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### SWASTIKA, ANTI-SEMITIC SLOGANS MAR NEW YEAR WEEK-END ALL OVER WORLD

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The swastika, symbol of Nazism, burst out all over the Western world map this week-end--being publicly smeared in New York, daubed in London, appearing in Israel, showing its face in many cities in Germany, stealthily manifesting itself in Paris, Brussels, Stockholm and Oslo.

The "incidents" multiplied during the 1960 New Year week-end, compounding the current spate of anti-Semitic "pranks" following the outrage in Cologne last Christmas Eve, when a synagogue and a memorial to victims of Nazism were desecrated with the swastika and with anti-Semitic slogans.

### NEW YORK'S TEMPLE EMANU-EL DESECRATED BY TWO-FOOT-HIGH SYMBOL

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Temple Emanu-El, one of the largest Reform synagogues in the United States, was daubed with a two-foot high swastika last night, police reported today. Rabbi Julius Mark, senior rabbi of the Temple, said the desecration was the first in the history of the house of worship.

The Nazi emblem was daubed on the outer auditorium wall of the synagogue, which is located on Manhattan's swank Fifth Avenue.

Rabbi Mark said he did not believe the vandalism was the work of an organized group. He ascribed it to the "chain reaction" started by the Christmas Eve desecration of the recently dedicated synagogue at Cologne, Germany.

Rabbi Mark said he felt it was unfortunate that the incidents were receiving such widespread publicity, and predicted that more such incidents would occur. He said he felt such vandalism should not be publicized until after the culprits had been caught.

Detectives from the East Side Manhattan Bureau examined the swastika and the scene before they removed the Nazi emblem. The Bureau declined comment on whether any clues to the vandals were found, and said the investigation would be continued.

### Newark, N.J., Police Probe Vandalism at Jewish Shop

NEWARK, N.J., Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Simon Fischer, operator of a butcher shop here, told police today he found a large swastika painted in red on his shop window. The words "cheap Jew" were painted under the Nazi device.

He told police he thought the vandalism was the work of juvenile pranksters. Police began an investigation.

### West Hartford Public School Smeared with Swastika

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A swastika was found painted this week-end on the front of the King Philip School, at West Hartford. The school, a public elementary institution, is in a section of West Hartford heavily populated by Jews.

### TEL AVIV, LONDON, GLASGOW REPORT ANTI-SEMITIC 'INCIDENTS'

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A non-Jewish Swiss cook employed at Lydda Airport, near here, was arrested this week-end, accused of painting a swastika on the apron of a Jewish co-worker. Formally charged by police with "attempting to infuriate the public," he was released on bail.

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Swastikas were daubed during the night on the offices of Jewish Chronicle, and on the walls of Woburn House, in which are located the offices of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, police reported today.

The Nazi emblem also was painted on the front of Wildenstein's Art Gallery here, and on the house of the caretaker of the Garnet Hill synagogue in Glasgow. The vandals also painted on the house of the caretaker, a Methodist, "Jews Go Home."

The facade of the Notting Hill Synagogue, located across the street from the headquarters of the fascist Union Movement headed by Sir Mosley, was similarly desecrated last week. The European headquarters of the World Jewish Congress here, were found painted today with red swastikas.

## 'VANDALS' KEEP ANTI-SEMITISM ALIVE IN MANY EUROPEAN CAPITALS

PARIS, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Swastikas were found painted this week-end on a row of Jewish-owned houses next to the Jewish quarter. The vandalism was believed to be the work of young hooligans who are members of various right-wing groups with pro-fascist ideologies.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans were found smeared today on the wall of the Great Synagogue in Antwerp. The synagogue was one of five damaged by the Nazis during the war, and re-built several years ago.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The swastika, and an anti-Semitic slogan, were found this morning to have been painted on a building in this city occupied by a Jewish family. The slogan, partly in English, read: "Jude Away--Jew Not Christian."

OSLO, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A 12-inch-high swastika was found today to have been carved at the front entrance to the Palmira Chemical Factory here. The plant is owned by Jews. Yesterday, the facade of an office of a Jewish businessman, in the downtown section of Oslo, was also found disfigured with the swastika.

## AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES REPORT SIMILAR ACTIVITIES IN VIENNA

VIENNA, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The outburst of anti-Semitic vandalism reached Vienna yesterday, with the discovery that the city's only synagogue was smeared. A night watchman found the word "Jude" in letters 18 inches high in white paint near the door of the Seitzstettengasse Synagogue.

Police said that an apparent attempt to smear another building, which houses the main office of the Vienna Jewish community, was interrupted by pedestrians.

The words "Out With The Jews" were found on sidewalks at Neustift in Walde, a suburb of Vienna.

### Fourth Member of Rightist German Party Arrested as Anti-Semite

BONN, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A 22-year-old carpenter, Ludwig Vogel, has been arrested in Scheinfeld, near Nuernberg, on suspicion of having painted swastikas and anti-Jewish slogans on the walls of the local court building, the Nuernberg public prosecutor announced yesterday.

