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ELEVEN ARABS KILLED IN CLASH WITH BRITISH FORCES; JEW DIES OF WOUNDS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- ELEVEN ARABS WERE KILLED TODAY WHEN POLICE, IN COOPERATION WITH ROYAL AIR FORCE PLANES AND THE TRANSJORDAN FRONTIER FORCE, ENGAGED A STRONG BAND AT THE VILLAGE OF ARABA, WEST OF TIBERIAS. ONE MEMBER OF THE BAND WAS CAPTURED.

ANOTHER JEWISH FATALITY WAS ADDED TO THE RISING TOLL WHEN JOSEPH BEN-ISAAC SIMON, 26 YEARS OLD, DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED TUESDAY IN AN ATTACK ON A JEWISH BUS FIVE MILES FROM JERUSALEM. J.F. WEITZ, JEWISH NATIONAL FUND FORESTRY OFFICER, WAS FIRED UPON WHILE INSPECTING THE KING GEORGE FOREST NEAR NAZARETH, BUT WAS NOT HIT. REINFORCEMENTS AND R.A.F. PLANES WERE DISPATCHED TO THE SPOT.

SEVEN ARMED ARABS ATTACKED AN INN IN THE KASLAH VILLAGE, WOUNDING THE INNKEEPER. ONE ARAB WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED WHEN A MOTORCADE OF SIX CARS, IN WHICH ARABS WERE INCLUDED, WAS FIRED UPON NEAR SHEIKABREK. A VINEYARD WAS UPROOTED AT HEBRON.

A BUS WAS FIRED ON NEAR THE VILLAGE OF ATLIT. GUARDS RETURNED THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. TWO POLICE CARS LOADED WITH CONFISCATED ARMS, INCLUDING A MACHINE GUN, LEFT FOR JAFFA TO DUMP THEIR LOADS INTO THE SEA.

THE COURT OF APPEALS CONFIRMED SENTENCE OF DEATH FOR TWO ARABS CONVICTED OF MURDERING MENDEL MINTZ, JEWISH TRUCK DRIVER, LAST FEBRUARY. SENTENCES WERE PASSED LAST WEEK BY THE CRIMINAL ASSIZES COURT.

ITALY ACCUSED IN COMMONS OF "BLACKMAIL" IN AID TO ARABS; BRITAIN THREATENS ACTION

LONDON, Dec. 23. (Havas) -- THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY DEVOTED ITS LAST SESSION OF 1937 TO A DEBATE ON ANTI-BRITISH PROPAGANDA, DURING WHICH LABORITE LT. COM. REGINALD FLETCHER REFERRED TO PREMIER BENITO MUSSOLINI AS "THE POISON-PEN OF EUROPE" AND SUGGESTED THAT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO ROME SHOULD "GO ON LEAVE" UNLESS FASCIST PRESS AND RADIO ATTACKS AGAINST BRITAIN BE HALTED.

FLETCHER'S SIZZLING ATTACK ON IL DUCE, WHOM HE ACCUSED OF "BLACKMAIL" AND "LYING," BROUGHT AN ADMISSION FROM VISCOUNT CRANBORNE, FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN, THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO "TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES WE THINK ARE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE" IF ITALY DOES NOT STOP ITS WORLD-WIDE PROPAGANDA AGAINST BRITAIN.

THE FASCIST GOVERNMENT HAS AIDED THE ARABS IN PALESTINE AND BROUGHT ACCUSATIONS OF "TERRORISM" AGAINST THE BRITISH POLICY THERE, FLETCHER SAID. "THE USE OF THE PRESS FOR SUCH PURPOSES AMOUNTS TO BLACKMAIL AND NOTHING ELSE," THE LABORITE ASSERTED, "AND BLACKMAIL IS A MOST AUDACIOUS CRIME. NO HEAD OF A STATE ACTUATED BY THE ORDINARY MOTIVES OF HONOR AND DECENCY WOULD TOLERATE OR ALLOW SUCH CONDUCT.

