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NAZIS TERRORIZE JEWS IN SUDETEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA; FORCE SALE OF BUSINESS

PRAHA, MAY 16. (JTA) -- The 22,000 JEWS in the SUDETEN GERMAN DISTRICTS of CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE BEING TERRORIZED BY KONRAD HENLEIN'S NAZI PARTY, IT WAS DISCLOSED TODAY AT A CONFERENCE OF THE JEWISH PARTY IN BRNO.

THE GOVERNMENT, IT WAS STATED, IS HELPLESS TO CHECK JEW-BAITING IN THE GERMAN DISTRICTS. LOCAL HENLEINIST LEADERS, PARTICULARLY IN KARLOVY VARY (KARLSBAD), EGER AND TEPLITZ, ARE FORCING JEWS TO SELL BUSINESS CONCERNS AND REAL ESTATE FOR INSIGNIFICANT SUMS UNDER THREAT OF CONFISCATION ONCE THE HENLEINISTS ASSUME POWER.

IN KARLOVY VARY, VICE-MAYOR FRANZ ULBERG, WRITING IN HENLEIN'S NEWSPAPER, ZEIT, OPENLY ANNOUNCED THAT THIS WATERING PLACE WOULD BECOME A RESORT OF THE GREATER REICH, WITH WHICH, IT WAS HOPED, THE CITY WOULD BE PRACTICALLY MERGED.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE SUDETEN AREA IS FORCING JEWS TO MOVE TO PRAHA AND OTHER CZECH CITIES. IN THE CZECH DISTRICTS, THE JEWISH POPULATION IS CONTRIBUTING TO STATE DEFENSE FUNDS AND JEWISH YOUTH IS JOINING VOLUNTARY MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS. THE BRNO CONFERENCE ADOPTED A MANIFESTO DECLARING THAT IT STANDS FOR JUSTICE, HUMANITY, DEMOCRACY AND UNRESERVED LOYALTY TO THE REPUBLIC.

THE CONFERENCE SENT MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT EDUARD BENES AND PREMIER MILAN HODZA, ASSURING THEM OF JEWISH FIDELITY TO THE STATE. IT WAS URGED THAT THE RIGHTS GRANTED BY THE CONSTITUTION TO THE 350,000 CZECHOSLOVAK JEWS SHOULD BE CONFIRMED IN THE NEW STATUTE ON NATIONALITIES WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS WORKING OUT TO MEET THE VARIOUS MINORITIES' DEMANDS.

MEANWHILE, CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES PRESSED AN INTENSIVE SEARCH FOR THE SOURCE OF A FLOOD OF SUBVERSIVE PAMPHLETS PRINTED ABROAD AND DISTRIBUTED BY SUDETEN GERMANS THROUGHOUT CZECHOSLOVAKIA OVER THE WEEKEND. AT LEAST FOUR PERSONS WERE ARRESTED ON SUNDAY AND THOUSANDS OF THE PAMPHLETS SEIZED, NOTABLY IN MORAVIA, WHERE LARGE QUANTITIES WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THAT REGION'S GERMAN POPULATION.

THE PAMPHLETS WERE DESCRIBED BY AUTHORITIES AS A BOLD ATTEMPT TO WEAKEN THE CZECHOSLOVAK STATE AND ITS ALLIES, PARTICULARLY FRANCE. THEIR DISTRIBUTION COINCIDED WITH THE RETURN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF SUDETEN LEADER KONRAD HENLEIN FROM LONDON VIA BERLIN.

THE C.T.K. (CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY) DECLARED TONIGHT THAT "THE BAD CZECH IN WHICH THE PAMPHLETS WERE WRITTEN LEAVE NO DOUBT OF THEIR ORIGIN, AND THE FAULTY TYPOGRAPHY SHOWS THEY WERE PRINTED ABROAD." SOME OF THE PAMPHLETS WERE PLACED IN LETTER-BOXES, WHILE

OTHERS WERE FLUNG IN STREETS TO BE PICKED UP BY PASSERSBY. AT MELNIK, HELMUTH PALME, A SUDETEN-GERMAN PARTISAN AND PRINTER OF THE NEWSPAPER CEZKE LIPA, WAS ARRESTED AFTER HAVING BEEN SURPRISED WHILE DISTRIBUTING THE PAMPHLETS FROM AN AUTOMOBILE.

