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### ITALY PROPOSES JEWISH STATE OUTSIDE PALESTINE; DENIES PLANNING ANTI-SEMITIC POLICY

ROME, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The Italian Government denied today any intention to inaugurate an anti-Semitic policy and proposed establishment of a Jewish State somewhere outside Palestine as a solution of "the international Jewish problem."

The official Informazione Diplomatica issued a statement, generally attributed to Premier Mussolini, which denied reports that the Government planned anti-Jewish restrictions, but reserved the right to act against Jews hostile to the regime -- it held the international anti-Fascist movement directed by "Jewish elements" -- and to watch recent Jewish immigrants.

The statement made a deep impression here. It was reported that a suggestion was made to the Italian press to check anti-Semitic attacks. The second issue of IL GIORNALISSIMO, new anti-Semitic weekly, failed to appear today. Jewish circles found comfort in assurances that no changes are planned in the law governing Jewish communities, and expressed the opinion the declaration would greatly help to alleviate the internal crisis in the communities.

#### Text of Agency's Statement

The statement follows:

"Recent journalistic polemics might have aroused in certain circles the impression that the Fascist Government was about to inaugurate an anti-Semitic policy. It is stated in responsible Rome circles that this impression is completely erroneous, and the polemics are considered as aroused by the fact that the currents of international anti-Fascism are regularly directed by Jewish elements.

"Responsible Rome circles are of the opinion that the international Jewish problem can be resolved only in one way -- through the creation, in whatever part of the world except Palestine, of a Jewish State, a state in the full significance of the word, capable of representing and protecting through normal diplomatic and consular channels the Jewish masses dispersed in various countries.

"Because there are Jews also in Italy, it does not mean necessarily that a specific Jewish problem has to exist. In other countries there are millions of Jews; in Italy, however, in a population of nearly 44,000,000, the number of Jews varies between fifty and sixty thousand.

"THE FASCIST GOVERNMENT NEVER THOUGHT, NOR THINKS NOW TO ADOPT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC OR MORAL MEASURES DIRECTED AGAINST THE JEWS AS SUCH, EXCEPT, NATURALLY, IN CASES OF ACTIONS HOSTILE TO THE REGIME.

"THE FASCIST GOVERNMENT FIRMLY OPPOSES THE USE OF THREATS OR PRESSURE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO FORCE RELIGIOUS CONVERSIONS OR ARTIFICIAL ASSIMILATION. THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES LAW, WHICH RULES AND CONTROLS THE LIFE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES, IS GOOD PROOF OF THIS, AND WILL REMAIN UNALTERED.

"THE FASCIST GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WATCH THE ACTIVITIES OF JEWS WHO RECENTLY ARRIVED IN OUR COUNTRY, AND DOES SO. THAT THE ROLE OF THE JEWS IN THE ENTIRE LIFE OF THE NATION SHOULD NOT BE OUT OF PROPORTION TO THE INTRINSIC MERITS OF THE SINGLE INDIVIDUALS AND THE QUANTITATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMUNITY."

#### INCREASED ANTI-SEMITISM EXPECTED TO RESULT FROM AUSTRIAN CABINET SHAKE-UP

VIENNA, FEB. 16. (JTA) -- INCREASED IMPETUS TO THE ANTI-SEMITIC MOVEMENT IN AUSTRIA AS ONE OF THE RESULTS OF INCLUSION OF NAZIS IN THE PATRIOTIC FATHERLAND FRONT WAS EXPECTED TODAY. IT WAS ALSO FEARED THAT DR. ARTHUR SEYSS-INQUART, THE PRO-NAZI WHO WAS APPOINTED MINISTER OF INTERIOR ON CHANCELLOR HITLER'S DEMAND, MIGHT UTILIZE HIS POSITION TO INSTITUTE AN ANTI-JEWISH PROGRAM. HE HAS AN ANTI-SEMITIC RECORD, PARTICULARLY IN THE PHOENIX INSURANCE COMPANY CASE.

