

NEWS

from all over the world

VIA

CABLE
WIRELESS
TELEGRAPH
TELEPHONE

by the

JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

347 MADISON AVE., N.Y.C.

VOL. III. NO. 138.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 1938.

ROMANIA CLOSES ALL JEWISH LIBRARIES IN BESSARABIA; TO PURGE BUCHAREST THEATRES

BUCHAREST, JAN. 14. (JTA) -- ALL JEWISH LIBRARIES AND NUMEROUS JEWISH-OWNED BOOK SHOPS IN THE PROVINCE OF BESSARABIA WERE CLOSED BY THE AUTHORITIES TODAY ALLEGEDLY AS CENTERS OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA.

A MEETING OF THE CABINET COUNCIL, PRESIDED OVER BY KING CAROL, DECIDED TO DISSOLVE THE DISTOM COMPANY, WHICH SUPPLIES THE GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY WITH SUCH ARTICLES AS TOBACCO AND SOAP, AND REPLACE IT WITH A GOVERNMENT INSTITUTION COMPRISING "PURE ROMANIANS." THE DISTOM COMPANY EMPLOYS MANY JEWS.

THE ARTS MINISTRY REQUESTED ALL THEATRES IN BUCHAREST TO SUBMIT PERSONNEL LISTS TO FACILITATE ELIMINATION OF ALL JEWISH ARTISTS IN THE NATIONAL THEATRE, NATIONAL OPERA AND PRIVATE THEATRES SUBSIDIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE MINISTRY AT THE SAME TIME PROHIBITED A WELL-KNOWN YIDDISH THEATRICAL TROUPE FROM PERFORMING IN ROMANIA. THE TROUPE IS HEADED BY MISS SIDY THAL, ROMANIA'S MOST POPULAR JEWISH ACTRESS.

THE LABOR MINISTRY ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISMISSAL OF ALL JEWISH DOCTORS FROM SOCIAL INSURANCE INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND THEIR REPLACEMENT BY CHRISTIANS.

TWO JEWISH NEWSPAPERMEN IN JASSY, B. CASUNSKI AND I. HUNI, HAVE BEEN ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF SPREADING ALARMIST REPORTS. THEY WILL BE TRIED BY A MILITARY COURT. THE AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED STRICT MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST SPREADING OF UNFOUNDED RUMORS AND EXAGGERATED STATEMENTS ON ROMANIA'S INTERNAL SITUATION.

JUSTICE MINISTER RADULESCU-MEHIDINTI RECEIVED A DELEGATION OF JEWISH LAWYERS HEADED BY DR. SAMUEL SINGER, WHO SUBMITTED A MEMORANDUM ON THE MENACING SITUATION IN WHICH JEWISH ATTORNEYS HAVE BEEN PLACED.

A CONFLICT HAS BROKEN OUT BETWEEN THE UNION OF CHRISTIAN LAWYERS AND THE DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL OF THE ROMANIAN BAR ASSOCIATION OVER THE ELIMINATION OF JEWISH LAWYERS. WHILE THE UNION DEMANDS IMMEDIATE EXPULSION OF JEWISH MEMBERS, THE COUNCIL HAS POSTPONED ACTION UNTIL REVISION OF CITIZENSHIP LISTS HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THE FINAL DECISION RESTS WITH THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, WHO HAS PROMISED TO EXCLUDE JEWISH LAWYERS WHOSE REGISTRATIONS WITH THE BAR ASSOCIATION ARE FOUND NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS.

IRON GUARD SUPPORT WAS PLEDGED THE GOGA GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY BY CORNELIU ZELEAN-CODREANU, WHO SAID HIS ORGANIZATION WOULD BACK THE NATIONALIST REGIME ON BUDGET, ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES AND OTHER URGENT LEGISLATION PROVIDED THE PRESENT PARLIAMENT WERE NOT DISSOLVED. CODREANU WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT COULD NOT POLL 30 PER CENT OF THE VOTE IN NEW ELECTIONS WHILE THE IRON GUARD WOULD DOUBLE ITS VOTE.

