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21 MORE JEWS COMMIT SUICIDE IN AUSTRIA; ARRESTS MOUNT; BORDER CONTROL TIGHTENED

VIENNA, MARCH 20. (JTA) -- Twenty-one new Jewish suicides were added over the weekend to the mounting toll of self-destruction in the wake of Anschluss with Germany.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT OUTWARDLY VIENNA SEEMED CALMER, SECRET ARRESTS CONTINUED UNCHECKED AND THE JEWISH QUARTERS REMAINED IN A HIGH STATE OF TENSION. AMONG THOSE ARRESTED WERE THE FAMOUS JEWISH SOCIALIST LAWYERS, HEINRICH STEINITZ, IGNAZ GRUDER AND OSWALD RICHTER, WHO FIGURED IN THE SOCIALIST TRIALS FOLLOWING THE 1934 REVOLUTION. IT WAS REPORTED WITHOUT CONFIRMATION THAT JOSEF LOEWENHERZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, WAS ALSO SEIZED BY THE SECRET POLICE.

OTHERS REPORTED ARRESTED INCLUDE VON FRIEDMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION; DR. TELLER, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH CULTURAL LEAGUE; DR. STERNSSCHUSS, DR. OFFA AND DR. SCHALL, ATTORNEYS, AND A NUMBER OF JEWISH BANKERS HELD TO HAVE SUPPORTED THE HEIMWEHR MOVEMENT.

DR. TELLER'S ARREST WAS BELIEVED DUE TO THE FACT HE COULD NOT PRODUCE OVERNIGHT 5,000 SCHILLINGS OWED BY THE JEWISH CULTURE LEAGUE TO THE AUSTRIAN LEAGUE. PAYMENT WAS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE JEWISH BANKS ARE UNABLE TO PERMIT LARGE WITHDRAWALS WITHOUT SPECIAL CONSENT OF A NAZI BOARD, WHICH APPARENTLY REFUSED IN THIS INSTANCE.

SUICIDES TOTAL REPORTED 1,700

(NEWSPAPERS IN PARIS REPORTED THAT 60 JEWS COMMITTED SUICIDE SATURDAY NIGHT, MAKING A TOTAL OF 1,700 FOR THE WEEK, MOST OF THEM PROFESSIONALS, MERCHANTS AND SCIENTISTS.)

DR. GOTTFRIED KUNWALD, FORMER LEGAL ADVISER OF THE BANK FOR INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENTS AND FINANCIAL ADVISER OF EX-CHANCELLOR IGNAZ SEIPEL, WAS REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN HIS LIFE. IT WAS POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT DR. KUNWALD HAD BEEN A HELPLESS PARALYTIC FOR YEARS, AND BELIEF WAS EXPRESSED THAT HE HAD BEEN SHOT.

AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT ASSERTED THAT DR. KURT SONNENFELD, NOTED JEWISH JOURNALIST OF THE NEUE FREIE PRESSE, HAD SHOT HIS FATHER AND HIS BRIDE OF A FORTNIGHT AND THEN TAKEN HIS OWN LIFE.

DR. JOSEPH BUECKEL, NAZI COMMISSAR FOR AUSTRIAN INTERIOR AFFAIRS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEWLY-ESTABLISHED VIENNA SECRET STATE POLICE, HAVE TAKEN DEFINITE STEPS TO HALT

PILLAGING AND SACKING OF JEWISH SHOPS. THEY ORDERED TODAY THAT ALL CONFISCATED MERCHANDISE BE DELIVERED TO A DESIGNATED POLICE STATION WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE GOODS AND REASON FOR CONFISCATION. A SECOND STATION WAS DESIGNATED FOR DELIVERY OF CONFISCATED AUTOMOBILES.

SATURDAY MORNING, THE JEWISH QUARTERS WERE ALARMED BY A SMALL COMPANY OF GERMAN POLICE WHO SWUNG THROUGH THE STREETS SINGING THE STORM TROOPERS' "COMRADES" SONG, WITH THE CHORUS WHICH GOES: "HANG THE JEWS, PUT THE JEWS TO THE WALL!" SUCH ACTS, EVEN WHEN NOT ACCOMPANIED BY MENACING GESTURES, APPEARED CALCULATED TO KEEP THE JEWISH POPULACE IN A STATE OF TERROR.

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE ITS ERECTION IN 1825, VIENNA'S CHIEF SYNAGOGUE, THE SEITENSTETTENGASSE SYNAGOGUE, FAILED TO HOLD ITS SABBATH SERVICES. GREEN-CLAD GERMAN TROOPS STOOD GUARD AT THE TEMPLE'S PORTALS, TURNING AWAY WORSHIPPERS.

