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GREATER ACTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING OPENS IN LONDON

London, March 4 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Zionists the world over are watching with interest the proceedings of the Greater Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization, which convened in London today. Delegates from many European countries and from America are present at the meeting, the date of which was set ahead several weeks in order to permit of the attendance of the American members of the committee.

The first sitting today is an informal one, the formal opening of the meeting having been set for Wednesday for the reason that many members of the committee were unable to arrive in time for a formal opening on Tuesday.

Twenty nine members of the committee were present at the opening session including the executive committee with Rabbi Chajes in the chair at both morning and afternoon sessions. Nahum Sokolow addressed the meeting giving a survey of the political position, stressing the recent conferences with King Hussein at Amman and Shune, the Rabbi Sonnenfeld incident and the attitude of the new Labor Government toward Palestine.

It is expected that the Committee will elect a new member to the Executive Committee and that the probable candidate will be Dr. Bertholde Feivel of Berlin.

In connection with the sitting of the Greater Actions Committee, a great mass meeting was held last night in the East End of London. Among the speakers at this meeting, which was largely attended were Nahum Sokolow, Dr. Schmarya Levine and Dr. Robert Silverman of New York, who is returning to America from a visit to Palestine.

The proposed colonization plan and autonomous Jewish State in the Crimean Peninsula were discussed at the mass meeting, where it was criticized for its lack of security and fruitlessness.

ORTHODOX JEWS IMPEDE WORK OF SLOUSH EXPEDITION

London, March 4 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Orthodox Jews in Jerusalem are impeding the progress of the work of the Nahum Sloush Expedition, which is excavating about Jerusalem in a search for relics of biblical times. Information to this effect is contained in a lengthy report in today's London Times, which also publishes with the article a number of photographs of the ruins which have already

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been uncovered by the Sloush Expedition. Among the photographs those of the tomb of Absalom, which dates back to the Maccabean period and another of the tomb of Jehoshaphat which dates back still further.

The Orthodox are impeding the work by reason of their protests which they base on the contention that the excavations are disturbing to the graves of the Zadikim around the excavated tombs.

ANGORA ASSEMBLY ABOLISHES CALIPHATE

Constantinople, March 4 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The Grand National Assembly, sitting here Monday, passed a bill for the abolition of the Caliphate and decreed the expulsion of the Sultan. The bill was passed only after a long complicated discussion.

London, March 4 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The decision by the Turkish Government to abolish the Caliphate and to suppress religious instructions in the schools of the country have resulted in much comment on the part of the British press, which refers to the Angora Government's move as a shock to Pan-Islam. There is much speculation as to effect of the decision on India and other Mohammedan countries. Little doubt is expressed here that the Caliphate will go to another Moslem country, probably Arabia. King Hussein of Hedjas who is known to be desirous of attaining the Caliphate, is now considered unsuitable in view of political and other reasons.

PROBABILITY OF INCREASED PASSPORT COST CAUSES CONSTERNATION

Warsaw, March 4 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The Government's project to increase the cost of passports to foreign countries has resulted in considerable disquietude in immigration circles. The Government proposes to fix the cost of passports at 500 zlotes (about \$100) instead of 15 as at present. If the Government should succeed in realizing the project, the cost of a passport would almost equal the cost of passage to America. Another effect would be the virtual cessation of the pilgrimages of chalutzim to Palestine because of the expense.

DEMANDS GOVERNMENT REJECT REQUEST FOR JEWISH SCHOOLS

Bucharest, March 4 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Senator Banu yesterday in the Senate called upon the Government to reject the request of Bessarabian and Transylvanian Jews for Jewish schools. Banu's address was anti-Semitic in the extreme, the Senator declaring that Transylvanian Jews support the revolutionary aims of the Hungarians. He also called upon the Government to energetically suppress the "Jewish State" in Roumania. Arghelescu replied in behalf of the Government that Senator Banu's wishes would be fulfilled.

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EXPULSION

VIENNESE JEWISH COUNCIL MEMORANDUM CALL ON MAYOR TO CANCEL ~~THE~~ DEGREE

Vienna, March 4 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) A request that Mayor Seitz abolish the decree promulgated some time ago against Galician Jews, referring to the decree as anti-social and anti-democratic, is contained in a memorandum submitted to the Mayor by a delegation of Jewish Councillors. The delegation which was headed by M. Plaschkes, was well received by the Mayor who promised mitigation of the expulsion practices. Included also in the memorandum were requests for citizenship for every applicant without a prison record, a low interest rate for credits from the Viennese Municipal Loan Society for purchasers and industrialists.

SAYS LUDENDORFF DID NOT KNOW "JEWISH PERIL" UNTIL HITLER TOLD HIM

Berlin, March 4 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). "As far as the Jewish peril is concerned, Ludendorff never knew of such a peril during the war, or he would not have promoted Jewish soldiers and officers to important posts and decorated them with the iron cross", is the comment made by Theodor Wolff in the Tageblatt on Ludendorff's long harangue to the Munich Tribunal which is trying him and several others for treason in connection with the unsuccessful Hitler-Ludendorff "Putsch" of last November.

"This idea of a Jewish peril has been suggested to his uncritical mind by that demagogue Hitler". Ludendorff, unversed in the ways of the world, became an easy prey to those who knew how to exploit his embitterment and his restless ambition; who suggested to him that Germany had been plunged into the depths by the Marxists and other bad leaders and that he alone could be her savior", concludes Wolff.

