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2,000 FACE DEPORTATION IF RUMANIA REVISES CITIZEN LISTS

BUCHAREST, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- It was conservatively estimated here to-day that 2,000 persons, most of them Jews born in Russia and Galicia, are in danger of deportation if, under a proposed law, they are deprived of Rumanian citizenship acquired automatically as residents of territories annexed after the World War.

A bill providing for revision of citizenship lists in such territories has been pending in the Rumanian Parliament since Dec. 17. It would set up a commission of revision to examine the lists, as compiled under the law of 1924, and eliminate from them all persons concerning whose naturalization there exists no legal proof. Those dropped from the lists will be given no opportunity to submit new evidence and are barred from making appeals.

Under the proposed law, mayors and notaries public are required to post within one month of the law's publication, lists carrying the names of all persons whose nationality has been established in accordance with the 1924 regulations. Persons not included in those lists are no longer to be considered Rumanian citizens.

(A Bucharest legal expert, commenting on the bill, pointed out that according to the law of 1924, inhabitants of the territories in question were not required to furnish any proof since the law recognized them as rightful citizens without any formality. He said it was up to local commissions to compile lists of the nationals and it was left to individual inhabitants to contest names inscribed through error or fraud. It was only those not named on these lists because they were absent at the time they were compiled, he declared, and who demanded right to be placed on the lists, who were required to furnish proof.)

Although the bill has not yet been acted upon, it has been ascertained that steps to carry out its provisions have already been quietly initiated in the provinces of Bessarabia, Transylvania and Bukovina by police commissioners acting under secret instructions from the central Government.

According to some officials, the revision deals only with those who have acquired citizenship since 1924, in which case it is estimated that only about 35,000 naturalizations will be questioned. Of this number, several thousand definitely will be cancelled, with a minimum of 2,000 slated for deportation. Whether the latter will be readmitted to their native countries after holding Rumanian citizenship so long is a matter of speculation. It is further complicated by the fact that many of the persons affected were born in the territories which became Rumanian by annexation.

Violation of 1919 Minorities Treaty, Guardian Holds

LONDON, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Reporting from Geneva that Rumania's pretext for revising citizenship lists in its annexed territories is that many persons claimed Rumanian nationality irregularly, the Manchester Guardian comments:

"Even if this were true, it is a little late to raise that question, considering the people have been recognized as Rumanian citizens for so many years."

The paper declares that the revision would violate the national minorities treaty of 1919 and emphasizes that this treaty cannot be modified without the consent of a majority of the League of Nations Council.

THREATEN CONTINUED RIOTS UNLESS JEWISH STUDENTS ARE SEGREGATED

WARSAW, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Nationalist students today threatened to continue anti-Jewish excesses unless the University of Warsaw decides to compel Jewish students to occupy "ghetto" benches in classrooms.

The threat was contained in a memorandum to the university's rector, declaring the excesses would be continued until the school was forced to close. The university recently reopened after an extended shutdown as a result of previous disorders arising from efforts to force segregation of Jewish students.

Violence meanwhile continued in the local schools and in Lwow, with both Jewish and Polish liberal students being daily attacked and beaten by Nationalist students and forcibly removed from their regular seats.

ANTI-JEWISH DEMONSTRATION BREAKS UP LODZ COUNCIL SESSION

LODZ, Poland, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- A violent anti-Semitic demonstration by Nationalist minority members broke up a turbulent session today of the municipal council of this city.

The demonstration was precipitated by the reading of a declaration on behalf of the Lodz Jewish population by a Jewish councillor and statements of support by several non-Jewish colleagues.

Shouting, "Dirty Jews, go to France, to your messiah Blum," the Nationalists threatened to make of Lodz "another Przytyk and Czyzew" (scenes of recent pogroms).

Similar outbursts are feared for future sessions, since the Nationalists are trying to force dissolution of the council in which the Polish Socialists and Jews form a majority.

