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LUDEL, ANGEL PRIZE WINNER, ARRESTED THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1938.

500 JEWS SEIZED IN AUSTRIA AS NAZI PURGE ENTERS THIRD DAY; SHOPS LOOTED, WRECKED

PRAHA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, MARCH 16. (JTA) -- MORE THAN 500 JEWS WERE UNDER ARREST IN AUSTRIA TONIGHT AS THE NAZI PURGE SWEEP INTO ITS THIRD DAY, THROWING AUSTRIA'S 200,000 JEWS INTO COMPLETE PANIC.

NAZIS CONTINUED TO RAID AND CLOSE JEWISH INSTITUTIONS ONE AFTER ANOTHER, PILLAGED JEWISH SHOPS AND, IN SOME INSTANCES, COMMITTED DESECRATIONS AGAINST SYNAGOGUES. AS THE HITLER GOVERNMENT SPEEDED ITS CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE AUSTRIAN JEWRY TO THE STATUS OF THEIR 370,000 BRETHREN IN GERMANY PROPER, JEWS AVOIDED THE STREETS, DREADING EVEN TO SPEAK.

MOST OF THE 500 ARRESTED, IT WAS ASCERTAINED, ARE BUSINESS MEN WHO HAD BEEN DENOUNCED. ALL THE MONEY IN THEIR POSSESSION OR FOUND IN THEIR HOMES HAS BEEN CONFISCATED AND THEIR FAMILIES LEFT PENNILESS.

IN THE COURSE OF THE LAST THREE DAYS, MOST OF THE JEWISH SHOPS IN BRITENAU, JEWISH SUBURB OF VIENNA, HAVE BEEN PILLAGED, NAZIS CARRYING OFF MERCHANDISE EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR ON TRUCKS.

WELL-KNOWN STORES LOOTED

SIMILAR DEVELOPMENTS OCCURRED IN LEOPOLDSTADT, JEWISH QUARTER IN VIENNA PROPER, WHERE IN SOME CASES NAZI STORM TROOPERS LEFT RECEIPTS FOR THE GOODS. ALL JEWISH SHOPS IN THE PRATER HAVE BEEN PILLAGED AND THEN DEMOLISHED. THE WELL-KNOWN KRUPNIK DEPARTMENT STORE WAS ENTIRELY PLUNDERED BY STORM TROOPS. KRUPNIK HIMSELF WAS ARRESTED. THE GERSTL DRY GOODS STORE AND THE SCHEIN CARPET FIRM WERE SIMILARLY TREATED, WHILE THE SCHIFFMAN BROTHERS DEPARTMENT STORE WAS EXPROPRIATED AND ALL JEWISH EMPLOYEES DISMISSED.

DESPITE STRICT ORDERS AGAINST LOOTING, POLICE WERE FORCED TO DISPERSE LOOTERS IN THE BORMUTSTRASSE AT THE POINT OF REVOLVERS. DOORS AND WINDOWS OF SOME SYNAGOGUES WERE BROKEN AND THE HOLY SCROLLS TORN UP AND BURNED. HEBREW SHIELDS WERE REMOVED FROM THE LEOPOLDSTADT POLISH SYNAGOGUE.

CONSULTING ROOMS OF JEWISH DOCTORS AND DENTISTS ARE CLOSED, THE MAJORITY PREFERRING TO REMOVE OUTSIDE SIGNS TO AVOID ATTRACTING ATTENTION OF THE NAZIS. LARGE NAZI CROWDS CONSTANTLY GATHER TO JEER AND TORMENT THE QUEUE OF JEWS LINED UP BEFORE THE POLISH CONSULATE TO OBTAIN VISAS TO RETURN TO POLAND.

THE OFFICES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY WERE RAIDED AND ALL FUNDS FOUND THERE CONFISCATED.

A DECREE WAS ISSUED TODAY ORDERING ALL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF JEWS AND "NON-ARYANS," WHO ARE AUTOMATICALLY DISMISSED FROM THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE, TO TAKE THE OATH TO HITLER.

A PROCLAMATION WAS EXPECTED MOMENTARILY PUTTING INTO EFFECT IN THE NEW REICH STATE THE NUREMBERG LAWS ADOPTED BY THE REICHSTAG IN SEPTEMBER, 1935, ESTABLISHING A SECOND-CLASS CITIZENSHIP FOR THE JEWS, SETTING SEVERE PENALTIES FOR "RACE DEFILEMENT" AND FORBIDDING THEM TO HIRE GERMAN MAIDS UNDER 40 OR TO DISPLAY THE SWASTIKA.

