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### ROMANIA SEEKS TO ALLAY CONCERN ON EXTENT OF ANTI-SEMITISM; GOGA OUTLINES AIMS

BUCHAREST, JAN. 2. (JTA) -- THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT, FOLLOWING PREMIER OCTAVIAN GOGA'S RADIO SPEECH IN WHICH AN OUTLINE OF ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES WAS INCLUDED, SOUGHT TODAY TO ALLAY CONCERN ABROAD REGARDING THE EXTENT OF THE NEW CABINET'S ANTI-SEMITIC PROGRAM.

MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, THE ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE CONTINUED. SEVERAL JEWISH NEWSPAPERS IN JASSY WERE SUPPRESSED. THE CZERNOWITZ MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION WAS INFORMED BY A COURT THAT AN ADDITIONAL 154 JEWISH FAMILIES HAD BEEN DEPRIVED OF ROMANIAN CITIZENSHIP, BRINGING THE TOTAL DENATIONALIZED JEWISH FAMILIES TO 376 IN CZERNOWITZ. INTERIOR MINISTER ARMAND-CALINESCU DEPRIVED JEWISH JOURNALISTS OF THE RIGHT TO POSSESS RAILWAY PASSES, GENERALLY DELIVERED TO ALL ROMANIAN NEWSPAPERMEN.

(THE NEW YORK TIMES, IN A VIENNA DISPATCH FRIDAY, REPORTED A SPECIAL COMMISSIONER WAS NAMED TO THE ROMANIAN COMMERCE MINISTRY TO ENFORCE ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES. AMONG THE MEASURES REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN, IN ADDITION TO THOSE ALREADY LISTED, WERE: FORBIDDING JEWS TO LIVE IN A VILLAGE IN ANY CAPACITY; ORDERING ALL JEWISH PHYSICIANS WHO STUDIED ABROAD AND WHO HAD PRACTICED IN ROMANIA SINCE 1919 TO APPEAR BEFORE A HEALTH MINISTRY COMMISSION WHICH WILL REVISE THE PRACTITIONERS' ROLL; A SIMILAR ORDER TO ALL JEWISH ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS.)

AT THE SAME TIME, NICHOLAS TITULESCU, PRO-FRENCH FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER, SENT A TELEGRAM FROM ST. MORITZ, SWITZERLAND, TO DR. JULIUS MANIU, PRESIDENT OF THE ANTI-GOGA NATIONAL PEASANT PARTY, IN WHICH HE ASKED THAT HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARTY BE ACCEPTED.

INDICATIONS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS SEEKING TO ALLEVIATE ANXIETY OVER ITS ANTI-JEWISH PROGRAM WERE SEEN IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- 1-- IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THEODORE FISCHER, PRESIDENT OF THE ROMANIAN JEWISH PARTY, WILL BE RECEIVED BY PREMIER GOGA WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
- 2-- PREMIER GOGA SAID IN HIS RADIO SPEECH THAT HE WOULD NOT BE AN "OPPRESSOR."
- 3-- THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY, RADOR ORIENTE RADIO, DENIED THAT ROMANIAN NATIONALISM AS EXEMPLIFIED IN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT WAS SIMILAR TO FASCISM OR NAZISM. ROMANIAN NATIONALISM, IT SAID, WAS NOT BASED ON RACIAL SUPREMACY.
- 4-- KING CAROL, ON THE OCCASION OF THE NEW YEAR, SENT DONATIONS TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF BUCHAREST AND JASSY FOR DISTRIBUTION AMONG POOR CHILDREN.

BANDS OF NATIONAL CHRISTIAN ENTHUSIASTS WERE ROAMING THE STREETS OF BUCHAREST TODAY COMPELLING JEWISH PASSERS-BY TO PURCHASE SWASTIKAS.

THE VIOLENTLY ANTI-SEMITIC PRO-FASCIST IRON GUARD HAS DECIDED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT ELECTIONS. CORNELIUS ZELEA-CODREANU, LEADER OF THE ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS NOW CALLED THE "ALL FOR THE FATHERLAND" PARTY, BELIEVES THAT THE TIME IS NOT YET RIPE FOR HIM TO TAKE POWER.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BUCHAREST DAILIES, ADEVERUL AND DIMINEATA, SUPPRESSED LAST WEEK BY THE GOGA GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR JEWISH-OWNERSHIP, WILL SOON BE ALLOWED TO APPEAR UNDER "PURE RUMANIAN" OWNERSHIP.

