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NEW REPRESSIVE MEASURES LISTED IN RUMANIA; MINISTERS DIFFER ON STATUS OF JEWS

BUCHAREST, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- NEW DECREES THAT ARE ANTI-SEMITIC IN CHARACTER WERE ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY WHILE THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ISSUED A STATEMENT ON REVISION OF CITIZENSHIP THAT APPARENTLY CONTRADICTS ONE MADE IN GENEVA YESTERDAY BY FOREIGN MINISTER ISTRATE MICESCU.

THE IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE OF THE LABOR MINISTRY ANNOUNCED WITHDRAWAL OF RESIDENTIAL PERMITS FROM FOREIGN CITIZENS WHOSE FIRMS REGISTERED IN RUMANIA AFTER JAN. 1, 1930. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS TO BE MADE WILL BE IN THE CASE OF FOREIGNERS WHOSE ACTIVITIES ARE DEEMED TO BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE STATE. NO INDICATION WAS GIVEN AS TO DISPOSITION OF THE ENTERPRISES OPERATED BY THE FOREIGNERS AFFECTED, MANY OF WHOM ARE JEWS.

AT THE SAME TIME TARA NOASTRA, OFFICIAL ORGAN OF PREMIER GOGA'S NATIONAL CHRISTIAN PARTY, REPORTED THAT JEWS HAVE BEEN BARRED FROM OBTAINING FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR TRAVEL ABROAD, EXCEPT FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES.

JUSTICE MINISTER RADULESCU-MEHEDINTI, IN A STATEMENT ON REVISION OF CITIZENSHIPS, DECLARED THERE WAS NO CAUSE FOR ANXIETY ON THE PART OF JEWS WHOSE RESIDENCE IN RUMANIA DATED BEFORE THE WAR. JEWS IN THAT CATEGORY, HE SAID, ARE PROTECTED BY INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND BY RUMANIAN LAW. (IN GENEVA YESTERDAY, THE JOURNAL DE GENEVA QUOTED FOREIGN MINISTER MICESCU AS STATING THE MINORITIES TREATY WAS INAPPLICABLE TO RUMANIAN JEWS, AND THAT RUMANIAN JEWS WHO WISHED TO CONSIDER THEMSELVES A NATIONAL MINORITY WOULD HAVE TO "SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES.")

THE JUSTICE MINISTER ADDED THAT THE REVISIONS WOULD AFFECT ONLY THOSE FOUND TO HAVE OBTAINED NATURALIZATION FRAUDULENTLY. HE SAID THE FACT THAT THEY WERE BEING CARRIED OUT BY JUDICIAL BODIES WAS A GUARANTEE THAT NO MISTAKES WOULD BE COMMITTED. HE ASSERTED CITIZENSHIP WOULD BE WITHDRAWN ONLY FROM PERSONS WHO FAILED TO FULFILL THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 7 OF THE PARIS TREATY FOR PROTECTION OF MINORITIES.

NEWSPAPERS REPORTED TODAY THAT IMPORT QUOTAS GRANTED TO LOCAL FIRMS WILL BE REVISED.

CONGRESS REFUTES MICESCU ASSERTIONS

GENEVA, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- REPLYING TO A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER MICESCU YESTERDAY THAT THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT DIFFERENTIATED BETWEEN POST-WAR AND PRE-WAR JEWISH RESIDENTS, THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TODAY DECLARED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-SEMITIC MEASURES REFERRED TO ALL JEWS. THE COMMITTEE CITED PARTICULARLY THE DECREE FORBIDDING JEWS TO EMPLOY CHRISTIAN MAIDS UNDER 40 YEARS OF AGE. IT ALSO POINTED OUT THAT PERSONS REGARDED BY MICESCU AS IMMIGRANTS WERE IN REALITY OLD INHABITANTS OF FORMER AUSTRIAN, RUSSIAN, AND HUNGARIAN PROVINCES AND THEREFORE RUMANIAN CITIZENS IN THE SENSE OF THE MINORITIES TREATY.

CITIZENSHIP OF AT LEAST 40,000 JEWS TO BE REVOKED; 50,000 HELD STATELESS ALREADY.

