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AUSTRIAN EVENTS SPUR REICH ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE; BOYCOTTS STAGED IN GERMAN TOWNS

BERLIN, MAY 8. (JTA) -- SPURRED BY EVENTS IN AUSTRIA, THE ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE IN OLD GERMANY IS BEING PUSHED FORWARD WITH UNPRECEDENTED SPEED. MEASURES HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN RECENT WEEKS TO HAMSTRING JEWISH CAPITAL, WHILE IN MANY TOWNS "VIENNESE DAYS" WERE STAGED WITH BOYCOTTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN VIENNA. SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS, WHICH OCCURRED IN FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN, HALLE, THE SUBURBS OF DRESDEN AND ELSEWHERE, WERE OCCASIONALLY ACCOMPANIED BY SPORADIC VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM, AGGRAVATING THE NERVOUSNESS OF THE GERMAN JEWS.

THE PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE JEWS HAVE BEEN, FIRSTLY, THE REMOVAL OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES' TAXING POWER, AND, SECONDLY, THE REGULATION OBLIGING JEWS TO REGISTER FORTUNES AMOUNTING TO MORE THAN 5,000 MARKS FOR GOVERNMENT PERUSAL.

WHILE MOST COMMUNITIES ARE CONTINUING RELIGIOUS, WELFARE, EDUCATIONAL AND EMIGRATION WORK, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THEIR INCOME WILL BE CONSIDERABLY DIMINISHED BECAUSE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOW VOLUNTARY.

THE DISCLOSURE OF THE TRUE PURPOSE OF MARSHALL HERMANN GOERING'S DECREE FOR REGISTRATION OF PROPERTY IS ANXIOUSLY AWAITED. SOME QUARTERS BELIEVE THAT JEWS WITH MEANS EXCEEDING THEIR NEEDS FOR LIVING MAY BE FORCED TO INVEST IN UNNEGOTIABLE GOVERNMENT BONDS.

THE TENSE ATMOSPHERE IS HEIGHTENED BY THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN JEWS. SUCH PERMISSION HAS REPEATEDLY BEEN PROMISED AND AFTERWARDS WITHDRAWN. IT IS NOW BELIEVED THAT GERMAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO EXTEND HELP TO AUSTRIAN JEWS UNTIL THE JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN AUSTRIA ARE FULLY LAUNCHED AND OPERATING UNDER THEIR OWN POWER. THINGS MAY BE DECIDED IN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO.

JEWS EXCLUDED FROM AUSTRIAN CATTLE TRADE

VIENNA, MAY 8. (HAVAS) -- JEWS WERE COMPLETELY EXCLUDED FROM THE AUSTRIAN CATTLE TRADE BY A GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE ISSUED HERE.

LITHUANIA TO PROTECT JEWISH NATIONALS IN REICH

KAUNAS, MAY 8. (JTA) -- THE LITHUANIAN LEGATION IN BERLIN HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE LITHUANIAN GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT THE PROPERTY OF LITHUANIAN JEWS IN GERMANY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY.

THE NETHERLANDS BARS REFUGEES

AMSTERDAM, MAY 8. (JTA) -- THE NETHERLANDS MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, IN AN ORDER RETROACTIVE TO MARCH 1, ADVISED POLICE AUTHORITIES TODAY THAT NEW REFUGEES, WEALTHY OR NOT, WERE UNDESIRABLE. THE ORDER ADDED THAT IF A REFUGEE'S LIFE WAS ENDANGERED HE COULD APPEAL TO THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

MEXICO DENIES INVITING REFUGEES

MEXICO CITY, MAY 8. (JTA) -- THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT HAS DENIED A REPORT THAT 500 AUSTRIAN JEWS WERE COMING TO MEXICO AS REFUGEES. AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT SAID MEXICO DID NOT WISH COMPETITORS FOR HER INDUSTRIAL AND FARM WORKERS AND MERCHANTS, BUT ADDED: "TO THE POLITICALLY PERSECUTED SHOWING CLEARLY THAT THEIR LIVES OR LIBERTY ARE ENDANGERED, OUR COUNTRY WILL ALWAYS GENEROUSLY OPEN ITS DOORS."

CZECHS ASKED TO ADMIT 15 BURGENLAND EXILES

PARIS, MAY 8. (JTA) -- THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE TODAY APPEALED TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT 15 BURGENLAND (AUSTRIA) JEWISH REFUGEES TO ENTER THE COUNTRY, PROMISING THEY WOULD NOT BECOME PUBLIC CHARGES DURING THEIR LIMITED STAY. THE REFUGEES, WHO HAD BEEN CAST ADRIFT BY THE NAZIS ON A BREAKWATER IN THE DANUBE, ARE ABOARD THE FRENCH TUGBOAT SENA. THE J.D.C. DECLARED THEY WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR BY JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHICH WOULD TAKE STEPS TO GET THEM INTO ANOTHER COUNTRY.

