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### ELECTION OF DR. BENES HAILED BY CZECH JEWS

PRAHA, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The election of Dr. Eduard Benes as second president of the Republic of Czechoslovakia was hailed today in Jewish circles as assuring continuation of Dr. Thomas G. Masaryk's democratic policy.

Dr. Benes was elected today by a vote of 340 to 24 in the National Assembly. Following the election Deputy Angelo Goldstein declared to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Jewish leaders were gratified with the result because Dr. Benes, protege of the retired president, could be depended upon to continue the liberal internal policy of Dr. Masaryk as well as support the Jewish national home in Palestine and rights of Jewish refugees at Geneva.

The election of Dr. Benes had been regarded as certain. For years it was known that Dr. Masaryk was grooming him to become his successor. Dr. Masaryk retired last Saturday at the age of 85. In becoming president, Dr. Benes will leave the post of foreign minister which he has held uninterruptedly since 1918.

### FRENCH CHAMBER VOTES OLYMPIC FUNDS

PARIS, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Victorious in their bill appropriating 900,000 francs for French participation in the 1936 Berlin Olympic games, Government leaders in the Chamber of Deputies prepared today to seek further grants.

The appropriation bill won by a vote of 410 to 161 despite opposition by a number of Left leaders. During the debate on the measure Socialist Deputy Jean Longuet met with an ovation from the Left when he declared:

"We are ready to hold out our hand to working, proletarian Germany, but not to Hitlerite Germany."

Minister of Health La Font replied that the question was purely a sporting matter. The appropriation will pay only for the equipment of the French teams, he pointed out, and demands for further grants are expected to be introduced shortly.

JEWISH SEJM DEPUTIES ATTACK REICH-POLISH TRADE PACT

WARSAW, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- A sharp attack against the Polish-German trade treaty, which went into effect Nov. 20, was voiced yesterday at a plenary session of the Polish Sejm, lower Parliamentary house, in the form of interpellations by Jewish deputies.

The Jewish deputies, who had voted against it, denounced the agreement with Germany on the ground of German mistreatment of Polish citizens. The speaker of the Sejm replied that the Jewish bloc in 1931 had voted in favor of a treaty with Germany.

Deputy Emil Sommerstein quoted the address of the Archbishop of Canterbury in London criticizing the Nazi regime. He scored the German policy of uprooting Polish citizens, referring to the current deportation drive against Polish-Jewish citizens. He maintained that the treaty would prove economically fruitless to Poland and queries Foreign Minister Josef Beck on the condition of Polish Jews in Germany. The agreement was also attacked by Deputy Leo Minzberg.

RABBI BRICKNER SEES ANTI-SEMITISM SPREADING OVER NORTH AMERICA

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A wave of anti-Semitism is spreading over North America today with Quebec elements taking the lead in attempting to sway Canada against the Jews, Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner of Cleveland warned the Canadian Jewish Congress at a meeting last night.

"I have never seen the Jews of America so jittery over their security as they are today," Rabbi Brickner asserted. "They are indeed being driven back to the fold. It is tragic that in the twentieth century we should have to experience a decline of Jewish security on this continent."

A. SANDERS, ROTTERDAM JEWISH LEADER, DIES AT 81

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- A. Sanders, president of the Ashkenazic Jewish Community of Rotterdam, died here today at the age of 81. Mr. Sanders was a leader of the local Jewish community for twenty-seven years and for seventeen years was a leader of the Ashkenazic Jewish Community of Holland, acting as vice-president of the latter body's central committee. On the occasion of his eightieth birthday Queen Wilhelmina conferred upon him the Order of Orange Nassau.

INCULET, POLICE CONFER ON ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS IN RUMANIA

BUCHAREST, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Minister of the Interior Ion Inculet presided at an important conference today of senior police officials called to discuss measures for dealing with anti-Semitic excesses.

EXEMPTIONS FOR "NON-ARYAN" JOURNALISTS RESCINDED

COLOGNE, Germany, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The paragraph of the German press law exempting certain categories of "non-Aryans" from being discharged from their positions has been revoked, Dr. Weiss of the Propaganda Ministry, today announced at a conference of journalists.

