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81 ARABS TRIED BY ARMY COURTS; 8 SENTENCED TO DEATH, 5 EXECUTED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- SINCE THEIR CREATION LAST NOV. 18 TO STAMP OUT TERRORISM, BRITISH ARMY COURTS HAVE TRIED 81 ARABS, SENTENCING EIGHT TO DEATH, 19 TO LIFE TERMS AND ACQUITTING 12, IT WAS REVEALED HERE TODAY.

FIVE ARABS HAVE ALREADY BEEN EXECUTED AND A SIXTH, HAJ MAHMOUD EL HUSSEINI, TERRORIST CHIEFTAIN SENTENCED LAST WEEK FOR POSSESSION OF A REVOLVER, IS AWAITING EXECUTION. DEATH SENTENCES OF TWO OTHERS WERE COMMUTED TO TERMS OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT BY MAJOR GENERAL A.P. WAVELL, WHO ALONE HAS THE POWER TO REVIEW DECISIONS OF THE MILITARY TRIBUNALS.

HAJ MAHMOUD, WHOSE DEATH SENTENCE WAS CONFIRMED YESTERDAY BY GEN. WAVELL, SUCCEEDED THE LATE SHEIKH AL KASSAM AS LEADER OF A TERRORIST BAND WHICH HE HAD JOINED IN 1935. A NATIVE OF MAUKABA EL HAWA, HE RECENTLY ORGANIZED A GANG IN HAIFA TO CARRY OUT THREATS AGAINST THE POLICE. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPERS HERE, HE WAS DISGUISED AS A BEGGAR WHEN ARRESTED. HE IS NOT A RELATIVE OF HAJ AMIN EL HUSSEINI, EXILED EX-MUFTI OF JERUSALEM.

THE ARMY COURT HERE TODAY SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT SULEIMAN MOHAMMED, ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF ARMS JAN. 1 AFTER DOGS HAD TRAILED THE MURDERERS OF A JEW.

ALERTNESS OF A WATCHMAN WHO DISCOVERED A SECTION OF TRACK HAD BEEN REMOVED NEAR KALKILLIA SAVED THE LYDDA-HAIFA EXPRESS LAST NIGHT FROM DISASTER. KALKILLIA, MIDWAY BETWEEN LYDDA AND TULKAREM, HAS BEEN THE SCENE OF SEVERAL TRAIN WRECKS CAUSED BY ARAB TERRORISTS.

150 ARRESTED IN CZERNOWITZ FOR ORGANIZING ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES

CZERNOWITZ, RUMANIA, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- COLTO DORESCU, NEW PREFECT HERE, TODAY CLOSED THE CUZIST (RUMANIAN NAZI) HEADQUARTERS AND ARRESTED 150 CUZISTS AND GOGA "LANCER" FOR ARMY COURT TRIAL ON CHARGES OF ORGANIZING ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES.

THE PREFECT ALSO PROHIBITED PUBLICATION OF THE NOTORIOUS NAZI DAILY, THE CZERNOWITZER TAGESPOST. FOURTEEN JEWISH NEWSPAPERS, WHICH HAD BEEN PROHIBITED BY THE FORMER PREFECT NICHIFOR ROBY, NOTORIOUS ANTI-SEMITIC LEADER, ARE EXPECTED TO REAPPEAR SHORTLY.

NAZI TO BE NAMED AUSTRIAN INTERIOR MINISTER IN HITLER-SCHUSCHNIGG "DEAL"

VIENNA, FEB. 15. (HAVAS) -- DR. ARTHUR VON SEYES-INGUART, CHANCELLOR ADOLF HITLER'S CANDIDATE TO REPRESENT AUSTRIAN NAZIS IN THE VIENNA GOVERNMENT, WILL BE NAMED MINISTER OF INTERIOR, IN A MOVE COMBINING TWO PORTFOLIOS IN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, IT WAS CONFIRMED TONIGHT.