THE ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES WHICH IT WAS FEARED HE MIGHT CARRY OUT ARE:

- 1-- REVISION OF POST-WAR JEWISH NATURALIZATIONS;
- 2-- CANCELLATION OF RESIDENTIAL PERMITS FOR MANY JEWS;
- 3-- FURTHERANCE, DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY, OF THE NUMERUS CLAUSUS IN THE PROFESSIONS.

IT IS FEARED HERE THAT THE CONSTITUTION WILL BE MODIFIED BEFORE SUMMER, AFFECTING JEWISH RIGHTS.

IT IS POINTED OUT THAT THE FATHERLAND FRONT, WHICH HAS A MILLION MEMBERS, IS NOW OPEN TO NAZIS AND WILL BE FLOODED BY A HALF MILLION NEW MEMBERS WHO PREVIOUSLY WERE ACTIVE IN NAZI SUB-ROSA ORGANIZATIONS. THEY MAY NOW CONTINUE THEIR ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE FATHERLAND FRONT.

ANOTHER RESULT OF THE INCREASED GERMAN INFLUENCE IN AUSTRIAN AFFAIRS TO BE EXPECTED IS THE INTENSIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE ANTISEMITEN BUND, WHICH HITHERTO HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY CLOSED TO NAZIS. NAZIS ARE NOW PERMITTED TO JOIN THE ORGANIZATION, AND ARE EXPECTED TO DO SO IN LARGE NUMBERS, SINCE THE ANTI-SEMITIC ORGANIZATION FURNISHES A LEGAL INSTRUMENT BY WHICH NAZI ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA CAN BE CONDUCTED.

IN THE CABINET SHAKE-UP, IN ADDITION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. SEYSS-INQUART AS MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND PUBLIC SECURITY, THE ANTI-SEMITIC MONARCHIST, PROF. LUDWIG ADAMOVICH, WAS GIVEN THE POST OF MINISTER OF JUSTICE. THESE APPOINTMENTS ARE PARTLY OFFSET, SO FAR AS THE JEWS ARE CONCERNED, BY NOMINATION OF FIELD MARSHAL LUDWIG HUELGERTH, FORMER HEIMWEHR LEADER, AS VICE-PREMIER, AND THE PROMOTION OF THE FATHERLAND FRONT LEADER, DR. GUIDO ZERNATTO, TO CABINET RANK. TWO LABORITES, HANS ROTT AND ADOLF WATZEK, WERE INCLUDED AS MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO.

#### ANTI-SEMITIC MEETING IN PARIS BANNED

PARIS, FEB. 16. (JTA) -- THE AUTHORITIES PROHIBITED A MEETING OF THE ANTI-JEWISH COMMITTEE SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT AFTER A PROTEST BY THE FRENCH LEAGUE TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM.

## REICH JEWS ASK INCREASED FUNDS FOR RELIEF; NEEDY RISE 4 TO 14 PER CENT

BERLIN, FEB. 16. (JTA) -- DISTRESS AMONG JEWS IS SO ACUTE THAT EXISTING SOURCES OF WELFARE FUNDS ARE NO LONGER SUFFICIENT FOR THE BAREST NEEDS. THE JEWISH WINTER HELP ORGANIZATION, CONSEQUENTLY, HAS DECIDED TO ASK EVERY JEW IN GERMANY ON FEB. 25 TO CONTRIBUTE A MINIMUM OF 25 PFENNIGS (ABOUT TEN CENTS).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPEAL WILL BE MADE IN ALL SYNAGOGUES ON THE PRECEDING SATURDAY AND WILL BE LINKED WITH "THE COUNT OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL" MENTIONED IN THE BOOK OF MOSES, IN WHICH EVERY JEW IS ASKED FOR AN ATONEMENT GIFT.

A SURVEY JUST COMPLETED IN FIVE DISTRICTS OF THE REICH REVEALS THAT THE PROPORTION OF NEEDY JEWS HAS INCREASED BY FOUR TO 14 PER CENT OVER LAST WINTER, WHILE THE FUNDS AVAILABLE ARE AT LEAST ONE-FIFTH SHORT OF THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WINTER.