REPORTED ENTRY OF ARAB TERRORIST CHIEF STIRS MILITARY ACTIVITY; BAND LEADER SLAIN

JERUSALEM, MAY 8. (JTA) -- BRITISH MILITARY FORCES, AFTER KILLING ISSA BATTAT, NOTORIOUS ARAB TERRORIST LEADER, WERE AROUSED TO NEW ACTIVITY TODAY BY A RENEWAL OF VIOLENCE AND INFORMATION THAT FAWZI BEY EL KALKAJI, SYRIAN BANDLEADER, HAD REENTERED PALESTINE HEADING A STRONG BAND.

COINCIDENT WITH AN EXPLORATORY TOUR OF CENTRAL PALESTINE BY BRITAIN'S PARTITION COMMISSION, IT WAS REPORTED THAT TROOPS, ROYAL AIR FORCE PLANES AND POLICE HAD MADE THROUGH SEARCHES IN THE JENIN-NABLUS-TULKAREM TRIANGLE, SUSPENDED TRAFFIC, IMPOSED CURFEW FROM SEVEN P.M. TO FOUR A.M. AND OCCUPIED SEVERAL VILLAGES.

SHORTLY BEFORE THE COMMISSION'S VISIT TO NABLUS, A BAND CONCEALED IN THE SURROUNDING HILLS FIRED A FUSILLADE INTO ARMY BARRACKS. TROOPS REPLIED WITH CANNON AND MACHINE-GUNS. AN ARAB ATTEMPTED TO SHOOT A LOCK-UP KEEPER, BUT HIS REVOLVER JAMMED. AN ARAB BAND LAUNCHED A STRONG ATTACK ON A MILITARY UNIT OF 100 NEAR ZITA. THE TROOPS REPLIED, WOUNDING THREE BANDSMEN, ONE OF WHOM WAS REMOVED TO THE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL IN HAIFA, WHILE THE OTHERS ESCAPED.

BATTAT, ON WHOSE HEAD THE GOVERNMENT HAD SET A HIGH PRICE FOR COMPLICITY IN THE MURDER OF J.L. STARKEY, BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGIST, AND OTHER CRIMES, WAS KILLED AT DAWN YESTERDAY IN A SHARP BATTLE WHEN A POLICE SQUADRON SURPRISED A LARGE BAND CAMPING IN THE VICINITY OF HEBRON. THE POLICE HAD BEEN SEEKING THE BAND FOR SEVERAL DAYS. THE BAND WAS DISPERSED AFTER A TWO-HOUR ENGAGEMENT. THE POLICE SUFFERED NO CASUALTIES.

THE PARTITION COMMISSION VISITED THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, TOURED GOVERNMENT LANDS AT WADI GIFTLIK AND LATER PROCEEDED TO JERICHO.

BEN GURION URGES ARMY TRAINING FOR JEWS

REHOBOTH, PALESTINE, MAY 8. (JTA) -- DAVID BEN GURION, HEAD OF THE JEWISH AGENCY'S JERUSALEM EXECUTIVE, LAST NIGHT URGED WORLD-WIDE MILITARY AND NAVAL TRAINING OF JEWISH YOUTH AND FORTIFICATION OF KEY POINTS IN PALESTINE AS NECESSARY TO THE ZIONIST CAUSE. ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MAPAI, PALESTINE WORKERS' PARTY, MR. BEN GURION STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF SPEEDY ACQUISITION OF LAND AND COLONIZATION. HE WARNED AGAINST THE "ILLUSION" OF FINDING A PRO-ZIONIST ATTITUDE AT PRESENT AMONG THE ARAB PEOPLE.

DECLARING THERE WAS NO NEED FOR THE JEWS TO DESPAIR OF THE FUTURE, HE SAID THAT "THE JEWISH PEOPLE MORE THAN EVER NEEDS ALLIES, AND BRITAIN REMAINS THE GREATEST ALLY." HE CALLED FOR UNITY WITHIN THE ZIONIST LABOR MOVEMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE ZIONIST FRONT AND OF JEWISH STRENGTH.

ABDULLAH PROPOSES UNITING PALESTINE, TRANSJORDAN

AMMAN, TRANSJORDAN, MAY 8. (HAVAS) -- EMIR ABDULLAH OF TRANSJORDAN TOLD THE HAVAS CORRESPONDENT TODAY THAT HE HAD PROPOSED UNITING PALESTINE AND TRANSJORDAN FOR 10 YEARS INTO A FEDERAL STATE UNDER BRITISH MANDATE WITH DEFINITE LIMITATIONS ON JEWISH IMMIGRATION.