- - -

PARIS RALLY PROTESTS RUMANIAN MEASURES

PARIS, JAN. 14. (JTA) -- A RESOLUTION PROTESTING ANTI-SEMITIC MEASURES IN RUMANIA WAS ADOPTED LAST NIGHT AT A PUBLIC MEETING, SPONSORED BY THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH SOCIETIES IN FRANCE. SPEAKERS INCLUDED HENRI JEURNUT, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, WHO READ A REPORT OF A LEAGUE MEETING IN 1919 REVEALING THAT OCTAVIAN GOGA, NOW RUMANIAN PREMIER, AND THE NOTORIOUS ANTI-SEMITES TAKIONESCU AGREED THAT THE JEWS OF GREATER RUMANIA SHOULD POSSESS FULL RIGHTS.

MARC YARBLUM LEFT FOR GENEVA TO PRESENT TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, ON BEHALF OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS AND THE FEDERATION, A PETITION AGAINST RUMANIA'S VIOLATION OF MINORITIES TREATIES.

JEWISH HOLDERS OF THE HIGHEST FRENCH MILITARY DISTINCTION, THE MEDAILLE MILITAIRE, TELEGRAPHED KING CAROL, WHO IS ALSO A HOLDER OF THE MEDAL, REMINDING HIM OF THEIR COMMON FIGHT FOR CIVILIZATION AND JUSTICE WHICH LED TO CREATION OF A GREATER RUMANIA. THE WIRE ASKS CAROL TO AVERT AN "UNDESERVED, UNJUST AND CRUEL FATE" FOR THOUSANDS OF JEWISH FAMILIES.

YUGOSLAV JEWS LOSE ONE SEAT IN PARLIAMENT; REICH FINANCES INCITEMENT

BELGRADE, JAN. 14. (JTA) -- YUGOSLAVIA'S 70,000 JEWS WERE TODAY WITHOUT REPRESENTATION IN EITHER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT AS A RESULT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO RENEW THE APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF RABBI ISAAC ALKALAY, ONLY JEWISH OCCUPANT OF THE SENATE SINCE THAT BODY WAS ESTABLISHED. DR. ALKALAY WAS AN INTIMATE FRIEND OF THE LATE KING ALEXANDER.

NEWS OF DR. ALKALAY'S DROPPING FROM THE SENATE HAS CREATED A PROFOUND IMPRESSION IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, WHICH IS CONCERNED AT THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA.

IT HAS BEEN DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED THAT THE GROWING AGITATION AGAINST JEWS IS STIMULATED BY FUNDS FROM GERMANY, BROUGHT IN THROUGH THE GERMAN STATE TOURIST BUREAU. THE LEADING ANTI-JEWISH ORGAN HERE, BALKAN, IS GERMAN-FINANCED. THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RECENTLY APPEALED TO THE AUTHORITIES TO HALT ITS CAMPAIGN OF SLANDER AND WAS PROMISED AN INVESTIGATION. THE MOST INFLUENTIAL SECTION OF THE YUGOSLAV PRESS IS NOT AFFECTED BY THE PROPAGANDA AGAINST JEWS.

THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR'S ORDER TIGHTENING BORDER CONTROL TO CHECK INFLUX OF JEWISH REFUGEES FROM RUMANIA IS BEING RIGIDLY EXECUTED. A GROUP OF RUMANIAN JEWISH STUDENTS RETURNING TO YUGOSLAV TO RESUME THEIR STUDIES AT UNIVERSITIES HERE AFTER THE HOLIDAYS WAS HALTED AT THE FRONTIER AND REFUSED PERMISSION TO ENTER THE COUNTRY.

(WILLIAM E. DODD, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY, PREDICTED THURSDAY NIGHT THAT THE SITUATION PREVAILING IN RUMANIA WOULD DEVELOP SOON IN YUGOSLAVIA AND AUSTRIA.)

PALESTINE PERMITS CIVIL SERVANTS TO ARM; ACTS TO CHECK MUNITIONS SMUGGLING

JERUSALEM, JAN. 14. (Havas) -- ALL CIVIL SERVANTS WERE GIVEN PERMISSION TO CARRY ARMS BY THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES TODAY IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING FREQUENCY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST THEM. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ALSO WERE WARNED NOT TO VENTURE OUT OF THEIR HOMES AFTER NIGHTFALL.