BOMB WRECKS WILNO SHOP; 4 NARAISTS SEIZED

WILNO, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- A bomb today completely demolished a Jewish shop on Dombrowska Street without injuring anyone. Four members of the outlawed anti-Semitic Nara Party were arrested.

REPORT WEIZMANN PLANS TALK WITH BLUM IN PARIS

LONDON, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- The Star reported today that Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, will stop at Paris on his way back from the Holy Land for a meeting with Premier Leon Blum which may prove "momentous."

WOULD SEND ARAB PROPAGANDA BODY TO LONDON

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- El Liwaa, Arab daily, urged today that a delegation of Arab leaders be sent to London to influence British public opinion prior to submission of the Royal Commission's report on its recently concluded investigation into the Palestine troubles.

YEMENITE JEW VICTIM OF ARAB ATTACK

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- David Hamami, a Yemenite Jew, died here today of wounds inflicted by Arabs during an attack near Hedera.

SLAYER OF 5 IN LITHUANIA GETS DEATH SENTENCE

KAUNAS, Lithuania, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- A court today sentenced to death Bronius Proguszinsky for the murder last Dec. 21 of a Jewish family of four and their Christian maid.

FEAR VIOLENT DRIVE ON JEWS BREWING IN HUNGARY

BUDAPEST, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Hungarian conservative and banking circles tonight expressed concern that the pro-Nazi fascist youth organizations were preparing for a violent, anti-Semitic campaign in Hungary.

The campaign is being carefully masked behind the current crusade of the fascists against bolshevism, these circles said. The anti-bolshevik agitation might result in widespread disorders and a result which would be the direct opposite of that planned by the fascists -- the spread of communism in Hungary, it was added.

Pester Lloyd, semi-official organ of the Hungarian Foreign Office, expressed the sentiments of Hungarian conservatives tonight in an article charging that "anti-bolshevik agitation is only a pretext used by those seeking to spread disorders for their own profit."

"Hungary has only one choice - a prudent revolution conceived by Premier Koloman Daranyi or a revolution which will be forcibly bolshevik," Havas News Agency.

NEW ANTI-SEMITIC PARTY FORMED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAHA, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Establishment of a new anti-Semitic party, out to end alleged "Jewish-communist-capitalist domination," was announced here today.

Headed by Josef Hamsik, leader of the Slovakian Agrarian Party, the new organization is known as the "National Party of Christian Peasants. It claims a membership of 20,000.

NAZIS ORDER STRICTER ESPIONAGE FOR NUREMBERG VIOLATION

DRESDEN, Germany, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Instructions to police and Nazi Party members to "institute closer observation" to discover violations of the Nuremberg anti-Jewish laws, coupled with announcement that stricter measures would soon be taken to check "race defilement" were given today at a conference of the Nazi Party's Racial Department here.

The instructions were issued by the Saxonian Nazi District Commissioner after the conference had discussed the Nuremberg laws of 1935.

SAAR JEWISH POPULATION DROPS 80% IN 2 YEARS

SAARBRUECKEN, Germany, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of the Saar has fallen 80 per cent since the territory was returned to Germany, the official organ of the Saar Jewish Community reported today.

Of 4,500 Jews residing here at the beginning of 1935, only 1,000 are left, the paper stated, adding that not a single Jewish wedding was held during all of 1936.

INFLUENZA FORCES SIR ROBERT WALEY COHEN TO DEFER TRIP HERE

LONDON, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Sir Robert Waley Cohen, prominent leader of British Jewry, was taken ill with influenza today. He had been scheduled to sail today on the Aquitania for a week's stay in the United States.

ROOSEVELT SHAFT IN INAUGURAL SPEECH SEEN AIMED AT POLISH EMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Jewish circles saw in President Roosevelt's inaugural address today a barbed shaft aimed at Poland's proposals for emigration of alleged surplus Jewish population and at anti-Semites here.

The paragraph upon which such an interpretation has been authoritatively placed, contained in a passage in which he depicted the economic difficulties facing millions in this country, follows:

"It is not in despair that I paint you that picture. I paint it for you in hope -- because the nation, seeing and understanding the injustice in it, proposes to paint it out. We are determined to make every American citizen the subject of his country's interest and concern; and we will never regard any faithful law-abiding group within our borders as superfluous."

