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ROMANIAN ZIONISTS ASK BRITAIN TO OPEN PALESTINE GATES

BUCHAREST, JAN. 24. (JTA) -- THE BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE ROMANIAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATION DECIDED TODAY TO SEND DELEGATES TO THE BRITISH FOREIGN AND COLONIAL OFFICES IN LONDON AND THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT IN JERUSALEM TO APPEAL FOR THE OPENING OF PALESTINE'S DOORS TO JEWS EMIGRATING FROM ROMANIA.

PALESTINE -- NOT MADAGASCAR OR MEXICO -- IS THE LOGICAL DESTINATION OF JEWS FLEEING ROMANIA, SPEAKERS DECLARED. THEY INCLUDED CHIEF RABBI JACOB NIEMIROWER, RABBI GUTMAN AND DR. SAMUEL SINGER, WHO PRESIDED.

MEDICAL STUDENTS AT BUCHAREST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD BOYCOTT EXAMINATIONS UNLESS JEWISH LECTURERS WERE REMOVED BY TOMORROW.

APPEAL VOICED IN POLISH PARLIAMENT

WARSAW, JAN. 24. (HAVAS) -- PROPOSALS THAT GREAT BRITAIN GIVE TO POLISH JEWS THE RIGHT TO EMIGRATE TO THINLY POPULATED PARTS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, AS WELL AS TO PALESTINE, WERE MADE HERE TODAY BEFORE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE SEJM (LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT).

"WE APPEAL TO FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN, TO WHICH POLISH JEWS HAVE CONSTANTLY COMPLAINED OF THEIR POSITION," SAID A STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY DEPUTY WOJCESHOWSKI, REPORTER ON THE INTERIOR MINISTRY BUDGET. "IN PARTICULAR WE ASK GREAT BRITAIN, IN THE NAME OF HUMANITARIAN SENTIMENTS, TO OPEN PALESTINE TO JEWISH COLONIZATION, AS WELL AS OTHER THINLY POPULATED COLONIES, IF NECESSARY."

"COLONIAL POWERS SHOULD HELP US MATERIALLY AND FINANCIALLY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF JEWISH EMIGRATION WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE JEWS THEMSELVES."

THOUGH THE "DESPERATE AND HUNGRY" POSITION OF THE POLISH PEOPLE MAKES IT NECESSARY TO DISPOSE OF THE "EXCESS" JEWISH POPULATION, HE SAID, THE POLISH GOVERNMENT WILL OPPOSE MEETING THE PROBLEM WITH VIOLENCE.

REBEL GENERAL FINES SEVILLE JEWISH COMMUNITY 138,000 PESATAS

GIBRALTAR, JAN. 24. (JTA) -- GENERAL QUIEPO DE LLANO, AID OF REBEL GENERALISSIMO FRANCISCO FRANCO, HAS IMPOSED A FINE OF 138,000 PESATAS ON THE SMALL JEWISH COMMUNITY OF SEVILLE, IT WAS REPORTED HERE TODAY, AND HE HAS THREATENED SERIOUS REPRISALS IF THE SUM IS NOT PAID.

6 JEWS SENTENCED BY NAZIS FOR VIOLATING CURRENCY RULES

HAMBURG, GERMANY, JAN. 24. (HAVAS) -- TWO JEWISH MERCHANTS NOW IN EXILE AND FOUR OTHERS WERE SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS AND HEAVY FINES TODAY FOR INFRACTION OF THE CURRENCY LAWS. THE TWO CONDEMNED IN ABSENTIA ARE MORITZ KAYSER, WHO WAS SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT AND 300,000 MARKS (\$120,000) FINE, AND JACOBY, TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT AND 100,000 MARKS (\$40,000) FINE. FOUR OTHERS WERE GIVEN TERMS OF TWO TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON AND CONSIDERABLE FINES. THEY WERE ACCUSED OF TRANSFERRING CAPITAL TO HOLLAND IN THE GUISE OF LEGITIMATE TRADE TRANSACTIONS.

