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ROMANIA REJECTS COMPROMISE ON CITIZENSHIP REVISION; TO IGNORE PETITIONS

GENEVA, MAY 9. (JTA) -- THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT, INDICATING IT HAD THE BACKING OF THE LITTLE ENTENTE ON MINORITIES QUESTIONS, WAS UNDERSTOOD TODAY TO HAVE REFUSED GREAT BRITAIN'S REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF ITS DECREE FOR REVISION OF JEWISH CITIZENSHIPS.

FOREIGN MINISTER NICOLAS PETRESCU-COMNEN, IT WAS LEARNED, HAS TOLD FOREIGN SECRETARY LORD HALIFAX THAT THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED THE REVISION AS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR AND WAS NOT READY TO ENTERTAIN A COMPROMISE ON THE QUESTION.

BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS COUNCIL'S 101ST MEETING TODAY, LORD HALIFAX HELD AN HOUR-LONG CONFERENCE WITH PETRESCU-COMNEN ON THE NATIONALITY REVISION AND WAS UNDERSTOOD TO BE SEEKING TO OBTAIN MODIFICATION OF THE LAW TO AVOID THE NECESSITY OF LEAGUE INTERVENTION UNDER THE 1919 MINORITIES TREATY.

IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SUGGESTED COMPROMISE WOULD HAVE TAKEN FROM THE INDIVIDUAL JEWS THE BURDEN OF PROVING THAT THEIR CITIZENSHIP WAS LEGALLY OBTAINED AND WOULD HAVE TRANSFERRED TO THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT THE TASK OF PROVING THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S NATIONALITY WAS ILLEGALLY ACQUIRED. IT WAS BELIEVED THAT SUCH A COMPROMISE WOULD HAVE BEEN ACCEPTABLE TO THE ROMANIAN JEWS AND ALSO TO OUTSIDE JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE PETITIONED THE LEAGUE.

THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS SO FAR NOT SUBMITTED OBSERVATIONS ON THE JEWISH PETITIONS, AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE OF THREE ON MINORITIES LAST JANUARY. THE BUCHAREST DELEGATION INDICATED TODAY THAT IT DOES NOT INTEND TO REPLY AND WILL SIMPLY IGNORE THE PETITIONS AND THE LEAGUE'S INVITATION TO MAKE OBSERVATIONS.

THE COMMITTEE OF THREE, IT WAS LEARNED, WILL TAKE THE QUESTION UP WITH THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION OFFICIALLY ON WEDNESDAY. THE COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS NAMED AT THE LAST SESSION TO CONSIDER THE ROMANIAN QUESTION, IS HEADED BY THE IRAN DELEGATE AND ALSO INCLUDES BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

(ROMANIA SOUGHT SUPPORT FOR HER POSITION AT THE LITTLE ENTENTE CONFERENCE IN SINAIA, ROMANIA, LAST WEEK, WHEN PETRESCU-COMNEN ASKED YUGOSLAVIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO JOIN ROMANIA IN REJECTING LEAGUE "INTERFERENCE" ON THE JEWISH PROBLEM. ROMANIA APPARENTLY WON HER POINT, SINCE THE ENTENTE COMMUNIQUE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE STRESSED

"INDIVIDUAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER DOMESTIC PROBLEMS." PREVIOUSLY, RUMANIAN NEWSPAPERS HAD PUBLISHED THINLY VEILED THREATS THAT BUCHAREST WOULD BOLT THE LEAGUE IF THE JEWISH QUESTION WAS DISCUSSED AT THIS COUNCIL SESSION.)

MUCH INTEREST WAS DISPLAYED IN LEAGUE CIRCLES ON THE QUESTION OF THE AUSTRIAN JEWS, PRACTICALLY ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESSING THEMSELVES AS FAVORING EXTENSION OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES FROM GERMANY TO COVER AUSTRIAN EXPATRIATES.

A SPECIAL COMMISSION APPOINTED AT THE LAST COUNCIL SESSION TO STUDY AND REPORT ON THE FUTURE OF THE HIGH COMMISSION AND THE NANSSEN INTERNATIONAL OFFICE FOR "STATELESS" REFUGEES, WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE YEAR, HELD ITS FIRST MEETING IN PRIVATE THIS AFTERNOON.

