jews released from German concentration camps in the Tyrol who are being fed by a communal kitchen maintained by the Allied-appointed mayor, and by donations from American soldiers, a special Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent was informed today by Dr. Jacob Mendelssohn-Fischer, great-grandson of the famous composer.

Dr. Mendelssohn-Fischer, who was a teacher of history in the University of Warsaw before the outbreak of the war, and who was later deported by the Germans to Lublin and from there to the notorious Treblinka camp, is directing an improvised Jewish committee which is trying to handle the bewildering problems of the Jews who are reaching Innsbruck from concentration camps in the neighborhood. He is one of the few persons who succeeded in escaping from Treblinka. Posing as a non-Jew, he worked in a Vienna factory as a porter for about two years.

The liberated Jews, as well as the surviving Innsbruck Jews who are now returning to their native city, are penniless and in great need of relief, especially food and clothing, Dr. Mendelssohn-Fischer told the JTA correspondent. He estimated that there are at present about 2,000 Jews in the Innsbruck area. About half of them want to go to Palestine. Most of the others, he said, hope to emigrate to the United States and to South American countries. Very few expect to remain in Central Europe, he declared, emphasizing that he himself hopes to emigrate to the United States and resume teaching there.

Of the 400 Jewish families who resided in Innsbruck before the war, the correspondent found that thirty families have either returned already or are in the process of returning.

GERMAN INTERNEES IN PALESTINE ASK RELEASE; WANT GOVERNMENT TO RETURN THEIR PROPERTY

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) — A group of German internees have petitioned the Palestine Government urging their release and the return of their property and lands, the Arab newspaper Adiffa reports today.

Another Arab paper, Falastin, commenting on the memorandum concerning the German internees recently submitted to the government by the Jewish Agency, urges the authorities "to take a wise and cautious stand toward any Zionist demands." It also calls on Arab institutions to keep close watch on "secret Jewish efforts."

SOVIET GOVERNMENT URGED TO SUPPORT DEMANDS FOR JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) — The government and Jews of the Soviet Union were urged to support Jewish aspirations for the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine at a rally here marking the fourth anniversary of the German invasion of Russia. Representatives of the countries liberated by the Red Army attended the meeting.

At a conference today of the German-Jewish Settlers Association, speakers deplored what they charged was a tendency to repatriate to Germany German Jews found in Nazi concentration camps and in liberated areas. They asked that all European Jews be allowed to come to Palestine if they so desire.

PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS DECRIES DIVISION IN U.S. JEWISH LIFE

ATLANTIC CITY, June 24. (JTA) — Declaring that "there is hardly a great American Jewish effort which is not bitterly divided in these tense days," Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, today told the opening session of the CCAR's 56th annual convention that unity in American Jewish life is necessary in order to meet the needs of the ravaged Jewish communities in Europe.

Dr. Freehof reported that 25 percent of the CCAR's members are in the armed forces as chaplains, comprising about half of the Jewish section of the chaplains corps. Discussing the Synagogue Council, which embraces all rabbinical and congregational groups, Rabbi Freehof expressed concern that "it seems on the point of departing from its original purpose (securing cooperation among various Jewish groups) and is paralleling and overlapping its member organizations."

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA OPENS 45TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) — The 45th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America opened here tonight at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. It will continue through June 27. Problems of the returning Jewish veteran, Jewish education and internal rabbinical affairs will be discussed. A dinner honoring Prof. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary, will be held on Tuesday evening.

ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES MUST BE COMBATED, ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE MEETING WARNED

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) — Anti-Semitic, anti-religious and anti-Negro activities must be resisted no matter what form they take, speakers declared last night at a dinner meeting of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League held in the Hotel Pennsylvania.

In a message to the diners, Gov. Dewey pointed out that "we are... a nation of minorities. If we allow discrimination against one group, we open the door to discrimination against others." Sen. James Murray of Montana warned against German attempts to convince the American people that the Germans were not responsible for the Nazi terror.

RECONSTITUTED UNITED JEWISH APPEAL ELECTS OFFICERS; ASKS ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- Rabbi James G. Heller, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and William Rosenwald were elected to serve as national chairmen of the reconstituted combined campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, it was announced here today. The national chairmen were named at the first meeting of the corporation of the United Jewish Appeal, which is the nation-wide fund-raising organization for the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service.

I. Edwin Goldwasser of New York, and Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh were elected national co-treasurers. Isidor Coons and Henry Montor were elected executive vice-chairmen to direct the national campaign. The campaign program drawn up at the meeting calls for the launching of an intensive Fall fund-raising effort at the beginning of the Jewish New Year 5706, which will be observed on September 7, 1945. Spring drives in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal are now nearing completion in 3,000 communities.

In a statement issued following the meeting, the United Jewish Appeal emphasized that the most tragic problem confronting its agencies was the plight of tens of thousands of homeless Jewish children, a large proportion of whom lost their parents in the concentration camps and death factories where the Nazis sought to bring about the extermination of the Jews of Europe.

"If the future of the surviving Jews of Europe is to be secured, every effort must be made to save and restore the younger generation to a normal and fruitful existence," the statement said. "The parentless Jewish children must be removed from the scenes of devastation and horror without delay. The task of bringing back to health and restoring the children to an environment of freedom and security must be given the highest priority in the program of reconstruction and resettlement.

Representatives of five thousand Jewish organizations in New York City today launched a \$2,000,000 Emergency Campaign for Destitute European Children at the Sixth Annual Officers Luncheon of the Council of Organizations of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, at Webster Hall. Judge Jonah J. Goldstein of the Court of General Sessions, honorary chairman of the Council, was principal speaker.

EINSTEIN WILL HEAD DRIVE FOR SETTLEMENT OF 30,000 JEWISH CHILDREN IN BIRO BIDJAN

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- Prof. Albert Einstein will lead a drive for an "Einstein Fund" to settle 30,000 Jewish refugee war orphans in the region of Birobidjan in the Soviet Union. The fund will operate in connection with the work of the American Birobidjan Committee, J. M. Budish, the chairman, announced yesterday. This committee already has settled 3,500 Jewish refugee orphans in the region.

The orphans are children who have escaped from the National Socialist persecution in Poland, Rumania, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, Mr. Budish explained. They do not speak Russian and so have difficulties in other parts of Soviet Russia, whereas in Birobidjan Yiddish is the prevailing language, not only in the homes but in the schools, Government institutions and the press.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA PUBLISHES PRAYER BOOK FOR CONSERVATIVE JEWS

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Assembly of America today announced the publication of the first uniform and official prayer book for Conservative Jews. "For some time the conviction has been general that the time was ripe for a prayer book that would express the viewpoint of Conservative Judaism and bear the official imprimatur of the Rabbinical Assembly, representing the spiritual leadership of the movement and of the United Synagogue--the lay congregational organization," the announcement said.