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BRITAIN READY TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIONS TO AID REFUGEES, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, April 6. (JTA) -- The British Government is ready to participate in such actions as are possible to deal with the problem of refugees from Germany, Richard A. Butler, Parliamentary Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons today. However, he did not consider feasible the proposal of Geoffrey Mander, Liberal, to take steps to secure full civil liberties for racial minorities in Germany by direct negotiations or through the League of Nations machinery.

Replying to Mr. Mander's supplementary statement that it was the British Government's duty to do all possible to stop "the gross cruelty at present inflicted on Jewish minorities in Germany," the Foreign Undersecretary declared the Government was doing all it could. Regarding the United States Government's proposal for international aid to refugees, Mr. Butler pointed out to Mr. Mander that the Washington plan involved financing of refugee emigration by private agencies, and therefore the question of a Parliamentary grant did not arise.

Mr. Graham asked the Government to ascertain how far the French island colony of Madagascar would be opened to Jewish immigration, "thus relieving Palestine of further congestion and friction consequent upon a renewed exodus of Jews from Central and Eastern Europe." Mr. Butler replied that while the Government was naturally sympathetic to any immigration proposal having the French Government's approval, it did not contemplate approaching the French Government on the question. He added that he understood the French Government was considering the possibility of encouraging Jewish immigration to Madagascar.

He announced that he would soon make a statement on the question of League protection for Austrian refugees. At the present time, the League High Commission for German Refugees does not consider Austrian emigres within its province.

The German Government has withdrawn an order requiring "non-Aryans" to obtain police permission to leave Austria after three days in the country, the Daily Express reported today. Withdrawal of the order, the paper declared, followed a protest by the British Government to Berlin, in which the Government was represented as taking a grave view of discrimination against "non-Aryans and also against the implication in the order that in some cases British subjects might not be permitted to leave Austria.

AUSTRIA ACTS TO DISMISS JEWISH TEACHERS FROM PRIVATE SCHOOLS

VIENNA, APRIL 6. (JTA) -- TEACHERS IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS WERE ORDERED TODAY TO FILL OUT QUESTIONNAIRES IN WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE A PRELIMINARY TO PURGING THESE SCHOOLS OF JEWS, AS HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. IN THE QUESTIONNAIRES, THE TEACHERS WERE ASKED THEIR RELIGION, AMONG OTHER FACTS. ACTION AGAINST JEWISH TEACHERS WAS EXPECTED TO FOLLOW SWIFTLY.

IN THE SCHWARZWALD SCHOOL, FOUNDED BY A JEW AND HAVING MOSTLY JEWISH STUDENTS, JEWISH TEACHERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISMISSED, ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE SCHOOL'S AUTHORITIES.

A BULLETIN GIVING THE STATUS OF JEWISH STUDENTS WAS POSTED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE MAIN BUILDING OF VIENNA UNIVERSITY. IT REVEALS THE HITHERTO UNPUBLISHED FACT THAT FOREIGN JEWS REQUIRE SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO REGISTER IN THE UNIVERSITY, AND THOSE FOREIGN JEWS ALREADY ATTENDING ARE SUBJECT TO EXPULSION AT ANY TIME.

THE NAME OF THE REINHARDT SEMINARY AND DRAMATIC SCHOOL, FOUNDED AND FORMERLY DIRECTED BY PROFESSOR MAX REINHARDT, NOTED JEWISH PRODUCER, HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SCHOENBRUNNER ART SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL WAS FORMERLY THE CHIEF SOURCE OF TALENT FOR THE FAMOUS JOSEFSTADT THEATRE, FOUNDED BY PROFESSOR REINHARDT, WHICH HAS BEEN "ARYANIZED" SINCE THE NAZIS' ADVENT TO POWER IN AUSTRIA.

