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POLITICAL GAUGE ON PALESTINE ENTRY EXTENDED FOR YEAR; NEW QUOTA 3,000 IN 6 MONTHS

LONDON, MARCH 15. (JTA) -- THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY A PALESTINE JEWISH IMMIGRATION QUOTA OF 1,000 LABOR AND 2,000 CAPITALIST CERTIFICATES FOR THE SIX MONTHS BEGINNING APRIL 1.

THE NEW QUOTA, WHICH COMPARES TO THE PRESENT RECORD-LOW FIGURE OF 1,000-A-MONTH, WAS REVEALED BY COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM ORMSBY-GORE, IN REPLYING TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WITH A STATEMENT MAKING PUBLIC A DISPATCH TO SIR HAROLD A. MAC-MICHAEL, PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

THE DISPATCH, DATED MARCH 10, CONTINUES IN EFFECT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S POWER TO SET A POLITICAL HIGH LEVEL ON IMMIGRATION, BUT ASSERTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RETURN TO THE PRINCIPLE OF ECONOMIC ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY FOR THE JEWISH AREA AFTER THE BOUNDARIES UNDER THE THREE-WAY PALESTINE PARTITION HAVE BEEN DEFINED.

MR. ORMSBY-GORE'S DISPATCH STATES THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND FOR ANOTHER TWELVE MONTHS SECTION 5-A OF THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, EMPOWERING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO FIX THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FOREIGNERS TO BE ADMITTED TO PALESTINE AND TO PRESCRIBE THE CATEGORIES OF IMMIGRATION.

IF AT THE END OF THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD IT IS STILL CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER RETAIN THESE NECESSARY POWERS, THE DISPATCH ADDS, THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION WILL BE ENACTED.

THE GOVERNMENT ASSERTS THE "DESIRE TO MAKE KNOWN THAT IT IS THEIR INTENTION, ONCE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE VARIOUS AREAS UNDER AN EQUITABLE AND PRACTICABLE SCHEME OF PARTITION HAVE BEEN DEFINED, AND AS LONG AS THE EXISTING MANDATE CONTINUES IN OPERATION, THAT ENTRY OF JEWISH IMMIGRANTS SHALL BE REGULATED, SO FAR AS CONCERNS THE NON-ARAB AREA, BY THE PRINCIPLE OF ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY."

REFERRING TO THE SPECIFIC APPLICATION OF SECTION 5-A, THE DISPATCH STATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WILL EXERCISE THE POWER OF PRESCRIPTION FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING IN SEPTEMBER, "LEAVING OPEN FOR LATER CONSIDERATION THE PROCEDURE TO BE ADOPTED AFTER THAT DATE."

NOTING VARIOUS REPRESENTATIONS BY THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE AND OTHER SOURCES, THE DISPATCH DECLARES THAT THE GOVERNMENT REALIZES THERE IS CONSIDERABLE FORCE

IN CONTENTIONS SUBMITTED IN FAVOR OF MORE GENEROUS ADMISSION, ON ECONOMIC GROUNDS, OF PERSONS OF INDEPENDENT MEANS, AND ON GROUNDS OF HUMANITY, OF WIVES AND CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO ADMIT IN THE COMING SIX MONTHS, IN CATEGORY A, 2,000 IMMIGRANTS HAVING £1,000 (\$5,000) CAPITAL, INCLUDING, IF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SEES FIT, PENSIONERS AND 20 AGRICULTURAL SETTLERS WITH CAPITAL NOT LESS THAN £500 WHOSE ADMISSION WAS RECOMMENDED BY FORMER HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR ARTHUR GRENFELL WAUCHOPE.

CATEGORIES A-2 AND A-3 ARE CLOSED. IN CATEGORY B, STUDENTS UNDER THE DEFINITION OF CATEGORY B-3 WILL BE ADMITTED. CATEGORIES B-1 AND B-2 ARE CLOSED.

REGARDING CATEGORY C, LABORERS, THE DISPATCH DECLARES THAT IN VIEW OF PALESTINE UNEMPLOYMENT, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT CENSUS HAS FIXED AT 41,000 ARABS AND 12,000 JEWS AS OF DEC. 31, 1937, "IT IS OBVIOUS THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME ADMISSION OF ADDITIONAL IMMIGRANTS OF THE LABOR CLASS IS NOT JUSTIFIABLE."

"HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, HAVE APPROVED," THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IS TOLD, "OF YOUR FIXING A QUOTA OF 1,000 IN THIS CATEGORY UNDER THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL BE LEFT TO YOU TO DECIDE, IN THE LIGHT OF ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, WHETHER ANY LABOR IMMIGRATION SHALL BE PERMITTED DURING THE SIX MONTHS, AND IF SO, WHEN AND TO WHAT EXTENT."

WIVES AND CHILDREN OF PALESTINE INHABITANTS, COMING UNDER CATEGORY D, WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT NUMERICAL RESTRICTION. IN OTHER CATEGORIES OF DEPENDENTS, A QUOTA OF 200 FOR PARENTS, ETC., TO MEET CASES OF EXCEPTIONAL HARDSHIP, HAS BEEN SET.

THE BULK OF THE 3,000-WORD DISPATCH IS DEVOTED TO REVIEWING THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION IN THE PAST REGARDING IMMIGRATION.

ZIONIST COUNCIL PROTESTS 'ARBITRARY' CRITERION

LONDON, MARCH 15. (JTA) -- THE ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL PROTESTED TODAY AGAINST THE ABANDONMENT OF THE ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY PRINCIPLE OF PALESTINE IMMIGRATION AS SERIOUSLY AFFECTING THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION AND SERVING AS ENCOURAGEMENT TO ARAB TERRORISTS.

THE 100 ZIONIST LEADERS FROM MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD, CONCLUDING A SIX-DAY SESSION, RECORDED IN A RESOLUTION LAST NIGHT THEIR DEMAND THAT THE FORMER IMMIGRATION CRITERION BE RESTORED, ASSERTING THAT ARBITRARY RESTRICTION CONTRADICTED THE PALESTINE MANDATE AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION OF 1930.

SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS OF THE POLITICAL RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE 1937 ZIONIST CONGRESS IN ZURICH ARE UNEQUIVOCALLY OPPOSED TO ANY ATTEMPT TO RESTRICT THE JEWS TO THE POSITION OF A MINORITY IN THE HOLY LAND, STATED THE COUNCIL, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST ZIONIST AUTHORITY BETWEEN BIENNIAL CONGRESSES.

THE COUNCIL ALSO ANNOUNCED OPPOSITION TO ANY ACTION BY ANTI-ZIONISTS AGAINST THE PRINCIPLE OF A JEWISH STATE, DEMANDED A FULLER SHARE FOR THE PALESTINE JEWS IN DEFENSE AGAINST TERRORISM AND URGED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT A DEFINITE POLICY CONSISTENT WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE. THE ZIONISTS EMPHASIZED THE URGENT NEED FOR ADEQUATE GOVERNMENT ACTION FOR MUNICIPAL WORKS IN PALESTINE TO STIMULATE EMPLOYMENT.

REPORT ARGENTINE BAN ON IMMIGRATION FROM POLAND

WARSAW, MARCH 15. (JTA) -- IT WAS REPORTED WITHOUT CONFIRMATION TODAY THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAD ORDERED COMPLETE SUSPENSION OF IMMIGRATION FROM POLAND.

HITLER PROCLAIMS AUSTRIA'S INCLUSION IN REICH; JEWS LOSE CITIZENSHIP

VIENNA, MARCH 15. (Havas) -- CHANCELLOR ADOLF HITLER TODAY FORMALLY PROCLAIMED THE INCORPORATION OF AUSTRIA INTO THE NAZI REICH AND TOLD CHEERING THOUSANDS IN THIS ANCIENT AUSTRIAN CAPITAL THAT THEIR NATION WOULD BE TRANSFORMED INTO A "NATIONAL SOCIALIST FORTRESS."

(ONE OF THE FIRST OFFICIAL DECREES OF THE DAY, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTED, DEPRIVED THE JEWS OF THEIR CITIZENSHIP. IN THEIR NEW STATUS THE JEWS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO VOTE IN THE APRIL 10 PLEBISCITE. STORM TROOPERS FORCED JEWS IN THE GHETTO QUARTER TO SCRUB "HEIL AUSTRIA" SIGNS OFF THE SIDEWALKS. THE UNITED PRESS SAID NAZIS WERE PICKETING NUMEROUS JEWISH SHOPS TO KEEP OUT PROSPECTIVE BUYERS.)

