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### REPORT RUMANIA ALTERING CITIZENSHIP BILL TO CONFORM TO TREATIES

BUCHAREST, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A proposal to revise naturalizations lists held to be discriminatory against persons who automatically obtained citizenship in territories annexed to Rumania by post-war treaty, has been dropped, it was learned today.

It will be replaced by a new scheme, said to have been drafted by the Government to comply with treaties guaranteeing rights of minorities. The new scheme resulted, it was stated, from the intervention of Dr. William Filderman, president of the Union of Rumanian Jews.

Dr. Filderman, after submitting to Premier Tataroscu a memorandum challenging the constitutionality of the original proposal, interviewed cabinet members and leaders of the Conservative, Liberal and other parties.

### WORLD LABOR BODY AIRS MIGRATION PROBLEMS AT PARLEY

GENEVA, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Facilitation and financing of emigration from overpopulated countries to countries able to absorb newcomers were considered today at the opening session of an International Labor Office conference.

A proposal to have the question studied by experts was opposed by the Polish member, who succeeded in obtaining discussion of the problem for tomorrow.

When it was suggested that an experts committee be appointed to deal with the matter and submit practical suggestions in 1938, the Polish member declared that 1938 was too late. He demanded immediate consideration.

## RUMANIA WOULD SOLVE JEWISH QUESTION ANTI-SEMITIC WAY, PARLEY TOLD

BUCHAREST, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The charge that the Rumanian Government is seeking to solve the Jewish problem in a way to satisfy extremist anti-Semitic demands was voiced today at an extraordinary conference attended by delegates of all Jewish groups in Rumania. The conference under the chairmanship of Dr. Theodore Fischer, was convoked by the Yiddische Reichspartei.

Reports, citing the increasingly difficult Jewish position, were read by Dr. Meyer Ebner on the province of Bukovina, Dr. Gurfel on Bessarabia and Dr. Joseph Fischer on Transylvania.

The conference adopted resolutions to increase the anti-defamation work, to instruct Jews on how to act during projected revision of the citizenship lists, and to prepare for the coming parliamentary elections in order to secure a proper representation of Jews.

## ARAB TERRORISM GAINS MOMENTUM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Making no distinction between Jew, Arab and Christian, the renewed Arab wave of terrorism gained momentum today in scattered parts of the Holy Land. With two persons, one a Jew and the other an Arab, already slain by bandits this week, attempts were made on the lives of two Arab notables, a British doctor and two nurses.

In Nazareth, Arab terrorists shot and wounded Shareff Zaubi, an Arab attorney. A bomb thrown at Zak Ousta, a former magistrate and now a practicing advocate in Jerusalem, missed its aim, exploding harmlessly.

Arabs fired several shots, none taking effect, at a British physician, Dr. Bathgate, and two nurses as they were leaving the hospital in Nazareth.

Two trucks transporting Arab laborers were fired on as they passed an Arab grove near Kfar Saba. One of the laborers was slightly wounded.

## WAUCHOPE TO FLY TO LONDON ON LEAVE FEB. 9

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- It was announced officially today that High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope will fly to London February 9 on a leave of absence of several weeks.

## "CERTIFICATES" RAIDERS RELEASED; 33 TO STAND TRIAL IN WARSAW

WARSAW, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Thirty-three youths held in a raid Tuesday on the Palestine office in support of their demand for immigration certificates to the Holy Land were released today by the police pending trial.

Executives of various Zionist groups, at a conference today, decided to issue a united protest against the invasion of the Palestine office. A similar raid occurred at the Palestine office in Lodz. The youths are members of the militant Zionist Revisionist group, British Trumpeldor.

Police continued to guard the Palestine office here against the possibility of further invasion.

#### 400,000 JEWS LEFT POLAND SINCE WAR

WARSAW, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Approximately 400,000 Jews have emigrated from Poland since the World War, it was announced today at a conference of the Jewish Emigration Aid Society.

The figure represents half of the entire Polish emigration during that period, it was stated.

Immigration curbs in virtually all countries of the world have cut the yearly average of Jewish emigrants from Poland to 20,000 from 50,000 before the war, the report stated.

#### POLISH OFFICIALS CONFER ON CHANGING SHECHITA LAW

WARSAW, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- With the newly enacted law curbing shechita already accounted a fiasco in official circles, conferences looking toward its modification are being held by the various ministries involved, it was learned today.

A special investigation by the Ministry of Agriculture, it was disclosed, has established that the law in practice has adversely affected not only the Jews but the general population as well. What form the modifications may take was not known.

#### Lithuania Refuses Restrictions

KAUNAS, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic demands for restriction of shechita, Jewish ritual method of slaughtering animals, will not be met by the Government, Interior Minister Julius Caplikas said today in a statement to the press.

Gen. Caplikas declared the Government respected the Jewish religion and would do nothing against it.

#### POLISH MEDICAL CONGRESS TO WEIGH BAN ON JEWS

WARSAW, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A national medical congress opening here this week will be faced with a demand for expulsion of Jewish doctors from membership in all Polish medical associations, it was disclosed today. Only five Jewish doctors are known delegates to the congress.

AUSTRIA CANCELS POLICIES OF PHOENIX PALESTINE BANK

VIENNA, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- All insurance policies issued by the Palestine and Egyptian branches of the liquidated Phoenix Insurance Co. were invalidated in a law published today.

It was stated that losses among Jews would be enormous. Many German Jews had transferred their Phoenix policies from Germany to these branches.

The Phoenix Co., Austria's largest underwriting company, was taken over by the Government for liquidation last March after irregularities in the conduct of its finances had been revealed. The revelations created a sensation at the time.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN SAAR AMALGAMATED

BERLIN, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Amalgamation of all Jewish communities in the Saar district was announced here today. The amalgamation calls for sale of real estate held by those communities which can no longer carry on, the proceeds to be used in the interests of the remaining communities and for Saar Jewry in general.

PALESTINE ORCHESTRA SPRANG FROM JEWS' LOVE OF MUSIC, FOUNDER SAYS

LONDON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The Anglo-Palestine Club gave a reception here last night for Bronislaw Huberman, noted violinist who founded the Palestine Symphony Orchestra of exiles from Germany.

The orchestra, Mr. Huberman said, did not germinate either from anti-Hitlerism or Zionism, but because of Palestine Jewry's intense enthusiasm for music.

NO MORE JEWISH PHARMACIES, GERMAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES

BERLIN, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- There are no more Jewish-owned pharmacies in Germany, an official press announcement said today.

According to the announcement, six per cent of all pharmacies in the Reich were owned by Jews before the purge began. Following publication of the law compelling Jews to lease their shops to "Aryans," the statement explained, a majority sold out entirely and the remainder conformed to the leasing requirement.

SENATOR WAGNER HONORED AT DINNER FOR SERVICES TO NATION AND JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- About 1,000 persons attended a dinner and reception tonight for Senator Robert F. Wagner arranged by the American Jewish Congress at the Waldorf-Astoria in appreciation of his "notable services in behalf of the nation" and his "counsel and support in the solution of Jewish questions."



Among those on the speakers' list were Postmaster-General James A. Farley, bringing a message from President Roosevelt; Governor Lehman, by telephone from Albany; Governor George H. Earle of Pennsylvania, Senator Robert J. Bulkley of Ohio, Mayor LaGuardia, James N. Rosenberg and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, presiding.

#### B'NAI B'RITH APPEALS FOR FLOOD AID

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- An appeal to aid the Red Cross in flood relief, by collecting money and in other ways, has been issued by B'nai B'rith's District Grand Lodge No. 1, covering 67 lodges and 27 ladies' auxiliaries in New York, New England and Eastern Canada, it was announced today.

Wilfred B. Feiga, president of the grand lodge, said that while none of the communities in the district covered by the grand lodge had been affected by the flood, the help of the B'nai B'rith members was needed.

#### POLAND FACES SHORTAGE OF BREAD

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The Associated Press reported today from Warsaw that the danger of a bread shortage had led the Government to forbid export of rye and rye flour until the new harvest was reaped. Domestic prices have continued to rise since exporters met at Danzig two weeks ago and agreed to a temporary suspension of shipments, the A.P. said.

#### DISORDERS "ECHOING IN AMERICA," POLISH PARLIAMENT WARNED

WARSAW, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The Polish Parliament, warned that pogroms were not the way to solve the Jewish problem, was told today that disturbances in universities were "already echoing in America."

Deputy Malinowski quoted an anti-Semitic youths' proclamation which said: "We shall settle with the Jews in the universities." He held such action against the constitution, which guarantees equality to the Jews.

Count Radziwill declared that pillaging of Jews' shops was against the Polish spirit and that pogroms were "Tsarist inventions." Expressing regret that anti-Semitism was increasing, he asserted:

"Anti-Semitism is no longer the monopoly of one party. Police measures alone are insufficient (to check disorders). The Government must solve the problem, which cannot be solved by pogroms."

#### THREATEN SEIZURE OF SHIPS TO SECURE BERNSTEIN'S RELEASE

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The Associated Press reported today from Berlin that seizure of the Red Star and Bernstein Lines' ships to satisfy Americans' \$5,000,000 mortgage claims on the lines appeared a possibility unless the German secret police released Arnold Bernstein, the companies' president, to operate the lines.