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### LEAGUE SHIES AT "URGENCY PROCEDURE" ON RUMANIA; HOPE PUT IN ELECTIONS

GENEVA, JAN. 25. (JTA) -- The League of Nations, under pressure of the Rumanian Government's threat to tear up the Minorities Treaty if "urgency procedure" is applied to Jewish petitions against Rumania at the Council session opening tomorrow, is not inclined to apply this special procedure, it was learned today.

("Urgency procedure" gives representatives of minorities the right to call the League Council's attention to treaty violations directly, without the necessity of introduction of the question by a Council member.")

The League Secretariat opposes the invoking of this procedure, which would provide for speedy action, advancing the consideration that new elections scheduled in Rumania for the beginning of March may change the composition of the government.

Istrate Micescu, Rumanian Foreign Minister, had warned that if the Jewish petitions were recognized by application of the emergency procedure at the Council session, Rumania would scrap the Minorities Treaty, signed after post-war annexations had brought large minority groups into Rumanian jurisdiction.

Diplomatic circles did not treat Micescu's threat seriously, pointing out that repudiation of the Minorities Treaty would involve Rumania, which has a large Hungarian minority, in great difficulties with Hungary.

However, Jewish organizations are now considering the raising of the question of Rumanian Premier Octavian Goga's anti-Semitic, anti-minority program on the Council floor by individual members, should "urgency procedure" not be adopted, since a number of members are ready to raise the question.

### PETITION ASKS LEAGUE INTERVENTION

Re-establishment of the legal status of the Rumanian Jews is asked of the Council in a petition of the World Jewish Congress executive committee, published yesterday, which declares that the Jews are already being deprived of their rights by the anti-Semitic Bucharest government.

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THE DEPUTY APPEALED TO RICH COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY ENGLAND, TO REMOVE FROM POLAND THOSE JEWS OF RUSSIAN ORIGIN WHO HAD ENTERED POLAND AS "TEMPORARY GUESTS" BY TAKING INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO REGULATE THE PROBLEM OF JEWISH EMIGRATION. HE ALSO ASKED ZIONISTS TO AGREE THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE TWO FATHERLANDS, POLAND AND PALESTINE.

REPLYING TO THE RAPPORTEUR, DEPUTY EMIL SOMMERSTEIN APPEALED TO THE GOVERNMENT TO GIVE THE JEWS THE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATING WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE FOR THE GOOD OF THE STATE. HE DENIED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE JEWISH MINORITY HAD IMPROVED.

"WE CANNOT AGREE WITH ANTI-JEWISH EMIGRATION PLANS," HE SAID, REFUTING THE CHARGE OF DUAL ALLEGIANCE AGAINST ZIONISTS.

"THE JEWS ARE READY TO SERVE THE POLISH STATE WITH ALL THEIR STRENGTH," SOMMERSTEIN DECLARED. "IT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO APPLY THE POLISH CONSTITUTION, WHICH PROVIDES EQUALITY OF RIGHTS FOR ALL CITIZENS."

### 2 MORE JEWS WOUNDED IN ATTACK; 3 ARABS HANGED

JERUSALEM, JAN. 25. (JTA) -- ARABS TODAY BOMBED AND FIRED UPON A TRUCK ON THE JERUSALEM-JAFFA ROAD NEAR GIVAT SHAUL AND WOUNDED TWO JEWS IN THE FIFTH DAYLIGHT ATTACK IN THE VICINITY IN TWO DAYS. NISSIM DURANE AND MOSHE BEN-SHIMON LULU WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED. TWO JEWS WERE WOUNDED IN AN ATTACK ON A BUS NEAR THERE YESTERDAY.

THREE ARABS WERE HANGED AT ACPE PRISON. MUNJAK AMHDAN HAD BEEN CONVICTED BY A MILITARY COURT OF FIRING UPON TROOPS, AND THE OTHER TWO HAD BEEN CONDEMNED BY A CIVIL COURT FOR THE MURDER OF A JEW, MENDEL MINTZ, LAST FEBRUARY.

TWENTY JEWISH CHILDREN AND EIGHT WOMEN WERE ARRESTED TODAY NEAR THE SYRIAN BORDER AS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. ONE OF THE CHILDREN DIED IN A POLICE STATION.

CURFEW WAS IMPOSED ON A LARGE AREA BETWEEN THE LAKES OF HULEH AND TIBERIAS, EXCEPT FOR THE TOWN OF SAFED, AND THE ROAD BETWEEN KALKILLIA AND TULKAREM WAS CLOSED TO NIGHT TRAFFIC.

### ITALIAN BROADCAST REPORTS WAUCHOPE NEGOTIATING WITH ARABS

ROME, JAN. 25. (JTA) -- THE ITALIAN-RADIO STATION AT BARI, IN ONE OF ITS ARABIC NEWS BROADCASTS, REPORTED TODAY THAT PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR ARTHUR GRENFELL WAUCHOPE, IN A LAST EFFORT TO PACIFY THE ARABS BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE NEW PALESTINE COMMISSION, HAD VISITED SYRIA INCognito AND CONSULTED WITH THE EXILED EX-MUFTI OF JERUSALEM REGARDING RELEASE OF ARAB LEADERS INTERNED ON THE SEYCHELLES ISLANDS AND OTHERS HELD ELSEWHERE.