IN AN ATTEMPT TO CHECK SMUGGLING OF ARMS AND MUNITIONS FROM TRANSJORDAN INTO PALESTINE, THE GOVERNMENT ALSO DISPATCHED NEW TROOPS TO THE JORDAN VALLEY, ADJACENT TO THE PALESTINE-TRANSJORDAN FRONTIER, TO REINFORCE BORDER PATROLS.

THE POLICE DECIDED TO COPE WITH ELUSIVE ARMED TERRORISTS BY ORDERING MORE OF THE POLICE DOGS BRED IN SOUTH AFRICA WHICH HAVE PROVED USEFUL IN TRACKING DOWN CRIMINALS.

- - -

MOSLEMS IN ETHIOPIA AID ARABS

ROME, JAN. 14. (JTA) -- MOSLEM COMMUNITIES IN ETHIOPIA HAVE COLLECTED 100,000 LIRA TO AID THE PALESTINE ARABS IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND JEWS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY.

DODD PREDICTS YUGOSLAVIA, AUSTRIA WILL FOLLOW RUMANIA'S PATH

NEW YORK, JAN. 14. (JTA) -- WILLIAM E. DODD, FORMER UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY, PREDICTED LAST NIGHT THAT AUSTRIA AND YUGOSLAVIA WOULD IN A SHORT TIME FOLLOW RUMANIA'S POLITICAL PATH.

DR. DODD TOLD ABOUT 3,000 PERSONS AT AN ANTI-HITLER MASS MEETING, AFTER REFERRING TO RUMANIA, "I LOOK FOR THE SAME SITUATION TO COME IN TWO OTHER STATES IN A SHORT TIME." QUESTIONED AFTER HIS ADDRESS BY THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, HE ASSERTED THAT THE REFERENCE WAS TO AUSTRIA AND YUGOSLAVIA.

OTHERS WHO ADDRESSED THE MEETING AT THE MANHATTAN OPERA HOUSE, SPONSORED BY THE JOINT BOYCOTT COUNCIL TO MARK THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HITLER'S ASCENSION IN GERMANY, URGED DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY AGAINST FASCISM. DR. JOSEPH TENENBAUM, WHO PRESIDED, DEMANDED THAT THE UNITED STATES ADOPT A "BAD NEIGHBOR POLICY" AGAINST GERMANY. DR. STEPHEN S. WISE URGED A BOYCOTT OF JAPAN AS WELL AS GERMANY. MAX BRAUER, EXILED FORMER MAYOR OF ALTONA, GERMANY, ASKED, IN A GERMAN ADDRESS, MOBILIZATION OF ALL DEMOCRACIES TO DEFEND CIVILIZATION AGAINST NAZISM. OTHER SPEAKERS WERE CITY COUNCILLOR B.C. VLADECK, CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE J.B.C.; TRANSIT COMMISSIONER M. MALDWIN FERTIG AND DR. FRANK BOHN, ECONOMIST.

A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED CALLING HITLERISM "THE GRAVEST MENACE TO PEACE, CIVILIZATION AND DEMOCRACY," ASKING INTENSIFICATION OF THE ANTI-NAZI BOYCOTT AND CONDEMNING GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN THE 1939 NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR.

DR. DODD SAID: "I HOPE YOU PEOPLE CAN BE ABLE TO AVOID RACE CONFLICT IN THE UNITED STATES. AND I THINK THAT CAN BE DONE IF MEN DO NOT PURSUE PURELY RACIAL INTERESTS. THEY NEED TO PURSUE DEMOCRATIC POLICY. AND IF THAT CAN BE DONE, I THINK WE SHALL BE ABLE YET TO RENDER A SERVICE TO THOSE TROUBLED PEOPLE ON THE OTHER SIDE.

"THERE WERE 300 ON THE SHIP THAT BROUGHT ME OVER. PERHAPS SOME OF THEM ARE HERE. NOW, THOSE 300 COULD NOT BE HERE IF SOMEBODY WERE NOT HELPING, BECAUSE, NO MATTER HOW MUCH PROPERTY THEY HAD, THEY COULD ONLY TAKE OUT TEN MARKS.