RETURNING FROM A VISIT TO JERUSALEM, WHERE HE ATTENDED AN OFFICIAL DINNER, THE EMIR SAID HE HAD AGAIN INFORMED THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF ARAB OPPOSITION TO PARTITION OF PALESTINE. UNDER HIS PLAN FOR A 10-YEAR FEDERAL STATE THE JEWS WOULD RECEIVE FULL GUARANTIES AS A MINORITY GROUP WITH REPRESENTATION IN THE COUNTRY'S ADMINISTRATION PROPORTIONATE TO THEIR NUMBERS.

ANTI-ZIONIST DEMONSTRATIONS IN CAIRO

CAIRO, MAY 8. (JTA) -- STUDENTS OF AL-AZHAR, MOSLEM UNIVERSITY, STAGED RENEWED ANTI-ZIONIST DEMONSTRATIONS HERE TODAY.

LOWER HOUSE APPROVAL FOR HUNGARIAN BILL ON JEWS SEEN ASSURED

BUDAPEST, MAY 8. (JTA) -- THE GOVERNMENT MEASURE TO RESTRICT JEWS TO A 20 PER CENT QUOTA IN THE NATION'S ECONOMIC LIFE WAS BELIEVED TODAY ASSURED OF EASY PASSAGE WHEN IT IS VOTED ON THIS THURSDAY AFTER A WEEK'S DISCUSSION IN THE LOWER HOUSE.

DEPUTY JOHAN MAKKAI OF THE REFORM GENERATION PARTY, DECLARED THE BILL HAD THE WARM SUPPORT OF 8,000,000 HUNGARIANS. HE SAID IT CARRIED OUT THE INTENTIONS OF THE LATE PREMIER GOEMBOES.

THE BILL WAS SUPPORTED BY DR. NAGY VON TASNAD, PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT PARTY, WHO ASSERTED THAT IT DID NOT DEAL WITH THE JEWS AS A RELIGIOUS UNIT BUT AS A DISTINCT NATIONAL ELEMENT. THE TERM "RACE," HE SAID, WAS UNKNOWN IN HUNGARIAN LAW. DECLARING JEWS WERE UNEQUALLY DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS AND TRADES, DR. VON TASNAD ADDED: "IT IS AN UNHEALTHY SITUATION WHEN JEWS FORM 50 PER CENT OF BUDAPEST LAWYERS, MORE THAN HALF OF THE ENGINEERS AND DOCTORS, 36 PER CENT OF JOURNALISTS AND 28 PERCENT OF ACTORS." APPLICATION OF THE PROPOSED LAW, HE SAID, WILL ENABLE THE CHRISTIAN MAJORITY TO TAKE A SUITABLE PART IN THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL LIFE.

KAROLY PEYER, LEADER OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, STRESSED THE HARMFUL EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED LAW ABROAD. THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE, HE SAID, ARE NOT ANTI-SEMITIC, ANTI-SEMITISM HAVING BECOME A "POST-WAR HOBBY OF HUNGARIAN GENTLEMEN." HE ADDED THAT IT WAS NOT A HUNGARIAN PRODUCT BUT WAS IMPORTED FROM ABROAD.

THE BILL WAS SEVERELY CRITICIZED BY DEPUTY MOELLER OF THE CHRISTIAN SOCIAL PARTY, WHO SAID IT DID NOT GO FAR ENOUGH. MOELLER DECLARED JEWS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO A FIVE PER CENT QUOTA.

MEANWHILE, THE BILL WAS DENOUNCED IN A MANIFESTO ISSUED BY 59 PERSONS PROMINENT IN HUNGARIAN CULTURAL LIFE. THE MANIFESTO DECLARES: "THE PROPOSED LAW DOES NOT HUMILIATE JEWS SO MUCH AS IT DOES THE SONS OF THE HUNGARIAN MIDDLE CLASS, FOR IT IMPLIES THEY CAN OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY ONLY AT THE PRICE OF DEPRIVING A SECTION OF THEIR OWN FELLOW CITIZENS OF THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS." THOSE FELLOW CITIZENS, THE MANIFESTO CONTINUES, "HAVE BEEN THE PILLARS AND CREATORS OF HUNGARIAN CULTURE."

GOGA'S DEATH LEAVES RUMANIAN ANTI-SEMITES LEADERLESS; CODREANU FACES NEW TRIAL

BUCHAREST, MAY 8. (JTA) -- THE DEATH SATURDAY MORNING OF OCTAVIAN GOGA, WHO HEADED AN ANTI-SEMITIC GOVERNMENT FOR SIX WEEKS EARLY THIS YEAR, LEAVES THE RUMANIAN ANTI-SEMITIC MOVEMENT VIRTUALLY WITHOUT A LEADER.

