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JEWISH SUICIDES IN AUSTRIA PUT AT 2,000, ARRESTS 12,000 SINCE ANSCHLUSS

BRATISLAVA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, APRIL 27. (JTA) -- TWO THOUSAND JEWS HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE AND AT LEAST 12,000 OTHERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED SINCE AUSTRO-GERMAN ANSCHLUSS, ACCORDING TO A PROMINENT PERSONALITY, WHOSE IDENTITY CANNOT BE REVEALED, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM SEVERAL WEEKS IN AUSTRIA.

DESPITE EXPECTATIONS THAT TREATMENT OF AUSTRIAN JEWS WOULD GRADUALLY UNDERGO A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER, THEIR POSITION TODAY WAS REVEALED AS WORSE THAN IN THE FIRST DAYS OF THE NAZI REGIME. IT IS AGGRAVATED BY THE FACT THAT THE JEWS ARE STILL WITHOUT LEADERS, VIRTUALLY ALL OF WHOM HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED, AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OFFICES ARE STILL CLOSED.

THE HOPE THAT AFTER THE PLEBISCITE BERLIN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE ABLE TO INTERCEDE IN BEHALF OF AUSTRIAN JEWRY HAS NOT BEEN FULFILLED. GERMAN JEWISH NEWSPAPERS ARE NOT EVEN ALLOWED TO CIRCULATE IN AUSTRIA, WHILE AUSTRIAN JEWISH PAPERS HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY PROHIBITED. AUSTRIAN JEWRY IS CONSEQUENTLY CUT OFF FROM ALL SOURCES OF INFORMATION. THIS COMPLETE ISOLATION, WITH THE RESULTANT FEELING OF ABANDONMENT, IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL CAUSES LEADING TO THE JEWISH SUICIDES.

THE FATE OF MANY OF THE 12,000 ARRESTED IS NOT KNOWN AND IN ALL PROBABILITY WILL NEVER BE KNOWN. AGAIN AND AGAIN LORRIES DRIVEN BY NAZI STORM TROOPERS DRIVE UP TO THE CENTRAL CEMETERY IN THE JEWISH SECTION AND UNLOAD SEALED COFFINS. THE CEMETERY OFFICIALS ARE NOT GIVEN THE NAMES OF THE DEAD, ARE ORDERED NOT TO OPEN THE COFFINS AND TO INTER THEM WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION. BURIALS USUALLY TAKE PLACE AT DAWN WITH ONLY "KADDISH" BEING RECITED AS COFFINS ARE LOWERED INTO GRAVES.

WITH REGARD TO THE "RANSOM" DEMAND OF 800,000 SCHILLINGS MADE OF THE VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY BY THE NAZIS, COL. HASSELBACHER AND HERR REICHMANN, BOTH OF BERLIN, WHO ARE HEADS OF THE JEWISH DEPARTMENT OF THE GESTAPO (GERMAN SECRET POLICE) AT VIENNA, WERE SAID TO HAVE ADVISED THE COMMUNITY THAT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AT BERLIN "DESIRES VIENNA JEWRY TO SHOW THE SAME AMOUNT OF GOOD WILL THEY HAD SHOWN TO THE SCHUSCHNIGG GOVERNMENT." (VIENNA JEWS WERE ORDERED EARLY THIS MONTH TO PAY 800,000 SCHILLINGS TO THE NAZI PARTY TO MATCH AN ALLEGED SIMILAR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHUSCHNIGG REGIME, WITH THE INTIMATION THAT THINGS WOULD BE EASIER FOR THEM IF THE "DONATION" WERE MADE. TO DATE, IT IS REPORTED THAT LESS THAN HALF OF THE SUM HAS BEEN RAISED.)

NON-JEWISH FIRMS, THE INFORMANT TOLD THE J.T.A., HAVE ALREADY DISMISSED ALL JEWISH EMPLOYEES, ALTHOUGH A FEW REGARDED AS INDISPENSABLE HAVE BEEN REHIRED. HE ESTIMATED THAT 80,000 JEWS HAVE BEEN DISMISSED FROM THEIR JOBS.

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NOT A SINGLE VIENNESE JEW POSSESSES AN AUTOMOBILE, ALL HAVING BEEN REQUISITIONED, THE INFORMANT ASSERTED. RAIDS ON APARTMENTS OF JEWS ARE STILL CONTINUING, WITH JEWS STILL BEING DRAFTED FOR STREET CLEANING, SOME AS OFTEN AS A DOZEN TIMES. IN ONE CASE, A BRIDE AND GROOM LEAVING A SYNAGOGUE WERE DRAFTED FOR CLEANING TASKS. A SECOND BRIDE WAS FORCED TO SCRUB FLOORS FOR FIVE HOURS.

