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Title: Selected Records of the Anti-Joodse Centrale Belgium, 1867-1943 (bulk, 1935-1943.)

Extent: 11 microfilm reels.

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Organization and Arrangement: Arrangement is thematic.

Language: German, French, and Dutch with some English

Preferred Citation: Standard citation for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Collections Division, Archives Branch.

Scope and Content: Contains information created or collected by the Anti-Joodse Centrale for the purpose of enabling anti-Semitic measures in occupied Belgium.

Inventory:

Reel 1:

AA1314/350:

1936 letters and press clippings from Belgian newspapers collected by the *Office Juif de Presse et de Documentation* (herein OJDPD). OJDPD integration into the *Federation Sioniste de Belgique*, Gretrystraat 12, Antwerpen. Purpose of the OJDPD: Disseminating

information relevant to Jewish concerns, particularly as they pertain to anti-Semitism and problems with Palestine [immigration].

Circulars of the *Comite d'Action Economique*, Louisalaan 3 Bruxelles. Report on the activities of the *Conseil d'Associations Juives de Bruxelles*, dated 19 December 1937 and 30 March 1940.

Correspondence between Beekmans and German corporations and organizations concerning publicity in Belgium connected to Goebbels and Streicher, 1934-1939.

BELHICEM papers and "Ezra" (Esra.)

One sample of the "Jewish Weekly Newspaper for Jewish Interests in Belgium" from 9 March 1923.

One sample of "Balming" from 4 July 1943, published by De Vlag.

Various samples of "Va Partout: Independent Body of the New Order" from 1936.

Proclamation "To the King" issued by *Le Front Unique Belge*.

Pamphlet by Issac Levy (Rabbi of Lunéville) defending Judaism and examining some of the prejudices relating to Jews and their beliefs, with annotations by Pierre Beeckmans, Paris 1867.

Propaganda letter from Pierre Beeckmans titled "Defense Force and the People" written to the Reserve Officer's [Association]. 2 March 1939.

Various notes by Pierre Beeckmans concerning the Talmud, circumcision, etc.

Letter from Denise Beeckmans (Pierre's daughter) to Alfred Schniedeskamp and letters to the SS. 1943.

Request for a brief CV from Pierre Beeckmans so that he might obtain a license for press advertising. 17 August 1944.

AA1314/351:

Letters from SS Rottenführer Alfred Schmiess regarding the [Congo] Colony and his responsibilities as propaganda chief, together with press clippings.

Photographs of [illegible]. 6 October 1943.

AA1314/352:

Collection of *Le Rempart* newspapers for the National Guard.

Clippings regarding an anti-Jewish exhibition called "The True Country".

1385 frames.

Reel 2:

AA1314/353:

Biographical press clippings from the war years concerning Goering, Fritsch, Urbain Sylvestre, and Edmund Picard.

Article on "Hitler Power". 1942-1943.
839 frames.

AA1314/354:

Press clippings concerning Freemasons.

Name lists of Freemasons and people belonging to organizations similar to the Freemasons.

Anti-Masonic propaganda pamphlets and sample of *Le Rampart* with writing by Dr. P. Ouwerx.

Name list for the Anglo-Belgian Scottish Rite Lodge.

Communication initiated by Fritz Berg between the Palestina and Berlin lodges and the Lessing Lodge in Breslau.

Correspondence between Beth-Zion on Cetry Street, Antwerp, Cfr #350, and the Ancient Order of Foresters about the use of class rooms and multi-purpose rooms, 1935-1939.

Reports from the National Organization of Veterans, 1914-1919 and 1940-1941.
542 frames.

AA1314/355:

Press clippings concerning attacks in VV on VNV [*sic*].

- 1.) VNV-NS [*sic*]
- 2.) Professor Dr. Clerg.
- 3.) R. Zollen.
- 4.) Miscellaneous. Antwerp, 1936.

311 frames.

AA1314/356:

Beeckmans papers regarding his service in the Belgian Army during both wars, 1918-1942.

Military notes concerning the counter attack at Kuurne, 23 June 1940.

Copy of "My War Experience in 1940" sent on 24 December 1940 to VOS [a pro-German, New Order publication]. 22 pages with anti-Jewish statements.

Request for an invalids pension, January 1942.

