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BRITAIN CONSIDERING IMMEDIATE ACTION ON RUMANIAN MINORITIES, EDEN TELLS PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary ANTHONY EDEN announced in Commons today that the British Government is studying the question of immediate action that "might be considered useful in these circumstances to protect minority rights" in Rumania. He declared the Rumanian Foreign Minister had been reminded of the interest the British Government has always taken in the Minorities Treaty, of which it was a signatory, and in minorities generally.

The question of intervention by the United States on behalf of the Rumanian Jews was raised by Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite, who asked Capt. Eden whether he was consulting the American Government to secure the most effective results in order to protect the minority rights of the Jews. Capt. Eden pointed out that the United States was not a member of the League of Nations and had not ratified the Minorities Treaty, and therefore was not in the same position as Great Britain and France.

Col. Wedgwood declared: "Jews are already being expelled from all professions and in other spheres of public life persecution is going on. Is not the interest of America in this matter more a humanitarian than a treaty interest?"

Capt. Eden replied: "As far as the United States is concerned, I must leave that to them. I do not think I could facilitate an approach from this side."

2 IRON GUARDISTS KILLED IN CLASHES WITH POLICE

BUCHAREST, Feb. 7. (Havas) -- Two members of the anti-Semitic Iron Guard were killed and several others seriously wounded during clashes with police in various parts of Rumania today. The riots, which occurred mainly in the provinces, flared during demonstrations staged as part of the electoral campaign. Leaders of the Iron Guard will meet soon to reexamine their policy toward the Government. Hitherto they have maintained a friendly attitude toward the Christian Party.

ASK FUNDS TO PAY CITIZENSHIP PROOF COSTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- An appeal to make funds available for paying the costs of proving citizenship has been addressed by Jews in the Rumanian provinces of Bessarabia, Transylvania and Bukovina to relatives and Landsmannschaften organizations in America, according to a cable received by HIAS from its Paris office. An estimated expenditure of \$10 to \$15 is involved.

PALESTINE POLICEMAN'S DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED TO LIFE; ARAB SENTENCED TO DEATH

JERUSALEM, FEB. 7. (JTA) -- THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES TODAY COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED BY AN ARMY COURT LAST WEEK ON EZEKIEL ALTMAN, 23-YEAR-OLD JEWISH POLICEMAN, WHO HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF FIRING AT AN ARAB BUS AND KILLING AN ARAB BOY DEC. 28. ALTMAN HAD BEEN THE FIRST JEW SENTENCED TO DEATH BY A MILITARY TRIBUNAL. PRAYERS HAD BEEN HELD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FOR ALTMAN AND CHIEF RABBI ISAAC HERZOG INTERVENED WITH THE AUTHORITIES.

SIR CHARLES TEGART, SPECIAL ADVISER ON PALESTINE POLICE AFFAIRS, WAS UNDERSTOOD TODAY TO HAVE SUBMITTED A REPORT ON THE POLICE AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT ADVISING THAT EXPERTS BE BROUGHT FROM ENGLAND AND INDIA AND THAT ARAB ENLISTMENTS BE EXPANDED TO FIGHT TERRORISM.

A MILITARY COURT TODAY SENTENCED TO DEATH MOHAMMED EL-RASHID, ARRESTED JAN. 29 FOR CARRYING A BOMB.

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE HEARS PROPOSALS FOR RELAXING CURBS ON REFUGEES

GENEVA, FEB. 7. (JTA) -- PROPOSALS FOR RELAXING RESTRICTIONS BY VARIOUS NATIONS ON GERMAN REFUGEES LIVING IN THEIR BORDERS WERE MADE TODAY AT THE OPENING SESSION OF AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE CALLED TO DRAFT A CONVENTION FIXING THE LEGAL STATUS OF REFUGEES.

PROF. NORMAN BENTWICH, OF LONDON, AND M. SERUFFI, OF PARIS, ON BEHALF OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES, DEMANDED THAT EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS BE GRANTED TO ALL REFUGEES AND THAT AN APPEALS COURT BE FORMED TO PASS ON ANY DEPORTATION ORDER AGAINST A REFUGEE. THEY ALSO SUGGESTED THAT "STATELESS" PERSONS BE INCLUDED IN THE CATEGORY OF REFUGEES.

THE CONFERENCE WAS OPENED BY SIR NEILL MALCOLM, HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR GERMAN REFUGEES IN THE PRESENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND EXPERTS FROM FOURTEEN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA. M. LOUDON OF THE NETHERLANDS WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT AND M. BROUCKERE OF BELGIUM, VICE-PRESIDENT.

D'AVIGDOR GOLDSMID QUILTS DEPUTIES BOARD IN LONDON

LONDON, FEB. 7. (JTA) -- SIR OSMOND D'AVIGDOR GOLDSMID, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS, RESIGNED FROM THE BOARD TODAY. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT HE RESIGNED BECAUSE OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD ON JAN. 16 FAVORING INCLUSION OF A PALESTINE JEWISH DOMINION IN THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS.