IN CERTAIN COMMUNITIES IN THESE DISTRICTS THE DESTITUTE TOTAL IS FROM 40 TO 90 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL JEWISH POPULATION. THIS IS PARTLY EXPLAINABLE BY THE FACT THAT RURAL COMMUNITIES ARE ESPECIALLY OPEN TO THE FULL FORCE OF THE ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA MACHINE.

MEANWHILE, JEWS HAVE BEEN FORBIDDEN TO USE THE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES OF THE TOWN OF KOENIGSTEIN, FAMED MOUNTAIN RESORT. THE BAN COVERS THE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL CASINO, HEALTH PARK, SWIMMING POOL, PLAYGROUNDS, PARKING PLACES, AND ALSO VISITS TO THE CASTLE RUINS.

## RUMANIA PRESSES BAN ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES; JEWISH LAWYERS WIN POINT

BUCHAREST, FEB. 16. (JTA) -- THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT ISSUED ORDERS TODAY FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROPAGANDA, IN LINE WITH KING CAROL'S PROGRAM FOR BANNING POLITICAL ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT RUMANIA.

MINISTER OF INTERIOR ARMAND CALINESCU ISSUED STRICT INSTRUCTIONS TO DISTRICT PREFECTS TO CLOSE POLITICAL CLUBS, BAN POLITICAL MEETINGS AND PROHIBIT PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF MANIFESTOS. STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING TEACHERS, CLERGYMEN AND PHYSICIANS, WERE FORBIDDEN TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WHATSOEVER.

THE ORDER ALSO INSTRUCTED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO ADOPT A FAIR AND OBJECTIVE ATTITUDE TO ALL CITIZENS, AS "THE MISSION OF OFFICIALS IS TO PROTECT THE POPULATION."

THE PREFECTS WERE TOLD THEIR FIRST DUTY "IS TO ENSURE ORDER SO THAT THE PEOPLE WILL REGAIN THE SPIRITUAL PEACE DEEPLY DISTURBED OF LATE." INTERIOR MINISTRY REPORTS SAID PERFECT QUIET PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND NORMAL ACTIVITIES WERE RESUMED IN THE PROVINCES, WHERE ECONOMIC LIFE HAD BEEN IN STAGNATION AS A RESULT OF ANTI-SEMITIC EXCESSES.

THE COURT OF APPEALS AT KISHINEV CANCELLED A DECISION OF THE BAR COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TIGHINA SUSPENDING JEWISH LAWYERS PENDING REVISION OF CITIZENSHIPS. JEWISH BARRISTERS OF OTHER TOWNS, HOWEVER, CONTINUED TO BE EXCLUDED.

THE NATIONALIST ORGAN, PORUNCA VREMII, POINTING OUT THAT THE NATIONAL IDEAL WAS THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF PATRIARCH MIRON CRISTEA'S NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT, WARNED THE RUMANIAN JEWS NOT TO REJOICE OVER THE CHANGE IN REGIME LAST WEEK WHEN OCTAVIAN GOGA'S ANTI-SEMITIC CABINET RESIGNED.

"NO MATTER WHAT EFFORTS THE JEWS MAKE TO PREVENT THE GOVERNMENT FROM PURGING THE PUBLIC OF INVADING LEPERS WHO PLUNDER OUR NATIONAL WEALTH AND USE ITS PROFITS TO UNDERMINE THE NATIONALIST STATE, THEY WILL NOT SUCCEED IN STOPPING THE PURIFICATION WHICH HAS ALREADY STARTED," THE PAPER ASSERTED.

LEAGUE SOCIETIES URGE AID FOR JEWS

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- A COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES APPEALED TO THE LEAGUE TODAY FOR "URGENT MEASURES TO SECURE FULL RESTORATION OF THE MINORITIES RIGHTS OF THE JEWS OF RUMANIA, WHICH WERE PLACED UNDER THE GUARANTEE OF THE LEAGUE."