IN HIS NEW POST THE PRO-NAZI MINISTER WILL ASSUME THE PUBLIC SECURITY PORTFOLIO HELD BY CHANCELLOR KURT SCHUSCHNIGG AND THE INTERIOR PORTFOLIO HELD BY DR. EDMUND GLAISE-HORSTENAU. THE LATTER WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

THESE STEPS WERE REPORTEDLY ARRANGED IN A "DEAL" CONCLUDED DURING THE SURPRISE MEETING BETWEEN SCHUSCHNIGG AND HITLER AT BERCHTESGADEN LAST SATURDAY. IN RETURN FOR ADMISSION OF THE PRO-NAZI MINISTER TO THE GOVERNMENT, HITLER WAS SAID TO HAVE AGREED TO REAFFIRM AUSTRIA'S INDEPENDENCE, IN HIS REICHSTAG SPEECH NEXT SUNDAY. THE FUHRER ALSO WAS SAID TO HAVE AGREED TO REAFFIRM THE PRINCIPLE OF "NON-INTERFERENCE" IN AUSTRIAN AFFAIRS; IN TERMS CONSTITUTING FORMAL RECOGNITION OF THE AUSTRIAN PATRIOTIC FRONT, AND TO PROMISE SUPPRESSION OF ALL AID TO NAZIS IN AUSTRIA.

ENDING OF ASSISTANCE TO THE NAZIS PROBABLY WILL INCLUDE A COMPLETE HALT IN THE SENDING OF MONEY AND PROPAGANDA MATERIAL TO AUSTRIA AND CESSATION OF THE ANTI-AUSTRIAN CAMPAIGN BY THE GERMAN PRESS AND RADIO.

ITALIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY ELECTIONS INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

ROME, FEB. 15. (JTA) -- THE AUTHORITIES HAVING FAILED TO ISSUE THE REQUIRED PERMIT, ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 8 WERE TODAY INDEFINITELY POSTPONED BY THE UNION OF ITALIAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES. JEWISH CIRCLES EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THE ELECTIONS WILL NOT BE HELD AND PREDICTED THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY APPOINT A SPECIAL COMMISSAR TO ADMINISTER THE UNION'S AFFAIRS.

PAUL MUNI TO LAND AT TEL AVIV PORT

TEL AVIV, FEB. 15. (JTA) -- PAUL MUNI, NOTED AMERICAN FILM ACTOR WHO IS ON A WORLD TOUR, IS EXPECTED TO BE AMONG THE FIRST PASSENGERS TO ALIGHT AT THE NEW PORT HERE FEB. 21, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY. MR. MUNI, IT IS BELIEVED, WILL BE ASKED TO PLAY THE LEADING ROLE IN A PROJECTED PALESTINIAN FILM ON THE LIFE OF DR. THEODOR HERZL, FOUNDER OF POLITICAL ZIONISM.

ORMSBY-GORE TO RETIRE FROM HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON, FEB. 15. (JTA) -- WILLIAM G.A. ORMSBY-GORE, COLONIAL SECRETARY, WILL RETIRE AS MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AT THE END OF THE PRESENT PARLIAMENTARY SESSION, HE ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT IN ADDRESSING A DINNER OF THE STAFFORDSHIRE SOCIETY.

\$200,000 SOUGHT FOR JEWISH HEALTH WORK IN POLAND, RUMANIA

PARIS, FEB. 14. (JTA) -- A COMMITTEE HEADED BY SENATOR JUSTIN GODART HAS DECIDED TO SEEK \$200,000 WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS TO FINANCE ACTIVITIES OF THE OSE, JEWISH ORGANIZATION FOR HEALTH MAINTENANCE, IN RUMANIA, AND THE TOZ, ITS SISTER ORGANIZATION IN POLAND.

THE NECESSITY OF EXTENDING THE CHILD CARE WORK OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS THIS YEAR WAS STRESSED AT A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE. THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE MEDICAL AND SANITARY ASSISTANCE AND FREE MEALS TO 70,000 CHILDREN IN POLAND AND RUMANIA.

THE ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOW FEEDING 50,000, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. THE COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED A YEAR AGO BY THE WORLD OSE UNION, WILL ASK THE SUPPORT OF FRENCH JEWS IN ITS WORK.

600 TONS OF KOSHER MEAT SUPPLIED TO JEWS IN REICH

LONDON, FEB. 15. (JTA) -- SIX HUNDRED TONS OF KOSHER MEAT WERE SUPPLIED TO JEWISH INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS IN GERMANY DURING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1937, THE JEWISH FRIENDS FOOD FUND, WHICH IS HEADED BY CHIEF RABBI JOSEPH H. HERTZ, REPORTED TODAY. KOSHER SLAUGHTERING IS FORBIDDEN IN THE REICH.

