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### 7 ARABS KILLED IN CLASHES WITH TROOPS; ARMY COURT SENTENCES FAMILY OF TEN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- SEVEN ARABS WERE KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED AND A BRITISH SOLDIER SLIGHTLY INJURED IN TWO ENGAGEMENTS BETWEEN BRITISH FORCES AND BANDS IN THE HILLS OF CENTRAL PALESTINE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY TODAY.

WHILE TROOPS AND POLICE FOUGHT TERRORIST BANDS, THE MILITARY COURT AT JERUSALEM METED OUT A DEATH SENTENCE AND EIGHT TERMS OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT TO MEMBERS OF ONE ARAB FAMILY FOR POSSESSION OF ARMS IN VIOLATION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS. THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY, ASSAD HALIL SHULACH OF GAZA, RECEIVED THE DEATH SENTENCE. A 14-YEAR-OLD BOY WAS SENTENCED TO A YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT.

TROOPS SURROUNDED A BAND OF FORTY NEAR ILHAR, IN THE HILLS BETWEEN NABLUS AND TULKAREM AND, WITH THE AID OF REINFORCEMENTS RUSHED FROM NABLUS, ENGAGED THE BAND, KILLING FOUR ARABS AND WOUNDING ONE SERIOUSLY.

THREE ARABS WERE KILLED AND ONE WOUNDED, AND A BRITISH SOLDIER SLIGHTLY INJURED, IN A CLASH YESTERDAY WITH A BAND OF THIRTY ABOUT FIVE MILES NORTH OF TULKAREM. A GUARD OF A COLUMN OF TROOPS ADVANCING OVER THE HILLS WAS FIRED UPON FROM THREE SIDES. THE GUARD COVERED AND RETURNED THE FIRE WHILE THE MAIN BODY OF TROOPS ADVANCED AND FLANKED THE BAND. FOUR RIFLES AND 170 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION WERE LATER FOUND.

TROOPS PURSUED OTHER ARAB BANDS BETWEEN RAS-EL-NAKURA AND METULLA, AND ALSO BETWEEN SAFED AND ACRE, IN NORTHERN PALESTINE, FORCING THE BAND TO SPLIT INTO SMALL GROUPS. THE PURSUIT WAS CONTINUING. TWO ARAB HOUSES IN A VILLAGE WERE DYNAMITED IN REPRISAL FOR DISORDERS IN THE VICINITY.

ARAB NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THAT IZZAT TANNOUS, CHRISTIAN ARAB LEADER, HAD JUST RETURNED FROM EUROPE VIA SYRIA, WHERE HE WAS SAID TO HAVE CONFERRED WITH EXILED PALESTINE ARAB LEADERS. HE WILL LEAVE AGAIN FOR EUROPE VIA BEIRUT FOR A PROPAGANDA TOUR OF ITALY, GERMANY, FRANCE AND ENGLAND.

THE ZIONIST REVISIONIST DAILY, HAYARDEN, WAS SUSPENDED FOR THREE MONTHS BY THE AUTHORITIES, REPORTEDLY FOR PRINTING ON DEC. 10 AN ARTICLE BY VLADIMIR JABOTINSKY, PRESIDENT OF THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, ON THE ARRESTS OF REVISIONISTS IN PALESTINE.

JEWS APPEAL FOR PROTECTION AS POLISH GROUPS PLAN NEW BOYCOTT ACTIONS

WARSAW, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- JEWISH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS ASKED THE INTERIOR MINISTER IN A MEMORANDUM TODAY TO STRENGTHEN POLICE PROTECTION OF JEWISH SHOPS AND PROHIBIT PICKETING AFTER REPORTS THAT POLISH ORGANIZATIONS WERE PREPARING TO INTENSIFY THE ANTI-SEMITIC BOYCOTT CAMPAIGN SUNDAY.