BUCHAREST (JTA - BY MAIL) -- WHATEVER MAY BE THE CHARACTER OF THE MEASURES OF THE NEW RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE JEWS, IT IS CERTAIN THAT IT WILL REVOKE THE CITIZENSHIP OF AT LEAST 40,000, THE RUMANIAN PRESS REPORTS HERE. THIS NUMBER INCLUDES ONLY JEWS IN THE ANNEXED PROVINCES NATURALIZED SINCE THE WAR UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR MINORITY RIGHTS EMBODIED LATER IN THE RUMANIAN CONSTITUTION.

IN ADDITION TO THIS NUMBER, THERE ARE ABOUT 50,000 RUMANIAN-BORN JEWS WHOM THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS AS "STATELESS" AND SUBJECT TO DEPORTATION SINCE THEY FAILED TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS AND OPT FOR THE CITIZENSHIP WHICH HAD BEEN DENIED TO THEM IN THE OLD KINGDOM OF RUMANIA BEFORE THE WAR.

THOUGH THE JEWISH POPULATION OF THE OLD KINGDOM BEFORE THE WAR, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL STATISTICS, WAS 243,225, NO JEW, UNDER THE THEN EXISTING LAWS, COULD BECOME A CITIZEN UNLESS CITIZENSHIP WAS VOTED HIM BY A MAJORITY OF THE PARLIAMENT. THUS, IN THE COURSE OF FORTY YEARS, PRIOR TO THE WORLD WAR, ONLY ABOUT 200 JEWS OF THE ENTIRE JEWISH POPULATION OF THE OLD RUMANIAN KINGDOM BECAME CITIZENS. ABOUT 800 MORE JEWS WERE GRANTED CITIZENSHIP AFTER THE WAR WITH TURKEY, IN 1877, IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR WAR SERVICES. THE BULK OF THE RUMANIAN-BORN JEWISH POPULATION BECAME RUMANIAN CITIZENS ONLY AFTER THE WORLD WAR IN 1919, UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS GUARANTEEING EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL MINORITIES AND UNDER SPECIAL RUMANIAN DECREES EMBODIED IN THE RUMANIAN CONSTITUTION IN 1923.

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THIS CITIZENSHIP, REGARDLESS OF RUMANIAN BIRTH, JEWS HAD TO APPLY FOR IT. IT IS NOW ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 50,000 RUMANIAN-BORN JEWS NEGLECTED TO APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP OUT OF IGNORANCE OF THE LAW. MOST OF THEM ARE RESIDENTS OF VILLAGES AND SMALL TOWNS. THESE JEWS, WHOSE FATHERS AND FOREFATHERS WERE BORN ON RUMANIAN SOIL, ARE NOW TO BE CONSIDERED "STATELESS" AND MAY BE DEPORTED. AMONG THEM ARE WIDOWS OF JEWS WHO FELL FIGHTING FOR RUMANIA IN THE WORLD WAR AS WELL AS CHILDREN OF EX-SERVICEMEN.

AS TO THE JEWS IN THE ANNEXED PROVINCES WHO WERE NATURALIZED AFTER THE WAR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MINORITIES PROTECTION AGREEMENTS, THEIR NUMBER IS NOW ESTIMATED AT ABOUT HALF A MILLION, SINCE THE OFFICIAL DATE GIVES THE NUMBER OF JEWS IN ALL RUMANIA AS 721,000. THIS NUMBER INCLUDES JEWS WHO WERE FORMERLY AUSTRIAN, BULGARIAN, HUNGARIAN AND RUSSIAN CITIZENS, BUT BECAME RUMANIAN AFTER THE TERRITORIES WHERE THEY RESIDED WERE ANNEXED BY RUMANIA.

THE J.T.A. LEARNS FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE HERE THAT AT THE END OF THE WAR THERE WERE 232,000 JEWS IN OLD RUMANIA, 265,000 JEWS IN BESSARABIA, 120,000 JEWS IN BUCOVINA AND 170,000 JEWS IN TRANSYLVANIA. THE NUMBER OF JEWISH REFUGEES IN RUMANIA NEVER EXCEEDED 50,000.

DANISH COURT CONFIRMS, INCREASES JAIL TERMS FOR NAZI EDITORS

COPENHAGEN, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- THE HIGH COURT TODAY CONFIRMED SHORT PRISON SENTENCES PASSED ON THREE NAZI EDITORS LAST SEPT. 8 FOR DEFAMING THE JEWISH RELIGION AND RAISED THE SENTENCES OF TWO OTHERS. THE TERM OF WALDEMAR JENSEN, EDITOR OF THE STORMEN, WAS RAISED BY TWENTY DAYS, AND THAT OF AAGE ANDERSEN, LEADER OF THE DANISH NAZIS, FROM 60 TO 80 DAYS. THE COURT CONFIRMED SENTENCES OF 40 DAYS ON LEMVIGH MUELLER, "INDEPENDENT" ANTI-SEMITIC; 80 DAYS ON N. OLSEN, EDITOR OF THE NATIONAL SOZIALISTISCHEN MONATSHEFTE, AND 20 DAYS ON N. MOELLER.