LOEWI, NOBEL PRIZE WINNER, ARRESTED

THE LATEST PROMINENT JEW TO FALL VICTIM TO THE NAZI PURGE IS PROFESSOR OTTO LOEWI OF GRAZ, 1936 JOINT WINNER OF THE NOBEL PRIZE IN MEDICINE, WHO WAS ARRESTED BY THE NAZI POLICE. PROFESSOR LOEWI WAS A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE GRAZ UNIVERSITY MEDICAL FACULTY.

THE ARREST OF DR. HEINRICH NEUMANN, FAMOUS EAR SPECIALIST, WHO HAS TREATED THE DUKE OF WINDSOR AND KING GEORGE OF ENGLAND, WAS CONFIRMED. TEN PROMINENT JEWS WERE ARRESTED IN LINZ AND THEIR PROPERTY CONFISCATED "FOR ACTIVITIES INJURIOUS TO THE NATION."

THE FIRST STEP IN DEPRIVING JEWS OF THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS CAME TODAY WITH THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT JEWS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO VOTE IN THE NATION-WIDE PLEBISCITE CALLED FOR APRIL 10 TO RATIFY THE AUSTRO-GERMAN ANSCHLUSS.

LODGES OF THE B'NAI B'RITH, INTERNATIONAL JEWISH FRATERNAL ORDER WITH HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, HAVE BEEN DISSOLVED. TEN EMPLOYEES WERE ARRESTED, CHARGED WITH CONTRIBUTING TO THE SCHUSCHNIGG REGIME. OTHER JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS DISSOLVED INCLUDE THE FAMOUS HAKOAH SPORTS CLUB, WHICH HAS PRODUCED MANY SWIMMING, WRESTLING AND SOCCER CHAMPIONS.

EXPULSION OF ALL JEWISH STUDENTS FROM VIENNA UNIVERSITY WAS EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE APPOINTMENT OF FRITZ KNOLL, A PROMINENT NAZI, AS HEAD OF THE UNIVERSITY.

UNIFORMED NAZIS WERE SEEN PICKETING JEWISH SHOPS ALL OVER VIENNA, SEEKING TO INFLUENCE WOULD-BE PURCHASERS NOT TO ENTER. THE PICKETING RECALLED THE NATION-WIDE ANTI-JEWISH BOYCOTT LAUNCHED BY HITLER WHEN HE TOOK POWER IN GERMANY, IN MARCH, 1933.

VIENNA GRIPPED BY WAVE OF JEW-BAITING; MANY SUICIDES REPORTED

VIENNA, MARCH 16. (HAVAS) -- VICIOUS JEW-BAITING BECAME A CHIEF ACTIVITY FOR AUSTRIA'S VETERAN AND NEWLY-CONFIRMED NAZIS TONIGHT AFTER A DAY OF ARRESTS AND VIOLENCE FEATURED BY THE SUICIDE, AMONG OTHERS, OF FORMER VICE-CHANCELLOR EMIL FEY, HIS WIFE AND THEIR 19-YEAR-OLD SON.

VIENNA'S POLICE FORCE OF 7,500, PLEDGED TODAY TO "REMOVE ANY ANIMOSITIES BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE," DID LITTLE OR NOTHING TO CURB THE ANTI-SEMITIC WRATH SO DRAMATICALLY UNLEASHED IN THIS "SECOND CAPITAL" OF GERMANY BY CHANCELLOR HITLER'S ANSCHLUSS COUP.

NAZI YOUTH BRIGADES, THEIR ARMS SWATHED WITH SWASTIKAS, SWIRLED THROUGH VIENNA'S KAERTNERSTRASSE CRYING "DEATH TO THE JEWS!" ALL IN THEIR PATH SHOWING THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF "TAINTED BLOOD" WERE EASY PREY.

THERE WERE OTHERS WHO FOLLOWED MAJOR FEY AND HIS FAMILY INTO DEATH, PREFERRING TO TAKE THEIR OWN LIVES RATHER THAN FACE ARREST WHICH BECAME A DREAD REALITY TONIGHT FOR AN

UNESTIMATED NUMBER OF CITIZENS WHO ONCE STOOD HIGH AMONG THE COUNTRY'S BANKING, INDUSTRIAL AND ARTISTIC CIRCLES.

MOST OF THE HAPLESS VICTIMS WERE JEWS, ALMOST INVARIABLY CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE THEIR FORTUNES OUT OF A COUNTRY WHICH HAS NOW BECOME BUT A STATE IN THE NAZI REICH. A FEW OF THE MANY TAKEN INTO CUSTODY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED.

