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ROMANIA PLANNING NEW ANTI-JEWISH LAW BASED ON NUREMBERG DECREES

BUCHAREST, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government will shortly frame an entirely new anti-Jewish law modelled on the Nuremberg anti-Jewish legislation, unconfirmed reports said today.

The reports said the law would be designed to eliminate whatever obstacles stand in the way of complete liquidation of the "Jewish problem" under existing anti-Semitic legislation and Iron Guard policies:

Meanwhile, this correspondent learned from reliable sources that Valera Moldovanu, secretary of the Nazi wing of the Peasants' Party led by Alexander Vaida Voevod, would be named head of a new commission to speed up emigration of Jews from Rumania.

The future anti-Semitic policy of the Antonescu Government will be directed by Valeriu Pop, former cabinet minister and negotiator who accompanied Prof. Mihai Manoilescu, Rumanian economist and politician, to Vienna last August to accept Germany's orders for cession of North Transylvania to Hungary.)

Pop has been in Berlin and Vienna for the last three months studying German methods in the treatment of Jews and will work directly with Moldovanu to "liquidate Rumania's Jewish problem" as rapidly as possible, it was asserted.

It is difficult to see how the Government can stimulate emigration when every neighboring country, including Soviet Russia, has now closed its doors to the Jews. In the light of the practical impossibility of forcing any more Jews to emigrate it is believed the work of the Moldovanu commission will be confined for the time being to building an emigration fund through special taxes on Jews, as has been done in Germany. Then, in the unlikely case that a neighboring country should open its doors to the Jews, mass emigration can be carried out immediately with funds already taken from any Jewish incomes still remaining.

Contrary to reports abroad, no general expulsion order has been issued nor could any be issued since there is nowhere the Jews could be forced to go. The expulsion is still being carried out, however, in the case of Jewish refugees from the provinces who entered Bucharest "illegally" after fleeing villages where their property was expropriated

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and they were persecuted by the Iron Guard. Such refugees are being interned in certain areas, where they are put to work in labor gangs repairing earthquake damages.

Today hundreds of refugees began pouring into Bucharest from Galatz, where 5,000 collected in the frontier bottleneck following the Soviet decision to close the Bessarabian frontier at Reni. It is expected that these, too, will be rounded up and sent to work in labor gangs in the next few days. The steamer Darien II, the same boat which was turned back ten days ago, again failed to unload its human cargo at Reni and returned to Galatz last night.

Moldovanu was formerly a follower of Maniu's Liberal Peasant Party but joined Vaida-Voevod three years ago when the latter embraced totalitarianism and split the party to form a new "nationalist" and anti-Semitic Peasants' Party. One of the main policies of the Vaida-Moldovanu Peasants' Party has been a numerus clausus and gradual restrictions against Jews. In the light of recent anti-Semitism in Rumania, however, Moldovanu's brand of anti-Semitism is considered very mild.

Jews' Travel Curbed

BUCHAREST (JTA-Airmail) -- Rumanian Jews have been forbidden to travel from one town to another except by special permission of the Iron Guard police. Even if permission is granted, a Jew may not travel alone but must be accompanied by a uniformed member of the Iron Guard, whose transportation and expenses must be paid by the Jew whom he is assigned to guard.

TEL AVIV DEPUTY MAYOR, 4 OTHERS KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Palestine Jews today mourned Deputy Mayor Dov Hoz of Tel Aviv, three members of his family and Ben-Yakov, director of the Jewish Agency's Aviation Department, who were killed in an automobile accident on Sunday.

The accident occurred between Hedera and Nathanya as the group was returning to Tel Aviv after a visit to Jews interned in the Acre concentration camp. The dead were:

DOV HOS, 46, deputy mayor of Tel Aviv, secretary of the executive committee of the Histadruth, member of the Vaad Leumi, of the Zionist Actions Committee and of the Council of the International Federation of Trade Unions;

RIVKA HOS, wife of Dov Hos and sister of Moshe Shertok, head of the Jewish Agency's political department;

TIRZAH HOS, their 18-year-old daughter;

FEIGA SHER TOK, sister-in-law of Moshe Shertok, fatally injured;

BEN-YAAKOV, director of the Jewish Agency's Aviation Department who was driving the car.

The only other passenger, Chava Hos, sister of the deputy mayor, escaped with slight injuries.

The bodies were brought to Tel Aviv, where huge crowds gathered outside the Histadruth head offices. Funeral services were held on Monday. The Tel Aviv municipal

building flew a black flag. Offices closed at noon and a special mourning session was held with Mayor Israel Rokach as the principal speaker. The Jewish Agency offices were closed during the funeral. A 20th anniversary conference of the Histadruth, scheduled for Monday in Haifa, was postponed.