THE POSITION OF THE JEWS IN THE PROVINCES WAS ASSERTED TO BE EVEN WORSE. ALL LEADING JEWS IN THE CITY OF GRAZ HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY THE GESTAPO. IN LINZ, 39 PROMINENT JEWS ARE UNDER ARREST. THE ANTI-JEWISH BOYCOTT IS IN FULL SWING IN THE CITY OF INNSBRUCK WITH JEWS BEING WARNED TO LIQUIDATE THEIR ENTERPRISES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A MAJORITY OF THE JEWS ORDERED EXPELLED FROM THE EASTERN PROVINCE OF BURGENLAND HAVE ALREADY LEFT. MOST OF THEM HAVE GONE TO VIENNA, WHERE THE AGUDATH ISRAEL, RELIGIOUS JEWISH ORGANIZATION, IS ATTEMPTING TO ASSIST THEM. JEWS WISHING TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY MUST PRODUCE CONFIRMATION THAT ALL THEIR TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID AND MUST SIGN DECLARATIONS THAT THEY WILL NEVER RETURN TO THE COUNTRY.

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WHOLE BURGENLAND FAMILIES, UNABLE TO QUIT REICH, JAILED

VIENNA, APRIL 27. (JTA) -- ENTIRE FAMILIES OF BURGENLAND JEWS ARE BEING THROWN INTO JAIL, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY, APPARENTLY FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THAT THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH ORDERS TO LEAVE GERMAN TERRITORY.

IT IS ESTIMATED HERE THAT SINCE THE BURGENLAND CRUSADE BEGAN, NEARLY 3,000 JEWS, MANY OF WHOSE FAMILIES HAD BEEN SETTLED IN THE EASTERN AUSTRIAN PROVINCE FOR TEN TO TWENTY GENERATIONS, HAVE BEEN UPROOTED AND SUDDENLY ORDERED TO LEAVE THE REICH WITHIN PERIODS RANGING FROM THREE DAYS TO THREE WEEKS.

SOME OF THE EXILES HAVE BEEN SMUGGLED ACROSS THE BORDERS AND ARE LIVING ILLEGALLY OR WITH TEMPORARY PERMITS IN ADJACENT CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY AND YUGOSLAVIA. OTHERS ARE CONFINED IN BARRACKS OPPOSITE BRATISLAVA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE GREATEST NUMBER, ESTIMATED AT 1,700, ARE REFUGEES IN VIENNA. THEIR PRESENCE HERE IS NO SECRET TO THE POLICE, MOST OF THEM BEING OFFICIALLY REGISTERED. THERE IS NO WORD OF TELLING HOW MANY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED.

IN SOME STREETS IN VIENNA JEWISH QUARTERS THERE IS HARDLY A HOME THAT IS NOT HARBOURING ONE OR MORE BURGENLAND REFUGEES. IN SOME INSTANCES, FAMILIES OF FIVE ARE LIVING IN A SINGLE ROOM.

JEWISH LEADERS ATTEMPTING TO WORK OUT AN EMIGRATION PLAN FOR AUSTRIAN JEWS ARE FORCED TO CONSIDER THE BURGENLAND EXILES AS MERELY PART OF THE GENERAL PICTURE. ALTHOUGH THEY CONSTITUTE UNDER TEN PER CENT OF THE ENTIRE PROBLEM, THE REMAINING 90 PER CENT MAY LEGALLY REMAIN IN AUSTRIA, SUBJECT TO THE VICISSITUDES OF JEWISH LIFE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS, UNTIL THEY FIND A WAY OUT. THE BURGENLAND REFUGEES, HOWEVER, ARE VERITABLE OUTCAST MEN AND WOMEN WITHOUT A COUNTRY.

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REFUGEES CROSS ALPS INTO SWISS CANTONS

ZURICH, APRIL 27. (JTA) -- WITH THE SNOW MELTING IN THE PRINCIPAL ALPINE PASSES AN INCREASING NUMBER OF AUSTRIAN REFUGEES, MAINLY JEWS, WERE REPORTED TODAY CROSSING THE SWISS BORDER AND WANDERING INTO THE LOWER ENGADIN AND GRISONS CANTONS, SEEKING FOOD AND SHELTER. CASES OF MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES AND SUICIDES AMONG AUSTRIAN JEWS ARE REPORTED HERE DAILY.