SENATOR MOSES SCHORR AND DEPUTY ISAAC RUBENSTEIN INTERVIEWED WITH THE INTERIOR MINISTRY REGARDING PICKETING OF JEWISH SHOPS THE COUNTRY OVER, PARTICULARLY IN CZESTOCHOWA, AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT ORDER WOULD BE MAINTAINED.

GEORGE LANSBURY, NOTED BRITISH PACIFIST, BEFORE LEAVING HERE FOR VIENNA, DECLARED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, ON THE BASIS OF CONVERSATIONS WITH POLISH STATESMEN, THAT HE WAS SURE THE POLISH GOVERNMENT DID NOT INTEND TO OUST JEWS FROM THE NATION'S LIFE. EXCESSES ARE OCCURRING, HE SAID, BECAUSE OF THE COUNTRY'S GRAVE ECONOMIC POSITION. HE EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ALLOW ANTI-JEWISH DISTURBANCES.

200 JEWISH CHILDREN STRICKEN IN EPIDEMIC IN POLISH TOWN

WARSAW, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A JEWISH DELEGATION FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF CZYCHEW IN THE BIALYSTOK DISTRICT ARRIVED HERE TODAY AND REPORTED AN EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES, SCARLET FEVER AND TYPHUS RAGING IN THE TOWN WITH MORE THAN 200 CHILDREN SICK AND RECEIVING NO MEDICAL ATTENTION. THE TOZ, JEWISH SOCIETY FOR HEALTH PROTECTION, SENT A PHYSICIAN TO THE LOCALITY.

JEWISH SOCIALIST LEADER INTERNED IN POLISH CONCENTRATION CAMP

WARSAW, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- JOSEPH KRUK, LEADER OF THE JEWISH INDEPENDENT SOCIALISTS, WHO WAS ARRESTED BY THE POLITICAL POLICE YESTERDAY, WAS INTERNED TODAY IN THE BEREZA CONCENTRATION CAMP. (THROUGH AN ERROR IN CABLE TRANSMISSION, THE ARREST OF MR. KRUK WAS INCORRECTLY DATED "BUCHAREST" YESTERDAY.)

VIENNA NAZIS SMASH JEWISH SHOP WINDOWS AFTER JEW STONES HITLER DISPLAY

VIENNA, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- TWO JEWISH STORE FRONTS IN THE HEART OF THE CAPITAL WERE SHATTERED EARLY TODAY IN EVIDENT REPRISAL FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF A WINDOW IN THE GERMAN TOURIST BUREAU DISPLAYING A PICTURE OF CHANCELLOR ADOLF HITLER, THE HAVAS NEWS AGENCY REPORTED. TWO SUSPECTS WERE ARRESTED. POLICE HAD ARRESTED A 24-YEAR-OLD JEW, MICHAEL LIEBENSCHUSS FOR BREAKING THE WINDOW OF THE TRAVEL BUREAU.

SALE OF HAAVARA MARKS EXTENDED THROUGHOUT WORLD

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- PERMISSION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO INTRIA, LTD., ORGANIZATION FOR TRANSFER OF JEWISH EMIGRANTS' CAPITAL FROM GERMANY, TO USE HAAVARA MARKS (GERMAN JEWISH EMIGRATION MARKS) IN THE YEAR 1938-39 FOR BENEVOLENT REMITTANCES TO GERMANY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY.

SALE OF HAAVARA MARKS, ACCORDING TO A REPORT SUBMITTED BY INTRIA, HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES NOT HAVING CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS, THE UNITED STATES, BRITISH DOMINIONS, SOUTH AMERICA, PALESTINE, THE NEAR EAST AND THE FAR EAST. THE ESTIMATED TURNOVER OF INTRIA DURING THE YEAR 1937-38 IS 1,250,000 HAAVARA MARKS, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE DOUBLED IN THE YEAR 1938-39.

