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WASHINGTON, DEC. 15. (JTA) -- THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, IN A THIRD NOTE TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, DESCRIBED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT AS VERY IMPORTANT IN THE HISTORY OF DEALINGS WITH THE REICH, HAS DEMANDED ASSURANCE OF THE PROTECTION OF AMERICAN JEWS' RIGHTS IN VIEW OF RECENT ANTI-SEMITIC DECREES, ACTING SECRETARY SUMNER WELLES REVEALED TODAY.

THE NOTE, DELIVERED TO THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE YESTERDAY BY PRENTISS GILBERT, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, POINTS OUT THAT GERMAN NATIONALS ARE NOT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN THE UNITED STATES AND ASSERTS THAT WASHINGTON WILL NOT COUNTENANCE THE ARBITRARY DIVIDING OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE REICH INTO SPECIAL CLASSES.

SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS MADE TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ON OCT. 5 REGARDING THE RIGHTS OF AMERICAN JEWS IN ITALY WERE WIDELY INTERPRETED AS A THREAT OF REPRISAL AGAINST ITALIANS IN THE UNITED STATES AND BROUGHT FROM ROME A PROMISE OF LENIENCY OF APPLICATION OF THE FASCIST DECREES TO AMERICAN NATIONALS.

THE LATEST NOTE TO BERLIN WAS MADE PUBLIC AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY BY MR. WELLES, WHO SAID THE UNITED STATES HAD BEEN TRYING SINCE MAY 9 TO OBTAIN ASSURANCES OF PROTECTION OF AMERICAN RIGHTS. MR. WELLES YESTERDAY REVEALED THAT A REPLY TO A PREVIOUS NOTE HAD BEEN RECEIVED BUT WOULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL IT HAD BEEN STUDIED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. APPARENTLY THE GERMAN REPLY HAD PROVED FAR FROM SATISFACTORY, HOWEVER, SINCE IT WAS FOLLOWED BY THE TRANSMISSION OF A SHARPER NOTE TO BERLIN.

THE TEXT OF THE NOTE FOLLOWS:

"I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO EXPRESS ITS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT HAS NOT AS YET CONVEYED THE ASSURANCE WHICH MY GOVERNMENT FELT CONFIDENT WOULD BE RECEIVED CONCERNING NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT IN GERMANY OF AMERICAN CITIZENS WITHOUT EXCEPTION BASED ON RACE OR CREED.

"THE ATTENTION OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT WAS EXPRESSLY INVITED TO THIS MATTER IN MR. WILSON'S NOTE OF MAY 9, 1938, AND MY GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN, AND ITS DESIRE FOR THE ASSURANCES SOUGHT THEREIN HAVE BEEN REITERATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, IN COMMUNICATIONS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT.

"MY GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECREE LAWS, WHICH IF MADE APPLICABLE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF ARBITRARILY DIVIDING THEM INTO SPECIAL CLASSES AND SUBJECT THEM TO DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT ON THE BASIS OF SUCH CLASSIFICATION.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The United States Government, in a third note to the German Government, described by the State Department as very important in the history of dealings with the Reich, has demanded assurance of the protection of American Jews' rights in view of recent anti-Semitic decrees, Acting Secretary Sumner Welles revealed today.

The note, delivered to the German Foreign Office yesterday by Prentiss Gilbert, charge d'affaires of the American Embassy, points out that German nationals are not discriminated against in the United States and asserts that Washington will not countenance the arbitrary dividing of American citizens in the Reich into special classes.

Similar representations made to the Italian Government on Oct. 5 regarding the rights of American Jews in Italy were widely interpreted as a threat of reprisal against Italians in the United States and brought from Rome a promise of leniency of application of the Fascist decrees to American nationals.

The latest note to Berlin was made public at a press conference today by Mr. Welles, who said the United States had been trying since May 9 to obtain assurances of protection of American rights. Mr. Welles yesterday revealed that a reply to a previous note had been received but would not be made public until it had been studied by the State Department. Apparently the German reply had proved far from satisfactory, however, since it was followed by the transmission of a sharper note to Berlin.

