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AUSTRIA SETS UP CHECK ON FOREIGNERS; PURGE OF BOOKS LAUNCHED

VIENNA, MARCH 31. (JTA) -- Austria's Nazi regime today set up a close watch on foreigners, including many Americans, while storm troopers began to purge bookshops of works by Jewish authors.

All foreigners who have been in Austria more than three days must obtain special exit visas from the police to leave the country, according to a new decree. Its purpose is to keep a check of aliens, many of whom are Jews seeking to return to their homes.

Brown shirts accompanied by police began the purge of literature. They visited bookshops and confiscated all works of Jewish writers, including books by Sholem Asch, Vicki Baum, Stefan Zweig, Arnold Zweig, Franz Werfel, Max Brod, Lion Feuchtwanger, Jacob Wasserman and Felix Salten.

All Vienna lawyers today received a questionnaire from the Nazi commissar for the Society of Austrian Lawyers, Dr. Georg von Ettingshausen, asking, among other questions, their religion, the religion of their parents, whether their wives are of "German blood," whether there are doubts as to the purity of the wives' "German blood" and a question on war service.

Education Minister's Decree

The decree issued by Education Minister Oswald Menghin (reported briefly in yesterday's JTA News) aims to purge universities and higher technical schools of Jewish faculty members and also of "politically undesirable" instructors. Its principal provisions are as follows:

(1) All Jewish members of the faculties are summarily dismissed. (2) Jewish students registering for the first time for the summer session are summarily dropped from the rolls. Registration of all Jews may be revoked at any time. (3) A numerus clausus for Jews will be introduced some time in the future. (4) Special provision will be made for foreign students.

Discharge of Jewish faculty members affects only about 35 or 40. This is explained by the fact that Jews were consistently weeded out of the educational system by ex-Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg's regime.

MEANWHILE, ADOLF BOEHM, INDUSTRIALIST AND ZIONIST LEADER, WAS ENTRUSTED WITH THE TASK OF REBUILDING THE SHATTERED VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY. HIS APPOINTMENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY, SUCCEEDING DR. DESIDER FRIEDMANN, WHO IS UNDER ARREST, WAS REVEALED AFTER A MEETING OF ZIONIST LEADERS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE NAZI MINISTRY OF CULTURE.

IT WAS ALSO REVEALED THAT DR. SIEGFRIED KANTOR, INTERNATIONAL LEGAL AUTHORITY AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE VIENNA LAWYERS' CHAMBER, TOGETHER WITH DR. OSKAR GRUENBAUM, WILL HEAD THE AUSTRIAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATION. THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OFFICES AND OTHER JEWISH INSTITUTIONS, EXCEPT HOSPITALS, HOMES FOR THE AGED AND SOUP KITCHENS, ARE STILL OFFICIALLY CLOSED.

NAZI COMMISSARS WERE ORDERED BY DR. JOSEPH BUERCKEL, NAZI COMMISSIONER FOR AUSTRIA, TO RENDER AN ACCOUNTING OF THEIR POSITION. DR. BUERCKEL DECLARED THAT HENCEFORTH HE WOULD RETAIN EXCLUSIVE POWER TO APPOINT COMMISSARS TO RUN COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, AND WOULD NAME THEM UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

(1) IF THE OWNER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT IS A FUGITIVE, UNDER ARREST OR OTHERWISE UNABLE TO CONDUCT HIS BUSINESS; (2) IF DANGER EXISTS THAT THE OWNER WILL REMOVE FUNDS OR MERCHANDISE; (3) IF OTHER IMPORTANT CONDITIONS MAKE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSAR NECESSARY.

AUSTRALIA BARS INFLUX OF ALIENS; VOICES SYMPATHY WITH AUSTRIAN JEWS' PLIGHT

MELBOURNE, MARCH 31. (JTA) -- PRIME MINISTER JOSEPH A. LYONS SERVED NOTICE TODAY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT, MUCH AS IT SYMPATHIZES WITH THE PLIGHT OF THE AUSTRIAN JEWS, COULD NOT PERMIT A "LARGE INFLUX OF ALIENS INTO AUSTRALIA." HIS STATEMENT WAS MADE IN REPLY TO A MESSAGE FROM THE BRITISH CONSULATE AT VIENNA, WHICH SAID IT HAD RECEIVED 6,000 APPLICATIONS FOR AUSTRALIAN VISAS FROM AUSTRIAN JEWS.