Vogel was reported to have registered with the right-wing Deutsche Reichs Party last October, but had not yet received his membership card. The DRP is under fire in connection with the Christmas Eve desecration of the Cologne Synagogue by two of its members.

Vogel confessed to having painted the swastika and the slogans--"Down with the Jews," "Germany Awake," and "Dirty Jews"--on the court building walls. He said he did so because of his "anti-Semitic convictions." He is the fourth DRP member under arrest in connection with the spurt of anti-Semitic incidents started by the Cologne synagogue desecration.

## GOLDMANN SEES 'ONE HAND' GUIDING WORLD-WIDE NAZI INCIDENTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann asserted today that the simultaneous outbreaks of anti-Semitic incidents in various countries suggested the existence of a hidden Nazi underground organization--or that, at least, there was "one hand" coordinating the anti-Semitic activities.

In an interview here, he said he had no conclusive evidence that such an organization existed. But, he added, he would urge in forthcoming talks with West German leaders that they start a vigorous investigation.

Dr. Goldmann, who will meet with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer this month, said he would also urge concentrated educational efforts in West Germany to eradicate anti-Semitism among German youth. For a long time, he said, there have been suspicions that large sums were smuggled out of defeated Germany by fleeing Nazis, and that these funds were being used to finance neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic activities.

He said some benefit might be derived from the anti-Semitic outbreaks, if they dramatized for West Germans and their leaders the need to pay closer attention to the dangers of anti-Semitism.

Dr. Goldmann said that, while the importance of the outbreaks should not be exaggerated, neither should their importance be minimized. Against exaggeration he cited the fact that, for the time being, West European and West German Jews were too weak to elect even a single member of Parliament, while West European anti-Semites were even weaker.

He said that what should cause particular concern was the fact that not only was the older generation of former Nazis involved in the incidents but also youngsters who had not received the Nazis' anti-Semitic "education." He added that the problem of German anti-Semitism would become particularly grave if West Germany became a strong military power.

## GERMAN GOVERNMENT, IN FIRST STATEMENT, SEES 'PLAN' TO DEFAME COUNTRY

BONN, Jan. 3, (JTA) -- The West German Government, in its first official statement on the wave of anti-Semitic incidents which have followed the Christmas Eve desecration of the Cologne synagogue, charged yesterday that the incidents were part of "a planned action to defame the Federal Republic in the eyes of the world."

The statement did not contain any indication as to the source of the alleged plot to smear the West German Republic.

In the statement, the Bonn Government declared that German police authorities "are conducting extensive inquiries to identify the wire-pullers behind the acts" and promised that police "will do everything they can to bring the guilty people to justice and prevent the repetition of incidents of this kind."

The statement asserted that the Federal Government and "the whole German people" had reacted to the incidents "with greatest indignation."

Even as the statement was issued, more reports were made of new incidents. The spate of such incidents has spread to Schleswig-Holstein in the north and to Baden-Wuerttemberg in the south. More incidents followed those of last week--in Bavaria, Hesse, Westphalia and Lower Saxony.

Meanwhile, Dr. Heinrich Luecke, president of the West German Republic, declared in a New Year message that the "vile act" of the Cologne synagogue desecration was the result of "our own arrogance." Urging the German people to prevent such "abhorrent" acts, against the Jews, Dr. Luecke said "each one of us must from now on be watchful that such attacks against the defenceless will not happen again."

## SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL CALLS ON CHRISTIANS, JEWS TO FIGHT 'SICKNESS'

NEW YORK, Jan. 3, (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America today called on Christians and Jews to be prepared with firm leadership if the "sickness" of the current world-wide spate of anti-Semitic incidents should continue.

A spokesman for the Synagogue Council, the national central agency for the congregational and rabbinical organizations of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews, said the smearing of synagogues and churches "may well be the work of pranksters with a diseased sense of humor."

Warning against alarmist and exaggerated judgments about the incidents, the spokesman for the Synagogue Council added that "at the same time the possible gravity of this sudden chain of desecration ought not to be minimized."

Recalling that the "pranks" of the early Hitler and Mussolini periods were dismissed as the "antics of a lunatic fringe," the spokesman said that those events "should have taught us that no public phenomenon of this sort can be permitted to escape our unrelenting vigilance. Both Christians and Jews--who have a common history and fate in this experience--must watch these diabolical episodes with open eyes and be prepared for firm leadership should, God forbid, this sickness begin to spread."

## NEXT WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS POSTPONED UNTIL END OF THIS YEAR

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3, (JTA) -- The 25th World Zionist Congress will be held at the end of this year instead of this coming summer, according to a decision here today by a committee of the Zionist General Council. The committee, headed by Dr. Miriam Freund, president of Hadassah, unanimously voted to postpone the Congress to provide additional time to negotiate with various non-Zionist groups with regard to their joining the World Zionist Organization.