IN HIS BROADCAST ADDRESS FRIDAY NIGHT, PREMIER GOGA SAID HIS GOVERNMENT REPRESENTED THE IDEA OF NATIONAL RESURRECTION. "I WHO HAVE FOUGHT SO LONG FOR LIBERTY CANNOT BECOME AN OPPRESSOR," HE STATED, ADDING THAT MINORITIES WHICH ADAPTED THEMSELVES TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE STATE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO DEVELOP IN PEACE. HE WARNED HIS SUPPORTERS TO CHECK THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND MAINTAIN STRICTEST ORDER AND DISCIPLINE.

GOGA ANNOUNCED THAT PARLIAMENT, OF WHICH ONLY NINE PER CENT ARE MEMBERS OF HIS NATIONAL CHRISTIAN PARTY, WOULD BE DISSOLVED, BUT DID NOT MENTION WHEN NEW ELECTIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE. FINALLY, THE NEW PREMIER OUTLINED HIS GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM, CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1-- SUPPRESSION OF "ANTI-NATIONAL" PUBLICATIONS, IN ADDITION TO THE THREE DEMOCRATIC BUCHAREST DAILIES ALREADY BANNED;
- 2-- CANCELLATION OF JEWS' LICENSES TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES;
- 3-- REVISION OF POST-WAR NATURALIZATIONS;
- 4-- APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSARS FOR FOREIGN AND JEWISH-OWNED ENTERPRISES WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL LABOR LAWS (HE FAILED TO MENTION WHAT THESE LAWS WOULD BE);
- 5-- REDUCTION OF THE PRICES OF SUGAR, PETROL, TOBACCO, COTTON AND OTHER PRIMARY PRODUCTS.

HE CONCLUDED WITH A DECLARATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ACT WITH PRUDENCE AND WITH PROMPTITUDE.

#### ISSUE MAY BE RAISED AT LEAGUE SESSION

GENEVA, JAN. 2. (JTA) -- LEAGUE CIRCLES WERE CLOSELY WATCHING TODAY ANTI-JEWISH DEVELOPMENTS IN RUMANIA, EXPECTING THE ISSUE TO BE RAISED AT THE JANUARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL IF PREMIER GOGA PROCEEDS WITH THE REPORTED ANTI-SEMITIC MEASURES.

PROTESTING AGAINST THE THREAT OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF RUMANIA TO LIMIT OR SUPPRESS THE CIVIL LIBERTIES OF THE JEWS, THE EXECUTIVE OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS SENT IDENTICAL TELEGRAMS TO THE BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS.

IT POINTED OUT THAT STEPS OF THIS NATURE, IF CARRIED OUT, WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THE MINORITIES TREATY OF DEC. 9, 1919, GUARANTEED BY THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, AND THAT ARTICLE 12 OF THAT TREATY MAKES IT A DUTY OF MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE COUNCIL TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS IN CASE OF VIOLATION.

IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON THAT CONGRESS DELEGATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED BY THE BRITISH AND FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICES WITH RESPECT TO THE THREATENING SITUATION FOR THE JEWS OF RUMANIA.

PARIS REPORTS SAID THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS NOTIFYING THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT THAT IT WILL ACTIVELY SUPPORT BEFORE THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS ACTION AGAINST RUMANIA'S PROJECTED ANTI-JEWISH ORDINANCES AS VIOLATING HER MINORITIES OBLIGATIONS.

