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### JEWS BARRED BY OFFICIAL DECREE FROM EMPLOYING CHRISTIAN MAIDS IN RUMANIA

BUCHAREST, JAN. 16. (JTA) -- A DECREE PROHIBITING JEWS FROM EMPLOYING CHRISTIAN MAIDS UNDER 40 YEARS OF AGE WAS ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY TODAY. THE DECREE, SIMILAR TO ONE ENFORCED IN GERMANY UNDER THE NUREMBERG LAWS, HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED BY GEORG CUZA, PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER, BUT HAD BEEN REPUDIATED BY PREMIER GOGA. PROTEST AGAINST THE REPUDIATION, VOICED BY ALEXANDER CUZA, MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO AND FATHER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER, RESULTED IN THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DECREE STATES: "IN VIEW OF NUMEROUS CASES WHERE IT WAS FOUND THAT JEWISH EMPLOYERS HIRE YOUNG CHRISTIAN GIRLS WITH THE OBJECT OF PROSTITUTING THEM, WE DECIDE, FIRSTLY, THAT ALL JEWS ARE PROHIBITED FROM HIRING AND KEEPING AS SERVANTS CHRISTIAN WOMEN BELOW THE AGE OF 40, SECONDLY, THAT THE LABOR EXCHANGES SHALL REFUSE ALL ENGAGEMENTS CONTRARY TO THE ABOVE PROVISIONS, THIRDLY, THE DIRECTOR OF LABOR IS CHARGED WITH FULFILLMENT OF THIS DECISION."

THE FEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL UNIONS, COMPRISING DOCTORS, ENGINEERS, LAWYERS, ARCHITECTS, ARTISTS, TEACHERS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL MEN, HAS DECIDED TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT REQUESTING COMPLETE "ROMANIZATION" OF THE FREE PROFESSIONS.

### GOGA TO PUT JEWISH PROBLEM BEFORE LEAGUE, HE TELLS ITALIAN PAPER

ROME, JAN. 16. (HAVAS) -- DEFIANCE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND A WARNING TO JEWISH "VAGABONDS" FLEEING TO RUMANIA FROM NEIGHBORING STATES WAS VOICED BY PREMIER OCTAVIAN GOGA IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE AUTHORITATIVE FASCIST NEWSPAPER GIORNALE D'ITALIA.

IN ANOTHER INTERVIEW, PROF. ALEXANDER CUZA, MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO DENOUNCED THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AS "A LEAGUE OF JEWS CONSTITUTED TO DOMINATE THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD."

THE RUMANIAN LEADERS WERE INTERVIEWED BY VIRGINIO GAYDA, EDITOR OF GIORNALE D'ITALIA, WHO ARRIVED IN BUCHAREST ON SATURDAY AND WAS GRANTED AN IMMEDIATE AUDIENCE BY GOGA. SOME BUCHAREST NEWSPAPERS SAID GAYDA HAD BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH A SPECIAL MISSION TO THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT BY PREMIER MUSSOLINI.

DISCUSSING THE ANTI-SEMITIC VIEWS OF THE NEW BUCHAREST GOVERNMENT, GOGA DECLARED THAT "IT IS APPARENT THAT THIS ANTI-SEMITISM IS NOT MOTIVATED BY A XENOPHOBIA DOCTRINE." HE ASSERTED:

"I DO NOT FEAR THE THREATS OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND I, MYSELF, WILL PRESENT THIS PROBLEM TO GENEVA. THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS SHOULD ACT TO REPATRIATE ALL PERSONS IN FLIGHT FROM THEIR COUNTRIES WHO INVADE RUMANIA."

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JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS LEAGUE FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

GENEVA, JAN. 16. (JTA) -- A WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PETITION ASKING THE LEAGUE COUNCIL TO APPLY URGENT PROCEDURE (WHICH MEANS IMMEDIATE ACTION) TO REESTABLISH THE RUMANIAN JEWS IN THEIR RIGHTS WAS SUBMITTED TO SECRETARY-GENERAL JOSEPH AVENOL. THE PETITION CONSISTS OF EIGHT PAGES AND IS ACCOMPANIED BY APPENDICES OF MORE THAN 100 PAGES WHICH DESCRIBE THE POSITION OF RUMANIA'S JEWS AND ENUMERATE PREMIER OTAVIAN GOGA'S LATEST ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES. THE DOCUMENT CITES STATISTICS PREPARED BY THE LEAGUE AND RUMANIA.

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NO FEAR OF VIOLENCE, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, JAN. 16. (JTA) -- INITIAL FEARS OF ANTI-JEWISH VIOLENCE HAVE VANISHED AND RUMANIA'S FACE, DESPITE SELFISHLY-DICTATED FULMINATIONS AGAINST JEWS AND JEWISH INTERESTS, REMAINS UNCHANGED, THE BUCHAREST CORRESPONDENT OF THE DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTS.

