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PRESS, STATESMEN HAIL CHOICE OF FRANKFURTER TO SUPREME COURT

NEW YORK, JAN. 6. (JTA) -- NEWSPAPERS OF ALL SHADES OF POLITICAL OPINION JOINED LEADERS IN PUBLIC LIFE TODAY IN ACCLAIMING PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S CHOICE OF PROF. FELIX FRANKFURTER TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT. THE NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE AND THE NEW YORK SUN, BOTH ACCOUNTED AMONG THE NEW DEAL'S BITTEREST CRITICS, WARMLY PRAISED THE APPOINTMENT, ALONG WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE WORLD-TELEGRAM AND THE POST.

IN A LEADING EDITORIAL CAPTIONED "A WELCOME APPOINTMENT," THE TRIBUNE SAID: "FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW THE PRESIDENT'S NOMINATION OF PROF. FRANKFURTER TO THE SUPREME COURT DESERVES HIGH PRAISE. . . . MR. FRANKFURTER WILL BRING TO THE COURT AN ADMIRABLE EQUIPMENT, ONE OF THE FINEST, INDEED, THAT HAS COME TO IT IN RECENT YEARS. . . . IN VIEW OF THIS EQUIPMENT, THE TAGS WHICH HAVE FROM TIME TO TIME BEEN ATTACHED TO MR. FRANKFURTER'S POLITICAL AND SOCIAL VIEWS SEEM TO US UNIMPORTANT. HE IS, LIKE JUSTICE BRANDEIS, A GOOD AMERICAN, A BELIEVER IN AMERICAN INDIVIDUALISM, PROTECTED IN ITS CIVIL LIBERTIES BY THE CONSTITUTION."

THE SUN DECLARED THE NOMINATION "PARTICULARLY WELCOME ON TWO SCORES," ADDING: "IT WAS NOT MADE BECAUSE OF MR. FRANKFURTER'S GEOGRAPHICAL QUALIFICATIONS. THE OTHER COUNT IS A STRONGER ONE. SINCE THE PRESIDENT WAS BOUND TO NAME A MAN ANSWERING HIS DEFINITION OF LIBERALISM, IT IS GRATIFYING THAT THE CHOICE FELL ON AN ABLE AND LITERATE LIBERAL."

THE TIMES, CITING PROF. FRANKFURTER'S QUALITIES AS A FIGHTER, AN OBSERVER OF CURRENT AFFAIRS, ADVISER OF MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE AS WELL AS A STUDENT AND PHILOSOPHER "PROFOUNDLY LEARNED IN THE LAW," DECLARED: "HIS APPOINTMENT IS A TRIBUTE TO HIS INDEPENDENCE AS WELL AS TO THE PRESIDENT'S ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE WORTH AND ACHIEVEMENT." ASSERTING HIS CONFIRMATION BY THE SENATE "SHOULD FOLLOW AS A MATTER OF COURSE," THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDED: "EVEN THOSE WHOSE INTERPRETATIONS OF DEMOCRATIC LAW DIFFER FROM HIS MUST RECOGNIZE THAT HE WILL ADD TO THE STRENGTH AND DIGNITY OF A COURT WHICH MUST, IN THE PHRASE HE ASCRIBED TO JUSTICE HOLMES, 'EARN REVERENCE THROUGH THE TEST OF TRUTH.'"

IN ITS NEWS STORY FROM WASHINGTON, THE TIMES SAID THAT IMMEDIATE REACTION IN THE SENATE AND AMONG PROMINENT PERSONS IN OUTSIDE FIELDS INDICATED THAT "THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPOINTMENTS EVER TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT."

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM, POINTING OUT THAT PROF. FRANKFURTER HAD PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PRECEDING REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATIONS DIFFERING LITTLE FROM THAT WHICH HE HAS PLAYED IN THE NEW DEAL, DECLARED: "IN OUR OPINION PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS NEVER MADE A BETTER APPOINTMENT TO ANY POSITION. AND HE COULDN'T HAVE MADE A BETTER APPOINTMENT TO THIS POSITION."

Writing in the World Telegram, the prominent Washington commentator Raymond Clapper, whose column is nationally syndicated, predicted that Prof. Frankfurter's nomination would be confirmed by the Senate "with the greatest of ease." He added that "no question of Dr. Frankfurter's fitness can be raised."