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN URGES GENEVA ACTION

LONDON, JAN. 2. (JTA) -- THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN SAID YESTERDAY IN AN EDITORIAL ON RUMANIA THAT "ONE MORE GOVERNMENT HAS FORGOTTEN JUSTICE AND OBEYED PRIMITIVE, BARBAROUS IMPULSES, DRIVING MEN TO PERSECUTE THEIR NEIGHBORS FOR DIFFERENCES OF RACE AND RELIGION." THE LIBERAL DAILY REMINDED RUMANIA OF HER OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE MINORITY TREATY OF 1919 AND SAID, "IF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE JEWS GOES FORWARD, IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THE LEAGUE COUNCIL WILL ACT FIRMLY AT ITS SESSION THIS MONTH."

WORLD BOYCOTT OF RUMANIA THREATENED

NEW YORK, JAN. 2. (JTA) -- THE NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE TODAY THREATENED A BOYCOTT OF RUMANIAN GOODS IF PREMIER GOGA'S "PUBLISHED INHUMAN, ANTI-SEMITIC THREATS ARE TRANSLATED INTO ACTION." THE THREAT WAS CONTAINED IN A CABLE BY SAMUEL UNTERMYER, PRESIDENT, TO THE NEW RUMANIAN PREMIER.

THE CABLE, POINTING OUT THAT THE LEAGUE INCLUDES CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS, LABOR UNIONS AND OTHER NON-JEWISH GROUPS, AND THAT THE BOYCOTT WOULD BE JOINED BY GREAT BRITAIN AND OTHER COUNTRIES, DECLARES: "YOUR ACTION WOULD, I FEAR, CRIPPLE IF NOT DESTROY RUMANIAN EXPORTS TO AMERICA." AFFILIATES OF THE LEAGUE IN OTHER COUNTRIES, IT WAS ANNOUNCED, HAVE SERVED SIMILAR NOTICE UPON PREMIER GOGA.

AN EDITORIAL IN THE NEW YORK TIMES FRIDAY DESCRIBED ACCESSION OF THE GOGA GOVERNMENT AS "A RETROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT, FRAUGHT WITH OMINOUS POSSIBILITIES FOR RUMANIA AND FOR EUROPE." CHOICE OF PREMIER GOGA WAS SEEN AS INDICATION THAT "KING CAROL IS ABANDONING CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISHING HIMSELF AS A DICTATORIAL RULER."

NEW DISORDERS SHATTER PALESTINE CALM; ARABS ATTACK POLICE STATIONS

JERUSALEM, JAN. 2. (JTA)-- DISORDERS IN NORTHERN PALESTINE, JAFFA AND IN THE JERUSALEM DISTRICT TODAY SHATTERED THE PEACE WHICH HAD PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FOR MORE THAN 48 HOURS.

A STRONG DAYLIGHT ATTACK ON A POLICE STATION IN SALCHA VILLAGE NEAR SAFED INDICATED THAT CHRISTIAN OPERATIONS HAD FAILED TO DESTROY NORTHERN BANDS. ONE ARAB WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY POLICE AND THE REMAINDER FLED TO THE HILLS. BANDITS IN THE JERUSALEM DISTRICT FIRED ON THE LYDDA-JERUSALEM TRAIN NEAR DEIR-ES-SHEIK, BUT NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED AMONG THE PASSENGERS.

TWO BOMBS THROWN INTO THE JAFFA CENTRAL POLICE STATION FAILED TO EXPLODE. THE INCIDENT WAS SEEN AS CONFIRMING ARAB PRESS REPORTS THAT TERRORISTS WERE SEEKING REFUGE IN JAFFA AFTER DISPERSAL OF BANDS IN THE NORTH BECAUSE OF THE NEW BRITISH TACTICS OF OCCUPYING VILLAGES AND PREVENTING BANDITS FROM SECURING FOOD, AMMUNITION AND SHELTER. A HALF-HOUR HEAVY SNIPING ATTACK WAS DIRECTED AT NEVE YACOB, APPARENTLY AIMED AT PALESTINE BROADCASTING SYSTEM APPARATUS. POLICE AND TROOPS REPLIED. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

POLISH, CZECH JEWS HIT RUMORED PALESTINE MINORITY PLAN; POLICY CHANGE DENIED

LONDON, JAN. 2. (JTA) -- According to "ALL RELIABLE INFORMATION" THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS NOT CHANGED ITS PARTITION POLICY FOR PALESTINE, THE SUNDAY TIMES DECLARES, WHILE JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA PROTESTED TO PRIME MINISTER CHAMBERLAIN AGAINST THE PLAN TO FIX THE JEWS AS A MINORITY IN THE HOLY LAND, ATTRIBUTED TO CERTAIN BRITISH OFFICIAL CIRCLES.