FOLLOWING A REQUEST FOR "ASSURANCE" THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT CONSIDERING GRANTING PERMISSION FOR A LARGE ALIEN INFLUX, THE PRIME MINISTER ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE PRESS: "MUCH AS WE SYMPATHIZE WITH THE SUFFERINGS OF THESE PEOPLE, THE MINISTRY CANNOT PERMIT A LARGE INFLUX OF ALIENS INTO AUSTRALIA. ADMITTANCE OF JEWISH REFUGEES WILL BE CONSIDERED ONLY AS PART OF ANY GENERAL MIGRATION SCHEME, THE BASIS OF WHICH IS PREFERENCE TO SUITABLE MIGRANTS OF BRITISH STOCK."

GERMAN ZIONIST ORGAN APPEALS FOR OPEN DOORS

PRAHA, MARCH 31. (JTA) -- THE JUEDISCHE RUNDSCHAU, ORGAN OF THE GERMAN ZIONISTS, APPEALED TODAY TO THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD: "OPEN YOUR DOORS! DO NOT ABANDON US TO A LIFE THE VERY BASIS OF WHICH IS DISAPPEARING. RECEIVE US AS A PEOPLE OF CULTURE, GENUINELY WILLING TO WORK."

THE WEEKLY, PUBLISHED IN BERLIN, MADE THE APPEAL IN AN ARTICLE ON THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL FOR AID TO REFUGEES. IT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN APPEAL WOULD FIND AN ECHO IN THE COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE AND AMERICA. A LARGE NUMBER OF JEWS IN GERMANY CAN BE ABSORBED BY THE ECONOMICALLY STRONG COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES, THE ARTICLE SAID.

3 MORE NATIONS ACCEPT U.S. PROPOSAL

WASHINGTON, MARCH 31. (JTA) -- THE STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY RECEIVED THREE ADDITIONAL FAVORABLE REPLIES -- FROM THE NETHERLANDS, PANAMA AND VENEZUELA -- TO ITS PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AID TO REFUGEES. VENEZUELA STATED ITS CAPACITY FOR ABSORPTION OF REFUGEES WAS LIMITED.

DR. NEUMANN DENIES REFUSING TO TREAT HITLER; WILL CONTINUE WORK IN VIENNA

PARIS, MARCH 31. (JTA) -- DR. HEINRICH NEUMANN, NOTED VIENNESE JEWISH EAR SPECIALIST, DENIED TODAY THAT HE HAD REFUSED TO TREAT CHANCELLOR ADOLF HITLER.

"HAD I BEEN CALLED, I WOULD HAVE GONE AS I WOULD HAVE GONE TO ANY PATIENT," DR. NEUMANN DECLARED IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PARIS SOIR IN VIENNA. "FOR PHYSICIANS THERE IS NO QUESTION OF RACE OR POLITICAL OPINION, BUT ONLY OF PEOPLE SUFFERING."

THE 64-YEAR-OLD PHYSICIAN, WHO HAS TREATED THE DUKE OF WINDSOR, WAS RELEASED RECENTLY FROM ARREST BY THE NAZI AUTHORITIES IN VIENNA. DR. NEUMANN SAID HE HAD RESIGNED HIS POSITION WITH VIENNA UNIVERSITY, AND INTENDED TO REMAIN IN VIENNA AND CONTINUE PRACTICE. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT HE WOULD BE LEFT "TO WORK FOR THE RELIEF OF THOSE WHO SUFFER."

