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REPORT 2 AUSTRIAN CABINET MEMBERS RESIGNING OVER PHOENIX  
INSURANCE DIFFICULTIES - J.N.F. NOT AFFECTED, DR. GOLDSTEIN  
STATES HERE

VIENNA, March 26. (JTA) -- Two cabinet members tonight were reported ready to resign their posts in connection with the discovery yesterday of irregularities in the Phoenix Insurance Co., Austria's largest underwriting organization. They are Friedrich Stockinger, Minister of Commerce, and Prof. Dobretsberger, Minister of Social Welfare and Corporations.

An official communique issued last midnight said that an examination of the company's books had revealed insufficient reserve funds and that the premium reserve as shown by the balance sheet was misleading.

A communique today announced that policy holders would not suffer loss.

Following disclosure of the company's difficulties, the Government issued decrees designed to protect policy holders by creating a special pool of funds from all insurance companies. The decrees also order termination of special and collective agreements held by employes who, together with agents, will have to accept lower salaries or commissions.

News of the Phoenix difficulties has created consternation in Jewish circles which fear that, as a consequence of the current anti-Semitic feeling, Jews still connected with the firm will be the first to suffer. It was recalled that following the death about a month ago of the company's Jewish director, Dr. Wilhelm Berliner, his post was filled by an "Aryan," Dr. Reininghaus, and the process of weeding out Jewish employes was instituted. Titular head of the organization is Dr. Vogoin, an "Aryan" and former War Minister.

The Jewish National Fund, agency which acquires land for settlement of Jews in Palestine, has had business arrangements with the Phoenix.

In the Zionist Executive's report to the World Zionist Congress at Lucerne last August, the connection is explained as follows:

"The connection between the J.N.F. and the Phoenix Insurance Co. embraces the European Continent, North Africa, etc. . . . Up to the end of 1934 the total J.N.F. figures represented 84,000 insurance policies to the value of £P. 19,700,000. The payments to the J.N.F. of the Phoenix represent a total of £P. 59,000 net."

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The Jewish National Fund will in no way be affected by the difficulties of the Phoenix Insurance Co., it was stated to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Jewish National Fund of America. Dr. Goldstein explained that the J.N.F. has no investments in Phoenix, its sole connection being that in some instances policies are written in which the J.N.F. is named as a beneficiary to a certain extent. Since the J.N.F. cooperates with the Phoenix in some European countries in connection with policies of this nature, it receives an agent's commission which, as reported by the Zionist Executive, up to the end of 1934, netted it £P. 59,000.

#### VETERANS PROTEST ANTI-JEWISH PROPOSALS IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, March 26. (JTA) -- Moved by proposed measures for the expulsion of Jews from Austria's social and commercial life, the Union of Jewish War Veterans today lodged an official protest with the Government, demanding justice for Jews and cessation of illegal anti-Semitic activities.

The protest points out the war-time services rendered by the Austrian Jews and describes the anti-Jewish proposals as unconstitutional.

Chief among the measures causing concern in Jewish circles is an ordinance offered by State Councillor Leopold Kunsehak which would introduce the numerus clausus in the civil service, educational and legal fields, and establish separate electoral colleges for Jews. The ordinance would recognize Jews as a national minority in Austria.

#### JEWISH-NAMED STREETS RETAINED AS OBJECT LESSON, REICH PAPER AVERS

BERLIN, March 26. (JTA) -- Retention of Jewish-named streets in Goerlitz, Silesia, is defended today by the Oberlausitzer Tagespost of that province on the grounds that they keep the memory of the ghetto alive.

In support of its stand that the streets, "Judenring" and "Judengasse," serve a historical and educational purpose, the paper quotes Fuehrer Hitler's statement:

"I'd be sorry if no more Jews were to remain in Germany, for then our younger generation would have no opportunity to learn through personal experience the Jewish danger for the German nation."

The paper states that the same sentiment can be applied to street names, which are reminders of the fact that the Jewish problem was solved in the Middle Ages by shutting Jews up in ghettos and that even this proved "insufficient to check the harmful activities of Jews."

#### REICHS COURT ISSUES NEW RULING ON MIXED MARRIAGES

BERLIN, March 26. (JTA) -- Existing mixed marriages between "Aryans" and "non-Aryans" are not affected by the Nuremberg laws, the Reichs Court ruled today.

Pointing out that the "law for the protection of German blood and honor" prohibited intermarriage of Jews and German citizens in the future, the ruling added that the legal relationship between the partners of such marriages remains in force.

#### AMSTERDAM'S CITY COLLEGE TURNS DOWN HEIDELBERG BID

AMSTERDAM, March 26. (JTA) -- The Senate of the Municipal University of Amsterdam announced today that it has decided not to send representatives to the 550th anniversary celebration of Heidelberg University next June. The decision, it was stated, was activated by reasons of principle. The universities of Leyden and Groningen have previously announced they would not participate.

#### FLOOD OF ANTI-JEWISH BILLS BEING PREPARED IN POLAND

WARSAW, March 26. (JTA) -- The Senate today enacted a law prohibiting Jews from selling vegetables and dairy products as a tide of anti-Semitic legislation brought forth proposals for taxing Jews emigrating to Palestine and for tightening divorce laws.

Rejecting amendments offered by Senator Trockenheim, the Senate adopted the dairy bill passed by the Sejm (lower house) last week, while having before it, with its committee's approval, a bill to restrict kosher slaughtering.

Anti-Semitic deputies prepared for introduction into the Sejm of a bill to tax Jews going to Palestine twenty-five per cent of their total capital, a measure markedly similar to Nazi decrees.

The bill provides that emigrants to the Holy Land deposit their entire capital in a State bank, which would permit them to withdraw it, minus the tax, to be used only for purchasing Polish products.