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CAMPAIGN AGAINST JEWS IN BUSINESS SPURRED

BERLIN, JAN. 23. (HAVAS) -- DER ANGRIF, ORGAN OF THE NAZI LABOR FRONT, ANNOUNCED IT WOULD "DRAW UP AN INVENTORY OF ALL JEWISH PROFESSIONS AND MAKE SENSATIONAL REVELATIONS ON JEWISH PROFITS IN GERMANY." THUS, DER ANGRIF SAID, "GERMANS EXERCISING A PROFESSION WILL BE ABLE TO INTENSIFY THE STRUGGLE AGAINST JUDAISM."

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GERMAN AMBASSADORS SEEN CONCERNED OVER JEW-BAITING

LONDON, JAN. 24. (JTA) -- THE LABORITE DAILY HERALD DECLARED EDITORIALY TODAY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE BANNING OF AN ISSUE OF DER STUERMER IN GERMANY, THAT THE MAIN REASON FOR THIS ACTION WAS THAT HITLER'S AMBASSADORS ABROAD HAD BEEN SAYING FOR SOME TIME THEY WERE NOT MAKING PROGRESS IN PERSUADING OTHER NATIONS THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WAS FIT FOR CIVILIZED INTERCOURSE WHILE ITS UTTERLY HELPLESS JEWS WERE DAILY KICKED, INSULTED AND OPPRESSED.

HITLER ESPECIALLY INTERRUPTED A JOURNEY TO MUNICH IN ORDER TO SEE JULIUS STREICHER, PUBLISHER OF DER STUERMER, IT WAS STATED.

NEW PALESTINE COMMISSION SELECTED; TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

LONDON, JAN. 24. (JTA) -- THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEW PALESTINE TECHNICAL COMMISSION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE COLONIAL OFFICE, IT WAS AUTHORITATIVELY LEARNED TODAY, AND THE COMMISSIONERS' NAMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED VERY SHORTLY.

THE COLONIAL OFFICE WAS UNDERSTOOD TO BE DISCUSSING WITH THE MEMBERS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THEY SHOULD PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO PALESTINE OR SPEND SOME TIME IN LONDON ON A PRELIMINARY STUDY OF THE PALESTINE PROBLEM. THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY'S FORECAST THAT THE NEW COMMISSION WOULD INCLUDE NO MEMBER OF THE PEEL ROYAL COMMISSION WAS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED.

LWOW PROFESSORS PROTEST "GHETTO BENCHES"

LWOW, POLAND, JAN. 24. (JTA) -- SEVERAL PROFESSORS AT LWOW UNIVERSITY, INCLUDING EX-PREMIER KAZIMIERZ BARTEL, HAVE ISSUED A STATEMENT PROTESTING AGAINST SEGREGATION OF JEWS IN THE UNIVERSITY AS "VIOLATING ALL FEELINGS OF JUSTICE." THE PROTEST EXPRESSES SOLIDARITY WITH PROF. KULCZYNSKI, WHO RESIGNED RECENTLY IN PROTEST AGAINST THE "GHETTO BENCHES," AND CONDEMNS "THE BARBARIC EXCESSES OF A SECTION OF THE ACADEMIC YOUTH."

J.D.C. SETS \$5,100,000 QUOTA TO MEET CRISIS OF EUROPEAN JEWS

ST. LOUIS, JAN. 24. (JTA) -- A \$5,100,000 quota for 1938 was adopted yesterday by 120 delegates at a meeting of the Plan and Scope Committee of the Joint Distribution Committee, which declared that the widening crisis of European Jewry warranted the increased quota.

The J.D.C. raised \$3,350,000 in 1937, Isidor Coons, campaign director, reported, representing \$700,000 more than the sum raised in 1936.

Rabbi Jonah Wise was elected national chairman of the campaign. Other officers are: Paul Baerwald, William Rosenwald and William J. Shroder, co-chairmen; Governor Henry Horner of Illinois, Dr. Cyrus Adler, Max Epstein, Louis E. Kirstein, Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York, James N. Rosenberg, Aaron Waldheim and M.C. Sloss, honorary campaign chairmen; Sidney Lansburg, treasurer; Joseph C. Hyman, secretary; Morris Troper, controller, and Mr. Coons, campaign director.

George Backer, Jack Israel, Donald Kaffenburgh, Lee J. Loventhal and Nathan M. Stein were elected as new members of the Plan and Scope Committee.

