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RUMANIA CLOSES UNIVERSITIES AFTER ATTACK ON ANTI-SEMITES' PLOT

BUCHAREST, March 2. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Cabinet decided today to close all universities and students' quarters for an indefinite period following the stabbing of Dr. Trajan Bratu, dean of Jassy University, in a suspected anti-Semitic Iron Guardist plot.

Dean Bratu, said to have been marked for death by the Iron Guardists because of his opposition to their activities, was not expected to live. He recently expelled students guilty of anti-Semitic disturbances at Jassy University.

The Cabinet also decided to enforce more strictly the law prohibiting the wearing of uniforms by civilians. At the same time the Government wrote to Patriarch Miron Christea, leader of the Orthodox Church, asking him to instruct priests to abstain from anti-Semitic propaganda and not to participate in political activities. Patriarch Miron had recently showed signs of sympathy with the Iron Guard movement and other Nazi organizations.

Another decision adopted at this morning's Cabinet meeting provides for the dissolution and prohibition of all freemason organizations, and restriction of employment of foreigners and members of national minorities for "protection of native labor." The ban on freemason organizations will probably be applied to B'nai B'rith, international Jewish fraternal order. The minorities affected by the labor restrictions include Jews, Hungarians and Germans.

Fifty-six extremist students were jailed today as a result of the stabbing yesterday, the Havas News Agency reported. Most of them are members of the Iron Guard.

Possibility of further trouble was seen in the action of the anti-Fascist National Peasant Party, of which Bratu is a member and under whose regime he was Senate President, in appealing to its semi-military Peasant Guard to protect members from Iron Guard attacks, Havas said.

The Cabinet decided to sponsor a law requiring universities to expel students participating in political demonstrations or joining political organizations.

JEWS WON'T YIELD MINORITY RIGHTS, POLISH ZIONISTS TOLD

WARSAW, March 2. (JTA) -- The Polish Zionist Federation concluded its annual conference today electing Advocate Apolinary Hartglas as president.

"We will never give up our right to be regarded as a national minority," Dr. M. Kleinbaum, a Jewish leader, declared in an address to the convention. "We recognize the Poles as a people of the State among equal national groups. We demand the same privileges."

Dr. Kleinbaum attacked Jewish groups which previously supported the Polish Government, referring to them as "national traitors."

The Brith Trumpeldor, right-wing Zionist organization, said in a statement that it was impossible any of its members were responsible for the attack on Dr. Isaac Gruenbaum as he was returning from a Zionist concert, but promised to expel any members found guilty after an investigation.

"100 PER CENT NAZI" DIECKHOFF TO REPRESENT REICH IN U.S.

BERLIN, March 2, (JTA) -- The Reich will soon be represented by "100 per cent Nazi" ambassadors in both United States and Great Britain, it was learned tonight with news that Dr. Hans Heinrich Dieckhoff, temporary Foreign Undersecretary, is to be sent to Washington to replace Ambassador Hans Luther, the Havas News Agency reported.

Dieckhoff, like his cousin, Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Ambassador to London, is a devout proponent of the Nazi regime and policies. Both have played important roles in Reich foreign affairs since Chancellor Adolf Hitler's accession to power.

NAZISM HIT AS ENEMY OF CULTURE AT VIENNA RALLY

VIENNA, March 2. (JTA) -- Nazism was condemned as an enemy of Western culture and Jewish ethics lauded as the "everlasting ideals of humanity" at a mass meeting today against race hatred attended by Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg and other Cabinet ministers.

Humanitarian principles based on Jewish, Christian and Hellenic cultures were praised by Cudenhove Kalegri, the principle speaker, who attacked Nazi racial theories and called the Nazis "swindlers and robbers who compel the people to glorify them as heroes while writers and thinkers are allowed to starve."

The demonstration, attended by many influential persons opposed to Nazi Germany, concluded with a declaration that minorities would always enjoy freedom and equality of rights according to Austrian tradition.

DISORDERS IN HUNGARIAN TOWN

BUDAPEST, March 2. (JTA) -- Anti-Semites in automobiles drove through the town of Debreczin today, throwing stones and breaking windows of three synagogues as well as Jews' homes. Police on bicycles pursued them but were left behind.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE ASKS BRITAIN TO AID PALESTINE ENTRY

PITTSBURGH, March 2. (JTA) -- A resolution calling on Great Britain "to interpret more generously than heretofore the principles of economic absorptive capacity" in Palestine was adopted today at the conclusion of the three-day nineteenth annual convention of the Women's League of the United Synagogue.

It urged the Mandatory Power particularly to cooperate with the Jewish Agency for Palestine in its efforts in behalf of German and Polish Jewish youth. Other resolutions were adopted for the furtherance of religious educational efforts and bearing on national issues of the day.

Members were called upon to exert "all possible pressure" for ratification of the Child Labor Amendment. Another resolution urged upon Congress neutrality legislation to keep the country "free from any possible entanglements in foreign conflicts under no circumstances will the armed forces of the United States be called upon to leave the territorial limits of the United States."

Support and a special gift was pledged to the Jewish Theological Seminary in honor of ten years' service to the league of Mrs. Samuel Spiegel, its president. The resolution called the Seminary "the center for the study and interpretation of our Torah to which we turn for spiritual guidance and leadership."

POLISH JEWS HERE LAUNCH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- To promote an understanding of Polish-Jewish affairs, an educational program has been formulated by the Federation of Polish Jews in America. A cultural committee headed by Morris Blumenstock, chairman, will conduct the program with Dr. Zvi Kahn as director.

136,000 JEWS HAVE PALESTINIAN CITIZENSHIP

JERUSALEM, March 2. (JTA) -- At the beginning of January 136,000 of the 400,000 Jews in Palestine had acquired Palestine nationality, it was announced today, according to the Havas News Agency.

Despite Arab-Jewish difficulties, a vigorous campaign has been pushed to get Jews to take out naturalization papers, and it was hoped to list another 50,000 as citizens of the country before the end of this year.

J.E. EZRA, BOMBAY JEWISH LEADER, DEAD

BOMBAY, March 2. (JTA) -- J.E.Ezra, industrialist and father of Sir Alwyn Ezra, is dead here. He was prominent in Jewish affairs and a strict observer of orthodox customs. A brother-in-law of Sir Sassoon J. David, Mr. Ezra was a partner in the firm of Sassoon J. David and Co. and director of a number of mills managed by the firm.

DR. TANNENBAUM, FORMER HADASSAH MEDICAL DIRECTOR, DEAD

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Simon Tannenbaum, 64, former medical director for Hadassah in Palestine and active in organizing a hospital there, died yesterday after two years' illness. He was medical director of Sydenham Hospital here at the time of his death and before that superintendent of the Jewish Hospital in Philadelphia.

ENDEKS WILL JOIN COL. KOC'S PARTY IF JEWS STRIPPED OF RIGHTS

WARSAW, March 2. (JTA) -- The anti-Semitic National Democrats have offered to join Col. Adam Koc's "Camp of National Unity" if the Jews are deprived of civil rights, it was reported tonight. The Endeks were said to have informed the Government this demand was the only obstacle to their joining the party.

AUSTRIAN JEWISH VETERANS JOIN FATHERLAND FRONT

VIENNA, March 2. (JTA) -- The Jewish Ex-Servicemen's Organization was incorporated today into the Fatherland Front militia, Austrian patriotic body.

\$500,000 PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN PROPOSED FOR PALESTINE CITRUS

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A \$500,000 publicity campaign for Palestine citrus fruits, to open new markets and extend existing markets, has been proposed to the Government by the General Agricultural Council. The campaign would cover three years.