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AUSTRIA PLANS NO CHANGE IN POLICY ON JEWS, J.T.A. TOLD

VIENNA, FEB. 18. (JTA) -- Assurances that the Austrian Government plans "absolutely no change" in its policy towards the Jews as a result of the Berchtesgaden agreement were made today in a statement handed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by a source closely connected with Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg.

"Absolutely no change in the policy of the Austrian Government toward the Jews is to be expected in connection with the Berchtesgaden meeting," the statement declares. "The Austrian Government adheres steadfastly to the principle of equality of rights. Although temptations to act otherwise exist, the Austrian Government rejects on social and religious grounds any discrimination against Austrian Jewry."

The fall of the Goga Government in Rumania is expected to exercise a retarding effect on any proposed anti-Jewish measures in Austria, the statement asserts, since it is clear that the Great Powers had sufficient experience in the events of 1933 not to remain indifferent when fundamental human rights are violated.

"On the whole, Chancellor Schuschnigg is the most important guarantor for full equality and the rights laid down in the Constitution," the statement concludes.

The statement was quoted by Jewish leaders here, addressing crowded meetings to lessen tension among the Jewish population of some 200,000.

Strengthening of anti-Jewish policy in the economic field, however, is evident in today's appointment of Vienna's Vice-Mayor Josef Kresse to the responsible position of president of the Federal Union of Traders and Artisans, replacing J.R. Raab, the new Economics Minister. Kresse, who automatically also becomes president of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce, is notorious for the anti-Semitic propaganda he conducted under the slogan, "Christians Buy Only From Christians."

Further intensification of anti-Semitic propaganda is expected with extension of the amnesty to Nazi students expelled from universities. The students, who will be readmitted to the summer term, are expected to renew agitation for a numerus clausus in the universities and professions.

ANTI-SEMITES HERE ARE ALREADY POINTING TO ITALY'S RECENT STATEMENT ON THE JEWISH QUESTION AS INDICATING THAT ITALY HAS OFFICIALLY ADOPTED A NUMERUS CLAUSUS FOR JEWS.

A STATEMENT OF PROGRAM ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, NOW UNDER DIRECTION OF PRO-NAZI DR. ARTHUR SEYSS-INQUART, DECLARES THE AUTHORITIES MUST OBSERVE STRICT LEGALITY, OBJECTIVITY AND HUMANITY. "NO ONE IN AUSTRIA," THE STATEMENT DECLARES, "IS MORE INTERESTED IN THE MOST CAREFUL OBSERVATION OF NATIONAL INTERESTS THAN THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR."

ORTIZ, ON EVE OF TAKING ARGENTINE PRESIDENCY, HITS AT RACIAL PERSECUTION

BUENOS AIRES, FEB. 18. (JTA) -- A PLEDGE NOT TO TOLERATE RACIAL PERSECUTION DURING HIS REGIME WAS MADE TODAY BEFORE A GROUP OF JEWISH NEWSPAPERMEN BY PRESIDENT-ELECT ROBERTO M. ORTIZ, WHO ASSUMES THE PRESIDENCY OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC NEXT SUNDAY.

THE NATION CANNOT TOLERATE A POLICY OF RACE HATRED, "WHICH IS REPULSIVE TO THE NATIONAL CHARACTER," DR. ORTIZ SAID. HE DECLARED:

"DURING MY PRESIDENCY, I SHALL NOT TOLERATE ANY RACE PERSECUTIONS. THE ARGENTINE WILL BE, AS HERETOFORE, A GREAT COUNTRY FOR ALL WHO KNOW HOW TO LOVE HER AND CONTRIBUTE TO REALIZATION OF ARGENTINE IDEALS AND ASPIRATIONS. THE ARGENTINE CANNOT TOLERATE A POLICY OF RACE HATE, WHICH IS REPULSIVE TO THE NATIONAL CHARACTER. ARGENTINE JEWS, WHEN THEY PUT TO THE SERVICE OF THE NATION THEIR ENERGIES, CAPABILITIES AND INTELLIGENCE IN BUILDING UP THEIR HOME HERE, MAY BE SURE IN MY ADMINISTRATION OF PEACE AND RESPECT. THE CONSTITUTION WAS CREATED FOR JUSTICE AND TO GRANT FREEDOM TO US AND POSTERITY AS WELL AS TO ALL MEN OF THE WORLD WHO WANT TO LIVE ON ARGENTINE SOIL."

