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AUSTRIA ACTS TO BAR JEWS FROM LAW, PUBLIC MARKETS; 3 ARRESTED

VIENVA, APRIL 3. (JTA) -- THE NAZI AUTHORITIES TOOK MEASURES TODAY TO BAR JEWS FROM THE LAW PROFESSION AND FROM VIENNA'S TWENTY-TWO PUBLIC MARKETS, WHILE A SERIES OF ARRESTS CONTINUED.

HANS FRANK, REICHS MINISTER OF JUSTICE, EMPOWERED THE AUSTRIAN JUSTICE MINISTRY TO REVOKE AT WILL THE LICENSES OF JEWISH LAWYERS, WITH THREE EXCEPTIONS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BETWEEN 800 AND 900 ATTORNEYS WILL BE ELIMINATED.

THE EXCEPTIONS ARE JEWISH LAWYERS LICENSED BEFORE 1914, THOSE WHO ARE WAR VETERANS AND THOSE WHO ARE SONS OF WAR VETERANS. LAST WEEK ALL JEWISH LAWYERS WERE REQUESTED TO FILL OUT A QUESTIONNAIRE GIVING ALL RELEVANT PARTICULARS ON THEIR PAST. IT IS BELIEVED THE LICENSE REVOCATIONS WILL BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

JEWISH DEALERS IN THE CAPITAL'S PUBLIC MARKETS WERE ORDERED BY THE MUNICIPAL AUTHOR-ITIES TO VACATE. THEIR PREMISES PERMANENTLY TOMORROW. THE ORDER APPLIES TO THE LARGE GEN-ERAL WHOLESALE MARKET, WHERE SEVERAL OF THE LARGEST JEWISH FIRMS HAVE BEEN OPERATING FOR MAIN YEARS.

ARRESTS OF THREE WELL-KNOWN JEWS WERE REVEALED TODAY. THEY ARE SIGMUND STRAUSS, ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AND COLLABORATOR OF THE FAMOUS SCIENTIST, HEINRICH HERTZ; FELIX SALTEN, AUTHOR, WHOSE BOOKS WERE CONFISCATED IN VIENNA BOOKSHOPS LAST WEEK, AND CHIEF RABBI HERZOG OF GRAZ.

THE "ARYANIZATION" OF TWO ELECTRICAL LAMP FACTORIES WAS REPORTED. THEY ARE THE FAMOUS JOHANN KREMENETRY, THE LARGEST IN AUSTRIA, WHOSE FOUNDER WAS A FRIEND OF DR. THEODOR HERZL, FOUNDER OF POLITICAL ZIONISM; AND THE ALBERT PREGAN FACTORY, WHOSE PRODUCTS ILLUMINATE MANY STREETS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN VIENNA.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE AUTHORITIES FOR AT LEAST PARTIAL REOPENING OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OFFICES, CLOSED SINCE ANSCHLUSS, HAVE MADE CONSIDERABLE HEADWAY, IT WAS RELIABLY LEARNED TODAY. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT A LARGE PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE JEWISH QUARTER WILL SHORTLY BE EVACUATED BY THE BROWNSHIRTS WHO ARE OCCUPYING IT AND THAT CLASSES WILL BE RESUMED.

APPROXIMATELY 35,000 SCHILLINGS, IT WAS LEARNED, HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM THE BLOCKED COMMUNITY TREASURY FOR PAYMENT OF WAGES OF SUBORDINATE EMPLOYES AT THE ROTHSCHILD HOSPITAL AND THE JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGED.

"COLD POGROM" IN EAST AUSTRIA DESCRIBED

VIENIVA, APRIL 3. (JTA) -- THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF A "COLD POGROM" WHICH HAS ALREADY DRIVEN NEARLY 200 JEWS FROM THEIR HOMES IN BURGENLAND TOWNS INTO EXILE WAS GIVEN TO THE J.T.A. CORRESPONDENT BY A RELIABLE INFORMANT AND SUBSTANTIATED BY INFORMED NAZIS. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE WAS FOUND BY THE CORRESPONDENT DURING A VISIT TO ONE OF THE TOWNS AFFECTED.

THE PROVINCE OF BURGENLAND LIES EAST OF VIENNA, ALONG THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN AND HUNGARIAN FRONTIERS AND WAS ONCE PART OF HUNGARY. JEWS ARE NOT NUMBEROUS IN THE PROVINCE (AN UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATE PUTS THEIR NUMBER AT 3,600 IN A GENERAL POPULATION OF CLOSE TO 300,000) BUT MANY OF THOSE DRIVEN OUT AND DEPRIVED OF EVERY PENNY WERE WELL-TO-DO. UN-VERIFIED BUT PLAUSIBLE ACCOUNTS STATE THE MONEY AND PROPERTY SO FAR CONFISCATED TOTAL HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF SCHILLINGS (THE SCHILLING WAS QUOTED AT APPROXIMATELY 19 CENTS BEFORE ANSCHLUSS).

THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN THE PROVINCE HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED THERE FROM 150 TO 200 YEARS. THE PEOPLE ARE ORTHODOX AND PROVINCIAL, FEW HAVING HAD FREQUENT OR PROLONGED CONTACTS WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD. FOR YEARS THEY HAVE LIVED IN SMALL WHITE STUCCO HOUSES, INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THOSE OF THEIR "ARYAM" NEIGHBORS. MOST OF THEM MADE MONEY DEALING IN WINE AND GRAIN, THE PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF THE REGION.

AT 5:30 O'CLOCK ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 26, TEN TO FOURTEEN JEWISH FAMILIES OF THE TOWN OF FRAUENKIRCHEN, AND THREE OR FOUR OF NEUSIEDL-AM-SEE, WERE BROUGHT BY BROWNSHIRTS TO THE GENDARMERIE POST COMMAND AT FRAUENKIRCHEN. AMONG THE ARRESTED WERE WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND SEVERAL PERSONS IN THEIR LATE SEVENTIES. AT THE STATION, IN THE PRESENCE OF AN S.S. (SCHUTZ-STAFFEL, OR ELITE GUARD) MAN DETAILED FROM THE GESTAPO QUARTERS AT EISENSTADT, THESE PEOPLE WERE FORCED TO MAKE "VOLUNTARY" RENUNCIATION OF ALL THEIR PROPERTY UNDER THREAT THAT THEY WOULD NEVER SEE SUMLIGHT AGAIN. THEY WERE THEN RELEASED AND ORDERED TO LEAVE GERMAN TERPITORY WITHIN THREE DAYS AND TOLD THEY COULD TAKE ONLY CLOTHING WITH THEM.

ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 30, A GROUP OF THESE FAMILIES WERE BROUGHT TO THE CZECH FRONTIER AT KITTESEEBERG, ACCOMPANIED BY AN S.S. OFFICER. PERMISSION TO ENTER CZECHOS-LOVAKIA WAS REFUSED. FOR A WHILE THE JEWS WERE INTERNED AT THE BORDER CUSTOMS OFFICE. LATER IN THE EVENING, THE S.S. OFFICIAL IN CHARGE DECLARED THE JEWS COULD NOT REMAIN INTERNED ON AUSTRIAN TERRITORY, BUT HAD TO CROSS THE FRONTIER INDIVIDUALLY, THROUGH THE BARBED WIRE FENCES SEPARATING THE TWO COUNTRIES.

SIMILAR ARRESTS AND CONFISCATIONS OCCURRED IN THE TOWNS OF KITTSEE, DEUTSCHKREUTZ AND EISENSTADT. EISENSTADT HAS AN ANCIENT GHETTO, WHICH WAS ONCE SET OFF FROM THE REST OF THE TOWN BY A CHAIN STRETCHED ACROSS THE STREET. THE CHAIN IS STILL THERE.

ASIDE FROM WHAT HAS ACTUALLY HAPPENED TO THESE PERHAPS FIFTY FAMILIES, THE "COLD POGROM" HAS HAD AN INCALCULABLE EFFECT ON THE JEWS STILL REMAINING IN THE PROVINCE. THE CORRESPONDENT VISITED ONE OF THE TOWNS WHERE A COMPARATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF ARRESTS HAD BEEN MADE. THE STREETS WERE QUIET, BUT MANY JEWISH STORES WERE BOARDED UP. THE FEW REMAINING OPEN BORE POSTERS PROCLAIMING, "WARNING! JEWISH BUSINESS." IN THESE SHOPS JEWISH MERCHANTS SIT HUDDLED UP IN CORNERS WAITING A TURN, KNOWING WITH CERTAINTY THAT MONE OF THEIR FORMER "ARYAM" CUSTOMERS DARE IGNORE THE WARNING ON THE DOORS.

IN VIENNA SIGNS IDENTIFYING JEWISH SHOPS WERE TORN DOWN A WEEK AGO, BUT IN THIS PROVINCIAL TOWN, WHERE THE SIGNS DO IMMEASURABLY GREATER HARM TO THE OWNER BECAUSE OF THE INTIMATE SURROUNDINGS, THEY HAVE EVIDENTLY BEEN PUT UP FOR A PROLONCED PERIOD.

