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BRITAIN ACCEPTS U.S. BID TO DEVISE AID FOR POLITICAL REFUGEES; 24 NATIONS ENLISTED

LONDON, APRIL 7. (JTA) -- THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED ITS READINESS TO COOPERATE TO THE "FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE" IN THE HULL-ROOSEVELT PLAN TO SET UP AN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE TO FACILITATE EMIGRATION OF POLITICAL REFUGEES FROM AUSTRIA, GERMANY AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

GREAT BRITAIN'S ACCEPTANCE WAS CONTAINED IN A NOTE HANDED TO UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR JOSEPH P. KENNEDY YESTERDAY BY FOREIGN SECRETARY LORD HALIFAX. AS SUMMARIZED TODAY BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE, THE NOTE DECLARES:

"HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WELCOME THE PROPOSALS, SHARE THE CONCERN WHICH HAS PROMPTED THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND DESIRE TO COOPERATE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. IT (THE NOTE) OFFERS CERTAIN OBSERVATIONS ON THE SCOPE OF THE PROPOSALS AND AGREES THAT THE WORK OF EXISTING AGENCIES DEALING WITH REFUGEES SHOULD NOT BE INTERFERED WITH. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE POSITION OF THE LEAGUE HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES FROM GERMANY AND STATES, FINALLY, THAT HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT ARE ALREADY EXAMINING WHAT CONTRIBUTION IS IN ITS POWER TO MAKE FOR A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF REFUGEES FROM AUSTRIA AND GERMANY."

SELECTION OF COMMITTEE SET FOR EARLY DATE

WASHINGTON, APRIL 7. (JTA) -- TWENTY-FOUR NATIONS HAVE ACCEPTED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S PLAN FOR INTERNATIONAL AID TO REFUGEES, SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL ANNOUNCED TODAY. ITALY IS THE ONLY NATION SO FAR TO DISSENT. SECRETARY HULL SAID THERE WOULD BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN "A VERY FEW DAYS" ON PLANS FOR ADMINISTERING THE PROPOSAL. THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING ON THE PLAN DAILY. SELECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE, THE PLACE AND TIMES OF ITS MEETING WILL BE DIVULGED SOON, HE SAID.

2 JEWS KILLED IN ARAB AMBUSH; VICTIMS FORMERLY OF DETROIT, TORONTO

JERUSALEM, APRIL 7. (JTA) -- TWO JEWISH WORKERS, A UNITED STATES CITIZEN AND A CANADIAN SUBJECT, WERE KILLED TODAY WHEN A LARGE BAND OF ARABS ATTACKED A GROUP OF LABORERS TRAVELING IN HORSE-DRAWN WAGONS FROM ONE SETTLEMENT TO ANOTHER IN THE JEZREEL VALLEY.

THE VICTIMS WERE EPHRAIM TITKIN, 24 YEARS OLD, OF DETROIT, MARRIED WITH NO CHILDREN, AND ELIEZER KORNGOLD, 21, OF TORONTO, UNMARRIED. BOTH BELONGED TO THE NEW ZIONIST YOUTH COLONY OF EIN HASHOFET (FOUNTAIN OF THE JUDGE) NAMED FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LOUIS D. BRANDEIS.

JEWISH GHAFFIRS (AUXILIARY POLICEMEN) HEARD THE SHOOTING AND RUSHED TO THE SCENE OF THE AMBUSCADE, BUT THE BAND HAD FLED. POLICE AND ROYAL AIR FORCE PLANES HUNTED THE BAND UNTIL NIGHTFALL.

THE WORKERS WERE TRAVELING FROM RAMATH SHAVIM TO THE AMERICAN SETTLEMENT OF JUARRAH WHEN THE BAND, HIDDEN IN A GULLY, ATTACKED THE WAGONS. ONE WAGON ESCAPED, BUT THE OTHER WAS HALTED. TITKIN WAS IMMEDIATELY KILLED AND KORNGOLD DISAPPEARED, HIS BODY LATER BEING FOUND BY THE POLICE.