U.S. JEWISH TOURISTS REPORT DISCRIMINATION IN MEXICO; ANTI-ALIEN BILL SPEEDED

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13. (JTA - Airmail) -- DIFFICULTIES PLACED IN THE WAY OF AMERICAN JEWISH TOURISTS BY SOME SUBORDINATE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE ANTI-SEMITIC DRIVE AGAINST FOREIGNERS, IT IS INDICATED BY COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THE JEWISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND DER WEG, YIDDISH DAILY.

(THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS THAT A BILL DRAFTED BY LABOR DEPUTY ISMAEL C. FALCON, WHICH WOULD BAR ALIENS FROM MANY FIELDS OF ACTIVITY, THURSDAY NIGHT RECEIVED THE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE CHAMBER'S COMMITTEE ON LABOR DEFENSE. MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT MAJORITY BLOC ALSO VOTED IN CAUCUS TO SUPPORT THE MEASURE, ASSURING ITS APPROVAL.)

ONE JEWISH TOURIST FROM THE UNITED STATES REPORTED THAT AN IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL TOLD HIM, "WE ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH JEWS IN MEXICO AND WE NEED NO MORE." ANOTHER WAS ASKED FOR A \$300 GUARANTEE, WHICH IS ILLEGAL. THE COMMERCE CHAMBER SUBMITTED A MEMORANDUM ON THE DISCRIMINATION TO THE INTERIOR MINISTRY.

A BILL TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN "DESIRABLE" AND "UNDESIRABLE" RACES IN DETERMINING IMMIGRATION QUOTAS HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE AT THE BEHEST OF THE NATIONALIST UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF MEXICO.

ROOSEVELT CAUTIONS AGAINST EFFECT OF FASCIST THEORIES ON INTERFAITH AMITY HERE

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DECLARED TODAY THAT "PHILOSOPHIES DOMINANT IN TOTALITARIAN STATES MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO DISRUPT THE CORDIAL RELATIONSHIPS WHICH NOW EXIST AMONG PROTESTANTS, CATHOLICS AND JEWS IN AMERICA."

THE PRESIDENT, IN A STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF JEWS AND CHRISTIANS, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT "DIVIDED OPINIONS REGARDING SITUATIONS IN OTHER LANDS THAN OURS WILL NOT CREATE CLEAVAGE BETWEEN RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN OUR NATION."

DECLARING THAT THIS NATION WELCOMES A VARIETY OF RACIAL STRAINS AND SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS, HE DECLARED THAT "WE PROCLAIM THE EQUAL RIGHTS OF ALL RELIGIOUS GROUPS WHETHER OF THE MAJORITY OR OF THE MINORITIES, AND FIND OUR UNITY IN A COMMON CITIZENSHIP."

THE STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, WHO IS HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE, WAS MADE PUBLIC BY DR. EVERETT R. CLINCHY, DIRECTOR OF THE CONFERENCE, ON BEHALF OF NEWTON D. BAKER, PROF. CARLTON J. HAYES AND ROGER W. STRAUS, CO-CHAIRMAN, AS THE KEYNOTE OF A MOVEMENT FOR INTER-FAITH "ROUND TABLES" THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

TEACHERS' FEDERATION ACTS TO BLOCK MOVE AGAINST GERMAN REFUGEES

CHICAGO, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS ACTED TODAY TO BLOCK AN EXPECTED MOVE AT THE CHRISTMAS MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF GERMAN HERE TO PREVENT NAZI EXILES FROM HOLDING POSITIONS IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

PROF. GEORGE E. AXTELL, VICE-PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF THE FEDERATION'S COLLEGE SECTION, WARNED GERMAN TEACHERS THE DRIVE AGAINST GERMAN REFUGEES MIGHT TAKE THE FORM OF A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE EMPLOYMENT OF GERMAN TEACHERS NOT BORN IN THE UNITED STATES OR NOT CITIZENS.