TWO SUDETEN GERMANS WERE ARRESTED AT RAKOVNIK. THEY ADMITTED HAVING RECEIVED THE PAMPHLETS FROM A "CORRESPONDENT OF THE PARTY" -- PRESUMABLY IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY. AT PLZEN (PILSEN) TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS WERE SURPRISED DISTRIBUTING THE PAMPHLETS, BUT ESCAPED, LEAVING 10,000 COPIES BEHIND IN TWO PACKETS. IN PRAHA, 150 PAMPHLETS WERE FOUND IN A SQUARE.

ROOSEVELT REFUGEE BODY MAPS PLANS AT FIRST SESSION; AIDS TO TAYLOR NAMED

WASHINGTON, MAY 16. (JTA) -- POLITICAL REFUGEE AID MOVED FORWARD ON TWO FRONTS IN WASHINGTON TODAY. THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL REFUGEES HELD ITS FIRST MEETING IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT BUILDING AND MADE A PRELIMINARY SURVEY TO AID REFUGEES.

THE PRINCIPAL DISCUSSION WAS ON SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING LEGISLATION, IN COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ACCEPTED THE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE. THE COMMITTEE ELECTED JAMES G. McDONALD, CHAIRMAN, AND DR. SAMUEL MCCREA CAVERT, SECRETARY. PRESENT WERE MR. McDONALD, DR. STEPHEN S. WISE, HAMILTON FISH ARMSTRONG, PAUL BAERWALD, JOSEPH P. CHAMBERLAIN, BASIL HARRIS, LOUIS KENNEDY AND JAMES M. SPERS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT PELL, DIVISIONAL ASSISTANT IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND GEORGE BRANDT, FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, AS ASSISTANTS TO MYRON TAYLOR ON THE INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE COMMITTEE. PELL WAS ELECTED BECAUSE OF HIS PARTICULAR EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, BRANDT BECAUSE OF IMMIGRATION EXPERIENCE.

ZIONIST LEADERS CONFER WITH PARTITION COMMISSION

JERUSALEM, MAY 16. (JTA) -- ZIONIST LEADERS ATTENDED A CLOSED MEETING OF THE PARTITION COMMISSION, WHICH, AFTER A TWO-WEEK TOUR OF PALESTINE, IS PREPARING TO CONDUCT OPEN HEARINGS. THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE, DAVID BEN GURION, CHAIRMAN OF THE AGENCY'S JERUSALEM EXECUTIVE, MOSHE SHEROK, HEAD OF ITS POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, AND BERNARD JOSEPH, LEGAL ADVISER TO THE AGENCY. THE QUESTION OF PROCEDURE AT THE OPEN SESSIONS IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED.

THE SECOND BRITISH SOLDIER WOUNDED IN AN ATTACK SATURDAY ON THE ACRE-SAFED ROAD DIED TODAY. HIS COMRADE DIED SUNDAY. NEW CLASHES WERE REPORTED TODAY. NEAR HEBRON TWO POLICE AND SEVERAL ARABS WERE WOUNDED IN A SKIRMISH. ONE POLICEMAN AND ONE TRAVELLER WERE KILLED ON THE HEBRON-JERUSALEM ROAD WHEN TERRORISTS FIRED ON AN AUTOBUS. FIRE DESTROYED PART OF A WALL AROUND A BANANA PLANTATION BELONGING TO THE MARQUESS OF READING. IT IS LOCATED ON THE SHORE OF LAKE TIBERIAS.

BRITAIN SEEN COOL ON PARTITION

NEW YORK, MAY 16. (JTA) -- ACCORDING TO A JERUSALEM DISPATCH FROM JOSEPH LEVY, CHIEF NEAR EASTERN CORRESPONDENT OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, REALIZING THAT ARAB OPPOSITION IS TOO GREAT, IS SEEKING TO ABANDON THE PARTITION PLAN, AND THEREFORE IS TAKING NO ACTION TO DISCOURAGE ARAB PROTESTS AGAINST THE PLAN, EITHER IN THE PALESTINE PRESS OR IN OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES.

