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NEW ANTI-JEWISH LAWS IN AUSTRIA, REICH FORECAST; GENERAL SOMMER ARRESTED

VIENNA, APRIL 4. (JTA) -- NEW REPRESSIVE ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES, NOT ONLY IN AUSTRIA BUT THROUGHOUT THE REICH, WERE FORESHADOWED TODAY IN A JOINT INTERVIEW GIVEN BY DR. HANS FRANK, NAZI COMMISSAR FOR JUSTICE, AND DR. FRANZ HUEBER, MINISTER OF JUSTICE FOR AUSTRIA.

"THE RACE QUESTION STANDS IN THE FOREGROUND OF OUR FORTHCOMING LEGISLATION," DR. HUEBER TOLD THE VIENNA EDITION OF CHANCELLOR HITLER'S VOELKISCHER BEOBERACHTER. "THE QUESTION PRESENTS NO GREAT PROBLEM IN THE PROVINCES OF AUSTRIA, BUT IN VIENNA IT IS AN EXTRAORDINARILY PRESSING ONE."

DR. FRANK ADDED: "ALSO IN OLD GERMANY THE RACE QUESTION MUST ONCE MORE BE VIGOROUSLY THRUST INTO THE FOREGROUND."

THE REICH DECREE REDUCING JEWISH COMMUNITIES TO THE STATUS OF PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, DEPRIVING THEM OF THE RIGHT TO LEVY TAXES, WAS RECEIVED WITH CONCERN BY LEADERS OF THE VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY, SINCE NEXT YEAR'S ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE ALREADY EXCEEDS INCOME BY 500,000 SCHILLINGS. THE GROWING DISTRESS AMONG VIENNA'S JEWS REQUIRES EXTENSION OF RELIEF WORK, WHICH IS IMPOSSIBLE BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS WITHOUT TAXATION.

NAZI POLICE, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY, HAVE ARRESTED GENERAL EMIL VON SOMMER, MONARCHIST LEADER OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS LEGION, WHO ON MARCH 24 SHAMED STORM TROOPERS INTO RETIRING BY APPEARING IN FULL GENERAL'S UNIFORM AND MEDALS FOR ENFORCED STREET CLEANING WORK. HIS ARREST WAS NOT CONSIDERED SURPRISING IN VIEW OF THE NAZIS' PARTICULAR KEENNESS TO PUT MONARCHISTS "IN PLACES OF SAFETY."

ECONOMIC MEASURES EXTENDED TO AUSTRIA

VIENNA, APRIL 4. (HAVAS) -- MEASURES TO EXTEND THE "CLOSED" ECONOMY OF THE REICH TO AUSTRIA WERE OUTLINED HERE TODAY BY REICH ECONOMY MINISTER WALTHER FUNK.

ADDRESSING AN AUDIENCE OF AUSTRIAN ECONOMISTS, FUNK DECLARED THE GERMAN INSURANCE SYSTEM WOULD ASSUME THE ADDITIONAL BURDEN OF 290,000,000 SCHILLINGS NECESSARY TO COVER THE COLLAPSE OF THE PHOENIX INSURANCE COMPANY SEVERAL YEARS AGO. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE SCHILLING WAS FIXED AT THREE FOR TWO IN RELATION TO THE MARK TO AUGMENT AUSTRIAN PURCHASING POWER.

AMONG THE PREPARATORY MOVES NECESSARY TO INCORPORATE AUSTRIA INTO THE REICH'S ECONOMY, FUNK LISTED A BAN ON STARTING NEW BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND VARIOUS MEASURES TAKEN TO STRENGTHEN THE DOMESTIC MARKET.

LEAGUE MAY EXTEND REFUGEE AID TO AUSTRIAN EXILES

LONDON, APRIL 4. (JTA) -- THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES COMING FROM GERMANY IS INTERPRETING ITS INSTRUCTIONS FROM GENEVA AS APPLYING ONLY TO REFUGEES FROM THE REICH PROPER, AND NOT INCLUDING AUSTRIAN EXPATRIATES.