YESTERDAY MORNING, JEWISH LAWYERS WERE BARRED FROM ALL THE CRIMINAL COURTS, ALTHOUGH THEY CONTINUED TO PRACTICE IN THE CIVIL COURTS. THOUGH NO LAW AFFECTING STATUS OF LAWYERS HAS BEEN YET PUBLISHED, JEWISH ATTORNEYS FOUND THAT ARRAIGNMENT JUDGES REFUSED TO GIVE THEM REQUIRED INFORMATION. A FEW PROTESTED, BUT WERE TOLD IN A RULING BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE THAT THE ARRAIGNMENT JUDGES WERE NOT OBLIGED TO RECEIVE JEWISH LAWYERS IF THEY DID NOT DESIRE TO.

MOVE TO ELIMINATE JEWISH DOCTORS, TEACHERS

ELIMINATION OF JEWISH DOCTORS WAS FORESHADOWED BY AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE REICH MEDICAL LEADER WILL SOON ISSUE NEW REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE MEDICAL PROFESSION. ALL JEWISH TEACHERS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO GO ON LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.

STRICTER BORDER REGULATIONS WERE ISSUED TODAY REQUIRING SPECIAL EXIT VISAS TO CROSS THE FRONTIER. THESE PERMITS ARE NOW CATEGORICALLY DENIED TO JEWS, EXCEPT FOR PERMANENT EMIGRATION OR BUSINESS TRIPS FAVORABLE TO NATIONAL ECONOMY.

THE IMPORTANT QUESTION AS TO THE FATE OF JEWISH SOLDIERS IN THE AUSTRIAN ARMY HAS ALREADY BEEN SOLVED BY AT LEAST ONE REGIMENT. WHEN THE TWENTY-FIRST INFANTRY WAS CALLED TO TAKE THE OATH TO CHANCELLOR HITLER, THREE JEWISH SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS REFUSED. THEREUPON ALL JEWISH SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS IN THE REGIMENT WERE SENT HOME. THIS POLICY, IT WAS INDICATED, WILL BE FOLLOWED THROUGHOUT THE ARMY.

THE VIENNA EDITION OF THE VOELKISCHER BEOBSACHTER, CHIEF GERMAN NAZI ORGAN, DECLARED IN AN EDITORIAL THAT BARON LOUIS ROTHSCHILD, ONE OF THE FIRST WEALTHY JEWS ARRESTED FOLLOWING ANSCHLUS, WOULD BE HELD UNTIL HE MADE GOOD THE LOSSES OF THE CREDIT ANSTALT WHEN HE WAS PRESIDENT. THE PAPER ASSERTED THAT THE ESTATES BARON LOUIS VOLUNTARILY HANDED OVER TO THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT WERE WORTHLESS SINCE THEY COULD NOT BE RENTED.

MEANWHILE, BUSINESS OF JEWISH SHOPS, PARTICULARLY IN THE JEWISH QUARTERS, WAS COMPLETELY AT A STANDSTILL. INDICATIONS ARE THAT OFFICIAL NAZI GROUPS ARE SEEKING CONTROL OF EVEN THE SMALLEST JEWISH ENTERPRISE. ONE JEWISH MERCHANT HAS BEEN COMPELLED TO NOTIFY CREDITORS THAT HE COULD NOT PAY BILLS UNTIL THEY WERE APPROVED BY THE NAZI COMMISSAR FOR AUSTRIA, JOSEPH BUERCKEL.

TO SOME EXTENT THE NAZI OFFICIALS HAVE LEARNED TO KEEP EXTREMISTS UNDER CONTROL. AT NO TIME IN THE PAST WEEK HAS THERE BEEN OPEN VIOLENCE OPENLY INFLICTED. ONE COULD HAVE RIDDEN FOR BLOCKS WITHOUT RECOGNIZING THE TREMENDOUS ANTI-SEMITIC UPHEAVAL WHICH WAS TAKING PLACE, EXCEPT FOR "ARYAN" SIGNS DISPLAYED IN SHOP WINDOWS. THIS MAY BE EXPLAINED PARTLY BY THE FACT THAT JEWS ARE AN INSIGNIFICANT MINORITY IN MANY SECTIONS OF THE CITY, BUT ALSO BECAUSE SEARCHINGS OF SHOPS AND ARRESTS, AND, IF REPORTS ARE TO BE TRUSTED, SHOOTINGS, OCCURRED FOR THE MOST PART UNDER COVER OF NIGHT AND WERE DONE BY DISCIPLINED GROUPS WHO KNEW HOW TO KEEP QUIET.