AS THE JOURNALISTS' RE-TRIAL BEGAN YESTERDAY, COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENDANTS CONTENDED THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE COURT WAS NOT QUALIFIED TO SIT ON THE GROUND THAT HIS GRANDMOTHER WAS JEWISH.

SHANGHAI JEWS GET RELIEF FROM LONDON MAYORS' FUND; SEEK MATZOTH

SHANGHAI, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- LEADERS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY TODAY RENEWED AN APPEAL TO AMERICAN JEWISH GROUPS TO PROVIDE MATZOTH FOR THE PASSOVER FESTIVAL, DECLARING THAT WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MATZOTH FACTORY HERE THE JEWS FACED THEIR FIRST PASSOVER WITHOUT THE RITUAL UNLEAVENED BREAD.

THE LONDON LORD MAYOR'S SHANGHAI RELIEF COMMITTEE HAS GIVEN 2,000 SHANGHAI DOLLARS FOR JEWISH RELIEF.

ARMY COURT DOOMS ARAB FOUNDED WITH POLICE RIFLE

JERUSALEM, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- A MILITARY COURT TODAY SENTENCED AHMED TAHA, AN ARAB, TO DEATH FOR POSSESSION OF A RIFLE STOLEN FROM THE DAHARIA POLICE STATION.

PALESTINE TEACHERS CALL STRIKE AS PEACE TALKS FAIL

JERUSALEM, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- JEWISH TEACHERS THROUGHOUT PALESTINE WILL GO OUT ON STRIKE NEXT SUNDAY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY FOLLOWING COLLAPSE OF PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS OVER SALARY AND OTHER QUESTIONS AT ISSUE. THE VAAD LEUMI (JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL), WHICH DIRECTS JEWISH EDUCATION, CALLED A SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER THE SITUATION.

JAPANESE SEEK PACTS FOR PURCHASE OF PALESTINE CITRUS PRODUCTS

TEL AVIV, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- A JAPANESE TRADE DELEGATION TODAY PAID WARM TRIBUTE TO JEWISH UPBUILDING WORK IN PALESTINE, DECLARED JEWS WERE THE BEST PURCHASER OF JAPANESE GOODS AND DISCLOSED NEGOTIATIONS WERE IN PROGRESS WITH PALESTINE FIRMS FOR AN INCREASE IN EXPORTS, INCLUDING CITRUS PRODUCTS, TO JAPAN.

COURT ASKED TO VOID CHICAGO BAN ON ANTI-NAZI FILM; 8,200 THEATRES TO SCREEN NEWSREEL

NEW YORK, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- A FEDERAL COURT INJUNCTION WAS SOUGHT IN CHICAGO TODAY AGAINST THE POLICE BAN ON SHOWING OF THE MARCH OF TIME FILM, "INSIDE NAZI GERMANY - 1938," WHILE THE PICTURE WAS TEMPORARILY WITHDRAWN FROM 425 WARNER BROTHERS THEATRES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

WARNER BROTHERS REFUSED TO INDICATE WHY THE PICTURE HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN. ITS ACTION, HOWEVER, WAS NOT EXPECTED TO AFFECT SERIOUSLY DISTRIBUTION OF THE FILM, SINCE IT WAS STATED AT MARCH OF TIME OFFICES HERE THAT THE NEWSREELS WERE RELEASED IN 8,200 THEATRES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING R.K.O., FOX AND OTHER CIRCUITS.

WORLD BRIEFS

WARSAW, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- THE POLISH RABBIS' ASSOCIATION TOLD THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY TODAY THAT IT HAD RECEIVED REPORTS FROM RUSSIA TELLING OF THE ARRESTS OF MANY RABBIS THERE. AMONG THOSE REPORTED SEIZED IS RABBI ITZCHAK TWERSKI OF KIEV, SON-IN-LAW OF THE NOTED CZECHANOWER RABBI.

