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J.D.C. DIRECTORS KILLED IN PLANE CRASH; WERE EN ROUTE TO POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAGUE, March 7. (JTA) -- David Guzik, director of the Joint Distribution Committee in Poland, and Gertrude D. Pinsky, director of the J.D.C. for the Netherlands, were killed on Tuesday in a plane crash at the Prague airfield, it was announced here today. Guzik was en route from Paris to Warsaw. Miss Pinsky was flying to Prague on special mission to bring relief to Czechoslovakian Jews.

Mr. Guzik, 55 years old, was the only one of three J.D.C. directors in Poland to escape death at the hands of the Nazis. He carried out an heroic underground relief program during the years of Nazi occupation. All members of his family were killed by the Nazis, with the exception of one son who escaped and found haven in Palestine.

Miss Pinsky, 37, of Cincinnati, last month completed two years of service with the J.D.C., holding posts in South America and Europe. She was born in Russia and came to the United States at the age of seven.

J.D.C. Mourns Death of Its Representatives; Warburg Lauds Their Devotion

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Emphasizing that the sudden deaths of David Guzik and Gertrude D. Pinsky is a great loss not only to the Joint Distribution Committee, but also to the hundreds of thousands of distressed Jews to whom they were bringing aid and comfort, Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the J.D.C., today issued the following statement in behalf of the organization:

"In the deaths of both Miss Pinsky and Mr. Guzik, the J.D.C. has lost two of its most valued and devoted representatives. Their loss will come as a personal grief to hundreds of thousands of distressed Jews who benefited by their skilled and understanding efforts. Both died in action, as it were, on missions of mercy for the surviving Jews of Europe. Miss Pinsky was flying to Prague to extend further help to the surviving Jews in Czechoslovakia. Mr. Guzik was returning to Poland after conferences in Paris with Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, J.D.C. European chairman, in which new plans were worked out to aid Poland's surviving Jews.

"David Guzik's name was already a legend in the work of aiding distressed and suffering peoples before death ended his twenty-six-year career with the J.D.C. When the Nazis occupied Poland, he refused to leave his people. He went underground and by heroic service found the ways and means to extend help to Polish Jewry as they passed through the sorest trial that ever beset any people," the statement said.

JEWISH DEMONSTRATION IN ROME CELEBRATES ARRIVAL OF CHIEF RABBI HERZOG OF PALESTINE

ROME, March 7. (JTA) -- Thousands of Jews filled the streets of the city today cheering Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine upon his arrival here from Naples where he visited Gen. Morgan, the supreme commander of the Mediterranean forces.

Zionist flags were flown from every Jewish home in Rome in honor of Rabbi Herzog's arrival. A demonstration lasting three hours greeted him. He gave his blessings to the crowd, which was carrying banners of welcome. He was accompanied by Chief Rabbi David Prato of Rome and by leaders of the Jewish Community.

## WEIZMANN TESTIFIES TODAY BEFORE ANGLIC-AMERICAN INQUIRY COMMITTEE IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, March 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, is scheduled to appear tomorrow before the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee which will open its hearings with brief statements by Government officials. Dr. Weizmann will testify on the historical relationships of the Jewish people to the Jewish land, and on the moral and humane basis of the Jewish demand for Palestine.

Testimony concerning the demand for the immediate establishment of Palestine as a Jewish state will be given on Monday by David Ben Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency. Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the agency, will testify Monday on the twenty-five years of British rule in Palestine.

Members of the inquiry committee today visited the Old City section of Jerusalem and were blessed by Chief Rabbi Uziel at the Churvah Synagogue, the oldest in Palestine.

### Sub-Committees Hold Hearings in Neighboring Arab Countries

Two sub-committees of the Anglo-American inquiry committee, each composed of three members, are now visiting Saudi Arabia and Iraq, and Syria and Lebanon, Harold Bealy and Leslie Rood, British and American secretaries of the committee, today revealed at a press conference here. More than 50 journalists representing the press of all nations of the world were present at the conference.

Bealy and Rood also reported that two days of the hearings in Palestine would be devoted to representatives of the Jewish Agency and two would be assigned to Arab Higher Committee spokesmen. The secretaries also disclosed that the members of the joint committee will spend five days in hearings here, then tour the country for a week, after which they will spend five more days taking testimony before proceeding to Switzerland where they will write their report.

