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800,000 SCHILLINGS ASKED TO RE-OPEN VIENNA COMMUNITY OFFICES; REASON NOT STATED

VIENNA, APRIL 11. (JTA) -- THE BOARD OF THE VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY DECLARED TODAY THAT 550,000 REICHSMARKS, EQUIVALENT TO 800,000 SCHILLINGS, MUST BE COLLECTED IMMEDIATELY IF THE COMMUNITY'S OFFICES ARE TO BE REOPENED AND ITS ACTIVITIES RESUMED.

IN A LETTER SENT TO ALL MEMBERS PAYING COMMUNITY TAXES OF MORE THAN FIFTY SCHILLINGS ANNUALLY, THE BOARD REQUESTED THE MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE VOLUNTARILY FIFTY PER CENT OF THEIR ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE.

THE TAX IS RECEIVABLE FROM ABOUT 20,000 JEWS WHOSE NAMES WERE TAKEN FROM THE RECORDS OF THE COMMUNITY'S TAX OFFICE, WHICH THE GESTAPO PERMITTED TO BE OPENED TEMPORARILY FOR THE PURPOSE. THE LETTER CAREFULLY AVOIDS MENTIONING THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE MONEY IS REQUIRED.

"AT THIS MOST SERIOUS HOUR, FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE PROFOUND CHANGE WHICH HAS OVERCOME OUR LIVING CONDITIONS, THE BOARD OF THE COMMUNITY ASKS ALL MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY THE AMOUNT OF 550,000 REICHSMARKS, AT LEAST," THE LATTER STATES.

"IT IS ONLY POSSIBLE TO GET THE SUM IF ALL TAXPAYERS ARE READY VOLUNTARILY TO PAY FIFTY PER CENT OF THE USUAL ANNUAL SUM PAYABLE BY THEM. WE KNOW IT IS A HEAVY SACRIFICE WE ARE ASKING, BUT IT MUST BE DONE IF THE COMMUNITY, WHICH IS THE ONLY PLACE OF GATHERING FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE HERE, IS TO BE PUT INTO A POSITION TO RESUME ITS ACTIVITIES TO MEET THE HEAVY DUTIES FACING IT, ESPECIALLY CHARITY WORK.

"NEVER WAS THE COMMUNITY MORE IMPORTANT TO ANY OF ITS MEMBERS THAN NOW. EACH MEMBER MAY BE ASSURED THAT ONLY THE MOST SERIOUS AND UNAVOIDABLE REASONS HAVE COMPELLED THE BOARD TO MAKE THIS REQUEST, AND THAT THE FULFILLMENT OF THE REQUEST IS GOING TO INFLUENCE THE DESTINY OF THE COMMUNITY AND ALL ITS MEMBERS."

NOTED LAWYER, WIFE SUICIDES; ACTOR SENT TO DACHAU

VIENNA, APRIL 11. (JTA) -- DR. YAROSLAV FANTL, PROMINENT JEWISH LAWYER, RELEASED ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO AFTER TWO DAYS UNDER ARREST BY THE NAZI POLICE, TODAY COMMITTED SUICIDE WITH HIS WIFE.

AMONG THE JEWS WHO HAVE BEEN REMOVED TO THE DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP, NEAR MUNICH, GERMANY, IT WAS REVEALED TODAY, ARE FRITZ GRUENBAUM, THE WELL-KNOWN ACTOR, AND DR. LOEHNER, PLAYWRIGHT AND LIBRETTIST, WHO USES THE PEN-NAME "BADE."

WIVES OF MANY OF THE DACHAU PRISONERS HAVE RECEIVED PRINTED NOTICES WITH THE FORMAL STATEMENT THAT THEIR HUSBANDS HELD AT THE CONCENTRATION CAMP ARE "IN GOOD HEALTH."

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TECHNICALITY MAY BAR BULK OF AUSTRIAN JEWS FROM U.S. VISAS

VIENNA, APRIL 11. (JTA) -- WHILE AUSTRIAN JEWRY AWAITS ANXIOUSLY THE OUTCOME OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES A NEW AND DISTURBING LIGHT HAS BEEN THROWN ON THE GENERAL EMIGRATION SITUATION HERE WHICH MAY SERIOUSLY LIMIT THE UNITED STATES' OWN ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN WHATEVER PLANS ARE ADOPTED.

