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INCIDENTS IN VIENNA JEWISH QUARTERS

150 PROMINENT JEWS SEIZED IN AUSTRIA; DRIVE LAUNCHED TO REDUCE JEWS TO REICH STATUS

VIENNA, March 13. (JTA) -- At least 150 prominent Jews, bankers and business men, were arrested today as dagger- and truncheon-armed Nazi brownshirts, acting as auxiliary police, began direct action to reduce Austria's 200,000 Jews to the same status as Germany's Jews.

Storm troops raided the offices of the Austrian Zionist Federation, the Palestine Office (agency for distributing Palestine immigration certificates), the Palestine Foundation Fund, the Jewish National Fund, and the newspaper, Die Stimme. The premises of these organizations were sealed and all funds found were confiscated. Jews later visiting these offices for information were arrested.

The cry, "Perish Judea!" is being heard with increasing frequency throughout Vienna. Members of the Army Officers' School paraded through the city shouting "Heil Hitler! Out with the Jews!"

Jews Dismissed from Theatres

Meanwhile, complete elimination of Jews from the life of the community was launched. The Austrian Athletic and Sporting Front expelled all Jewish sports associations. Herman Roedeling, manager of the Burg Theatre, Austrian national theatre, was dismissed and replaced by Mirko Yelusitch, well-known anti-Semite. The managers of the Deutsches Volks Theatre and Max Reinhardt's Josefstadt Theatre were dismissed. The converted Jew, Herr Jahn, director of the Volks Theatre, was replaced by an "Aryan," Dr. Lothar. The stage manager of the Josefstadt Theatre was replaced by an "Aryan." It was announced that all other Jewish members of theatres will be dismissed soon.

Not a single article written by a Jew appeared in today's press, while the Wiener Neuste Nachrichten, Nazi newspaper, demanded the complete elimination of all Jewish influence from cultural spheres.

These developments came as President Wilhelm Miklas resigned, this evening turning over all powers to the new Nazi Chancellor, Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart.

Newspapers Suppressed, "Aryanized"

The Austrian Broadcasting System was merged with the German system. The newspaper Wiener Tag was the latest to be suspended, while Nazis raided and sealed the prem-

ISES OF GERECHTIGHEIT (JUSTICE), ORGAN OF MME. IRENE HARAND'S WORLD ORGANIZATION TO COMBAT RACE HATRED.

THE JEWISH OWNER OF THE NEWSPAPER TELEGRAF, HERR BONDY, WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AFTER HIS PAPER RE-APPEARED LAST NIGHT WITH THE MASTHEAD, "NATIONAL SOCIALIST TELEGRAF," AND A NEW STAFF. NAZI STORM TROOPERS HAD OCCUPIED THE PAPER'S PREMISES FRIDAY NIGHT, AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE ECHO PRESS.

SIGNS READING "GERMAN SHOP" AND "ARYAN SHOP" APPEARED IN STORES THROUGHOUT VIENNA. (SIMILAR SIGNS WERE USED TO IDENTIFY GERMAN SHOPS IN THE REICH WHEN AN ANTI-JEWISH BOYCOTT MOVEMENT WAS LAUNCHED ON THE NAZIS' ACCESSION TO POWER IN 1933.)

JEWISH ANXIETY WAS INCREASED BY AN ANNOUNCEMENT DURING A BROADCAST FROM LINZ THAT HENCEFORTH THE PASSPORTS OF "CERTAIN PEOPLE" WOULD BE CANCELLED.

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DESPITE CONTINUED EXCITEMENT AND GIANT DEMONSTRATIONS, NO SERIOUS ANTI-JEWISH DISORDERS HAD BEEN REPORTED TODAY. THERE WERE ISOLATED INCIDENTS YESTERDAY MORNING WHEN A TROOP OF NAZIS RODE THROUGH VIENNA'S JEWISH QUARTERS ON BICYCLES AND CREATED SOME DISTURBANCES. FRIDAY NIGHT SOME JEWISH SHOPS WERE ATTACKED DURING NAZI CELEBRATIONS.

