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DRIVE ON IRON GUARD SEEN IN RUMANIAN CABINET SHAKE-UP

BUCHAREST, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Foreshadowing strong action against the Fascist anti-Semitic Iron Guard, Premier George Tatarescu reshuffled his cabinet today. The action had the approval of King Carol.

The pro-Fascist Interior Minister Demeter Juca was shifted to Minister Without Portfolio, the duties of the Interior Ministry being assumed by Premier Tatarescu.

At the same time the post of Vice-Minister of the Interior was assigned to Bucharest Chief of Police General Gabriel Marinesco, regarded as King Carol's closest friend. Jon Sassu was named Minister of Justice to replace Mirocea Diuvara, who was appointed Minister Without Portfolio.

"LOVE THY NEIGHBOR," REICH JEWS URGED, EVEN IF LOVE ISN'T RECIPROCATED

BERLIN, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A Berlin rabbi advised the Jews of Germany today to "love thy neighbor as thyself," even if the love is not reciprocated.

Addressing 2,000 Jewish ex-service men at synagogue services commemorating 12,000 war dead, Rabbi Vanderzyl added the comment: "Instead of being German Jews, we are now Jews in Germany."

The services, attended also by the mothers, widows and orphans of the fallen soldiers, were organized throughout Germany by the Federal Union of Jewish War Veterans. A minute's silence was observed by Jews all over the Reich.

FEWER "NON-ARYAN" LAWYERS IN BERLIN, NEW FIGURES REVEAL

BERLIN, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The percentage of "non-Aryans" among the lawyers practicing in Berlin dropped from 34.4 per cent at the end of 1935 to 33.6 per cent at the end of 1936. There were 1,036 "non-Aryans" of a total of 3,007 lawyers in 1935 and 934 of a total of 2,858 at the end of 1936, according to a statement issued by the Reich Lawyers' Chamber.

LONDON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Sharp criticism of the British Government in connection with continued disturbances in the Holy Land was voiced by several speakers in the House of Commons yesterday during the debate on Palestine.

Sir Percy Harris, Liberal, condemned the Government for "being caught napping" last year and for not having taken steps to increase the number of police. Asking why Arab bands were being allowed to retain arms, Sir Percy declared:

"The Jewish people went to Palestine more or less by invitation of the British Government under the auspices of the League of Nations. I think, therefore, we have the responsibility to see that they should not be liable to terrorism."

Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite, demanded that the army be given a free hand to suppress disorders.

Replying, Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore admitted there had been a great deal of illicit arms filtering into Palestine and also that efforts to control the influx last year had failed.

"It's extremely difficult to get hold of rifles and ammunition hidden in countryside and villages without the most drastic measures," he declared.

PLAN "ELITE CORPS" OF MOUNTED POLICE FOR PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- It was reliably learned today that the authorities are planning to organize an "elite corps" of mounted and foot police to aid in suppressing the mounting terrorism throughout Palestine. The corps will comprise Jews and Arabs and will be under the command of British officers.

Plans for the new unit were discussed at a conference of Lieut.-Gen. John Greer Dill, commander-in-chief of the British military forces in the Holy Land, members of his staff and police chiefs.

TO DEMAND CURB ON "COLD POGROM" IN TIBERIAS, SAFED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council of Palestine decided today to send a delegation to Chief Secretary John Hathorn-Hall, acting executive in the absence of High Commissioner Wauchope, on the situation in Tiberias and Safed. The delegation will ask immediate action to liquidate what is described as a "cold pogrom" being conducted by Arabs in these cities. A protracted Arab boycott, followed by a Jewish counter-boycott, precipitated disorders in Tiberias over the week-end in which more than 70 persons were wounded.

The council also decided to cable the London executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, outlining the general situation in Palestine and demanding immediate strong intervention.

...by Arab terrorists partially wrecked the Haifa police station today. Police are searching for a band of terrorists suspected of slaying an Arab constable in Yajur near Haifa yesterday. The constable was shot down from behind as he was entering a cafe.

REVISIONIST RIOTERS RELEASED ON BAIL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The authorities today released 36 of 37 Zionist Revisionists arrested for an attack on the offices of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. Bail of \$500 each was set pending trial.

ITALIAN PAPER PRINTING ARTICLES ON PALESTINE

ROME, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The important Italian organ Gazzetta del Popolo today began a series of articles on Palestine by the well-known writer Mario Soberro. The first article sympathetically described the writer's impression of Jewish emigrants on steamers to the Holy Land.

JEWS' ROLE IN LITHUANIAN ARMY HAILED BY WAR MINISTER

KAUNAS, Lithuania, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- War Minister Col. Stasys Dirman-tas lauded the role of the Jews in the Lithuanian army in war and peace today and declared that no racial antagonism could exist in the army "because we consider all soldiers equal."

At a press conference he emphasized that Jews had heroically fought together with Lithuanians for the country's independence, that many were decorated and many others fell on the battlefield. "Jews are similarly fulfilling their duties in peacetime, he added.

While under the Czar the Jews avoided military service, Col. Dirmantas asserted, he was glad to declare that there were no Jewish deserters in the Lithuanian army, that all were good soldiers.