MEAT WAS SUPPLIED TO 25,000 INDIVIDUALS AND 15,000 INMATES OF 205 JEWISH INSTITUTIONS. THE INSTITUTIONS INCLUDE 24 HOSPITALS, 44 HOMES FOR THE AGED, 87 YOUTH HOMES AND HACHSHARA (ZIONIST TRAINING) CENTERS, 30 SOUP KITCHENS AND 23 OTHER INSTITUTIONS. DURING JEWISH HOLIDAYS EVERY RITUAL-OBSERVING FAMILY IN GERMANY WAS SUPPLIED WITH MEAT.

THE FUND COLLECTED, DURING THE EIGHT MONTHS \$103,000 IN DONATIONS FROM EVERY PART OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING ALASKA, THE DUTCH EAST INDIES AND CHINA. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES TOTALLED TWO PER CENT, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT.

BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT NOT ANTI-SEMITIC, INVITES IMMIGRANTS, VARGAS DECLARES

NEW YORK, FEB. 15. (JTA) -- THE NEW CORPORATIVE DICTATORSHIP IN BRAZIL HAS NO ANTI-SEMITIC INTENTIONS, PRESIDENT GETULIO VARGAS DECLARED YESTERDAY IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE UNITED PRESS IN RIO DE JANEIRO. HE ASSURED FOREIGN JEWS THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO BE WELCOMED TO BRAZIL "WITHOUT PREJUDICE OR PRECONCEPTION."

"IT IS NOT THE WAY OF OUR PEOPLE AND NEITHER IS IT CHARACTERISTIC OF OUR POLITICAL HISTORY TO WAR ON RACES," PRESIDENT VARGAS SAID. "BRAZIL WILL HOSPITALLY RECEIVE TODAY, JUST AS SHE RECEIVED YESTERDAY, ALL THOSE SEEKING OUR SOIL, HELPING THOSE REPRESENTING ELEMENTS FOR OUR PROGRESS BUT DEFENDING HERSELF AGAINST THOSE WHO SHOW THEMSELVES TO BE UNDESIRABLE FOR HER NATIONAL LIFE."

FEDERATIONS, WELFARE FUNDS DISTRIBUTED \$15,000,000 IN 1936

NEW YORK, FEB. 15. (JTA) -- AMERICAN JEWRY, THROUGH 125 FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS, DISTRIBUTED \$15,169,803 FOR RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION IN 1936 -- ALMOST THREE-QUARTERS OF IT FOR LOCAL CAUSES AND SOMETHING LESS THAN 15 PER CENT FOR CAUSES OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY.

THE STATISTICS WERE MADE PUBLIC BY THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS IN A CHART PUBLISHED IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF NOTES AND NEWS, THE COUNCIL'S PERIODICAL.

THE FUNDS FOR LOCAL CAUSES, TOTALLING \$11,119,093, OR 73.3 PER CENT WERE BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS: 30.5 PER CENT FOR MEDICAL CARE, 29.4 PER CENT FOR FAMILY WELFARE, 18.6 PER CENT FOR ORPHAN HOMES AND OTHER SERVICES TO CHILDREN, 15.4 PER CENT FOR EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, 3.3 PER CENT FOR CARE OF THE AGED AND 2.1 PER CENT FOR JOB PLACEMENT AND VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE WORK.

THE \$2,083,198 OR 13.6 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL, DISTRIBUTED FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES INCLUDES \$1,491,361 FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION -- 56.1 PER CENT OF IT TO EUROPE AND 43.9 PER CENT TO PALESTINE.

WELFARE FUNDS CONTRIBUTED \$445,665 TO ACTIVITIES IN FIVE FIELDS WHICH ARE NATIONAL IN SCOPE, INCLUDING 34.5 PER CENT FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL WORK, 29.1 PER CENT FOR NATIONAL HOSPITALS AND TUBERCULAR CARE, 17 PER CENT FOR PROTECTION OF JEWISH CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION, 8 PER CENT FOR IMMIGRANT-AID AND 11.4 PER CENT FOR COORDINATION AND RESEARCH.