WARSAW, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- THE SUPREME COURT HAS ORDERED A RE-TRIAL IN THE LUBLIN COURT OF APPEALS FOR ISAAC FRIEDMAN, SENTENCED TO THREE-AND-A-HALF YEARS' IMPRISONMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRZYTYK POGROM OF MARCH, 1936, AND CONFIRMED A SEVEN-YEAR SENTENCE OF SHOLEM LESKO, CONVICTED OF FATALLY SHOOTING A GENTILE, AND A FIVE-YEAR TERM OF ELIEZER KIRSHENZWEIG.

BUDAPEST, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- THE SUPREME COURT TODAY REFUSED TO SET ASIDE A TWO-MONTH SENTENCE IMPOSED ON MAJOR FRANZ SZALASI, HUNGARIAN NAZI LEADER, FOR INSULTING THE JEWISH RELIGION.

AMSTERDAM, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- FEARING EXPULSION FROM HOLLAND, ISAAC ENGEL, 35, A POLISH-JEWISH REFUGEE FROM GERMANY, COMMITTED SUICIDE TODAY IN THE GARDEN OF THE HOME FOR JEWISH INVALIDS.

LONDON, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- THE CURRENT ISSUE OF DER STUERMER, NAZI ANTI-SEMITIC WEEKLY PUBLISHED BY JULIUS STREICHER, HAS BEEN SUPPRESSED ALL OVER GERMANY, IT WAS REPORTED HERE TODAY, PURPORTEDLY FOR AN ATTACK AGAINST THE BERLIN FOREIGN CURRENCY OFFICE, WHICH IS ACCUSED OF VIOLATING EXCHANGE REGULATIONS IN FAVOR OF JEWS WHO DESIRED TO STUDY IN SWITZERLAND.

VIENNA, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- CHANCELLOR KURT SCHUSCHNIGG TODAY RECEIVED SHOLEM ASCH, YIDDISH NOVELIST, AND ASSURED HIM THAT JEWISH RIGHTS IN AUSTRIA WOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED. THE JEWISH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCED RECEIPT OF A 10,000-SCHILLING DONATION FROM CHANCELLOR SCHUSCHNIGG FOR ITS WINTER RELIEF CAMPAIGN.

VIENNA, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- DECLINE IN VIENNA'S JEWISH POPULATION, RESULT OF THE HIGHEST MORTALITY SINCE THE WAR AND A LARGE NUMBER OF CONVERSIONS, WAS REVEALED TODAY IN FIGURES PUBLISHED BY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY'S STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT. THE NUMBER OF DEATHS IN 1937 TOTALLED 2,824 AS AGAINST 720 BIRTHS, WHILE 620 JEWS EMBRACED CHRISTIANITY.

PARIS, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- DAVID J. SCHWEITZER, EUROPEAN VICE-DIRECTOR AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, SAILED YESTERDAY ON THE AQUITANIA FOR NEW YORK, WHERE HE WILL REPORT ON THE JEWISH SITUATION IN RUMANIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

NEW YORK, JAN. 20. (JTA) -- GREAT BRITAIN HAS NOT ABANDONED THE PALESTINE PARTITION PLAN, DR. BERNARD JOSEPH, LEGAL ADVISER OF THE JEWISH AGENCY, STATED YESTERDAY ON ARRIVING ON THE BERENGARIA FROM JERUSALEM FOR A MONTH'S VISIT HERE DURING WHICH HE WILL CONFER WITH JEWISH LEADERS AND ADDRESS THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINE IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEKEND. AN "OVERWHELMING MAJORITY" OF PALESTINE'S JEWS FAVOR SOME FORM OF PARTITION, DR. JOSEPH SAID.

BULLETINRUMANIA SUSPENDS DECREE ON CHRISTIAN MAIDS

BUCHAREST, JAN. 21. (JTA) -- THE LABOR MINISTRY TODAY SUSPENDED EXECUTION OF THE DECREE FORBIDDING JEWS TO EMPLOY CHRISTIANS UNDER 45 YEARS OF AGE AS MAIDS, IN ORDER TO PREVENT UNEMPLOYMENT DURING THE WINTER. THE OFFICIAL TARA NOASTRA ANNOUNCED THAT JEWS EMPLOYED IN THE RUMANIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE WILL BE DISMISSED. THE ONLY THREE JEWS SO EMPLOYED ARE THE COMMERCIAL ATTACHES HELPHANT IN PORTUGAL, PURU IN ROME AND BURCOVICH IN SYRIA AND PALESTINE.