"IT WAS THE HEAD OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HIMSELF THAT WROTE THESE LIES IN THE PRESS, ALTHOUGH HE WAS BOUND BY AGREEMENT NOT TO DO SO." HE STRESSED THE CAMPAIGN WHICH HE SAID THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAD LAUNCHED IN THE MOSLEM WORLD, INCITING MILLIONS TO HATRED AND CONTEMPT OF BRITAIN. DIRECTLY INSPIRED AND FINANCED BY ITALY, ACCORDING TO LT. COM. FLETCHER, THE OBJECT OF THIS CAMPAIGN IS TO SUBSTITUTE ITALIAN INFLUENCE FOR BRITISH.

"MUSSOLINI HAS ASSUMED THE ROLE OF PROTECTOR OF ARAB RIGHTS, AND HE WISHES TO FISH IN THE TROUBLED WATERS OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, JUST AS HE IS FISHING IN THE TROUBLED WATERS OF THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

"IT IS NO USE ADMIRING HIS AMBITIONS OR ON HIS NUISANCE VALUE. HIS CENTER OF GRAVITY IS THE MEDITERRANEAN AS THE ROUTE TO THE FAR EAST IS NOW TO BE FOUND IN PALESTINE AND HAIFA, AND THIS ITALIAN PROPAGANDA MUST BE READ IN THAT CONNECTION."

HE DECLARED ITALY WAS SPENDING LARGE SUMS ON SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS IN SYRIA AND PALESTINE, SENDING ITALIAN STUDENTS TO THOSE COUNTRIES, CARRYING OUT FILM PROPAGANDA, FINANCING PILGRIMAGES TO MECCA, BRIBING EGYPTIAN POLITICIANS, SENDING ITALIAN AGENTS TO SAUDI ARABIA, AND FURNISHING ARMS TO THE IMAM YAYAH OF YEMEN IN EXCHANGE FOR MILITARY AND CIVIL ADVISERS.

ITALIAN PAPER HITS "ENGLISH TERROR"

ROME, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- THE MILAN NEWSPAPER CORRIERE DELLA SERA TODAY BEGAN PUBLICATION OF A SERIES OF ARTICLES BY ITS JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT, ENRICO RIZZINO, WHO DESCRIBES AT LENGTH WHAT HE TERMS THE "ENGLISH TERROR" IN THE HOLY LAND. RIZZINO DENIES ITALIAN PROPAGANDA IS BEING DISSEMINATED AMONG THE ARABS AND BLAMES THE ENGLISH MANDATORY POLICY FOR THE "TRAGIC SITUATION OF THE ARABS."

ALLEGATIONS THAT JEWS OR PERSONS OF JEWISH ORIGIN PLAY TOO BIG A ROLE IN ITALIAN POLITICAL LIFE ARE MADE TODAY BY IL TEVERE OF ROME IN THE FIRST ARTICLE OF A SERIES ON "JEWS IN ITALIAN POLITICAL LIFE." IT CITES THEIR "TOO GREAT" PARTICIPATION IN PARLIAMENT AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES AS HARMFUL IN VIEW OF ALLEGED JEWISH CONNECTIONS WITH "SECRET INTERNATIONAL FORCES WORKING AGAINST ITALIAN INTERESTS."

BRITISH GROUP PROTESTS ARREST OF POLISH JEWISH SOCIALIST

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- THE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP OF THE INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY TODAY CABLED PRESIDENT MOSCICKI OF POLAND IN PROTEST AGAINST THE ARREST OF DR. JOSEPH KRUK, A LEADER OF THE INDEPENDENT SOCIAL LABOR PARTY WHICH HAS JUST BEEN OUTLAWED. A LETTER WAS SENT BY THE GROUP TO THE POLISH AMBASSADOR HERE. DR. KRUK IS BEING HELD IN THE GOVERNMENT CONCENTRATION CAMP AT KARTUZ-BEREZA.

RUMANIA FACES AUTHORITARIAN REGIME OR NEW ELECTIONS AS TATARESCU LOSES MAJORITY

BUCHAREST, Dec. 23. (HAVAS) -- KING CAROL TONIGHT APPARENTLY FACED A CHOICE BETWEEN DESIGNATING AN AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENT FOR RUMANIA OR CALLING FOR NEW ELECTIONS AFTER THE FAILURE OF PREMIER GEORG TATARESCU'S LIBERAL PARTY TO ATTAIN A STABLE MAJORITY IN LAST MONDAY'S CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES ELECTIONS.