THE KAERTNERSTRASSE, VIENNA'S MOST IMPORTANT SHOPPING SECTION, WAS THE SCENE OF ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES WHICH GAVE PROMISE OF INCIDENTS RIVALING THE KURFUERSTENDAMM RIOTS IN BERLIN THREE YEARS AGO. THERE WAS MORE THAN A SUSPICION THAT MANY OF THOSE WHO SUDDENLY APPEARED AS THE MOST ARDENT JEW-BAITERS WERE KEENLY ANXIOUS TO SHOW THEMSELVES TO AUTHORITIES AND THE PUBLIC AS 100-PERCENT NAZIS.

A "SUICIDE PACT" BETWEEN FRIEDRICH REITLING, HEAD OF THE JENSBACHER STEEL WORKS AND ONE OF THOSE SCHEDULED FOR ARREST WITH HIS DAUGHTER, WAS REPORTED BY THE NEWSPAPER TELEGRAF. PROF. GUSTAVE BAYER, 69-YEAR-OLD INNSBRUCK DOCTOR, AND HIS DAUGHTER COMMITTED SUICIDE BY GAS AFTER DRUGGING THEMSELVES, THE SAME NEWSPAPER SAID.

BARON LOUIS DE ROTHSCHILD, HEAD OF THE VIENNA BRANCH OF THE FAMOUS BANKING FAMILY AND SEVERAL TIMES HOST TO THE DUKE OF WINDSOR, WAS AMONG THOSE ARRESTED. THE FOUR SCHIFF-MAN BROTHERS, OWNERS OF ONE OF THE CAPITAL'S LARGEST DEPARTMENT STORES, ALSO FIGURED IN THE LIST.

(SIGMUND FREUD, 82-YEAR-OLD "FATHER OF PSYCHOANALYSIS," WAS REPORTED ARRESTED BY PARIS-SOIR.)

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WORLD COUNCIL URGED TO AID AUSTRIAN JEWS

JERUSALEM, MARCH 16. (JTA) -- ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD COUNCIL TO AID AUSTRIA'S 200,000 JEWS WAS URGED TODAY BY A DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRIAN JEWS IN PALESTINE, ACCOMPANIED BY MISS HENRIETTA SZOLD, AMERICAN-BORN ZIONIST LEADER, WHICH VISITED VISCOUNT SAMUEL, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR GERMAN JEWRY AND FORMER HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PALESTINE.

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YUGOSLAV JEWS "APPREHENSIVE"

LONDON, MARCH 16. (JTA) -- THE JEWS OF YUGOSLAVIA ARE "NATURALLY APPREHENSIVE" OVER THE AUSTRIAN DEVELOPMENTS, THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY WAS TOLD TODAY BY CHIEF RABBI ISAAC ALKALAY, HERE ON A VISIT FROM YUGOSLAVIA. THE NAZI SUCCESS IN AUSTRIA, DR. ALKALAY POINTED OUT, MIGHT STRENGTHEN ANTI-SEMITIC ELEMENTS IN YUGOSLAVIA, WHERE UNTIL THE PRESENT TIME ANTI-SEMITISM HAS BEEN WEAK AND UNABLE TO TAKE FIRM ROOT AMONG THE FREEDOM-LOVING SERBIANS.

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80 STUDENTS RETURN TO POLAND

WARSAW, MARCH 16. (JTA) -- EIGHTY JEWISH STUDENTS WHO GAVE UP THEIR STUDIES IN VIENNA WHEN THE NAZIS TOOK POWER RETURNED HERE TODAY.

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ROOSEVELT PROMISES SPECIAL MESSAGE TO B'NAI B'RITH PARLEY

WASHINGTON, MARCH 16. (JTA) -- REPRESENTATIVE EMANUEL CELLER (DEM., N.Y.), MAURICE BISGYER, SECRETARY OF B'NAI B'RITH, AND RABBI ABRAHAM SIMON CONFERRED TODAY WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WHILE SECRETARY CORDELL HULL TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS STUDYING THE AUSTRO-GERMAN SITUATION.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT INFORMED THE DELEGATION HE WOULD SEND A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE B'NAI B'RITH CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON IN MAY. THE DELEGATION WOULD NOT DIVULGE THE REASON FOR THE CONFERENCE.

(B'NAI B'RITH LODGES IN AUSTRIA HAVE BEEN DISSOLVED, ACCORDING TO REPORTS TODAY, WITH TEN OF ITS EMPLOYEES ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE SCHUSCHNIGG REGIME.)