ALL JEWS IN REICH ORDERED TO REGISTER PROPERTY BY JUNE 30

BERLIN, APRIL 27. (JTA) -- FIELD MARSHALL HERMANN GOERING, ECONOMIC DICTATOR, TODAY ORDERED ALL GERMAN JEWS AND FOREIGN JEWS LIVING IN GERMANY TO REGISTER THEIR PROPERTIES EXCEEDING 5,000 MARKS (ABOUT \$2,000) IN VALUE, BY JUNE 30.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRUSSIAN STATE VINEYARDS HAS ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS THAT NO WINE IS TO BE SOLD TO "NON-ARYANS." AT THE SAME TIME, THE UNION OF GERMAN WINE AUCTIONEERS DECIDED TO SELL WINE EXCLUSIVELY TO "ARYAN" MERCHANTS AND AGENTS AND TO EXPEL MEMBERS FLOUTING THE DECISION.

THE NUREMBERG HEILIGGEIST HOSPITAL HAS ADOPTED NEW REGULATIONS BARRING JEWISH PATIENTS. JEWS WERE ALSO FORBIDDEN THE USE OF MUNICIPAL ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES IN NUREMBERG. THE MAYOR OF BAD SCHANDAU HAS DECREED THAT JEWS ARE NOT TO BE ADMITTED TO THE RESORT'S HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES BECAUSE THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY AVAILABLE HAVING MAIDS OVER 45 YEARS OLD. (UNDER THE NUREMBERG LAWS JEWS ARE FORBIDDEN TO EMPLOY "ARYAN" MAIDS UNDER 45.)

DARANYI DENIES ANTI-JEWISH BILL WAS "MADE IN GERMANY"

BUDAPEST, APRIL 27. (JTA) -- PREMIER KOLOMAN DARANYI DENIED TODAY BEFORE A JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S BILL FOR RESTRICTING JEWS IN HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC LIFE WAS "MADE IN GERMANY." REPLYING TO A CHARGE BY DR. CHARLES RASSAY, LEADER OF THE NATIONAL LIBERAL PARTY, THE PREMIER DECLARED THERE WAS NO PARALLEL BETWEEN THE HUNGARIAN BILL AND THE GERMAN NUREMBERG LAWS ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS ON JEWS.

THE MOST IMPORTANT EFFECT OF THE MEASURE WILL BE TO OPEN COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND THE PROFESSIONS TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO ENTER THESE TRADES HITHERTO, DARANYI ASSERTED. HE WARNED THE JEWS AGAINST TACTICS OF BOYCOTT AND SABOTAGE, WHICH, HE SAID, WOULD MAKE LIFE WITH THE HUNGARIANS IMPOSSIBLE, ADDING THAT HE CONSIDERED THE FIRST TASK PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC ORDER. THE SPEECH RECEIVED AN OVATION BY THE COMMITTEE.

MINISTER OF ECONOMICS BELA IMREDEY DECLARED THE BILL WAS A PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND WAS NECESSARY TO ALLEVIATE DEPRESSION AND ENCOURAGE HUNGARIAN INITIATIVE.

PARTITION COMMISSION ARRIVES IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, APRIL 27. (JTA) -- THE PALESTINE PARTITION COMMISSION HEADED BY SIR JOHN WOODHEAD ARRIVED HERE TODAY TO BEGIN ITS LEAGUE-APPROVED TASK OF FRAMING A CONCRETE PROPOSAL FOR THREE-WAY PARTITION OF THE HOLY LAND INTO INDEPENDENT JEWISH AND ARAB STATES AND A BRITISH-MANDATED CORRIDOR. THE COMMISSION, COMPRISING FOUR MEMBERS AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BRITISH COLONIAL OFFICE AS SECRETARY, IMMEDIATELY WENT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

ISRAEL GOLDENBURG, JEW WOUNDED IN THE APRIL 23 ATTACK BY ARABS ON THE COLONY OF Kfar YAVETZ, DIED TODAY.

ONE ARAB BANDIT WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER WAS WOUNDED YESTERDAY WHEN POLICE ENGAGED A BAND NEAR SOLOMON'S POOLS. IN THE NABLUS AREA, 150 VILLAGERS WERE ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF BEING MEMBERS OF TERRORIST GANGS.

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NO FOREIGN AID TO TERRORISTS, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, APRIL 27. (JTA) -- DENYING KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FOREIGN AID TO PALESTINE TERRORIST BANDS, COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM ORMSBY-GORE SAID IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY THAT "THERE ARE CERTAIN INFILTRATIONS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE MOSLEM WORLD" AND WIDESPREAD FUNDS COLLECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE MOSLEM WORLD FOR THE PALESTINE ARABS.