APART FROM THESE INCIDENTS AND THE GENERAL DEMONSTRATIONS, ORDER PREVAILED GENERALLY, WITH GERMAN WARPLANES FLYING OVERHEAD AND THE STREETS PATROLLED BY RIFLE-ARMED STORM TROOPS. TRUCKLOADS OF SOLDIERS AND POLICE WEARING SWASTIKA ARMBANDS RUMBLED THROUGH THE STREETS. STREETS OF THE JEWISH QUARTERS WERE SIMILARLY PATROLLED.

THE YIDDISH TALKING PICTURE, "THE DYBBUK," BASED ON THE FAMOUS PLAY OF THAT NAME BY S. ANSKY, CONTINUED TO BE SHOWN LAST NIGHT. HOWEVER, TONIGHT'S SCHEDULED PREMIERE OF A PALESTINIAN TALKING PICTURE DEPICTING JEWISH ACHIEVEMENTS WAS CANCELLED.

THE NUMBER OF JEWISH SHOPS CLOSED SATURDAY DID NOT EXCEED THE USUAL NUMBER THAT SHUT FOR THE SABBATH. SMALL ORTHODOX SYNAGOGUES WERE CROWDED BY WORSHIPPERS COMPLYING WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ORTHODOX JEWISH COMMUNITY, BUT A NUMBER OF THE LARGER SYNAGOGUES DID NOT HOLD SERVICES.

DEEP ANXIETY PREVAILED IN JEWISH QUARTERS, BUT IT COULD NOT BE DESCRIBED AS A PANIC ATMOSPHERE. LARGE CROWDS BESIEGED BANKS IN THE JEWISH NEIGHBORHOODS SEEKING TO WITHDRAW SAVINGS.

THE NAZI COUP TOOK AUSTRIA'S JEWS COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE, SINCE IT HAD BEEN BELIEVED UP TO FRIDAY THAT EX-CHANCELLOR KURT SCHUSCHNIGG WOULD BE ABLE TO HOLD OUT. JEWISH LEADERS WERE MEETING PRIVATELY TO CONSIDER HOW TO ADJUST THE COMMUNITY TO THE NEW CONDITIONS AND HOW TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE NEW REGIME. THE LEADERS WERE EXPECTED TO ISSUE SOME GUIDING LINES FOR THE COMMUNITY TOMORROW.

THE CLERICAL REICHSPOST APPEARED ON THE STREETS YESTERDAY, BUT WAS LATER CONFISCATED FOR REPORTING THE TERMS OF THE GERMAN ULTIMATUM TO EX-PRESIDENT MIKLAS AND DR. SCHUSCHNIGG, AND FRIDAY NIGHT'S ATTACKS ON JEWISH SHOPS.

ANSCHLUSS PROCLAIMED; PLEBISCITE APRIL 10

VIENNA, MARCH 13. (HAVAS) -- "ANSCHLUSS" (UNION) OF GERMANY AND AUSTRIA WAS OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMED FROM THE UPPER BALCONY OF THE CHANCELLERY IN VIENNA. THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLE WILL VOTE ON THE UNION BY PLEBISCITE ON APRIL 10.

SEYSS-INQUART HIMSELF PROCLAIMED THE ANSCHLUSS. THOUSANDS OF TROOPS AND CIVILIANS PACKED THE STREETS OF VIENNA WHILE HE WAS MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH, IN EFFECT, TORE UP THE SALIENT CLAUSES OF THE POST-WAR TREATY OF ST. GERMAIN.

THE TEXT OF THE ANSCHLUSS LAW IS AS FOLLOWS:

1-- AUSTRIA IS A COUNTRY OF THE GERMAN REICH.

2-- A "FREE" AND SECRET PLEBISCITE FOR ALL AUSTRIAN MEN AND WOMEN OVER 20 YEARS OF AGE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1938.

3-- THE RESULT OF THE PLEBISCITE WILL BE DETERMINED BY A MAJORITY.

4-- DISPOSITIONS NECESSARY FOR EXECUTION OF THIS LAW WILL BE TAKEN BY MEANS OF DECREES.

5-- THIS CONSTITUTIONAL FEDERAL LAW GOES INTO EFFECT ON THE DAY OF ITS PROCLAMATION. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS CHARGED WITH EXECUTING IT.

