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HUNGARY INTRODUCES DRASTIC NEW ANTI-JEWISH BILL AMID STORMY SCENES

BUDAPEST, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- INTRODUCTION OF THE DRASTIC NEW ANTI-JEWISH BILL IN PARLIAMENT TODAY WAS MARKED BY STORMY SCENES IN THE LOWER HOUSE. ANGRY SHOUTS OF "BARBARISM!", "THIS IS THE GERMAN SPIRIT!", AND "LONG LIVE EQUALITY!" CAME FROM THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LIBERAL DEPUTIES WHEN THE BILL WAS PRESENTED BY JUSTICE MINISTER ANDREAS TASNADI-NAGY. GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS COUNTERED WITH LOUD APPLAUSE FOR THE BILL. AFTER A BRIEF SESSION THE HOUSE ADJOURNED UNTIL JAN. 1, WITHOUT HAVING TAKEN ACTION.

THE NEW "JEW LAW" CONTAINS DRASTIC RESTRICTIONS ON THE JEWS' RIGHT TO EARN A LIVING, VOTE, HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE NATION'S CULTURAL LIFE. THE FAR-REACHING BILL WOULD LIMIT JEWS TO SIX PER CENT IN PROFESSIONS AND CULTURAL PURSUITS, BAR THEM ALTOGETHER FROM RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN THE PRESS, THEATER AND CINEMA, BAN THEM FROM ALL CIVIL SERVICE POSTS AND LIMIT THEM TO TWELVE PER CENT IN PRIVATE ENTERPRISES. THE PRESENT LAW LIMITS JEWS TO 20 PER CENT IN MOST ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FIELDS.

FORESHADOWING A CAMPAIGN OF DENATIONALIZATION AND ENFORCED EMIGRATION, THE BILL WOULD EMPOWER THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR TO DEPRIVE OF HUNGARIAN CITIZENSHIP ALL PERSONS NATIONALIZED AFTER JULY 1, 1914, AND WOULD AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNMENT TO REGULATE THE QUESTION OF JEWISH EMIGRATION AND THE TRANSFER OF JEWISH CAPITAL FROM THE COUNTRY.

A "JEW" IS DEFINED AS A PERSON WITH ONE OR TWO JEWISH PARENTS, BUT EXCLUDED FROM THE DEFINITION ARE QUARTER-JEWS AS WELL AS HALF JEWS WHO WERE CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY BEFORE JAN. 1, 1938, AND ALSO WAR VETERANS DECORATED FOR EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY AND INVALIDS AT LEAST 50 PER CENT INCAPACITATED. LESS INCLUSIVE THAN GERMANY'S NUREMBERG LAWS IN THE DEFINITION OF JEW, THE BILL HAS ALREADY DRAWN THE FIRE OF HUNGARIAN NAZIS.

THE BILL PROVIDES THAT JEWS REGISTER THEIR VOTES 30 DAYS AFTER PARLIAMENTARY AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. THEIR DEPUTIES IN THE LOWER HOUSE WILL BE LIMITED TO SIX PER CENT OF THE TOTAL AND THEY WILL BE BARRED FROM THE UPPER HOUSE ENTIRELY. JEWS WILL BE BARRED FROM POSITIONS AS STATE, MUNICIPAL OR OTHER PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, PUBLIC NOTARIES, TRUSTEES, PATENT AGENTS AND OFFICIAL TRANSLATORS.

JEWISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE MEDICAL, LEGAL, ENGINEERING, PRESS, THEATER AND CINEMA CHAMBERS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO SIX PER CENT. WAR VETERANS WILL BE ADMITTED ABOVE THIS PERCENTAGE, PROVIDED THAT THEIR NUMBER DOES NOT EXCEED THREE PER CENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP. THERE WILL BE NO NEW ADMISSIONS OF JEWS TO THE PROFESSIONS UNTIL THE SIX PER CENT RATIO IS REACHED.

JEWS WILL BE BARRED FROM BEING EDITORS, PUBLISHERS OR HOLDING OTHER RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN THE PRESS, EXCEPT IN JEWISH AND OTHER NON-HUNGARIAN PUBLICATIONS. THEY WILL ALSO BE BARRED FROM DIRECTORSHIPS AND SECRETARYSHIPS AND OTHER LEADING POSITIONS IN THE THEATER AND CINEMA.

DRASTIC RESTRICTIONS ARE PROVIDED ON JEWISH PARTICIPATION IN STATE MONOPOLIES AND IN STATE AND MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS. THESE CURBS WILL BE EFFECTED BY STAGES. THE JEWISH RATIO WILL BE REDUCED TO 20 PER CENT IN 1939-40, TO 10 PER CENT IN 1941-42 AND TO SIX PER CENT IN 1943. STATE CONTRACTS WILL BE GIVEN TO JEWS ONLY IF CHRISTIAN FIRMS DO NOT BID OR IF THE JEWISH BIDS ARE CONSIDERABLY LOWER.