THE EIN HASHOFET SETTLEMENT IS ONE OF THE LATEST TO BE ESTABLISHED BY ZIONIST COLONISTS. IT WAS FOUNDED BY THE AMERICAN SHOMER HATZAIR, ZIONIST YOUNG WORKERS' ORGANIZATION, AND NAMED IN HONOR OF JUSTICE BRANDEIS' EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY. IT IS LOCATED IN THE JEZREEL VALLEY IN THE NORTHERN COASTAL SECTION OF PALESTINE.

THE ATTACK CLIMAXED RENEVED DISORDERS WHICH CAUSED THE DEATH OF AN ARAB TERRORIST AND THE DERAILING OF A FREIGHT TRAIN. ATTACKS ON POLICE AND BOMBINGS WERE ALSO REPORTED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

THE ARAB WAS KILLED WHEN A BAND FIRED ON A MILITARY PATROL ON THE JENIN-NABLUS ROAD AND DREW THE RETURN FIRE OF THE BRITISH SOLDIERS. THREE CARS OF A FREIGHT TRAIN FROM EGYPT WERE DERAILED LAST NIGHT. A PASSENGER TRAIN DUE IN JERUSALEM HAD NOT ARRIVED THIS MORNING.

MEANWHILE, MAJOR-GENERAL ROBERT H. HAINING, WHO ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM YESTERDAY, PREPARED TO TAKE OVER THE POSITION OF GENERAL OFFICER IN COMMAND OF BRITISH TROOPS IN PALESTINE AND TRANSJORDAN FROM MAJOR-GENERAL ARCHIBALD P. WAVELL, AS PART OF THE CHANGE IN THE BRITISH HIGH COMMAND ANNOUNCED BY THE WAR OFFICE LAST DECEMBER.

30,000 SOUGHT U.S. VISAS IN VIENNA IN 2 WEEKS

VIENNA, APRIL 7. (JTA) -- IN THE PAST FORTNIGHT NEARLY 30,000 WOULD-BE IMMIGRANTS, 95 PER CENT OF THEM JEWS, STORMED THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL SEEKING VISAS AND INFORMATION, IT WAS DISCLOSED TODAY. OF THESE THOUSANDS, ONLY A FEW HUNDRED HAVE THE REMOTEST CHANCE TO ESCAPE THIS YEAR.

AN AVENUE OF ESCAPE FOR ADDITIONAL HUNDREDS IS SEEN IN THE INCORPORATION OF AUSTRIA INTO GERMANY, QUALIFYING AUSTRIAN-BORN FOR THE GERMAN QUOTA OF 26,000, INSTEAD OF THE CURRENT AUSTRIAN QUOTA OF 1,413 ANNUALLY.

THOUSANDS OF FOREIGN-BORN JEWS IN AUSTRIA DO NOT COME UNDER THIS QUOTA. THE HUNGARIAN AND RUMANIAN QUOTAS OF THE UNITED STATES ARE FILLED FOR THE YEAR, THE POLISH IS ALMOST FILLED AND THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN IS FILLED UNTIL JUNE. THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF FOREIGN JEWS WHO CAME TO AUSTRIA FROM THESE COUNTRIES MUST APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES UNDER THEIR QUOTAS.

THE FACT THAT THE AUSTRIAN QUOTA WAS PREVIOUSLY UNDER-SUBSCRIBED GIVES THE AMERICAN CONSULATE LEeway TO MEET THE STORM OF APPLICATIONS. THUS THERE IS STILL AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A FEW AUSTRIAN-BORN TO LEAVE HERE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS PROVIDED THEY ARE ABLE TO SHOW PROOF THAT THEY WILL NOT BECOME PUBLIC CHARGES.

IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS WILL AUTOMATICALLY REDUCE THE NUMBER WHO WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME BONAFIDE APPLICANTS. THUS, OF 30,000 APPLICANTS, APPROXIMATELY 12,000 BELIEVE THEMSELVES POSSESSED OF THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES. AMONG THESE ARE HUNDREDS WHO ARE DISTINGUISHED IN BUSINESS, ART AND THE PROFESSIONS.

IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS EVEN THOSE WHO OBTAIN VISAS ARE NOT ALTOGETHER SURE THEY CAN EMIGRATE. THEY MUST FIRST CROSS THE AUSTRIAN FRONTIER, WHICH IS OFTEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR JEWS, EXCEPT THROUGH SPECIAL INTERVENTION OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER. MOREOVER, LAWS REGARDING THE RIGHT TO REMOVE PROPERTY HAVE NOT BEEN DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED, WHICH PRESENTS AN OBSTACLE NOT ONLY TO THE WOULD-BE EMIGRANT, BUT TO THE CONSUL TRYING TO DECIDE WHETHER THE APPLICANT QUALIFIES AS A PERSON ABLE TO SUPPORT HIMSELF.