WHILE THE REICH TOOK OVER THE AUSTRIAN LEGATION HERE, ITS STAFF REMAINING IN ABSENCE OF OTHER INSTRUCTIONS, SECRETARY HULL DECLARED THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS GIVING CLOSE ATTENTION TO ALL PHASES OF THE AUSTRO-GERMAN SITUATION AND STUDYING CAREFULLY THE QUESTION OF INCLUDING AUSTRIA IN TRADE AGREEMENTS. AUSTRIA UNTIL NOW HAS BEEN GIVEN FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT, FROM WHICH GERMANY HAS BEEN BARRED.

TEXT OF LAW ENDING AUSTRIA'S INDEPENDENCE

WASHINGTON, MARCH 16. (JTA) -- THE TEXT OF GERMAN AMBASSADOR HANS H. DIECKHOFF'S DECLARATION TO SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL ANNOUNCING INCLUSION OF AUSTRIA IN THE GERMAN REICH WAS MADE PUBLIC HERE TODAY:

"THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW OF MARCH 13, 1938, DECIDED BY THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, CONCERNING THE REUNION OF AUSTRIA WITH THE GERMAN REICH, HEREWITH BECOMES A LAW OF THE GERMAN REICH. THE TEXT THEREOF FOLLOWS:

"THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS RESOLVED THAT AUSTRIA IS A STATE (LAND) OF THE GERMAN REICH.

"ON SUNDAY, APRIL 10, THERE WILL TAKE PLACE A FREE, SECRET PLEBISCITE OF GERMAN MEN AND WOMEN IN AUSTRIA OVER 20 YEARS OF AGE ON THE REUNION OF THE GERMAN REICH. IN THE PLEBISCITE, A MAJORITY OF THE VOTE CAST WILL BE DECISIVE.

"THE NECESSARY PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE CARRYING OUT AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 11 OF THIS FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW WILL BE MADE BY MEANS OF DECREES. THIS FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW ENTERS INTO FORCE ON THE DAY OF PROMULGATION. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS CHARGED WITH THE EXECUTION OF THIS FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW.

"THE LAW NOW PREVAILING IN AUSTRIA REMAINS IN FORCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE INTRODUCTION OF REICH LAW INTO AUSTRIA WILL BE EFFECTED BY THE LEADER AND REICH CHANCELLOR OR BY THE REICH MINISTER EMPOWERED BY HIM TO DO SO.

"THE REICH MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR IS EMPOWERED, IN AGREEMENT WITH THE REICH MINISTER CONCERNED, TO ISSUE THE NECESSARY LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE CARRYING OUT AND SUPPLEMENTING OF THIS LAW. THE LAW ENTERS FORCE ON THE DAY OF PROMULGATION."

"THE FORMER AUSTRIAN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAVE RECEIVED ORDERS TO PLACE THEMSELVES, ALONG WITH THEIR PERSONNEL, UNDER THE GERMAN REPRESENTATIVES.

"ACCEPT, MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, THE RENEWED ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

"(SIGNED) DIECKHOFF."

BRITISH STUDENT GROUPS, PROFESSORS ASSAIL "GHETTO BENCHES" IN POLAND

LONDON, MARCH 16. (JTA) -- SEVEN NATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADING UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS WERE ON RECORD TODAY WITH STRONG CONDEMNATION OF "GHETTO BENCHES" FOR JEWISH STUDENTS IN POLISH UNIVERSITIES. AT A MEETING HERE LAST NIGHT, THE SYSTEM OF SEGREGATING JEWS WAS DENOUNCED AS "CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF VARSITY LIFE ORDAINING ALL STUDENTS EQUALS IN SEARCH OF TRUTH AND KNOWLEDGE."

SWISS TRIAL REVEALS NETWORK OF NAZI AGENTS IN PAY OF REICH

BERNE, SWITZERLAND, MARCH 16. (JTA) -- A NETWORK OF BERLIN-FINANCED NAZI AGENTS, BORING FROM WITHIN GERMAN GROUPS IN SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, WAS REVEALED TODAY IN A SENSATIONAL COURT TRIAL, WHICH THREW SOME LIGHT ON PROPAGANDA METHODS USED BY THE HITLER FORCES IN AUSTRIA.

DOCUMENTS SEIZED BY SWISS POLICE, INDICATING THE REICH WAS FINANCING NAZI ORGANIZATIONS ABROAD, SUPPLYING THEM WITH PASSPORTS AND AIDING ANTI-JEWISH AGITATION, WERE READ IN COURT AS AN OUTGROWTH OF A LIBEL SUIT BY A NAZI LEADER AGAINST A SWISS AUTHOR.