CHILDREN JOIN IN PILLAGING SHOPS

PRAHA, MARCH 20. (JTA) -- DESPITE OFFICIAL ORDERS AND ALLEGATIONS THAT PILLAGING WAS BEING CARRIED ON BY COMMUNISTS, SACKING OF JEWISH SHOPS CONTINUED UNABATED IN VIENNA. POLICE WERE REFUSING JEWS ALL PROTECTION, EXPLAINING THEY WERE "OTHERWISE OCCUPIED."

CHILDREN ARE THE LATEST RECRUITS IN THE PILLAGING CAMPAIGN. BOYS AND GIRLS, RANGING IN AGE FROM SEVEN TO TEN, DON SWASTIKA ARMBANDS, RAID JEWISH SHOPS SHOUTING "HEIL HITLER!" AND SWEEP SHELVES AND CASES CLEAN OF TOYS AND CANDY. THE PROPRIETORS STAND HELPLESSLY BY, FEARING OUTBREAK OF A POGROM IF THEY MOLEST A SINGLE CHILD.

SINCE THE JEWS ARE COMPLETELY DEPRIVED OF PROTECTION OF THE LAW, THEY ARE BEING FORCED TO PAY BLACKMAIL ON ALL SIDES. THOSE WHO IN THE PAST WON LAWSUITS FROM "ARYANS" ARE NOW BEING VISITED BY THEIR ERSTWHILE COURT OPPONENTS, WHO DEMAND REPAYMENT OF DAMAGES AWARDED BY THE COURTS. APARTMENT HOUSE DOORKEEPERS DEMAND HUSH MONEY OF JEWISH TENANTS ON THE THREAT TO INVITE NAZI STORM TROOPERS TO ROB THEIR APARTMENTS.

THE SHOE AND LEATHER TRADES UNION FRIDAY EXPELLED ALL JEWISH MEMBERS AND ORDERED JEWISH SHOE AND LEATHER MERCHANTS TO CLOSE DOWN THEIR SHOPS. PICKETS STATIONED AT VIENNA CAFES FORCED JEWS TO LEAVE AND WARNED ALL "NON-ARYANS" NOT TO ENTER.

REFUGEES CAUSE PROBLEM IN FRANCE

PARIS, MARCH 20. (JTA) -- THE INCREASING NUMBER OF REFUGEES FROM AUSTRIA IS ALREADY RESULTING IN A PROBLEM FOR THE CENTRAL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS HERE, WHICH FORESEE ITS CONSIDERABLE EXTENSION WHEN THE NAZIS FINALLY OPEN THE FRONTIERS AND PERMIT AN EXODUS OF AUSTRIAN JEWS.

THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH SOCIETIES OF FRANCE HELD A CONFERENCE TODAY TO CONSIDER STEPS TO BE TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE REFUGEES.

MEANWHILE, FEELING AGAINST FOREIGNERS IS RUNNING HIGH IN FRANCE. CIRCULARS WERE DISTRIBUTED ADVOCATING A STRONG CAMPAIGN AGAINST FOREIGN JEWS. THEY BEAR THE SIGNATURE OF JEAN CHARLES LEGRAN, LEADER OF THE FRENCH FRONT. POLICE PROHIBITED LEGRAN'S SCHEDULED MASS MEETING.

AMONG REFUGEES FROM VIENNA ARE DINA KAUS, GERMAN-JEWISH AUTHOR WHO LAST YEAR VISITED THE UNITED STATES, AND WOLFGANG VON WEISL, AUSTRIAN ZIONIST REVISIONIST LEADER. THE FAMILY OF JACOB LESTCHINSKY, POLISH-JEWISH ECONOMIST AND STATISTICIAN, SUCCEEDED IN LEAVING VIENNA AND IS NOW IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, IT WAS LEARNED.

TWO AMERICAN JEWS, FELIX AND WILLIAM EKHARD, FORMERLY OF NEW YORK, TOLD OF FLEEING VIENNA AFTER BEING WARNED THAT THEY WOULD BE ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY SUPPORTING THE FATHERLAND FRONT. THEY ARE BEING ASSISTED BY THE HIAS-ICA EMIGRATION ASSOCIATION TO GO TO NEW YORK. THEIR FAMILIES ARE REMAINING.

THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE AND OTHER CENTRAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE RECEIVED S.O.S. MESSAGES FROM PRAHA RELIEF BODIES FOR FUNDS TO ASSIST THE INCREASING NUMBER OF REFUGEES ENTERING CZECHOSLOVAKIA ILLEGALLY. THE J.D.C. AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, HAVE DISPATCHED REPRESENTATIVES TO VIENNA TO STUDY THE SITUATION THERE. IT IS QUITE EVIDENT THAT LARGE-SCALE PREPARATIONS BY JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS ARE NECESSARY IN PARIS AND LONDON TO ASSIST THE REFUGEES ONCE THE FRONTIERS HAVE BEEN OPENED.

SEEK TO BRING FREUD, NEUMANN TO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, MARCH 20. (JTA) -- THE PALESTINE SECTION OF THE JEWISH PHYSICIANS' ASSOCIATION TODAY ASKED THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE TO PERMIT PROF. SIGMUND FREUD, THE NOTED PSYCHOLOGIST, AND DR. HEINRICH NEUMANN, EAR SPECIALIST, TO EMIGRATE TO THE HOLY LAND FROM AUSTRIA. DR. NEUMANN IS UNDER ARREST IN VIENNA.

THE HITACHDUTH OLEI AUSTRIA (ASSOCIATION OF IMMIGRANTS FROM AUSTRIA) URGED THE JEWISH AGENCY TO SEEK ADDITIONAL IMMIGRATION CERTIFICATES FOR JEWS FORCED TO EMIGRATE FROM AUSTRIA.

MISS HENRIETTA SZOLD, DIRECTOR OF THE IMMIGRATION OF JEWISH YOUTHS FROM GERMANY (YOUTH ALIYAH), SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THIS IMMIGRATION, NOW 500 ANNUALLY, WOULD BE DOUBLED TO BRING IN AUSTRIAN JEWISH YOUTHS, SINCE PLACES WERE AVAILABLE IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND THERE WERE SUFFICIENT STUDENTS' ENTRY CERTIFICATES UNDER THE NEW IMMIGRATION QUOTA. SHE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO ORGANIZE THIS IMMIGRATION.

ANTI-SEMITISM USED IN ENGLAND TO REVIVE SYMPATHY FOR REICH, LASKI WARNS

LONDON, MARCH 20. (JTA) -- NEVILLE LASKI, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS, WARNED THE BOARD TODAY THAT EFFORTS MIGHT BE MADE, USING ANTI-SEMITISM AS A WEAPON, TO REVIVE BRITISH SYMPATHY FOR GERMANY, SHAKEN BY HITLER'S COUP IN AUSTRIA.

"UNLESS THE SITUATION IS MORE CRITICAL, THERE WILL BE RENEWED EFFORTS TO REVIVE SOMEWHAT THE SHAKEN FAITH OF PRO-NAZI SYMPATHIZERS IN ENGLAND," MR. LASKI SAID. "EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PERSUADE THE BRITISH PEOPLE THAT THE JEWS ARE USING THEIR INFLUENCE IN THE DIRECTION OF WAR."

REPORTING ON THE WORK OF THE JOINT FOREIGN COMMITTEE, WHICH REPRESENTS BOTH THE BOARD AND THE ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION, MR. LASKI ASSERTED THAT "CEASELESS AND PERNICIOUS ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA OF A SUBTLE CHARACTER IS GOING ON IN ENGLAND, NOT ONLY IN THE REALM OF FOREIGN, BUT DOMESTIC POLITICS." ANTI-SEMITISM IS BUT ONE OF THE WEAPONS USED TO CREATE SYMPATHY FOR THE NAZI REGIME, HE ADDED.

THE AUSTRO-GERMAN ANSCHLUSS HAS FACED BRITISH JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADERS NOT ONLY WITH THE PROBLEM OF ADDITIONAL REFUGEES, BUT WITH THE QUESTION OF HELP TO THE AUSTRIAN JEWS, MR. LASKI SAID, ADDING THAT "ANY FURTHER STEPS THAT MAY APPEAR TO BE OF USE WILL BE TAKEN."

HE REPORTED THAT THE JOINT FOREIGN COMMITTEE HAD SEVERAL TIMES URGED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO BERLIN CALLING ATTENTION TO THE DEEP ANXIETY FELT BY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF BRITAIN REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF THEIR CO-RELIGIONISTS IN AUSTRIA.