IT WAS REPORTED TODAY THAT NAZI POLICE HAVE ARRESTED RABBI ARNOLD FRANKFURTER, UNCLE OF DAVID FRANKFURTER, YUGOSLAVIAN JEWISH MEDICAL STUDENT, WHO IS NOW SERVING A PRISON TERM IN SWITZERLAND FOR THE KILLING OF WILHELM GUSTLOFF, SWISS NAZI LEADER, IN JANUARY, 1936.

IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT ROBERT STRICKER, ZIONIST LEADER AND NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER, AND ALEXANDER GELLER, DIRECTOR OF THE CONCERN WHICH PUBLISHED THE NEWSPAPERS TELEGRAF (NOW NATIONAL SOCIALIST TELEGRAF) AND ECHO HAVE BEEN INTERNED IN THE DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP NEAR MUNICH, GERMANY.

REICH, AUSTRIAN CITIZENS IN PALESTINE TO CAST PLEBISCITE BALLOTS AT SEA

JERUSALEM, APRIL 7. (JTA) -- GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN RESIDENTS IN PALESTINE, EXCEPT FOR JEWS, WILL VOTE IN CHANCELLOR HITLER'S PLEBISCITE SUNDAY ON AUSTRO-GERMAN ANSCHLUSS ON A SHIP THREE MILES OUT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, IT WAS REPORTED TODAY.

THEY WILL SAIL ON BOARD THE S.S. VON STEUBEN FROM HAIFA OUTSIDE THE THREE-MILE LIMIT, IT WAS SAID. THE GERMAN CONSUL-GENERAL HERE, REACHED BY THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY FOR VERIFICATION OF THE REPORT, WOULD NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY IT.

A PARTY OF GERMAN TOURISTS NOW IN PALESTINE WILL EMBARK FOR HOME FROM HAIFA, WHICH IS PREDOMINANTLY JEWISH, RATHER THAN FROM THE ARAB PORT OF JAFFA. JAFFA STEVEDORES WHO REQUESTED THE GERMAN CONSUL-GENERAL TO ARRANGE FOR EMBARKATION FROM JAFFA WERE TOLD PRESENT PLANS COULD NOT BE CHANGED.

THE PRESENCE OF TOURISTS FROM NAZI GERMANY IN THE JEWISH HOMELAND HAS CAUSED A FLURRY OF EXCITEMENT. THE DISPLAYING OF THE SWASTIKA FLAG OVER JERUSALEM'S KING DAVID HOTEL, WHERE THE TOURISTS ARE STAYING, ON SUNDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLEBISCITE WAS PROHIBITED BY THE GOVERNMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR JERUSALEM. THE HOTEL, WHICH IS REPORTEDLY 90 PER CENT JEWISH-OWNED AND NAMED FOR THE MOST FAMOUS KING OF ISRAEL, HOISTED THE SWASTIKA A MONTH AGO WHEN LT. COL. VON HINDENBURG, SON OF GERMANY'S LATE PRESIDENT, VISITED HERE, CREATING A FUROR.

MEANWHILE, A DELEGATION OF JEWISH SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM THE MIKVEH ISRAEL SETTLEMENT BROUGHT TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE HITACHDUTH OLEI AUSTRIA (ASSOCIATION OF IMMIGRANTS FROM AUSTRIA) TWO CASES OF WATCHES, FOUNTAIN PENS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND CLOTHING. THEY STATED THAT THEIR MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS WERE FOR SUFFERING REFUGEES FROM AUSTRIA. THEY OFFERED TO WORK ON PASSOVER AND CONTRIBUTE THE PROCEEDS TO AID AUSTRIAN EMIGRANTS.