"No antagonism, whether national or racial, exists in the army and can ever exist because we consider all soldiers equal," he said.

Special attention is paid to religious needs of Jewish soldiers, he declared, "though, regretfully, we cannot provide them with kosher food for technical reasons."

Col. Dirmantas, in conclusion, said that friendly relations between Lithuanians and Jews had existed for generations and would continue to exist in the future, dictated by mutual interests.

Jewish and Lithuanian leaders were impressed by the fact that this was the first time the War Minister touched on such a subject and with such warmth.

SABBATH FIGURES IN BRITISH FACTORY BILL

LONDON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Consideration for the Jewish Sabbath is shown in the Factory Bill introduced in Parliament by the Government, the text of which was made public today. The bill says:

where the occupier of a factory is a member of the Jewish religion or a member of a body observing the Jewish Sabbath any woman or young person who is Jewish may be employed there on Sunday, provided the factory be closed on Saturday and not open for business on Sunday."

DR. MAXMILLIAN REINER, CZECH-JEWISH LEADER, DEAD AT 83

PRAHA, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Dr. Maximilian Reiner, prominent Jewish leader who died yesterday at the age of 73. Dr. Reiner was a founder of the Czech-Jewish movement, represented the Jews in the municipal council and played a leading role in Sokel, national gymnastic and educational organization.

DR. JOSEPH PATAI NAMED LEADER OF UNION OF HUNGARIAN JEWS

BUDAPEST, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Patai, Zionist leader and writer, was unanimously elected president of the Union of Hungarian Jews at the annual meeting here.

The following message from Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, was read: "We must await calmly, in full consciousness of our rights, the results of the Royal Commission's inquiry. Whatever the Royal Commission's proposals or the Mandatory's decisions may be, we are determined to continue our work and carry on unshakably with redoubled energy."

POLICE SWORDS DISPERSE HUNGARIAN ANTI-SEMITES

BUDAPEST, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The police used swords in dispersing several hundred students who staged an anti-Jewish demonstration at Pecs University yesterday. A number of the students were wounded.

REICH JEWISH EMIGRES GET FINANCIAL BENEFITS UNDER NEW AGREEMENT

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Jewish emigres from Germany henceforth will enjoy certain registered mark privileges in transferring their funds abroad as a result of a provision included in a seventh "stand-still" agreement covering Germany's partly frozen short-term foreign debts, the Herald Tribune reports from Berlin.

Under a complicated agreement, the emigrant may obtain abroad the equivalent of as much as 40 pfennigs, or even more, on a mark, instead of the 20 pfennigs or thereabouts which he has received hitherto. Jewish benevolent interests abroad are to provide the necessary funds.

The registered marks released in Germany are used for benevolent enterprises among Jews still living in the country. The arrangement was suggested, it was announced, by the Intria -- international trade and investment agency.

(Intria was formed in London early in 1936 to secure the export of Jewish capital from Germany in the form of Reich goods to countries other than Palestine and to stimulate emigration of Jews from Germany to Palestine and elsewhere.)

DAVID GEORGE SEES ISOLATIONISM AS ROOT OF ANTI-JEWISH ANTAGONISM

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The root of anti-Jewish antagonism is "the determination of the Jews throughout the centuries not to lose their identity as a separate and distinct people in any land where they dwell," according to David Lloyd George, British wartime Prime Minister.

In the March 6 issue of *Liberty*, a weekly, he pays tribute to the contributions of the Jews in religion and other fields and declares that, given an opportunity, they show loyalty and give great service to the nations in which they live. He writes on "Why the Jew is Persecuted."

Replying to critics who accuse Jews of Communism, Mr. Lloyd George asserts: "No country is entitled to claim loyalty unto death from a people to whom it denies the elementary rights of humanity. A Jew fairly treated is a loyal citizen in all lands." He calls the Jews "the most remarkable race that ever dwelt on this earth."

He lauds the idea of "a national home for the Jews in the country which they made holy ground," declaring that "it will enable the Jews once more to make a contribution to the work of civilization as a separate community." He calls Dr. Chaim Weizmann "the greatest statesman raised by Judah in modern times."

Anti-Jewish hatred he terms a "malarial insect whose poison infects healthy creatures." He gives religious bigotry as one of its causes, but stresses the isolationism of the Jews, partly imposed on them. Mr. Lloyd George says that "a Jew remains a Jew throughout the ages. He is just as much a Hebrew today in his sentiment, in his pride, and in his racial loyalties as he was when he was driven from Palestine."

THOMAS MANN SEES REICH "SUCKED DRY" BY NAZI REGIME

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Germany "ruined, sucked dry, body and soul" as a result of the Nazi regime is described by Thomas Mann, the German author, in a letter to the dean of Bonn University replying to notification that his honorary doctorate from that university had been withdrawn because of his loss of German citizenship. The letter is made public by Ludwig Lore, New York Post columnist.

"The mere knowledge of who these men are who chance to possess the pitiful outward power to deprive me of my German birthright suffices to make the act appear in all its absurdity," Dr. Mann states.