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AUSTRIAN ANTI-JEWISH LAWS REPORTED IMMINENT; NAZIS DEMONSTRATE AFTER HITLER SPEECH

VIENNA, FEB. 20. (JTA) -- RUMORS OF IMPENDING ANTI-JEWISH LEGISLATION GAINED STRENGTH TONIGHT, DESPITE OFFICIAL ASSURANCES TO THE CONTRARY, AS NAZIS DEMONSTRATED IN THE STREETS FOLLOWING CHANCELLOR HITLER'S ADDRESS TO THE REICHSTAG IN BERLIN.

(IN HIS ADDRESS, HITLER WARNED OF WAR UNLESS THE 10,000,000 GERMANS IN THE TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES (AUSTRIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA) WERE JOINED WITH THE REICH. HE ALSO THREATENED REPRISALS AGAINST NATIONS WHOSE PRESS ATTACKED GERMANY, AND MADE A VIGOROUS DEMAND FOR COLONIES.)

DEMONSTRATIONS ON VIENNA'S MAIN STREET, THE RINGSTRASSE, WHICH LASTED INTO THE EVENING, FOLLOWED THE BROADCAST OF HITLER'S SPEECH. POLICE DID NOT INTERFERE WITH THE MANIFESTATIONS. NO ANTI-JEWISH INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED.

IT WAS STRONGLY RUMORED THAT LEGISLATION HAD ALREADY BEEN PREPARED TO DEPRIVE JEWS NATURALIZED AFTER THE WAR OF THEIR CITIZENSHIPS AND TO ELIMINATE JEWISH JOURNALISTS FROM THE AUSTRIAN PRESS.

THE RUMORS WERE CURRENT DESPITE OFFICIAL ASSURANCES THAT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE JEWS TO THE EFFECT THAT NO ANTI-JEWISH RESTRICTIONS WERE PLANNED. (THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SAID CHANCELLOR KURT SCHUSCHNIGG RECEIVED A DEPUTATION OF JEWISH INDUSTRIALISTS AND TOLD THEM THEY HAD NOTHING TO FEAR FROM NAZI INFLUENCE IN HIS GOVERNMENT, THAT THE JEWS COULD FACE THE FUTURE WITH COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.)

INFORMED CIRCLES SAID AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF JEWS IN AUSTRIA WOULD BE ISSUED THIS WEEK. THE CONVICTION THAT JEWISH RIGHTS WOULD BE SAFEGUARDED WAS AFFIRMED YESTERDAY BY GOVERNMENT COUNCILLOR HERMAN OPPENHEIM, PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF AUSTRIAN JEWS, WHO VOICED THE BELIEF THAT IN THE SPHERE OF LEGISLATION NO CHANGE IN THE POSITION OF JEWS AS CITIZENS ENJOYING EQUAL RIGHTS WAS TO BE EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THERE IS NO GROUND FOR PANIC AS A RESULT OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS, THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY WAS TOLD YESTERDAY BY STATE COUNCILLOR DESIDER FRIEDMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRIAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY.

DR. FRIEDMAN DECLARED THAT ACCORDING TO THE MOST RELIABLE INFORMATION THE GOVERNMENT WAS ABSOLUTELY DETERMINED NOT TO TOLERATE BREACHES IN THE MAY CONSTITUTION GUARANTEE-

ING EQUALITY OF RIGHTS TO ALL CITIZENS WITHOUT DISTINCTION AS TO RELIGION. HE ADDED THAT MODIFICATION OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM IN CONFORMITY WITH GERMAN NAZI LAWS IS NOT CONTEMPLATED AND THAT REPORTS ON REVISION OF CITIZENSHIPS ARE ABSOLUTELY BASELESS.

THAT NAZI INFLUENCE HAS BECOME STRONGER THAN ANY OTHER, INCLUDING MONARCHIST AND CATHOLIC, IN AUSTRIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS MUST BE CONCLUDED FROM THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT PUBLISHED SIMULTANEOUSLY FRIDAY NIGHT IN BERLIN AND VIENNA ON ADMISSION OF NAZIS TO THE FATHERLAND FRONT.