FOR THE MOMENT THE BRITISH EMPIRE MEANS ONLY ONE THING FOR AUSTRIAN JEWRY -- AUSTRALIA. SINCE THE ADVENT OF THE NAZI REGIME THE BRITISH CONSULATE HERE HAS GIVEN OUT 12,000 APPLICATIONS TO WOULD-BE IMMIGRANTS. APPLICATIONS FOR BRITISH TERRITORIES OTHER THAN AUSTRALIA ARE ALMOST NIL. THE APPLICANTS ARE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, MOST OF THEM MIDDLE AGED OR YOUNGER AND MOST OF THEM REVEALING BY THEIR QUESTIONS THAT THEY DO NOT SEEK OPPORTUNITY SO MUCH AS SECURITY. ACCORDING TO A CONSULATE SPOKESMAN, NOT ALL TAKING APPLICATIONS WILL USE THEM SINCE MANY ARE UNABLE TO MEET THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS.

U.S. REDUCES VIENNA LEGATION TO CONSULATE; ASKS REICH TO PAY AUSTRIAN DEBTS

WASHINGTON, APRIL 6. (JTA) -- UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL, UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR HUGH R. WILSON IN BERLIN TODAY PRESENTED THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE WITH NOTES STATING THAT THE AMERICAN LEGATION IN VIENNA IS TO BE CLOSED AND REPLACED BY A CONSULATE GENERAL AS "A PRACTICAL MEASURE," AND ADVISING THAT WASHINGTON EXPECTS THE REICH TO PAY AUSTRIAN DEBTS.

DIPLOMATS IN VIENNA WILL BE CHANGED TO CONSULAR STATUS, AS FOLLOWS: JOHN C. WILEY, FORMERLY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, BECOMES CONSUL-GENERAL; JOHN MORGAN AND JOHN H. LORD, CONSULS; G. FREDERICK REINHARDT AND THOMAS R. FLACK, VICE-CONSULS.

20 ARRESTED IN DISORDERS IN POLISH TOWN

WARSAW, APRIL 6. (JTA) -- TWENTY PERSONS WERE UNDER ARREST IN DOMBROWA TODAY IN CONNECTION WITH YESTERDAY'S ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES IN THE BIALYSTOK TOWN WHICH WERE PRECIPITATED BY RAISING OF THE ANCIENT "RITUAL MURDER" CHARGE AGAINST THE JEWS.

IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE, THE BIALYSTOK AUTHORITIES EXPLAINED THE INCIDENT WAS CAUSED BY A CHRISTIAN BOY WHO JUMPED THROUGH A WINDOW AND, SLIGHTLY WOUNDED BY BROKEN GLASS, SHOUTED: "THE JEWS WANTED TO SLAUGHTER ME FOR MATZOS."

THE COMMUNIQUE ASSERTED THAT AN "EXCITED, UNCRITICAL MOB" LAUNCHED ATTACKS IN WHICH SEVERAL PERSONS WERE WOUNDED, JEWISH SHOPS DEMOLISHED AND WINDOWS OF JEWISH HOMES SMASHED. ORDER WAS RESTORED BY ARRIVAL OF POLICE FROM GRODNO AND BIALYSTOK.

A DELEGATION FROM THE JEWISH RELIEF COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SENT TO DOMBROWA.

ENDEK JOURNALIST RENOUNCES ANTI-SEMITISM

WILND, APRIL 6. (JTA) -- A NATIONALIST JOURNALIST, ANTHONY PRZYAMSKI, ASTONISHED THE COURT OF APPEALS WHEN HE DRAMATICALLY RENOUNCED ANTI-SEMITISM AND ASKED THE COURT TO CONFIRM INSTEAD OF QUASH A LOWER TRIBUNAL'S SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS FOR PARTICIPATING IN ANTI-JEWISH ATTACKS.

WHEN THE JOURNALIST'S CASE WAS CALLED, HE ROSE AND DECLARED: "I ASK CONFIRMATION OF MY ORIGINAL SENTENCE OF A MONTH'S IMPRISONMENT. I REGRET MY ACTIONS AND REGARD THE PUNISHMENT AS DESERVED. IN THE FUTURE I SHALL DEVOTE ALL MY ABILITIES TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM."