The Post, reciting Prof. Frankfurter's qualifications for the position and stressing the 1937 poll of lawyers by the American Institute of Public Opinion, in which the Harvard law professor drew the highest number of votes as the man most favored for the Supreme Court as "perhaps the greatest compliment paid" him, concluded: "Mr. Justice Frankfurter will make an honored place for himself in the annals of the Supreme Court."

Acclaim of the press echoed that voiced in Washington by Senators and other leaders in public life. Among Senators expressing approval of the appointment were both proponents and opponents of the President in his 1937 effort to increase the size of the Supreme Court. It was pointed out in those circles that Prof. Frankfurter, while not committing himself officially on the Supreme Court bill, had let it be known that he did not oppose enlargement but disputed the method of attaining it. Those commenting favorably on the appointment included Senators Norris, Prof. Frankfurter's principal sponsor, Burke, O'Mahoney, Capper, Minton, Connally, Barkley and Speaker Bankhead.

Characteristic of comment outside Washington was the following statement issued by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor: "I regard the nomination of Mr. Felix Frankfurter as a most excellent one. He is peculiarly fitted by training and experience to serve in such an exalted position. He is a man of broad vision, possessing a fine social and economic point of view together with a judicial mind and the ability to render exact justice to all litigants and to all classes of people. I heartily commend the President upon his appointment of Mr. Felix Frankfurter."

NAZIS SEE ROOSEVELT "JUDALIZING" GOVERNMENT

BERLIN, JAN. 6. (JTA) -- The Nazi press considers the Frankfurter appointment evidence of President Roosevelt's determination to "Judaize" the Government.

"In his current publicized speeches as well as his calling a Jew to a position of the highest trust in the American courts," the B.Z. am Mittag declares, "Roosevelt gives evidence of the fact that the United States of America of Roosevelt is becoming a breeding place for Jews both in domestic and foreign politics."

Propaganda Minister Goebbels' mouthpiece Der Angriff refers to the Frankfurter students who have found positions in the New Deal, declaring: "These tactics are among many by which American Jewry has secured itself a predominant influence in the political and economic leadership of the United States."

Der Angriff and other papers seize on Bernard Baruch's reported warning to Roosevelt not to appoint Frankfurter as welcome evidence of growing anti-Semitism in America. The Abendausgabe points out that either Roosevelt was badly advised or was resolved to write out his own ticket by attaching to himself as many New Dealers as possible for the last two years of his term.

PURGE OF JEWS FROM DENTAL PROFESSION LAUNCHED BY REICH

BERLIN, JAN. 6. (JTA) -- Scores of Jewish dentists received notices today barring them from panel (insurance) practice. This measure, similar to the beginning of the Jewish purge of the medical profession, is regarded as the first intimation of barring Jews from the dental profession.

THE NAZIS, MEANWHILE, HAVE FOUND ANOTHER JEWISH POCKET TO PICK. THE 150 MARKS HITHERTO PERMITTED EMIGRANTS TO THE UNITED STATES AS SHIPBOARD EXPENSES HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO 100 MARKS FOR FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS, 95 FOR SECOND CLASS AND 90 FOR THIRD CLASS. THIS IS ALL THE CASH WHICH EMIGRANTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION. IT HAS ALSO BEEN DECREED THAT JEWS MUST BOOK DEFINITE SAILINGS WHEN BUYING STEAMSHIP TICKETS AND ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BOOK MORE THAN SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE. THE BOOKINGS CAN BE CHANGED ONLY WITH SPECIAL PERMISSION.

106 VIENNA JEWS NAMED LEGAL "CONSULTANTS"

VIENNA, JAN. 6. (JTA) -- THE AUTHORITIES HAVE CERTIFIED 106 JEWISH "CONSULTANTS" TO CONTINUE LAW PRACTICE EXCLUSIVELY FOR JEWISH CLIENTS, REPRESENTING SIX PER CENT OF THE 1,700 JEWISH LAWYERS IN VIENNA BEFORE THE PURGE OF THE LAW PROFESSION. BY ADMINISTRATIVE RULING, MEMBERS OF THE NAZI PARTY AND AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE REICH WERE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST NOT REPRESENT JEWS AS LAWYERS OR GIVE THEM LEGAL ADVICE. EXCEPTIONS ARE MADE FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND FOR LAWYERS WHO, "IN THE INTERESTS OF THE REICH," ARE AUTHORIZED TO DEFEND JEWS BEFORE THE PEOPLE'S COURT OR BEFORE SPECIAL COURTS ON CHARGES OF SERIOUS ATTACKS AGAINST THE NAZI PARTY OR THE STATE.