THE DOCUMENTS, IMPOUNDED BY THE POLICE LAST NOVEMBER IN A RAID ON THE HOME OF BORIS TOEDLI, WHOSE TRIAL FOR ESPIONAGE IN BEHALF OF GERMANY IS PENDING, WERE INTRODUCED BY COUNSEL FOR C.A. LOOSLI, WHO IS BEING SUED BY DR. LEHNARD, HEAD OF THE SWISS NAZIS.

THE PRESENT TRIAL IS AN OUTGROWTH OF THE BERNE TRIAL OF 1935 INVOLVING "THE PROTOCOLS OF THE ELDERS OF ZION," RECORD OF A PURPORTED PLOT FOR JEWISH WORLD DOMINATION, IN WHICH CASE LOOSLI WAS A WITNESS AGAINST THE NAZIS, AND WHICH RESULTED IN THE DENUNCIATION OF THE "PROTOCOLS" BY THE COURT AS A FORGERY.

DR. LIFSHITZ, COUNSEL FOR LOOSLI, READ THE SEIZED TOEDLI DOCUMENTS IN COURT TODAY. THEY INDICATE:

- 1-- GERMANY IS FINANCING PRO-NAZI ORGANIZATIONS ABROAD.
- 2-- GERMAN EMBASSIES ABROAD ASSIST NAZI AGENTS WITH PASSPORTS AND VISAS.
- 3-- BERNE IS THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER FOR THE THIRD REICH'S WESTERN EUROPEAN NETWORK, WITH AGENTS IN PRACTICALLY ALL COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE.
- 4-- GERMANY HAS PAID SPECIAL ATTENTION TO STIMULATING, THROUGH BERNE, AN AGGRESSIVE ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN IN WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, FOR WHICH FUNDS CAME FROM BERLIN AND ERFURT, GERMANY'S CENTER OF ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA.
- 5-- SPECIAL REMITTANCES WERE MADE FROM GERMANY TO COVER DEFENCE COSTS IN THE "PROTOCOLS" TRIAL.
- 6-- THE BERNE CENTER MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH TWO NAZI GROUPS IN PARIS, ONE HEADED BY MARKHOFF, LEADER OF THE ANTI-SEMITIC FACTION OF THE PRE-REVOLUTION RUSSIAN DUMA, AND ANOTHER HEADED BY BARON VON POTTERS, FORMER HUNGARIAN CONSUL IN MUNICH, WHO FLED FROM FRANCE AFTER BEING INVOLVED IN THE EXPOSURE OF THE CAGOLLARDS, HOODED FRENCH TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.

DR. LIFSHITZ SUBMITTED PHOTOGRAPHS OF SOME DOCUMENTS IN POSSESSION OF THE POLICE ESTABLISHING THAT LEHNARD RECEIVED FUNDS FROM GERMANY DURING THE 1935 "PROTOCOLS" TRIAL.

IN THE COURSE OF HIS TWO-HOUR SPEECH HE DESCRIBED THE THIRD REICH AS OPERATING AN ESPIONAGE AND PROPAGANDA NETWORK THROUGH ITS HEADQUARTERS IN SWITZERLAND, WITH AGENTS IN SWITZERLAND MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH AGENTS ALL OVER EUROPE, AND ALSO WITH TSARIST EMIGRES FROM RUSSIA IN PARIS AND THE BALKANS. LIFSHITZ QUOTED FROM DOCUMENTS TO SHOW THAT NAZI AGENTS WORKED UNDER ALIASES.

THE COURT RESERVED DECISION, ANNOUNCING THAT THE VERDICT WOULD BE HANDED DOWN IN WRITING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE TRIAL WAS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST AS A PROLOGUE TO TOEDLI'S

TRIAL NEXT APRIL ON CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE FOR A FOREIGN COUNTRY AGAINST SWITZERLAND. COL. ULRICH FLEISCHAUER, NAZI WITNESS IN THE "PROTOCOLS" TRIAL AND HEAD OF AN ORGANIZATION PUBLISHING ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE IN ERFURT, WILL BE CO-DEFENDANT, CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE AND ALSO WITH GIVING FALSE TESTIMONY IN THE 1935 TRIAL.

TOEDLI, A SWISS CITIZEN, WAS ARRESTED NOV. 22, 1937, WHEN SWISS POLICE DISCOVERED IN HIS HOME SOME 300 DOCUMENTS AND LETTERS INDICATING THAT HE AND OTHERS WERE IN TOUCH WITH THE THIRD REICH AND RECEIVED FUNDS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR STIMULATING NAZI PROPAGANDA. TOEDLI SUBSEQUENTLY ESCAPED TO GERMANY.