TO ATTEST TO HIS SINCERITY, PRZYAMSKI DECLARED HE WAS CONTRIBUTING 100 ZLOTYS (ABOUT \$18) TO THE MME. IRENE HARAND'S WORLD ORGANIZATION TO COMBAT RACE HATRED.

SENTENCING OF NAZI CLIMAXES SWISS RESENTMENT AGAINST GERMAN SPYING

BERNE, SWITZERLAND, APRIL 6. (JTA) -- SENTENCING OF BORIS TOEDLI, SWISS CITIZEN OF RUSSIAN ORIGIN, IN ABSENTIA TO THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT, PAYMENT OF NINE-TENTHS OF THE COURT COSTS AND 500 FRANCS DAMAGES TO A CIVIL PLAINTIFF FOR ESPIONAGE IN BEHALF OF GERMANY HAS CLIMAXED THE RISING SENTIMENT IN SWITZERLAND AGAINST NAZI SPYING. THE THREE-MONTH SENTENCE WAS A MONTH MORE THAN ASKED BY THE PROSECUTION.

THE CHARGE IN THE TWO-DAY TRIAL IN THE LOWER CRIMINAL COURT, WHICH ENDED YESTERDAY, WAS ESPIONAGE AGAINST SWISS CITIZENS, CHIEFLY IN CONNECTION WITH C.A. LOOSLI, ANTI-NAZI AUTHOR, WHO WAS AWARDED THE 500 FRANCS DAMAGES; ROBERT GRIMM, SOCIALIST AND MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL; B. LIPSCHITZ, BERNE JEWISH LAWYER, AND HANS KLIPPENBERG, A GERMAN EMIGRANT RESIDING IN BERNE.

IN SUMMING UP, PROSECUTOR WETLI CALLED ON THE COURT FOR A VERDICT WHICH WOULD SECURE THE SPIRITUAL DEFENSE OF SWITZERLAND. HE RIDICULED THE DEFENSE'S ASSERTION THAT THE WELT-DIENST WAS A PRIVATE CONCERN, DECLARING THAT THE RELATIONS OF ITS HEAD, COL. ULRICH FLEISCHAUER, WITH HEINRICH HIMMLER, HEAD OF THE GESTAPO (GERMAN SECRET POLICE) WERE WELL KNOWN.

LIPSCHITZ, ATTORNEY FOR LOOSLI, READ CORRESPONDENCE IN WHICH COL. FLEISCHAUER DECLARED THAT SOVIET AGENTS MUST BE LIQUIDATED, TOEDLI REPLYING HE WAS SURPRISED SO MANY WORDS WERE WASTED WHEN "A PIECE OF LEAD" SHOULD SUFFICE. THE ATTORNEY SUBMITTED SHEAFS OF CORRESPONDENCE ON THE 1935 CASE INVOLVING "THE PROTOCOLS OF THE ELDERS OF ZION" ESTABLISHING HOW MONEY WAS SENT FROM GERMANY TO TOEDLI TO COVER THE COST OF THE TRIAL. THE ATTORNEY ALSO DESCRIBED COL. FLEISCHAUER'S ACTIVITIES REGARDING A LIEUTENANT DE POTTERS, WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE FRENCH "CAGOLLARD" AFFAIR.

TOBLER, ONLY NATIONAL FRONT (SWISS NAZI) MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, COUNSEL FOR ERNST ISLER, SECRETARY OF THE FRONT, WHO WAS ACQUITTED, SAID HE WOULD NOT DEFEND TOEDLI OR HIS ACTIONS, BUT INSISTED ISLER ACTED IN GOOD FAITH IN GIVING TOEDLI INFORMATION.