SOVIET RUSSIA STRONGLY OPPOSED A SUGGESTION THAT BOTH BODIES BE MERGED INTO A UNITED ORGANIZATION TO CARE FOR REFUGEES FROM ALL COUNTRIES. THE NANSSEN OFFICE HAS CONCERNED ITSELF CHIEFLY WITH RUSSIAN REFUGEES.

EGYPT PLANS TO RAISE PALESTINE QUESTION BEFORE LEAGUE

CAIRO, MAY 9. (JTA) -- PREMIER MOHAMMED MAHMUD PASHA IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE WORKING OUT A PLAN FOR PRESENTATION OF THE PALESTINE QUESTION TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. SENATOR HUSSEIN MOHAMMED EL-GINIDI HAS RAISED THE QUESTION OF EGYPT'S OFFICIAL STAND ON PALESTINE FOR DISCUSSION IN PARLIAMENT.

NASHASHIBI WARNS OF BLOODSHED IF PARTITION CARRIED OUT

JERUSALEM, MAY 9. (JTA) -- RAGHEB BEY NASHASHIBI, LEADER OF THE PALESTINE DEFENSE PARTY, REPRESENTING THE ARAB MODERATES, TODAY SUBMITTED A MEMORANDUM TO BRITAIN'S PALESTINE PARTITION COMMISSION VOICING STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED DIVISION OF THE HOLY LAND.

WARNING THAT IF THE PROPOSED THREE-WAY PARTITION WAS CARRIED OUT IT WOULD RESULT IN CONTINUED BLOODSHED, NASHASHIBI STATED THAT THE ENTIRE ARAB POPULATION WAS BOYCOTTING THE COMMISSION BECAUSE ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE INCLUDED ONLY PARTITION AS A SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINE QUESTION.

MEANWHILE, TWO SUCCESSIVE ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO ASSASSINATE ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER JAMES H.H. POLLOCK IN NABLUS. HE WAS NOT HARMED. THE ASSAILANTS ESCAPED.

A BAND OF 50 ARAB TERRORISTS TODAY ATTACKED A BEDOUIN COLONY NEAR BEISAN, KILLING THE SHEIKH'S YOUNG SON. AN ARAB WOMAN WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED WHEN FOUR BOMBS WERE EXPLODED AT MIDNIGHT IN THE CENTER OF TULKAREM.

STATE DEPARTMENT DENIES STATING 18,000 AUSTRIAN REFUGEES TO BE ADMITTED

WASHINGTON, MAY 9. (JTA) -- THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT NO SUCH FIGURES HAD BEEN GIVEN OUT AS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S NEW YORK POST, WHICH QUOTED AN UNNAMED "OFFICIAL OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT VISA SECTION" AS DISCLOSING THAT 18,000 TO 20,000 AUSTRIAN REFUGEES WOULD BE ABLE TO QUALIFY FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE UNITED STATES THIS YEAR UNDER THE GERMAN QUOTA. THE STATE DEPARTMENT DESCRIBED THE STORY AS "PECULIAR."

THE POST, IN A WASHINGTON DISPATCH UNDER THE SIGNATURE OF CHARLES MALCOLMSON, ALSO SAID THAT TO DATE 38,000 AUSTRIANS HAD FILED VISA APPLICATIONS WITH AMERICAN CONSULS, AND IT QUOTED STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMEN AS DECLARING THAT ADVICES FROM VIENNA INDICATED THAT 150,000 OTHERS DESIRED TO FOLLOW SUIT.

BRAZIL'S ENTRY LAW FAVORS FARMERS

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- According to a New York Times despatch from Rio de Janeiro, the new Brazilian immigration law setting up rules for the entry of foreigners places agrarian immigration on the preferred list. Article 2 of the law gives the government power to limit or suspend the entry of immigrants "of given races or origins." However, an official spokesman explained that that applies to any race and is definitely a prerogative of the government.

POLISH GOVERNMENT LEADER BACKS ECONOMIC FIGHT AGAINST JEWS

WARSAW, May 9. (JTA) -- General Stanislaw Skwarzynski, head of the Government's camp for national unity, at a meeting at Poznan urged elimination of Jews from Polish trade. "Jew-freed Poznan will serve as an example to other Polish cities," he said, adding that Polish traders and industrialists should be instructors in the economic fight against the Jews.

