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GENEVA PARLEY ADOPTS 25-POINT CONVENTION FIXING STATUS OF GERMAN REFUGEES

GENEVA, FEB. 9. (JTA) -- A CONVENTION AIMED AT REGULATING THE LEGAL STATUS OF REFUGEES FROM GERMANY IN THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY RESIDE WAS ADOPTED TODAY BY AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS FROM FOURTEEN COUNTRIES. IT WILL BE SIGNED TOMORROW WHEN THE CONFERENCE ENDS.

THE CONVENTION COMPRISES 25 ARTICLES. IT EXTENDS THE TERM "GERMAN REFUGEE" TO INCLUDE THOSE "STAATENLOSE" (STATELESS PERSONS) WHO PREVIOUSLY WERE REFUGEES IN GERMANY. THE JURIDICAL SECTION OF THE CONVENTION WAS ADOPTED AFTER IT HAD BEEN SUBMITTED BY SIR NEILL MALCOLM, LEAGUE OF NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR GERMAN REFUGEES, TO THE LEAGUE'S ECONOMIC SECTION, AND IT IS MODELLED ON THE NANSSEN CONVENTION OF 1933 GOVERNING STATELESS PERSONS.

ON SWITZERLAND'S PROPOSAL IT WAS DECIDED THAT PERSONS WHO LEAVE GERMANY IN THE FUTURE FOR ECONOMIC, FISCAL AND MILITARY REASONS ARE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AS REFUGEES.

REFUGEES WILL BE GIVEN PASSPORTS AND THE RIGHT TO WORK IN THE COUNTRIES SIGNING THE CONVENTION UNDER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 1-- RESIDENCE IN THE COUNTRY FOR THREE YEARS;
- 2-- MARRIAGE TO A NATIONAL OF THE COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE;
- 3-- PARENTHOOD OF A CHILD WHO IS A CITIZEN OF THE COUNTRY.

REGARDING DEPORTATION TO GERMANY, THE CONVENTION PROVIDES THAT THIS IS PERMISSIBLE IF THE REFUGEE HAD REFUSED TO OBEY AN ORDER TO EMIGRATE TO ANOTHER COUNTRY WITHIN A CERTAIN PERIOD.

ALL REFUGEES ARE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO ENJOY THE VARIOUS FORMS OF SOCIAL INSURANCE OBTAINING IN THE COUNTRIES OF RESIDENCE.

THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA WERE AMONG THE COUNTRIES HAVING DELEGATES OR OBSERVERS AT THE CONFERENCE. THE CONFERENCE OPENED SUNDAY AND WAS PRESIDED OVER BY M. LOUDON OF THE NETHERLANDS.

THE CONFERENCE RESUMED ITS DELIBERATIONS AFTER HAVING ENCOUNTERED A SNAG YESTERDAY IN THE INTRANSIGENT ATTITUDE OF THE BELGIAN DELEGATION ON A DEFINITION OF "GERMAN REFUGEE."

THE BELGIANS INTRODUCED AN AMENDMENT TO A DEFINITION OFFERED BY SIR NEILL LIMITING IT ONLY TO PERSONS WHO HAD LEFT GERMANY WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION OF THE NAZI AUTHORITIES. SIR NEILL'S PROPOSED DEFINITION WOULD INCLUDE ALL FORMER RESIDENTS OF GERMANY WHO WERE AT PRESENT WITHOUT NATIONALITY.

SENATOR LOUIS DE BROUCKERE, OF BELGIUM, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE, ABRUPTLY LEFT THE SESSION AND DEPARTED FOR BRUSSELS. HIS ACTION RESULTED IN THE BELGIAN DELEGATION'S WITHDRAWING ITS AMENDMENT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME ANNOUNCING THAT THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE THE MALCOLM DEFINITION AND WOULD REGARD AS GERMAN REFUGEES ONLY THOSE WHO LEFT GERMANY WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

BRITAIN TO PROCEED WITH PARTITION PLAN DESPITE DISORDERS, ORMSBY-GORE TELLS COMMONS

LONDON, FEB. 9. (JTA) -- WILLIAM G.A. ORMSBY-GORE, COLONIAL SECRETARY, ASSURED THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH ITS PLAN TO PARTITION PALESTINE DESPITE CONTINUING DISORDERS.