He declared that with the rescinding of Paragraph 9 of the press law, "non-Aryans" employed on newspapers will be dismissed.

TEL AVIV MAYORALTY IN DOUBT AS LABORITES FAIL OF MAJORITY

TEL AVIV, Palestine, Dec. 18. (JTA) --- The mayoralty of this all-Jewish city remained in doubt today as a final tally of the 21-677 votes cast Sunday showed that no party had secured a majority of the fifteen seats in the Municipal Council. The mayor is chosen by the council with the approval of the High Commissioner.

Contrary to early reports, the Labor ticket failed to win a majority, winning six of the fifteen seats in the council with its 8,709 votes. Following closely with 8,651 votes, the Centre bloc, including centrist and right-wing parties, also gained six seats.

The independent party of Meier Dizengoff, mayor of the city since its founding in 1909, trailed behind with a bare 2,007 votes, entitling it to one seat, which Mayor Dizengoff himself is expected to fill. The Progressive Party with its 1,632 votes won one seat, which will be filled by Felix Rosenblueth of the Association of German Immigrants in Palestine.

The fifteenth seat will be allotted either to a member of the Dizengoff party, the Poel Hamizrachi, orthodox labor Zionist group or to D. B. Benvenisti, a member of a Sephardic group.

The seats won by the Centre bloc will be allotted as follows: Israel Rokach, present vice mayor and J. Shatzov, president of the Jewish Merchants Association, will be named. In addition, the right wing Revisionists and the orthodox Mizrachi will receive one seat each and the landlords' association two.

Failure of the Laborites to secure their expected majority opened the door to the possibility that Mr. Dizengoff may yet be renamed mayor despite his poor showing in the elections. His position is non-political and he has the respect of all parties. Consequently, in the event of a deadlock between the Centre and Labor, which looms as a strong likelihood, Mr. Dizengoff may be chosen as compromise mayor, although Joseph Aronowitz, the Labor leader, has the greatest following of any single candidate.

HEARST PRESS ASSAILS HITLER WAR ON RELIGION

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Hitler's war on religious liberty is criticized in an editorial prominently featured today in the Hearst newspapers throughout the country. The editorial says in part:

"On the very day that Hans Kerrl issued his decree against the Protestant Confessional Synods a cable to the Hearst papers from Berlin announced that instructions were published in the official German Police Gazette empowering policemen to arrest without a warrant Jews seen with 'Aryan' women in restaurants and other public places.

"Just when mankind thought it has forever left behind it the state-ordained ghettos, the fire, the faggot and the torture rack, a Government comes into power in the country that gave the world Beethoven, Heine, Goethe, Schiller, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche and Schubert and impregnates the world again with a poison that is believed it had got out of its system forever!

"This has produced in Germany in the short space of three years a condition of mental and physical slavery such as the world has not known since the time of sterile, brutal Sparta, where the state took over the physical and spiritual being of its natives from the cradle to the grave.

"That men like Julius Streicher and Hans Kerrl should be deliberately let loose on sixty million people in the heart of Europe by a Government that is recognized diplomatically throughout the world, is tantamount to planting an infernal machine at the very bases of modern civilization."

#### POLISH PREMIER CONFERS WITH JEWISH DEPUTY

WARSAW, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Premier Marjan Koscialkowski today received Deputy Emil Sommerstein in a three-hour audience during which they are reported to have discussed anti-Jewish events since November, particularly the order of the rector of the Lwow Polytechnic Institute segregating Jewish students into back seats.

Earlier, newspapers reported that after an interview with the Premier, the rector, who came here at the behest of Minister of Education Swietoslowski, had declared himself ready to rescind the segregation order.

Anti-Semitic nationalistic groups today launched a campaign aimed at terrorizing Jewish owners of shops in the center of Warsaw into removing Christmas decorations.

#### ICA ATTACKED BY CUZA IN RUMANIAN PARLIAMENT

BUCHAREST, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish Colonization Association was today attacked on the floor of the Chamber of Deputies by Prof. Alexander Cuza, anti-Semitic leader, who charged the organization is trying to colonize Jews in Bessarabia.