Request to wear the rank of insignia designating Directorship of the Anti-Joodse Centrale, 17 January 1942.

Letter from the Anti-Joodse Centrale of Filips de Champagne Street 52, Brussels, addressed to BELHICEM, 12 April 1942.

899 frames.

AA1314/357:

Sample copy of *Légion National*, 5 May 1934.

Press clipping concerning Dr. Heinrich Totter, 23 May 1942.

Article by Adolph Stoecher concerning his struggle against the Jews.

Miscellaneous incomplete historical notes.

31 frames.

AA1314/358:

Pre-war press clippings.

National greeting from the diamond industry, 21 September 1934.

Miscellaneous press clippings from Berlin.

Jewish artists: Alexandre Sterinky, Stavitsky, and Lowenstein, 31 January 1934.

97 frames.

AA1314/359:

Miscellaneous press clippings concerning Belgian politics and the economy.

156 frames.

AA1314/360:

Miscellaneous press clippings regarding Jews and Communists.

541 frames.

AA1314/361:

Pierre Beeckmans war-years correspondence file concerning his position as a propaganda agent [of the Germans].

507 frames.

AA1314/362-364 [alpha by last name, A through Z]:

Institute for Race and Genealogical Examination, Avenue Lepoutre 8, Brussels; director, Pierre Beeckmans from 1943 to 23 February 1944. Seven forms arranged alphabetically by last name. Examination of people in Belgium of Aryan decent, people with Jewish sounding names, or those married to Jews. Also includes declarations from Jewish organizations in Belgium that various people had not registered with them and declarations from Catholic priests that baptismal papers were burned. Includes some side by side comparisons with registrations at the Central Jewish Registry of the Ministry for National Health, particularly for couples in mixed marriages. *Continued on next file.*
1856 frames.

Reel 3:

AA1314/365-368 [alpha by last name, A through Z]:

Institute for Race and Genealogical Examination, Avenue Lepoutre 8, Brussels; director, Pierre Beeckmans from 1943 to 23 February 1944. Seven forms arranged alphabetically by last name. Examination of people in Belgium of Aryan decent, people with Jewish sounding names, or those married to Jews. Also includes declarations from Jewish organizations in Belgium that various people had not registered with them and declarations from Catholic priests that baptismal papers were burned. Includes some side by side comparisons with registrations at the Central Jewish Registry of the Ministry for National Health, particularly for couples in mixed marriages.
2612 frames.

AA1314/370:

Various BELHICEM information forms required of Jews wishing to leave the country.
63 frames.

AA1314/371:

Pierre Beeckmans correspondence related to propaganda for *Volkswerwing* and its propaganda paper *Volksche Aanval*, 1940-1942.

Request to be admitted into the *Volkswerwing* together with C.V. attached, 6 May 1941.

Pierre Beeckmans discharge from the *Volkswerwing* at the personal request of President René Lambrechts. Cites inability to complete administrative functions and preoccupation with SD activities as pretexts for the discharge, 6 July 1942.

Overview of the efficacy of a propaganda campaign conducted by Mr. Vos of Antwerp. Lists business that were the target of the propaganda and their reaction to the campaign.
450 frames.

AA1314/372:

White pre-printed blank forms issued by BELHICEM for immigration purposes. Beekmans used the information culled from this source for information on birth places of applicants.

570 frames.

AA1314/373:

Continuation of above with special blue forms arranged by the applicant's country or city of birth.

753 frames.

Reel 4:

AA1314/374 through 386:

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Association des Juifs en Belgique information forms listing "all Jewish families, permanent or temporary living in Belgium." Each form contains five elements; 1.) Registration [number]. 2.) Date. Most are from March 1942, a few from April 1942. 3.) Name. 4.) Address. 5.) Details of residency. Continues on next file.

5083 frames.

Reel 5:

AA1314/387-399:

Association des Juifs en Belgique information forms listing "all Jewish families, permanent or temporary living in Belgium." Each form contains five elements; 1.) Registration [number]. 2.) Date. Most are from March 1942, a few from April 1942. 3.) Name. 4.) Address. 5.) Details of residency. Continues on next file.

4830 frames.

Reel 6:

AA1314/400-409:

Association des Juifs en Belgique information forms listing "all Jewish families, permanent or temporary living in Belgium." Each form contains five elements; 1.) Registration [number]. 2.) Date. Most are from March 1942, a few from April 1942. 3.) Name. 4.) Address. 5.) Details of residency. Continues on next file.