N.Z.O. ASKS JEWS TO BREAK WITH ZIONIST ORGANIZATION; URGES 'JEWISH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'

PRAGA, FEB. 7. (JTA) -- THE FIRST NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION CALLED ON THE JEWS OF THE WORLD TODAY TO BREAK WITH "THE TRAITOROUS ZIONIST ORGANIZATION" AND URGED THE CALLING OF A WORLD-WIDE JEWISH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

CLOSING ITS SEVEN-DAY CONFERENCE, THE N.Z.O. AUTHORIZED ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO NEGOTIATE WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS FOR CONVOCATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD DISCUSS THE N.Z.O.'S TEN-YEAR PLAN FOR LARGE-SCALE JEWISH COLONIZATION OF PALESTINE.

DELEGATES WHO FAVORED REJOINING THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, FROM WHICH THE EXTREMIST ZIONISTS BROKE AWAY IN 1933, REMAINED IN THE BACKGROUND. THE CONGRESS DID NOT TOUCH ON THE PROPOSAL PREVIOUSLY VOICED BY ITS LEADERS FOR A ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS.

ECUADOR RESCINDS ORDER OUSTING 300 JEWS

PARIS, FEB. 7. (JTA) -- THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR, SOUTH AMERICA, HAS RESCINDED ITS ORDER FOR EXPULSION OF SEVERAL HUNDRED JEWS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY BY HIAS-ICA, JEWISH EMIGRANT AID AND COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION. THE ORDER, IN THE FORM OF A PRESIDENTIAL DECREE, HAD BEEN AIMED AT IMMIGRANTS WHO FAILED TO SETTLE ON FARMS AS STIPULATED IN THEIR SPECIAL ENTRY PERMITS. THE NUMBER OF JEWS AFFECTED WAS ESTIMATED AT 300 TO 500.

BRAZIL MAY MODIFY ENTRY CURBS

NEW YORK, FEB. 7. (JTA) -- BRAZIL IS CONSIDERING LIFTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION RESTRICTING IMMIGRATION TO TWO PER CENT OF THE FOREIGNERS SETTLED IN THE COUNTRY IN THE PAST FIFTY YEARS, THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED TODAY FROM RIO DE JANEIRO. VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GROUPS ARE TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM, THE REPORT SAID.

LITHUANIA MAY REVISE NEW CHARTER TO INCLUDE MINORITIES SAFEGUARDS

KAUNAS, LITHUANIA, FEB. 7. (JTA) -- THERE WERE NO BAD INTENTIONS BEHIND OMISSION OF MINORITIES CLAUSES IN THE NEW LITHUANIAN CONSTITUTION, WHICH GOES INTO EFFECT FEB. 16, A DELEGATION OF JEWISH LEADERS WAS TOLD BY PRESIDENT SMETONA. A PARAGRAPH SAFEGUARDING MINORITIES RIGHTS MIGHT BE INCLUDED, THE PRESIDENT DECLARED, ASSURING THE DELEGATION OF CONTINUATION OF TOLERANCE AND THE TRADITIONAL JEWISH-LITHUANIAN FRIENDSHIP.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY HAS PETITIONED PARLIAMENT FOR INCLUSION OF CLAUSES CONTAINED IN THE OLD CONSTITUTION, WHICH GAVE NATIONAL MINORITIES CULTURAL AUTONOMY, THE RIGHT TO HAVE THEIR OWN ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES AND THE RIGHT TO SHARE STATE AND MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES FOR EDUCATION AND SOCIAL AID.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE THAT THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE HAS ACCEPTED THE LITHUANIAN GOVERNMENT'S INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC'S TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY FEB. 16. THE JEWISH AGENCY HAS NAMED RABBI MORDECAI NUROK OF RIGA AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE.

AUSTRALIA ADMITS REICH-JEWISH YOUTHS FOR RURAL SETTLEMENT

MELBOURNE, FEB. 7. (JTA) -- THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TODAY GRANTED AN APPLICATION OF THE JEWISH WELFARE SOCIETY TO PERMIT A NUMBER OF GERMAN JEWISH YOUTHS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 18 TO ENTER AUSTRALIA TO BE TRAINED AS RURAL WORKERS. A SIMILAR APPLICATION FOR DOMESTICS WAS REFUSED UNTIL THE SOCIETY PROVIDES POSITIONS FOR THE PROSPECTIVE IMMIGRANTS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION MARKS A DEFINITE POLICY TOWARD GERMAN-JEWISH APPLICATIONS.

HABIMAH CANCELS VIENNA SHOWS, CITING ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES

VIENNA, FEB. 7. (JTA) -- HABIMAH, PALESTINE HEBREW ACTING TROUPE, REFUSED TODAY TO GO THROUGH WITH SCHEDULED PERFORMANCES HERE, GIVING AS THE REASON THE ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES IN VIENNA AND ENVIRONS LAST WEEK. THE TROUPE IS PROCEEDING TO ZAGREB, YUGOSLAVIA, ON ITS EUROPEAN TOUR.