A CAIRO DISPATCH TO THE TIMES SAID THAT HASSAN RIFAAT PASHA, EGYPTIAN UNDER-SECRETARY OF INTERIOR, WAS TO SUMMON TODAY ARAB LEADERS RESIDING IN EGYPT AS POLITICAL REFUGEES AND TO WARN THEM THAT UNLESS THEY REFRAINED FROM POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING PALESTINE, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE FORCED TO WITHDRAW ITS HOSPITALITY AND DEPORT THEM. A SIMILAR WARNING WAS TO BE GIVEN TO LEADERS OF SOME 300 PALESTINIAN AND SYRIAN STUDENTS AT AL-AZHAR UNIVERSITY.

MALCOLM MACDONALD NAMED COLONIAL SECRETARY

LONDON, MAY 16. (JTA) -- MALCOLM MacDONALD, SON OF THE LATE RAMSAY MacDONALD, WAS NAMED SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES TODAY, SUCCEEDING WILLIAM G.A. ORMSBY-GORE, WHO RECENTLY BECAME LORD HARLECH WITH THE DEATH OF HIS FATHER. MR. MacDONALD SERVED AS COLONIAL SECRETARY FROM JUNE TO NOVEMBER, 1935, WHEN HE WAS SHIFTED TO THE POST OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE DOMINIONS AND REPLACED BY J.H. THOMAS. MR. ORMSBY-GORE FOLLOWED MR. THOMAS IN MAY, 1936.

AT A DINNER OF THE ANGLO-PALESTINE CLUB IN OCTOBER, 1935, MR. MacDONALD, THEN COLONIAL SECRETARY, ADVISED ZIONIST COOPERATION WITH THE ARABS, DECLARING: "YOU MUST CREATE CONDITIONS THERE THAT WILL MAKE THE ARAB WORK WITH YOU. THERE'S ROOM FOR BOTH, AND THERE YOU WILL LIVE SIDE BY SIDE."

TEL AVIV APPROVES \$150,000 PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM

TEL AVIV, MAY 16. (JTA) -- PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS THAT WILL GIVE PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT TO 800 UNEMPLOYED PERSONS FOR FOUR MONTHS WERE APPROVED TODAY BY THE TEL AVIV CITY COUNCIL. THE PROJECTS, TO BE STARTED AT ONCE, WILL COST \$150,000, OF WHICH \$100,000 WILL BE EXPENDED IN ROAD BUILDING AND THE REMAINDER FOR GRADING OF SAND DUNES.

THE COUNCIL'S ACTION WAS TAKEN AFTER IT HAD HEARD A DELEGATION FROM THE GROUP OF JOBLESS WHICH HAS OCCUPIED CITY HALL IN A SIT-DOWN STRIKE DECLARE THERE WERE 2,000 UNEMPLOYED IN THE CITY WHO HAD HAD NO JOBS FOR TWO YEARS. DESCRIBING THE MISERY OF THEIR FAMILIES, THE SPOKESMEN FOR THE JOBLESS THREATENED A HUNGER-STRIKE UNLESS THEIR DEMANDS FOR IMMEDIATE LAUNCHING OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS WERE MET.

SEVEN LABORITE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ANNOUNCED THEIR RESIGNATION FROM EXECUTIVE POSTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL'S DECISION, BY A VOTE OF 8 TO 7, TO REJECT A DEMAND FOR COMPLETE SUPPORT OF THE HISTADRUTH'S SEPARATE SCHOOL SYSTEM. THE LABORITES CONTINUE AS COUNCILLORS AND RETAIN THE POST OF VICE-MAYOR.

CONGRESS ATTRIBUTES PLEBISCITE CHANGE TO NEED FOR UNITY

NEW YORK, MAY 16. (JTA) -- THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ITS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO CHANGE THE FORM OF ITS PLEBISCITE NEXT MONTH, SUBSTITUTING A GENERAL QUESTION FOR THE FOUR QUESTIONS, AS WAS REPORTED BY THE JTA ON FRIDAY. THE CHANGE WAS PRECIPITATED, THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID, "BY THE INCREASING CRISES IN JEWISH LIFE AND THE URGENCY OF UNITING ALL JEWISH RESOURCES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE JEWISH STATUS."

