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## ALL RUMANIAN PARTIES ADOPT ANTI-SEMITIC PROGRAMS AS GENERAL ELECTIONS APPROACH

BUCHAREST, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- THE APPROACHING GENERAL ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH FIND ALL RUMANIAN POLITICAL PARTIES HAVING ANTI-SEMITIC PROGRAMS AS THE NATIONAL PEASANTS PARTY, PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED DEMOCRATIC, JOINED THE IRON GUARD IN AN ELECTION BLOC AND ADDITED AN ANTI-JEWISH PLATFORM.

A MANIFESTO WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE POPULATION IN THE MEHEDINTI DEPARTMENT IN WHICH THE PEASANTS PARTY UNDERTAKES TO GIVE PEASANTS THE RIGHT TO POSSESS ARMS AND PROMISES TO ALLOW THEM "TO PENETRATE INTO THE HEART OF CITIES AND DRIVE OUT ALL JEWS AND ALIENS WHO MONOPOLIZED RUMANIAN TRADE AND INDUSTRY."

THE MOVE CAME AFTER JULIUS MANIU, NEWLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE PEASANTS PARTY, CONFERRED AT LENGTH WITH ZELEA CODREANU, LEADER OF THE FASCIST ANTI-SEMITIC IRON GUARD, AND WAS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE ENTERED INTO AN ELECTION BLOC IN OPPOSITION TO THE TATARESCU GOVERNMENT. THIS AGREEMENT GREATLY SURPRISED POLITICAL CIRCLES. THE "DISSIDENT LIBERALS," HEADED BY CONSTANTIN BRATANIU, WERE ALSO SAID TO HAVE JOINED THE BLOC.

THIS OPPOSITION BLOC, WHICH WILL CONTEST THE ELECTIONS FOR A NEW PARLIAMENT AGAINST A GOVERNMENT BLOC COMPRISING PREMIER GEORG TATARESCU'S LIBERAL PARTY, PROF. ALEXANDER VAIDA VOEVOD'S RUMANIAN FRONT AND PROF. NICOLAE JORGA'S NATIONAL DEMOCRATS, WILL SEEK TO ENSURE "FREE ELECTIONS."

MEANWHILE, THE UNION OF RUMANIAN WOMEN, THE MOST IMPORTANT WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION IN THE COUNTRY, AT A CONGRESS PRESIDED OVER BY THE ANTI-SEMITIC PRINCESS ALEXANDRA CANTACUZINA ADOPTED A SERIES OF ANTI-SEMITIC RESOLUTIONS. THE UNION DEMANGEY FOR RUMANIAN LABOR IN ALL FIELDS OF ACTIVITY, A PROHIBITION ON MIXED MARRIAGES, DISMISSAL OF STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYES WHO MARRY WOMEN OF "NON-RUMANIAN BLOOD," ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEN-YEAR RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT FOR NATURALIZATION AND A PROHIBITION ON ALLOWING FOREIGNERS TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN RUMANIA.

#### TERRORIST GETS DEATH SENTENCE IN FIRST MILITARY TRIAL; ARAB BANDS DISPERSE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- SHEIKH FARHAN ESSADI, 70-YEAR-OLD ARAB TERRORIST CHIEF, WAS SENTENCED IN HAIFA YESTERDAY TO DEATH BY HANGING IN THE NEWLY-CREATED MILITARY TRIB-UNAL'S FIRST TRIAL. THE TRIAL WAS CONDUCTED BY MAJOR FAWKES AND TWO OTHER ARMY OFFICERS. THE VERDICT IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION OF MAJOR GENERAL A. P. WAVELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF BRITISH FORCES IN PALESTINE, FROM WHOSE DECISION THERE IS NO APPEAL. IT WAS ANMOUNCED THAT THE CONFIRMATION STATEMENT WE ISSUED TONIGHT, ALTHO NASHASHIBL'S PALESTINE DEFENSE PARTY SENT A MEMORANDUM TO THE GOVERNMENT ASKING COMMUTATION TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