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FOREIGN NATIONS IT HAS EMPHATICALLY DECLINED THE RIGHT OF THOSE NATIONS TO APPLY ON THEIR PART SUCH DISCRIMINATION AS BETWEEN AMERICAN CITIZENS.

"THIS PRINCIPLE, FURTHERMORE, IS APPLIED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO NATIONALS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING GERMANS.

"THE APPLICATION TO AMERICAN CITIZENS OF THE MEASURES REFERRED TO WOULD BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THIS PRINCIPLE.

"MY GOVERNMENT BELIEVES, THEREFORE THAT UPON FURTHER CONSIDERATION, YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT WILL DECIDE THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS WILL NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN GERMANY ON ACCOUNT OF RACE OR CREED, AND THAT THEY WILL NOT BE SUBJECTED TO PROVISIONS OF THE NATURE OF THOSE EMBODIED IN THE DECREE LAWS IN QUESTION."

REFUGEES EMPLOY MANY BRITISH WORKERS, COMMONS TOLD; DENY NAZI ANTI-SEMITISM 'INTERNAL AFFAIR'

LONDON, DEC. 15. (JTA) -- REFUGEES HAVE COMMENCED NUMEROUS ENTERPRISES EMPLOYING A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF BRITISH WORKERS, SIR SAMUEL HOARE, HOME SECRETARY, DECLARED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY, DEFENDING THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF ADMITTING EXILES FROM GERMANY. IT IS POSSIBLE TO ADMIT A NUMBER OF REFUGEES WITHOUT AGGRAVATING THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION, SIR SAMUEL SAID IN REPLY TO W.G. HOWARD GRITTEN, CONSERVATIVE, WHO HAD DEMANDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HALT THE ALIEN INFUX.

THE HOME SECRETARY ALSO PROMISED NOT TO ALLOW ANY IMMIGRANT TO ENTER THE COUNTRY TO REPLACE A MAN DISCHARGED FROM A GERMAN FIRM HERE ON RACIAL GROUNDS. HE DECLARED THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO STATUTORY POWERS TO PREVENT GERMAN FIRMS DOING BUSINESS IN ENGLAND FROM DISMISSING JEWISH EMPLOYEES ON RACIAL GROUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPORTED INSTRUCTIONS EFFECTIVE DEC. 25.

THE POSSIBILITY OF ADMISSION INTO ENGLAND OF JEWISH REFUGEES EXPECTING TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES UNTIL QUOTA NUMBERS FOR THAT COUNTRY HAVE BEEN ALLOTTED WAS RAISED BY JOSIAH C. WEDGWOOD, LABORITE. "MY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN CONSULTATION WITH UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES ON THIS SUBJECT," SIR SAMUEL REPLIED. "THE USUAL PRACTICE IS TO ADMIT TO THIS COUNTRY REFUGEES FOR WHOM MAINTENANCE WILL BE OR IS GUARANTEED IF THERE IS A REASONABLE PROSPECT OF THEIR ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES WITHIN A YEAR OR TWO. IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE NOT TO ADMIT INDISCRIMINATELY PERSONS WHO HAVE REGISTERED APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES REGARDLESS OF THE PERIOD WHICH MUST ELAPSE BEFORE THE APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES."