REICH JEWS KEEP TO HOMES

BERLIN, MARCH 13. (JTA) -- GERMAN JEWS STAYED INDOORS TONIGHT WHILE THE THIRD REICH CELEBRATED THE VICTORY IN AUSTRIA. AT AN EARLY HOUR THIS MORNING THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF ANTI-JEWISH DEMONSTRATIONS OR DISORDERS. ORDERLY CROWDS WATCHED PARADES ON THE KURFUERSTENDAM AND TAUBENTZINSTRASSE. THE MANY JEWISH SHOPS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WERE IGNORED.

THE CHIEF FEAR IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY HERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE NAZIS IN AUSTRIA, FLUSHED BY VICTORY, MIGHT LAUNCH ANTI-SEMITIC DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH WOULD AROUSE THE POPULACE HERE TO EMULATE THEM.

FIELD MARSHALL HERMANN GOERING, ACTING IN HIS CAPACITY OF REICHS FOREST MASTER, YESTERDAY ISSUED A DECREE BANNING ISSUANCE OF CAMPING PERMITS TO JEWS. HENCEFORTH, APPLICANTS FOR PERMITS MUST SIGN FORMS INDICATING THEIR "ARYAN" ORIGIN.

THE CUXHAVEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SIMILAR FORMS WILL BE REQUIRED OF ALL SEEKING TO USE THE TOWN'S MEDICINAL BATHS. THE FAMOUS WINE CENTER OF IPHOFEN, IN FRANCONIA, HAS POSTED "NO JEWS WANTED" SIGNS AT BOTH GATES OF THE TOWN.

DEPARTURE OF THE LAST JEW FROM THE TOWN OF FEUCHTWANGER WAS CELEBRATED BY A SERIES OF WORKERS' MEETINGS THROUGHOUT FRANCONIA. REPRESENTATIVES OF JULIUS STREICHER'S DER STUERMER, ADDRESSED THE MEETINGS, ASSERTING IT IS "OUR HOLY DUTY TO EDUCATE THE YOUTH TO THE FACT THAT THE JEWS ARE ALWAYS PROFITEERS AND MURDERERS OF OUR PEOPLE."

THE EXTENT TO WHICH JEWS HAVE BEEN FORCED OUT OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY IS SHOWN BY FIGURES OF CLOTHING EXPORTS PUBLISHED HERE. ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS, THE PROPORTION OF "ARYAN" EXPORTS OF CLOTHING HAS INCREASED FROM 26.7 PER CENT IN 1934 TO 43.7 PER CENT IN 1937. A FURTHER REDUCTION IN THE VOLUME OF JEWISH CLOTHING EXPORTS IS EXPECTED IN CONNECTION WITH DECREASE OF THE JEWISH QUOTA OF RAW MATERIALS.

U.S. NOT INVOLVED, HULL STATES

WASHINGTON, MARCH 13. (JTA) -- QUESTIONED CLOSELY ON THE AUSTRIAN DEVELOPMENTS DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL REFUSED TO COMMENT OTHER THAN TO STATE THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT INVOLVED IN ANY WAY.

THE AUSTRIAN LEGATION DISCLOSED HERE THAT IT HAD BEEN ORDERED BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN VIENNA TO HOIST THE SWASTIKA OVER ITS QUARTERS HERE, ADDING IT WOULD COMPLY AS SOON AS THE NAZI EMBLEM COULD BE OBTAINED. LATER A SWASTIKA OBTAINED FROM THE GERMAN EMBASSY WAS UNFURLED.

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BOYCOTT EXTENSION THREATENED

NEW YORK, MARCH 13. (JTA) -- THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THEY WOULD EXTEND THE ANTI-NAZI MERCHANDISE BOYCOTT TO INCLUDE AUSTRIA "IF THE NAZI GOVERNMENT, AS HAS BEEN INDICATED BY RECENT PRESS REPORTS, HAS TAKEN OVER AUSTRIA AND WILL CONTINUE IN THAT TERRITORY THE BARBARIC TREATMENT OF RELIGIOUS MINORITIES, LABOR UNIONS, FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS, ETC., CARRIED ON IN GERMANY DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS."