AFTER A PERIOD OF QUIET, NATIONALIST STUDENTS TODAY RESUMED ANTI-JEWISH ATTACKS AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY, USING BRASS KNUCKLES IN BEATING UP A NUMBER OF JEWISH STUDENTS. A JEWISH UNDERGRADUATE NAMED GREENBERG WAS REMOVED TO A HOSPITAL IN A SERIOUS CONDITION.

DUTCH AUTHOR FINED FOR INSULTING HITLER IN PAMPHLET

AMSTERDAM, May 9. (JTA) -- A court today fined Mawrits Dekker, famous Dutch Jewish author, 100 guilders (about \$55) or 50 days in prison for insulting Chancellor Hitler in a pamphlet entitled "Hitler--An Attempt to Explain." Netherlands law forbids insulting the head of a friendly nation.

ORMSBY-GORE SUCCEEDS FATHER AS PEER; EXPECTED TO RESIGN AS COLONIAL SECRETARY

LONDON, May 9. (JTA) -- William G.A. Ormsby-Gore, Colonial Secretary, succeeds to the peerage held by his father, Lord Harlech, who died yesterday. His resignation from the Cabinet is deemed likely. As Colonial Secretary, he administers the Palestine mandate.

BANKHEAD LAUDS JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS AT B'NAI B'RITH DINNER

WASHINGTON, May 9. (JTA) -- Asserting that dictatorships rather than democracies were in danger of perishing, William B. Bankhead, Speaker of the House, told a B'Nai B'Rith convention dinner tonight that the Jews had richly endowed America's democratic heritage and urged them to be in the vanguard of those battling to uphold the democratic principle.

THE DINNER, WHICH WAS IN HONOR OF ALFRED M. COHEN, RETIRING PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH, CLIMAXED THE ORDER'S FIFTEENTH GENERAL CONVENTION AT THE HOTEL WILLARD, AND HEARD A MESSAGE OF GREETING FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT READ BY HIS SON, JAMES ROOSEVELT. A THOUSAND DELEGATES AND GUESTS ATTENDED, INCLUDING SECRETARY OF TREASURY HENRY MORGENTHAU JR. AND MANY CONGRESSMEN. MR. COHEN WAS LAUDED BY JUDGE I.M. GOLDEN, OF SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH, AND SIDNEY G. KUSWORM, OF DAYTON, O., TREASURER, WHO PRESENTED HIM WITH A TESTIMONIAL GIFT ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE B'NAI B'RITH, WHICH HAS 450 LODGES IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, AS WELL AS LODGES IN 28 OTHER COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

SPEAKER BANKHEAD, WHOSE ADDRESS WAS BROADCAST OVER A NATIONAL HOOK-UP AND INTERNATIONALLY, PAID TRIBUTE TO MR. COHEN AND B'NAI B'RITH, SAYING THAT HIS "DEVOTION TO THIS GREAT ARMY OF PEACE OF ALMOST 100,000 SOULS IS IN ITSELF A CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICAN DEMOCRACY." HE SAID: "THE DEMOCRATIC IDEAL IS NOT ONLY PERVASIVE OF OUR AMERICAN CIVILIZATION, BUT IS

BASIC AS A POWERFUL IMPULSE IN THE HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE. NO PEOPLE HAS MORE RICHLY ENDOWED THE DEMOCRATIC HERITAGE WHICH IS OURS; NO PEOPLE HAS FOUND GREATER SATISFACTION AND SANCTUARY IN ITS BLESSINGS."

CONDEMNING DICTATORSHIPS, HE NAMED GERMANY AS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH "HAS REVERTED TO A ONE-MAN ABSOLUTISM ALMOST WITHOUT PARALLEL IN ALL THE TIDE OF TIME," AND THAT DEMOCRATIC STATES CANNOT SAVE THEMSELVES "THROUGH SMUG INDIFFERENCE TO THE PERIL OF THE DICTATORSHIPS." HE ADDED THAT HE BELIEVED DEMOCRACY WILL NOT PERMANENTLY RETREAT BEFORE THE AUTHORITARIAN SYSTEM.