WHETHER AUSTRIAN REFUGEES WILL BE PLACED UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE HIGH COMMISSION, WHICH IS HEADED BY SIR NEILL MALCOLM, DEPENDS ON THE DECISION OF THE LEAGUE. THE COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO DECIDE AT ITS SESSION NEXT MONTH TO EXTEND THE COMMISSION'S AUTHORITY TO AUSTRIAN REFUGEES, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE ASSEMBLY'S CONSENT IS ALSO REQUIRED.

MEANWHILE, AUSTRIAN REFUGEES APPLYING TO THE COMMISSION FOR ASSISTANCE ARE REFERRED TO PRIVATE RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS. WHETHER AUSTRIAN REFUGEES ARE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE STATUS OF GERMAN REFUGEES WILL BE DECIDED BY THE INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS.

HUNGARIAN NAZIS DEMAND GOVERNMENT'S RESIGNATION, RACIAL LAWS

BUDAPEST, APRIL 4. (JTA) -- HUNGARIAN NAZIS DISTRIBUTED PAMPHLETS TODAY CALLING UPON THE GOVERNMENT TO RESIGN AND ADVISING PREMIER KOLOMAN DARANYI TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY "BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE." THE PAMPHLETS ATTACKED JEWISH LAND-OWNERS AND CALLED FOR ADOPTION OF RACIAL LAWS BASED ON THE GERMAN STANDARD.

MEANWHILE, A GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED COMMITTEE OF THIRTEEN, MOST OF WHOM BELONG TO THE RIGHT EXTREMIST WING OF THE GOVERNMENT PARTY, BEGAN A STUDY OF THE JEWISH QUESTION IN HUNGARY. THE COMMITTEE INCLUDES M. MECSEK, PRESIDENT OF THE CULTURAL CHAMBER, WHO IS KNOWN AS A FRIEND OF NAZI GERMANY, AND DR. BEGVARY, PRESIDENT OF THE ANTI-SEMITIC TURUL UNION. MODERATE MEMBERS INCLUDE DR. PAUL PESTHY, FORMER JUSTICE MINISTER, CHAIRMAN; DR. TASNADY NAGY, FORMER EDUCATION MINISTER AND PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL UNITY PARTY, AND DEPUTIES KUEHNE AND PLOSZ.

ARAB TERRORISTS PARTIALLY DISRUPT PALESTINE RAILWAYS

JERUSALEM, APRIL 4. (JTA) -- ARAB DYNAMITERS PARTIALLY CRIPPLED RAILWAY SERVICE IN PALESTINE BY THEIR ACTIVITIES OVER THE WEEKEND, IT WAS REVEALED TODAY, AND THEREBY FORCIBLY DEMONSTRATED THE VULNERABILITY OF AN IMPORTANT POINT IN GREAT BRITAIN'S NEAR EAST IMPERIAL DEFENSES.

TERRORIST-PLANTED LAND MINES WRECKED A FREIGHT TRAIN BETWEEN HARTUF AND DIR-ES-SHEIKH AND A RAILROAD BRIDGE NEAR LYDDA, FORCING SUSPENSION OF LYDDA-JERUSALEM TRAFFIC. ARAB SNIPERS FIRED FROM THE HILLS INTO THE HARTUF WRECK. A STRETCH OF TRACKS WAS UPROOTED NEAR KALKILLIA. MANY OTHER ACTS OF RAILWAY SABOTAGE WERE REPORTED IN THE PAST TWO DAYS.

THE PALESTINE RAILWAYS ARE CONSIDERED TO HAVE GREAT STRATEGIC VALUE AS A COMMUNICATION LINK FOR TROOPS DEFENDING THE SUEZ CANAL, THE MESOPOTAMIAN OIL FIELDS AND OTHER VITAL POINTS ON THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. WITH THE CITRUS SEASON PRACTICALLY OVER, HAMPERING OF RAILROAD TRAFFIC DOES NOT CREATE A GREAT PROBLEM FOR PALESTINE COMMERCE SINCE THE AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORT FACILITIES IN THE HOLY LAND ARE CONSIDERED BETTER THAN THE RAIL.