THE GOVERNMENT LAST JULY REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT A SCHEME ON THE GENERAL LINES OF THE PEEL ROYAL COMMISSION'S REPORT WAS "THE BEST AND MOST HOPEFUL SOLUTION OF THE DEAD-LOCK," THE COLONIAL SECRETARY SAID, ADDING: "TO THAT POLICY WE STILL ADHERE."

THE STATEMENT WAS MADE IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST BY CAPT. VICTOR CAZALET, CONSERVATIVE, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO PALESTINE, FOR ASSURANCES THAT THE GOVERNMENT STILL ADHERED TO THE PARTITION POLICY. MR. ORMSBY-GORE ADDED, IN REPLY TO W. LEACH, LABORITE, THAT THE CONTINUANCE OF TERRORISM WOULD NOT DETER HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT FROM PROCEEDING WITH THE PARTITION PLAN.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY TOM WILLIAMS, LABORITE, MR. ORMSBY-GORE DECLARED HE WAS NOT YET IN A POSITION TO SAY WHAT COURSE WOULD BE FOLLOWED REGARDING PALESTINE IMMIGRATION AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE CURRENT ENTRY QUOTA IN MARCH.

HUNGARY FACES DISASTER IF SHE FOLLOWS REICH'S ANTI-SEMITIC PROGRAM, EX-PREMIER WARNS

BUDAPEST, FEB. 9. (JTA) -- EX-PREMIER STEPHEN BETHLEN WAS LOUDLY APPLAUDED TODAY BY THE LOWER CHAMBER'S ELECTORAL COMMITTEE WHEN HE WARNED THAT EMULATION OF GERMANY'S ANTI-JEWISH PROGRAM WOULD SPELL DISASTER FOR HUNGARY.

DECLARING VICTORY OF THE RIGHTIST EXTREMISTS WOULD MAKE THE JEWISH QUESTION THE BIGGEST POLITICAL ISSUE, COUNT BETHLEN ASSERTED THAT SOLUTION OF THE JEWISH QUESTION ON THE LINES OF THE GERMAN SYSTEM WOULD CAUSE THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COLLAPSE OF HUNGARY, WHICH WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN ITS FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC BASIS FOR A SINGLE DAY.

HE WARNED LANDOWNERS AND THE INTELLIGENTSIA WHO WERE FLIRTING WITH NAZISM THAT THEY WOULD BE THE FIRST TO BE UTTERLY RUINED. HE DECLARED THAT ADOPTION OF THE GERMAN SYSTEM WOULD MEAN THAT HUNGARY WOULD BECOME A SLAVE OF GERMANY AND HER INDEPENDENCE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD BE ENDED.

CUZA WARNS OF POGROMS IF WESTERN NATIONS FAIL TO PROVIDE EMIGRATION OUTLETS

BERLIN, FEB. 9. (HAVAS) -- THE RUMANIAN PEOPLE ARE RESTRAINED ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY FROM STARTING POGROMS, PROF. ALEXANDER CUZA, MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO SAID IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED HERE TODAY BY THE VOELKISCHER BEOBSACHTER, OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NAZI PARTY.

"WE ARE FORCED," CUZA DECLARED, "TO CONFRONT THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES WITH A DILEMMA EITHER TO OPEN NEW TERRITORIES TO JEWISH IMMIGRATION OR TO ACCEPT, FOR BETTER OR WORSE, THE SOLUTION OF FORCE. ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY DO WE RESTRAIN THE PEOPLE FROM THE PATH OF POGROMS. LET LONDON AND PARIS KNOW THAT WE SHALL NOT ALWAYS BE ABLE TO DO IT. A DECISION MUST BE MADE QUICKLY."

STEPS TAKEN IN GERMANY AGAINST THE JEWS WERE DESCRIBED BY THE RUMANIAN ANTI-SEMITIC LEADER AS "SPLENDID ACTS FOR EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION." RECALLING HIS EARLIER PROPOSALS FOR A WORLD ANTI-SEMITIC CONGRESS IN WHICH GERMANY, RUMANIA, POLAND, SPAIN AND ITALY WOULD TAKE PART, CUZA SAID THAT GERMANY AND RUMANIA SHOULD STRUGGLE SIDE BY SIDE.

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE TO SEND \$13,000 TO RUMANIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, FEB. 9. (JTA) -- THE JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT HAD DECIDED TO ALLOT THE SUM OF \$13,000 FOR EMERGENCY AID TO JEWS IN RUMANIA. THE DECISION WAS TAKEN AFTER A CABLED APPEAL FROM RUMANIAN JEWS HAD BEEN READ.

LACK OF FUNDS ENDANGERS ORT TRADE SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, FEB. 9. (JTA) -- THE AMERICAN ORT FEDERATION SAID TODAY IT HAD RECEIVED A CABLE FROM THE ORGANIZATION IN RUMANIA DECLARING THAT THE LOSS OF ALL SOURCES OF LOCAL INCOME PLACED THE ORT IN IMMEDIATE DANGER OF HAVING TO DISCONTINUE ITS NETWORK OF TRADE SCHOOLS, FARM COLONIES AND WORKSHOPS IN RUMANIA. THE CABLE APPEALED FOR IMMEDIATE HELP FROM AMERICA.

BRITISH JEW SENTENCED IN REICH FOR EXCHANGE VIOLATIONS, 'RACE DEFILEMENT'

HAMBURG, GERMANY, FEB. 9. (HAVAS) -- HARRY HERZ, A NATURALIZED BRITISH SUBJECT OF JEWISH ORIGIN, WAS SENTENCED TO 25 MONTHS IN PRISON AND FINED 60,000 MARKS (ABOUT \$24,000) BY A REGIONAL COURT HERE TODAY FOR HAVING "VIOLATED REICH LAWS ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND COMMITTED OFFENSES AGAINST THE LAW PROTECTING GERMAN BLOOD AND HONOR."

THREE GERMAN JEWS, NOW LIVING ABROAD, WERE SENTENCED BY DEFAULT TO PRISON TERMS VARYING FROM FIVE TO 18 MONTHS AND FINED SUMS RANGING FROM 700 TO 60,000 MARKS, ALSO ON CHARGES OF VIOLATING THE CURRENCY LAWS.

HERZ, WHOSE RESIDENCE IS IN BRITAIN, WAS ARRESTED IN HAMBURG IN 1936. POLICE RAIDING HIS HOTEL ROOM FOUND 11,700 MARKS HIDDEN IN A HAT BOX. ACCORDING TO THE PROSECUTION, HERZ MADE FIVE TRIPS TO THE REICH IN 1935 AND 1936 TO TRANSFER SUMS OWNED BY JEWS WHO WISHED TO FLEE FROM THE REICH TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

SHIPS START LANDING PASSENGERS AT TEL AVIV FEB. 21

TEL AVIV, FEB. 9. (JTA) -- HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR ARTHUR GRENFELL WAUCHOPE WILL PARTICIPATE IN CEREMONIES FEB. 21 INAUGURATING THE DISEMBARKATION OF PASSENGERS AT THE TEL AVIV PORT. PASSENGERS WILL ALIGHT FROM THE PALESTINIAN STEAMSHIP MT. ZION.

FASCISM NOT YET POTENT FORCE IN SOUTH AMERICA, N.Y. TIMES HOLDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- DESPITE INTENSIVE GERMAN AND ITALIAN PROPAGANDA IN SOUTH AMERICA, FASCISM HAS NOT YET BECOME A POTENT POLITICAL FORCE, THE NEW YORK TIMES DECLARED EDITORIALY TODAY.