ASKED ABOUT THE STATEMENT OF FORMER FOREIGN SECRETARY ANTHONY EDEN THAT ITALY WAS SUBSIDIZING THE PALESTINE OUTBREAKS, THE COLONIAL SECRETARY REPLIED: "THESE QUESTIONS OF SUBSIDY RELATE ONLY TO PROVIDING PROPAGANDA, NOT TO SUBSIDIZING OF PEOPLE TO COMMIT VIOLENT ACTS AGAINST AUTHORITY."

DESCRIBING THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE HOLY LAND, HE SAID THAT "EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE BY THE MILITARY AND POLICE, BUT ARMED BANDS ARE MOST ACTIVE THROUGHOUT PALESTINE AND THE NUMBER OF OUTRAGES IS VERY LARGE."

POLISH VICE-PREMIER'S STATEMENT ON EMIGRATION HELD TO VIOLATE CONSTITUTION

WARSAW, APRIL 27. (JTA) -- THE JEWISH PARLIAMENTARY CLUB TODAY INTERPRETED A DECLARATION BY VICE-PREMIER EUGEN KWIATKOWSKI ON THE NECESSITY OF EMIGRATION OF NON-POLISH ELEMENTS AS APPLYING TO JEWS AND ASSERTED THAT IT VIOLATED THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE POLISH CONSTITUTION.

AFTER A SPECIAL MEETING, PRESIDED OVER BY DEPUTY EMIL SOMMERSTEIN, THE JEWISH MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ISSUED A STATEMENT HOLDING THAT THE VICE-PREMIER'S DECLARATION WAS CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS UTTERANCES AND HAD NOW TRANSFERRED THE ECONOMIC PROBLEM TO THE SPHERE OF POLITICAL STRUGGLE.

THE JEWISH LEGISLATORS BELIEVE THAT RESTORATION OF ECONOMIC LIFE AND STRENGTHENING OF THE STATE IS ONLY POSSIBLE THROUGH THE CONSOLIDATION OF ALL CREATIVE POWERS OF THE NATION, THE STATEMENT SAID.

MEANWHILE, A TENDENCY TO COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT ON THE BASIS OF KWIATKOWSKI'S PROGRAM WAS DISCLOSED IN ORGANS OF SEVERAL GROUPS HITHERTO OPPOSED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

ANTI-NAZI CIRCLES JUBILANT OVER REICH'S WITHDRAWAL FROM WORLD'S FAIR

NEW YORK, APRIL 27. (JTA) -- ANTI-NAZI CIRCLES WERE JUBILANT TODAY OVER GERMANY'S DECISION, ANNOUNCED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY BY AMBASSADOR HANS DIECKHOFF, TO WITHDRAW FROM THE 1939 NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR, AT WHICH IT WAS TO HAVE OCCUPIED 100,000 SQUARE FEET.

ALTHOUGH THE GERMAN ENVOY CITED FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AS MOTIVATING HIS GOVERNMENT'S DECISION, IT WAS BELIEVED HERE THAT MAYOR LA GUARDIA'S VIGOROUSLY EXPRESSED ANTI-NAZI ATTITUDE, COUPLED WITH REFUSAL OF THE UNITED STATES TO SELL HELIUM GAS TO GERMANY WITHOUT A GUARANTEE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLES. ACCORDING TO DR. DIECKHOFF, GERMANY WOULD HAVE ENCOUNTERED MANY DIFFICULTIES IN ARRANGING FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE WITH WHICH TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF HER EXHIBIT.

GROVER WHALEN, PRESIDENT OF THE FAIR CORPORATION, VOICED REGRET AT THE DECISION BUT SAID THE SPACE RELINQUISHED BY GERMANY WOULD BE USED TO GOOD ADVANTAGE BY SEVERAL COUNTRIES HITHERTO UNABLE TO GET ACCOMMODATION.

RABBI RABINOWITZ, PRESIDENT OF CHASSIDIC GROUP, DEAD AT 78

NEW YORK, APRIL 27. (JTA) -- RABBI YEHOShUA HESCHEL RABINOWITZ, WIDELY KNOWN AS THE MONASTRISHER REBBE AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED GRAND RABBIS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, A CHASSIDIC ORGANIZATION, DIED EARLY THIS MORNING AT MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. HE WAS 78 YEARS OLD.

RABBI RABINOWITZ WAS THE AUTHOR OF MANY CHASSIDIC WORKS. HE CAME TO THIS COUNTRY 15 YEARS AGO FROM RUSSIA. HE IS SURVIVED BY A SON, WHO IS A RABBI IN PHILADELPHIA; A MARRIED DAUGHTER IN CHICAGO AND 12 GRANDCHILDREN, OF WHOM RABBI ITZHAK YOHEL RABINOWITZ IS FAVORED AS HIS SUCCESSOR FOR THE CHASSIDIC LEADERSHIP.