Newsmen asked Bealy and Rood whether the sub-committees now touring the Arab states would take measures to protect Iraqi Jews giving pro-Zionist testimony, in view of the fact that Zionism is illegal in Iraq. Rood replied: "The committee is taking all precautions possible, but obviously the safest procedure is to submit written evidence. The committee can also be depended upon to know if anyone is testifying under pressure."

### Committee Doesn't Want Newsmen on Its Tour of Palestine

The secretaries also stated that no arrangements had been made for press representatives to accompany the committee on its tour of Palestine, because the members feel that they might learn more if their arrival at villages, collective farms and Arab settlements is not announced beforehand. They added:

"The committee is going to have great difficulty getting the feel of the country in such a short time. They do not want to feel they are walking into places as a labcoat or as people talking to a large audience. There will be both conducted tours and random sampling of the population. Certainly there is nothing secret in the committee's course," they concluded.

Asked why no interim report had been issued at Vienna, Rood declared that it was thought that the interrelation of the two problems--the problem of the European Jews, and an examination of the political, social, and economic problems of Palestine--was too great to permit the issuance of an interim report at that time. Rood also pointed out physical difficulties were involved, since the committee was both taking testimony and collating reports, with some reports still unwritten and some European testimony still untaken at the time. Bealy intimated that the issuance of an interim report was still not ruled out.

ANTI-SEMITES ATTEMPT TO SET FIRE TO ZIONIST CLUBS IN RUMANIA; SPLIT AMONG JEWS GROWS

BUCHAREST, March 7. (JTA) -- An attempt to set fire to all Zionist youth clubs in the city of Dorchoi, near the Bessarabian border, was barely prevented by action of local authorities, it was reported here today.

The report said that anti-Semitic hoodlums this week raided the clubs and wrecked all the furniture there, before the police arrived. They also invaded a synagogue and attempted to set the building afire.

The internal strife within the Jewish community in Rumania is assuming a sharper character with the passing of each day, and is being watched by the Government. Of the competing groups, one is led by Dr. William Filderman and the other by M.A. Saraceanu, former executive secretary of the Union of Rumanian Jews.

The fight between the two started after the formation, last summer, of a Democratic Committee in Rumania, in which the Jewish Communists, the Hashomer Hatzair, the Yichud Party and various outstanding Jews participated. The Zionist Organization, the Jewish Party and the local section of the World Jewish Congress refused to join the new body. The central committee of the Union of Rumanian Jews similarly decided not to join the Democratic Committee. However, Saraceanu joined the new body contrary to the decision of his central committee. Whereupon he was expelled from the Union.

New Jewish Group Claims To Be the Sole Representative Body

The expulsion of Saraceanu resulted in the establishment, by him and his followers, of a Democratic Jewish Union which held its own conference last January, attended by 109 delegates. Later the new organization changed its name to Jewish Union and advanced its claim as the only Union of Jews in Rumania.

Dr. William Filderman, president of the Union of Rumanian Jews, who is not recognized by the new central Jewish body, does not deny the existence of the Union formed by Saraceanu. He has dealt with various Government offices as president of the Union of Rumanian Jews, was cordially received there, and was also given replies by them. However, last week, the Rumanian radio carried a broadcast declaring that there are no two Unions of Rumanian Jews, and that the only union existing is the one led by Mr. Saraceanu. The broadcast added that "Dr. Filderman is not authorized to speak for the Union."

The Zionist Organization of Rumania, the Jewish Party and the local branch of the World Jewish Congress do not recognize Saraceanu's organization and are all maintaining contact with Dr. Filderman's group. The Yichud, which unites various Zionist groups, has, thus far, taken no stand in the conflict between the two competing Unions. Dr. Filderman is still holding his post as president of the Federation of Jewish Communities, since no congress of Jewish communities has been held subsequent to Rumania's liberation from the pro-Nazi regime.

CZECH GOVERNMENT BARS MEMBERS OF ANTI-SEMITIC GROUPS FROM VOTING IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS

PRAGUE, March 7. (JTA) -- The Czech Government today published a list of 34 organizations, whose members will not be permitted to take part in the coming national elections.

Included among the groups on the list are all anti-Semitic organizations and any association which used the word "aryan" in its title. In Slovakia, all those who were recipients of Jewish property which had been "aryanized" will be barred from the polls.