PRIOR TO OPENING OF THE TRIAL, THE GOVERNMENT FORBADE PUBLICATION OF WITNESSES' NAMES, SUPPOSEDLY TO PREVENT REPRISALS. COUNSEL FOR THE ACCUSED INCLUDED MOGHANAM EL MOGHANAM, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND A NASHASHIB 1ST. THE TRIAL TOOK LESS THAN THREE HOURS. ONLY TWO WITNESSES WERE PRESENTED BY THE PROSECUTOR TO SUPPORT CHARGES THAT TI. SHEIKH HAD BEEN CAUGHT IN POSSESSION OF ARMS, IN VIOLATION OF THE RECENTLY DECREED EMERGENCY REGULATION WHICH MAKES THAT AND ACTS OF TERRORISM PUNISHABLE BY DEATH. THE PROSECUTION REFUSED TO MITIGATE SENTENCE IN VIEW OF THE PRISONER'S AGE.

Two more Arabs were arrested for trial before a military court, in Jerusalem. Mohammed Ali was seized in Jaffa. Salim Arida was arrested when troops from Rehovoth, in a surprise search of Ramleh, found a revolver under his mattress.

#### ARAB TERRORIST BANDS DISPERSE

CREATION OF THE MILITARY COURTS HAS APPARENTLY HAD A DISCOURAGING EFFECT ON ARAB TERRORIST BANDS. ONE OF THE LARGEST, WHICH HAD BEEN OPERATING IN THE HILLS BETWEEN RAMLEH AND ARTUF, DISPERSED, ITS MEMBERS HILDING THEIR WEAPONS AND SCATTERING TO VARIOUS VILLAGES. TROOPS ARE SEARCHING FOR THE HIDDEN WEAPONS.

EIGHTY TRUCKLOADS OF TROOPS WERE REPORTED DISPATCHED FROM HAIFA TO SEARCH FOR TERROR-ISTS IN THE KEARSY HILLS. AN ARAB BAND WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED BY THE TROOPS BETWEEN THE VILLAGES OF FASUTA AND TARDING, BUT APPARENTLY ESCAPED TO THE FRONTIER. AIRCRAFT HAVE JOINED IN THE PURSUIT.

REPORTS FROM SYRIA SAID A PALESTINE BAND OF MORE THAN A 100 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ABUI BARAHIM, PALESTINE ARAB, HAD PENETRATED LEBANON VIA SYRIA AND THAT FRENCH GENDARMERIE HAD RUSHED REINFORCEMENTS TO THE FRONTIER FORCES.

FOUR MEMBERS OF THE AL KASSAN BAND WILL BE RELEASED FROM ACRE PRISON TOMORROW AFTER HAVING SERVED TWO-YEAR TERMS AND WILL IMMEDIATELY BE CONFINED IN THE ACRE CONCENTRATION CAMP FOR ANOTHER YEAR AS A PREVENTIVE MEASURE. EMIR ABOULLAH OF TRANSJORDAN WAS REPORTED BY AL JAMIA AL ISLAMIA TO HAVE APPEALED TO THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE ARABS HELD IN THE CONCENTRATION CAMP IN VIEW OF THE ARABS! "IMPROVED CONDUCT."

# WAUCHOPE RETURNS TO JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- SIR ARTHUR GRENFELL WAUCHOPE RETURNED FROM ENGLAND YEST-ERDAY AFTER A THREE-MONTH ABSENCE TO RESUME HIS DUTIES AS PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER. SIR ARTHUR'S RESIGNATION TAKES EFFECT EARLY NEXT YEAR.

#### 410 MURDERS IN PALESTINE SINCE JAN. 1, 1936, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- FOUR HUNDRED AND TEN MURDERS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED IN PALESTINE SINCE JAN. 1, 1936, THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WAS INFORMED VESTERDAY BY COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM ORMSBY-GORE IN REPLY TO A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ON DISORDERS IN THE HOLY LAND.