While Jews expressed fears that the tax bill would end emigration of capitalists to Palestine, anti-Semitic excesses continued throughout the country, marked by bombing of the Jewish Community's offices in the town of Nowysacz and the razing of a synagogue in Wilno.

In Nowysacz, near Cracow, a boy and girl, both adherents of the anti-Semitic Nationalist Party, were arrested on suspicion of having thrown the bomb.

Anti-Semites who forced their way into the Antokol synagogue in Wilno completely wrecked the interior, tore up books and scrolls, but did not disturb the ark of the covenant.

Janina Prystor, wife of the Senate's president and author of the anti-shechita measure, began grooming for introduction into the Sejm a divorce bill which would affect Jewish religious observances.

It would set up more stringent divorce laws which would be extended even to members of faiths that do not make divorce difficult to obtain. A uniform divorce law would be substituted for the present procedure, under which religious communities follow their own precepts on divorce.

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Polish News Agency Reports Government Trying To Check Discrimination

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- The official Polish Telegraphic Agency reported today that the Polish Government is using every possible means to prevent racial or religious discrimination in that country.

The New York World-Telegram published the statement underneath a J.T.A. account from Warsaw of anti-Semitic excesses in which seventeen Jews were injured, among them eleven who were hurled from a speeding train.

The report included Premier Koscialkowski's statement to the Sejm attacking "destructive elements" and branding perpetrators of anti-Jewish disturbances as irresponsible persons. Minister of Interior Raczkiewicz was quoted: "All excesses have been and will be dealt with in the severest possible manner."

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Polish Embassy Defends Shechita Bill in Letter To Dr. Adler

WASHINGTON, March 26. (JTA) -- The bill to restrict kosher slaughtering, now before the Polish Senate, was defended in a letter made public by the Polish Embassy in reply to a communication from Cyrus Adler, president of the American Jewish Committee, in which he expressed "anxiety" over the measure.

The letter, signed by Wladyslaw Sokolowski, charge d'affaires of the Embassy, declared that the Government's attitude to the bill would remain unchanged.

Holding the bill was based on "equality and tolerance," the letter stated it aimed to "adjust the abnormal conditions existing in the Polish cattle and meat industry, which have a relation to the entire economic situation."

Mr. Sokolowski said that after a delegation of rabbis had protested against the bill in its original form, an amendment was added providing that religious communities might maintain their own slaughterhouses. He added that existing conditions gave rise to extortion.

#### JEWISH FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGNS AFFECTED IN FLOODED AREAS

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA)-- Fund-raising campaigns of the United Palestine Appeal and of the Joint Distribution Committee have been affected in varying degree in areas hit by recent floods, according to information received today from the two organizations.

The J.D.C. reported that its Pittsburgh and Hartford campaigns, scheduled to open early next month, might be delayed until the Fall, depending upon the decision of local leaders. In other stricken areas, it was reported, the J.D.C. had no campaigns scheduled until the Fall.

Meetings for the United Palestine Appeal in Hartford and Springfield, Mass., were called off as result of the flood, it was stated at the U.P.A. office here, but the campaign remained otherwise unaffected.

In Pittsburgh, Lee Lehman, temporary chairman of the Palestine drive, announced he would recommend postponement of the campaign until the Fall.

The American Jewish Outlook, Pittsburgh Anglo-Jewish weekly, finding itself cut off from its editorial offices and with its printing facilities at a standstill, managed to appear by obtaining the use of the Tarentum (Pa.) Times-Journal's press.

The issue featured a two-column, front-page editorial entitled, "A Flood of Water and a Flood of Hate," which depicted graphically the atmosphere in the city as the flood rolled over the streets and drew an analogy between the disaster and the situation of the German Jews.

#### HARVARD INVITES HANFSTAENGL TO TRICENTENARY CELEBRATION

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 26. (JTA) -- An invitation to attend Harvard University's tricentenary celebration has been sent, it was disclosed today, to Dr. Ernst Hanfstaengl, Nazi foreign press

chief, whose offers of scholarships have twice been refused by President Conant in protest against Nazism. The invitation was sent out to all of the university's 65,000 alumni.

#### SOCIAL WORKERS EULOGIZED AT MEMORIAL MEETING

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- Samuel Rabinovich and I. Irving Lipsitch, late Jewish social workers, were eulogized tonight at a memorial meeting in the trustees' room of the Federation Building.

The speakers' list included Harry L. Glucksman, Mortimer Brenner, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Miss Celia Antopolsky, David M. Bressler, Elizabeth Dutcher and Morris D. Waldman. Dr. Samuel C. Kohs presided.

Mr. Rabinovich, who was executive director of the United Jewish Aid Societies of Brooklyn for 23 years, died Jan. 23. Mr. Lipsitch, who was executive director of the Federation of Jewish Welfare Organizations of Los Angeles, died Dec. 28.

#### BUFFALO DISAPPEARING IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The buffalo, once a common sight in the swampy areas of the Holy Land, is fast becoming as rare as the bison in America, and will vanish entirely with a few years, it is revealed in the Government's livestock census.

The report shows that the 7,402 head of buffalo in 1932 have decreased to 4,540. They are confined almost exclusively to the Safed area, which includes the Huleh swamps, recently acquired by the Jewish Agency for Palestine for colonization.

With the drainage of the swamps in the next few years, Palestine's buffaloes are expected to disappear entirely.

#### STERN ACCEPTS UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL POST

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- J. David Stern, publisher of the New York Post, has been named chairman of the United Palestine Appeal's publishers' and advertisers' division, Nathan Straus, New York chairman of the \$3,500,000 drive, announced today.