MEMBERS OF ALLIED FORCES WHO ENLISTED IN PALESTINE EXEMPTED FROM IMMIGRATION LAWS

JERUSALEM, March 7. (JTA) -- Members or discharged members of the Allied forces who originally enlisted in Palestine, as well as their wives and children under the age of 18, are exempted from the laws restricting immigration to the country, it was announced in the Official Gazette today. They will be admitted to the country without any hindrance.

(A cable from the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Prague reported that, after several months idling in Bohemia, about 200 Palestinian Jews, who were formerly Czech citizens and who volunteered for service with the Czech Army at the outbreak of the war under the promise that they would be allowed to return to Palestine at the end of the war, were finally informed today that they will be permitted to re-enter Palestine early next month.)

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN VIENNA TO HOLD FIRST FREE ELECTION; HAS ONLY 3,700 VOTERS

VIENNA, March 7. (JTA) -- For the first time in eight years a free election for the Vienna Jewish Community Council will be held here on April 7, when the 36 members of the Council will be chosen, Jewish leaders announced today.

Electoral laws were recently changed so as to permit all Jews over 21 years of age now residing in Vienna, regardless of taxpaying status or nationality, to vote in the forthcoming elections. The electoral register of 138,000 before Hitler has been reduced to 3,700. Four groups have formed an alliance to present a united ticket in opposition to the Jewish merchants organization. The four are: the Zionist Organization, the International Committee of Transient Jews, the Hungarian Joint Committee, and the Jewish Section of the Austrian Campers Organization.

After the elections, the community council will take the lead in organizing a federation of Austrian Jewish community councils, the announcement said. The federation will include the Jewish community councils of Linz, Innsbruck, and Ischl.

STATEMENT THAT BULGARIAN JEWS DO NOT WANT IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE EVOKES PROTEST

SOFIA, March 7. (JTA) -- Zionist leaders here took exception today to a statement broadcast in America and Britain, to the effect that the majority of Jews in Bulgaria do not desire to emigrate to Palestine. The statement was made by David Jeroham, president of the Jewish Consistory in Bulgaria.

Vitali Haimoff, president of the Zionist Organization of Bulgaria, today declared: "We consider it our duty to announce that Mr. Jeroham had no right to make such a statement on behalf of Bulgarian Jewry. The Zionist Organization of Bulgaria has a membership of 13,000, which is one-quarter of the total Jewish population, and, together with their families, the organized Zionists represent three-quarters of Bulgarian Jewry."

"The large majority of the Jews in Bulgaria have a keen desire to emigrate immediately to Palestine, as they are fully conscious of the necessity for the Jewish people establishing their own fatherland in Eretz Israel. This, and not because they disapprove of the present regime in Bulgaria, is the reason why they want to go to Palestine," the Zionist leader concluded.

BRITISH YOUTHS SENTENCED IN PALESTINE FOR POSSESSION OF ARMS; NEW EXPLOSIONS REPORTED

JERUSALEM, March 7. (JTA) -- Five Jewish youths were sentenced today by a military court to five years imprisonment each on the charge of carrying arms illegally. They were arrested on Jan. 26 near the Dead Sea, when it was discovered that they had two pistols and four Polish hand grenades in their possession.

Three explosions were reported today from the Kfar Menaheh area in Southern Palestine, where army camps and airfields are situated. No details were given.

NAZI WAR CRIMINALS AT NUREMBERG TRIAL SEEK TO POSE AS "PROTECTORS" OF JEWS

NUREMBERG, March 7. (JTA) -- As the defense of the 20 Nazis accused of war crimes at the Allied trial here begins to unfold, it is becoming more and more evident that many of the defendants will attempt to base their case on claims of having protected Jews, or at least of not having played an active part in their extermination in Germany and German-occupied Europe.

The military tribunal today heard counsel for Baldur von Schirach, Nazi youth leader and Gauleiter of Vienna, ask for the calling of witnesses and admission of documents in an attempt to prove that Schirach had actually protected individual Jews in the face of criticism and had opposed the anti-Jewish policy of the Nazis.

The former Jugend leader, who once declared that his contribution to European culture was the deportation of Viennese Jews to the East, where they were enslaved and slaughtered, will try to prove that his wife, with his permission, interceded with Hitler to mitigate the German policy of extermination of Jews.