THE COURTS RETURNED 113 CONVICTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CRIMES, HE REVEALED, OF WHICH SEVEN WERE DEATH SENTENCES. ONE OF THE DEATH SENTENCES WAS REDUCED TO PENAL SERVITUDE BY THE COURT OF APPEALS AND FIVE OTHERS WERE COMMUTED TO LONG PRISON TERMS BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. FORTY-TWO PERSONS ARE STILL AMAITING TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGES, HE DISCLOSED.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY TOM WILLIAMS, LABORITE, ON HOW MANY OF THE MURDERS WERE COMMITTED BY ARABS AND HOW MANY BY JEWS, MR. ORMSBY-GORE SAID: "IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO SAY, THERE HAVE BEEN MURDERS BY BOTH. CERTALNLY THERE HAVE BEEN MORE MURDERS BY ARABS THAN BY JEWS."

# PARTITION WILL NOT BE REALIZED, JABOTINSKY SAYS

LONDON, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- THE CONVICTION THAT THE PARTITION OF PALESTINE WILL NOT BE REALIZED WAS EXPRESSED HERE BY VLADIMIR JABOTINSKY, PRESIDENT OF THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZAT-ON, ADDRESSING A MASS MEETING. HE SAJD THAT NEITHER THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S WHITE PAPER NOR THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S BLUE BOOK CONSTITUTED A FAIT ACCOMPLIA

MRS. EDGAR DUGDALE, NIECE OF THE LATE LORD BALFOUR, DECLARED TODAY IN AN ADDRESS TO A SOUTH LONDON MEETING THAT SHE DESIRED TO SEE A JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE IN THE NEAR FUTURE BECAUSE "I THINK OF WHAT 2,000,000 JEWS PLACED IN THAT PARTICULAR COUNTRY COULD DO FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD."

MAJOR JARVIS, FORMER GOVERNOR OF SINAI, ASSERTED IN A SPEECH TO THE ANGLO-PALESTINE CLUB THAT AFTER SEEING JEWISH-ACHIEVEMENTS IN "HOPELESS" AREAS HE BELIEVED THERE WERE POSSIBILITIES FOR SETTLEMENT OF A QUARTER OF MILLION JEWS FROM CENTRAL EUROPE IN THE NEGEB IF THE AREA IN SOUTHERN PALESTINE WERE OPENED TO THEM.

#### \$35,000,000 BUDGET FOR PALESTINE GOVERNMENT APPROVED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- THE OFFICIAL PALESTINE GAZETTE ANNOUNCED TODAY THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED A BUDGET OF L6,916,000 (ABOUT \$34,580,000).

#### FILDERMAN RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF UNION OF RUMANIAN JEWS

BUCHAREST, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- DR. WILLIAM FILDERMAN RESIGNED TODAY AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF RUMANIAN JEWS. IN A LETTER TO HORIA CARP, VICE-PRESIDENT, HE SAID: "CERTAIN ACTIONS, ESPECIALLY CERTAIN INACTIONS, MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BEAR THE GREAT BURDEN WHICH I HAVE BEEN CARRYING FOR THE LAST TWENTY YEARS, BUT THIS ORGANIZATION CAN COUNT ON ME TO REMAIN ONE OF ITS LEADING SUPPORTERS AND CONTRIBUTORS."

#### TEL AVIV MAYOR ASKS GOVERNMENT AID ON UNEMPLOYMENT

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- MAYOR ISRAEL ROKACH INTERVIEWED THE DISTRICT-COMMISSIONER TODAY ASKING GOVERNMENT AID TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT.