CORNELIU ZELEA CODREANU, LEADER OF THE OUTLAWED ANTI-SEMITIC FASCIST IRON GUARD, IS SERVING A SIX-MONTH PRISON TERM AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE TRIED SOON ON CHARGES OF TREASON. THE SPIRITUAL HEAD OF RUMANIAN ANTI-SEMITISM, PROF. ALEXANDER CUZA, CO-LEADER WITH GOGA OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN PARTY, IS 82 YEARS OLD AND DEEMED TOO OLD FOR ACTIVE ORGANIZATION AND DIRECTION.

THE 57-YEAR-OLD EX-PREMIER, WHO ALSO WAS A POET, SUFFERED A PARALYTIC STROKE ON THURSDAY. GOGA WAS CALLED BY KING CAROL TO FORM A GOVERNMENT ON DEC. 28 DESPITE THE FACT THAT HIS PARTY HAD POLLED ONLY NINE PER CENT OF THE VOTES IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OF DEC. 20. GOGA FORMED A CABINET COMPOSED LARGELY OF ANTI-SEMITIC ELEMENTS, AND IMMEDIATELY EMBARKED ON A PROGRAM TO ELIMINATE JEWS FROM ALL ASPECTS OF NATIONAL LIFE. DURING HIS BRIEF REIGN, SCORES OF JEWISH AND DEMOCRATIC NEWSPAPERS WERE SUPPRESSED, MANY JEWS WERE DEPRIVED OF GOVERNMENT POSTS, JEWISH PROFESSIONALS WERE ARBITRARILY OUSTED FROM ASSOCIATIONS IN WHICH MEMBERSHIP WAS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE IN PRACTICE.

PARLIAMENT WAS DISSOLVED BY KING CAROL AT GOGA'S BEHEST AND SCHEDULED NEW ELECTIONS WERE CALLED OFF. ANTI-SEMITIC RIOTING BROKE OUT IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS INSTITUTED ACTION TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF MINORITIES, GUARANTEED BY THE POST-WAR TREATY UNDER WHICH RUMANIA ANNEXED SEVERAL PROVINCES FROM NEIGHBORING NATIONS. INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS, COUPLED WITH IMMINENT ECONOMIC CHAOS AS A RESULT OF THE ANTI-SEMITIC PROGRAM, BROUGHT ABOUT GOGA'S DOWNFALL ON FEB. 10 AND HIS REPLACEMENT BY A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP WITH PATRIARCH MIRON CRISTEA AS PREMIER.

CODREANU FACES STIFF SENTENCE

BUCHAREST, MAY 8. (HAVAS) -- CODREANU WILL BE PLACED ON TRIAL IN A WEEK OR TEN DAYS ON CHARGES OF HIGH TREASON BASED ON AN ALLEGED TERRORIST PLOT AGAINST KING CAROL AND THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT. A FORMAL INDICTMENT, INCLUDING 40 PAGES OF TYPEWRITTEN CHARGES FOUNDED ON DOCUMENTS SEIZED DURING THE NATION-WIDE RAIDS AFTER THE ARREST OF CODREANU AND 200 OF HIS LIEUTENANTS ON EASTER SUNDAY, WAS FILED ON FRIDAY NIGHT BY THE MILITARY PROSECUTOR WHO WILL PRESENT THE GOVERNMENT'S CASE BEFORE A COURT MARTIAL.

A VERDICT OF FROM FIVE TO 20 YEARS AT HARD LABOR MAY BE IMPOSED UPON CODREANU IF HE IS CONVICTED OF THE CHARGES, WHICH INVOLVE A PLOT TO UNDERMINE THE AUTHORITY OF THE KING AND GOVERNMENT AND PARALYZE THE NATION'S DEFENSE FORCES. MYSTERIOUS FOREIGN SOURCES FURNISHED THE IRON GUARD WITH FUNDS TO FINANCE ITS TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, THE INDICTMENT CHARGES. IT CLAIMS THAT 45,000,000 LEIS (\$337,500) WAS RECEIVED FROM ABROAD IN THE MONTH PRECEDING THE DECEMBER, 1937, ELECTIONS, APPARENTLY TO BRIBE VOTERS AND ELECTION OFFICIALS.

\$2,000,000 SPENT BY B'NAI B'RITH IN 13-YEARS, COHEN TELLS 15TH PARLEY IN FAREWELL REPORT

WASHINGTON, May 8. (JTA) -- EXPENDITURE OF CLOSE TO \$2,000,000 IN 13 YEARS ON VARIOUS ACTIVITIES WAS REPORTED TODAY TO THE FIFTEENTH GENERAL CONVENTION OF B'NAI B'RITH, INTERNATIONAL JEWISH FRATERNAL ORDER, BY ALFRED M. COHEN, RETIRING PRESIDENT.

IN HIS FINAL PRESIDENTIAL REPORT TO THE ORGANIZATION WHICH HE HAS HEADED SINCE 1925, MR. COHEN SAID THE MONEY HAD BEEN SPENT ON GOOD WILL WORK, EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF NATURAL CATASTROPHES AND FOR THE SUPPORT OF B'NAI B'RITH'S VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL, PHILANTHROPIC AND RELIGIOUS UNDERTAKINGS. HE DECLARED THE SUM WAS EXCLUSIVE OF ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES AND DID NOT INCLUDE DISBURSEMENTS OF PERHAPS ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS BY THE SEVEN AMERICAN DISTRICTS AND THE 450 LOCAL LODGES OF THE ORDER.

HUNDREDS OF DELEGATES AND VISITORS FROM EVERY SECTION OF THE COUNTRY WERE PRESENT WHEN THE CONVENTION OPENED AT THE WILLARD HOTEL. LATER THEY ADJOURNED TO ARLINGTON MEMORIAL CEMETERY, WHERE MR. COHEN, ON BEHALF OF B'NAI B'RITH, PLACED A WREATH ON THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER.

MR. COHEN, WHO WILL RETIRE FROM OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, WHEN HIS SUCCESSOR WILL BE ELECTED, IN HIS REPORT LISTED THE ORDER'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN MANY FIELDS, DENOUNCED FASCIST COUNTRIES FOR THEIR PERSECUTION OF BOTH JEWS AND CHRISTIANS, WARMLY PRAISED SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL FOR HAVING GIVEN "EVERY ASSISTANCE THAT WAS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS OF DIPLOMATIC USAGE" DURING THE RECENT DARK YEARS FOR WORLD JEWRY, AND REAFFIRMED B'NAI B'RITH'S INTENTION TO COOPERATE FULLY IN THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO FIND PLACES OF REFUGE FOR GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN REFUGEES.

"IN DEMOCRACY ALONE," HE DECLARED, "IS THE HOPE OF JEWS AND OTHERS WHO ARE THE PLAYTHINGS OF AUTOCRACY. WE WHO KNOW THIS WELL SHOULD BE FOREMOST AMONG THOSE WHO STAND EMBATTLED IN DEFENSE OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF DEMOCRACY IN THIS COUNTRY."

HE ADDED STATISTICS TO SHOW THAT IN EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD THERE ARE VERY FEW JEWS IN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. "ONLY THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW THE JEWS," HE SAID, "THEIR ECONOMIC POSITION, THEIR GENERAL POINT OF VIEW, THEIR RELIGIOUS HISTORY -- ONLY THOSE WHO ARE WARPED BY PREJUDICE AND THEREFORE DESIRE TO ENTERTAIN ILLUSIONS, CAN BELIEVE THAT THE JEWS ARE, IN CONSIDERABLE PART, IN SYMPATHY WITH COMMUNISM."

MR. COHEN REPORTED THAT B'NAI B'RITH'S MEMBERSHIP TODAY IS THE LARGEST IN ITS ENTIRE HISTORY OF 95 YEARS. HE DESCRIBED THE GROWTH OF THE ORDER'S ACTIVITIES, POINTING OUT THAT THE ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS NON-SECTARIAN HOSPITALS WHICH ADMINISTER TO THOUSANDS OF NEDY PATIENTS; ENGAGES IN SOCIAL SERVICES OF ALL KINDS, FROM MILK FUNDS AND HOLIDAY BASKETS FOR THE POOR TO BOY SCOUT TROOPS AND PRISON WELFARE WORK. B'NAI B'RITH SUPPORTS SEVERAL LARGE ORPHAN AND OLD AGE HOMES; SPONSORS ELEVEN HILLEL FOUNDATIONS, WHICH ARE RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL CENTERS FOR JEWISH STUDENTS AT ELEVEN GREAT UNIVERSITIES FROM COAST TO COAST; HAS A JUNIOR ORDER OF 205 CHAPTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FOR JEWISH BOYS BETWEEN 15 AND 21; MAINTAINS AN EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND FOR VICTIMS OF GREAT FLOODS, FIRES, TORNADOES, AND POGROMS; DOES SOCIAL SERVICE WORK AMONG THE 4,000 JEWS WHO ANNUALLY VISIT THE MAYO CLINIC AS PATIENTS; RECENTLY ESTABLISHED A NATIONAL BUREAU TO RENDER VOCATIONAL SERVICE TO JEWISH YOUTH; PUBLISHES THE LARGEST JEWISH CULTURAL MAGAZINE IN AMERICA; MAINTAINS A WASHINGTON BUREAU FOR AID TO THOSE IN NEED OF ADVICE ON IMMIGRATION AND RELATED MATTERS; AND CONDUCTS AN ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE TO FIGHT SLANDERS AGAINST THE JEW AND TO EXPOSE FASCIST AND UN-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS AND UPHOLD DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES.