Hjalmer Schacht, Nazi economic wizard, who financed Germany's rearmament, will call witnesses to prove that he protected Jews and that on May 3, 1935 he presented a memorandum to Hitler asking for legal protection for the Jews. Fritz Sauckel, Nazi labor chief, will also try to demonstrate that he was no enemy of the Jews, it was revealed today.

War Crimes Prosecutor Trying To Reveal Story of "Greatest Murderer in History"

LONDON, March 7. (JTA) -- An attempt to bring to light the complete story of Otto Moll, described as "the greatest murderer in all history," has been made by British war crimes prosecutor Major Draper, the London Daily Express reports from Hamburg today.

Moll, condemned for the murder of one Jewish boy, is now awaiting death in the Landsberg fortress in the American zone. As an S.S. leader, Moll was in charge of the crematoriums at the Birkenau and Oswiecim death camps. Major Draper asked the American commandant at Landsberg to permit him to interrogate Moll before he dies. "The world should know the extent of this man's fantastic crimes," Major Draper said.

N.Y. STATE LEGISLATORS INTRODUCE BILL OUTLAWING BIAS BY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Senator Walter J. Mahoney and Assemblyman Bernard Austin announced the introduction in the State Legislature of a bi-partisan bill which would make racial and religious discrimination by educational institutions unlawful and subject violators to various penalties and to the automatic loss of tax exemptions.

The new proposal is based largely on sociological and legal studies made by the American Jewish Congress. As the Legislature is scheduled to adjourn in less than three weeks, there appears to be little chance that the bill can be adopted at this session.

U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL ISSUES ORDER TO PROTECT CIVIL RIGHTS OF ALL MINORITIES

WASHINGTON, March 7. (JTA) -- Attorney General Tom C. Clark has issued a directive to all United States attorneys to protect the civil rights of minorities "to the full extent and intent of the Constitution and of statutory provisions."

Pointing out increasing symptoms of intolerance, the Attorney General instructed that the attorneys "devote special attention and investigation to protection of all Americans in their civil liberties, regardless of race or color."

"Civil rights of minorities in this country were never under greater threat than at this time," he said. "It is my purpose to protect human rights and civil liberties, wherever they are infringed, to the full extent and intent of the Constitution and of statutory provisions."

DR. GRINBERG, LEADER OF LIBERATED JEWS IN GERMANY, ASKS THEIR TRANSFER TO PALESTINE

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- The army of Jewish fighters who battled the Nazis from the ghettos and concentration camps of Europe want to go home, and home to them is Palestine, said Dr. Zalman Grinberg, president of the Council of Liberated Jews in Germany, at a meeting in Manhattan Center tonight. The meeting was sponsored by the American Jewish Conference, at whose request, Dr. Grinberg was flown to the United States from Munich.

"During the war, which for us has not yet ceased, the Jewish people throughout the world fought on four major fronts," Dr. Grinberg told an audience which jammed the large meeting hall. "They fought as partisans, in the European underground armies. They fought in the Jewish Brigade from Palestine. They fought under the flag of all of the United Nations. And they fought on a too little recognized front--the front of the ghettos and concentration camps."

"In factories, in construction camps, on road-building projects, Jewish slave laborers sabotaged, slowed-down, and passively resisted the execution of Wehrmacht plans. Work on the airbase at Kaunas, Lithuania, for instance, was so successfully sabotaged that Wehrmacht troops could not use the flying field until the Russian armies were almost upon them," he declared.

Dr. Grinberg said he spoke not only for the Jewish survivors, but for those who died, and left a holy testament which was "inscribed on our souls by chattering machine guns, absorbed into our skulls through the fumes of gas chambers, burned into our hearts by the pitiless fire of crematoria." He appealed to American Jewry to help the displaced Jews achieve their goal--to leave Germany and go to Palestine.

TOURO SYNAGOGUE DESIGNATED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT AS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

WASHINGTON, March 7. (JTA) -- Historic Touro Synagogue of Newport, Rhode Island, oldest surviving synagogue building in America and one of the finest remaining examples of colonial architecture, has been designated as a national historic site, Acting Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman announced today.

Jews from Spain, Portugal, Holland and the West Indies settled in Newport as early as 1658. Dedicated in 1763, the synagogue has served as a place of worship for the Jewish congregation of Newport for almost 200 years. Before they were able to build a temple the early settlers held religious services in their homes.

Ownership of the synagogue will remain unchanged, the Department announced, but the National Park Service will provide professional assistance in caring for the historic site and in interpreting it to the public.

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