### AMERICAN TEACHERS' UNION CONDEMNS "GHETTO BENCHES" IN POLAND

CHICAGO, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- "GHETTO BENCHES" RECENTLY ESTABLISHED IN POLAND'S SCHOOLS WERE ASSAILED IN A LETTER TO MINISTER OF EDUCATION SWIETOSLAWSKI SENT BY PROF. JEROME DAVIS, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, AND MADE PUBLIC HERE TODAY.

#### THE TEXT OF THE LETTER FOLLOWS:

"ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, REPRESENTING 25,000 TEACHERS IN THE UNITED STATES, I WISH TO PROTEST AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "GHETTO BENCHES" IN POLAND. THIS IS THE MOST SERIOUS POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF THE SOLEMN OBLIGATION ASSUMED TOWARDS THE MINORITY PEOPLES WHEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HELPED TO FREE POLAND FROM THE YOKE OF CENTURIES.

"WE CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THE POLISH GOVERNMENT WILL DEFY THE PUBLIC SENTIMENT OF THE WORLD AND CONTINUE THIS POLICY. AS AMERICAN TEACHERS WE HAVE BEEN SHOCKED BEYOND MEASURE TO HEAR THAT SUCH OUTRAGEOUS REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED. WE SHOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL TO HEAR FROM YOU THAT THESE MEASURES HAVE BEEN REPEALED."

#### SITUATION NOT IMPROVED, MINISTER ADMITS

WARSAW, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- EDUCATION MINISTER SWIETOSLAWSKI, ADDRESSING THE GOVERNMENT EDUCATION COUNCIL, ADMITTED TODAY THAT THE SITUATION IN POLISH UNIVERSITIES HAD NOT IMPROVED WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF "GHETTO BENCHES."

#### MAZIS CANCEL ST. LOUIS CONVENTION AFTER FAILING TO OBTAIN HALL

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- THE GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND CANCELLED TODAY A MIDWESTERN REGIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD HERE FOR WANT OF A PLACE TO MEET. OAKVILLE FARMERS HALL, WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS MOSTLY OF GERMAN EXTRACTION, REFUSED TO PERMIT ITS HALL TO BE USED BY THE PRO-NAZIS. SIMILAR REFUSAL WAS MET PREVIOUSLY WHEN THE BUND APPROACHED GERMAN HOUSE AND THE LIEDERKRANZ CLUB. THE BUND ATTRIBUTED THE CANCELLATION OF THE CONVENTION TO A "CAMPAIGN OF HATRED" AGAINST IT. FRITZ KUHN, NATIONAL "FUEHRER" OF THE BUND, HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE CONVENTION.

### B'NAI B'RITH AIDS JEWS IN CHINA

CINCINNATI, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- ALFRED M. COHEN, PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE B'NAI B'RITH EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND IS CABLING A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY TO THE REV. MENDEL BROWN, SECRETARY OF THE JEWISH EMERGENCY RELIEF COMMITTEE OF, SHANGHAI FOR AID TO STRICKEN JEWS IN CHINA.

### VLADECK, STRALS ELECTED TO NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- B.C. VLADECK, MANAGER OF THE JEWISH DAILY FORWARD, AND ROBERT K. STRAUS, SON OF THE LATE JESSE ISIDOR STRAUS, HAVE BEEN ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL FROM MANHATTAN, A FINAL TALLY OF THE PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION BALLOTS REVEALED. MR. VLADECK PAN ON THE AMERICAN LABOR PARTY TICKET, AND MR. STRAUS WITH CITY FUSION PARTY SUPPORT.

## ANTI-SEMITIC EXCESSES IN THREE LITHUANIAN TOWNS

KAUNAS, LITHUANIA, NOV. 25. (JTA) -- ANTI-SEMITIC EXCESSES OCCURRED YESTERDAY IN THE TOWNS OF MEMEL, WILKOMIR AND SHAVLI, WHERE JEWS WERE BEATEN UP IN STREET ATTACKS AND WIND-OWS OF JEWISH HOMES AND SHOPS WERE SMASHED. POLICE MADE SEVERAL ARRESTS.