52 INJURED AS POLISH NATIONALISTS RIOT AGAINST JEWS FOLLOWING KAUNAS SETTLEMENT

WARSAW, MARCH 20. (JTA) -- FIFTY-TWO JEWS WERE WOUNDED, TWO OF THEM SERIOUSLY, WHEN EXTREME NATIONALISTS RIOTED YESTERDAY IN WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS APPARENT DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE POLISH-LITHUANIAN CRISIS.

THE DISORDERS BEGAN IN THE AFTERNOON, WHEN 20 WERE INJURED AND WINDOWS OF MANY JEWISH SHOPS WERE BROKEN BEFORE POLICE RESTORED ORDER. THE RIOTING WAS RESUMED IN THE EVENING IN THE MARSZALKOWSKA DISTRICT, WITH TWO PEDESTRIANS WOUNDED SERIOUSLY ENOUGH TO REQUIRE REMOVAL TO THE HOSPITAL AND 30 RECEIVING FIRST-AID.

SENATOR MOSES SCHORR NARROWLY ESCAPED MOLESTATION WHILE INSPECTING A DAMAGED SHOP ON MAZOWIECKA STREET. SENATOR SCHORR AND DEPUTY ISAAC RUBENSTEIN CALLED ON THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR TO PROTEST THE EXCESSES, AND DR. SCHORR LATER STATED THAT PREMIER FELICE MARJAN-SKLADKOWSKI HAD ORDERED STRICT MEASURES TO LIQUIDATE THE DISORDERS.

A WARNING THAT EXTREMIST TACTICS WERE NOT FAVORED BY THE GOVERNMENT WAS GIVEN SATURDAY NIGHT BY PRESIDENT IGNACY MOSCICKI, SPEAKING AT CELEBRATIONS OF THE NAME DAY OF THE LATE MARSHAL JOSEF PILSUDSKI. THE PRESIDENT DEMONSTRATED THE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE JEWS AND WARNED THAT IF THE EXTREMISTS GO TOO FAR THEY MAY FORCE THE GOVERNMENT INTO A TOTALITARIAN REGIME.

POLICE TURNED FIRE HOSES ON ANTI-SEMITES SEEKING TO DEMONSTRATE THIS MORNING NEAR THE COPERNICUS MEMORIAL. A SECOND DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE WARSAW TECHNICAL COLLEGE WAS DISPERSED. POLICE REMOVED A BAND OF 200 ANTI-SEMITIC NATIONAL RADICALS (NARAS) FROM A TRAIN ON WHICH THEY WERE PROCEEDING TO THE RESORT SUBURB OF OTWOCK TO ATTACK JEWISH WEEK-ENDERS. HEAVY POLICE DETACHMENTS PATROLLED THE STREETS AND ALL PARKS WERE CLOSED.

DISORDERS AT LWOW UNIVERSITY

LWOW, MARCH 20. (JTA) -- SERIOUS ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES BROKE OUT NEAR THE UNIVERSITY YESTERDAY FOLLOWING ARREST OF THREE ENDEK STUDENTS FOR ATTACKING A POLISH STUDENT WHO HAD DEFENDED JEWISH GIRL STUDENTS FROM THEIR ASSAULTS. ENDEK (NATIONALIST) STUDENTS HELD A MEETING IN THE KOSCHISKOW GARDENS OPPOSITE THE UNIVERSITY TO PROTEST THE ARRESTS. THE RALLY WOUND UP WITH MASS ATTACKS ON JEWISH STUDENTS, MANY OF WHOM WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

KAUNAS UNIVERSITY RIOTERS FACE TRIAL

KAUNAS, MARCH 20. (JTA) -- THE KAUNAS UNIVERSITY SENATE YESTERDAY DECIDED TO PLACE ON TRIAL BEFORE THE UNIVERSITY COURT SIX STUDENTS ACCUSED OF ATTACKING JEWISH STUDENTS DURING THE RECENT UNIVERSITY ELECTIONS. TWENTY OTHER STUDENTS WERE FINED ADMINISTRATIVELY BY THE POLICE FOR THE SAME OFFENCE.

POLAND ACTS TO DEPRIVE RESIDENTS ABROAD OF CITIZENSHIP

WARSAW, MARCH 20. (JTA) -- A BILL TO DEPRIVE PERSONS RESIDING ABROAD OF POLISH CITIZENSHIP, WHICH WOULD AFFECT THOUSANDS OF JEWS LIVING IN AUSTRIA, GERMANY, PALESTINE AND ELSEWHERE, WILL BE CONSIDERED SOON BY THE JURIDICAL COMMITTEE OF THE SEJM (LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT).

THE BILL WOULD DEPRIVE OF CITIZENSHIP PERSONS RESIDING ABROAD AND WORKING INJURY TO THE POLISH STATE, AND ALSO THOSE LIVING ABROAD FOR FIVE YEARS SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POLISH REPUBLIC IN 1918 WHO HAVE LOST CONNECTIONS WITH THE STATE OR HAVE REFUSED TO OBEY AN ORDER OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC TO RETURN TO POLAND.

A CLAUSE PROVIDES THAT THE LOSS OF CITIZENSHIP, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AFTER ADOPTION OF THE BILL, WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO APPEAL. OTHER CLAUSES STATE THAT PERSONS RENOUNCING POLISH NATIONALITY FOR ANOTHER WOULD NOT BE ADMITTABLE TO POLAND EXCEPT UNDER SPECIAL PERMIT OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY.

ARGENTINE CONSUL IN BUCHAREST SUSPENDS ISSUANCE OF VISAS

BUENOS AIRES, MARCH 20. (JTA) -- THE ARGENTINE CONSUL IN BUCHAREST HAS SUSPENDED ISSUANCE OF VISAS FOR EMIGRANTS TO THIS COUNTRY, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED HERE TODAY. THE HIAS-ICA EMIGRATION ASSOCIATION HAS TAKEN STEPS TO INTERVENE. MEANWHILE, THE CONSUL IN WARSAW, WHO HALTED ISSUANCE OF VISAS LAST WEEK, HAS RESUMED GIVING THE PERMITS TO EMIGRANTS.

HIAS CONVENTION VOTES \$250,000 CAMPAIGN TO AID EMIGRATION

NEW YORK, MARCH 20. (JTA) -- A CAMPAIGN TO RAISE MORE THAN \$250,000 TO ENLARGE ITS TRANSPORTATION FUND IN ORDER TO MEET THE EMERGENCY SITUATION CONFRONTING JEWS IN NAZI AUSTRIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF ANTI-JEWISH OPPRESSION WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TODAY BY MORE THAN 1,500 DELEGATES AT THE 54TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE HEBREW SHELTERING AND IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY (HIAS) HELD IN THE HOTEL ASTOR.

THE FUNDS ARE TO BE APPLIED TOWARDS AIDING IN THE EMIGRATION OF JEWISH FAMILIES FROM EASTERN EUROPE "TO SUCH COUNTRIES OVERSEAS, WHERE SUCH ASSISTANCE IS NOT CONTRARY TO THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRIES OF ADMISSION." THE TRANSPORTATION FUND WAS ESTABLISHED TWO YEARS AGO BY HIAS WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION (ICA), AND HAS UNITED A LARGE NUMBER OF JEWISH FAMILIES WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE. THE FUND WILL BE RAISED IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET, WHICH WAS \$321,188 IN 1937.

THE CONVENTION ALSO CALLED UPON GREAT BRITAIN TO LOWER IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS INTO PALESTINE, DECIDED TO PETITION THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS FOR CONTINUATION OF THE HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES, EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION TO THE LEAGUE FOR THE RESULTS OBTAINED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES IT RECENTLY SPONSORED AND REPLEDGED SUPPORT TO THE ICA.

ABRAHAM HERMAN, IN HIS PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE, WARNED THAT NAZI PROPAGANDA MENACED THE JEWS IN ECUADOR, MEXICO, BRAZIL, POLAND AND RUMANIA AS WELL AS GERMANY. HE SAID THAT DURING 1937 THE HIAS-ICA EMIGRATION ASSOCIATION HELPED 27,828 JEWISH MIGRANTS FROM CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE TO FIND HAVENS OF REFUGE IN OVERSEAS COUNTRIES.

ISAAC L. ASOFSKY, GENERAL MANAGER OF HIAS, REPORTED THAT DURING THE YEAR 11,352 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS, A MAJORITY OF THEM REFUGEES FROM GERMANY, WERE ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES, WHILE ARGENTINE, BRAZIL AND OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES ADMITTED A SIMILAR NUMBER.

"HIAS AND ITS AFFILIATES IN 32 COUNTRIES MUST GET READY TO DOUBLE OR TREBLE THEIR SERVICE TO JEWISH REFUGEES IN THIS HOUR OF EMERGENCY," HE SAID, "AND FOR THIS REASON A UNION OF ALL AGENCIES IN KINDRED WORK SHOULD BE FORMED WITH THE HIAS-ICA EMIGRATION ASSOCIATION AS THE EXECUTIVE ARM. HIAS IS READY TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITIES OF SUCH A UNION AND EXTENDS A CORDIAL INVITATION TO ALL TO COOPERATE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS GREATLY URGENT AND HUMANITARIAN TASK."

SENATOR ELBERT D. THOMAS OF UTAH DECLARED THAT NOW, MORE THAN ANY OTHER TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD, WAS THE APPRECIATION OF ONE'S NEIGHBOR'S IMPORTANT. "JUST AS FOREBEARANCE IS GREATER THAN PERSECUTION, AND TOLERANCE GREATER THAN FOREBEARANCE, APPRECIATION IS GREATER THAN ALL OF THEM," HE ASSERTED.

HENRY B. HAZZARD, ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION IN WASHINGTON, URGED MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION TO SUPPORT THE DIES IMMIGRATION BILL THAT PASSED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND IS NOW BEFORE THE SENATE.

FOLLOWING THE CONVENTION MORE THAN 400 PERSONS ATTENDED A BANQUET FOR MR. HERMAN WHO IS CELEBRATING HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY AND 13TH YEAR OF SERVICE TO THE ORGANIZATION. B. CHARNEY VLADECK WAS TOASTMASTER.

JEW HURT IN ARAB ATTACK; BANDITS' SENTENCES CONFIRMED

JERUSALEM, MARCH 20. (JTA) -- A JEWISH DRIVER, SHLOMO EISENBERG, WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED TODAY WHEN A MILK TRUCK EN ROUTE TO HAIFA FROM THE JEZREEL VALLEY WAS FIRED UPON NEAR AFFULEH. THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING YESTERDAY CONFIRMED ARMY COURT DEATH SENTENCE FOR TWO ARABS, ONE OF WHOM WAS CAPTURED IN THE RECENT JENIN BATTLE.

HULL VOICES "SERIOUS CONCERN" OVER "AUSTRIAN INCIDENT" AS DANGER TO PEACE

WASHINGTON, March 20. (JTA) -- The United States Government's "serious concern" over the "Austrian incident" as a danger to world peace was voiced yesterday by Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

"The day before yesterday," he said in a statement, "I discussed fully the principles governing peaceful, orderly international relations, and their application to present conditions in European and other world areas. The extent to which the Austrian incident, or any similar incident, is calculated to endanger maintenance of peace and preservation of the principles in which this Government believes is of course a matter of serious concern to the Government of the United States."

A State Department release declared the Austrian situation "will necessitate, on the part of the Government of the United States, a number of technical steps, which are now being given appropriate consideration."

German Ambassador Hans Dieckhoff has informed the State Department that he has assumed the functions of the Austrian Minister. Ex-Austrian Minister Edgar Prochnik on Thursday, according to the statement, said the Austrian Legation here has been abolished and its affairs taken over by the German Embassy.

Mr. Hull's statement on Austria was interpreted in New York as "reluctant" acknowledgment of the fact of Germany's annexation, although formal recognition was withheld. His reference to discussion of the principles of orderly international relations was to an address he made Thursday before the National Press Club, in which he denounced international banditry and treaty violation, without mentioning any state by name.

HULL DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF PROBE INTO NAZI PLAN TO LAUNCH CHAIN OF ANTI-SEMITIC DAILIES IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 20. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Cordell Hull yesterday denied knowledge of a State Department investigation reported by the Philadelphia Inquirer to have been launched into a Nazi-inspired plan to establish a chain of pro-Nazi, anti-Semitic daily newspapers in the United States.

According to a copyrighted Washington story in Saturday's Inquirer, the initial effort to launch the chain met with failure when 13 of 18 American newspaper men to whom the proposal had been outlined refused to join "any such subversive undertaking."

THE INQUIRER REPORT CONTINUES:

"Of eighteen newspaper men gathered from all sections of the United States and Canada in the Austrian Legation here, all but five turned deaf ears to the offers that they were to become managing editors of the projected newspapers, and walked out on the meeting.

"By so doing, they also threw up lucrative jobs which they had held since last fall. The jobs consisted of efforts to combat the boycott of German-made goods in their sections.

"Among the eighteen newspaper men were one from Philadelphia, two from Canada and others from Detroit, New York, Cleveland, Beaumont, Texas; California, Portland, Ore.; Chicago, St. Louis, Milwaukee and Georgia.

"Before the men walked out of the meeting they attempted to learn the source of the money that was to finance the newspapers.

"PRINTING FACILITIES, THEY WERE TOLD, WOULD BE SUPPLIED BY MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN VOLKSBUIND IN THEIR CITIES WHO HAD PRINTING SHOPS OR HAD ACCESS TO PRINTING SHOPS. THE IMPRESSION WAS GIVEN THAT GERMAN-AMERICAN BUSINESS MEN OF MEANS WERE TO SUPPLY THE MONEY.

"THEY WERE HIRED FOR PROPAGANDA WORK LAST FALL, THE CONTACT MEN IN EACH CASE BEING GERMAN-AMERICAN BUSINESS MEN IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, OR MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN CONSULATE ACTING 'UNOFFICIALLY.'

"WHEN THEY RECEIVED WORD TO REPORT IN WASHINGTON SUNDAY, SOME OF THEM HAD LITTLE TIME TO GET THERE. THOSE FROM DISTANT POINTS CAME BY PLANE.

"AT THE AUSTRIAN LEGATION THEY WERE USHERED INTO A LARGE ROOM AND WERE INTRODUCED TO A MAN KNOWN AS 'MR. ULRICH.' IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT WAS NOT HIS RIGHT NAME, AND THAT ACTUALLY HE WAS A MEMBER OF EITHER THE GERMAN OR THE AUSTRIAN LEGATION STAFF.

"MR. ULRICH' SUBMITTED THE PROPOSAL - ELEVEN NEWSPAPERS IN STRATEGICALLY PLACED SECTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE PUBLISHED DAILY.

"MEMBERS OF THE VOLKSBUIND WERE TO ACT AS CIRCULATION CANVASSERS, ENCOURAGING THEIR FRIENDS TO READ THE NEWSPAPERS AND 'DROP THE JEW PRESS.'"

NOTHING CAN INFLUENCE HITLER BUT FORCE, DR. ADLER ASSERTS

NEW YORK, MARCH 20. (JTA) -- AN ARTICLE IN TODAY'S NEW YORK JOURNAL AND AMERICAN BY DR. CYRUS ADLER, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, STATES THAT HITLER'S LATEST ADVENTURE IN AUSTRIA "HAS MADE MORE CLEAR THAN EVER BEFORE THAT NOTHING CAN INFLUENCE HIM BUT FORCE."

"THERE IS NO FORUM OR BAR BEFORE WHICH DECENT WORLD OPINION CAN APPEAL FROM THE UNCONSCIONABLE ASSAULTS OF NAZI GERMANY," DR. ADLER SAID. "THE JEWS OF AMERICA MUST STEEL THEMSELVES TO CARRY THE ADDED BURDEN OF HELPING IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY THE 200,000 JEWS OF AUSTRIA. WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THEM HAS ADDED 50 PER CENT TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AMERICAN JEWS TO BRING AID TO THE JEWS OF GERMANY, A PROBLEM WITH WHICH WE HAVE BEEN COPING DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS."

HE ASSERTED THAT THE PRESENT POLISH GOVERNMENT "IS NOT PREPARED TO FOLLOW THE POLICIES OF THE NAZI GOVERNMENT IN GERMANY, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE PLENTY OF INDICATIONS HERE AND THERE THAT CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE POLISH COMMUNITY ARE NOT AVERSE TO IT."

FASCIST PLOT DISCOVERED IN BRAZIL; 600 ARRESTED

NEW YORK, MARCH 20. (JTA) -- THE BRAZILIAN POLICE HAVE ANNOUNCED DISCOVERY OF A NATION-WIDE PLOT BY INTEGRALISTS (FASCISTS) TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT GETULIO VARGAS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT LEADERS, THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS FROM RIO DE JANEIRO. SIX HUNDRED PERSONS WERE ARRESTED, INCLUDING A NAZI AGENT, OF WHOM 200 ARE BEING HELD, AND POLICE ARE SEEKING PLINIO SALGADO, HEAD OF THE DISSOLVED INTEGRALIST PARTY AND FIVE OF HIS ASSISTANTS. SUPPLIES OF ARMS WERE SEIZED.

PALESTINE REPORTED DISCUSSED IN ITALO-BRITISH TALKS

LONDON, MARCH 20. (JTA) -- THE DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTS FROM ROME THAT PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH PALESTINE AND THE ARABS WERE DISCUSSED IN THE COURSE OF TWO TALKS LAST WEEK BY G.R. WENDALL, OF THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE, WITH ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE EXPERTS. THE CONVERSATIONS WERE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANGLO-ITALIAN NEGOTIATIONS.