IT IS GENERALLY ASSUMED THAT THE AUSTRIAN QUOTA OF 1,400 WILL BE MERGED WITH THE GERMAN QUOTA OF 26,000, BUT IT NOW SEEMS THAT THIS WILL NOT PROVE AS HELPFUL AS WAS AT FIRST THOUGHT. THE REASON LIES IN THE SMALL PERCENTAGE OF AUSTRIA'S 200,000 JEWS WHO WERE BORN WITHIN THE PRE-ANSCHLUSS, POST-WAR TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF AUSTRIA.

WHILE NO EXACT FIGURES ARE AVAILABLE, IT IS RELIABLY ESTIMATED THAT BETWEEN TWENTY AND THIRTY PER CENT FALL IN THAT CATEGORY. SINCE THE AMERICAN IMMIGRATION QUOTAS ARE BASED ON THE PLACE OF BIRTH, IT IS EXPECTED THAT EXTENSION OF THE GERMAN QUOTA TO AUSTRIA WILL NOT OPEN THE DOORS TO 70 TO 80 PER CENT OF AUSTRIAN JEWRY.

THE BULK OF AUSTRIAN JEWS WERE BORN IN TERRITORIES WHICH ARE NOW PART OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND, HUNGARY AND RUMANIA, AND MUST, UNDER THE PRESENT REGULATIONS, ENTER UNDER QUOTA OF THOSE COUNTRIES. AT BEST, ONLY A FRACTION OF THE QUOTAS ARE ORDINARILY AVAILABLE FOR USE HERE.

INFORMED OBSERVERS, HOWEVER, POINT TO A WAY OUT OF THE DILEMMA WHICH WOULD REQUIRE NO MORE THAN A STATE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER. THIS WOULD BE FOR THE AMERICAN IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES TO SUBSTITUTE, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, A PRE-WAR MAP OF EUROPE FOR TODAY'S MAP IN ORDER TO DETERMINE A WOULD-BE IMMIGRANT'S PLACE OF BIRTH. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, A JEW NOW LIVING IN VIENNA BUT CONSIDERED A POLE, MIGHT BE DECLARED AN AUSTRIAN BECAUSE HIS NATIVE TOWN AT THE TIME OF HIS BIRTH WAS A PART OF THE AUSTRIAN EMPIRE.

WHAT CONDITIONS THE STATE DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO ESTABLISH IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH AN ORDER IS DIFFICULT TO FORESEE, BUT UNDOUBTEDLY THE LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN AUSTRIA WOULD PLAY A PART. IT MUST BE RECALLED THAT OF THE VAST MIGRATORY CURRENTS STARTED BY THE WAR, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS SETTLED DOWN IN NEW HOMELANDS AND ADOPTED THE LANGUAGE OF THEIR ADOPTED COUNTRIES.

IT IS INTERESTING TO SPECULATE WHETHER THE NAZIS WILL NOW DESCRIBE THOSE POST-WAR IMMIGRANTS DOMICILED IN AUSTRIA AS FOREIGNERS AND ATTEMPT ON THAT BASIS TO DRIVE THEM FROM THE COUNTRY. THERE IS SOME GROUND FOR THE SPECULATION SINCE THE REVISION OF CITIZENSHIP PRACTICED BY RUMANIA AND POLAND SEEMS CURRENTLY FAVORED AS A METHOD OF "PASSING THE BUCK" ON THE JEWISH PROBLEM. IT WOULD BE IRONIC WERE AMERICA AND GERMANY, WITH OPPOSITE AND DIFFERENT PURPOSES, SEE EYE TO EYE ON THE QUESTION OF NATIONALITIES.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA ADMITS 23 REFUGEES NAZIS FORCED OVER BORDER

BUDAPEST, APRIL 11. (JTA) -- TWENTY-THREE AUSTRIAN JEWS FORCED BY THE NAZIS TO CROSS THE FRONTIER FROM THE BURGENLAND PROVINCE INTO HUNGARY HAVE NOW BEEN TRANSFERRED TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY. WHEN THEY WERE DETAINED IN HUNGARIAN TERRITORY, GENDARMES FED AND LODGED THEM IN THEIR OWN HOMES.