NEW INDUSTRIES FOR PALESTINE

Jerusalem, February 15 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondence) A number of new industries are being established in Palestine, among them a bone fertilizer plant, a cigarette factory and an envelope factory.

Negotiations are proceeding for the establishment of the bone fertilizer factory at Tel Aviv. The prime mover in the scheme is a former resident of South Africa, who some time ago was struck by the fact that bones are not generally regarded as a product which could supply a valuable material. The promoter was formerly engaged in a similar industry in South Africa.

A small cigarette factory has been opened in Haifa by Mohammed Effendi El Nabulsi. Only cutting and sorting is being carried out at present. Four thousand pounds have been invested in the establishment of an envelope factory in Haifa and part of the necessary machinery has already arrived in the country.

JEWISH MERCHANTS IN PALESTINE RECEIVE BLACK HAND LETTERS

London, March 4 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Several prominent merchants in Jerusalem have received blackmailing letters, written in Hebrew and signed "Black Hand", according to a report in today's London Daily Express.

MILITANT ACTION AGAINST JOHNSON IMMIGRATION BILL

New York, March 4 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Militant action against the un-American elements in the Johnson Immigration Bill has been begun by several interracial groups who, organized as the American Equality Committee in which the American Jewish Congress has been cooperating, will take their first step in a mass meeting of protest against the bill at Carnegie Hall on Saturday evening, March 8th. The meeting will be addressed by native Americans as well as representatives of all races in America, and will call upon the audience to make known to Congress that the masses of American citizens are unequivocally opposed to any legislation which encourages racial discrimination and favors one race at the expense of others.

Among the speakers will be Governor Alfred E. Smith, Lieut. Governor George Richard Lunn, Senator Royal S. Copeland, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Judge Salvatore Cotillo, Joseph Barondess, Congressman Nathan D. Perlman, Congressman Fiorello H. La Guardia, Congressman Samuel Dickstein.

Twenty-two organizations among whom are: Order Sons of Italy, Slavonic Immigrant Society, Steuben Society of America, Ukrainian Defense League, Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America, American Jewish Congress, Czecho Slovak Fraternal Benevolent Society, and others whose memberships include American citizens of eleven nationalities, will be represented at the meeting.

The Hon. Thomas W. Churchill is Honorary Chairman of the American Equality Committee, and the other officers are: Joseph Barondess, Acting Chairman; Judge Salvatore A. Cotillo, Honorary Vice Chairman; Bernard G. Richards, Acting Secretary.

DROPSIE COLLEGE TO CELEBRATE FOUNDERS DAY MARCH 10.

Philadelphia, March 4 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Founder's Day at the Dropsie College will be celebrated this year on Monday, March 10. It is expected that the degree of Doctor of Philosophy will be conferred upon three candidates. Addresses will be delivered by Doctor Solomon Solis Cohen and by the President of the College, Doctor Cyrus Adler.

At a meeting of the Board of Governors held last week, Judge Horace Stern tendered his resignation as treasurer, and D. Hays Solis Cohen presented his resignation as vice-president. Judge Stern was thereupon elected vice-president and Mr. Cohen treasurer, both the elections to date from May 1, 1924

SENATOR MAGNUS JOHNSON AGAINST JOHNSON IMMIGRATION BILL

Minneapolis, Minn. March 4 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Seven nationalities participated in a protest meeting against the Johnson Immigration Bill, which was held last night at the Court House Assembly Room here. Judge Hugo Pam of Chicago was the principal speaker. A telegram was received from Senator Magnus Johnson which read as follows:

"I am unalterably opposed to the eighteen ninety census basis for quotas. The present law, if liberally modified respecting the admission of relatives is satisfactory to me".

The meeting requested to go on record as being opposed to the Bill.

PRESENTS NEW IMMIGRATION PLAN TO SENATOR COLT

Washington, March 4 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Urging a flexible immigration law with a scientific basis for the quota regulation, Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, secretary of the Commission on International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of Churches, has presented a plan to Senator LeBaron D. Colt, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Immigration.

The plan, which has the backing of the National Committee for Constructive Immigration Legislation, calls for the determination of the number to be admitted, in the light of sociological, psychological and economic principles. It lays down the rule that only as many immigrants should be admitted as can be wholesomely incorporated into our industrial system, in order that the American standards of wages and living may be maintained. A feature is that it would do away with restrictions based on personal bias or race prejudice.

One of the important principles of the plan is that the calculation of the quota of immigrants for each people should be based on the number of that people in the United States who have become American citizens by naturalization, plus the number of American-born children of that people, only one of whose parents is foreign-born. This feature, according to Dr. Gulick, is the real test of the assimilability of immigrants who have made their homes in America.

300,000 JEWS BAPTISED IN HUNGARY IN THREE YEARS

London, February 21 (J. T. A. correspondence) The Rev. C. H. Gill, Secretary of the Church Mission to the Jews, speaking this week at a meeting in Bedford said that everywhere there is a stirring among the Jews towards Christianity. In Poland, the children of the leading families of the Jews were being taught in Christian schools and good work was being done in this way. In Hungary, 300,000 Jews had been baptised in the last three years. Lenin on his deathbed had practically ordered a massacre of the Jews. He felt sure a massacre would take place. This would lead to the Jews flocking to Palestine, and the Church Mission to the Jews hoped to assist in the preparation for them in Palestine.