WEIZMANN STRESSES SERIOUSNESS OF JEWISH SITUATION AT ZIONIST SESSION

LONDON, MARCH 13. (JTA) -- NAZIFICATION OF AUSTRIA PROVIDED A NEW AND PRESSING PROBLEM FOR ZIONIST LEADERS ATTENDING A SESSION OF THE ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL HERE. DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, TOLD THEM LAST NIGHT THAT THE MEETING WAS UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE CALAMITY WHICH HAD BEFALLEN AUSTRIA'S JEWS, AND EMPHASIZED THAT HE TOOK A SERIOUS VIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL JEWISH SITUATION.

DR. WEIZMANN DECLARED HE HAD INFORMED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HE WOULD NOT EVEN COMMUNICATE TO THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ANY PARTITION PLAN REPRESENTING A REDUCTION OF THE PEEL ROYAL COMMISSION'S PLAN.

REPLYING TO A SPEECH OF DR. STEPHEN S. WISE, DR. WEIZMANN GAVE ASSURANCES THAT HE WAS NOT CONCEALING THE ESSENTIAL FACTS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITAIN. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANT MISSION OF AMERICAN JEWRY AT THE PRESENT TIME AND SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLITICAL CENTER IN AMERICA HEADED BY DR. WISE AND LOUIS LIPSKY.

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BLAMES LACK OF JEWS' UNITY FOR DELAY

LONDON, MARCH 13. (JTA) -- ADDRESSING THE JEWISH AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, WHICH OPENED ITS SESSION THIS MORNING, DR. WEIZMANN ATTRIBUTED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DELAY IN APPOINTING THE PALESTINE PARTITION COMMISSION, TO SOME EXTENT, TO THE LACK OF UNITY IN JEWISH QUARTERS.

HE SHARPLY ATTACKED ANTI-ZIONISTS, ASSERTING THAT THEY REGARDED FORMATION OF A JEWISH STATE AS A CALAMITY FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE. HE ACCUSED CERTAIN ASSIMILATIONISTS IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES OF DOING THEIR UTMOST TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE DID NOT WANT A JEWISH STATE.

"THESE PEOPLE, WHO DID NOT REPRESENT JEWISH PUBLIC OPINION, BUT WHO HAPPENED TO BE IN SOCIAL CONTACT WITH INFLUENTIAL POLITICAL QUARTERS, SET THEMSELVES UP AS SPOKESMEN OF JEWRY AND CREATED DIFFICULTIES," HE SAID. "AS SOON AS THEY SAW THAT THE PEEL COMMISSION TALKED OF A JEWISH STATE, THEY REGARDED IT AS A CATASTROPHE. THESE JEWS HAVE THEIR WINTER SLEEP AND ONLY WAKE UP AT CERTAIN PERIODS."

IN ORDER TO OBSTRUCT JEWISH NATIONAL HOPES, THERE HAS BEEN A REGENERATION OF OLD METHODS AND BACKSTAIRS POLITICS, DR. WEIZMANN CHARGED, ATTACKING THE SO-CALLED "PEACE-LOVING JEWS" WHO, HE SAID, TALKED PEACE WITH THE ARABS AT THE EXPENSE OF ZIONIST HOPES AND WHO WERE PREPARED TO TALK ON THE BASIS OF LIMITING THE JEWS IN PALESTINE TO 30 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION.

THE JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE HAS MADE CLEAR TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THAT THE JEWS WILL NOT ACCEPT ANYTHING LESS THAN THE BASIS FOR A JEWISH STATE PROPOSED BY THE PEEL COMMISSION, HE REPORTED, IN HIS COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER'S MEETING OF THE JEWISH AGENCY COUNCIL IN ZURICH.

BERL LOCKER PRESIDED AT TODAY'S MEETING. DR. NAHUM GOLDMANN, OF GENEVA, SUPPLEMENTED DR. WEIZMANN'S POLITICAL REPORT. ELIEZER KAPLAN, OF JERUSALEM, TREASURER OF THE AGENCY, STRESSED THE NECESSITY TO INCREASE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO FIGHT THE ECONOMIC CRISIS IN PAL-ESTINE. A POLITICAL COMMISSION OF TWELVE WAS ELECTED TO DRAFT POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS.