THE CONCLUSION MUST BE DRAWN FROM THE FACT THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE NEW AUSTRIA AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT SPEAKS OF RECOGNITION NOT OF FORMER MEMBERS OF A CERTAIN PARTY, BUT SIMPLY OF NATIONAL SOCIALISTS AS SUCH. THIS MEANS THAT NAZIS ENTERING THE FATHERLAND FRONT WILL NOT HAVE TO GIVE UP ANY IDEALS AND WILL BE PERMITTED TO BE ACTIVE IN EVERY DIRECTION, PROVIDED THEY RESPECT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CONSTITUTION AND DO NOT WORK AGAINST AUSTRIA'S INDEPENDENCE.

SCOPE OF THE CONSTITUTION, HOWEVER, IS SUFFICIENTLY BROAD TO GIVE ROOM FOR ALL KINDS OF RACIAL, ANTI-JEWISH CONCEPTIONS WITHOUT FORMALLY ALTERING THE BASIC LAW ON EQUAL RIGHTS OF CITIZENS. THE GOVERNMENT PROTECTS ITSELF AGAINST EXCESSIVE NAZI PROPAGANDA, WHICH MANY ENDANGER EXISTENCE OF THE STATE BY STIPULATING THAT ELEMENTS CARRYING ON SUCH PROPAGANDA MAY BE EXPELLED. IT IS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS SANCTION WILL BE APPLIED IF THE PROPAGANDA IS DIRECTED, NOT AGAINST AUSTRIAN INDEPENDENCE BUT AGAINST STATUS OF THE JEWS.

MEANWHILE, THE SITUATION OF 20,000 JEWS RESIDING IN THE PROVINCES SEEMS DEFINITELY TO HAVE TAKEN A TURN FOR THE WORSE, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM RELIABLE PRIVATE SOURCES. UNCERTAINTY ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IS INDUCING LOCAL FATHERLAND FRONT LEADERS AS WELL AS STATE OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY IN DISTRICTS BORDERING ON GERMANY, TO FRATERNIZE WITH NAZIS TO SHOW THEM THAT THEY ARE EQUALLY NATIONALISTIC. THIS, OF COURSE, MAKES FOR ALMOST COMPLETE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ISOLATION OF THE PROVINCIAL JEWS.

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CITIZENSHIP REVISION NOT CONSIDERED, SCHUSCHNIGG ASSERTS

LONDON, FEB. 20. (JTA) -- THE VIENNA CORRESPONDENT OF THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN REPORTS THAT AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN FOR CHANCELLOR SCHUSCHNIGG DECLARED REVISION OF NATURALIZATION OF JEWS WHO CAME TO VIENNA AFTER 1918 HAS NOT BEEN CONSIDERED.

HITLER DEMANDS COLONIES; REASSERTS PAN-GERMANISM IN REICHSTAG ADDRESS; JEWS NOT DISCUSSED

BERLIN, FEB. 20. (Havas) --- CHANCELLOR ADOLF HITLER, IN A RINGING THREE-HOUR SPEECH BEFORE THE REICHSTAG HERE TODAY, OFFERED GERMANY'S COOPERATION IN WORLD AFFAIRS, BUT ONLY ON HIS OWN TERMS, RECOMMITTED HIMSELF TO A WAR ON "THE BOLSHEVIST INCENDIARIES" IN SPAIN AND ELSEWHERE, AND REITERATED HIS POLICIES OF PAN-GERMANISM AND AN UNABATING CAMPAIGN TO RECOVER THE REICH'S PRE-WAR COLONIES. (HE DID NOT DISCUSS THE JEWISH QUESTION.)

BEFORE HIS 741 REICHSTAG DEPUTIES, GATHERED IN THE ELABORATELY FESTOONED KROLL OPERA HOUSE, THE FUHRER HURLED A GENERAL "NO" AT EVERY RECENT MAJOR PROJECT OR HOPE FOR INTERNATIONAL APPEACEMENT IN THE FORM PROPOSED BY BRITAIN AND THE OTHER DEMOCRATIC POWERS. HE REDEDICATED GERMANY TO AN ENDURING FIGHT, AT PREMIER BENITO MUSSOLINI'S SIDE, TO "ASSURE A NATIONALIST SPAIN."