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CUBA, NORWAY ACCEPTS U.S. REFUGEE PLAN

WASHINGTON, APRIL 11. (JTA) -- OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CUBA AND NORWAY HAVE ACCEPTED THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION TO AID REFUGEES TODAY BROUGHT THE TOTAL ACCEPTANCES TO 26, WITH ONLY SWITZERLAND, ECUADOR AND THE FOUR BRITISH DOMINIONS YET TO BE HEARD FROM.

ARAB POLICEMAN KILLED, 3 WOUNDED IN TRAIN BOMBING; 4 JEWS INJURED IN CLASH AFTER BLAST

HAIFA, PALESTINE, APRIL 11. (JTA) -- AN ARAB SPECIAL POLICEMAN WAS KILLED TODAY, AND AN ARAB POLICE SERGEANT AND TWO OTHER ARABS WERE WOUNDED WHEN A TERRORIST-PLANTED BOMB EXPLODED IN A CROWDED TRAIN EN ROUTE FROM HAIFA TO KIRIAT CHAIM.

UNDER THE IMPRESSION JEWS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BLAST, ARAB WORKERS ON THE TRAIN ATTACKED THREE JEWISH BUSES NEARBY. THE DRIVERS FIRED INTO THE AIR TO DISPERSE THE ATTACKERS. A JEW WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AND THREE SLIGHTLY INJURED IN THE CLASH.

CURFEW WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ON THE HAIFA BAY AREA AS A RESULT OF THE EXPLOSION AND SUBSEQUENT ATTACK.

OTHER DISORDERS WERE REPORTED ELSEWHERE. A BAND ATTACKED THE VILLAGE OF TURAN IN THE VICINITY OF TIBERIAS, KIDNAPPING AN ARAB CONSTABLE WHO WAS THERE ON VACATION. A BAND OF TEN UPROOTED TEN DUNAMS OF TREES IN A JEWISH ORCHARD AT HEDERA. MIZPEH NEAR TIBERIAS WAS HEAVILY FIRED UPON FROM TWO SIDES, DRAWING THE RETURN FIRE OF SPECIAL POLICE.

SIR LEONARD LIONEL COHEN DEAD IN ENGLAND AT 80

LONDON, APRIL 11. (JTA) -- THE DEATH OF SIR LEONARD LIONEL COHEN, RETIRED BANKER, PHILANTHROPIST AND A LEADER OF BRITISH JEWRY, WAS ANNOUNCED EARLY TODAY. HE WOULD HAVE BEEN EIGHTY YEARS OLD ON APRIL 17. SIR LEONARD WAS FOR TWENTY YEARS PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION, WHICH ADMINISTERS A \$30,000,000 BEQUEST OF THE LATE BARON DE HIRSCH. AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH SIR LEONARD WAS HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, HAVING RESIGNED FROM THE PRESIDENCY IN 1934 BECAUSE OF ILL HEALTH.

BORN IN LONDON, THE SON OF LIONEL LOUIS COHEN, A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, AND ELIZA HENRIETTA COHEN, HE WAS EDUCATED PRIVATELY AND IN KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL IN LONDON. A PARTNER IN THE NOW-DEFUNCT FIRM OF LOUIS COHEN & SONS, FOREIGN BANKERS, SIR LEONARD WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE FROM 1896 TO 1904, A DIRECTOR OF THE BENGAL AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY AND OF THE ROHILKUND AND KUMAON RAILWAY. HE SERVED FROM 1900 TO 1920 AS A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON THE UNEMPLOYED, AND MORE RECENTLY WAS HONORARY SECRETARY OF KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON AND A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.

SIR LEONARD HAD EARLY BEEN ACTIVE IN JEWISH AFFAIRS, BEING NAMED A MEMBER OF THE JEWISH BOARD OF GUARDIANS IN 1888, BUT WHEN HE RETIRED FROM BUSINESS IN 1895, HE BEGAN TO DEVOTE MOST OF HIS LEISURE TIME TO CHARITABLE WORK AND HIS EFFORTS TO HELP HIS CO-RELIGIONISTS.

HE SUCCEEDED HIS FATHER, WHO HAD FOUNDED THE JEWISH BOARD, AS ITS PRESIDENT AND SERVED IN THIS POSITION FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS. THE PLIGHT OF THE RUSSIAN JEWS ATTRACTED HIS ATTENTION, AND FROM 1907 UNTIL ITS DISSOLUTION AFTER THE WAR HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE RUSSO-JEWISH COMMITTEE. HE ALSO REPRESENTED THE ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION IN THE JOINT FOREIGN COMMITTEE.

SIR LEONARD'S ASSOCIATION WITH THE ICA BEGAN NEARLY FORTY YEARS AGO. HE SERVED AS ITS VICE-PRESIDENT FOR TWELVE YEARS BEFORE BEING ELECTED PRESIDENT -- THE FIRST BRITON TO HEAD THIS ORGANIZATION, WHICH SPONSORED SCHEMES OF JEWISH COLONIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD.

SIR LEONARD WAS ALSO HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT RECONSTRUCTION FOUNDATION. HIS HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES WERE RECOGNIZED BY THE CROWN, WHICH CONFERRED ON HIM A KNIGHTHOOD IN THE VICTORIAN ORDER. HIS ACTIVITIES WERE PRAISED BY THE DUKE OF WINDSOR, THEN PRINCE OF WALES. SIR LEONARD IS SURVIVED BY A SON, LIONEL LEONARD COHEN, AN ATTORNEY.

ITALIAN SHIP LANDS FIRST PASSENGERS AT TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, PALESTINE, APRIL 11. (JTA) -- THE ITALIAN STEAMER EGITTO TODAY LANDED THE FIRST PASSENGERS TO DISEMBARK AT THIS 22-MONTH OLD PORT. CROWDS CHEERED AS AN EMIGRANT FROM GERMANY, ELIESER STEINLAUF, WAS THE FIRST TO SET FOOT ON THE PIER.

14,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS FACE LOSS OF JOBS

BUDAPEST, APRIL 11. (JTA) -- BETWEEN 12,000 AND 14,000 JEWS WILL BE REPLACED BY NON-JEWS IN HUNGARIAN COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND CULTURAL ENTERPRISES AS A RESULT OF IMPENDING ANTI-JEWISH LEGISLATION, THE RIGHT RADICAL NEWSPAPER, ESTI UJSAG, ESTIMATED TODAY.

BRUND WALTER TO CONDUCT AT ITALIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL; VISA BAN DENIED

ROME, APRIL 11. (JTA) -- REPORTS THAT THE ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE HAD REFUSED A VISA TO BRUNO WALTER, FAMOUS CONDUCTOR WHO CANCELLED HIS SALZBURG CONTRACT AFTER AUSTRO-GERMAN ANSCHLUSS, WERE OFFICIALLY DENIED TODAY. IN A STATEMENT TO THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, THE ART EXECUTIVE OF THE FLORENCE MUSIC FESTIVAL DECLARED HERR WALTER WILL CONDUCT A BRAHMS CONCERT ON APRIL 27.

RABBI NIEMIROWER GOES TO PALESTINE

BUCHAREST, APRIL 11. (JTA) -- CHIEF RABBI JAKOB NIEMIROWER, HEADING A GROUP OF RUMANIAN ZIONISTS, IS EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE.

AUSTRIA'S FALL "MOST DREADFUL EVENT IN YEARS," J.D.C. LEADERS TOLD

SYRACUSE, N.Y. APRIL 11. (JTA) -- THREE HUNDRED JEWISH LEADERS FROM NEW YORK, NORTH-WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND EASTERN CANADA ATTENDING THE NEW YORK REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, YESTERDAY HEARD JOSEPH C. HYMAN, ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REFER TO THE FALL OF AUSTRIA AS "PERHAPS THE MOST DREADFUL OF ALL THE DREADFUL EVENTS IN RECENT YEARS THAT HAVE BEEN CRUSHING AND DESTROYING THE JEWS OF EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE."

WEDGWOOD URGES AID FOR REFUGEES

NEW YORK, APRIL 11. (JTA) -- COLONEL JOSIAH C. WEDGWOOD, BRITISH LABORITE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY ON THE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. SPEAKING AT A RECEPTION GIVEN FOR THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS BY ARTHUR LAMPORT, COLONEL WEDGWOOD SAID THAT THE HEAVY LOAD OF REFUGEES CARRIED ON THE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT CONSISTED OF THE MORE FORTUNATE MINORITY OF EUROPEAN JEWS. "THEY ARE A SMALL EXAMPLE OF THE THOUSANDS UNABLE TO ESCAPE," HE SAID.