MR. COHEN SAID THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF B'NAI B'RITH TODAY IS A THIRD LARGER THAN IT WAS WHEN HE FIRST BECAME PRESIDENT; THAT THE TWO HILLEL FOUNDATIONS OF THOSE DAYS HAVE GROWN TO 111; THAT THE 330 MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR ORDER HAVE EXPANDED TO MORE THAN 10,000,

INCLUDING ACTIVE AND ALUMNI MEMBERS; THAT THE 45 B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES HAVE INCREASED TO 178 WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 17,000; AND THAT THE ORDER ITSELF, SINCE 1925, HAS BEEN EXTENDED INTO CHINA, HAWAII, ARGENTINE, FRANCE, ALGERIA, BRAZIL, MEXICO, URUGUAY, CHILE, AND SOUTH AFRICA.

THE CLIMAX OF THE CONVENTION WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW NIGHT AT A TESTIMONIAL BANQUET TO MR. COHEN. WILLIAM B. BANKHEAD, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WILL DELIVER THE PRINCIPAL ADDRESS, WHICH WILL BE BROADCAST INTERNATIONALLY, AND JAMES ROOSEVELT WILL READ A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

MEMBERSHIP DOUBLED SINCE 1933

THE ORDER HAS NEARLY DOUBLED ITS MEMBERSHIP SINCE 1933, ACCORDING TO A REPORT DELIVERED BY MAURICE BISGYER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. TODAY THE ORDER HAS 60,689 MEMBERS, AS AGAINST 35,328 FIVE YEARS AGO, HE STATED, ADDING THAT IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, SINCE THE 14TH GENERAL CONVENTION OF B'NAI B'RITH WAS HELD HERE, 15,000 MEMBERS WERE GAINED -- 5,500 OF THEM IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS. MEMBERSHIP GAINS WERE REPORTED FROM EVERY B'NAI B'RITH DISTRICT IN THE COUNTRY.

"WE ARE TODAY WITNESSING A STEADY EXPANSION OF THE AREAS OF DICTATORSHIP AND A CORRESPONDING CONTRACTION OF THE AREAS OF DEMOCRACY," DECLARED MR. BISGYER. "CONCURRENTLY WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT, WE SEE A GROWING DANGER TO THE POSITION OF JEWS IN VARIOUS PLACES OF THE WORLD. IN FACE OF THIS ALARMING SITUATION, THE WORK OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF B'NAI B'RITH IN STRIVING TOWARDS THE PRESERVATION OF THE SECURITY OF OUR PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF B'NAI B'RITH OFFICERS LOOM MORE SIGNIFICANT DAY BY DAY. CERTAIN IT IS THAT B'NAI B'RITH WILL CONTINUE TO LABOR UNCEASINGLY IN BEHALF OF ITS INCREASING MEMBERSHIP AND THE WELFARE OF JEWRY THE WORLD OVER."

2,492 CASES OF DEFAMATION HANDLED

REPORTING ON THE WORK OF THE B'NAI B'RITH ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, RICHARD E. GUTSTADT, DIRECTOR, SAID THAT 2,492 CASES OF ANTI-SEMITISM WERE HANDLED IN THE LAST THREE YEARS.

IN THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THESE CASES, HE POINTED OUT, THE DEFAMATION WAS NOT COMMITTED AS THE RESULT OF DELIBERATE MALICE, BUT BECAUSE OF THOUGHTLESSNESS OR FAILURE TO REALIZE THE INJUSTICE AND POSSIBLE HARM TO AN ENTIRE PEOPLE THAT RESULTED FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST OR RIDICULING INDIVIDUALS. IN ALMOST EVERY CASE, MR. GUTSTADT AVERRED, THOSE GUILTY APOLOGIZED, AND NOT ONLY PROMISED TO GUARD AGAINST REPETITIONS OF THE OFFENSE, BUT THANKED THE LEAGUE FOR ITS USEFULNESS IN UPHOLDING THE ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AND FAIR PLAY.

OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED, 172 CONCERNED ANTI-JEWISH DEFAMATION IN BOOKS; 110, IN EMPLOYMENT; 486, IN INVESTIGATIONS; 190, IN MAGAZINES AND PAMPHLETS; 140, IN MOVIES AND STAGE; 60, IN PRESENTATIONS OF THE PASSION PLAY; 92, IN RESORTS, HOTELS, ETC.; 309, IN CONNECTION WITH PROPAGANDISTS; 21, CONCERNING THE PLAY "THE MERCHANT OF VENICE"; 102, IN RADIO; 265, IN NEWSPAPERS; 40, IN EDUCATION; 251, IN ORGANIZATIONS; AND 254 CLASSIFIED AS MISCELLANEOUS.