LESS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATABLE ARE SIMILAR EVENTS HAPPENING IN OTHER BURGENLAND COMM-UNITIES. HOW MANY OF THE NOW PENNILESS JEWS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO CROSS THE HUNGARIAN AND CZECH FRONTIERS, HOW MANY ARE INTERNED IN BARRACKS ALONG THE BORDER IS IMPOSSIBLE TO EST-IMATE, EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT SOME 200 INDIVIDUALS WHOSE CASES WERE CITED ABOVE ARE AFFECTED.

IT WAS RELIABLY REPORTED THAT DURING THE DEVELOPMENTS SEVERAL ATTEMPTS WERE MADE IN INFLUENTIAL QUARTERS TO INTERVENE IN BEHALF OF THE JEWS. AMONG THOSE MAKING THE EFF-ORTS WERE SEVERAL LARGE "ARYAN" CONCERNS WHICH HAD LONG HAD BUSINESS RELATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE BURGENLAND COMMUNITIES. IN EACH INSTANCE THE ATTEMPT ENDED IN FAILURE.

HUNGARIAN REGENT WARNS "POLITICAL MISCHIEF MAKERS"; REPORT NAZI IN NEW CABINET

BUDAPEST, APRIL 3. (JTA) -- WITH THE CAPITAL TENSE OVER REPORTS OF INCREASED NAZI ACTIVITY, REGENT NICHOLAS HORTHY BROADCAST A MESSAGE TO THE HUNGARIAN NATION THIS AFTERNOON, WARNING "POLITICAL MISCHIEF-MAKERS" AND DECLARING "NO ONE IN THIS COUNTRY WILL BE PERMITTED TO DISTURB PUBLIC ORDER WITH IMPUNITY."

AS HE SPOKE, PEPORTS WERE CIRCULATING THAT A NEW CABINET LIST HAD ALREADY BEEN PREPARED, INCLUDING MAJOR FERENC SZALASI, LEADER OF THE HUNGARIAN NAZIS AND AN OUTSPOKEN ANTI-SEMITE. IT HAS BEEN RUMORED THAT GERMANY WAS BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON HUNGARY FOR INCLUSION OF A NAZI IN THE CABINET.

ALTHOUGH REGENT HORTHY DID NOT MENTION THE JEWISH QUESTION, HE STRESSED THAT NEITHER HE NOR THE GOVERNMENT WOULD TOLERATE ANY VIOLENCE. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT EVERY MAN IN HUNGARY WILLING AND ABLE TO WORK WOULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REALIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR ECONOMIC REHABILITATION.

ADMIRAL HORTHY, ON THE OTHER HAND, URGED CHRISTIAN YOUTH TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT IN COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES MORE THAN THEY HAD DONE IN THE PAST. HE APPEALED TO THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE FOR UNITY AND DISCIPLINE, DECLARING, "I RECOGNIZE ONLY HUNGARIAN AIMS AND ONLY LEGAL METHODS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENT."

SPEAKING OF THE AUSTRO-GERMAN ANSCHLUSS, THE REGENT SAID THAT THIS WAS MERELY THE CULMINATION OF A CENTURIES-OLD PROCESS, AND THEREFORE NEED NOT GIVE RISE TO ANXIETY.

DEPUTY RASSAY, NATIONAL LIBERAL, DECLARED DURING A DEBATE IN THE LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT THAT A HIGH-PLACED CIVIL SERVANT HAD SHOWN HIM THE NEW CABINET LIST, BEARING MADE SZALASI'S NAME. "I HAVE BEEN TOLD A FEW HOURS AGO," DR. RASSAY SAID, "BY A HIGH CIVIL SERVANT THAT A NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE APPOINTED WITHIN A FEW WEEKS, INCLUDING SZALASI, FOR FORMATION OF SUCH A GOVERNMENT IS A PRELIMINARY CONDITION FOR A FUTURE AGREEMENT WITH GERMANY."

DEPUTY RASSAY ALSO DECLARED THAT LARGE ENTERPRISES IN HUNGARY NO LONGER DARE TO GIVE JOBS TO JEWISH YOUTHS.

ANGLO-ITALIAN PACT TO BE SIGNED IN TEN DAYS, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, APRIL 3. (JTA) -- THE ANGLO-ITALIAN PACT WILL BE SIGNED WITHIN TEN DAYS, IT WAS REPORTED TODAY BY THE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE DAILY EXPRESS. UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THE CORRESPONDENT WRITES, ITALY WILL STOP ANTI-BRITISH PROPAGANDA IN BRITISH TERRITORIES AND AREAS UNDER BRITISH CONTROL.