THE THREE-HOUR ADDRESS, ABOUT A THIRD OF IT DEVOTED TO FOREIGN POLICY, RANG THROUGH GERMANY AND THE WORLD. THE REICH'S 66,000,000 SUBJECTS WERE GROUPED AS ONE MAN AROUND THE NATION'S RADIO LOUDSPEAKERS, BY GOVERNMENT ORDER, WHILE EITHER THE TEXT OR AN ABSTRACT OF THE SPEECH WAS BROADCAST IN NEARLY EVERY OTHER COUNTRY.

SALIENT POINTS OF THE ADDRESS FOLLOW:

- 1-- GERMANY WILL RECOGNIZE MANCHUKUO; WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH JAPAN IN THE ITALIAN-GERMAN-JAPANESE ANTI-COMINTERN PACT; AND FAVORS A JAPANESE VICTORY IN CHINA.
- 2-- THE REICH WILL NEVER REENTER THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.
- 3-- THE FUEHRER WILL DEMAND THE RETURN OF GERMANY'S PRE-WAR COLONIES "EACH YEAR WITH INCREASING VIGOR," AND WILL REFUSE TO ACCEPT CREDITS AS A SUBSTITUTE.
- 4-- THE REICH "HAS NO LITIGIOUS QUESTIONS OF ANY SORT" WITH GREAT BRITAIN, "UNLESS IT BE OUR COLONIAL DEMANDS." HITLER ROUNDLY PLAYED THE BRITISH PRESS, HOWEVER.
- 5-- THE BERLIN GOVERNMENT HAS "IN EUROPE NO TERRITORIAL DEMANDS WITH REGARD TO FRANCE."
- 6-- "GOODWILL" CAN SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF THE "10,000,000 GERMANS (WHO) LIVE IN TWO STATES NEIGHBORING US (AUSTRIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA)," BUT "WHOEVER TRIED FORCIBLY TO PREVENT SUCH AN IMPROVEMENT ON THE BASIS OF EUROPEAN CONCILIATION MUST CALL NECESSARILY, ON ONE DAY OR ANOTHER, FOR A RECOURSE TO VIOLENCE BETWEEN PEOPLES." HITLER WARNED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT GERMANY WAS NO LONGER THE WEAK COUNTRY OF THE PAST, AND WILL DEFEND THE MINORITIES OF GERMAN BLOOD LIVING ALONG THE REICH'S FRONTIERS.
- 7-- AUSTRO-GERMAN RELATIONS, AS A RESULT OF LAST WEEK'S DEVELOPMENTS, "HENCEFORTH WILL BE CLOSER IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS OF POLITICAL, PERSONAL AND OBJECTIVELY ECONOMIC COLLABORATION."

8-- SOVIET RUSSIA IS THE ONLY COUNTRY "WITH WHICH WE HAVE NOT SOUGHT RELATIONS AND WITH WHICH WE DO NOT DESIRE TO HAVE DEALINGS." THE NAZI REICH IS THE "IRRECONCILABLE ENEMY OF THE LEADERS OF 'JUDAEO-INTERNATIONAL BOLSHIEVISM.'"

REICH CITES 'DANGER TO STATE' IN EXPULSION ORDERS AGAINST RUSSIAN JEWS

BERLIN, FEB. 20. (JTA) -- THE CHIEF TECHNICAL CHARGE IN THE EXPULSION OF JEWISH SOVIET CITIZENS FROM THE REICH IS THAT THEY ARE A MENACE TO THE SAFETY OF THE STATE, THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY LEARNS RELIABLY. THE EXPULSION ORDERS CITE ARTICLE TWO, PARAGRAPH THREE OF THE REICH LAW DATED MARCH 23, 1934, READING: "A FOREIGNER MAY BE EXPELLED IF HE ENGAGES OR HAS ENGAGED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OR ENDANGERS THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SAFETY OF THE REICH." AMONG 60 PERSONS KNOWN TO HAVE RECEIVED EXPULSION ORDERS, ONE IS A BLIND MAN AND ANOTHER A PRISONER OF WAR FROM 1914 TO 1917 WHO LOST HIS ARM WHILE WORKING IN A GERMAN FACTORY.