ZIONISTS STUDY PRACTICAL EFFECTS OF NEW QUOTA; NO GREAT CHANGE IN ENTRY RATE SEEN

LONDON, MARCH 16. (JTA) -- THE QUESTION OF THE PRACTICAL EFFECTS OF THE NEW PALESTINE IMMIGRATION STATEMENT, IN WHICH 3,000 CERTIFICATES ARE ALLOTTED FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS, IS BEING CLOSELY STUDIED TODAY IN ZIONIST CIRCLES HERE AND IN JERUSALEM.

THE VIEW IS HELD IN CERTAIN QUARTERS THAT THE REGULATIONS WILL NOT MAKE A GREAT DIFFERENCE IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JEWISH IMMIGRANTS COMPARED TO PAST EIGHT MONTHS (WHEN 8,000 CERTIFICATES WERE ALLOTTED) OWING TO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON WIVES AND CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS AND STUDENTS WHO SHOW EVIDENCE OF ABILITY TO MAINTAIN THEMSELVES UNTIL THEY COMPLETE THEIR STUDIES. NO STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE, HOWEVER, ON THE TOTAL NUMBER INCLUDED IN THESE CATEGORIES.

THE ENTIRE QUESTION IS REALLY DEPENDENT ON THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S DECISION WHETHER TO ISSUE THE AUTHORIZED 1,000 LABOR CERTIFICATES. EVEN IF HE DOES, THEN THE QUESTION DEPENDS ON WHETHER THE RECIPIENTS OF THE CERTIFICATES ARE OLDER WORKERS WITH THEIR FAMILIES OR THE YOUNGER, UNMARRIED CHALUTZIM (TRAINED PIONEERS). IT IS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IT MAY POSSIBLY BE DIFFICULT TO FILL THE CAPITALIST QUOTA (POSSESSION OF \$5,000 IS A PREREQUISITE FOR INCLUSION IN THE CAPITALIST CATEGORY, TO WHICH 2,000 CERTIFICATES HAS BEEN ASSIGNED) IN VIEW OF THE TREMENDOUS DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN REMOVING CAPITAL FROM THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES OF EMIGRATION, OWING TO EXCHANGE REGULATIONS.

JEWS GLUM, ARABS JUBILANT OVER NEW SCHEDULE

JERUSALEM, MARCH 16. (JTA) -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW JEWISH IMMIGRATION SCHEDULE OF 3,000 CERTIFICATES FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER WAS RECEIVED GLUMLY BY JEWS AND WITH UNDISGUISED SATISFACTION BY ARABS.

WHILE JEWISH LEADERS WERE FOR THE MOST PART SILENT, NEWSPAPERS GAVE VOICE TO THE GENERAL DISAPPOINTMENT AMONG JEWS. HAARETZ QUESTIONED THE SOURCE OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES CITED BY COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM ORMSBY-GORE (42,000 ARABS, 12,000 JEWS), ASSERTING NO STUDY HAD BEEN MADE OF THE PALESTINE ECONOMIC SITUATION. HABOKER SAW IN THE QUOTA NEW ENCOURAGEMENT TO TERRORISM AND A DEEPENING OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF IMMIGRATION AND THE UNCERTAIN POLITICAL SITUATION.

THE PALESTINE POST, DECLARING THE NEW SCHEDULE MARKED RESUMPTION OF THE ABSORPTIVITY PRINCIPLE INSTEAD OF ARBITRARY LIMITATION, EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION BUT ASSERTED THE GOVERNMENT LACKED THE WILL TO IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLE.

DR. M. ALTMAN, HEAD OF THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, TERMED THE NEW SCHEDULE A "MOCKERY", ESPECIALLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE AUSTRIAN SITUATION, AND CHARGED THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY WAS BEHIND JEWISH UNEMPLOYMENT.

HASSAN SIDKY DAJANI, JERUSALEM MUNICIPAL COUNCILLOR AND UNOFFICIAL PALESTINE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EMIR ABDULLAH OF THE TRANSJORDAN, SAID THE REDUCTION IN JEWISH IMMIGRATION WAS APPRECIATED BY THE ARABS.

ARGENTINE CONSUL IN WARSAW STOPS ISSUING VISAS

WARSAW, March 16. (JTA) -- ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO ARGENTINA HAS BEEN STOPPED SINCE YESTERDAY. THE ARGENTINE CONSUL TOLD THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY HE HAD TAKEN THE ACTION BECAUSE OF AN ORDER RECEIVED FROM HIS GOVERNMENT.