Hos had planned to join a delegation of the Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund) leaving for London soon to open the fund's campaign in Britain. Born in Russia in 1894, he came to Palestine as a youth and rose to a position of prominence in labor Zionism and in the affairs of the Tel Aviv municipality.

PATRIA TOLL REACHES 131 AS 15 MORE BODIES ARE FOUND

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The known death toll in the sinking of the refugee ship Patria on Nov. 25 reached 131 today with the announcement that 13 more bodies had been recovered on Dec. 29.

Six of the bodies, all of refugees from Czechoslovakia, were identified. They were Ignatz Oyden, 18; Willi Adler, 28; Paul Levy, 33; Eric Goldberger, no age given; Walter Levin-Bayen, 34, and Walter Weiss, 34.

ANTI-JEWISH DEMONSTRATION IN VICHY DISPERSED

VICHY, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- An anti-Jewish demonstration attempted here today by a group of youths was quickly dispersed by the police.

Meanwhile, it was announced that relatives of internees will not be permitted to reside within 20 kilometers of the internment camps.

ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS IN ANTWERP REPORTED

VICHY, Dec. 31. (JTA) -- Large-scale anti-Jewish riots broke out in Antwerp on the day before Christmas, it was reported here today. Jewish shops were looted, windows of Jewish-owned homes were broken and passersby were beaten up, according to advices from the German-occupied Belgian city.

1,600 JEWS REPORTED DEAD IN NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20. (JTA-By Airmail) -- All of the 1,600 Polish Jews imprisoned in the Buchenwald concentration camp in the Fall of 1939 have died in the camp, reports smuggled out of Germany disclosed today. The men died principally from exposure and malnutrition. They were obliged to spend the winter months in unheated tents and were not given any blankets. By the Spring of this year 700 had perished and the remainder succumbed this winter.

HITLER BLAMES "JEWISH CAPITALISTS" FOR WAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The Jews figured in the question of a possible peace as the New Year began.

Chancellor Adolf Hitler, in a New Year's order of the day to the Nazi forces in Berlin yesterday, declared that "the war must be continued as a result of the will of democratic warmongers and Jewish capitalists."

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"Protection of all racial and religious minorities in all countries" is one of the eight points of a program of "a working basis for a just peace" offered by Senator Burton K. Wheeler in a speech broadcast by NBC Monday night.

No mention of readjustment of the status of Jews and other minorities is made in a secret peace conference agenda assertedly forwarded to the United States Government by the Reich Government shortly after the invasion of Poland, it was revealed by Verne Marshall, chairman of the No Foreign War Committee, at a press conference Monday.

N.Z.O. SEEKS "WORLD JEWISH COMMITTEE" TO PROMOTE UNITY

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Resolutions urging creation of a "World Jewish National Committee, a Jewish national army and a Jewish state in Palestine were adopted by the convention of the New Zionist Organization of America, held from Dec. 29 to 31 at the Jabotinsky Center. It was announced today.

A resolution asked establishment of a world committee as "the best form of national unity during the war." It blamed the leadership of the World Zionist Organization for "the continued strife in Zionism" and declared that "while we are still ready for the establishment of a united Jewish front, the initiative from now on should come from the other side."

Other resolutions welcomed transfer of world NZO headquarters to the United States, endorsed the leadership of President Roosevelt in national defense, asked international assistance for large-scale Jewish immigration into Palestine and urged "the civilized states" to afford the Jews temporary asylum.

Elies Ginsburg was elected president and a national council was named with Col. Morris J. Mendelsohn as chairman and including Dr. Morris M. Rose, Prof. Johann Smertenko, Mordecai Danzic, J. Spektor, Rabbi J. Katz and Prof. Benjamin Akzin.

RELIGION STRESSED IN 3-FAITH BROADCAST TO ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- In a New Year's broadcast, spokesmen of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths and the Army Chief of Chaplains today urged men in the nation's defense forces to look to religion for the spiritual and moral strength to make them better defenders of democracy. The message was delivered over the Mutual Broadcasting System network.

Participating in the program were Col. William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains; the Rev. Dr. Paul Dwight Moody, director of the Protestant General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains; the Rev. Dr. Robert E. McCormick, military chancellor of the Army-Navy Diocese of the Catholic church, and the Rev. Dr. David de Sola Pool, chairman of the Committee on Religious Activities of the Jewish Welfare Board.

Rabbi Pool told the men: "Hold fast to the ethical and religious teachings you have learned at your mother's knee in your homes, in your churches and synagogues. Thereby you will best honor your uniform. Thereby you will bring to the country which you are serving that strength of upright manhood and noble purpose which is its ultimate defense against danger from within as well as from without."