NAZI CONTENTIONS THAT GERMANY'S TREATMENT OF HER JEWS WAS PURELY HER OWN AFFAIR WERE CHALLENGED AS AN "EXTRAORDINARY AND ENTIRELY UNTENABLE POINT OF VIEW" BY FOREIGN UNDERSECRETARY LORD PLYMOUTH IN A SPEECH LAST NIGHT BEFORE THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

"THE FACTS ARE THAT THE PRESSURE EXERCISED ON LARGE SECTIONS OF THE GERMAN POPULATION HAS INEVITABLY PRODUCED AN OVERFLOW FROM THAT COUNTRY OF LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WHO MANAGED TO GET OUT WHETHER AUTHORIZED OR NOT," LORD PLYMOUTH SAID, "AND HAS PLACED ON NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND EVEN ON FAR-DISTANT COUNTRIES A VERY HEAVY BURDEN OF RESPONSIBILITY. THEREFORE THIS QUESTION IS OF VERY GREAT CONCERN TO THESE COUNTRIES FROM BOTH A HUMANITARIAN AND SOCIAL ASPECT. IT IS CLEAR THAT THEY CANNOT IGNORE THIS QUESTION AND HAVE GOT TO TAKE IT UP."

DECLARING A CAREFULLY-PLANNED INTERNATIONAL POLICY WAS NEEDED FOR A SOLUTION OF THE DIFFICULTIES, LORD PLYMOUTH SAID THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS RESOLVED TO DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SOLUTION AND WOULD WELCOME WITH SYMPATHY ANY SUGGESTIONS. EARLIER, THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE VOICED THE CONVICTION THAT THE BRITISH EMPIRE WOULD BECOME MORE SECURE,

STRONGER AND MORE PROSPEROUS IF IT COULD INCREASE ITS OWN POPULATION AND HELP THE DOMINIONS TO INCREASE THEIRS. HE WARMLY PRAISED THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR UNDERTAKING TO ADMIT 15,000 REFUGEES FROM GERMANY.

BRITISH FIRM TRANSFERS \$20,000,000 TRADE FROM REICH

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, DEC. 15. (JTA) -- PREDICTING THAT GREAT BRITAIN'S SYMPATHY FOR THE GERMAN JEWS WOULD REDOUND TO ITS GREATER ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, SIR FREDERICK MARQUIS REVEALED HERE TODAY THAT HIS CHAIN OF DEPARTMENT STORES HAD PLACED \$20,000,000 WORTH OF TRADE IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN GERMANY AS A RESULT OF THE ANTI-JEWISH PERSECUTION. "AND WE HAVE ENCOURAGED MANUFACTURERS TO START ENTERPRISES IN THIS COUNTRY BECAUSE OF THAT DECISION," SIR FREDERICK ADDED. "IN THE LONG RUN THE WHOLE ECONOMIC LIFE OF THIS COUNTRY WILL BE STRENGTHENED AS A RESULT OF THE MERCY SHOWN TO THE JEWS."

JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA, SIR FREDERICK EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE DOMINION WOULD "FIGHT RATHER THAN ALLOW FORCES OF NAZIS TO LIVE ON THEIR BORDERS."

250 MORE CHILDREN TRANSFERRED TO ENGLAND

HOOK, THE NETHERLANDS, DEC. 15. (JTA) -- EN ROUTE TO ENGLAND AND FREEDOM, A TRAINLOAD OF 250 JEWISH CHILDREN ARRIVED HERE THIS MORNING FROM BERLIN AND OTHER POINTS IN GERMANY. THE GROUP IS THE THIRD CONTINGENT OF 5,000 CHILDREN BEING ADMITTED TO ENGLAND FOR TEMPORARY REFUGE PENDING ULTIMATE RESETTLEMENT IN OTHER OVERSEAS COUNTRIES.

ABOUT 100 OF THE GROUP BOARDED THE TRAIN AT BERLIN. THE FATHERS OF MANY WERE IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS WHILE OTHERS HAD BEEN DEPORTED TO POLAND. ONE CHILD SAID HIS FATHER WAS IN PRISON, HIS MOTHER EN ROUTE TO CHILE, HIS SISTER IN PALESTINE AND HE HAD NO IDEA WHERE HE HIMSELF WOULD EVENTUALLY WIND UP. ADDITIONAL GROUPS WERE PICKED UP AT HANOVER AND OSNABRUECK. INCLUDED IN THE CONTINGENT WERE 165 GERMAN-BORN CHILDREN, 60 BORN IN POLAND AND 37 WHO WERE CLASSED AS "STATELESS."