NO INFORMATION IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, March 16. (JTA) -- INQUIRIES BY THE HIAS-ICA EMIGRATION ASSOCIATION REGARDING WARSAW REPORTS THAT IMMIGRATION FROM POLAND HAS BEEN SUSPENDED ELICITED FROM THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED ONLY STATEMENTS THAT THEY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT. THE POLISH CONSUL HERE ALSO SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION. IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THE SUSPENSION ORDER MIGHT HAVE COME FROM HIGHER QUARTERS.

POLISH SEJM PASSES BILL TO REGULATE LAW PROFESSION

WARSAW, March 16. (JTA) -- A BILL REGULATING THE LEGAL PROFESSION, MAKING ADMISSION TO THE BAR MORE DIFFICULT AND CURTAILING THE PROFESSION'S AUTONOMY, WAS ADOPTED TODAY BY THE SEJM, LOWER HOUSE OF THE POLISH PARLIAMENT. THE MEASURE WAS VOTED OVER STRONG OBJECTIONS BY DEPUTY EMIL SOMMERSTEIN, WHO CHARGED ITS CHIEF PROVISIONS WERE AIMED AT EXCLUDING JEWS FROM THE PROFESSION. HIS AMENDMENT WAS REJECTED.

BRITAIN, FRANCE STUDYING HUSSEINI'S ACTIVITIES, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, March 16. (JTA) -- THE QUESTION OF THE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF HAJ AMIN EL HUSSEINI, EXILED EX-MUFTI OF JERUSALEM, IS ENGAGING THE ATTENTION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES IN DAMASCUS AND PARIS, COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM ORMSBY-GORE ANNOUNCED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY.

THE PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER IS RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM TIME TO TIME ON THE ACTIVITIES OF HUSSEINI, WHO IS NOW DOMICILED NEAR DAMASCUS, THE COLONIAL SECRETARY SAID. GEOFFREY MANDER (LIBERAL) DECLARED THAT HUSSEINI WAS RECEIVING A SUBSTANTIAL MONTHLY SUBSIDY FROM FOREIGN SOURCES AND WAS NOW DIRECTING PALESTINE TERRORISTS' ACTIVITIES FROM HIS SYRIAN REFUGE.

NEGOTIATIONS ON A LOAN FOR TEL AVIV'S WATER SUPPLY, WHOSE COST IS ESTIMATED AT £1,000,000 (ABOUT \$5,000,000) HAVE PROVED UNSUCCESSFUL, MR. ORMSBY-GORE INFORMED TOM WILLIAMS (LABORITE). HE SAID NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN UNDERTAKEN WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT, BUT OWING TO THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY AND THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE FUTURE, HE HAD ASCERTAINED THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S RAISING A LOAN IN LONDON NOW. INDEPENDENT INQUIRIES ARE NOW PROCEEDING REGARDING A SMALLER LOAN IN PALESTINE TO MEET THE MOST PRESSING NEEDS.

97,000 LATVIAN JEWS HARD HIT BY DRIVE ON MINORITIES; OUSTED FROM TRADE, PROFESSIONS

RIGA (JTA) -- THE NEW LAW ADOPTED BY THE LATVIAN GOVERNMENT GIVING IT AUTHORITY "TO TAKE POSSESSION OF ANY COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE IN THE COUNTRY SHOULD THIS BE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE STATE" IS CAUSING INCREASING ANXIETY TO JEWISH INDUSTRIALISTS AND BUSINESSMEN IN VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT'S OPEN DETERMINATION TO ELIMINATE JEWS AND OTHER NATIONAL MINORITIES FROM THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND REPLACE THEM BY LATVIANS.

A NUMBER OF JEWISH TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMPELLED TO SELL THEIR ENTERPRISES TO THE STATE AGAINST THEIR DESIRE. JEWISH-OWNED BREWERIES, TANNERIES AND CHOCOLATE FACTORIES HAVE ALSO BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE GOVERNMENT. IN THESE ENTERPRISES, THE JEWISH DIRECTORS HAVE FIRST BEEN REPLACED AND SUBSEQUENTLY JEWISH EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN DISMISSED TO MAKE WAY FOR LATVIANS.