JUSTICE DEP'T TO PROBE, PROSECUTE NAZI, RED GROUPS NAMED IN DIES REPORT

WASHINGTON, JAN. 6. (JTA) -- PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ANNOUNCED TODAY THE RECEIPT OF A LETTER FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL FRANK MURPHY STATING THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WOULD INVESTIGATE AND POSSIBLY PROSECUTE CERTAIN NAZI, COMMUNIST AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FOR ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THE CRIMINAL STATUTES AS REPORTED BY THE DIES COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES TO THE HOUSE THIS WEEK.

ROMANIA SEEKS PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF EMIGRATION PROBLEM, GAFENCU TELLS J.T.A.

BUCHAREST, JAN. 6. (JTA) -- THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDS THE JEWISH EMIGRATION PROBLEM AS A QUESTION WHICH MUST BE SOLVED BY PEACEFUL, NOT VIOLENT MEANS, FOREIGN MINISTER GREGOIRE GAFENCU DECLARED TODAY IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY CORRESPONDENT.

ONLY JEWS RESIDING IN THE COUNTRY ILLEGALLY OR HAVING AN "UNCERTAIN EXISTENCE" WILL BE OBLIGED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID. JEWS SETTLED IN ROMANIA FOR MANY YEARS, ATTACHED TO THE COUNTRY BY PATRIOTIC CONNECTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF ROMANIANS, WILL NOT BE AFFECTED, HE DECLARED.

IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE ILLEGAL RESIDENTS TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN SOME COLONIAL TERRITORY AND THUS END THEIR PRESENT WANDERINGS, MR. GAFENCU STATED. ROMANIA, TOGETHER WITH INTERESTED COUNTRIES, WILL EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF "SUPERFLUOUS JEWS," HE DECLARED.

COMMENTING ON REPORTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT DESIRED THE EMIGRATION OF 150,000 JEWS IN THREE YEARS, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT SUCH A NUMBER WAS IMPRACTICABLE AND ILLUSORY AND THAT, WHILE EMIGRATION WAS A NECESSITY FOR ROMANIA, IT WOULD REACH NO SUCH PROPORTIONS.

ROMANIAN MEASURES ON JEWS SEEN AIMED TO CALM PUBLIC

LONDON, JAN. 6. (JTA) -- ROMANIA'S MEASURES WITH REGARD TO JEWS WILL BE "FAR DIFFERENT IN NATURE FROM RELIGIOUS PERSECUTIONS AND ARE INTENDED TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC QUIESCENCE," BASILE GRIGORCEA, ROMANIAN MINISTER TO LONDON, TODAY TOLD THE WORLD AGUDATH ISRAEL, JEWISH RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION. THE ORGANIZATION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUBMITTED TO MR. GRIGORCEA A PROTEST AGAINST COMPULSORY OPENING OF JEWISH SHOPS IN THE PROVINCE OF BUKOWINA ON SATURDAYS, DECLARING IT VIOLATED THE PRINCIPLE OF RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE AND FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE. THE MINISTER PROMISED TO CONVEY THE PROTEST TO THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES IN ROMANIA.

1,800 REFUGEE CHILDREN NOW IN ENGLAND; 600 FIND HOMES

LONDON, JAN. 6. (JTA) -- REFUGEE CHILDREN FROM GERMANY AND AUSTRIA NOW RESIDING IN ENGLAND TOTAL 1,800, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY, OF WHOM 600 HAVE FOUND PERMANENT HOMES. AN ADDITIONAL 236 CHILDREN ARRIVED TODAY AT HARWICH.

LONDON EDITOR PROPOSES BRITISH HONDURAS BE TURNED INTO JEWISH STATE

LONDON, JAN. 6. (JTA) -- A SUGGESTION THAT BRITISH HONDURAS BE TRANSFORMED INTO A JEWISH STATE UNDER THE JOINT PROTECTION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES WAS MADE TODAY BY W.E. SIMNETT, EDITOR OF THE CROWN COLONIST, IN A LETTER PUBLISHED BY THE SPECTATOR, INDEPENDENT POLITICAL AND LITERARY PERIODICAL.

MR. SIMNETT WOULD TRANSFER ADMINISTRATION OF THE COLONY TO RESPONSIBLE JEWISH AUTHORITIES. HE POINTED OUT THAT BRITISH HONDURAS, IN CENTRAL AMERICA, IS THE SIZE OF PALESTINE AND IS INHABITED BY ONLY 56,000 PEOPLE, MOSTLY NATIVES.

YUGOSLAVIA REPORTED GRADUALLY ELIMINATING FOREIGN JEWS

PARIS, JAN. 6. (JTA) -- CENTRAL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS HERE SAID TODAY THEY WERE UNAWARE OF A REPORTED WHOLESALE DEPORTATION ORDER BY YUGOSLAVIA AGAINST JEWISH REFUGEES FROM GERMANY AND ITALY. THEY ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF FOREIGN JEWS IN YUGOSLAVIA HAD BEEN GOING ON FOR MONTHS.

IT WAS LEARNED RELIABLY THAT THE YUGOSLAVIAN GOVERNMENT HAS CANCELLED DEPORTATION ORDERS AGAINST JEWS WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE COUNTRY MORE THAN FOUR YEARS AND HAS RENEWED THEIR RESIDENTIAL PERMITS. (THE REPORT OF YUGOSLAVIA'S ACTION AGAINST REFUGEES WAS CONTAINED IN A FIRMA DISPATCH YESTERDAY TO THE LONDON EVENING STANDARD WHICH DECLARED THAT MOST OF THE REFUGEES HAD ALREADY BEEN EXPELLED AND THE FRONTIER CLOSED TO "NON-ARYANS" WITH GERMAN PASSPORTS.)

NEW CZECH MAGAZINE GIVES EMIGRATION ADVICE

PRAGUE, JAN. 6. (JTA) -- ADVICE TO PROSPECTIVE CZECHO-SLOVAK AND JEWISH EMIGRANTS, INCLUDING AN ARTICLE ON EMPLOYMENT POSSIBILITIES IN CANADA, IS FEATURED IN A NEW WEEKLY GERMAN-LANGUAGE MAGAZINE, "OVERSEAS" (UEBERSEE), APPEARING ON THE STANDS HERE TONIGHT. FULL DETAILS ARE GIVEN ON THE FORMALITIES OF PUTTING PASSPORTS IN ORDER FOR EMIGRATION TO CANADA, BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY AND OTHER COUNTRIES. THERE ARE TWO MAPS, ONE OF NORTH AMERICA, THE OTHER OF SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA. A LIST OF EVERYDAY GERMAN PHRASES IS PRINTED IN ENGLISH, FRENCH AND SPANISH TRANSLATION.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER REGRETS WELLS ATTACKS ON HITLER, MUSSOLINI

MELBOURNE, JAN. 6. (JTA) -- PRIME MINISTER JOSEPH A. LYONS TODAY EXPRESSED REGRET THAT H.G. WELLS, NOTED BRITISH AUTHOR, HAD MADE DISPARAGING REMARKS ABOUT CHANCELLOR ADOLF HITLER AND PREMIER BENITO MUSSOLINI IN AN INTERVIEW HERE. WELLS TOLD NEWSPAPERMEN THAT "HITLER IS CERTIFIABLE AS A LUNATIC AND MUSSOLINI IS A FANTASTIC RENEGADE FROM SOCIAL DEMOCRACY."

TEACHING TOLERANCE MAJOR PROBLEM IN 1939, U.S. EDUCATION CHIEF HOLDS

WASHINGTON, JAN. 6. (JTA) -- APPLAUDING THE NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION'S DECISION TO PROMOTE RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE THROUGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES, UNITED STATES EDUCATION COMMISSIONER J.W. STUDEBAKER DECLARED IN A STATEMENT TODAY THAT THE TEACHING OF TOLERANCE WOULD BE A "MAJOR PROBLEM OF 1939 FOR AMERICAN EDUCATION."

COUGHLIN SEEN AS CATHOLIC PROBLEM BY "THE NATION"

NEW YORK, JAN. 6. (JTA) -- IN AN EDITORIAL CAPTIONED "FATHER COUGHLIN AND THE CHURCH," THE LIBERAL PERIODICAL THE NATION TODAY ASSERTED THE ANTI-SEMITIC RADIO PRIEST REPRESENTED "A CATHOLIC PROBLEM AS WELL AS A JEWISH PROBLEM" AND CALLED UPON THE CHURCH TO CONSIDER HIS CASE FROM THIS VIEWPOINT.