"I WILL GO FURTHER," HE SAID, "AND ASSERT THE CONVICTION THAT THE DICTATORSHIPS ARE IN FAR GREATER DANGER OF PERISHING THAN ARE THE DEMOCRACIES. NO PEOPLE HAS EVER REMAINED IN PERMANENT SUBJECTION TO DESPOTISM. NO POWER ON EARTH CAN FOREVER DESTROY THE INNATE PASSION OF A PEOPLE FOR PERSONAL LIBERTY." POINTING OUT THAT HE WAS NOT ISSUING A THREAT, MR. BANKHEAD SAID THE UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND, FRANCE, THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES, DENMARK, SWITZERLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND OTHERS TOGETHER "CONSTITUTES A BODY OF PUBLIC OPINION INVULNERABLE TO THEIR MIGHT AGAINST THE ASSAULTS OF ANY OR ALL TOTALITARIAN STATES. DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS WILL NOT PERISH FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH."

"AS FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE," HE CONTINUED, "LET ME STATE THAT YOUR PROBLEM IS INEXTRICABLY BOUND UP WITH THAT OF FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLES EVERYWHERE. WHEREVER DEMOCRACY YIELDS TO DICTATORSHIP, THE JEW IS THE FIRST TO FEEL THE MAILED FIST OF ARBITRARY POWER. WHEREVER DEMOCRACY REIGNS SUPREME, THE JEW IS ACCORDED EQUAL TREATMENT UNDER THE LAW IN COMMON WITH OTHER CITIZENRY IN THE LAND. WERE WE TO SANCTION IN AMERICA ANY OF THE MONSTROUS ACTS NOW BEING PERPETRATED ON HELPLESS JEWISH PEOPLE IN OTHER LANDS, IT WOULD CONSTITUTE AN ASSAULT UPON THE VERY FOUNDATIONS OF OUR GOVERNMENT. IT THEREFORE BEHOOVES MY FELLOW-CITIZENS OF THE JEWISH FAITH TO BE, AS YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN, IN THE VANGUARD OF THOSE WHO BATTLE TO UPHOLD THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLE."

THE SPEAKER PAID TRIBUTE TO JEWS OF REVOLUTIONARY DAYS, MENTIONING HAYM SALOMON BY NAME, AND ENUMERATING THE DEEDS OF VALOR PERFORMED BY AMERICAN JEWS ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE. HE ALSO DECLARED THAT THE AMERICAN COLONISTS DREW MUCH OF THEIR INSPIRATION, IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE, FROM THE JEWISH BIBLE.

IN INTRODUCING MR. BANKHEAD, MR. COHEN, WHOSE REMARKS WERE ALSO INTERNATIONALLY BROADCAST, GAVE PUBLIC THANKS "TO THE FINE HUMANITARIAN WHO IS SECRETARY OF STATE" FOR THE RECENT AMERICAN INVITATION TO 32 COUNTRIES TO JOIN IN FINDING HAVENS OF REFUGE FOR GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN REFUGEES.

B'NAI B'RITH DISTRICTS SPENT \$77,578 DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS ON ONE OF THE ORDER'S LESS WELL-KNOWN ACTIVITIES -- JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE -- IT WAS REPORTED AT THIS AFTERNOON'S SESSION BY RABBI EMIL W. LEIPZIGER, OF NEW ORLEANS, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF THAT WORK. DISTRICT NO. 6 APPROPRIATED MOST OF THIS SUM -- MORE THAN \$45,000 -- ACCORDING TO RABBI LEIPZIGER. DISTRICT NO. 4 SPENT \$14,000; DISTRICT NO. 1, \$5,000; DISTRICT NO. 2, \$3,754; DISTRICT NO. 5, \$2,000; AND DISTRICT NO. 7, \$2,500.

POLAND TO END CLEARING AGREEMENT WITH PALESTINE

WARSAW, MAY 9. (JTA) -- THE POLISH GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN THE JEWISH AGENCY NOTICE OF ITS DESIRE TO TERMINATE THE PALESTINE CLEARING AGREEMENT, WHICH EXPIRES AUG. 1 AND UNDER WHICH JEWS EMIGRATING TO PALESTINE ARE ENABLED TO TAKE WITH THEM PART OF THEIR CAPITAL IN THE FORM OF MERCHANDISE. AN AGENCY DELEGATION IS EXPECTED HERE MAY 15 TO NEGOTIATE A NEW AGREEMENT.