The charge was denied by Undersecretary of the Interior Titeanu who stated that the Government has already withdrawn the association's permit as proof of its nationalism. Persistent agitation against the J.C.A. by anti-Semitic groups forced the Government to rescind the permit.

RUMANIAN JEWS HERE ASK MINISTER TO INTERVENE WITH KING

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- A plea to Rumanian Minister Charles A. Davila in Washington to intervene with the King and Prime Minister in behalf of the Jewish citizens of Rumania was contained in a letter from the United Rumanian Jews of America over the signatures of Leo Wolfson, president and Herman Speier, executive secretary. The latter calls attention to recent anti-Jewish disorders in Bucharest.

WAUCHOPE TO PROCLAIM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SATURDAY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- A legislative council for Palestine will be proclaimed Saturday by High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope at a conference with Arab leaders, it was officially established today.

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the Government confirmed reports that have been current that Sir Arthur had invited the Arab leaders to meet with him for that purpose.

Proclamation of the assembly, which will rule the Holy Land as a quasi-Democratic body, has been long deferred. Commissioner Wauchope is reported to have discussed institution of the assembly with the British Colonial Office during his recent visit to England.

Jews of all groups, both within and without Palestine, have been bitterly opposed to establishment of the council on the grounds that it will fix them permanently as a minority element in the population.

At the 19th World Zionist Congress in Lucerne last September, a resolution was adopted scoring the proposed council as contrary to the spirit of the Palestine mandate "in which is inherent the recognition of Palestine's future not only as regards its present Jewish population but as regards the Jews of the world."

According to recent reports, it is expected that composition of the council will be as follows:

Four Jews, six Moslems, two Palestinian Christians and ten Britons with the High Commissioner presiding and exercising veto power over actions of the council.

Under the present system of government, the High Commissioner has complete executive power, and is answerable only to the British Colonial Office.

FOREIGN JEWISH CORRESPONDENTS TO BE EXEMPT FROM NUREMBERG LAW

BERLIN, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The Association of Foreign Correspondents today notified its Jewish members that they may obtain exemption from the Nuremberg laws restricting employment of "Aryan" servant girls by applying through its office. The association is

trying to secure for its members the same privileges given "non-Aryan" diplomatic representatives of foreign countries. According to the Nuremberg laws, "Aryan" servant girls under 45 may not be employed by Jews.

#### KARESKI REPORTED SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

BERLIN, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Georg Kareski, leader of the State Zionist Party, who is critically ill of inflammation of the lungs, was reported by his attending physicians today as slightly improved. Mr. Kareski was recently appointed by Hans Hinkel, Reich Commissar for "Non-Aryan" Culture, president of the Reich Federation of Jewish Cultural Unions, a "ghetto" organization formed by the Nazis.

#### COMPLAINED TO SCHACHT, 5 JEWS HELD IN "PROTECTIVE CUSTODY"

BERLIN, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Two Jewish owners of a department store in Iserlohn, Westphalia, with their wives and the store manager were arrested and held in "protective custody" for thirty six hours until they withdrew a complaint they had sent to Economics Minister Hjalmar Schacht against the closing of the store's provisions department by the local authorities. Berlin newspapers reported today.

The complaint, sent through the local central Jewish organization, resulted in the dispatching of a Government investigator to Iserlohn. The arrival of the investigator was made the occasion for an anti-Jewish demonstration in front of the store.

The five Jews were arrested and held until they agreed to withdraw the complaint and to state they had voluntarily closed the provisions department "in the interests of the local retail dealers."

#### NAZI ANTI-JEWISH BOOK INTENDED FOR USE ABROAD

BERLIN, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- An anti-Jewish volume, "Jews in Germany," published recently with the official sanction of the Propaganda Department, is intended not only for consumption at home but also abroad, it is stated today by Der Angriff, mouthpiece of Reich Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels.

"The book," Der Angriff declares, "is good not only for the Reich but will also be of great assistance abroad for understanding of our attitude toward Jews."

#### BENVENISTI GETS LAST TEL AVIV COUNCIL POST

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- D. B. Benvenisti, member of the Sephardic group, was tonight elected to the vacant seat in the Tel Aviv Municipal Council. He expressed himself as uncertain whether he would join the Labor or the Centre coalition.