ISAAC STARKMET, DIRECTOR OF ICA IN ARGENTINE, DEAD

BUENOS AIRES, FEB. 18. (JTA) -- FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD HERE YESTERDAY FOR ENGINEER ISAAC STARKMET, DIRECTOR OF JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES IN THE ARGENTINE SINCE 1914, WHO DIED WEDNESDAY AT THE AGE OF 70. MR. STARKMET HAD DIRECTED THE LATE BARON DE ROTHSCHILD'S COLONIZATION PROJECTS IN PALESTINE FOR 17 YEARS PRIOR TO COMING HERE. HE WAS BORN IN ODESSA, RUSSIA.

REICH OPENS DRIVE TO OUST SOVIET JEWS; 60 ORDERED DEPORTED

BERLIN, FEB. 18. (JTA) -- IN WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST STEP TO RID GERMANY OF ALL JEWISH SOVIET CITIZENS, THE REICH GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED AT LEAST SIXTY JEWS HOLDING SOVIET PASSPORTS EXPELLED IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET GRANTED ANY OF THE SIXTY PERMISSION TO RE-ENTER THE U.S.S.R., WHILE JEWISH CIRCLES FEAR THAT THE SOVIET INTENDS TO BAR HER GATES PERMANENTLY AGAINST THESE EXPATRIATES.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT AT LEAST A THOUSAND JEWISH SOVIET CITIZENS ARE RESIDING IN GERMANY, MANY OF THEM FOR MORE THAN FIFTEEN YEARS. OFFICIAL CIRCLES CONFIRM THE EXPULSION ORDERS ISSUED FOR AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF SOVIET CITIZENS, BUT NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY THAT THE ORDERS ARE APPLICABLE TO JEWS ONLY.

MANY EXPULSION ORDERS CARRY TIME LIMITS OF TEN DAYS TO SIX WEEKS. UNVERIFIED REPORTS STATE THAT THE FAILURE OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO GRANT RE-ENTRY PERMITS ALREADY HAS RESULTED IN THE EXPIRATION OF SOME OF THE TIME LIMITS AND THE ARREST OF SEVERAL JEWS.

FEARS THAT THE SOVIET WILL NOT ACCEPT FOR ADMISSION ITS EXPELLED NATIONS ARE BASED ON THE FACT THAT MANY HAVE RESIDED ABROAD SO LONG THAT THEY ARE NOT CONSIDERED "REAL BOL-SHEVIKS" AND THEREFORE ARE NOT DESIRABLE RESIDENTS.

MEANWHILE, THE EUROPEAN GENERAL CONSULATE OF ECUADOR HAS BEEN ORDERED BY ITS GOVERNMENT TO CEASE GRANTING VISAS FOR JEWS OF NON-AGRICULTURAL OCCUPATIONS. THE LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, CONSULATE HAS BEEN REFUSING VISAS FOR NON-AGRICULTURAL JEWS SINCE FEB. 12, AND A SIMILAR POLICY IS IN EFFECT AT THE CONSULATE HERE.

NEW PASSPORT RULE DECREED IN REICH FOR "ARYANS"

BERLIN, FEB. 18. (JTA) -- IN ORDER TO "OBVIATE DIFFICULTIES" IN OBTAINING PASSPORTS, GERMAN SUBJECTS WHO ARE NOT CITIZENS SHOULD SIGN A STATEMENT THAT THEY ARE NOT JEWISH WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE NUREMBERG LAWS, ACCORDING TO A DECREE ISSUED BY THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR. AN APPLICANT UNWILLING TO SIGN SUCH A STATEMENT, THE DECREE DECLARES, MUST FURNISH DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF HIS "ARYANISM."