JEWISH GUARD KILLED, ANOTHER INJURED IN JERUSALEM ATTACK

JERUSALEM, JAN. 16. (JTA) -- A JEWISH GHAFFIR (SPECIAL GUARD) WAS KILLED YESTERDAY AND ANOTHER SLIGHTLY INJURED WHILE GUARDING THE SANHEDRIA SECTION OF JERUSALEM. ISAAC ZINBERG, THE INJURED GUARD, SAW TWO ARABS ESCAPING INTO THE SUBURBAN VILLAGE OF LIFTA. THE SLAIN GUARD, SAMUEL LEVY, WAS A YEMENITE. HE LEFT A WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN. BOTH WERE AMONG THE 650 JEWISH GHAFFIRS APPOINTED RECENTLY.

REICH JEWS APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT AGAINST FURTHER ECONOMIC CURBS

LONDON, JAN. 16. (JTA) -- THE COUNCIL OF THE REICHSVERTRETUNG DER JUDEN IN DEUTSCHLAND, JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE BODY IN GERMANY, HAS APPEALED TO THE REICH GOVERNMENT NOT TO CONTRACT FURTHER THE ECONOMIC POSSIBILITIES OF THE JEWS LEST A CONSIDERABLE PART OF THE JEWS BE THROWN ON CHARITY.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL IN BERLIN STATES:

"A CONSIDERABLE PART OF JEWRY IN GERMANY, IN WHICH OLDER CLASSES PREDOMINATE, IS INCAPABLE OF EMIGRATING AND WILL END ITS DAYS IN GERMANY. IF IT IS NOT TO BECOME A BURDEN ON THE PUBLIC WELFARE SYSTEM, MEANS FOR OBTAINING A LIVELIHOOD MUST NOT BE COMPLETELY CLOSED TO IT. EVEN THE CONTINUATION OF ORDERED EMIGRATION - AND ONLY THAT KEEPS THE EMIGRATING DOORS OPEN - IS POSSIBLE ONLY IF THE ECONOMIC EXISTENCE BASIS OF JEWS IN GERMANY IS NOT FURTHER CURTAILED.

"NOW JEWS HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM POLITICAL, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL LIFE AND FROM ALL LEADING ECONOMIC POSITIONS. WE APPEAL TO THE REICH GOVERNMENT TO END THE FURTHER CONTRACTION OF EXISTING POSSIBILITIES OF THE JEWS IN GERMANY. WE HOPE FURTHER THAT THE POSSIBILITY FOR PERSONAL INTERCOURSE BETWEEN THOSE WHO HAVE EMIGRATED AND THEIR RELATIVES REMAINING IN GERMANY WILL NOT BE INHIBITED."

THE COUNCIL ALSO APPEALED TO THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT AND OVERSEAS COUNTRIES WITH SPARSELY SETTLED AREAS NOT TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS TO JEWISH IMMIGRANTS, ESPECIALLY YOUNG AND TRAINED IMMIGRANTS FROM GERMANY.

COMMITTEE HITS PARTITION, URGES U.S. ACTION ON RUMANIA, SEES JEWS' FATE LINKED WITH DEMOCRACY

NEW YORK, JAN. 16. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee, holding its thirty-first annual meeting today at the Hotel Astor, voiced opposition to proposed partition of Palestine, urged the United States to intercede in behalf of Rumanian Jewry and expressed the conviction that the welfare of Jews and other minorities depended upon maintenance of democratic ideals.

The conference, attended by 250 Jewish leaders from all over the country, unanimously adopted a resolution which: 1) expresses opposition to partition as ignoring all of the guarantees embodied in the Balfour Declaration, 2) favors continuance of the present mandate until "another solution that will preserve the guarantees of the Balfour Declaration is offered by the British Government," 3) expresses confidence in the "sense of justice and fairness of the people of Great Britain," 4) pledges the Committee's cooperation with other bodies, "particularly the Jewish Agency, to help bring about a just, equitable, and workable solution of the present Palestine problem."

Another resolution expresses the Committee's appreciation of steps already taken by the State Department in behalf of Rumanian Jewry and urges passage of a resolution introduced by Senator James J. Davis calling upon the United States to intercede to prevent threatened execution of the Rumanian Government's anti-Semitic program.

In the executive committee's annual report, presented by Morris D. Waldman, secretary, the belief was expressed that the welfare of Jews and other minorities depended upon maintenance of democratic ideals. The report summarizes the Committee's activities during 1937, analyzes outstanding international developments in that period and draws the following two conclusions concerning world affairs:

"First, that the democratic states are becoming increasingly aware of the need to present a united front against the aggressor nations in order to preserve peace and democracy; and second, that the welfare of minorities is today more than ever dependent upon the maintenance of democratic ideals in countries where democracy prevails, and upon the establishment of democratic ideals in countries where democracy is not yet assured."

In the principal address, Dr. Cyrus Adler, president, paid tribute to the late Felix M. Warburg, summarizing his efforts in behalf of the many causes which engaged him during his lifetime.