DR. A.L. SACHAR REPORTED ON THE ELEVEN B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATIONS, OF WHICH HE IS NATIONAL DIRECTOR. AT B'NAI B'RITH'S LAST CONVENTION, THREE YEARS AGO, THESE FOUNDATIONS WERE LOCATED AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF ILLINOIS, WISCONSIN, OHIO STATE, MICHIGAN, CALIFORNIA, CORNELL, TEXAS, ALABAMA, AND NORTHWESTERN. SINCE THEN, DR. SACHAR REPORTED, NEW ONES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AT PENN STATE COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, WHILE A TWELFTH WILL BE INSTITUTED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA THIS AUTUMN. IN ADDITION, HE SAID, SCORES OF JEWISH STUDENT GROUPS AT SMALLER COLLEGES RECEIVE THE UNOFFICIAL GUIDANCE OF THE HILLEL OFFICE.

SAM BEBER, PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME ADVISORY COUNCIL OF ALEPH ZADIK ALEPH, B'NAI B'RITH'S JUNIOR ORDER FOR YOUTHS BETWEEN 15 AND 21, REPORTED 6,000 ACTIVE MEMBERS IN A.Z.A., AND MORE THAN 5,000 ALUMNI. THE JUNIOR ORDER, HE DECLARED, NOW HAS CHAPTERS IN EVERY CANADIAN PROVINCE AND IN ALL BUT SEVEN OF THE UNITED STATES. IT ALSO HAS CHAPTERS IN BULGARIA AND IN PALESTINE.

B'NAI B'RITH HAS ORGANIZED CLASSES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO PREPARE ALIENS FOR CITIZENSHIP, IT WAS REPORTED BY SIDNEY G. KUSWORM, OF DAYTON, O., NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE ORDER'S AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT, AND TREASURER OF THE ORDER. HE SAID THAT B'NAI BRITH HAS JOINED WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN OPPOSING CONGRESSIONAL BILLS DEEMED INJURIOUS TO INNOCENT ALIENS. COOPERATION IN THIS AND OTHER NATIONAL MATTERS WAS REPORTED ON BY MAURICE D. ROSENBERG, WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE OF B'NAI B'RITH.

ROOSEVELT LAUDED AT ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION PARLEY; OPENING OF PALESTINE DOORS URGED

LONDON, May 8. (JTA) -- THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION TODAY HEARD PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT PRAISED FOR HIS PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AID TO REFUGEES AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT URGED TO OPEN THE DOORS OF PALESTINE TO STRICKEN JEWS OF EUROPE.

LEONARD STEIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHO PRESIDED, RECORDED WITH GRATITUDE "THE GENEROUS INITIATIVE" OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND ACKNOWLEDGED "THE LIBERAL SPIRIT" WITH WHICH SIR SAMUEL HOARE, BRITISH HOME SECRETARY, RECEIVED REPRESENTATIONS FOR JEWISH AND OTHER REFUGEES.

HE URGED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, BEFORE REFRAMING ITS PALESTINE IMMIGRATION POLICY FOR THE INTERIM PERIOD BEFORE THE FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE HOLY LAND SITUATION, TO HAVE REGARD FOR THE URGENT AND DESPERATE NEED OF THOSE JEWISH COMMUNITIES WHICH WERE LITERALLY IN IMMINENT PERIL OF DESTRUCTION.

DENOUNCING PROPOSALS FOR ENFORCED JEWISH EMIGRATION, MR. STEIN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SPOKESMEN FOR JEWS WOULD NEVER ADMIT VOLUNTARILY THAT JEWS WHOSE HOMES HAD BEEN FOR GENERATIONS IN CERTAIN PARTS OF EUROPE COULD BE TREATED LIKE AN ALIEN ELEMENT TO BE BANDIED ABOUT FROM ONE CITY TO ANOTHER "LIKE SO MANY PACKAGES OF UNWANTED MERCHANDISE."

HE REVEALED THAT THE POLISH LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY INTENDS TO SUBMIT TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES A RESOLUTION FAVORING THE CONVENING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO "SOLVE THE JEWISH PROBLEM IN EUROPE."

THE PREAMBLE OF THE RESOLUTION STATES THAT "THE PRESENCE OF AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF JEWS IN POLAND AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES HAS LED TO ABNORMAL SITUATIONS, SUCH AS USURPATION OF CITIES AND PARTIAL MONOPOLIZATION OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND HANDICRAFTS BY FOREIGN ELEMENTS, NAMELY THE JEWS, COMBINED WITH THE FACT THAT OWING TO SCARCITY OF CAPITAL AND LACK OF UNOCCUPIED LAND, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DIVERT THE ACTIVITIES OF JEWS TO OTHER OCCUPATIONS."

THE RESOLUTION THEREFORE URGES "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP JEWS EMIGRATE FROM THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE, BECAUSE OF THEIR LARGE NUMBERS, THEY ARE A HEAVY BURDEN ON THE NATIONAL ECONOMY."