BRITISH OFFICER KILLED, ENGLISHWOMAN, JEW WOUNDED IN ARAB AMBUSCADE

JERUSALEM, FEB. 18. (JTA) -- A BRITISH AIR OFFICER WAS KILLED TODAY AND AN ENGLISHWOMAN AND JEWISH YOUTH WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN AN ARAB AMBUSCADE NEAR THE SITE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S SUMMER CAMP AT SARAFEND, NORTHWEST OF JERUSALEM. THE ARABS FIRED ON A TAXI AND A BUS, KILLING SQUADRON LEADER R.E. ALDERSHON, ATTACHED TO THE ROYAL AIR FORCE HOSPITAL AT SARAFEND, WOUNDING MISS NEWMAN, WHO WAS STAYING AT SARAFEND, AND INFLECTING A DANGEROUS LEG WOUND ON SHALOM MARKOWER, THE JEW. TWO JEWISH TRUCKS WERE CAUGHT IN THE AMBUSCADE, BUT SUFFERED NO CASUALTIES.

ARAB WHO TRIED TO SHOOT BRITISH OFFICER GETS DEATH TERM

HAIFA, FEB. 18. (JTA) -- AN ARAB TERRORIST, ABDUL KADER, WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY THE HAIFA ARMY COURT TODAY, ONLY TWO DAYS AFTER HIS ARREST WHILE ATTEMPTING TO SHOOT A BRITISH OFFICER OUTSIDE ACRE PRISON AS ANOTHER ARAB, HAJ MAHMOUD EL HUSSEINI, WAS BEING EXECUTED.

RISE IN PALESTINE ARMS SEIZURES NOTED IN COMMONS

LONDON, FEB. 18. (JTA) -- A HUGE INCREASE IN THE AMOUNTS OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION CONFISCATED IN PALESTINE OCCURRED IN 1937, COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM G.A. ORMSBY-GORE REPORTED TODAY IN A WRITTEN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY PHILIP NOEL BAKER, LABOR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

RIFLES CONFISCATED IN 1937 TOTALLED 1,246, COMPARED WITH 328 IN 1936 AND 178 IN 1935. REVOLVERS TOTALLED 1,456 COMPARED WITH 319 AND 264 IN THE PREVIOUS YEARS. BOMBS AND GRENADES TOTALLED 113 COMPARED WITH 443 AND 45.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY WATCHING RUMANIAN DEVELOPMENTS, HE TELLS AGUDAH LEADER

LONDON, FEB. 18. (JTA) -- THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, HEAD OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH, SAID TODAY HE WAS TAKING CLOSE INTEREST IN THE QUESTION OF THE RUMANIAN JEWS AND WOULD "TAKE ACTION WHENEVER A SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY AGAIN OCCURS." HE RECEIVED H.A. GOODMAN, POLITICAL SECRETARY OF THE ORTHODOX AGUDATH ISRAEL, AND REVEALED THAT HE HAD MADE PERSONAL AND OTHER INQUIRIES OF THE RUMANIAN AUTHORITIES REGARDING TREATMENT OF THE JEWS.

Mr. Goodman, together with Jacob Rosenheim, President of the Agudah, was also received by Palestine High Commissioner-Designate Sir Harold A. MacMichael at the Colonial Office, discussing the present Palestine situation and the Agudah's attitude on various problems. Sir Harold promised sympathetic consideration after his arrival in Palestine.