### TEL AVIV SHOEMAKERS STRIKE FOR HIGHER TARIFF

TEL AVIV, JAN. 25. (JTA) -- ALL SHOE MANUFACTURERS, WORKERS AND RETAILERS STRUCK JOINTLY TODAY IN PROTEST AGAINST LOW DUTIES, WHICH, THEY CHARGED, PERMITTED FOREIGN INTERESTS TO UNDERMINE PALESTINIAN INDUSTRY. THEY ANNOUNCED THE STRIKE WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL DUTIES WERE INCREASED.

REICH CONSIDERING LAW AGAINST JEWS IN REALTY, NAZI ORGAN REPORTS

AMSTERDAM, JAN. 25. (JTA) -- UNDER THE PRESSURE OF ANTI-JEWISH ECONOMIC MEASURES, JEWS FORCED OUT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY ARE INVESTING THEIR CAPITAL IN REALTY, DECLARES DER ANGRIFF, ORGAN OF THE NAZI LABOR FRONT, DEMANDING THAT THE GOVERNMENT FORCE THE JEWS OUT OF THE REAL ESTATE MARKET, ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED HERE, TODAY.

IN ONE OF A SERIES OF ARTICLES DEALING WITH THE JEWS' ECONOMIC POSITION IN THE REICH, THE PAPER INDICATED THAT A MEASURE AGAINST JEWS IN REAL ESTATE WAS ALREADY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE SERIES, ENTITLED "MISHPOCHE VERDIEN" (THE JEWS EARN), WAS HERALDED BY THE POSTING OF PLACARDS ALL OVER BERLIN GIVING THE TITLE OF THE SERIES IN LETTERS IMITATING HEBREW SCRIPT WITH A BLUE JEWISH STAR. ("MISHPOCHE" IS A HEBREW WORD MEANING, LITERALLY, FAMILY.)

CANADIAN ZIONISTS PETITION BRITAIN FOR MASS IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE

OTTAWA, JAN. 25. (JTA) -- THE TWENTY-FIFTH CONVENTION OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF CANADA LAST NIGHT PETITIONED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY POLICY BY IMMEDIATELY MAKING POSSIBLE A MASS IMMIGRATION OF JEWS INTO PALESTINE.

THE 400 DELEGATES, AT THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE TWO-DAY MEETING, CALLED ON BRITAIN TO FORMULATE DEFINITELY HER PROPOSALS FOR PALESTINE'S FUTURE TO RESOLVE THE PRESENT CRISIS OF FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY.

THE CONVENTION PROTESTED AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC PERSECUTION AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MINORITIES IN RUMANIA, POLAND AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AND REQUESTED THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO INSTRUCT ITS LEAGUE OF NATIONS DELEGATE TO INVOKE MINORITIES TREATIES IN THEIR BEHALF. ACTION WAS ALSO TAKEN TO ENCOURAGE THE SALE OF PALESTINIAN PRODUCTS IN CANADA, ESPECIALLY CITRUS FRUITS.

JEWISH CULTURE COLLAPSING IN POLAND, BACKER TELLS WOMEN'S PARLEY

PITTSBURGH, JAN. 25. (JTA) -- "IN THE THOUSAND YEARS OF JEWISH RESIDENCE IN POLAND, WE ARE WITNESSING FOR THE FIRST TIME THE COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF CULTURE," GEORGE BACKER, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, SAID TODAY AT THE FIFTEENTH TRIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN.

"IN A RECENT SURVEY MADE IN WARSAW AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE, A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF ILLITERACY WAS FOUND," MR. BACKER TOLD 500 DELEGATES AND GUESTS AT THE HOTEL WILLIAM PENN. "IN THE DARKEST DAYS OF CZARIST POGROMS, THE JEWISH BELIEF IN EDUCATION NEVER WAVED. BUT TODAY, EXHAUSTED, ASSAILED ON EVERY SIDE, THEY HAVE BEGUN TO LOSE THEIR FAITH IN THE POWER OF THE WORD."

REVIEWING JEWISH PERSECUTION IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AND DECLARING "THE SOUL OF THE JEW IS ON A RACK OF HATRED MORE POWERFUL AND SHATTERING THAN TORQUEMADA'S," MR. BACKER URGED THE CONVENTION TO "TAKE THE LEAD IN THIS GIANTIC STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN SURVIVAL."

"IN LACERATED EUROPE," HE SAID, "SIX MILLION JEWS ARE IN AGONY. NOT HERE IN PITTSBURGH NOT AT THE VERY ENDS OF THE EARTH -- WILL YOU ESCAPE THEIR CRY. FROM YOUR MARSHALLED RANKS MUST COME THE ANSWER. IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THIS GENERATION HAS A RENDEZVOUS WITH DESTINY. NOW IN AMERICA WE ARE SHAPING THE EVENTS BY WHICH THE CHILDREN OF OUR CHILDREN ARE TO JUDGE US."

OTHER SPEAKERS AT TODAY'S SESSION, WHICH FEATURED A SYMPOSIUM ON SERVICE TO THE FOREIGN BORN, INCLUDED MISS CECILIA RAZOFSKY, MRS. MAURICE L. GOLDMAN, AND MRS. TONI SAPHRA OF JHB. NEW YORK, FOUNDER OF THE NEWLY ORGANIZED UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA.