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### NEW TAX DECREES HIT REICH JEWS; 200 BANKS CLOSED IN 2 YEARS

BERLIN, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- FURTHER DISCRIMINATIONS AGAINST JEWS IN THE REICH'S TAX SYSTEM WERE DECREED TODAY. JEWISH WOMEN WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN THE FUTURE TO CLAIM TAX EXEMPTION DURING THE TWELVE WEEKS OF MATERNITY LEAVE ALLOWED BY LAW. JEWS WILL BE COMPELLED TO PAY TAX ON GRATUITIES FROM EMPLOYERS FOR BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES, FROM WHICH "ARYANS" ARE EXEMPTED.

IT IS RELIABLY REPORTED THAT JEWS WILL BE DEPRIVED SHORTLY OF CUSTOMARY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR WAGE EARNERS SUPPORTING AGED AND INVALID RELATIVES.

NEARLY 200 PRIVATE JEWISH BANKING HOUSES, FORMING APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE NUMBER WHICH EXISTED IN 1935, HAVE CLOSED IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM "ARYAN" SOURCES RECEIVED TODAY. MANY WERE PARTIALLY "ARYANIZED" BY THE ADMISSION OF GERMAN PARTNERS. IN SOME CASES JEWISH BANKERS, WHILE HOLDING A MAJORITY OF THE SHARES, RESIGNED.

DER ANGRIF, NAZI ORGAN, TONIGHT DEMANDS ESTABLISHMENT OF A CREDIT INSTITUTION TO OVERSEE "ARYANIZATION" OF JEWISH BUSINESS ENTERPRISES. THE PAPER CLAIMS THAT THE PACE AT WHICH ENTERPRISES ARE CHANGING OVER FROM JEWISH TO "ARYAN" HANDS HAS BEEN TOO SLOW. THE PAPER POINTS OUT: "THERE ARE MANY ARYANS WHO WORKED IN JEWISH ENTERPRISES A LONG TIME WHO ARE FAMILIAR ENOUGH WITH THESE BUSINESSES TO TAKE THEM OVER, BUT THE TROUBLE HAS BEEN THAT THOSE WHO HAVE ENOUGH KNOWLEDGE HAVE NOT ENOUGH MONEY." THE PAPER WARNS THAT IN MANY CASES "ARYANS" BOUGHT JEWISH CONCERNS WITH WHICH THEY WERE NOT FAMILIAR, AND ASSERTS THAT ESPECIALLY IN THE RETAIL TRADE ALL JEWISH CONCERNS MUST EVENTUALLY CHANGE HANDS.

ALL JEWS WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM THE TRUCKING AND WAREHOUSE INDUSTRY BEFORE AUTUMN, ACCORDING TO REPORTS TODAY. THE FORECAST IS ON THE BASIS OF RECENT ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE TECHNICAL GROUP IN CHARGE OF THE INDUSTRY.

FOLLOWING AN ASSERTION BY DER ANGRIF THAT THE NEXT LEGAL ATTACK AGAINST THE JEWS WOULD BE IN CONNECTION WITH REAL ESTATE, NEWSPAPERS APPEARING IN WIDELY SCATTERED SECTIONS OF THE REICH ARE NOW SUGGESTING MEANS BY WHICH LEASES WITH JEWS MAY BE BROKEN.

A TYPICAL ARTICLE IS ONE PUBLISHED BY THE WESTDEUTSCHER BEOBSACHTER OF COLOGNE, IN WHICH THE WRITER DECLARES THAT A PERSON DISCOVERING HIS LANDLORD TO BE JEWISH "NATURALLY" WANTS TO BREAK HIS LEASE. IN SUCH CASES, THE PAPER SUGGESTS, THE TENANT SHOULD PROMPTLY INFORM THE LANDLORD THAT HE NO LONGER CONSIDERS HIMSELF BOUND BY CONTRACT. IF THE JEWISH LANDLORD SUES, THE PAPER SAYS, "THE DEFENDANT MIGHT TELL THE COURT HE WAS MISTAKEN IN THE CHARACTER OF THE LANDLORD."

"OF COURSE," THE ARTICLE GOES ON, "THE CHARACTER OF ONE WHO SIGNS A CONTRACT IS A VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS. SINCE THE ORDINARY ARYAN WOULD NOT SIGN A CONTRACT WITH A PERSON KNOWN TO BE A JEW AND SINCE THE STATE IS DESIROUS OF MAKING A COMPLETE SEPARATION BETWEEN ARYANS AND JEWS THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT THE TENANT WOULD NOT BE HELD TO THE LEASE."

ANOTHER PROCEDURE SUGGESTED IS TO STATE THAT "ASSOCIATION WITH JEWS CAN HAVE HEAVY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES." THE PAPER DECLARES: "WE DO NOT GO TOO FAR. WE BELIEVE IN ACCEPTING THE THEORY THAT THE JEW MUST CALL ATTENTION TO HIS RACIAL AFFILIATION IN ENTERING A CONTRACT WITH AN ARYAN." THE ARTICLE ADDS THAT COURTS HAVE PERMITTED LEASES TO BE BROKEN, IN CASES INVOLVING LARGE CAPITAL, WHEN THE TENANT HAS CLAIMED HE DID NOT KNOW THE LANDLORD WAS A JEW.

A JEW WHO LIVED WITH A COMMON-LAW "ARYAN" WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT BY A PROVINCIAL COURT. THE DEFENDANT PLEADED VAINLY THAT HE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT HIS JEWISH BLOOD BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO TAKE OUT A MARRIAGE LICENSE.

### MEDITERRANEAN CONFLICT WITH BRITAIN SEEN BEHIND ITALIAN ANTI-SEMITISM

ROME, FEB. 14. (HAVAS) -- ITALIAN ANTI-SEMITISM, INCREASING WITH THE APPROACH OF THE VISIT WHICH CHANCELLOR ADOLF HITLER WILL PAY TO PREMIER BENITO MUSSOLINI IN MAY, IS NEVERTHELESS INSPIRED BY ANGLo-ITALIAN DIFFERENCES REGARDING MEDITERRANEAN PROBLEMS, OBSERVERS AGREED HERE TODAY.

IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT NEWSPAPER ATTACKS ON JEWS ARE DIRECTED BY ROBERTO FARINACCI, A MEMBER OF THE FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN CRITICISM OF BRITISH POLICY. BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES WITH BRITAIN DATING BACK TO THE ETHIOPIAN WAR, ITALY HAS SUPPORTED THE ARABS IN THEIR CONFLICT WITH THE JEWS IN PALESTINE.

ACTIVE ANTI-SEMITISM IS A NEW THING IN ITALY, A COUNTRY OF 41,000,000 INHABITANTS OF WHOM LESS THAN 60,000 ARE JEWISH; AND A COUNTRY IN WHICH THE VATICAN, WHICH OPPOSES THE RACIAL THEORIES OF THE GERMAN NAZIS, ENJOYS WIDE INFLUENCE. THE INTELLECTUAL ANTI-SEMITISM INSPIRED BY GIOVANNI PREZIOSI WAS HELD TO HAVE NO REAL IMPORTANCE. MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO PUBLICATION OF A BOOK CALLED "JEWS IN ITALY" GAVE RISE TO A SERIES OF PRESS POLEMICS IN WHICH THE JEWS FOUND DEFENDERS.

OFFICIAL CIRCLES SAID AT THAT TIME THAT ANTI-SEMITISM ONLY REPRESENTED ONE SECTION OF ITALIAN OPINION, AND THAT IT WAS CARRIED OUT NOT ONLY WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT, BUT AGAINST ITS WILL. THE GRAND RABBI OF ROME, RECEIVED BY MUSSOLINI DURING THE CONTROVERSY, WAS GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT THE JEWS WOULD BE TREATED WITH JUSTICE.

WHEN JEWS BEGAN TO LEAVE GERMANY FOR PALESTINE, MANY OF THEM WERE TRANSPORTED BY ITALIAN VESSELS SAILING FROM TRIESTE. AT THAT TIME OFFICIAL FASCISM SOUGHT TO DISTINGUISH ITSELF FROM NATIONAL SOCIALISM, CONDEMNING THE GERMAN RACIAL IDEA AS OPPOSED TO THE ITALIAN CONCEPTION OF THE NATION. THAT WAS ALSO THE PERIOD IN WHICH ITALY WAS PRESENTED AS A CONNECTING LINK BETWEEN THE ORIENT AND THE OCCIDENT, WITH ROME SERVING AS A SORT OF MELTING POT FOR ALL RACIAL GROUPS.

SINCE THEN THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED, WITH INCREASINGLY NUMEROUS NEWSPAPER ATTACKS ON THE JEWS. THE PRO-MOSLEM ITALIAN POLICY DATES FROM MUSSOLINI'S TRIP TO LIBYA, DURING WHICH HE WAS PRESENTED WITH "THE SWORD OF ISLAM" BY MOSLEM SUBJECTS.

FOR ALL THESE REASONS THE JEWISH PROBLEM IS HELD TO BE CONNECTED WITH A MEDITERRANEAN POLICY CONTRARY TO BRITISH INTERESTS. AT THE SAME TIME, IT HAS BECOME AN INTERNAL PROBLEM FOR ITALY BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING INFLUENCE OF NAZI IDEAS. SURVEILLANCE OF JEWS

HAS REDOUBLED. LAST SPRING A RELATIVELY IMPORTANT NUMBER OF THEM WERE ARRESTED AT MILAN AND IN THE AUTUMN WERE TRIED BEFORE A SPECIAL TRIBUNAL.

IN CONTRAST WITH THE PRACTICE IN GERMANY, HOWEVER, NO OFFICIAL STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN HERE AGAINST THE JEWS ON A RACIAL BASIS. THE PREJUDICE FELT AGAINST ALL INTELLECTUALS IS SIMPLY STRONGER WHERE JEWS ARE CONCERNED.

THE ANTI-SEMITIC DOCUMENT KNOWN AS THE "PROTOCOLS OF THE ELDERS OF ZION" WAS RECENTLY REPUBLISHED BY AN ITALIAN REVIEW. A SPECIAL WEEKLY HAS BEEN FOUNDED TO ADVANCE THE POLICY OF PROTECTION AGAINST THE JEWS. THREE HUNDRED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA HAVE SIGNED A PETITION AGAINST THEIR JEWISH FELLOW-STUDENTS.

THE VATICAN, MEANWHILE, CONTINUING ITS OPPOSITION TO GERMAN RACIAL IDEAS, TAKES EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND THE WORLD THAT ALL RACES HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN THE HUMAN HARMONY DEVISED BY THE CREATOR, AND TO RECALL TO SOME THEORETICIANS THE FACT THAT CHRIST WAS A JEW.

#### DEATH SENTENCE OF ARAB NOTABLE CONFIRMED; JEWISH WORKER INJURED

JERUSALEM, FEB. 14. (JTA) -- MAJOR GENERAL ARCHIBALD P. WAVELL TODAY CONFIRMED THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED BY A MILITARY COURT ON HAJ MAHMUD EL HUSSEINI, AN ARAB NOTABLE, FOR CARRYING A REVOLVER. HIS EXECUTION IS EXPECTED TOMORROW.

A DELEGATION OF ARAB WOMEN PRESENTED A MEMORANDUM TO GENERAL WAVELL PROTESTING RECENT DEATH SENTENCES OF ARABS.

A BAND ATTACKED A PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CAMP NEAR ANEBTA, SETTING FIRE TO TENTS AND DESTROYING EQUIPMENT. A SEARCH FOR THE BAND WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY SUCCESSFUL.

ARAB SNIPERS SHOT AT A GROUP OF JEWISH WORKERS IN A QUARRY NEAR GIVAT SHAUL, JERUSALEM SUBURB, SLIGHTLY WOUNDING ONE. EIGHT ZIONIST REVISIONISTS, HELD SEVERAL MONTHS AT THE GOVERNMENT CONCENTRATION CAMP AT ACRE, WERE RELEASED TODAY.

#### TALKS WITH NURI PASHA PERSONAL, ORMSBY-GORE HOLDS

LONDON, FEB. 14. (JTA) -- WILLIAM G.A. ORMSBY-GORE, COLONIAL SECRETARY, TODAY DISPELLED REPORTS THAT NURI PASHA ES-SAID, FORMER IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER, HAD VISITED HIM IN BEHALF OF THE PALESTINE ARAB CAUSE BY TELLING COMMONS THAT THE VISIT WAS ENTIRELY PERSONAL.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY MR. CREECH JONES, MR. ORMSBY-GORE SAID HE RECEIVED NURI-PASHA AS AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE, THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THEM WAS ENTIRELY INFORMAL AND NURI PASHA DID NOT REPRESENT HIMSELF AS BEING IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY, NOR DID HE SUBMIT FORMAL REPRESENTATIONS OR PROPOSALS.

#### ORMSBY-GORE TO QUIT COMMONS

LONDON, FEB. 14. (HAVAS) -- COLONIAL SECRETARY ORMSBY-GORE WILL GIVE UP HIS HOUSE OF COMMONS SEAT AT THE END OF THE PRESENT SESSION, HE ANNOUNCED IN A SPEECH HERE TONIGHT. UNLESS HE IS NAMED TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS, THIS WOULD ALSO MEAN HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE CABINET.

#### U.S. NEXT ON FASCISTS' LIST FOR DESTRUCTION, SIROVICH WARNS HOUSE

WASHINGTON, FEB. 14. (JTA) -- COMPARING HITLER WITH TORQUEMADA, GRAND INQUISITOR OF THE SPANISH INQUISITION, REP. WILLIAM SIROVICH (DEM., N.Y.) TODAY WARNED THE HOUSE THAT THE FASCISTS WERE ON THE MARCH AGAINST ALL DEMOCRACIES AND "AMERICA IS THE NEXT COUNTRY IN LINE FOR DESTRUCTION BY THE FASCISTS."

MEXICO ASKS DATA ON JEWS IN SURVEY OF IMMIGRANTS; ANTI-SEMITISM DENIED

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 11. (JTA - Airmail) -- WITH FURTHER IMMIGRATION TEMPORARILY HALTED, THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TODAY ASKED THE JEWISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SUPPLY DATA ON THE JEWISH COLONY IN MEXICO TO AID THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY OF IMMIGRANTS AIMED AT FORMULATING A NEW ENTRY POLICY.

(PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NATION-WIDE INVESTIGATION OF IMMIGRANTS' STATUS WAS MADE BY PRESIDENT CARDENAS ON SUNDAY, THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED. THE STEP WAS TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DECISION REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "PROTECTED ZONES" WITHIN WHICH ONLY MEXICAN SMALL MERCHANTS CAN OPERATE.)

THE INFORMATION REQUIRED INCLUDES DATE OF ENTRY OF EACH IMMIGRANT, OCCUPATION, NUMBER OF WORKERS HE EMPLOYS, NATIONALITY, WHETHER THE IMMIGRANT IS A CITIZEN, WHETHER HE LEFT CLOSE RELATIVES IN HIS COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND WHETHER THEY REQUIRE HIS HELP.

IN DEMANDING THE STATISTICS, F. TREJO, CHIEF OF THE POPULATION BUREAU OF THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT, ASSURED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, JACOB LANDAU AND GERSHON SHAPIRO, THAT THERE WAS NO ANTI-SEMITIC MOTIVE BEHIND THEM AND THAT HE BELIEVED JEWS WERE DESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS. HE MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF "MEXICANIZATION" OF ECONOMIC LIFE.

IT WAS DECIDED TO CALL AN URGENT MEETING OF ALL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS TO DISCUSS THESE AND OTHER DEMANDS AND TO REACH A UNIFIED STAND REGARDING THE SITUATION.

NO ENTRY PERMITS ARE NOW BEING ISSUED, MR. TREJO TOLD THE DELEGATION, ADDING THAT 80 TO 90 REQUESTS FOR THEM DAILY ARE BEING REJECTED. DISCUSSING JEWISH IMMIGRANTS, HE SAID THAT, UNLIKE OTHER IMMIGRANTS, JEWS DID NOT LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND KEPT THEIR CAPITAL IN THE COUNTRY. HIS ONLY CRITICISM OF JEWISH IMMIGRANTS, HE ASSERTED, WAS THAT THEY FAILED TO ASSIMILATE, BUT THAT THIS WAS NOT SERIOUS, SINCE IT WOULD BE REMEDIED IN THE SECOND GENERATION.

MEXICO IS INTERESTED IN BUILDING A BUSINESS STRUCTURE OF ITS OWN, MR. TREJO SAID. IT IS PLANNED TO TEACH MEXICAN YOUTHS, WITH THE HELP OF IMMIGRANTS, TO BECOME BUSINESS MEN. FOREIGN MERCHANTS WILL BE ASKED TO EMPLOY MEXICAN YOUTHS AND TRAIN THEM.

BRITAIN COMMUNICATING WITH RUMANIA ON MINORITIES, EDEN TELLS COMMONS

LONDON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS COMMUNICATING WITH THE BUCHAREST GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS RELATING TO MINORITIES IN RUMANIA, FOREIGN SECRETARY ANTHONY EDEN STATED TODAY IN COMMONS. HE ADDED THAT IN VIEW OF THE RESIGNATION OF OCTAVIAN GOGA'S GOVERNMENT HE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE A FULLER STATEMENT AT PRESENT. HIS STATEMENT WAS IN REPLY TO JOHN RHYS DAVIS, LABORITE, WHO ASKED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT REPRESENTATIONS MADE RECENTLY BY THE BRITISH MINISTER AT BUCHAREST.

NAZIS ADMIT "PROTOCOLS" PLAGIARIZED; BLAME JEWS

LONDON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- NAZI SOURCES HAVE ADMITTED, FOR WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST TIME, THAT "THE PROTOCOLS OF THE LEARNED ELDERS OF ZION," DISCREDITED RECORD OF A PURPORTED PLOT FOR JEWISH WORLD DOMINATION, WAS PLAGIARIZED FROM ANOTHER WORK, BUT CLAIM THE PLAGIARISM WAS COMMITTED BY A JEW. A NEW PAMPHLET IN ENGLISH, "THE JEWISH WORLD CONSPIRACY" BY DR. KARL BERGMEISTER, ISSUED BY THE ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLISHING HOUSE OF COL. ULRICH FLEISCHAUER IN ERFURT, GERMANY, CONFESSES THAT THE "PROTOCOLS" WAS TAKEN IN LARGE PART FROM MAURICE JOLY'S "DIALOGUES IN HELL BETWEEN MACHIAVELLI AND MONTESQUIEU."

NOTE: THE REPORT THAT ORMSBY-GORE WOULD LEAVE COMMONS WAS WITHDRAWN BY HAVAS