JEWISH LEADERS HERE DEPLORE BRITAIN'S SHUTTING PALESTINE GATES TO REFUGEE CHILDREN

NEW YORK, DEC. 15. (JTA) -- MEETINGS OF AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE AND OF HADASSAH'S EXECUTIVE BOARD TODAY DEPLORED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION NOT TO ADMIT 10,000 REFUGEE CHILDREN TO PALESTINE, EXPRESSING REGRET THAT LONDON HAD PLACED POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS OVER HUMANITARIANISM.

THE MEETING OF AGENCY MEMBERS, ZIONIST AND NON-ZIONIST, ISSUED A STATEMENT EXPRESSING THEMSELVES AS "AMAZED AND DEEPLY GRIEVED" AT THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE GROUND THAT IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS COULD NOT BE CHANGED AT THIS TIME FOR FEAR OF PREJUDICING THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS ON PALESTINE'S FUTURE.

"IT IS THE MORE DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND THIS REFUSAL BECAUSE THOUSANDS OF JEWISH FAMILIES IN PALESTINE HAVE REGISTERED THEIR HOMES AS AVAILABLE FOR THE RECEPTION OF THESE REFUGEE CHILDREN," THE STATEMENT SAID. "THE DECISION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS INCONSISTENT WITH ITS GENEROUS AND HELPFUL ATTITUDE IN RECENT WEEKS WITH RESPECT TO RECEIVING GERMAN REFUGEES IN GREAT BRITAIN; NOR CAN IT BE RECONCILED WITH ITS CONSTRUCTIVE INTEREST IN SEEKING COLONIZATION OUTLETS FOR GERMAN REFUGEES AND ITS RECOGNITION OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME IN PALESTINE. PROVIDING HOMES FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN IS A MATTER OF HUMANITY AND SHOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS."

PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE DR. CYRUS ADLER, MRS. MOSES P. EPSTEIN, DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN, CHAIM GREENBERG, DR. MAURICE B. HEXTER, DR. MAURICE J. KARPF, LOUIS LIPSKY, EDWARD A. NORMAN, JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG, DR. STEPHEN S. WISE, MORRIS D. WALDMAN, EDWARD M.M. WARBURG, AND DR. NAHUM GOLDMANN.

THE HADASSAH EXECUTIVE BOARD, AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING THIS AFTERNOON, ADOPTED A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING AMAZEMENT AND DECLARING THE ACTION "IMPLIES THAT THE QUESTION OF RESCUE IS POLITICAL, NOT HUMANITARIAN." IT WAS STATED AT THE MEETING THAT YOUTH ALIYAH WAS NOT AFFECTED BY THE DECISION. INFORMATION FROM LONDON SAID THAT 290 CHILDREN WERE EN ROUTE TO THE HOLY LAND UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE YOUTH ALIYAH ORGANIZATION.

MIZRACHI DEMANDS BOYCOTT OF CONFERENCES

JERUSALEM, DEC. 15. (JTA) -- THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TODAY DEMANDING THAT THE JEWISH AGENCY BOYCOTT THE FORTHCOMING LONDON CONFERENCES ON PALESTINE. HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR HAROLD ALFRED MACDONALD RECEIVED PRESIDENT ISAAC BEN ZVI OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL AND CHIEF RABBI ISAAC HERZOG, WHO PRESENTED DEMANDS FOR THE ADMISSION OF 10,000 GERMAN-JEWISH REFUGEE CHILDREN AND THE RELATIVES OF PALESTINE RESIDENTS. SIR HAROLD SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT THE DEMANDS TO COLONIAL SECRETARY MACDONALD.