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN REICH LOSE PUBLIC STATUS

BERLIN, MARCH 31. (HAVAS) -- JEWISH RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES WILL LOSE ALL RIGHTS AS PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND WILL RESUME THE STATUS OF PURELY PRIVATE ASSOCIATIONS, ACCORDING TO A DECREE PUBLISHED IN THE BULLETIN OF LAWS OF THE REICH TODAY. THE NEW REGULATIONS REPLACE ALL OTHERS AND CREATE A UNIFORM CODE FOR ALL GERMANY. THE LAW WILL TAKE EFFECT FOR AUSTRIA LATER ON.

JEWISH POLICEMAN KILLED IN ARAB ATTACK; 2 SOLDIERS HURT IN TRAIN DERAILMENT

JERUSALEM, MARCH 31. (JTA) -- A JEWISH AUXILIARY POLICEMAN (GHAFFIR) WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER INJURED TODAY WHEN A BAND OF ARABS ATTACKED A CREW OF FIFTEEN JEWISH WORKERS PAVING ROADS IN THE WOODS ON MT. CARMEL NEAR HAIFA.

THE PARTY FOUGHT ITS WAY THROUGH THE AMBUSHED TO ITS CAMP, CARRYING THE BODY OF MORDECAI BER, THE DEAD POLICEMAN, AND LICHTENSTEIN, THE INJURED ONE. BER, 22 YEARS OLD AND UNMARRIED, HAD COME TO PALESTINE FROM GERMANY TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS AGO. THE CREW HAD BEEN WORKING UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE TWO POLICEMEN AND FOUR WATCHMEN.

TWO BRITISH SOLDIERS WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED WHEN A MILITARY TROLLEY CAR PRECEDING A TRAIN WAS DERAILED NEAR TULKAREM. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED A POWERFUL MINE AND TWO BOMBS. ARABS DISCOVERED TEARING UP RAILS NEAR LYDDA WERE DRIVEN OFF BY A WATCHMAN, AND A BIG DYNAMITE CHARGE WAS DISCOVERED UNDER A NEARBY BRIDGE.

ACCORDING TO THE HEBREW DAILY, HAARETZ, A BAND OF TWENTY ARABS INVADDED THE HOME OF A WEALTHY ARAB AT MIGDAL ZEDEK NEAR RAMLEH, AND, WHEN THEIR DEMAND FOR MONEY WAS REFUSED, LOCKED THE ARAB'S FAMILY IN THE HOUSE AND SET FIRE TO IT. JEWISH AUXILIARY POLICEMEN FROM NEARBY QUARRIES RUSHED TO RESCUE THE FAMILY, THE ACCOUNT SAID, WHILE THE ASSAILANTS FLED AND ARABS OF THE VILLAGE WOULD NOT LEND ASSISTANCE.

ANTI-SEMITES DROPPED IN RUMANIAN CABINET SHIFT; MORE MODERATE POLICY SEEN

BUCHAREST, MARCH 31. (JTA) -- ELIMINATION OF SOME ANTI-SEMITIC MINISTERS FROM PATRIARCH MIRON CRISTEA'S NEW CABINET WAS NOTED TODAY WITH RESERVED APPROVAL HERE. IT IS FELT THAT THE NEW CABINET IS MORE DEMOCRATIC THAN THE OLD.

AMONG THE ANTI-SEMITES DROPPED IS PROF. ALEXANDER VAIDA-VOEVOD, ONE-TIME PREMIER, WHO IN THE TRANSITION CABINET WAS MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO AND IN CHARGE OF ALL QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO MINORITIES.

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INCLUSION OF THE NATIONAL PEASANT LEADER PROF. MIHAIL RALEA, who is noted for his tolerant views, as MINISTER OF LABOR, AND OF MILITZA CONSTANTINESCU, FORMERLY GOVERNOR OF THE RUMANIAN NATIONAL BANK, AS MINISTER OF INDUSTRY SUPPORTS THE BELIEF THAT THE CABINET WILL FOLLOW A MORE MODERATE POLICY AND REFRAIN FROM DRASTIC MEASURES. ARMAND CALINESCU, WHO HAS BEEN KEEPING EXTREMISTS IN CHECK, REMAINS AS MINISTER OF INTERIOR.