\$60,000 DAMAGE CAUSED IN ARAB ATTACK ON JEWISH SETTLEMENT

JERUSALEM, MARCH 13. (JTA) -- DAMAGE TOTALING \$60,000 WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DONE IN A MIDNIGHT ATTACK ON THE LARGE JEWISH SETTLEMENT OF REHOBOTH DURING WHICH PARDESS TIMBER STORES WERE SET AFIRE.

LEON BLUM FORMS PEOPLE'S FRONT GOVERNMENT IN FRANCE

PARIS, MARCH 13. (HAVAS) -- SOCIALIST LEADER LEON BLUM FORMED A NEW GOVERNMENT TODAY. THE VETERAN EX-PREMIER ABANDONED EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE A "NATIONAL UNION" GOVERNMENT AND ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF A CABINET COMPOSED OF ALL PEOPLE'S FRONT GROUPS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE COMMUNISTS WHO EARLIER PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT.

DANZIG HOSPITALS "ARYAN" CLAUSE DENIED IN BERLIN

BERLIN, MARCH 13. (JTA) -- THE VOELKISCHER-BEOBACHTER, CHIEF NAZI ORGAN, IN A DISPATCH FROM DANZIG TODAY DENIES REPORTS THAT AN "ARYAN" CLAUSE HAD BEEN INTRODUCED FOR DOCTORS AND NURSES IN DANZIG HOSPITALS.

BRUND WALTER CANCELS AUSTRIAN CONTRACTS

AMSTERDAM, MARCH 13. (JTA) -- BRUND WALTER, EXILED GERMAN ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR OF JEWISH EXTRACTION, TODAY CANCELLED HIS CONTRACTS WITH THE VIENNA STATE OPERA AND THE SALZBURG MUSIC FESTIVAL. THE AUSTRIAN NAZIS' HATRED FOR HIM WAS SHOWN IN JUNE, 1936, WHEN THEY DISRUPTED WITH STENCH BOMBS AN OPERA HE WAS CONDUCTING IN VIENNA.

ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER BANNED IN HARBIN

HARBIN, MANCHUKUO, MARCH 13. (JTA) -- THE AUTHORITIES HAVE CLOSED DOWN THE VIOLENTLY ANTI-SEMITIC WHITE GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER, NASH PUT. FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS THE PAPER HAD CONDUCTED ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA THROUGHOUT THE FAR EAST. ITS LATEST ISSUE WAS CONFISCATED FOR AN ARTICLE URGING A POGROM ON JEWS.

5 HURT AS POLISH STUDENTS RIOT AGAINST JEWS

WARSAW, MARCH 13. (JTA) -- FIVE JEWISH STUDENTS, THREE OF THEM GIRLS, WERE BEATEN UP YESTERDAY IN ANTI-SEMITIC DISORDERS THAT FLARED AT CRACOW UNIVERSITY DURING A "DAY WITHOUT JEWS." A GROUP OF NATIONALIST STUDENTS RAIDED A JEWISH PROFESSOR'S CLASSROOM, EJECTING JEWISH STUDENTS, INFLECTING INJURIES ON FIVE OF THEM. A POSTER ADVERTISING THE "DAY" WAS REMOVED BY THE UNIVERSITY'S RECTOR HIMSELF.

SOUTH AFRICAN NAZI ORGANIZATION DISBANDED

CAPETOWN, MARCH 13. (JTA) -- FASCIST LEADER JOHANNES VON MOLTKE TODAY DISBANDED HIS GREY SHIRT ORGANIZATION, ONE OF THREE "SHIRT" OUTFITS IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND URGED HIS

FOLLOWERS TO JOIN DR. D.F. MALAN'S NATIONALIST PARTY. A SECOND GREY SHIRT GROUP, HEADED BY M. WEICHARDT, AND THE THIRD "SHIRTIST" BAND, THE BLACK SHIRT PARTY, ARE CONTINUING THEIR ANTI-JEWISH ACTIVITIES.

MEANWHILE, A NEW ORGANIZATION TO COMBAT NAZISM AND FASCISM HAS BEEN CREATED IN JOHANNESBURG, TO BE KNOWN AS THE COUNCIL FOR THE DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY. AMONG ITS AIMS WILL BE "ERADICATING RACIAL HATRED."