THOUSANDS FACE LOSS OF CITIZENSHIP IN RUMANIAN PROVINCES

JASSY, RUMANIA, APRIL 6. (JTA) -- THOUSANDS OF JEWS IN THE PROVINCES OF MOLDAVIA AND BESSARABIA ARE LIKELY TO LOSE THEIR CITIZENSHIP, NEWSPAPERS HERE REPORT, BECAUSE THEY ARE UNABLE TO PAY THE FEES TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTS PROVING THEIR NATIONALITY RIGHTS. MOREOVER, IN MANY TOWNS LOCAL AUTHORITIES, BEFORE ISSUING THE DOCUMENTS, REQUEST PAYMENT OF OVERDUE TAXES, WHICH IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE NEEDY JEWISH MASSES.

JUSTICE MINISTER JOINS HUNGARIAN ANTI-SEMITES

BUDAPEST, APRIL 6. (HAVAS) -- JUSTICE MINISTER EDMUND VON MICECZ PUBLICLY JOINED THE LISTS OF HUNGARIAN ANTI-SEMITES WITH THE ASSERTION THAT "THE IMPORTANT INFLUENCE OF JEWS ON HUNGARY'S ECONOMY IS DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO NATIONAL INTERESTS."

THE CABINET MEMBER, SPEAKING AT A PROVINCIAL MEETING, WENT ON TO DECLARE: "GRADUAL REVISION OF THIS SITUATION IS URGENTLY NECESSARY. THE LONGER A SOLUTION OF THIS QUESTION IS DELAYED, THE MORE IT WILL RISK NOT BEING AN EQUITABLE ONE."

THE MOUNTING ANTI-SEMITIC SENTIMENT WAS FURTHER ILLUSTRATED IN A DEMAND BY THE "TURUL" STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION THAT JEWISH JOURNALISTS BE BARRED FROM THE CHAMBER PRESS GALLERY. THE HUNGARIAN AGRICULTURAL CHAMBER CAME OUT WITH A DEMAND THAT THE AGRICULTURE MINISTRY FORBID JEWISH RITUAL SLAUGHTER OF CATTLE.

JEWISH DOCTORS BARRED FROM SOCIAL WELFARE PRACTICE IN DANZIG

DANZIG, APRIL 6. (HAVAS) -- JEWISH PHYSICIANS WERE BARRED TONIGHT BY THE DANZIG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FROM TREATING SOCIAL WELFARE PATIENTS UNLESS THEY HAD BEEN PRACTICING HERE BEFORE 1914.

REICH STRIPS 557 JEWS OF CITIZENSHIP IN 3 MONTHS

BERLIN, APRIL 6. (HAVAS) -- STATISTICS PUBLISHED HERE REVEALED THAT 557 JEWS HAD BEEN STRIPPED OF THEIR GERMAN CITIZENSHIP BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MARCH 31 THIS YEAR. THIS RAISED TO 1,791 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JEWS AGAINST WHOM SIMILAR ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN SINCE THE NAZIS CAME TO POWER IN 1933.

GREEN PLEDGES A.F.L. SUPPORT TO PALESTINE WORK

NEW YORK, APRIL 6. (JTA) -- COMPLETE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR FOR PALESTINE WORK WAS PLEDGED TODAY BY ITS PRESIDENT, WILLIAM GREEN, ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A LEON BLUM COLONY IN PALESTINE. HE ALSO ATTACKED HITLER'S PERSECUTION OF MINORITIES IN GERMANY.

HERBERT MORRISON, BRITISH LABOR LEADER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL, ASSERTED THAT THE JEWS DESERVED A PLACE WHICH THEY COULD CALL THEIR HOME. OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED ABRAHAM CAHAN, EDITOR OF THE JEWISH DAILY FORWARD, AND MAX ZARITSKY, UNION LEADER.

ARAB SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR POSSESSING ARMS

HAIFA, APRIL 6. (JTA) -- THE MILITARY COURT HERE TODAY SENTENCED TO DEATH AN ARAB, ABDUL MAJID RAJA, FOR POSSESSING TWO RIFLES IN VIOLATION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS. HE WAS CAPTURED IN YAMUN VILLAGE ON MARCH 4 AFTER A BATTLE BETWEEN TROOPS AND A TERRORIST BAND AT UM-EL-FAHM.