THE PROPORTION OF JEWISH MANUAL AND INTELLECTUAL WORKERS IN PRIVATE ENTERPRISES MUST NOT EXCEED 12 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL, WITH AN ADDITIONAL THREE PER CENT OF JEWISH WAR VETERANS PERMITTED. ENTERPRISES WITH NO MORE THAN TEN WORKERS WILL BE ABLE TO EMPLOY A MAXIMUM OF TWO JEWS AND THOSE WITH NO MORE THAN FIVE WILL BE ALLOWED TO HIRE ONLY ONE JEW. THE REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF JEWISH WORKERS WILL BE ENFORCED BY STAGES, TO BE COMPLETED NOT LATER THAN JANUARY, 1943.

JEWISH WORKERS WILL BE FORBIDDEN TO BE MEMBERS OF TRADE UNIONS AND LABOR EXCHANGES, EXCEPT JEWISH WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS.

DISMISSED JEWISH EMPLOYEES WILL BE ENTITLED TO ONE YEAR'S PAY. THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE EMPOWERED TO REDUCE JEWS' PENSIONS. FURTHER APPLICATIONS WILL BE ISSUED REGARDING APPLICATION OF THE LAW TO THE TERRITORIES RECENTLY ACQUIRED FROM CZECHO-SLOVAKIA AND REGARDING JEWISH OWNERSHIP OF LAND.

ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES ON NAZI MODEL URGED BY GOVERNMENT YOUTH GROUP IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

PRAHA, Dec. 23. (Havas) -- Anti-Jewish regulations largely modeled after the Nazi Nuremberg Laws and a corporate state cut to the Fascist pattern are the chief "reforms" advocated for Czecho-Slovakia by the youth organization of Premier Rudolf Beran's National Union Parties in a program made public here tonight.

AS IS THE CASE IN GERMANY, ANYONE WITH ONE JEWISH GRANDPARENT WOULD BE CONSIDERED A JEW UNDER THIS PROJECT AND WOULD BE BARRED FROM THE NATION'S EDUCATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LIFE, WHILE JEWISH PARTICIPATION IN OTHER FIELDS WOULD BE DRASTICALLY CURTAILED.

JEWS WHO ENTERED CZECHO-SLOVAKIA AFTER JULY 26, 1914, WOULD BE DEPORTED. ALL CZECHO-SLOVAK CITIZENS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ONE YEAR OF COMPULSORY LABOR SERVICE BEFORE THEY BECAME ELIGIBLE FOR POSITIONS IN PRIVATE OR PUBLIC INDUSTRY. THERE WOULD BE OBLIGATORY MILITARY SERVICE AND TRAINING, BUT JEWS WOULD BE BANNED FROM THIS. INSTEAD THEY WOULD BE DRAFTED INTO THE LABOR BATTALIONS.

THE JEWISH POPULATION AS A WHOLE WOULD BE CONSIDERED A MINORITY AND THEREFORE NOT A REAL PART OF THE "NATIONAL COMMUNITY," WHICH WOULD BE ADMINISTERED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE dictates of a "CHRISTIAN MORALITY AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, IN A NATIONAL AND CHRISTIAN SENSE."

TEACHERS OUSTED; CABINET DISCUSSES NUMERUS CLAUSUS

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- IT WAS REPORTED FROM PRAHA TODAY THAT EDUCATION MINISTER KAPRAS HAS SUSPENDED JEWISH PROFESSORS FROM THE GERMAN UNIVERSITY AT PRAHA AND GERMAN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS THERE AND AT BRNO. THE ACTION, EFFECTIVE FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD, WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF PRESSURE FROM BERLIN.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE JEWISH QUESTION WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN AMONG TOPICS DISCUSSED AT A LENGTHY MEETING OF THE CZECH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. A NUMERUS CLAUSUS ON JEWS IN THE PROFESSIONS, ANOTHER RESTRICTIONS OF JEWISH ACTIVITIES WERE SAID TO BE CONTEMPLATED.

CURBS IN HOSPITALS PREDICTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A NEW YORK TIMES DISPATCH FROM PRAHA SAID THE CZECH PRESS DESCRIBED MR. KAPRAS' ACTION AS A STEP TAKEN "WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SOLVING THE WHOLE JEWISH PROBLEM." TWENTY JEWISH PROFESSORS IN THE GERMAN UNIVERSITY WERE SAID TO BE AFFECTED BY THE SUSPENSION. JEWISH TEACHERS IN CZECH SCHOOLS, IT WAS STATED, WERE NOT "AT THE MOMENT" AFFECTED. THE SUSPENDED PROFESSORS WILL RECEIVE REDUCED PAY DURING THEIR PERIOD OF SUSPENSION.

THE PRESS ALSO FORESHADOWED SIMILAR ACTION IN HOSPITALS AND SANATORIUMS, DECLARING: "OUR GERMAN FELLOW-CITIZENS DECLINE TREATMENT FROM JEWISH DOCTORS. IT IS, THEREFORE, NECESSARY TO SOLVE THE QUESTION OF JEWISH DOCTORS IN INSURANCE SOCIETIES AND OTHER SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS."

REICH REFUSES TO FREE 200 YOUTHS UNTIL THEY CAN EMIGRATE

BERLIN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- IT WAS REVEALED TODAY THAT EFFORTS TO EFFECT THE RELEASE OF 200 YOUTHS AGED 17 TO 19, AMONG THOUSANDS OF JEWS STILL HELD IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS, HAVE FAILED, MEETING WITH THE BLUNT STATEMENT: "THEY STAY IN CAMP UNTIL THEY CAN LEAVE THE COUNTRY." NONE OF THE YOUTHS HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EMIGRATE UNDER THE EXISTING CONDITIONS. OTHERS, WHO HAVE BEEN OFFERED GUARANTEES BY RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES AND ENGLAND, HAVE ALREADY BEEN RELEASED BUT THE SOLE HOPE FOR THE REMAINDER IS OPENING BY SOME NATION OF A TRAINING CAMP WHERE THEY CAN BE TRAINED FOR RE-EMIGRATION.

THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED JEWISH WELFARE CIRCLES HERE THAT NETHERLANDS PARTICIPATION IN THE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT IS LIMITED FOR THE PRESENT TO 1,000 CHILDREN UNDER 15 YEARS OF AGE. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR EMIGRATION TO ENGLAND AND HOLLAND OF 800 CHILDREN IN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. OF THIS NUMBER, 200 WILL GO TO HOLLAND AND THE REMAINDER TO ENGLAND.

A NEW YEAR'S EVE BAN ON JEWISH CULTURAL PERFORMANCES, THE SOLE SOURCE OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR GERMAN JEWS, WAS IMPOSED BY THE GESTAPO TODAY WITHOUT EXPLANATION.

NAZI RESTRICTIONS, SPECIAL TAXES STRIP JEWS OF WEALTH

BERLIN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- THE EMIGRANT CAPITAL TRANSFER PROBLEM, THE SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS THIS WEEK, IS MEANWHILE BEING SOLVED INTERNALLY BY THE REICH IN CHARACTERISTIC FASHION. UNDER THE INGENUOUS AND RECENTLY IMPROVED NAZI SYSTEM OF RESTRICTIVE LAWS, SPECIAL TAXES, ENFORCED LOANS AND CAPITAL LEVIES, THE JEW LEAVING GERMANY TODAY IS STRIPPED OF ANYWHERE FROM 96.5 PER CENT TO MORE THAN 99 PER CENT OF HIS FORTUNE.

TRUE TO TYPE, THIS FINANCIAL WRINGER SQUEEZES HARDEST WHEN THE FEEDING IS BULKIEST. THE JEW WITH A MODEST FORTUNE OF 50,000 MARKS (\$20,000 AT THE OFFICIAL RATE) MAY SUCCEED IN BRINGING OUT WITH HIM AS MUCH AS \$700, OR ABOUT 3 1/2 PER CENT. BUT THE JEW WHO IS CAUGHT IN THE RINGER WITH 500,000 MARKS (\$200,000) IS FORTUNATE IF HE EMERGES WITH AS MUCH AS ONE-FIFTH OF ONE PER CENT, PLUS AN ARRAY OF BONDS REPRESENTING A 20-YEAR INTEREST IN SOME TOTTERING AUSTRIA OR SUDETEN ENTERPRISE WHICH HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO BORROW MONEY FROM A REICH BANK.

THE BONDS ARE A NEW EXPERIMENT IN NAZI CONFISCATION PROCEDURE. THE REICH GOLD DISCOUNT BANK, ALONE AUTHORIZED TO BUY UP EMIGRANT "SPERMARMS," IS NOW REFUSING TO PURCHASE LARGE BLOCKS EXCEPT UPON SPECIAL CONDITIONS. THESE CONDITIONS ARE USUALLY INVESTMENT BY THE JEWS OF ANYWHERE UP TO 50 PER CENT OF HIS FORTUNE IN SOME RECENTLY "ARYANIZED" ENTERPRISE WHICH IS BADLY IN NEED OF FUNDS AND IS CONSIDERED TOO GREAT A RISK FOR ORDINARY CREDITS.

THERE IS NO MARKET FOR THESE BONDS OUTSIDE. IN THE OPINION OF EXPERTS, THE 3 OR 4 PER CENT INTEREST THEY CARRY WILL SELDOM OR NEVER BE PAID, AND THE PRINCIPAL -- EVEN IF IT DOES NOT DISAPPEAR WITH THE COLLAPSE OF THE ENTERPRISE -- WILL CERTAINLY NEVER BE SENT OUT OF THE COUNTRY SO LONG AS THE NAZIS REMAIN IN POWER.

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THE OBLIGATIONS WHICH MUST BE MET BY THE EMIGRATING JEW ARE (1) THE 20 PER CENT FINE LEVIED UPON HIS ENTIRE FORTUNE AS PUNISHMENT FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF THE GERMAN LEGATION SECRETARY IN PARIS; (2) THE 25 PER CENT REICH FLIGHT TAX, PAYABLE BY ALL PERSONS WITH FORTUNES OF 50,000 MARKS OR MORE; (3) THE 100 PER CENT TAX ON ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS PURCHASED AFTER 1933; AND (4) SALE OF HIS REMAINING MARKS TO THE GOLD DISCOUNT BANK AT THE PREVAILING RATE OF $6\frac{1}{2}$ PER CENT -- PROVIDED THAT THE BANK IS WILLING TO PURCHASE.

TO UNDERSTAND THE EMIGRANT'S DEAL WITH THE GOLD DISCOUNT BANK, IT IS NECESSARY TO RECALL THAT A JEW LEAVING THE COUNTRY CAN TAKE ONLY TEN MARKS WITH HIM IN CASH, PLUS ANYTHING UP TO FIFTY MARKS IN ADDITION PROVIDING HE CAN SHOW AN "EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE" GRANTED BY THE POLICE. THE REST OF HIS FORTUNE, THE MOMENT HE STEPS BEYOND THE BORDERS OF THE REICH, AUTOMATICALLY BECOME "SPERR" OR BLOCKED MARKS, WHICH ARE IRREMOVABLE FROM GERMANY.

THE JEW, NOW AN IMMIGRANT IN ENGLAND, THE UNITED STATES OR ELSEWHERE, CAN HIMSELF NOT PROFIT BY HIS BLOCKED MARK ACCOUNT. BUT HE CAN, IF HE STILL RETAINS PROPERTY IN GERMANY, PAY TAXES WITH IT. WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT, HE CAN PAY LIMITED SUMS OUT OF IT TO RELATIVES LEFT BEHIND WHO MAY BE IN NEED OF SUPPORT. BEYOND THESE, THE USES OF THE BLOCKED MARK ACCOUNT IS NEGLIGIBLE.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, MOST JEWS ATTEMPT TO GET RID OF THIS ACCOUNT, PARTICULARLY IF THEY HAVE NO GERMAN RELATIVES TO SUPPORT AND IF THEY HAVE NO RESOURCES OUTSIDE THE REICH. THE GOLD DISCOUNT BANK IS THEIR ONLY LEGAL CUSTOMER. THE BUYING RATE NOW IS $6\frac{1}{2}$ PER CENT. IT HAS BEEN AS HIGH AS 50 PER CENT AND AS LOW AS $3\frac{1}{2}$. UNLESS SOME RADICAL CHANGE TAKES PLACE IN NAZI POLICY, THE RATE IS MORE LIKELY TO GO DOWN THAN UP.

WHAT DOES THE GOLD DISCOUNT BANK DO WITH ITS CHEAPLY PURCHASED MARKS? ONE OF TWO COURSES IS OPEN TO IT. IT CAN USE THE MARKS TO EXTEND CREDIT TO THE MANIFOLD TYPES OF INDUSTRY IMPORTANT TO THE GOERING FOUR-YEAR PLAN FOR MAKING GERMANY MILITARILY IMPREGNABLE AND INDUSTRIALLY INDEPENDENT. OR IT CAN, ON THE SAME DAY THAT IT HAS PURCHASED THE BLOCKED MARKS AT $6\frac{1}{2}$ PER CENT, SELL THEM IN AMSTERDAM OR SOME OTHER FOREIGN MARKET AT THE "OPEN MARKET" RATE WHERE NON-JEWS ARE PRIVILEGED TO BUY AND SELL. THE "OPEN MARKET" RATE TODAY IS A LITTLE MORE THAN 13 PER CENT. IN THIS FASHION, THE GOLD DISCOUNT BANK NOT ONLY MAKES A 100 PER CENT PROFIT ON A SIMPLE TURNOVER, BUT BRINGS MUCH NEEDED FOREIGN EXCHANGE INTO THE COUNTRY.

SCHACHT PLAN DENOUNCED IN LONDON

LONDON, DEC. 23. (JTA) -- TERMING THE SCHACHT PROPOSALS TO LINK JEWISH EMIGRATION TO INCREASED GERMAN IMPORTS THE "MOST CYNICAL EVER ADVANCED" IN CONNECTION WITH THE NAZI PERSECUTIONS, LABORITE LEADER HERBERT MORRISON TODAY TOLD AN EAST LONDON MEETING: "I HOPE THAT SCHACHT HAS BEEN SENT ABOUT HIS BUSINESS AND THAT IT HAS BEEN CLEARLY INTIMATED TO HIM THAT ANY SUCH PROPOSALS ARE NOT ONLY CYNICAL BUT IMPUDENT AND OFFENSIVE."

WEIZMANN CONFERS WITH WOLF

AMSTERDAM, DEC. 23. (JTA) -- DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE, CONFERRED TODAY WITH DANIEL WOLF, NETHERLANDS JEWISH BANKER AND FOUNDER OF THE RECENTLY-ORGANIZED INTERNATIONAL JEWISH COLONIZATION SOCIETY. MR. WOLF TOLD THE J.T.A. THAT A DEFINITE RESETTLEMENT PLAN WOULD BE DISCUSSED NEXT MONTH WITH THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY'S DIRECTORATE AT THE HAGUE. LEWIS J. RUSKIN, OF CHICAGO, OWNER OF A CHAIN OF DRUGSTORES, WHO IS THE AMERICAN MEMBER OF THE COLONIZATION SOCIETY'S BOARD, LEFT FOR HOME TODAY AFTER A VISIT TO PALESTINE.

NETHERLANDS TO EXPEL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- IMMIGRANTS WHO ENTER THE NETHERLANDS ILLEGALLY WILL HENCEFORTH BE EXPELLED, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

PRESS HAILS U.S. REBUKE TO GERMANY ON ICKES' PROTEST; ROOSEVELT MAY DISCUSS ISSUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- NEWSPAPERS OF ALL SHADES OF OPINION TODAY VOICED STRONG APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S ACTION IN SHARPLY REJECTING A FORMAL GERMAN PROTEST AT A SPEECH BY INTERIOR SECRETARY HAROLD ICKES IN WHICH HE DENOUNCED NAZI LEADERS AND THEIR "BESTIAL" PERSECUTION OF JEWS.

DECLARING ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE WELLES "TOOK THE PROPER COURSE AND THE ONLY COURSE AVAILABLE" IN REJECTING THE NAZI DEMAND FOR AN APOLOGY, THE N.Y. TIMES SAID IN ITS LEADING EDITORIAL: "AS MATTERS STAND, WE ARE NECESSARILY CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH OUR OWN AFFAIRS AND OUR OWN PROBLEMS. BUT THIS PRIMARY CONCERN HAS NEVER IN THE PAST PREVENTED US, AND IS NEVER LIKELY TO PREVENT US, FROM SPEAKING OUR MINDS WHEN ANY GOVERNMENT ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD COMMITS ACTS OF BARBARISM AND BRUTALITY."

THE HERALD TRIBUNE, IN AN EDITORIAL CAPTIONED "ABOUT TIME," SAID "WE CANNOT RESIST A FEELING OF PROFOUND SATISFACTION IN THE FACT THAT WE BELONG TO PERHAPS THE ONE NATION IN THE WORLD WHICH IS STILL ABLE TO MAKE PRECISELY THE KIND OF REPLY TO THE NAZIS THAT MR. WELLES YESTERDAY MADE TO THEIR GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL PROTEST OF MR. ICKES' CLEVELAND SPEECH."

THE NAZI POLITICAL POLICY IS "CLEAR EVIDENCE" OF AN EXTREME ECONOMIC SHORTAGE IN GERMANY, WALTER LIPPMANN DECLARED IN HIS NATIONALLY-SYNDICATED COLUMN "TODAY AND TOMORROW," PUBLISHED IN THE HERALD TRIBUNE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- IT WAS CONSIDERED LIKELY TODAY THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WOULD MENTION THE CONTROVERSY WITH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT OVER PERSECUTION OF JEWS AND OTHER GROUPS IN HIS MESSAGE TO THE JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS ON JAN. 4.

U.S. ACTION WINS APPROVAL IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- THE UNITED STATES' REBUKE TO GERMANY HAS AROUSED PARTICULAR APPROVAL HERE AMONG CONSERVATIVES AND RADICALS ALIKE. THE FORMER ARE BEGINNING TO FEEL THAT THE POLICY OF APPEASEMENT MAY NOT BE QUITE THE BEST METHOD TO DEAL WITH ROME AND BERLIN AFTER ALL, AND PRIME MINISTER CHAMBERLAIN'S ATTITUDE IS BOUND TO BE INCREASINGLY INFLUENCED BY THE STIFFENING OF BRITISH OPINION. THE STRENGTHENED AMERICAN STAND WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THIS GOVERNMENT ALSO, SINCE COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES, ACCORDING TO PREVAILING VIEWS HERE, REMAINS AND MUST REMAIN THE CARDINAL POINT OF BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY.

THE CURRENT FEELING BETWEEN GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES IS BOUND TO BRING A SHARP DECREASE IN THEIR TRADE, THE DAILY EXPRESS SAID. "THE GERMANS ARE ATTACKING ICKES, THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR," THE EDITORIAL OBSERVED. "THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON PROTESTS AGAINST ICKES' SPEECH ATTACKING THE NAZI REGIME. AND THE UNITED STATES REJECTS THE PROTEST. ICKES IS QUITE ABLE TO LOOK AFTER HIMSELF IN THESE DISPUTES. BUT PLAINLY IT WILL NOT BE LONG NOW BEFORE THE GERMAN TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES IS SERIOUSLY CURTAILED. THESE EXCHANGES MUST INEVITABLY LEAD TO REGULATION OF COMMERCE IN THE FUTURE."

THE NEWS CHRONICLE REPORTED THAT THE AMERICAN BOYCOTT HAS HIT NORTH GERMAN LLOYD LINE SO HARD THAT IT WILL SOON WITHDRAW THE BREMEN FROM THE TRANSATLANTIC SERVICE. THE PAPER SAID THAT THE LINER CARRIED ONLY 36 PASSENGERS ON ITS LAST TRIP. "SUCH IS THE EFFICIENCY OF THE BOYCOTT DECREED BY THE AMERICANS AFTER THE POGROMS," IT ADDED.

100 LAW SCHOOLS TO PROTEST REICH PERSECUTION

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- ONE HUNDRED LAW SCHOOLS IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD ARE JOINING IN A UNITED PROTEST AGAINST THE TREATMENT OF JEWS IN GERMANY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY. THE LAW FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM INITIATED THE MOVEMENT.

SOLIDARITY DECLARATION SIGNED AT LIMA; PERSECUTION SCORED

LIMA, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL TODAY GAVE HIS OFFICIAL APPROVAL TO THE ARGENTINE "MAXIMUM CONCESSION" STAND BY AFFIXING HIS SIGNATURE TO THE "LIMA DECLARATION" OF INTER-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY, AND ARGENTINA - ONE OF THE LAST HOLD-OUTS - SIGNED TONIGHT.

IT WAS RELIABLY UNDERSTOOD THE FINAL DRAFT, AS PREPARED BY FOREIGN MINISTER CARLOS CONCHA OF PERU AND AFRANIO DE MELLO FRANCO OF BRAZIL, ACTING AS MEDIATORS, WAS BASED ON THE ARGENTINE DECLARATION THAT "A SPIRITUAL UNION EXISTS AMONG ALL THE AMERICAN STATES."

ALTHOUGH THE FINAL TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC, WELL INFORMED SOURCES SAID IT PARALLELED THE ARGENTINE "SPIRITUAL UNION" PRINCIPLE, WHICH DECLARES THAT THE 21 AMERICAN REPUBLICS HAVE "SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENTS, BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF RELIGIOUS AND RACIAL TOLERANCE."

THE CONGRESS WAS ON RECORD AS OPPOSED TO ALL FORMS OF RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS PERSECUTIONS. IN A RESOLUTION FRAMED BY CHILE AND SOMEWHAT WEAKER THAN ONE INTRODUCED EARLIER IN THE SESSION BY CUBA, THE CONGRESS DECLARED ITS CONVICTION THAT "ALL PERSECUTIONS FROM RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS MOTIVES WHICH PLACE A NUMBER OF HUMAN BEINGS IN THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING A DECENT LIVELIHOOD ARE CONTRARY TO ALL ITS POLITICS AND JURIDICAL RULES."

"DEMOCRATIC CONCEPTIONS OF THE STATE," THE RESOLUTION DECLARED, "GUARANTEE TO ALL INDIVIDUALS THE ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR LEGITIMATE ACTIVITIES ON A DIGNIFIED BASIS."

BRITAIN REITERATES STAND AGAINST ADMISSION OF REFUGEE CHILDREN TO PALESTINE

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- RECEIVING A DELEGATION FROM THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS, COLONIAL SECRETARY MALCOLM MACDONALD TODAY EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH THE HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS PROMPTING THE BOARD'S RECENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNMENT TO ADMIT 10,000 REFUGEE CHILDREN FROM GERMANY TO PALESTINE AND EXPLAINED THE REASONS BEHIND THE DECISION AGAINST THEIR ADMISSION AT THIS TIME. ANY INCREASE IN THE PRESENT IMMIGRATION RATE, HE DECLARED, WOULD PREJUDICE THE FORTHCOMING BRITISH-ARAB-JEWISH CONFERENCES TO SETTLE THE PALESTINE CONFLICT.

REFUGEE DELEGATION APPEALS TO BRITAIN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- APPEALING TO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AMONG BRITISH OFFICIALS A DELEGATION OF GERMAN JEWS YESTERDAY VISITED ERIC MILLS, HEAD OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, WITH A PLEA TO KING GEORGE, PRIME MINISTER NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, COLONIAL SECRETARY MALCOLM MACDONALD AND HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR HAROLD MACMICHAEL TO ADMIT TO PALESTINE THEIR RELATIVES SUFFERING IN THE REICH. MEN CARRYING SANDWICH SIGNS BEARING THE SLOGAN, "OPEN PALESTINE'S GATES," PARADED THROUGH JERUSALEM'S STREETS.

MAGISTRATE QUERIES REICH ON GRYNSZPAN'S RECORD

PARIS, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- THE EXAMINING MAGISTRATE IN THE HERSCHEL GRYNSZPAN CASE, UTILIZING THE HOLIDAY ADJOURNMENT, HAS ADDRESSED AN OFFICIAL INQUIRY TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE POLISH JEWISH YOUTH'S RECORD AND THAT OF HIS PARENTS WHILE LIVING IN THE REICH.

A SIMILAR INQUIRY WAS SENT TO THE POLISH GOVERNMENT DESPITE THE FACT THAT GRYNSPAN'S PARENTS HAD BEEN IN GERMANY SINCE 1911 UNTIL THEY WERE EXPELLED IN OCTOBER. IN HIS INQUIRY TO BERLIN, THE MAGISTRATE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN GRYNSPAN'S SCHOOL RECORD.

LAWYERS FOR GRYNSPAN, WHO FATALLY WOUNDED A GERMAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL, TOUCHING OFF THE WAVE OF ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES IN GERMANY, WELCOMED THE NEWS FROM WASHINGTON THAT HOMER S. CUMMINGS, RETIRING ATTORNEY GENERAL, WAS CONSIDERING JOINING THE POLISH YOUTH'S DEFENSE COUNSEL. HENRI TORRES, ONE OF GRYNSPAN'S ATTORNEYS, TOLD THE J.T.A. THAT HE WOULD BE "GLAD TO HAVE MR. CUMMINGS AMONG US." SIMILAR COMMENTS WERE MADE BY OTHER OF THE COUNSEL, WHO ARE AWARE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BEING CONDUCTED WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. MR. CUMMINGS WILL BE A GREAT ASSET TO THE DEFENSE IN THIS CAUSE CELEBRE, THE LAWYERS SAID, ALTHOUGH HE CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE TRIAL OFFICIALLY SINCE HE IS NOT A FRENCH CITIZEN.

BROADCASTERS URGED TO BAR TALKS INCITING HATRED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- BROADCASTERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEMAND AN ADVANCE COPY OF TALKS AND TO REFUSE TO BROADCAST SPEECHES LIKELY TO STIR UP RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE AND STRIFE, NEVILLE MILLER, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS, HAS ASSERTED IN A STATEMENT WHICH DECLARED THAT BROADCASTS INCITING RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS HATRED "ARE AN EVIL NOT TO BE TOLERATED."

THIS STATEMENT, OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN'S BEING BARRED FROM WMCA AND OTHER STATIONS, WAS SAID TO BE RECEIVING CLOSE ATTENTION BY FRANK R. MCNINCH, CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, AS WAS DOROTHY THOMPSON'S DEMAND FOR AN FCC INVESTIGATION OF THE COUGHLIN SPEECHES, BUT MR. MCNINCH HAS MADE NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

"THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH IS A RIGHT WHICH EXTENDS TO EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN," MR. MILLER SAID. "IT IS A RIGHT WHICH BROADCASTERS INTERPRET AS ONE REQUIRING THAT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY BE AVAILABLE FOR THE EXPRESSION OF HONEST DIVERGENCE OF OPINION. BUT IN ADMINISTERING THIS RESPONSIBILITY WE MUST ALSO BE COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT RADIO BY ITS VERY NATURE REACHES ALL CLASSES OF OUR FELLOW CITIZENS, REGARDLESS OF RACE, RELIGION OR CONVICTION, AND THAT THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO BROADCAST A SPEECH WHICH PLAYS ON RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY, WHICH STIRS UP RELIGIOUS OR RACIAL PREJUDICE OR HATRED. SUCH A SPEECH IS AN ABUSE OF THE PRIVILEGE OF FREE SPEECH AND UNWORTHY OF AMERICAN RADIO."

"IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT BROADCASTERS ARE RESPONSIBLE UNDER THE LAW OF OUR LAND FOR ANYTHING THAT MAY BE SAID OVER THEIR FACILITIES WHICH IS LIBELOUS OR SLANDEROUS. IN A NUMBER OF INSTANCES SUITS HAVE BEEN FILED AND JUDGMENTS HAVE BEEN RENDERED AGAINST BROADCASTERS IN FAVOR OF THE AGGRIEVED, WHERE LIBEL OR SLANDER WAS PROVED. THESE DECISIONS HAVE PLACED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIBEL OR SLANDER SQUARELY UPON THE BROADCASTER."

"NO OBLIGATION OF FREE SPEECH OR OF PUBLIC SERVICE COULD JUSTIFY BROADCASTERS IN ALLOWING THIS GREAT NEW SOCIAL FORCE TO STRIKE AT THE HARMONY OF THE NATION. IN A COUNTRY OF MANY RACES AND MANY RELIGIONS AMICABLY DWELLING TOGETHER, BROADCASTS INCITING RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS HATRED ARE AN EVIL NOT TO BE TOLERATED. IN THESE TROUBLED TIMES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR NATIONAL UNITY. AND IN THE HEARTS OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR PEOPLE I BELIEVE THERE IS A GREAT YEARNING FOR UNITY."

"THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTENT OF PROGRAMS RESTS UPON THE BROADCASTER; TO DETERMINE WHAT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST REQUIRES THE EXERCISE OF AN INFORMED AND MATURED JUDGMENT. HE IS WELL WITHIN HIS RIGHTS TO DEMAND AN ADVANCE COPY OF ANY PROPOSED RADIO TALK. HE IS WELL WITHIN HIS RIGHTS TO CLOSE HIS FACILITIES TO ANY SPEAKER WHO REFUSES TO SUBMIT IT. HE IS WELL WITHIN HIS RIGHTS TO REFUSE TO BROADCAST A SPEECH PLAINLY CALCULATED OR LIKELY TO STIR UP RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE AND STRIFE."

"SUCH ACTION IS MERELY AN ACT OF GOOD STEWARDSHIP, DISTINCTLY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND IS NOT AN ABRIDGMENT OF THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH. THE SITUATION PARALLELS THE EXAMPLE ONCE GIVEN BY THE LATE JUSTICE OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, WHERE HE DECLARED THAT FREE SPEECH DID NOT GIVE A MAN THE RIGHT TO YELL 'FIRE' IN A CROWDED THEATER."

RUMANIAN JEWS GIVE MEMORANDUM TO GOVERNMENT

BUCHAREST, DEC. 23. (JTA) -- A MEMORANDUM ON THE POSITION OF THE RUMANIAN JEWS WAS PRESENTED TO INTERIOR MINISTER ARMAND CALINESCU TODAY BY DR. WILHELM FILDERMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF RUMANIAN JEWS. THE MEMORANDUM DEALS WITH THE SITUATION OF FOREIGN JEWS WHO HAVE LIVED IN RUMANIA MANY YEARS, RECENT REFUGEES FROM GERMANY, AND JEWS WHO HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF THEIR CITIZENSHIP UNDER THE CITIZENSHIP REVISION LAW AND WHO ARE NOW REGARDED AS ALIENS.

BELGIAN JEWISH LEADER DEAD

BRUSSELS, DEC. 22. (JTA) -- DR. MAURICE PHILIPPSON, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF BRUSSELS, DIED HERE YESTERDAY. HE WAS 61 YEARS OLD.

RABBI PRATO IN PALESTINE FOR VISIT

HAIFA, DEC. 23. (JTA) -- DR. DAVID PRATO, CHIEF RABBI OF ITALY, LANDED HERE TODAY FOR A VISIT TO PALESTINE.

BULLETIN

BUDAPEST, DEC. 23. (JTA) -- PROF. LEON LIBERMAN, WORLD RENOWNED EYE SPECIALIST, COMMITTED SUICIDE TODAY OVER A COPY OF THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-JEWISH BILL. THE 55-YEAR-OLD OPHTHALMOLOGIST'S WIFE DISCOVERED HIS BODY SLUMPED OVER THE PRINTED TEXT OF THE MEASURE. DR. LIBERMAN CAME FROM A FAMILY LONG DISTINGUISHED FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE. HIS FATHER WAS THE FOUNDER OF HUNGARY'S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC HYGIENE AND HELD A PROFESSORSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BUDAPEST. HIS GRANDFATHER WAS CHIEF PHYSICIAN OF ONE OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTIONARY ARMIES DURING THE UPRISINGS OF 1848-49.

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