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"BY CASTING THE RESOLUTION IN THIS FORM," PROF. AXTELLE SAID, "THE SPONSORS PROBABLY HOPE TO PULL THE WOOL OVER THE EYES OF MANY AT THE CONVENTION. HOWEVER, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE REAL INITIATORS OF THE MOVE ARE SEEKING PRIMARILY TO KEEP AMERICAN YOUNG PEOPLE FROM HEARING THE TRUTH ABOUT GERMANY FROM THE LIPS OF MEN WHO KNOW WHAT HAS GONE ON THERE."

HE SAID AN ANONYMOUS LETTER HAD BEEN CIRCULATED AMONG UNIVERSITY GERMAN DEPARTMENTS KNOWN TO HAVE NAZI SYMPATHIES URGING CONCERTED ACTION TO PUT THE ASSOCIATION ON RECORD AS OPPOSED TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS EXILED FROM GERMANY. THE LETTER HAS MET WITH SOME FAVORABLE RECEPTION, HE DECLARED.

PROF. AXTELLE RECALLED PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS "TO UTILIZE THE GERMAN TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES," AND, DECLARING ALL SUCH ATTEMPTS HITHERTO HAD BEEN DEFEATED, URGED THE GERMAN TEACHERS "TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST THIS NEW ATTEMPT AND TO KEEP THEIR RECORD CLEAN."

#### TURKEY NAMES COMMISSIONERS FOR MINORITY SCHOOLS

ISTANBUL, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ISSUED AN ORDER TODAY APPOINTING GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONERS FOR ALL JEWISH AND OTHER MINORITY SCHOOLS WITH UNLIMITED POWERS BOTH IN REGARD TO CURRICULUM AND GENERAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION. THE ORDER IS EXPECTED TO RESULT IN THE CLOSING OF SEVERAL MINORITY SCHOOLS AND TRANSFER OF THEIR PUPILS TO STATE SCHOOLS.

#### JAPANESE ARREST JEWS AS SOVIET SYMPATHIZERS

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- SEVERAL JEWS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES IN HARBIN ON SUSPICION OF SOVIET SYMPATHIES, ACCORDING TO REPORTS REACHING HERE TODAY. A NUMBER OF JEWS ARRIVED HERE FROM TIENSIN, REPORTING THEY HAD FLED AFTER THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES HAD DEMANDED THEY SIGN INDIVIDUAL ANTI-SOVIET OATHS WHICH WOULD HAVE JEOPARDIZED RELATIVES RESIDING IN RUSSIA.

#### PLANS FOR CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES DISCUSSED AT AMSTERDAM MEETING

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- PLANS FOR AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON REFUGEE AID FEBRUARY 7, 1938, WERE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING HERE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES FROM GERMANY. TWENTY-FIVE JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS WERE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING. THE FEBRUARY CONFERENCE WILL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING AGREEMENT ON AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FIXING THE STATUS OF GERMAN REFUGEES.

#### DR. FRIEDMAN NAMED CHIEF RABBI OF FLORENCE

FLORENCE, ITALY, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- DR. KALMAN FRIEDMAN, RABBI OF THE LITTLE COMMUNITY OF PERUGIA, WAS APPOINTED TODAY AS CHIEF RABBI OF FLORENCE, A POST TRADITIONALLY OCCUPIED BY DISTINGUISHED JEWISH SCHOLARS. RABBI FRIEDMAN, WHO IS OF POLISH ORIGIN, STUDIED AT FLORENCE AND IS THE AUTHOR OF MANY HISTORICAL WORKS ON THE JEWS OF ITALY AND CYRENAICA.

#### AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS RUMANIA TO SAFEGUARD JEWS' VOTING RIGHTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS TODAY MADE PUBLIC A TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO CHARLES A. DAVILA, RUMANIAN MINISTER TO THE UNITED STATES, REQUESTING IMMEDIATE ACTION BY THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT TO SAFEGUARD THE RIGHT OF THE JEWS TO VOTE IN THE DEC. 20 ELECTIONS.