It was pointed out in informed quarters that the phraseology "faithful, law-abiding group within our borders as superfluous" was advisedly used and was intended by the President as offering a sharp contrast to the official attitude on "surplus" populations recently voiced in the Polish Parliament.

ERICH CATHOLIC BISHOPS COMBAT NEO-PAGAN ATTACKS ON FAITH

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- German Catholic bishops have entered the latest controversy over the nature of the Christian religion with a pamphlet to combat the neo-pagan attacks on Christianity as a Jewish religion, the Associated Press reports from Berlin.

The controversy in religious circles was given new impetus recently, the A.P. said, by the publication of a retranslation of the Gospel of St. John in which Christ is held the first great enemy of the Jews.

The Catholic reply was published in a widely distributed eight-page pamphlet entitled "Catechism Truths," containing such questions and answers as:

"What was the greatest honor of the Jewish people?"

"The greatest honor of the Jewish people was that the Saviour came forth from them. It was in this sense that Christ said, 'Salvation come from the Jews.'"

According to the Associated Press, General Erich von Ludendorff's fortnightly magazine, expressing the neo-pagan viewpoint, seized on this with zeal as a vindication of its position that all Christianity must go because of its Jewish origin.

"In other words," the magazine was quoted as saying, "whoever does not consider his salvation as coming from Jews cannot be a Christian."

CAPT. EDEN REFERS TO RACE DOCTRINE IN SPEECH TO COMMONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- ^{GERMAN} Captain Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, in the course of his address to the House of Commons last night asked where Germany's doctrine of race and nationalism would lead.

"Here is a great nation of 65,000,000 people in the very center of our continent which has exalted race and nationalism into a creed which is practiced with the same fervor as it is preached," he said. "All the world is asking at the present time whether these doctrines are to lead Germany and whither are they to lead all of us."

A number of newspapers in Germany, commenting on Captain Eden's speech, pointed out that the Foreign Secretary's reference to national racism failed to note that it was also the doctrine followed by Italy and Japan, according to the Havas News Agency.

ORT TO CONDUCT SEPARATE FUND CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- The American ORT Federation will conduct its fund-raising campaign independent of the Joint Distribution Committee this year, it was announced today, and a world quota of \$750,000 has been set, of which about \$375,000 will be sought in the United States.

B.C. Vladeck, president of the American ORT, explained that the separation from the J.D.C. was decided upon after the two agencies agreed that such a course "would be in the best interests of both organizations." He added that the ORT was now organizing a national campaign board.

JEWISH FARM SETTLEMENTS IN PALESTINE TOTAL 203

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- The number of Jewish agricultural settlements in Palestine rose from 56 in 1919 to 203 at the beginning of 1937, the United Palestine Appeal said in a report which emphasized that further Jewish growth was dependent in large measure upon acquisition of additional land for settling Jewish agricultural population.

At the end of June, 1936, the report said, Jewish-owned land totalled 1,255,790 dunams registered on title-deeds and another 85,860 metric dunams held in concession from the Government, making a total of 1,341,650 metric dunams, of which 58 per cent was acquired since the war. The Jewish-owned area comprises about five per cent of all western Palestine.

Not all the area owned by Jews is suitable for agriculture, the report said, the actual arable land being less than a million dunams. At the end of 1936 the area already settled and developed by Jews was 800,000 dunams, compared with 342,000 in 1927 and 198,000 in 1920.

ENGLISH HELD ASHAMED OF EAST END RIOTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Viscountess Rhonda, publisher of the British weekly, Time and Tide, last night discounted recent Fascist riots in London's East End as "simply occurrences that we were ashamed of." Speaking at a dinner of the P.E.N. Club, she said that the real danger of Fascism in England lay on the outside.

The danger of Fascism is far greater than the danger of Communism at the present time, she declared.