## ISRAEL'S INTERIOR MINISTER CHANGES 'WHO'S A JEW' DIRECTIVES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3, (JTA) -- Moshe Shapiro, Israel's new Minister of the Interior, today issued a directive cancelling the population registry regulations issued by his left-wing predecessor, which provoked the world-wide "Who is a Jew?" controversy in mid-1958.

Mr. Shapiro, a Mizrahi leader, ordered in a new directive that, hereafter, only persons with a Jewish mother or persons who undergo religious conversion may be registered as Jews. The directive, which became effective upon issuance, was sent to all population registry offices. It will affect some 350 pending applications, largely from persons who are neither converted to Judaism nor possessors of a Jewish mother--but who seek a "Jewish" listing in their identity cards.

The directive, the first public promulgation of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's new Government, was issued less than one week after Mr. Shapiro assumed his Ministry. It not only restores the status quo of March 1958, but it also further obliges each applicant to declare--when so asked--non-membership in any other faith. This clause was aimed at preventing listing of an Israeli as a Jew who, although having a Jewish mother, became baptized.

The new directive cancelled the earlier regulations issued by Mapam's Israel Bar-Yehuda as Minister of the Interior, by which an Israeli could list himself as a Jew on his own declaration of non-membership in another religion.

## A. D. L. RAPS CONGRESS FOR 'DISAPPOINTING RECORD' IN CIVIL RIGHTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith today criticized the United States Congress for its "highly disappointing record" in regard to civil rights action in 1959.

Reviewing the national picture in the field of civil rights during 1959, Henry Edward Schultz, national chairman of the ADL, declared that congressional members of both major parties "share responsibility for Congress' failure to take acutely needed action." The two-year extension of the life of the Federal Commission on Civil Rights was the year's "solitary advance" in the field, Mr. Schultz stated.

Mr. Schultz decried the influence of two key committees whose chairmen were seen by the ADL head as "staunch opponents of civil rights legislation." He named, as leaders of the anti-civil rights bloc, Sen. James Eastland, of Mississippi, head of the Senate Judiciary Committee; and Rep. Howard Smith, of Virginia, chairman of the House Rules Committee.

Mr. Schultz warned that problems in the fields of education, voting, housing, and employment are "so pressing that they require congressional remedies as early as possible in 1960. They cannot wait for the national party conventions in the summer to be embalmed in party platforms."

## CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION 'CRUCIAL' IN 1960, SAYS JEWISH LABOR GROUP

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA)-- The American labor movement has made "significant contributions" in the area of civil rights during 1959, according to a year's-end review made public here today by the Jewish Labor Committee's anti-discrimination department. The department is headed by Charles S. Zimmerman, vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and chairman of the Civil Rights Department of the AFL-CIO.

The 1960 congressional picture, the report warned, "will find civil rights in crucial legislative tests." According to Mr. Zimmerman, "the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, in which the labor movement plays a paramount role, and which is the coordinating arm for some 50 human rights organizations, will take the offensive within the next few weeks to get a hard-hitting civil rights bill passed at the coming session of Congress. Labor is determined to make civil rights a prime legislative objective."

## WOMEN CITE 'DIRE NEEDS' FOR RIGHTS LEGISLATION IN NEXT CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- On the eve of the second session of the 86th Congress, the National Council of Jewish Women appealed today for the speedy enactment of pending legislation to meet "the nation's dire needs for educational growth, better housing, and to combat juvenile delinquency." The call was coupled with an expression of concern lest "these urgent requirements be neglected in the heat of election campaigns this year."

In a statement issued at the Council's national headquarters here, Mrs. Charles Hymes, of Minneapolis, president of the NCJW, asserted that "inadequate schools represent the Number One problem of the United States today, and there can be no excuse for Congress to continue its backsliding of the past year--the past decade--in failing to meet the emergency through federal aid for school construction and teachers' salaries."

## HIAS REFUTES REP. WALTER'S VIEW ON EUROPEAN REFUGEE PROBLEM

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- James Rice, executive director of the United Hias Service, today questioned a statement by Rep. Frances E. Walter, Democrat of Pennsylvania, who had declared that the European refugee problem had been virtually solved.

Rep. Walter, chairman of the House Immigration subcommittee, based his evaluation on a seven-week study of refugee and other problems in Europe and Latin America. Bills in Congress still call for the admission of nearly 70,000 persons to the United States alone.

Rep. Walter said that only 28,000 refugees registered for transfer to the Western Hemisphere remained on the lists, and therefore "there is now no European refugee problem."

Mr. Rice said that the 28,000 figure was accurate only for refugees still living in European camps, but that there were still at least an additional 70,000 persons who, though not living in refugee camps, actually were homeless. He said they lived on relief or marginal jobs while waiting for an opportunity to migrate for permanent settlement. Thus, he said, would make the true total of European refugees at around 100,000, and not 28,000.

Mr. Rice said that there were 6,000 Jewish refugees in Europe registered for immigration with Hias, including 1,000 Jewish expellees from Egypt. He said there were also other Jewish refugees in Europe who had not registered for resettlement for various temporary reasons.