UNITY AGAINST FASCISM, ANTI-SEMITISM URGED AT PARLEY HERE

NEW YORK, MARCH 13. (JTA) -- AN APPEAL FOR UNITY IN COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM AND FASCISM WAS VOICED TODAY AT THE FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE AGAINST FASCISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM, HELD AT MECCA TEMPLE WITH SOME 1,000 DELEGATES AND HUNDREDS OF VISITORS ATTENDING.

A "MANIFESTO ON THE NEED FOR JEWISH UNITY" WAS ADOPTED APPEALING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "AN UNSHAKEABLE UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM, ANTI-SEMITISM AND WAR." ORGANIZATIONS WERE URGED, REGARDLESS OF POLITICS, RACE AND RELIGION, TO RISE IN DEFENSE OF THE JEWS. ANOTHER RESOLUTION CALLED FOR PREPARATION OF A BILL FOR SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS TO OUTLAW DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS AND ALL OTHER MINORITY GROUPS.

WILLIAM WEINER, SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE, SAID: "THERE MUST BE UNITY OR THERE WILL BE CATASTROPHE. WE APPEAL TO THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, THE JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE, THE B'NAI B'RITH AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO GET TOGETHER ON ONLY ONE POINT -- NOT ON POLITICS, NOT ON RELIGIOUS OR ANY OTHER BELIEFS, BUT ON A COMMON PROGRAM OF ACTION AGAINST FASCISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM. THAT IS OUR PROGRAM AND OUR PLATFORM OF UNITY. WE SHALL NOT REST UNTIL THIS UNITY IS ACCOMPLISHED."

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. COFFEE OF WASHINGTON, SPEAKING LAST NIGHT, SAID THE LABOR MOVEMENT WAS THE GREATEST BULWARK AGAINST FASCISM IN AMERICA AND JEWISH EMPLOYERS COULD NOT BE AT ONCE ANTI-UNION AND ANTI-FASCIST. OTHER SPEAKERS WERE CITY COUNCILMAN MICHAEL J. QUILL, REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM I. SIROVICH, VITO MARCANTONIO, DR. STEFAN HEYM, EDITOR OF THE GERMAN VOLKSECHO, AND BEN GOLD, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUR WORKERS' UNION.

ARAB-BRITISH FIRM MAKES FIRST SULPHUR SHIPMENT TO ENGLAND

JERUSALEM, MARCH 13. (JTA) -- THE BRITISH SULPHUR COMPANY, AN ARAB-BRITISH CONCERN ORGANIZED TO EXPLOIT THE DEPOSITS IN THE NEGEV, SOUTHERN PALESTINE, HAS MADE ITS FIRST SHIPMENT OF SULPHUR TO ENGLAND. THE CARGO TOTALLED 100 TONS.

NO OIL IN PALESTINE, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, MARCH 13. (JTA) -- "WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THERE IS OIL IN PALESTINE," WILLIAM G.A. ORMSBY-GORE, COLONIAL SECRETARY, DECLARED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON OIL CONCESSIONS.

PALESTINE JEWISH IMMIGRATION DROPPED IN 1937

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A PRECIPITOUS DROP IN JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE WAS RECORDED IN 1937 FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL FIGURES. FROM A RECORD TOTAL OF 61,854 IN 1935, AND 29,727 IN 1936, THE FIGURE FOR THE PAST YEAR PLUNGED TO 10,536. GOVERNMENT CURBS, RESULTING FROM PROTRACTED ARAB DISORDERS, ACCOUNTED FOR THE SHARP DECLINE. POLAND, BY A SLIM MARGIN OVER GERMANY, CONTINUED TO LEAD AS THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THE JEWISH IMMIGRANTS. OF THE TOTAL ENTERING PALESTINE, POLISH JEWS NUMBERED 3,636 IN 1937 AS AGAINST 11,588 IN 1936. JEWISH IMMIGRANTS FROM GERMANY WERE SECOND WITH 3,601, AS AGAINST 8,180 THE PREVIOUS YEAR. RUMANIA CONTINUED IN THIRD PLACE WITH 314. A TOTAL OF 172 CAME FROM THE UNITED STATES.