MR. STEIN APOLOGIZED FOR THE UNAVOIDABLE ABSENCE OF LEONARD G. MONTEFIORE, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND READ A LETTER FROM HIM ANNOUNCING HIS INTENTION OF NOT STANDING FOR REELECTION IN 1939 AFTER THIRTEEN YEARS AS PRESIDENT. OTHER SPEAKERS WERE CHIEF RABBI JOSEPH H. HERTZ AND NEVILLE LASKI, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS.

CONFERENCE ASKS POLAND TO RESCIND CURBS ON JEWS

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- PROTESTING AGAINST PERSECUTIONS OF JEWS IN POLAND, MORE THAN 500 DELEGATES TO THE GREATER NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF THE FEDERATION OF POLISH JEWS IN AMERICA MEETING IN THE HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA, HERE TO CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION, CALLED UPON THE POLISH GOVERNMENT TO RESCIND ANTI-SEMITIC DISCRIMINATIONS AGAINST JEWS AND RESTORE THE FREEDOM WHICH WAS GRANTED RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS MINORITIES BY THE POLISH CONSTITUTION.

RESOLUTIONS EXTENDING ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE "DEMOCRATIC FORCES OF PROGRESS WHICH ARE UNITING IN POLAND," COMMENDING PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT FOR HIS PLAN TO AID FOREIGN REFUGEES AND ASKING WORLD JEWRY TO UNITE IN DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY WERE ADOPTED. MESSAGES WERE RECEIVED FROM JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN POLAND.

BENJAMIN WINTER, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION, URGED LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO AID JEWISH LOAN COOPERATIVES IN POLAND, STATING THAT THE "FEDERATION STANDS READY TO MATCH DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR ANY SUCH CONTRIBUTION MADE BY POLISH JEWISH GROUPS HERE." OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED DR. STEPHEN S. WISE, JUDGE NATHAN PERLMAN, REPRESENTING MAYOR LA GUARDIA, ZELIG TYGEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERATION, AND ABRAHAM I. KANDEL, VICE-PRESIDENT.

\$2,000,000 SPENT ANNUALLY FOR JEWISH EDUCATION IN NEW YORK, MEETING TOLD

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- REGISTRATION IN JEWISH RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK HAS BEEN INCREASED BY ABOUT 1,000 PUPILS DURING THE PAST YEAR, HARRY H. LIEBOVITZ, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, TOLD MORE THAN 500 MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN THE HOTEL ASTOR TODAY. THIS INCREASE WOULD HAVE BEEN GREATER IF THE ASSOCIATION HAD MORE FUNDS WITH WHICH TO PUBLICIZE ITS CAMPAIGN OF "EDUCATION FOR JEWISH EDUCATION," HE SAID.

MORE THAN \$2,000,000 ARE SPENT ANNUALLY BY NEW YORK PARENTS TO GIVE THEIR CHILDREN A JEWISH EDUCATION, MR. LIEBOVITZ SAID, AND THE ASSOCIATION IS DOING EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO IMPROVE THE STANDARDS OF TEACHING IN THE SCHOOLS. IT PROMOTES THIS OBJECT, HE SAID, THROUGH A BOARD OF LICENSE WHICH GRANTS CERTIFICATES OF QUALIFICATION TO HEBREW TEACHERS. DURING 1937, 102 LICENSES WERE GRANTED. OTHER SPEAKERS WERE JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL OF PHILADELPHIA, MRS. GABRIEL HAMBURGER, PRESIDENT OF IVRIAH, AND BERNARD SEMEL.

MR. LIEBOVITZ WAS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT. MARK EISNER WAS ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT, AND THE FOLLOWING WERE REELECTED: JONAH J. GOLDSTEIN AND SAMUEL ROTTENBERG, VICE-PRESIDENTS; BERNARD SEMEL, HONORARY SECRETARY; RABBI DAVID DE SOLA POOL, SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND NATHAN FLUGELMAN, TREASURER.

GINZBURG, PUBLISHER OF CHICAGO COURIER, DEAD AT 75

CHICAGO, May 8. (JTA) -- MOSES PHILLIP GINZBURG, FOUNDER AND PUBLISHER OF THE DAILY JEWISH COURIER, DIED YESTERDAY MORNING OF A HEART ATTACK. HE WAS LAST MONTH HONORED BY A DINNER CELEBRATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS FOUNDING OF THE COURIER, AT WHICH SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR HAROLD L. ICKES WAS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER.

MR. GINZBURG, WHO WAS 75 LAST DECEMBER, IS SURVIVED BY A WIDOW, FEIGE RACHEL, A SON, ISRAEL, AND THREE MARRIED DAUGHTERS. FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD MONDAY AFTERNOON. HE WAS BORN IN MARIANPOL-SUWALK, CAME TO CHICAGO IN 1883 AND BECAME PUBLISHER OF THE COURIER IN 1893.