3949 frames.

Reel 7:

AA1314/428:

File titled *Auditorat General, Pièces à Conviction, 1940-1944*, organized by city or province. Contains information on marriage, specifically an accounting of Jews married to other Jews, Jews married to "Aryans", single Jews, Jews with children, and married Jews without children.

179 frames.

AA1314/429-435:

Large BELHICEM correspondence files pertaining to the movement of Jews in and through Europe on their way to safety. Most cases pertain to moving Jews to Shanghai, South America, North America, or England. Information in files includes visa and transport concerns, specifically what Jewish relief organization [HIAS, The Joint Distribution Committee, etc.] will defray costs and provide for the refugee. The file follows a very loose chronological arrangement, but for the most part is unordered. Continues on next reel.
3340 frames.

Reel 8:

AA1314/436-443:

Large BELHICEM correspondence files pertaining to the movement of Jews in and through Europe on their way to safety. Most cases pertain to moving Jews to Shanghai, South America, North America, or England. Information in files includes visa and transport concerns, specifically what Jewish relief organization [HIAS, The Joint Distribution Committee, etc.] will defray costs and provide for the refugee. The file follows a very loose chronological arrangement, but for the most part is unordered. Continues on next reel.
4279 frames.

Reel 9:

AA1314/444-447:

Large BELHICEM correspondence files pertaining to the movement of Jews in and through Europe on their way to safety. Most cases pertain to moving Jews to Shanghai, South America, North America, or England. Information in files includes visa and transport concerns, specifically what Jewish relief organization [HIAS, The Joint Distribution Committee, etc.] will defray costs and provide for the refugee. The file follows a very loose chronological arrangement, but for the most part is unordered. Continues on next reel.
4015 frames.

Reel 10:

AA1314/448-449:

Large BELHICEM correspondence files pertaining to the movement of Jews in and through Europe on their way to safety. Most cases pertain to moving Jews to Shanghai, South America, North America, or England. Information in files includes visa and transport concerns, specifically what Jewish relief organization [HIAS, The Joint Distribution Committee, etc.] will defray costs and provide for the refugee. The file follows a very loose chronological arrangement, but for the most part is unordered.
2048 frames.

AA1314/450:

Papers of Emile Digneffe, mayor of Liège:

Women's International Zionistic Organization file correspondence file with correspondence between Gusta Schulsinger and Myriam Kubowitzki. Report to the World Jewish Congress titled *The Organization of Jewish Communities* by Leon Kubowitzki. Public safety document titled *The Army Rebellion and Rioting*. File labeled "Committee agreement France-Belgium, 1918-1936." File labeled "Organization of national defense, 1912-1914." File labeled "International center for the struggle against Communism, Belgian section, 1933." File titled "Creation of a Belgian chamber of commerce in Rhenante, 1922." File titled "Theosophy." File titled "Committee for the defense of the Army and order, 1928." File titled "National commission for economic expansion, 1930-1931." File titled "Anti-Communist action and civilization, 1933." File titled "British non-sectarian anti-Nazi council, 1935." File titled "International agreement against the 3rd Internationale, 1928-1932." File titled "Politico-economic Belgian society, 1909-1937."

1539 frames.

AA1314/451:

BELHICEM file containing information on Jewish businesses and their owners.

Arranged alphabetically by name and type of business. Lists name of owner, nationality of owner, location of the business, type of business, and business assets. File commences with two Belgian Army military manuals from the 1920's on the use of hand grenades and the defense of a fortified compound. Continues on next reel.

825 frames.

Reel 11:**AA1314/452-457:**

BELHICEM file containing information on Jewish businesses and their owners.

Arranged alphabetically by name and type of business. Lists name of owner, nationality of owner, location of the business, type of business, and business assets.

1881 frames.

AA1314/496-498:

Chronologically arranged card file of Jews who left Europe. Contains the name of the émigré, the departure point, the name of the vessel, the date of departure, and the destination of the vessel.

1020 frames.

AA1314/499-500:

Administrative file on the operation of the BELHICEM organization for 1940. Contains information on operational expenditures, routine administration of the office, etc.

657 frames.