ARAB BANDS INCREASED THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE SAFED AREA. TROOPS CONCENTRATING IN THE SAFED JEWISH QUARTER WERE FIRED UPON. SOME 130 BANANA TREES WERE UPROOTED AND A WATCHMAN'S HUT SET AFIRE ON A JEWISH PLANTATION BETWEEN SAFED AND ROSH PINA.

SAFED JEWS PROTESTED AGAINST THE BARRING OF JEWS FROM THE ROAD TO ACRE FOR A MONTH, A MEASURE TAKEN BY THE AUTHORITIES AFTER SIX JEWS HAD BEEN KILLED IN AN ATTACK ON A TAXICAB.

SHINWELL SLAPS M.P. IN COMMONS FOR TAUNT, "GO BACK TO POLAND"

LONDON, APRIL 4. (JTA) -- THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WAS THROWN INTO AN UPROAR TODAY WHEN EMANUEL SHINWELL, LABORITE, RUSHED ACROSS THE FLOOR AND SLAPPED COMMANDER R.T. BOWER, CONSERVATIVE, FOR TELLING HIM TO "GO BACK TO POLAND."

SHINWELL, A JEW, WAS QUESTIONING FOREIGN UNDERSECRETARY RICHARD A. BUTLER WHEN BOWER INTERRUPTED WITH HIS REMARK. THE JEWISH MEMBER, AFTER RESOUNDINGLY SLAPPING BOWER'S FACE, TURNED TO THE SPEAKER, APOLOGIZED AND LEFT THE HOUSE. BOWER SUBSEQUENTLY APOLOGIZED TO THE HOUSE, STATING THAT IF SHINWELL HAD HAD THE COURTESY TO REMAIN, HE WOULD HAVE APOLOGIZED TO HIM AS WELL.

URUGUAY TO ADMIT REFUGEES; PRESIDENT-ELECT HITS ANTI-SEMITISM

MONTEVIDEO, APRIL 4. (JTA) -- URUGUAY WILL ADMIT REFUGEES AND PERSECUTED JEWS FROM EUROPE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY PRESIDENT-ELECT GENERAL ALFREDO BALDOMIR IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE AID PROPOSAL.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SUN, LOCAL ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER, GEN. BALDOMIR SAID HE WAS OPPOSED TO ANTI-SEMITIC DEMONSTRATIONS OR ANY OTHER WHICH STIRRED UP RACIAL HATRED.

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PRESS CAMPAIGNS AGAINST NAZIS IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, APRIL 4. (JTA) -- ARGENTINE NEWSPAPERS ARE PRESSING A STRONG CAMPAIGN AGAINST NAZISM, WHICH HAS ASSUMED ALARMING PROPORTIONS AND IS BEING MANIFESTED BY TERRORISM AND APPLICATION OF THE BOYCOTT AGAINST NON-NAZI GERMANS. THE TERRORISM, NEWSPAPERS CHARGE, DOES NOT EVEN EXEMPT ARGENTINE CITIZENS OF GERMAN ORIGIN AND IS BEING APPLIED IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUSTRO-GERMAN ANSCHLUSS PLEBISCITE.

SHUTDOWN OF GERMAN SCHOOLS AS HITLER PROPAGANDA CENTERS IS BEING DEMANDED BY THE NEWSPAPERS. A SIMILAR DEMAND WAS VOICED BY THE GOVERNOR OF LA PAMPA, SOUTHERN PROVINCE, FOLLOWING A TOUR OF THE SCHOOLS IN THAT TERRITORY. THUS FAR, NO GERMAN SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN CLOSED.

PRO-NAZI LORD LONDONDERRY JUSTIFIES REICH ANTI-JEWISH LAWS; FROWNS ON STREICHER

NEW YORK, APRIL 4. (JTA) -- THE MARQUESS OF LONDONDERRY, MOST ACTIVE FRIEND OF GERMANY, IN HIGH PLACES IN BRITAIN, REGRETS ANTI-SEMITIC UTTERANCES LIKE THOSE OF JULIUS STREICHER, BUT FINDS EXCUSE FOR MUCH OF THE NAZI ANTI-JEWISH LEGISLATION. HIS VIEWS ARE EXPRESSED IN THE BOOK, "OURSELVES AND GERMANY," PUBLISHED TODAY AND REPORTED FROM LONDON BY THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LORD LONDONDERRY SAYS HE "CANNOT BUT REGRET" ANTI-SEMITIC UTTERANCES WHICH "OFFEND OUR MORE REFINED FEELINGS IN THIS COUNTRY." HIS BOOK REPRODUCES A LETTER WRITTEN TO JOACHIM VON RIBBENTROP, NOW REICH FOREIGN MINISTER, IN FEBRUARY, 1936.