"AS FUEHRER-CHANCELLOR OF THE GERMAN NATION I ANNOUNCE THE ENTRY OF MY NATIVE LAND INTO THE GERMAN REICH," HITLER DECLARED AT CEREMONIES MARKING HIS OFFICIAL WELCOME TO VIENNA. "I PROCLAIM THE NEW MISSION OF THIS NATION. THE OLDEST MARCH OF GERMANY WILL HENCEFORTH BECOME THE YOUNGEST BULWARK OF THE GERMAN NATION. THE MARCH OF AUSTRIA HENCEFORTH WILL BE A STEEL GUARANTY OF GERMAN SECURITY AND A GUARANTY OF PEACE FOR OUR PEOPLE.

"I SPEAK IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF AUSTRIA, OF VIENNA AND OF 68,000,000 GERMAN CITIZENS. THIS NATION IS GERMAN. IT HAS A GERMAN MISSION TO FULFILL AND WILL FULFILL IT. OUR TASK WILL BE TO SOLVE BY WORK AND ORDER OUR GREAT CULTURAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND WE WILL MAKE OF AUSTRIA A NATIONALIST SOCIALIST FORTRESS."

HITLER ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT-CHANCELLOR ARTHUR VON SEYSS-INQUART HAD BEEN MADE REICHSTATTHALTER (GOVERNOR) OF AUSTRIA. HE EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO THE NAZI AUSTRIAN LEADER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NOW NON-EXISTENT GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR AID IN CARRYING OUT THE LONG-PLANNED ANSCHLUSS WITH GERMANY.

TEN JEWISH MERCHANTS WERE ARRESTED IN LINZ TODAY ON CHARGES OF "ACTIVITIES" CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF THE NATION." A LARGE PART OF THEIR PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MONEY WAS CONFISCATED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

AUSTRIAN REFUGEE TRAFFIC TAXES AIRLINES

AMSTERDAM, MARCH 15. (JTA) -- THE ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINE DISCLOSED TODAY THAT IT HAS DISPATCHED MANY PLANES TO AUSTRIA TO AUGMENT THE REGULAR SERVICE FROM VIENNA TO PRAHA AND BUDAPEST. HANDLING OF REFUGEE TRAFFIC HAS TAXED THE LINE'S FACILITIES BEYOND CAPACITY.

NAZI SENATOR VAN VESSEM DEMANDED IN THE UPPER HOUSE TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT CLOSE THE FRONTIERS TO AUSTRIAN JEWISH FUGITIVES.

PALESTINE LEADERS MAP AID FOR AUSTRIAN JEWS

JERUSALEM, MARCH 15. (JTA) -- PALESTINE JEWISH LEADERS CONSIDERED TODAY PLANS FOR AIDING JEWS FORCED OUT OF AUSTRIA BY THE NAZI REGIME, WHILE THE SWASTIKA FLAG WAS UNFURLED BY THE AUSTRIAN CONSULATE HERE. AMONG PLANS CONSIDERED WAS THE ADVISABILITY OF SENDING A DELEGATION TO THE UNITED STATES TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE RESCUE OF AUSTRIAN JEWS, AND ALSO THE POSSIBILITIES OF FACILITATING THEIR IMMIGRATION INTO THE HOLY LAND BY AN ARRANGEMENT WITH AUSTRIA SIMILAR TO THAT IN EFFECT WITH GERMANY, UNDER WHICH JEWISH EMIGRANTS ARE PERMITTED TO WITHDRAW PART OF THEIR CAPITAL AS GOODS.

THE PLIGHT OF THE AUSTRIAN JEWS AROUSED GREAT CONCERN IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY HERE, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE 7,000 JEWS OF AUSTRIAN ORIGIN.

BAYER ASPIRIN DISCHARGES "NON-ARYAN" EMPLOYEES IN HUNGARY

BUDAPEST, MARCH 15. (JTA) -- BAYER ASPIRIN COMPANY'S REPRESENTATIVE IN HUNGARY, THE HUNGARIAN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY, HAS DISCHARGED THIRTEEN EMPLOYEES BECAUSE THEY ARE OF "NON-ARYAN" ORIGIN. BAYER ASPIRIN IS A SUBSIDIARY OF THE GERMAN DYES TRUST.

ONE WOMAN CLERK WHO HAD BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE COMPANY FOR 14 YEARS SUFFERED A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AS A RESULT OF HER DISMISSAL. AMONG THE OTHERS DISCHARGED WERE THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE FACTORY AND THE DIRECTOR OF ITS SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENT.