LONDON RALLY URGES SPUR TO BRITISH ACTION ON POLISH, RUMANIAN JEWS

LONDON, FEB. 18. (JTA) -- A JEWISH MASS MEETING LAST NIGHT CALLED ON THE LABOR, TRADE UNION, COOPERATIVE AND OTHER PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS TO IMPRESS ON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ITS DUTY OF PROTECTING THE JEWISH MINORITY IN RUMANIA AND POLAND AND UPHOLDING MINORITIES TREATIES.

THE MEETING, CALLED TO PROTEST PERSECUTION OF JEWS IN RUMANIA AND POLAND, WAS SPONSORED BY THE WORKERS CIRCLE AND SUPPORTED BY JEWISH LABOR AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS. SPEAKERS INCLUDED H. HELVIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADES UNION COUNCIL; ANEURIN BEVAN AND CAMPBELL STEPHEN, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, AND OTHERS.

HARRY L. GLUCKSMAN, SOCIAL SERVICE LEADER, DIES AT 49

NEW YORK, FEB. 18. (JTA) -- HARRY L. GLUCKSMAN, SOCIAL SERVICE EXECUTIVE, FOR THE PAST NINETEEN YEARS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JEWISH WELFARE BOARD, DIED THIS MORNING AT MT. SINAI HOSPITAL AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. HE WAS 49 YEARS OLD.

FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD 11 O'CLOCK SUNDAY MORNING AT THE Y.M.H.A., 92ND STREET AND LEXINGTON AVE., WITH RABBI MILTON STEINBERG OF THE PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE OFFICIATING. BURIAL WILL BE AT MT. HOPE CEMETERY.

MR. GLUCKSMAN OCCUPIED A LARGE VARIETY OF POSITIONS IN JEWISH COMMUNAL LIFE, BUT HIS CHIEF CONTRIBUTIONS WERE IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL SERVICE. HE WAS A FOUNDER AND A LEADING SPIRIT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

BORN IN NEW YORK CITY, HE RECEIVED HIS COLLEGE EDUCATION AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, SPECIALIZING IN ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN 1912 AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE JEWISH BIG BROTHERS, AND THEREAFTER SERVED AS ASSISTANT AND ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF Y.M.H.A. IN NEW YORK AND NEW ORLEANS.

200 PROTESTANT MINISTERS URGE CHRISTIANS TO SHUN "SIN OF ANTI-SEMITISM"

NEW YORK, FEB. 18. (JTA) -- MORE THAN 200 NEW YORK PROTESTANT MINISTERS CALLED ON CHRISTIANS TODAY TO SHUN "THE SIN OF ANTI-SEMITISM" AND ASSURED THE JEWS THAT THEY WOULD UNCEASINGLY OPPOSE ANTI-SEMITISM. A STATEMENT SIGNED BY THE MINISTERS WAS MADE PUBLIC BY DR. ROBERT SEARLE, OF THE GREATER NEW YORK FEDERATION OF CHURCHES, IN CONNECTION WITH BROTHERHOOD DAY ON FEB. 22.

HOPE OF AMICABLE SOLUTION SEEN BY JOSEPH IF ARABS ABANDON VIOLENCE

NEW YORK, FEB. 18. (JTA) -- DR. BERNARD JOSEPH, LEGAL ADVISER OF THE JEWISH AGENCY, DECLARED TONIGHT THAT "IF THE ARAB LEADERS WILL ABANDON THE USE OF VIOLENCE AS A POLITICAL INSTRUMENT, THERE IS EVERY REASON TO HOPE THAT AN AMICABLE SOLUTION OF ARAB JEWISH DIFFERENCES CAN BE FOUND."

ZIONIST LEADERS WILL ALWAYS BE READY TO COOPERATE IN SEEKING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, DR. JOSEPH SAID IN AN ADDRESS PREPARED FOR A BROADCAST OVER STATION WMCA UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE GREATER NEW YORK CAMPAIGN OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL. THE ADDRESS WAS ENTITLED "A PROGRAM OF PEACE FOR PALESTINE."