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN HITS BRITISH DECISION

LONDON, DEC. 15. (JTA) -- THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN TODAY BITTERLY CRITICIZED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION, ANNOUNCED IN COMMONS YESTERDAY BY COLONIAL SECRETARY MALCOLM MACDONALD, NOT TO ADMIT 10,000 GERMAN-JEWISH CHILD REFUGEES TO PALESTINE. ASKING WHY THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT ASK THE ARABS "IN THE NAME OF MERCY TO LET THESE CHILDREN IN," THE NEWSPAPER DECLARED: "THE ARABS HAVE VAST SLICES AND JEWRY, WHICH LIKE LAZARUS IS FULL OF SORES, ASKS ONLY FOR CRUMBS FROM THE RICH MAN'S TABLE."

JACOBUS KANN PROPOSES \$50,000,000 ARAB-JEWISH COMPANY TO DEVELOP PALESTINE

LONDON, DEC. 15. (JTA) -- ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARAB-JEWISH COMPANY TO DEVELOP PALESTINE AND THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WAS PROPOSED TODAY BY JACOBUS H. KANN, PROMINENT NETHERLANDS BANKER AND PIONEER ZIONIST LEADER, IN A LETTER PUBLISHED BY THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN. MR. KANN FOUNDED THE NETHERLANDS ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND WAS ONE OF THE FIRST FRIENDS AND FOLLOWERS OF DR. THEODOR HERZL, FOUNDER OF POLITICAL ZIONISM.

THE COMPANY WOULD BE CAPITALIZED AT \$50,000,000, WITH \$25,000,000 IN NON-NEGOTIABLE SHARES TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE AND AN ARAB REPRESENTATIVE BODY, AND THE REMAINDER TO BE SUBSCRIBED BY JEWS AND ARABS. THE COMPANY WOULD HAVE ONE JEWISH AND ONE ARAB GENERAL MANAGER, EACH TO BE APPOINTED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, WHILE THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT WOULD GRANT EXTENSIVE RIGHTS TO DEVELOP NATURAL RESOURCES.

MR. KANN ALSO SUGGESTED A \$60,000,000 COLONIZATION LOAN TO SETTLE REFUGEES IN PALESTINE.

NOTED MOSLEM LEADER SLAIN; HAIFA UNDER RIGID CURFEW

JERUSALEM, DEC. 15. (JTA) -- AFTER THREE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS, ARAB TERRORISTS TODAY SHOT AND KILLED HAJ MACHMUD EL ANSARI, KEEPER OF THE EL AKSA MOSQUE AND A PROMINENT ARAB MODERATE. THE ASSASSINATION CLIMAXED ANOTHER 24 HOURS OF TERRORISM WHICH RESULTED IN THE KILLING OF A BRITISH LANCE CORPORAL, THE WOUNDING OF TWO OTHER SOLDIERS AND AT LEAST TWO JEWS. THE SOLDIER WAS KILLED IN AN AMBUSH NEAR BALAA. THE JEWS WERE WOUNDED IN ATTACKS AT HAIFA.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL JOHN EVETTS TODAY PUT THE HAIFA HARBOR AREA UNDER PERMANENT 16-HOUR CURFEW, FROM FIVE P.M. TO NINE A.M. STRIKING ARAB SHOPS IN THE SUQ, HAIFA'S VEGETABLE MARKET, WERE AT THE SAME TIME ORDERED TO REOPEN UNDER THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS.

HEXTER SEES PARLEYS AS LAST CHANCE FOR ACCORD

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- THE BRITISH-JEWISH-ARAB CONFERENCES ON PALESTINE REPRESENT "THE LAST CHANCE TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE PEOPLE AMONGST WHOM FATE HAS THROWN US," DECLARES DR. MAURICE B. HEXTER, FORMER MEMBER OF THE PALESTINE EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY, IN AN ARTICLE IN NOTES AND NEWS, PUBLICATION OF THE COUNCIL OF FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS.