"I SHOULD BE WRONG," HE WROTE, "IF I MINIMIZED IN ANY WAY THE ANXIETY HERE IN RELATION TO YOUR POLICY TOWARD THE JEWS. THERE IS THE FEELING THAT WE DO NOT LIKE PERSECUTION, BUT IN ADDITION THERE IS THE MATERIAL FEELING THAT YOU ARE TAKING ON A TREMENDOUS FORCE WHICH IS CAPABLE OF HAVING REPERCUSSIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD AND WHICH CAN BE NOTHING BUT ANTAGONISTIC TO SOME OF YOUR MOST PROPER LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS.

"As I told you, I have no great affection for the Jews. It is possible to trace their participation in most of those international disturbances which have created so much havoc in different countries, but, on the other hand, one can find many Jews strongly ranged on the other side who have done their best with the wealth at their disposal and also by their influence to counteract those malevolent, mischievous activities of fellow-Jews."

WINS FREEDOM FROM SENTENCE IN PRZYTYK RIOTS AFTER FOURTH RETRIAL

LUBLIN, POLAND, APRIL 4. (JTA) -- ISAAC FRYDMAN, 29-year-old Jew, sentenced to six years' imprisonment for participation in rioting in the town of Przytyk in March, 1936, finally won his freedom today after his fourth re-trial. The Court of Appeals ruled that it was not proved he had fired a gun during the disorders, and that if he had fired, the act was in self-defense.

Fryman was one of the eleven Jews sentenced by the District Court at Radom on June 26, 1936, in addition to 39 Poles, on charges arising out of the anti-Jewish excesses at Przytyk in which two Jews and one Pole were killed and scores of Jews wounded.

DENY FOREIGN JEWS BARRED FROM ITALIAN SCHOOLS

ROME, APRIL 4. (JTA) -- Official denial was made here today of reports published abroad that Jews had been barred from Italian schools. Rumors have been circulating among foreign Jewish students at Pisa and Bologna universities that difficulties will be put in the way of their continuing studies at the beginning of next term. The students are seeking authoritative assurances to the contrary.

CZECH JEWS OFFER PRAYERS FOR STATE

PRAHA, APRIL 4. (JTA) -- All Jewish communities of Carpatho-Russia offered special prayers today for the welfare of the Czechoslovakian State.

MANDELBERG, RUSSIAN ZIONIST LEADER, DEAD IN PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, APRIL 4. (JTA) -- LEO MANDELBERG, pre-war president of the Kiev (Russia) Zionist Organization, and one of the organizers of the Jewish self-defense corps during the 1905 pogroms in Kishinev, Rumania, died here yesterday.

BEN GURION HITS CURB ON PALESTINE IMMIGRATION

LONDON, APRIL 4. (JTA) -- The British Government's arbitrary restriction of immigration was declared today irreconcilable with the July, 1937, White Paper, in a letter to The Times by David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jerusalem executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. The White Paper, Mr. Ben Gurion pointed out, conferred on the Jews the power of full immigration control in the proposed Jewish area as compensation for limitation of the Jewish National Home.

3,000 TO PARTICIPATE IN PALESTINE SPORTS FESTIVAL

TEL AVIV, APRIL 4. (JTA) -- Three thousand Palestine Jewish athletes with a sprinkling of prominent Jewish athletes from abroad are expected to participate in a three-day festival organized by the Maccabi, Jewish world-wide sports organization, which will begin April 17. Judith Deutsch and Ruth Langer, young Austrian swimming stars, and Gerda Gottlieb, Austrian pentathlon champion, are expected to take part.