DENY NATIVES OF "OLD KINGDOM" ARE EXEMPT FROM RUMANIAN LAWYERS' TEST

BUCHAREST, MARCH 31. (JTA) -- THE RUMANIAN BAR COUNCIL ISSUED A STATEMENT TODAY FLATLY CONTRADICTING AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF RUMANIAN LAWYERS THAT MEMBERS OF MINORITIES WHO WERE BORN IN THE OLD KINGDOM DID NOT HAVE TO TAKE EXAMINATIONS ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE RUMANIAN LANGUAGE. "THE COUNCIL DECLARED THAT ALL LAWYERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF MINORITIES MUST SUBMIT TO THE EXAMINATIONS, AND WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE BAR IF THEY FAIL.

COL. LEVEY BRINGS LORD ROTHSCHILD'S PLEA FOR AID TO ORT

NEW YORK, MARCH 31. (JTA) -- AN URGENT PLEA FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING REFUGEES AND OTHER EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN JEWS IN PRODUCTIVE TRADES, MADE BY LORD ROTHSCHILD, PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH ORT, WAS TRANSMITTED TO AMERICAN JEWRY YESTERDAY BY LT. COL. JOSEPH H. LEVEY, AT A RECEPTION TENDERED HIM BY THE OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN ORT FEDERATION AT THE HOTEL COMMODORE.

COL. LEVEY ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES TUESDAY, ON THE NORMANDIE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE \$450,000 FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN OF THE ORT. HE WAS TO LEAVE FOR THE PACIFIC COAST TODAY TO ADDRESS A NUMBER OF MEETINGS IN LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO, AND WILL RETURN TO NEW YORK APRIL 12 TO SPEAK AT SEVERAL GATHERINGS NOW BEING PLANNED.

2,700 JEWS ENTERED PALESTINE IN MARCH

NEW YORK, MARCH 31. (JTA) -- A TOTAL OF 2,700 JEWS, INCLUDING A LARGE NUMBER FROM GERMANY AND AUSTRIA, ENTERED PALESTINE DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1938, WITH THE AID OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY DR. STEPHEN S. WISE, CHAIRMAN OF THE U.P.A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. OF THIS NUMBER, 1,200 CAME INTO PALESTINE DURING THE LAST WEEK IN MARCH, INDICATING A SHARP INCREASE IN EMIGRATION TO PALESTINE FROM AUSTRIA AS A RESULT OF THE ABSORPTION OF THAT COUNTRY IN THE NAZI REICH. DR. WISE POINTED OUT THAT THE NUMBER OF JEWS WHO CAME INTO PALESTINE IN MARCH REPRESENTED A MUCH LARGER IMMIGRATION THAN TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

A GROUP OF NEW YORKERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED \$20,000 TO HADASSAH'S YOUTH ALIYAH FUND BECAUSE OF THE AUSTRIAN EMERGENCY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY. DONATIONS WERE MOSTLY IN \$360 UNITS, WHICH COVERS MAINTENANCE OF A CHILD IN PALESTINE. DONORS INCLUDED EDDIE CANTOR, \$1,440; MRS. JOSEPH STROOCK, \$1,080; HENRY KAUFMAN, \$1,080; MR. AND MRS. EDWARD JONAS, \$1,000, AND MRS. MORITZ ROSENTHAL, \$1,000.

SPANISH REBEL RADIO STATION BLAMED FOR ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

PARIS, MARCH 31. (HAVAS) -- RADIO-SALAMANCA, ONE OF THE SPANISH INSURGENTS' MAIN STATIONS, WAS BELIEVED TONIGHT TO BE THE MYSTERIOUS STATION WHICH HAS BEEN POURING A STEADY FLOOD OF PROPAGANDA INTO FRANCE FOR SEVERAL DAYS, ATTACKING THE BLUM GOVERNMENT'S POLICY AND VIOLENTLY ANTI-SEMITIC IN TONE.

THE SURETE NATIONALE AND THE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO TRACE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CLANDESTINE RADIO STATION, WHICH IDENTIFIES ITSELF AS "RADIO NATIONAL" AND WHICH HAS BEEN BROADCASTING IN FRENCH AT VARIOUS HOURS AND ON DIFFERENT WAVE LENGTHS.