MANY JEWS EMPLOYED, U.S. COMPANY HOLDS

NEW YORK, MARCH 15. (JTA) -- HARVEY MANN, PRESIDENT OF THE BAYER COMPANY HERE, SAID THAT THE AMERICAN COMPANY HAD NO CONNECTION WITH GERMANY, BUT HAD BEEN PURCHASED FROM THE ALIEN PROPERTIES CUSTODIAN OF THE UNITED STATES AFTER ITS SEIZURE DURING THE WORLD WAR. HE ALSO SAID THERE WAS NO POLICY IN EFFECT REGARDING "NON-ARYANS" AND ADDED THAT "WE HAVE MANY OF THEM WORKING HERE." ACCORDING TO THE NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE, THE PROFITS OF BAYER ASPIRIN SOLD HERE ULTIMATELY ARE SENT TO GERMANY. THE ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE HELD THAT THE AMERICAN BAYER COMPANY WAS CONNECTED WITH THE GERMAN DYES TRUST.

CURBS ON JEWS DEMANDED AT BUDAPEST DEMONSTRATION

BUDAPEST, MARCH 15. (JTA) -- RESTRICTIONS ON JEWS WAS ONE OF THE DEMANDS VOICED TODAY AT A GREAT MASS MEETING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF TURUL, THE FEDERATION OF RIGHTIST HUNGARIAN DEPUTIES, TO CELEBRATE THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION FOR HUNGARIAN INDEPENDENCE, ACCORDING TO THE HAVAS NEWS AGENCY.

TEN THOUSAND HUNGARIAN NAZIS STAGED A WILD DEMONSTRATION IN THE STREETS, HAVAS REPORTED, CAUSING MOUNTED POLICE TO CHARGE INTO THEM AND TO MOBILIZE REINFORCEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CAPITAL. GROUPS OF SEVERAL THOUSAND NAZIS PARADED BEHIND PICTURES OF THEIR LEADER, MAJOR FERENC SZALASY, AND DISTRIBUTING HANDBILLS WITH THE WORDS, "SZALASY 1938."

2 HURT IN PALESTINE TRAIN WRECK; BANDIT LEADER KILLED

JERUSALEM, MARCH 15. (JTA) -- A FREIGHT TRAIN WAS WRECKED BETWEEN RAS-EL-EIN AND KALKILLIA, IT WAS REPORTED HERE TODAY, WITH EIGHT CARS TURNING OVER. THE ENGINEER AND FIREMAN OF THE TRAIN WERE INJURED IN THE DERAILMENT AND SEVERAL TANK CARS WERE AMONG THOSE TURNED OVER, SPILLING 300 TONS OF OIL.

ABDULLAH AZBAH, REPUTED COMMANDER OF ARAB BANDS IN THE NORTH, WAS IDENTIFIED TODAY AS ONE OF THE 32 ARAB BANDITS KILLED IN A CLASH WITH BRITISH TROOPS NEAR SAFED ON MARCH 10.

1,500 REFUGEES FROM REICH, 25,000 POLISH JEWS IN AUSTRIA

NEW YORK, MARCH 15. (JTA) -- WITH AUSTRIA ANNEXED BY GERMANY AND APPLICATION OF THE NUREMBERG LAWS IMMINENT, A PROBLEM THEY THOUGHT SOLVED TODAY AGAIN FACED A LARGE NUMBER OF JEWS WHO HAD FLED THE NAZI REICH AND FOUND SANCTUARY IN VIENNA.

OF SOME 200,000 JEWS IN AUSTRIA, ABOUT 1,500 ARE ESTIMATED (ACCORDING TO FIGURES SUPPLIED BY THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE) TO HAVE EMIGRATED FROM GERMANY BETWEEN THE NAZI ACCESSION TO POWER IN 1933 AND THE END OF 1937.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS OF THE FEDERATION OF POLISH JEWS IN AMERICA, THERE ARE BETWEEN 25,000 AND 30,000 POLISH JEWS IN AUSTRIA, ALL BUT ABOUT 1,500 OF WHOM ARE NATURALIZED CITIZENS. THE MAJORITY OF THEM CAME FROM POLAND STARTING IN 1914. VERY FEW ARE RECENT IMMIGRANTS, THE FEDERATION DECLARES.