2,800 JEWS ENTERED PALESTINE IN MARCH

JERUSALEM, APRIL 7. (JTA) -- IMMIGRATION OF JEWS IN THE MONTH OF MARCH TOTALLED 2,800, THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT GETS BILL DRASTICALLY CURBING JEWS TODAY

BUDAPEST, APRIL 7. (JTA) -- THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT WILL TOMORROW INTRODUCE IN THE LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT A BILL PROVIDING DRASTIC LIMITATION OF JEWISH PARTICIPATION IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LIFE OF THE COUNTRY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TONIGHT.

THE MEASURE WILL ESTABLISH A NUMERUS CLAUSUS (PROPORTIONAL RESTRICTION) FOR JEWS IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE PRESS, CINEMA, STAGE, BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND BANKS, MINISTER OF JUSTICE LADISLAUS MIKECZ TOLD A GOVERNMENT PARTY CONFERENCE CALLED TO CONSIDER A SOLUTION OF "THE JEWISH PROBLEM."

THE PURPOSE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S BILL, M. MIKECZ ASSERTED, IS TO GUARANTEE MORE EFFICIENT PROTECTION OF THE SOCIAL ORDER AND TO INTRODUCE A MORE EQUITABLE BALANCE INTO THE ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE COUNTRY.

THE BILL PROVIDES FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1-- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAMBERS FOR THE PRESS, STAGE AND FILMS IN WHICH JEWISH MEMBERSHIP WILL BE LIMITED TO TWENTY PER CENT. JEWISH WAR INVALIDS, FRONT-FIGHTERS AND WAR PENSIONERS WILL NOT BE COUNTED IN DETERMINING THE JEWISH PERCENTAGE.

2-- IN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND BANKS, ONLY TWENTY PER CENT OF THE TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES CAN BE PAID BY THESE CONCERNS TO JEWS.

3-- THE TWENTY PER CENT PROPORTION WILL BE APPLICABLE IN THE FUTURE TO NEW ADMISSIONS TO THE LEGAL, MEDICAL AND ENGINEERING CHAMBERS.

4-- ANY UNDERTAKING EMPLOYING FEWER THAN TEN WORKERS IS NOT PERMITTED TO DISCHARGE A CHRISTIAN WORKER UNLESS ANOTHER CHRISTIAN IS EMPLOYED TO REPLACE HIM.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY ARE GIVEN FIVE YEARS TO PUT THESE MEASURES INTO EFFECT, BUT THE PRESS, STAGE AND FILMS INDUSTRIES ARE GIVEN ONLY ONE YEAR. THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY IS GRANTED TEN YEARS.

IT IS REPORTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK SPECIAL POWERS FROM PARLIAMENT TO SOLVE THE JEWISH PROBLEM, AND ALSO THAT THE NEW LAW WILL DEFINE A CHRISTIAN AS A PERSON BAPTIZED BEFORE 1919. ACCORDING TO FURTHER REPORTS, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO REVISE CITIZENSHIPS GRANTED TO JEWS AFTER JULY 1, 1914, AND REVISE THE OWNERSHIP OF REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED AFTER 1919, AND ALSO TOBACCO, CINEMA AND LIQUOR LICENSES.

THE GOVERNMENT, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, DESIRES TO INTRODUCE THE PLANNED CHANGES IN LARGE ENTERPRISES GRADUALLY TO AVOID DISLOCATION AND UPSETTING OF THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY.

THE FIRST FORECAST OF THE PROPOSED ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES WAS PUBLISHED THIS EVENING BY NEMZET, THE ORGAN OF THE INDEPENDENT AGRARIAN PARTY, WHICH SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION APPOINTED LAST WEEK TO CONSIDER A SOLUTION OF THE "JEWISH PROBLEM" MET THIS AFTERNOON IN THE PRESENCE OF PREMIER KOLOMAN DARANYI. IN ADDITION TO WHAT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED TONIGHT, NEMZET HAD PREDICTED THAT JEWS WOULD BE DISMISSED FROM THE STATE AND PUBLIC SERVICES.

ACCORDING TO THE HAVAS NEWS AGENCY, THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WAS TOLD BY DEPUTY JANUZ MAKKAJ, IN A REPORT, THAT THE JEWS COMPRISE FIVE PER CENT OF HUNGARY'S POPULATION, BUT THAT THEY CONSTITUTE 36 PER CENT OF ALL PROPRIETORS, DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES IN INDUSTRY AND A SIMILAR PERCENTAGE IN BANKS AND TRADING FIRMS.