"THE CATHOLIC CHURCH," THE EDITORIAL SAID, "IS DEVELOPING A BADLY SPLIT PERSONALITY. ITS HEAD RECOGNIZES THAT THE CHURCH AND FASCISM ARE IRRECONCILABLE, YET A LARGE SECTION OF THE HIERARCHY IS INEVITABLY PROPELLED INTO THE CAMP OF REACTION, WHERE FASCISM BREEDS. POPE PIUS HAS COURAGEOUSLY RAISED HIS VOICE AGAINST THE RACIST DOCTRINES MUSSOLINI HAS DUTIFULLY TAKEN OVER FROM THE DOMINANT END OF THE AXIS, YET A CATHOLIC PRIEST, FATHER COUGHLIN, CONTINUES TO BE THE CHIEF POISONER FOR THE ANTI-SEMITIC MOVEMENT THE NAZIS ARE CAREFULLY NURTURING IN THIS COUNTRY. . . .

"IT IS NECESSARY TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT FATHER COUGHLIN REPRESENTS A CATHOLIC PROBLEM AS WELL AS A JEWISH PROBLEM. HE IS USING JEW-BAITING, AS GENERATIONS OF REACTIONARY DEMAGOGUES AND FANATICAL POGROMCHIKS BEFORE HIM HAVE USED IT, TO ATTACK ALL THAT IS PROGRESSIVE. COUGHLIN HAS REPEATEDLY CALLED UPON 'GOOD JEWS' TO REPUDIATE COMMUNISTIC ONES OR FACE THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANTI-SEMITISM. THE JEWS ARE NOT AN ENTITY. NO JEWISH ORGANIZATION SPEAKS FOR THEM OR CAN CONTROL THE ACTS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE RACE. COUGHLIN, ON THE OTHER HAND, SPEAKS AS A PRIEST OF THE MOST HIGHLY ORGANIZED INTERNATIONAL IN HISTORY. THE LONGER IT LETS HIM SPREAD HIS POISON, THE HARDER IT WILL BE TO MAKE PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE CHURCH ITSELF DOES NOT LOOK ALTOGETHER WITH DISFAVOR ON THE WITCHES' BREW HE IS STIRRING UP."

LITTAUER GIVES \$25,000 FOR SEMINARY'S WORK TOWARD BETTER UNDERSTANDING

NEW YORK, JAN. 6. (JTA) -- DR. CYRUS ADLER, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA, ANNOUNCED TODAY A GIFT OF \$25,000 FROM LUCIUS N. LITTAUER, NOTED PHILANTHROPIST, TO ENSURE CONTINUANCE AND EXPANSION FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS OF THE SEMINARY'S WORK OF PROMOTING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF JUDAISM AMONG BOTH JEWS AND CHRISTIANS. MR. LITTAUER HAS PROVIDED A FUND OF \$5,000 A YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS TO SUPPORT THE COURSES AND PUBLIC LECTURES IN THE INSTITUTE OF INTERDENOMINATIONAL STUDIES, AND TO EXPAND THOSE ACTIVITIES OF THE SEMINARY DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE RELATIONS OF JEWS AND CHRISTIANS IN THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

IN ACCEPTING THE GIFT FOR THE SEMINARY, DOCTOR ADLER SAID: "IN THESE DAYS OF CHAOS AND CONFUSION WE MAY TURN TO THE PROPHETIC LITERATURE WHICH, AS FAR BACK AS THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS, TAUGHT THE WAYS OF PEACE AND TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. THE REGENERATION OF THE WORLD IS MORE LIKELY TO REST UPON A CHANGE IN THE HUMAN HEART THAN IN CONFERENCES AND TREATIES; AND MR. LITTAUER'S GENEROUS GIFT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO DISSEMINATE THESE TRUTHS AMONG MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL FAITHS."

INTERFAITH RADIO PROGRAMS LAUNCHED HERE

NEW YORK, JAN. 6. (JTA) -- THE "NEW YORK ROUNDTABLE OF THE AIR," A SERIES OF WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF JEWS AND CHRISTIANS, WAS TO BE LAUNCHED TONIGHT OVER RADIO STATION WHN. THE PROGRAMS WILL PRESENT PROMINENT CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS AND JEWS WHO WILL DISCUSS A SUBJECT OF TIMELY INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE TO THE THREE FAITHS. SPEAKERS SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT WERE DR. CLYDE MILLER OF TEACHERS COLLEGE, SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE FOR PROPAGANDA ANALYSIS; DR. HARRY McNEILL OF FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, DIRECTOR OF THE CATHOLIC INTERRACIAL COUNCIL; AND HARRY SCHNEIDERMAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE. TONIGHT'S TOPIC WAS "PREJUDICE AND PROPAGANDA."