THE MINORITIES COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERATION'S REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL, IN A UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION, CONDEMNED RUMANIAN ANTI-SEMITIC MEASURES AND ASKED ACTION BY THE LEAGUE COUNCIL'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THREE ON THE RUMANIAN MINORITIES PROBLEM, AND ALSO BY GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

THE RESOLUTION, WHICH WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO THE LEAGUE SECRETARIAT AND ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS, WAS INTRODUCED BY THE PALESTINIAN DELEGATION AND SUPPORTED BY THE BRITISH, FRENCH, CZECHOSLOVAKIAN, NETHERLANDS AND HUNGARIAN DELEGATIONS, AND ALSO BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HUNGARIAN AND GERMAN MINORITIES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

EDEN BARS PROTEST TO REICH ON PALESTINE PROPAGANDA; ARMING OF JEWISH DRIVERS REJECTED

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- NAZI PROPAGANDA IN PALESTINE AND BRITISH COLONIES IS NOT OF SUCH A NATURE AS TO REQUIRE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, FOREIGN SECRETARY ANTHONY EDEN DECLARED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY.

CAPT. EDEN REJECTED THE ADVICE OF GEOFFREY MANDER, LIBERAL, TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO GERMANY. MR. MANDER STRESSED PALESTINE PARTICULARLY. IN A SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION, HE URGED A STUDY OF THE SITUATION BY THE NEW COUNCIL ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS HEADED BY SIR ROBERT VANSITTART.

REPLYING TO THE DEMAND OF COL. JOSIAH WEDGWOOD, LABORITE, THAT PALESTINE JEWISH BUS DRIVERS BE PERMITTED TO ARM IN VIEW OF CONSTANT ATTACKS, COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM ORMSBY-GORE ANNOUNCED THAT CIVIL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES, "AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION," DECIDED NOT TO TAKE THIS STEP, WHICH HAD BEEN URGED BY THE JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE ON JAN. 6. HE ADDED THAT FURTHER MEASURES HAD BEEN INTRODUCED FOR PROTECTION OF ROAD TRAFFIC AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD PROVE EFFECTIVE. HE DECLINED TO REVEAL THE NATURE OF THE MEASURES.

ARAB DIES ON GALLOWES; PROTECTIVE MEASURES TAKEN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- HAJ MAHMOUD EL HUSSEINI, LEADER OF A TERRORIST GANG IN HAIFA, DIED ON THE GALLOWES TODAY, THE SIXTH ARAB EXECUTED SINCE NOV. 24 AFTER CONVICTION BY BRITISH ARMY COURTS OF VIOLATING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS.

THE AUTHORITIES IMPOSED 24-HOUR CURFEW ON THE VILLAGE OF TAIBA, IN THE TULKAREM DISTRICT, FOR DAMAGING RAILWAY TRACKS. TWELVE-HOUR CURFEW, FROM FIVE P.M. TO FIVE A.M. WAS DECLARED BY THE COMMANDER OF THE NORTHERN TROOPS IN UM EL FAHM, SCENE OF A RECENT BATTLE BETWEEN BRITISH TROOPS AND ARAB TERRORISTS. TRESPASSERS WERE THREATENED WITH SHOOTING ON SIGHT.

THE HAVAS NEWS AGENCY REPORTED, AT THE SAME TIME, AN IMPORTANT INCREASE OF DEFENSE PRECAUTIONS ALONG THE JORDAN, ON THE MAIN HIGHWAYS, AND IN JERUSALEM. THE JORDAN FORCES WILL BE INCREASED BY A CONTINGENT OF 350 MEN, OF WHOM HALF ARE IN MOTORIZED UNITS. THEY WILL BE SUPPORTED BY TANKS AND AIRPLANES. AN ADDITIONAL FORCE OF 200 MEN WILL BE PLACED ON ROAD PATROL DUTY. HALF OF THESE LIKEWISE ARE MOTORIZED. A NEW POLICE CORPS EQUIPPED WITH MACHINE GUNS AND RADIO SENDING APPARATUS WAS FORMED IN THE HOLY CITY. THE CORPS, WHOSE NUCLEUS WILL BE 11 BRITISH AND 36 ARAB AGENTS, IS TO BE COMMANDED BY ONE BRITISH AND ONE PALESTINIAN OFFICER. RADIO AND MACHINE-GUN EQUIPMENT WILL BE CARRIED MULEBACK ON EXPEDITIONS. SIMILAR UNITS ARE PLANNED FOR OTHER DISTRICTS.