THE SMALLEST PROPORTION OF THE NON-LOCAL EXPENDITURES BY THE 125 FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS WAS THAT CONTRIBUTED FOR REGIONAL WORK. OF THE \$136,469 DISBURSED FOR REGIONAL ACTIVITIES, 63.1 PER CENT WAS FOR CHILD CARE, 25.3 PER CENT FOR CARE OF THE AGED, AND 11.6 PER CENT FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL WORK. ADMINISTRATION AND FUND-RAISING COSTS WERE \$1,419,507, OR 9.4 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS OF THE 125 AGENCIES. THE REMAINING 3.7 PER CENT OF THE ENTIRE OUTLAY, OR \$548,008, WAS USED FOR REPAYMENT OF LOANS, SPECIAL FUNDS AND OTHER FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

YIDDISH PAPER APOLOGIZES FOR ATTACK ON MARGOSHES

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- THE JEWISH DAILY FORWARD, IN A STATEMENT PUBLISHED ON ITS FRONT PAGE, HAS EXPRESSED REGRET FOR AN ATTACK ON DR. SAMUEL MARGOSHES, THEN EDITOR OF THE DAY, WHICH THE FORWARD PUBLISHED LAST NOVEMBER. THE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED THE PERSONAL ATTACK TO THE HEAT OF THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND DECLARED THE WRITER HAD WRITTEN IT WITHOUT AUTHORITY. DR. MARGOSHES HAD THREATENED A \$250,000 LIBEL SUIT AGAINST THE FORWARD.

DENTISTS CONTRIBUTED \$6,000 FOR JERUSALEM MEDICAL CENTER

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- THE AMERICAN JEWISH DENTISTS COMMITTEE FOR THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY HAS CONTRIBUTED \$5,000 TO THE BUILDING FUND OF THE MEDICAL CENTER ON MT. SCOPUS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TONIGHT AT THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING AND CONCERT OF THE COMMITTEE AT THE HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA. IN ADDITION, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE'S EXECUTIVE BODY CONTRIBUTED \$1,000 IN DECEMBER IN RESPONSE TO A CABLED EMERGENCY APPEAL. THE COMMITTEE, WHICH HOPES ULTIMATELY TO SPONSOR A DENTAL DEPARTMENT AT THE MEDICAL CENTER, HAS 300 MEMBERS AND IS SEEKING A MEMBERSHIP OF 3,000. SPEAKERS INCLUDED DR. ISIDOR WACHTEL, CHAIRMAN, AND DR. HENRY TRATTNER, VICE-CHAIRMAN, WHO REPORTED ON ACTIVITIES OF THE PAST YEAR.

\$ 7,500,000 BROUGHT TO PALESTINE IN 1937 THROUGH HAAVARA

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- IMPORTS OF CAPITAL THROUGH HAAVARA, LTD., AMOUNTED IN 1937 TO 31,300,000 MARKS (\$7,500,000) AS COMPARED WITH 19,900,000 MARKS IN 1936, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT MADE AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

THIS INCREASE OF 57.2 PER CENT DURING THE PAST YEAR IS MAINLY DUE TO AN ENLARGED TRANSFER IN CASH WHICH ROSE FROM 9,900,000 MARKS IN 1936 TO 18,500,000 MARKS, OR BY NEARLY 100 PER CENT. ANOTHER TYPE OF TRANSFER IS THE SELF-TRANSFER, WHICH INCREASED FROM 10,000,000 MARKS IN 1935 TO 12,800,000 MARKS IN 1937.

TRANSFER THROUGH HAAVARA SINCE ITS FOUNDATION IN NOVEMBER, 1933, REACHED A TOTAL OF 77,800,000 MARKS AT THE END OF 1937. THE GOLD VALUE OF THIS AMOUNT IS \$22,500,000.

DESPITE THE INCREASED TURNOVER DURING THE PAST YEAR THERE ARE LARGE AMOUNTS OF TRANSFERABLE MONIES OF WOULD-BE JEWISH IMMIGRANTS IN GERMANY. BY THE END OF THE PAST YEAR THE AMOUNT WAITING IN GERMAN BANKS FOR TRANSFER INTO PALESTINE WAS ABOUT 50,000,000 MARKS, OR \$12,800,000. A DETAILED REPORT ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY WILL SHORTLY BE PUBLISHED TOGETHER WITH A STATEMENT ON POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE SYSTEM OF TRANSFER, AS A RESULT OF NEGOTIATION PROCEEDING AT PRESENT WITH THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES. DR. SIEGFRIED MOSES RETIRED FROM THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY ON DEC. 31. HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. DR. FRITZ NEUMAN AND HERMANN SCHLOSSBERG HAVE BEEN APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT.