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ALL JEWS IN 2 AUSTRIAN TOWNS PUT IN CONCENTRATION CAMP; 40 PROFESSORS DISCHARGED

VIENNA, March 30. (JTA) -- ALL THE JEWS IN THE BURGENLAND TOWNS OF FRAUENKIRCHEN AND DEUTSCHKREUTZ, NUMBERING SEVERAL HUNDRED, HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY THE SECRET POLITICAL POLICE AND PLACED IN A CONCENTRATION CAMP NEAR BERG, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY.

ALL PROPERTY OF THE JEWS HAS BEEN CONFISCATED, LEAVING THEM PENNILESS. MOST OF THEM WELL-TO-DO GRAIN AND WINE MERCHANTS, THEY WERE FORCED TO SIGN FORMS LISTING ALL THEIR POSSESSIONS AND ALSO TO STATE WHETHER THEY WERE PLANNING TO EMIGRATE. THE JEWS OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, ARE PROVIDING FOOD FOR THE PRISONERS.

IT WAS REPORTED WITHOUT CONFIRMATION THAT THE ENTIRE JEWISH POPULATION OF A THIRD TOWN, NEUSIEDLAMSEE, HAS BEEN SIMILARLY TREATED. (THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 3,600 JEWS IN THE PROVINCE OF BURGENLAND.)

MEANWHILE, GERMAN LAWYERS HAVE BEEN FORBIDDEN TO ACCEPT JEWISH CLIENTS IN CRIMINAL CASES AND MAY ACCEPT THEM IN CIVIL ACTIONS ONLY WHEN NO OTHER LAWYER IS AVAILABLE. UNDER A DECREE ISSUED BY DR. PLAKOLM, PRESIDENT OF THE UPPER AUSTRIAN LAWYERS' CHAMBER, GERMAN ATTORNEYS MAY COMPLETE PENDING CASES FOR JEWISH CLIENTS. PARTY MEMBERS, HOWEVER, ARE DENIED THIS PRIVILEGE OR THE RIGHT TO HANDLE CIVIL CASES FOR JEWS. THE DECREE IS OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE IN THE SMALLER TOWNS WHERE THERE ARE FEW LAWYERS.

ABOUT 40 JEWISH PROFESSORS AND LECTURERS HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED UNDER THE TERMS OF A DECREE BY THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AFFECTING AUSTRIAN UNIVERSITIES. AMONG THEM ARE PROF. OTTO LOEWI, 1936 JOINT WINNER OF THE NOBEL PRIZE IN MEDICINE, WHO IS NOW UNDER ARREST. DR. LOEWI WAS ON THE FACULTY OF GRAZ UNIVERSITY. ANOTHER OF THE DISMISSED PROFESSORS IS DR. PICK, PROFESSOR OF PHARMACOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA. BOTH HE AND DR. LOEWI WERE THE ONLY TWO JEWISH FULL PROFESSORS IN THE PAY OF THE STATE. THE REMAINDER OF THOSE DISCHARGED WERE OF LOWER RANK.

IT IS HELD LIKELY THAT A GENERAL EXAMINATION OF STUDENTS' DOCUMENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED WHEN THE UNIVERSITIES REOPEN AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS, TO ESTABLISH THE IDENTITY OF ALL JEWISH STUDENTS. THE EDUCATION MINISTER'S DECREE DOES NOT INDICATE HOW MANY JEWISH STUDENTS ARE TO BE DROPPED. IN SOME QUARTERS, THE BELIEF IS EXPRESSED THAT REVOCATION OF REGISTRATIONS WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL A NUMERUS CLAUSUS HAS BEEN INTRODUCED. IT IS CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT MANY JEWISH STUDENTS WILL DROP OUT OF THE UNIVERSITIES AND THE TECHNICAL SCHOOLS IN VIEW OF THE BLEAK PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE. MEANWHILE, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, JEWISH STUDENTS ARE STILL ENTITLED TO THE UNIVERSITY FACILITIES ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO TAKE THE EXAMINATIONS NECESSARY FOR PROMOTION.

LEAGUE SEEKING WAY TO TRANSMIT PETITION ON AUSTRIA

GENEVA, MARCH 30. (JTA) -- THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS SECRETARIAT IS FACED WITH LEGAL DIFFICULTIES IN TRANSMISSION TO THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES OF A PETITION BY THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, IT WAS REVEALED TODAY. THE DIFFICULTIES ARISE FROM THE FACT THAT AUSTRIA, ANNEXED BY GERMANY, WHICH IS NOT A LEAGUE MEMBER, HAS ALSO CEASED TO BECOME A LEAGUE MEMBER. THE LEGAL SECTION OF THE SECRETARIAT IS CONSIDERING POSSIBLE MEASURES. THE PETITION CITES VIOLATION OF THE ST. GERMAIN TREATY'S CLAUSE GUARANTEEING RESPECT FOR MINORITIES' RIGHTS AND ASKS LEAGUE INTERCESSION FOR AUSTRIA'S 200,000 JEWS.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS ISSUED A STATEMENT YESTERDAY THANKING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR ITS PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE TO FACILITATE EMIGRATION OF POLITICAL REFUGEES AND WISHING THE PLAN SUCCESS.

3 MORE NATIONS ACCEPT HULL BID

WASHINGTON, MARCH 30. (JTA) -- THE STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED ACCEPTANCES BY COLOMBIA, NICARAGUA AND SWEDEN OF SECRETARY CORDELL HULL'S PLAN TO FORM AN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE TO FACILITATE EMIGRATION OF POLITICAL REFUGEES. ACCEPTANCES NOW TOTAL 12 NATIONS OF THE 28 INVITED BY THE UNITED STATES TO COOPERATE.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE MAY BE HELD IN A SWISS CITY, IT WAS DISCLOSED YESTERDAY WHEN THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, IN ACCEPTING THE INVITATION, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE INITIAL MEETING PLACE PROPOSED IN THE HULL NOTE.

BRITAIN "SYMPATHETIC" ON HULL PLAN; SEES NO ROOM FOR MASS SETTLEMENT IN COLONIES

LONDON, MARCH 30. (JTA) -- THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT DECLARED TODAY IT WAS GIVING SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO AID REFUGEES, BUT AT THE SAME TIME STATED THERE WAS NO TERRITORY IN THE BRITISH COLONIAL EMPIRE WHERE LARGE-SCALE SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES WAS PRACTICABLE.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S INVITATION TO BRITAIN IS BEING STUDIED BY THE GOVERNMENT WITH "PROMPT AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION," RICHARD A. BUTLER, PARLIAMENTARY UNDERSECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION, ADDING THAT HE HOPED A REPLY WOULD BE MADE AT A "VERY EARLY DATE."

EARLIER, WILLIAM G.A. ORMSBY-GORE, COLONIAL SECRETARY, HAD TOLD THE HOUSE THAT OWING TO CLIMATIC AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND THE EXISTENCE OF A LARGE NATIVE POPULATION, THERE WAS NO TERRITORY IN THE BRITISH COLONIAL EMPIRE WHERE LARGE-SCALE SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES WAS PRACTICABLE.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY REPLIED TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD EVOLVE A SCHEME TO OFFER JEWISH AND OTHER REFUGEES FROM AUSTRIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES A NEW HOME IN SUITABLE BRITISH POSSESSIONS OVERSEAS. HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNORS OF A NUMBER OF COLONIES HAD RECENTLY BEEN CONSULTED CONCERNING OPENINGS FOR REFUGEES WHO POSSESSED A SMALL AMOUNT OF CAPITAL, BUT HE REGRETTED THAT REPLIES SO FAR RECEIVED SHOWED THAT THE OPENINGS WERE LIKELY TO BE FEW.

ASKED WHETHER IT WAS NOT DESIRABLE "TO FOLLOW OUR TRADITIONAL IDEAL OF HOSPITALITY FOR SUFFERING PEOPLE," THE COLONIAL SECRETARY SAID: "CERTAINLY, BUT WE CANNOT SEND THEM TO DIE IN WEST AFRICA AND PLACES OF THAT KIND."

CONGRESS ASKED TO USE ALL VISAS LEFT FOR REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, MARCH 30. (JTA) -- CHAIRMAN SAMUEL DICKSTEIN OF THE HOUSE IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION TODAY WHICH WOULD PERMIT ALL UNUSED IMMIGRATION QUOTAS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30 TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO TAKE CARE OF ALL RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL REFUGEES FROM ALL COUNTRIES. THE REFUGEES WOULD BE ADMITTED TO THIS COUNTRY PROVIDED THEY ARE NOT EXCLUDABLE UNDER THE PRESENT IMMIGRATION LAW. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 115,000 ARE NOW LEFT IN THE UNUSED QUOTAS. THE IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE WILL HOLD HEARINGS APRIL 20, 21 AND 22 ON ALL BILLS CONCERNING REFUGEES SO FAR INTRODUCED.

WOULD USE \$100,000 IN FROZEN REICH FUNDS TO AID JEWISH SONGWRITERS

NEW YORK, MARCH 30. (JTA) -- THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS, AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS TODAY HAD UNDER CONSIDERATION A REQUEST THAT IT USE \$100,000 OF ITS FROZEN FUNDS IN GERMANY FOR RELIEF OF JEWISH AND OTHER OPPRESSED SONGWRITERS IN THE REICH AND AUSTRIA.

THE REQUEST WAS MADE IN THE FORM OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED YESTERDAY BY THE SONGWRITERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING HERE. THE \$100,000 BELONGING TO THE A.S.C.A.P. REPRESENTS ROYALTIES FOR THE USE OF AMERICAN SONGS IN GERMANY. GERMAN CURRENCY REGULATIONS PREVENT ITS BEING EXPORTED.

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MR. REID, WHO IS 56 YEARS OLD, IS AT PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS COMMISSION TO SUPERINTEND THE ELECTIONS AT SANJAK AND ALEXANDRETTA. HE WAS FOR MANY YEARS IN THE CEYLON CIVIL SERVICE, WHERE FOR FOUR YEARS TO 1929 HE WAS LABOR CONTROLLER. HE RETIRED IN 1931.

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POLICE TRACKING THE BAND THAT AMBUSHED THE TAXI CAME TO THE ARAB VILLAGE OF ISLAM, WHERE IT WAS FOUND THAT ALL THE MEN WERE ABSENT. A COLLECTIVE FINE OF \$1,500 WAS IMPOSED ON THE VILLAGE. HEAVY FIRING WAS REPORTED LAST NIGHT AT MIGDAL, SEJERA AND JUARRAH.

CABINET OF 'EXPERTS' NAMED IN RUMANIA

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WORLD WILL CRUSH NAZI MENACE TO PEACE, MAYOR TELLS CONGRESS LUNCHEON; HITS AUSTRIAN INVASION

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- MAYOR LA GUARDIA REPEATED TO THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS WOMEN'S DIVISION TODAY THE WORDS THAT AROUSED AN INTERNATIONAL FUROR A YEAR AGO -- THAT HITLER IS A MENACE TO WORLD PEACE -- AND HE EXPRESSED THE CERTAINTY THAT WORLD OPINION WOULD SOON CRUSH THAT MENACE.

IN AN IMPROMPTU ADDRESS TO MORE THAN 1,000 WOMEN WHO CROWDED THE HOTEL ASTOR'S GRAND BALLROOM FOR THE WOMEN'S DIVISION'S FIFTH ANNUAL LUNCHEON, THE MAYOR DENOUNCED GERMANY'S CONQUEST OF AUSTRIA AND OPPRESSION OF MINORITIES, AND RIDICULED A PLEBISCITE SUPERVISED BY STORM TROOPS.