Governor Horner, addressing the conference, declared that "our people overseas have been heaved into a maelstrom of unhappiness and desolation." He attacked foreign dictatorships, declaring that "the tyrants abroad, in denying their people liberties, encourage a reign of terror against the ideas we regarded as sacred."

The conference declared that the 1938 campaign was a life and death matter for millions of Jews. Expressing concern for the welfare of Jews overseas, the J.D.C. leaders dedicated themselves to aiding their stricken brethren.

Stating that the widening crisis of European Jewry warranted the increased campaign quota, the conference called upon American Jews to give generously for the survival of their brethren in Eastern and Central Europe.

Another resolution expressed regret over "the irreparable loss to mankind" in the death of Felix M. Warburg, who was honorary chairman of the J.D.C. campaign.

DODD DEFENDS JEWS IN WASHINGTON ADDRESS

WASHINGTON, JAN. 24. (JTA) -- "A race 4,000 years old has a claim to sufficient land for a house," William E. Dodd, former ambassador to Germany, declared last night, defending the Jews in an address to the Washington Town Hall meeting.

Declaring the "Aryan" theory built on misconception, Dr. Dodd said Jewish blood in Germany was "the only wicked blood there is," according to the German race doctrine, despite the fact that half of the Germans were descended from non-Germans.

JEWISH WOMEN'S PARLEY DISCUSSES SOCIAL QUESTIONS

PITTSBURGH, JAN. 24. (JTA) -- Panel discussions of peace education and action, national defense, the Japanese boycott and neutrality featured today's session of the fifteenth triennial convention of the National Council of Jewish Women. Social legislation, including pure food and drugs, anti-lynching, wages and hours, child labor, social diseases and housing were also reviewed in round table forums.

REICH ORDERS EXAMINATION OF JEWISH FIRMS TO CUT MATERIALS, FOREIGN EXCHANGE QUOTAS

AMSTERDAM, JAN. 24. (JTA) -- The German Ministry of Economics, it was reported here today, has announced a sweeping investigation of all Jewish firms in the Reich as a preliminary to cutting drastically their foreign exchange and raw materials quotas.

The investigation, marking the first anti-Semitic measure issued by the Economics Ministry since the retirement of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht as its head, is ordered in a decree dated Jan. 4, after the resignation of Dr. Schacht, who had constantly striven to curb measures against Jews in economic life.

The avowed purpose of the decree is to ascertain the proper role of Jewish enterprises in German industry. Its principal provisions are:

1-- Import quotas of all Jewish firms will be examined to establish their compatibility "with the further development of economic conditions."

2-- Jewish firms will take a general ten per cent cut in import quotas, which will be based on import figures for 1936 and 1937, when Jews' raw materials and foreign exchange supplies had already been considerably limited.

3-- Similar reductions will be made in connection with domestic raw materials, which will also be based on figures for 1936 and 1937.

The decree points out that the ten per cent reduction will be considered as a minimum cut.

The Raw Materials Commission is directed to consult local chambers of commerce wherever doubt arises as to whether a firm is Jewish. For the guidance of the chambers, the decree defines a Jewish enterprise as follows:

1-- If the owner is Jewish.

2-- In a partnership, if one of the partners personally liable is Jewish.

3-- In a corporation, if one of the persons legally entitled to represent it is Jewish; or if more than one-fourth of the members of the board of directors are Jewish; or if Jews hold a majority of the capital stock.

4-- If "in fact" the enterprise is under the dominating influence of Jews.

LATE NEWS BULLETINS

JERUSALEM, JAN. 24. (JTA) -- Arabs today bombed and fired upon a Jewish bus at Givat Shaul, near Jerusalem, seriously wounding the driver Naphtali Peli, 29 years old, and Nathan Silberstein, a passenger.

GENEVA, JAN. 24. (Havas) -- Emergency action by the League of Nations to restore their legal status is the sole resource which can save the Jews of Rumania from "total despair," according to an appeal addressed to the League of Nations by the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress.

PARIS, JAN. 24. (JTA) -- Delegations representing the World Jewish Congress and the World Congress Against Racism and Anti-Semitism urged Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos to seek adoption of "urgency procedure" by the League of Nations Council for their petitions and ask intervention in behalf of the Rumanian Jews and other minorities. He promised to give the question serious consideration.