THE NEW QUESTION FOLLOWS: "DO YOU FAVOR A UNION OF ALL AMERICAN JEWISH GROUPS ENGAGED IN SAFEGUARDING THE EQUAL RIGHTS OF JEWS, WHICH SHALL UNDERTAKE TO CREATE FOR THE DEFENSE OF SUCH RIGHTS A SINGLE ALL-INCLUSIVE AGENCY ORGANIZED ON A DEMOCRATIC, REPRESENTATIVE BASIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AMERICAN IDEALS?"

AT THE CONCLUDING SESSION OF THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION OF THE UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS OF AMERICA, A RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS TO WITHDRAW THE PLEBISCITE ENTIRELY WAS SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE TO BE REFRAMED.

REICH BLAMES JEWS FOR ONION SHORTAGE

BERLIN, May 16. (Havas) -- AN ACUTE ONION SHORTAGE HAS DEVELOPED IN GERMANY. THE GENERAL PUBLIC BECAME AWARE OF IT TODAY WHEN THE NAZI CO-ORDINATED PRESS ANNOUNCED THAT JEWISH SPECULATION HAD DEPRIVED THE GERMAN HOUSEWIFE OF THE ALL-IMPORTANT ONION, AND ADVISED HER TO WAIT PATIENTLY FOR THE NEW CROP. JEWS, HAVING CORNED THE ONION MARKET, ARE ASKING FOUR TIMES THE NORMAL PRICE, THE NEWSPAPERS ASSERTED.

SEPHARDIC CONGRESS VOTES TO ESTABLISH SEMINARY IN JERUSALEM

AMSTERDAM, May 16. (JTA) -- THE SECOND SEPHARDIC WORLD CONFERENCE, ATTENDED BY 41 DELEGATES FROM TWELVE COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, CONCLUDED ITS SESSIONS TODAY WITH A DECISION TO RAISE \$500,000 FOR CREATION OF A SEPHARDIC RABBINICAL SEMINARY AT JERUSALEM.

THE SEMINARY WILL DEDICATE ITSELF TO FORMING (1) SPIRITUAL LEADERS, WORTHY OF THE NAME, WHO WILL BE TRUE GUIDES AND SUPPORTERS OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE SEPHARDIC CONGREGATIONS IN THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, AND (2) TEACHERS WHO WILL RAISE THE LEVEL OF HEBREW INSTRUCTION TO JEWISH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE RECRUITING OF STUDENTS WILL BE EFFECTED BY MEANS OF THE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS, WHICH WILL ENSURE THE COMMUNITIES SENDING ONLY THOSE STUDENTS POSSESSING A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF THE LANGUAGE AS WELL AS OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN. LATER, WHEN THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR STUDIES, THEY WILL BE READY TO ASSUME THEIR RABBINICAL DUTIES.

IN ADDITION, THE PROJECTED SEMINARY WILL WORK TOWARDS THE CREATION OF AN ELITE OF WRITERS AND SCHOLARS. IT WOULD OFFER TO STUDENTS OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS THE POSSIBILITY OF COMPLETING THEIR STUDIES.

THE FUND-RAISING PLAN PROVIDES FOR CREATION, BY PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION, OF A TRUST FUND OF \$500,000 IN GOVERNMENT BONDS, ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE JEWS' CONGREGATION OF LONDON.

DR. KARPF NAMED TO INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK BOARD

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- ALEXANDER FARQUHARSON, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK, ANNOUNCED THAT DR. MAURICE J. KARPF, PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL FOR JEWISH SOCIAL WORK, AND PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF JEWISH SOCIAL WORK, WAS ELECTED A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK, SUCCEEDING DR. BERNARD KAHN, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE IN PARIS.

SEEK \$10,000 TO BUILD FACTORY IN GALICIAN CITY

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- PLANS TO RAISE \$10,000 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ORT COOPERATIVE FACTORY FOR THE JEWISH POPULATION OF THE CITY OF SKALAT, GALICIA, POLAND, WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY BY THE UNITED SKALATER RELIEF SOCIETY OF GREATER NEW YORK. THE FUNDS WILL BE CONTRIBUTED TO THE AMERICAN ORT FEDERATION AND WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE ERECTION OF A COOPERATIVE FACTORY WHICH IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A LIVELIHOOD FOR HUNDREDS OF PERSONS.