CAROL ASSURES RIGHTS OF MINORITIES 'SETTLED IN RUMANIA FOR CENTURIES'

BUCHAREST, FEB. 20. (JTA) -- KING CAROL DECLARED IN A PROCLAMATION TODAY THAT HE WOULD ISSUE A NEW CONSTITUTION IN WHICH "EQUAL RIGHTS ARE ASSURED FOR ALL MINORITIES SETTLED FOR CENTURIES ON THE SOIL OF GREATER RUMANIA." HE SAID THE NUMBER OF DEPUTIES IN PARLIAMENT WOULD BE REDUCED.

ARAB KILLED IN SEARCH FOR BRITON'S SLAYERS:

JERUSALEM, FEB. 20. (JTA) -- AN ARAB WAS SHOT DEAD YESTERDAY WHEN HE TRIED TO BREAK THROUGH A CORDON OF BRITISH TROOPS WHICH HAD SURROUNDED THE ARAB VILLAGE OF IQZIM IN A SEARCH FOR THE SLAYERS OF SQUADRON LEADER R.E. ALDERSHON, KILLED FRIDAY IN AN ARAB W/USCADE. POLICE DOGS HAD TRAILED THE SLAYERS TO THE VILLAGE. THE TROOPS ROUNDED UP 800 SHEEP BELONGING TO THE VILLAGE AND DROVE THEM OFF TO HAIFA IN REPRISAL FOR THE MURDER.

POLISH BILL TO BAN SHECHITA REACHES FLOOR THIS WEEK; JEWISH STUDENTS BEATEN IN LWOW

WARSAW, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The Dudzinski bill for complete prohibition of kosher slaughtering, now under partial proscription, advanced in Parliament today when it was turned over to a commission for consideration on Monday. The bill is expected to reach the floor for discussion this week.

Several Jewish students in the medical school of Lwow University were badly beaten for refusing to occupy "ghetto benches" officially assigned to them. The Nationalist news-paper, A.B.C., reports that anti-Semitic pickets attacked Jewish traders in the town of Suraz, in the Bialystok district, seized and burned their goods. Several pickets were arrested.

The Endek (Nationalist) Party has been put under official ban in Wilno Province for an article in its organ attacking the late Marshal Josef Pilsudski. Three party leaders have been committed to the Government concentration camp at Kartuz-Bereza and proceedings have been instituted against two others.

DEMOCRATIC GROUP URGES COOPERATION WITH MINORITIES

LWOW, Poland, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The "Democratic Club," an organization gaining an increasing number of adherents in Poland, at a conference here yesterday, adopted a resolution urging cooperation with national minorities in the interests of a "strong, democratic Poland." The resolution declares: "We look to a common platform with national minorities which will enable them to combine their own aspirations for a better future with the aspirations of the Polish people for a strong, democratic Poland."

J.D.C. REJECTS ALL PLANS LABELING JEWS AS "SURPLUS"

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Any theory which would exile Jews from any country is to be rejected, declared Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, campaign chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, in a letter to Jewish leaders throughout the country.

"We will not cooperate in any plan that labels Jews as 'surplus population'," says Dr. Wise's statement. "We know the degradation and injustice which calumny never hesitates to heap on its victims. No lie is too outrageous, no rumor too filthy for our detractors. We have rarely had a chance to repudiate these indignities other than by acts of individual courage and grace. At least we can try to dig in and stand fast. The Joint Distribution Committee completely rejects any theory of Jewish life which exiles Jews from any country."

Separate fund-raising campaigns for 1938 have been agreed upon by the J.D.C. and the American ORT Federation, according to a statement issued jointly by their respective presidents, Paul Baerwald for the J.D.C. and B. Charney Vladeck for the ORT.

ZIONISTS HERE HAIL PASSENGER DEBARKATION AT TEL AVIV

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- A thousand Zionists tonight hailed the inauguration of passenger debarkation at the Tel Aviv port next Wednesday as a "milestone in the rebuilding of the Jewish National Home." A special meeting sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America at the Hotel Pennsylvania adopted a resolution to be cabled to the Palestine Jewish community welcoming the Jews' return to the sea. Dr. Bernard Joseph, legal adviser of the Jewish Agency, said that in the first year of its existence the port received 249 ships from 20 countries with goods valued at \$3,250,000. Other scheduled speakers were Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Louis Lipsky, presiding.