THE LIBERALS, BY POLLING LESS THAN 40 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VOTE, FAILED TO BENEFIT FROM A LAW WHICH WOULD HAVE GIVEN THEM 50 PER CENT OF THE SEATS IN THE CHAMBER AS WELL AS THEIR PROPORTIONAL SHARE OF THE REMAINING SEATS. THIS CARRIED WITH IT THE CERTAINTY THAT TATARESCU'S GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO ENLARGE ITS PARLIAMENTARY BASE IF IT COULD HOPE TO ENDURE. THE NEW PARLIAMENT MEETS NEXT FEB. 17.

IF THE PREMIER SHOULD ATTEMPT TO RESHAPE HIS CABINET, HE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK EITHER TO THE NATIONAL PEASANTS, ON THE LEFT, OR TO THE DISSIDENT LIBERALS AND PRO-FASCIST IRON GUARD, ON THE RIGHT. IN EITHER CASE, IT WAS BELIEVED, HIS REGIME WOULD BE A SHAKY ONE, VULNERABLE TO ATTACKS FROM BOTH RIGHT AND LEFT EXTREMISTS.

THE POSSIBILITY THAT CAROL WOULD OPEN THE WAY TO AN AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENT WAS WIDELY AND ANXIOUSLY DISCUSSED. PUBLIC OPINION SHOWED EVIDENT UNEASINESS, AND THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT EFFORTS TO CALL IN A "STRONG MAN" TO SOLVE THE PRESENT SITUATION WOULD ENCOUNTER CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION. THE ONLY OTHER ALTERNATIVE WAS TO FORM A TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT ASSIGNED TO ARRANGE FOR NEW ELECTIONS.

THE LIBERALS' FAILURE TO ACHIEVE A STABLE MAJORITY WAS EXPLAINED BY THE FACT THAT RUMANIAN ECONOMY HAS LONG BEEN IN A CRITICAL STATE UNDER THE PARTY'S REGIME, AND MANY OF THE VOTERS EVIDENTLY FELT TATARESCU'S GROUP TO BLAME.

54 POLISH PROFESSORS PROTEST "GHETTO BENCHES"

WARSAW, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- FIFTY-FOUR PROFESSORS OF WARSAW, WILNO AND POZNAN UNIVERSITIES, IN WHICH JEWISH STUDENTS ARE FORCED TO OCCUPY "GHETTO BENCHES," TODAY MADE PUBLIC A FORMAL PROTEST AGAINST THE SYSTEM OF SEGREGATION. INVITING OTHER PROFESSORS TO JOIN THEM, THE SIGNATORIES CONDEMN THE GOVERNMENT-SANCTIONED BENCHES AS A "HEAVY BLOW TO POLISH CULTURE AND A GREAT DANGER TO ITS FUTURE."

A WOMAN DEPUTY YESTERDAY VOICED THE FIRST NON-JEWISH PROTEST IN THE SEJM (LOWER HOUSE) AGAINST PICKETING OF JEWISH SHOPS. MADAME PELZYNSKA OF WILNO, INTERPOLATED THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION ON PARTICIPATION OF SCHOOL YOUTHS IN ANTI-JEWISH PICKETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF INCITING LEAFLETS. SHE SAID SUCH ACTIVITIES WERE A DEMORALIZING INFLUENCE.

ARNO LOEWY, GERMAN-JEWISH ECONOMIST, DIES IN AMSTERDAM

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- ARNO LOEWY, A WELL-KNOWN GERMAN-JEWISH ECONOMIST, DIED HERE TODAY AT THE AGE OF 40. HE WAS FORMERLY EDITOR OF THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT OF WOLFF'S TELEGRAPHIC BUREAU IN BERLIN, NOW THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY.