MAYOR LA GUARDIA'S ADDRESS, WHICH HAD BEEN AWAITED AS THE FEATURE OF THE LUNCHEON, CAME AFTER MRS. CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT, NOTED CHRISTIAN LIBERAL, HAD PROPOSED THE USE OF UNITED STATES WARSHIPS TO TRANSPORT GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN REFUGEES TO THIS COUNTRY. IT WAS FOLLOWED BY THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION PLEDGING SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN FOR INTERNATIONAL AID TO REFUGEES AND AN ADDRESS BY DR. STEPHEN S. WISE WHO CRITICIZED THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY FOR CALLING HITLER'S METHODS IN AUSTRIA "PEACEFUL."

THE MAYOR, WHO PROMISED IN A RECENT SPEECH THAT HE WOULD LEAVE INTERNATIONAL POLITICS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, APPEARED UNWILLING TO LAUNCH INTO THE TYPE OF ANTI-NAZI ATTACK FOR WHICH HE HAS BECOME NOTED. BUT THE AUDIENCE SHOUTED "NO!" WHEN HE REMARKED THAT IT MUST BE WEARY OF SPEECHES, AND PROTESTED WHEN HE SUGGESTED THAT HE LEAVE "THE ARTILLERY" TO DR. STEPHEN S. WISE.

ACCORDINGLY, AFTER A SALLY REGARDING THE NAZI ATTACKS ON AMERICAN WOMEN BY SAYING, "LET THE RECORD SHOW YOU ALL COME FROM RESPECTABLE HOMES," AND AFTER LAUDING MRS. CATT'S SPEECH, THE MAYOR DECLARED:

"IT IS INDEED A SAD COMMENTARY ON PRESENT CIVILIZATION THAT WE WITNESS THE CONDITIONS THAT EXIST IN EUROPE TODAY. IT IS ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE THAT IN THIS DAY AND AGE, AFTER ALL THE WORLD HAS GONE THROUGH, THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR ONE NATION TO MOVE INTO ANOTHER AND TO CONQUER WHAT WAS ONCE A FREE AND HAPPY PEOPLE. AND NO ONE CAN BE HAPPY IN THE WORLD AS LONG AS SUCH CONDITIONS ARE PERMITTED.

"THAT BRINGS UP CONSTANTLY BEFORE US THE GREAT QUESTION, IF THE DEMOCRACIES ARE TO SURVIVE. BRUTE FORCE, ARROGANCE, GREED, SELFISHNESS AND BRUTALITY HAVE TAKEN THE PLACE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, COMRADELINESS AND NOBLENES.

"WE STAND HERE AS A LIVING PROOF THAT DEMOCRACY IS POSSIBLE IF THE PEOPLE HAVE THEIR WILL, AND NO PLEBISCITE MEANS ANYTHING WHEN IT IS CONDUCTED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF MACHINE-GUNS AND BAYONETS AND STORM TROOPS.

"OUR COUNTRY NATURALLY IS INTERESTED IN OPPRESSION OF MINORITIES. YOU KNOW, IT DOESN'T TAKE A BRAVE MAN TO TAKE AN INNOCENT, ELDERLY, SCHOLARLY PROFESSOR OUT OF HIS HOME AND MAKE HIM DO MENIAL WORK. THAT DISPLAYS ALL THE BESTIAL TRAITS OF A CONTEMPTIBLE COWARD, AND ONE WHO IS THE FIRST TO SQUAWK WHEN ANYTHING IS SAID HERE. I FEEL CONFIDENT, SOMEHOW, THAT THESE CONDITIONS CANNOT ENDURE. THE DECENCY OF THE WORLD REVOLTS AGAINST THEM."

HE CONCLUDED: "I AM SURE THAT THE GREAT MESSAGE OF THE GREAT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES A FEW DAYS AGO MADE A PROFOUND IMPRESSION ON THE CHANCELLERIES OF EUROPE. AT LEAST THERE IS ONE LAND THAT SAYS, 'SHAME, SHAME ON YOUR OUTRAGEOUS CONDUCT.'... I SAID THERE WAS A MENACE A YEAR AGO, AND YOU SEE THERE IS A MENACE. IN SPITE OF ALL THE MACHINE-GUNS, ALL THE TANKS, ALL THE BRUTE FORCE, I AM CERTAIN THAT ALL THE ENLIGHTENED OPINION OF THE WORLD WILL SOON CRUSH THAT MENACE."