"THE LATIN-AMERICAN DICTATORS, THOUGH THEY SOMETIMES PAY LIP SERVICE TO THE FASCIST IDEOLOGY, PREFER THE OLDER, LONGER-TRIED AND MORE DIRECT MILITARY RULE," THE EDITORIAL SAID. "YET THESE DICTATORS, BY OCCASIONAL PRONOUNCEMENTS AND BY SPECIFIC ACTS, DO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY DESIRE TO APE HITLER OR MUSSOLINI.

"IF THE RESULTING REACTION IN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES IS MORE CRITICAL THAN IS WARRANTED BY THE FACTS, IT IS BECAUSE OF CONCERN IN THESE COUNTRIES LEST FASCISM ACHIEVE A DOMINANT POSITION IN SOME OF THE AMERICAS."

THE TIMES LISTED BRAZIL, ECUADOR, PERU, BOLIVIA AND PARAGUAY AS ADMITTEDLY UNDEMOCRATIC, URUGUAY AND VENEZUELA AS PERSONAL REGIMES, CHILE AND ARGENTINE AS BASED ON THE FORMALLY EXPRESSED WILL OF THE PEOPLE AND ONLY COLOMBIA AS A LIBERAL DEMOCRACY. ONE OF THE EFFECTS OF FASCIST AGITATION, THE TIMES SAID, WAS TO ACCELERATE CONSOLIDATION OF TRADE UNIONS.

\$30,000,000 INVESTED IN PALESTINE IN 1937, REPORT SHOWS

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- A THOROUGH INQUIRY INTO JEWISH INVESTMENTS IN PALESTINE DURING THE PAST YEAR WAS RECENTLY CARRIED OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME BY THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE, OF TEL AVIV, SHOWING THAT IN SPITE OF UNCERTAINTY AND UNREST NO LESS THAN £5,849,000 (ABOUT \$29,245,000) WERE INVESTED IN 1937.

THE SUM OF £2,881,700 WAS INVESTED IN CONSTRUCTION, CONSISTING OF NEW BUILDINGS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS; THIS REPRESENTS MORE THAN HALF OF THE TOTAL; AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENTS, INCLUDING CITRICULTURE TOOK £1,130,000; INVESTMENTS IN INDUSTRY AND HANDICRAFTS £717,300; £569 WERE INVESTED IN RURAL AND URBAN LAND PURCHASES AND AN EQUAL AMOUNT IN COMMERCE, TRANSPORT AND HOTEL AND OTHER SERVICES.

THIS TOTAL OF NEARLY £6,000,000, THE COMMITTEE POINTS OUT, REPRESENTS ONLY THE ASCERTAINABLE INVESTMENTS, SINCE, AS IN FORMER YEARS, THERE WAS IN 1937 AN APPRECIABLE VOLUME OF INVESTMENTS WHICH COULD NOT BE TRACED.

BORINGS TO TEST WATER RESOURCES OF SOUTHERN PALESTINE

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THE WATER RESOURCES OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT AS PROPOSED BY THE ROYAL COMMISSION, THE BORING OF SIX WELLS IN THE GAZA AND BEERSHEBA DISTRICT WILL BEGIN SHORTLY. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMMENCED BY THE ENGINEERING CORPORATION OF PALESTINE WHICH HAS SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH THE AUTHORITIES FOR THE BORING OF 16 WELLS IN THE GAZA AND BEERSHEBA DISTRICT AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$100,000.

SIX WELL BORING MACHINES HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE SOUTH AND ALL THE WELLS WILL BE SUNK SIMULTANEOUSLY. THE BORING IS BEING SUPERVISED BY MR. M.L. BASSAN, A MECHANICAL ENGINEER AND ONE OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE E.C.P. THE TECHNICAL WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY SKILLED JEWISH WORKERS, AND ARABS FROM NEIGHBORING VILLAGES WILL BE EMPLOYED FOR THE UNSKILLED WORK. JEWS AND ARABS HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS WATCHMEN.

IT IS LEARNED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO MAKE 12 FURTHER BORINGS IN THE JORDAN VALLEY AND SIX OR SEVEN IN THE MEJDAL-GAZA AREAS.