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCILS FORMED IN OVER 20 CITIES IN SEVEN YEARS

NEW YORK, FEB. 7. (JTA) -- REPRESENTATIVE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCILS TO CONSIDER BROAD JEWISH PROBLEMS, CREATE BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG JEWS AND HELP SAFEGUARD JEWISH RIGHTS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED IN MORE THAN 20 CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CANADA IN THE PAST SEVEN YEARS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE COUNCILS, SAID JULIAN H. KROLIK, CHAIRMAN OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECT, IN A REPORT MADE PUBLIC BY THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS, HAVE CONCERNED THEMSELVES WITH A LARGE VARIETY OF JEWISH PROBLEMS, AND THE MOST IMPRESSIVE SINGLE FACT IN THEIR SUDDEN GROWTH HAS BEEN THEIR "ESSENTIAL DEMOCRACY."

"THEY SEEM TO HAVE ARISEN," HE DECLARED, "IN RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITIES AND ALMOST ENTIRELY WITHOUT STIMULATION BY A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OR BY FORCEFUL PERSONALITIES WHO CONCENTRATED THEIR ENERGIES TO FURTHER THE MOVEMENT."

PAMPHLETS ADVERTISE ARABIC BROADCASTS FROM BARI

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A RASH OF PROPAGANDA PAMPHLETS ADVERTISING THE BROADCASTS IN ARABIC FROM THE BARI STATION IN ITALY AND PROMOTING THE ITALIAN CAUSE AMONG THE ARABS HAS BROKEN OUT IN JERUSALEM. THE PAMPHLETS, PRINTED IN ARABIC, WERE MAILED TO POST OFFICE BOX HOLDERS, WERE DISTRIBUTED IN THE STREETS BY SMALL ARAB BOYS, AND APPEARED ON THE COUNTERS OF RADIO STORES AND ON TABLES IN ARAB CAFES.

THE SOURCE FROM WHICH THEY WERE ISSUED WAS NOT INDICATED IN THE PAMPHLETS. THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY INTENDED AS A COUNTER-ATTACK AGAINST THE RECENTLY INAUGURATED ARABIC BROADCASTS FROM LONDON, AND EVIDENTLY IT IS INTENDED TO ISSUE THEM WEEKLY. THE LEAFLET INCLUDES NOT ONLY A SCHEDULE OF THE BARI ARABIC PROGRAMS FOR THE WEEK, BUT QUOTATIONS FROM EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS FAVORABLE TO THE PALESTINE ARAB NATIONALIST CAUSE.

LARGE PALESTINE AREA AVAILABLE FOR SETTLEMENT, NAMIER DECLARES

LONDON (JTA) -- DESPITE THE TERRORISM IN PALESTINE A LARGE AREA OF LAND IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO THE JEWS, SAID PROFESSOR L.B. NAMIER, OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND, IN AN ADDRESS AT THE ANGLO-PALESTINE CLUB.

STRESSING THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF THE DAY TO DAY WORK OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT, PROFESSOR NAMIER SAID THAT COMPLAINTS WERE MADE THAT PROMISES TO THE JEWS HAD NOT BEEN KEPT. BUT, HE ASKED, HOW MUCH HAD SURVIVED OF THE TREATIES AND PROMISES MADE TO MUCH STRONGER POWERS THAN THEY? THEY HAD, MORE THAN ANY OTHER NATION, TO LEARN DAY TO DAY WORK, HE SAID. THE REAL WORK, HE WENT ON, WAS BEING DONE BY THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE -- THE CHALUTZIM, WHO WERE DOING NORMAL EVERY DAY WORK IN ABNORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES. EVERY WORKER IN THE GALUTH WHO SUPPORTED THE CAUSE WAS DOING SOMETHING THAT COUNTED FAR MORE THAN MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS OF PIOUS RESOLUTIONS, HE SAID.

CHRISTIANS MUST 'CONQUER' POSITIONS IN ECONOMIC LIFE, HUNGARIAN MINISTER HOLDS

BUDAPEST (JTA) -- FINANCE MINISTER FABINY REFERRED IN A PUBLIC SPEECH TO THE NECESSITY OF GIVING THE CHRISTIANS IN HUNGARY THEIR PROPER SHARE IN THE TRADE OF THE COUNTRY. "TODAY," HE SAID, "WE ARE GOING THROUGH A PERIOD OF RENAISSANCE OF THE CHRISTIAN HUNGARIAN POPULATION WHICH DESIRES TO CONQUER THE POSITIONS WHICH IT VOLUNTARILY REFUSED TO OCCUPY FOR MANY YEARS. THIS CANNOT BE PREVENTED. I WISH, HOWEVER, TO DECLARE OPENLY THAT WE DO NOT DESIRE TO TAKE AWAY ANYONE'S LIVING. WE MERELY WANT TO BRING ABOUT AN EXPANSION OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC LIFE AND THUS MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR MORE PEOPLE TO EARN A DECENT LIVING. IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT I INVITE EVERY CITIZEN, WHATEVER HIS RELIGION, TO COOPERATE WITH US."