Dr. Adler severely criticized the Royal Commission for projecting the "thesis that Jews and Arabs cannot live together." Referring to proposed creation of a Jewish State, he declared "it is, from the point of view of economics or government, as vis-a-vis the Arab State, quite impossible; the plan spells failure in advance."

"Britain having in Palestine made a failure unequalled since the failure she made in colonial government when she had to part with the American colonies," he continued, "is in my opinion now preparing for another failure even greater, and though it is a little spot in the world -- a notch I think Lord Balfour once called it -- it is a notch on which the eyes of the whole world are centered."

Touching on the Rumanian situation, Dr. Adler declared it was hardly possible that Rumania would become "an exact replica of Germany, because, surely, even with their very slight sense of humor, the Rumanians could not set up the claim that they are 'Aryans.'" Other speakers included Sol M. Stroock, George Z. Medalie and Harold K. Guinzburg, who submitted a report on a special committee's educational work.

JEWISH, NON-JEWISH RUMANIANS HERE URGE KING CAROL TO PROTECT JEWS

NEW YORK, JAN. 16. (JTA) -- AN EMERGENCY CONFERENCE OF SOME 300 REPRESENTATIVES OF RUMANIAN-AMERICAN JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS, CALLED TO CONSIDER THE ANTI-SEMITIC POLICY OF THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT, APPEALED TO KING CAROL TODAY TO PREVENT ACTS BY THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT "WHICH MIGHT REMOVE THE NAME OF RUMANIA FROM THE ROSTER OF ENLIGHTENED AND HUMANE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD."

A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ASKING KING CAROL "TO TAKE SUCH STEPS AS WILL PREVENT THE ENACTMENT OR ENFORCEMENT, BY DECREE OR OTHERWISE, OF ANY LAW OR ACT WHICH SHALL ATTEMPT TO DEPRIVE JEWISH INHABITANTS AND OTHER MINORITIES OF ANY RIGHTS GUARANTEED TO THEM BY THE CONSTITUTION." THE RESOLUTION RECALLED JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO RUMANIA'S WELFARE.

THE CONFERENCE, HELD AT THE HOTEL ASTOR, WAS CALLED ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE UNITED RUMANIAN JEWS OF AMERICA. THE DELEGATES REPRESENTED ABOUT 60 ORGANIZATIONS. ONE OF THE SPEAKERS WAS BASIL ALEXANDER, PRESIDENT OF THE NON-JEWISH SONS OF RUMANIA, WHO SAID HIS ORGANIZATION HAD CABLED AN APPEAL TO CAROL SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE CONFERENCE.

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS WILL MEET JAN. 30 IN NEW YORK TO CONSIDER A PROGRAM OF ACTION IN BEHALF OF THE RUMANIAN JEWS. A MEMBER OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MEETING.

ZOA DECLARES READINESS TO CONSIDER JEWISH STATE PLAN; HITS 'UNAUTHORIZED' NEGOTIATIONS

NEW YORK, JAN. 16. (JTA) -- THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA'S ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED ITS READINESS TODAY TO CONSIDER WITHOUT PREJUDICE THE PLAN FOR A JEWISH STATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE SPECIAL ZIONIST CONGRESS BY THE JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE, AND ALSO CONDEMNED UNAUTHORIZED POLITICAL ACTIVITIES "DESIGNED TO CREATE THE FALSE IMPRESSION THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE REJECT ANY PROPOSAL FOR A JEWISH STATE, AND PROPOSING TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THE CRYSTALLIZATION OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME."

THE VIEWS WERE CONTAINED IN A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 44 TO 4 AT AN EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE HOTEL ASTOR. DR. STEPHEN S. WISE, PRESIDENT OF THE Z.O.A., WHO VOTED FOR THE RESOLUTION, ISSUED A SEPARATE STATEMENT, TO WHICH ROBERT SZOLD AND OTHERS SUBSCRIBED, DECLARING: "NOTHING IN THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS EXPRESSING AN OPINION ON PARTICIPATION, WHICH ISSUE WAS LEFT OPEN BY THE RESOLUTION OF THE ZURICH CONGRESS AND HAS BEEN REFERRED FOR DECISION TO THE NEXT ZIONIST CONGRESS."

BULLETINSBRITISH JEWS BACK DOMINION PLAN

LONDON, JAN. 16. (JTA) -- THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS DECIDED OVERWHELMINGLY TODAY TO WELCOME A SOLUTION OF PALESTINE'S FUTURE PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH DOMINION WITH THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS. (DETAILS IN TOMORROW'S JTA NEWS.)

LEON BLUM FORMS FRENCH CABINET

PARIS, JAN. 16. (HAVAS) -- LEON BLUM, SOCIALIST PARTY CHIEF, TONIGHT UNDERTOOK THE TASK OF FORMING A NEW PEOPLE'S FRONT GOVERNMENT. (M. BLUM WAS VICE-PREMIER IN THE CHAUTEMPS GOVERNMENT AND PREMIER IN THE POPULAR FRONT GOVERNMENT WHICH PRECEDED IT.)