IT SEEMS "TOLERABLY CERTAIN" THAT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE NEW PALESTINE COMMISSION WILL BE ISSUED THIS WEEK AS A WHITE PAPER, THE TIMES SAYS, EMPHASIZING THAT THE COMMISSION IS ESSENTIALLY A FACT-FINDING BODY OF INQUIRY. IT STATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT COMMITTED TO ANY PARTICULAR SCHEME OF PARTITION, BUT BELIEVES THAT THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS ARE THE BEST AND MOST PRACTICAL METHOD OF SETTLING THE SITUATION.

POLISH JEWS WILL 'NEVER CONSENT' TO MINORITY PLAN

WARSAW, JAN. 2. (JTA) -- AN EMERGENCY ZIONIST CONFERENCE DECIDED TODAY TO TELEGRAPH PRIME MINISTER CHAMBERLAIN APPEALING TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO ITS PLEDGE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND DECLARING THAT THE 3,500,000 POLISH JEWS WOULD NEVER CONSENT TO A PLAN CONDEMNING THE JEWS TO REMAIN A MINORITY IN THE LAND OF THEIR FOREFATHERS.

THE DECISION WAS TAKEN BY THE ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEES OF ALL ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PRESIDUM OF THE RECENT NATIONAL PALESTINE CONFERENCE, WHICH MET TO CONSIDER RUMORS THAT CERTAIN INFLUENTIAL BRITISH CIRCLES WERE SEEKING TO INDUCE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO FIX THE STATUS OF THE JEWS AS A PERMANENT MINORITY IN PALESTINE.

CZECH JEWISH LEADERS SEE MANDATE VIOLATION

PRAHA, JAN. 2. (JTA) -- JEWISH LEADERS, CITING REPORTS THAT THE NEW PALESTINE COMMISSION WOULD BE EMPOWERED TO MODIFY PROPOSALS REGARDING PALESTINE TO CONSTITUTE THE JEWS A PERMANENT MINORITY, TODAY TELEGRAPHED BRITISH PRIME MINISTER CHAMBERLAIN DECLARING THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN JEWS REGARDED SUCH MODIFICATION AS A VIOLATION OF THE MANDATE AND THE BALFOUR DECLARATION, AND WOULD DISREGARD JEWISH DISTRESS IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THE TELEGRAM WAS SIGNED BY JOSEPH POPPER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES, AND RUFELSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATION.

SOVIET MAY BAN ORT ACTIVITIES; HELD FOREIGN AND NO LONGER USEFUL IN RUSSIA

MOSCOW, JAN. 2. (JTA) -- THE REFUSAL OF COMZET, GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR JEWISH LAND SETTLEMENT, SO FAR TO APPROVE A 1938 PLAN FOR THE ORT WAS INTERPRETED TODAY AS INDICATING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ORGANIZATION FOR JEWISH VOCATIONAL RETRAINING MAY BE ASKED TO DISCONTINUE ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S.S.R. THIS YEAR.

OFFICIAL CIRCLES HERE SAID THE ORT WAS REALLY A FOREIGN ORGANIZATION, AFFILIATED WITH INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETIES ABROAD WHICH CARRIED OUT THEIR ACTIVITIES IN A DIFFERENT FASHION THAN THE ORT IN SOVIET RUSSIA. ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED THE BENEFICENT CHARACTER OF ORT WORK AMONG COLLECTIVE FARMERS AND VILLAGERS, THIS WORK IS NOW LARGELY CARRIED ON BY THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES, AND THE USEFULNESS OF ORT WORK IN RUSSIA NO LONGER EXISTS, IT WAS STATED.

THE ORT REPORT FOR THE PAST YEAR STATES THE SOCIETY SPENT 6,000,000 MILLION RUBLES, CHIEFLY FOR INTRODUCING NEW TRADES AMONG COLLECTIVES.