DR. HEXTER STATES, HOWEVER, THAT "I AM NOT OVER-SANGUINE THAT THESE SIMULTANEOUS CONFERENCES MAY BE MERGED INTO ONE ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE; NOR THAT, IF SO MERGED, A GENUINE ACCORD WILL GROW OUT OF THEM. PASSIONS ARE STILL RUNNING HIGH. ARAB NATIONALISM IS ALMOST AT ITS ZENITH; INTERNATIONAL ORDER AND MORALITY AT THEIR NADIR; THE CALL OF STRANGLING JEWRIES IRRESISTABLY INSISTENT."

DR. HEXTER IS ONE OF THE FIRST JEWISH LEADERS TO WELCOME THE INCLUSION OF THE ARAB STATES NEIGHBORING PALESTINE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. DECLARING THAT AN INTEREST IN THE SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINE QUESTION HAS BEEN AWAKENED IN THESE COUNTRIES AND THAT JEWS MIGHT BE AMONG THE REPRESENTATIVES SENT BY THESE GOVERNMENTS, HE SAID THAT COLONIAL SECRETARY MALCOLM MACDONALD "WAS EXTREMELY INCISIVE IN HIS JUDGMENT WHEN HE DECIDED TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF NEIGHBORING ARAB TERRITORIES."

ROMANIAN JEWS SEEK GOVERNMENT AID ON EMIGRATION AS CABINET ACTS TO TIGHTEN CURBS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- PROMINENT JEWISH LEADERS DECIDED AT A MEETING TODAY TO ASCERTAIN WHAT AID THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO EXTEND IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ORGANIZED JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM ROMANIA. PARTICIPANTS AT THE CONFERENCE INCLUDED ARISTIDE BLANK, NOTED FINANCIER, DR. WILHELM FILDERRMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF ROMANIAN JEWS, AND CHIEF RABBI JAKOB NIEMIROWER.

THE MEETING FOLLOWED A SESSION OF THE ROMANIAN CABINET AT WHICH DECISIONS WERE TAKEN TO PROCEED ENERGETICALLY WITH ELIMINATION OF MINORITIES FROM THE PROFESSIONS AND TO APPLY STRICTLY THE LAW FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL LABOR. THE SESSION, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF KING CAROL, ALSO DISCUSSED ENCOURAGEMENT OF MASS EMIGRATION OF JEWS.

THE GOVERNOR OF BUKOWINA HAS ISSUED A DECREE COMPELLING JEWISH MERCHANTS TO KEEP THEIR SHOPS OPEN ON SATURDAYS AND JEWISH HOLIDAYS. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED AGAINST SEVERAL ELDERLY JEWS FOR VIOLATING A BAN ON SPEAKING OF YIDDISH. THE DEFENDANTS ARE UNABLE TO SPEAK ANY OTHER LANGUAGE.

HUNGARIAN CABINET MEMBER MAY QUIT OVER ANTI-SEMITIC POLICY

BUDAPEST, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- IT WAS PERSISTENTLY RUMORED TODAY THAT COUNT PAUL TELEKI WOULD SOON RESIGN AS EDUCATION MINISTER BECAUSE HE OBJECTS TO THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-JEWISH PROGRAM.

ANTI-SEMITIC SILVER SHIRT PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- A PAMPHLET ENTITLED "WHAT EVERY CONGRESSMAN SHOULD KNOW!" LISTING THE NAMES OF MORE THAN 275 ALLEGED JEWS AS PROMINENT IN GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL AFFAIRS IS BEING WIDELY DISTRIBUTED HERE. IT IS PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED BY PELLEY PUBLISHERS OF ASHEVILLE, N.C., OWNED BY WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, HEAD OF THE ANTI-SEMITIC SILVER SHIRTS. THE PREFACE DECLARES THAT THE GROWING NUMBER OF JEWS IN THE GOVERNMENT IS "A MISCHIEVOUS THING THAT PELLEY OF THE SILVER LEGION IS CONTESTING."