ALTHOUGH ANTI-SEMITISM IS OFFICIALLY PROHIBITED IN LATVIA AND NEITHER THE PRESS NOR INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS ARE PERMITTED TO ENGAGE IN ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA, THE GENERAL POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT IS TO ELIMINATE THE JEWS FROM ALL SPHERES OF ECONOMIC LIFE, THE PROFESSIONS AND ARTISANRY. JEWS ARE NOT ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE CORPORATIVE CHAMBERS OF ARTISANS AND WITHOUT SUCH MEMBERSHIP CANNOT SECURE REQUIRED PERMITS TO OPEN SHOPS.

JEWISH GRADUATES WHO HAVE QUALIFIED FOR THE BAR ARE NOT BEING ACCEPTED INTO THE BAR ASSOCIATIONS AND CONSEQUENTLY ARE NOT ABLE TO BEGIN LAW PRACTICE. JEWISH LAWYERS WHO PREVIOUSLY OBTAINED MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATIONS, HOWEVER, ARE NOT HINDERED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THERE IS NO "NUMERUS CLAUSUS" FOR JEWS IN THE LATVIAN MEDICAL SCHOOLS, BUT, REMARKABLY, IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR A JEWISH STUDENT TO SECURE ADMISSION, MOST OF THEM "FAILING" IN THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS. THOSE QUALIFYING AS DOCTORS FIND IT NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE TO EARN A LIVING SINCE THEY ARE TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES BARRED FROM PANEL PRACTICE.

RIGA RESTAURANT-OWNERS, JEWISH AND LATVIAN, WERE OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED THAT HENCEFORTH, LEADERS OF RESTAURANT ORCHESTRAS MUST NOT BE JEWISH AND, REGARDLESS OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE RESTAURANT, IT MAY NOT EMPLOY MORE THAN THREE JEWISH MUSICIANS IN ITS ORCHESTRA.

THIS OFFICIAL ANTI-SEMITIC PROGRAM IS BEING CARRIED OUT QUIETLY BUT EFFECTIVELY AND HAS ALREADY RENDERED THE ECONOMIC POSITION OF THE JEWS OF LATVIA PRECARIOUS.

GET CASH PAYMENT, BUT CAN'T INVEST FUNDS

THE JEWISH BUSINESSMEN WHOSE ENTERPRISES ARE TAKEN OVER BY THE GOVERNMENT, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT, RECEIVE FULL CASH PAYMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT TRUSTS. THEY CANNOT, HOWEVER, TAKE THE MONEY OUT OF THE COUNTRY, NOR CAN THEY REINVEST IT IN OTHER ENTERPRISES OR IN REAL ESTATE. THIS IS THE RESULT OF ANOTHER LAW WHICH REQUIRES GOVERNMENT PERMISSION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN LATVIA, AND IT IS NOTABLE THAT THE GOVERNMENT, IN KEEPING WITH ITS POLICY, RARELY ACCORDS SUCH PERMISSION TO JEWS OR MEMBERS OF OTHER NATIONAL MINORITIES.

THE EFFECT OF THIS IS THAT JEWISH CAPITALISTS ARE FORCED TO LIVE ON UNPRODUCTIVE CAPITAL, WHILE THEIR FORMER JEWISH EMPLOYEES, DISMISSED WHEN THE GOVERNMENT TOOK OVER THE JEWISH ENTERPRISES, REMAIN JOBLESS AND PENNILESS, DEPENDENT ON CHARITY.

THE ANTI-JEWISH PROGRAM BEING SO EFFECTIVELY APPLIED IN THIS COUNTRY TODAY IS CARRIED OUT CLEVERLY UNDER GENERAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES WHICH DO NOT VIOLATE TREATIES BY SPECIFICALLY SINGLE OUT THE JEWS AND OTHER MINORITIES, BUT WHICH, IN ACTUAL ADMINISTRATION, AFFECT THEM ALONE. THUS, NO LEGAL GROUND IS PROVIDED TO ACCUSE THE GOVERNMENT OF VIOLATING MINORITIES RIGHTS, THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT DAILY RIDES ROUGH-SHOD OVER THE SPIRIT, IF NOT THE LETTER, OF ITS MINORITY OBLIGATIONS.

LATVIA'S ONCE PROSPEROUS JEWISH COMMUNITY OF 97,000 SOULS IN A TOTAL POPULATION OF 2,000,000 IS THUS TODAY BEING RELENTLESSLY PUSHED TOWARDS THE BRINK OF ECONOMIC RUIN, WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO VOICE A SINGLE COMPLAINT OR PROTEST AS THE LATVIAN REGIME DETERMINEDLY PASSES ON WITH ITS PROGRAM OF ELIMINATING THE MINORITIES AND MAKING LATVIA A COUNTRY FOR LATVIANS ONLY.