"THAT IS ONE OF THE GREAT PROBLEMS OF TODAY; NAMELY, TO TREAT ALL RACES WITH FAIRNESS, GIVING EVERY MAN OF ANY RACE AT ALL THE SAME KIND OF A CHANCE TO DEVELOP HIS OWN ABILITIES AND TO SERVE HIS OWN FAMILY AND HIS PUBLIC WITHOUT THE PRIVILEGE OF ABUSING HIS FELLOWS."

- - -

REICH PROTESTS "INSULT"; HULL SAYS DODD IS PRIVATE CITIZEN

WASHINGTON, JAN. 14. (JTA) -- GERMAN AMBASSADOR HANS DIECKHOFF ORALLY PROTESTED TO SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL TODAY AGAINST WILLIAM E. DODD'S NEW YORK ADDRESS LAST NIGHT AS AN "UNHEARD-OF INSULT" TO A FRIENDLY NATION AND WAS REMINDED OF AMERICANS' FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

AMBASSADOR DIECKHOFF REFERRED TO REMARKS MADE BY THE FORMER AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY. DR. DODD, ADDRESSING A DINNER IN HIS HONOR AT THE HOTEL WALDORF-ASTORIA, DESCRIBED HITLER'S SUPPRESSION OF FREEDOM, EXECUTION OF PERSONAL ENEMIES, HIS AIMS TO RULE EUROPE AND PERSECUTION OF JEWS.

MR. HULL ANNOUNCED AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE HAD TOLD HERR DIECKHOFF THAT SINCE HIS RESIGNATION AS AMBASSADOR, DR. DODD WAS A PRIVATE CITIZEN; HIS UTTERANCES DID NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND THAT AMERICANS HAVE FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

JEWISH STATE PARTY QUESTIONS WEIZMANN ON PURPORTED LETTER TO ORMSBY-GORE

TEL AVIV, JAN. 14. (JTA) -- THE JEWISH STATE PARTY TODAY PUBLISHED AN OPEN LETTER TO DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, QUESTIONING HIM ON EXTRACTS FROM THE PURPORTED DRAFT OF A LETTER BY DR. WEIZMANN TO COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM ORMSBY-GORE LAST JULY 20 CONFIRMING A CONVERSATION ON PROPOSED PARTITION OF PALESTINE THE PREVIOUS DAY.

THE OPEN LETTER IS PUBLISHED AS A ONE-DAY NEWSPAPER CALLED HAMISHPAT (JUDGMENT) AND QUOTES THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH FROM THE WEIZMANN DOCUMENT: "AT THE END OF OUR CONVERSATION, WHICH DEALT WITH THESE MAJOR POINTS (CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES IN THE PARTITION PLAN LISTED BY DR. WEIZMANN) I TOLD YOU THAT IF THEY COULD BE SATISFACTORILY SETTLED I SHOULD PERSONALLY SUPPORT ACCEPTANCE OF THE PARTITION SCHEME."

MEIR GROSSMAN, HEAD OF THE JEWISH STATE PARTY, RECENTLY WAS SUSPENDED BY A ZIONIST COURT OF HONOR FROM ALL ZIONIST POSTS FOR HAVING PUBLISHED THE PURPORTED DRAFT OF THE WEIZMANN LETTER DURING THE LAST ZIONIST CONGRESS.

BRAZIL NAMES COMMISSION TO MODIFY IMMIGRATION LAWS

NEW YORK, JAN. 14. (JTA) -- THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAS APPOINTED A COMMISSION, THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED TODAY FROM RIO DE JANEIRO, TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL STATUS FOR THE 800 TO 1,000 JEWISH EMIGRES FROM EUROPE, WHOSE DEPORTATION WAS RECENTLY SUSPENDED. THE COMMISSION WILL DEVISE A FORMULA FOR SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL WORKERS, SETTLERS AND TECHNICIANS AND OTHERWISE MODIFY EXISTING IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS.

ALBERT OTTINGER, FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL, DIES AT 59

NEW YORK, JAN. 14. (JTA) -- ALBERT OTTINGER, FORMER STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, FORMER ASSISTANT UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR, WHO WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE DRIVE IN NEW YORK IN 1931, DIED AT HIS HOME YESTERDAY AT THE AGE OF 59.