JEWISH STUDENTS' ROOM BOMBED IN WARSAW, MANY ATTACKED AT COLLEGE

WARSAW, APRIL 3. (JTA) -- NATIONALIST STUDENTS YESTERDAY BOMBED A ROOM OF THE JEWISH STUDENTS' UNION AT THE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, SMASHING ALL THE WINDOWS AND PARTLY DESTROYING THE FURNITURE. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. ANOTHER GROUP OF NATIONALISTS LATER ATTACKED JEWISH STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL'S DRAWING ROOM, BEATING UP MANY AND DESTROYING THEIR DRAWINGS.

A NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNION OF CIVIL SERVANTS REJECTED A PROPOSAL THAT IT ADOPT THE "TARYAN PARAGRAPH" EXCLUDING JEWISH MEMBERS. AT THE SAME TIME, A CONFERENCE OF POLISH TAILORS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION DEMANDING REGULATIONS WHOSE EFFECT WOULD BE TO OUST JEWS FROM THE TRADE.

THE AUTHORITIES YESTERDAY CONFISCATED A JOINT APPEAL BY MANY JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS PROTESTING AGAINST "PHYSICAL AND MORAL TERRORISM," THE POLICY OF EXTERMINATING THE JEWS AND THE BILLS FOR A COMPLETE BAN ON KOSHER SLAUGHTERING. THE APPEAL WAS SIGNED BY ZIONIST PARTIES, THE AGUDATH ISRAEL, THE JEWISH PEOPLES PARTY AND ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS. IT STRESSED THE JEWS' DETERMINATION NOT TO GIVE UP THE FIGHT FOR EQUALITY OF RIGHTS.

ICKES URGES JEWS TO JOIN IN FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM; UPHOLDS U.S. AS REFUGEE HAVEN

CHICAGO, APRIL 3. (JTA) -- DECLARING THAT RACIAL HATRED IS ONE OF THE TWO CYLINDERS ON WHICH THE ENGINE OF FASCISM RUNS, SECRETARY OF INTERIOR HAROLD L. ICKES SOUNDED A WARNING TONIGHT THAT "FASCISM IS THE DEADLY AND INSIDIOUS FOE THAT WE MUST PREPARE TO COMBAT WITHOUT LOSS OF TIME," AND URGED THE JEWS TO JOIN IN THE FIGHT.

AT THE SAME TIME, SECRETARY ICKES STRESSED THE AMERICAN TRADITION OF THE OPEN GATE TO THE OPPRESSED. HE PRAISED AS "TYPICALLY AMERICAN" PRESIDENT ROSSEVELT'S AND SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL'S REDEDICATION OF AMERICA AS A REFUGE FOR THOSE SEEKING A HAVEN FROM TYPANNY, AND URGED THE UNITED STATES TO SET AN EXAMPLE TO THE WORLD OF A GOVERNMENT WHICH VALUES ALL MEN REGARDLESS OF RACE OR RELIGION.

MR. ICKES WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK ON "'PROGRESS' BY PURGES" AT A DINNER IN THE HOTEL SHERMAN COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEWISH DAILY COURIER, LOCAL YIDDISH NEWSPAPER. HIS ADDRESS TOOK OCCASION TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE PAPER WHICH, HE SAID, ADVANCED THE CAUSE OF ITS OWN PEOPLE AND MADE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHICAGO." HE ALSO LAUDED THE PUBLISHER, M. PH. GINZBURG. THE ADDRESS WAS BROADCAST OVER THE NATION-WIDE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM HOOKUP.

\$2,230,000 SPENT IN TWO YEARS FOR SETTLEMENT OF GERMAN JEWS IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, APRIL 3. (JTA) -- DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS \$2,230,000 WAS SPENT FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF GERMAN JEWS IN PALESTINE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL. SINCE 1933 A TOTAL OF 42,500 JEWS FROM GERMANY HAVE BEEN SETTLED IN PALESTINE. OF THE TOTAL OF \$2,230,000, THE SUM OF \$1,060,000 WAS USED FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF NEW IMMIGRANTS IN EXISTING AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENTS ESTABLISHED DURING THE PAST TWENTY YEARS BY THE PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND.

TO AID IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND DEFENSE OF HANNUTA, THE NEWEST JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN NORTHERN PALESTINE RISING CLOSE TO THE SYRIAN BORDER, HADASSAH HAS SENT \$5,000 TO THE JEWISH AGENCY IN JERUSALEM. THE GIFT IS OUTSIDE THE BUDGETARY COMMITMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THOSE PROJECTS WHICH IT IS PLEDGED TO MAINTAIN AND SUPPORT.