KEREN HAYESOD WOULD BE JEWISH STATE'S TREASURY, MEETING TOLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- THE PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD) WILL BECOME "A VERITABLE STATE TREASURY" IF A JEWISH STATE IS ESTABLISHED IN PALESTINE, LOUIS LIPSKY, CHAIRMAN OF THE FUND, DECLARED AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING AT THE HOTEL COMMODORE LAST NIGHT. A BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF 100 WAS ELECTED. ROBERT K. SILVERMAN WAS UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

GERMAN COURT SENTENCES CATHOLIC FOR HIDING PART-JEWISH ANCESTRY IN SEEKING JOB

PRAHA, Dec. 24. (JTA) -- THE LEIPZIG CRIMINAL COURT HAS SENTENCED A CATHOLIC OF MIXED "ARYAN" AND JEWISH ANCESTRY TO FOUR MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR HIDING HIS PART-JEWISH ORIGIN WHEN APPLYING FOR A JOB, IT WAS REPORTED HERE TODAY.

THE ACCUSED, SEEKING A POSITION WITH A MUSICAL PERIODICAL, WAS ASKED IN A LETTER WHETHER HE WAS AN "ARYAN," AND REPLIED, ACCORDING TO THE COURT, "I AM A CATHOLIC OF CATHOLIC ORIGIN," THUS SECURING EMPLOYMENT DESPITE THE FACT HIS MOTHER WAS A JEWESS AND OBTAINING HIS SALARY "UNDER FALSE PRETENSES."

NAZIS HIT CHRISTIAN SCIENCE FOR REFUTING RACE DOCTRINE

BERLIN, Dec. 23. (Havas) -- ALL AMERICAN RELIGIOUS SECTS MUST BE DRIVEN OUT OF GERMANY THE NAZI PARTY NEWS SERVICE DECLARED TODAY IN AN ATTACK AGAINST CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS. NAZIS ARE PARTICULARLY IRRITATED BY THE FACT THAT MARY BAKER EDDY, FOUNDER OF THE CHURCH, IS SAID TO HAVE HELD THAT THE IDEAS OF NATION AND RACE ARE NOT SUPPORTED BY SCIENCE, AND THAT THE LAWS OF HEREDITY ARE NOT ABSOLUTE.

THE ARTICLE CHARGED THAT IN MANY PARTS OF GERMANY CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS WERE ATTEMPTING TO LEAD THE PEOPLE INTO ERROR ON QUESTIONS OF RACE AND HYGIENE.

NAZIS THREATEN TO BREAK THOUSANDS OF JEWISH WINDOWS IN VIENNA

VIENNA, Dec. 24. (JTA) -- AFTER WINDOWS OF MANY JEWISH SHOPS IN VIENNA'S LEOPOLDSTADT SECTION HAD BEEN BROKEN, NAZI GROUPS TODAY THREATENED TO SHATTER THOUSANDS MORE OF JEWISH WINDOWS IN REPRISAL FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF A WINDOW IN THE GERMAN TOURIST BUREAU DISPLAYING A PICTURE OF REICHSFUEHRER ADOLF HITLER.

MAURICE RAVEL, COMPOSER, UNDERGOES OPERATION IN PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 23. (Havas) -- THE CONDITION OF MAURICE RAVEL, CELEBRATED COMPOSER WHO UNDERWENT A SERIOUS OPERATION IN A PRIVATE CLINIC HERE LAST NIGHT, WAS DECLARED TO BE SATISFACTORY TODAY. HE WAS VERY WEAK, HOWEVER, AND THE DOCTORS DECLINED TO GIVE ANY POSITIVE OPINION AS TO THE OUTCOME. HE WAS ADMITTED TO THE CLINIC EIGHT DAYS AGO.

THREE COMMITTEES STUDY VOCATION TRAINING FOR AUSTRIAN JEWS

VIENNA (JTA) -- THREE COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY ARE INVESTIGATING THE ECONOMIC POSITION OF AUSTRIAN JEWRY AND PARTICULARLY THE QUESTION OF VOCATIONAL RETRAINING. THEY ARE ENDEAVORING TO ESTABLISH THE PROPORTION OF JEWS IN VARIOUS PROFESSIONS IN THE DIFFERENT FEDERAL STATES AND INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITIES OF FINDING OPENINGS FOR THE JEWISH YOUTH IN NEW PROFESSIONS.

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