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PALESTINE HEBREW SCHOOLS MAY REOPEN IN DAY OR TWO: VAAD LEUMI TRYING TO ARRANGE SETTLEMENT ON TEACHERS' WAGE REDUCTIONS.

Jerusalem, April 13th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Palestine Hebrew teachers who have gone out on strike in protest against the decision of the Jewish Agency Executive to reduce their salaries, are called upon to return immediately to their schools in a resolution adopted by the special plenary meeting of the Jewish National Council (Vaad Leumi) held at Tel Aviv to consider the situation. The Administration of the Vaad Leumi is trying to bring about a settlement between the teachers and the Executive of the Jewish Agency on the question of the wage reductions. The Teachers' Union is conferring to-day with the Education Department of the Jewish Agency and it is expected that a settlement will be reached, and that the schools will be reopened in a day or two.

PALESTINE JEWS KILLED IN AMBUSH MAY HAVE BEEN INNOCENT VICTIMS OF INTERNAL ARAB FEUD: NEW SUGGESTION THAT SHOTS WERE NOT MEANT FOR THEM: POLICE ENQUIRIES TAKE NEW TURN INDICATING CRIME NOT POLITICAL NOR ANTI-JEWISH.

Jerusalem, April 13th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The three Jews from the Yadjur Labour settlement who were killed during Passover on the Haifa-Nazareth Road, when four of their companions were wounded, may have been innocent victims of an internal Arab feud, it is suggested to-day, the outrage having been neither political nor anti-Jewish. The police, who expect to be in a position to clear up the mystery in the next few days, the J.T.A. learns, are at present following up a clue along these lines.

PRESENCE OF JEWS IN PALESTINE IS DANGER TO CHRISTIAN HOLY PLACES ARAB PAPER ALLEGES URGING CHRISTIANS TO UNITE WITH MOSLEMS AGAINST JEWS: IF MOSLEMS LOSE JERUSALEM THEY WILL STILL HAVE MECCA AND MEDINA IT SAYS BUT IF CHRISTIANS LOSE JERUSALEM THEY WILL HAVE NOTHING LEFT.

Jerusalem, April 13th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The presence of Jews in Palestine is a danger to the Christian Holy Places, the Haifa Arab paper, "El Carmel" writes to-day, complaining of the rivalry between Catholics and Protestants which has been revealed by the controversy over the Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to Palestine.

All the Christian sects should unite with Islam, it says, in order to guard both the Christian and Moslem Holy Places in Palestine against the Jews. The Moslems will still have Mecca and Medina left if they should lose Jerusalem, but if the Christians lose Jerusalem they will have nothing left.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY ARRIVING IN JERUSALEM WEDNESDAY.

Jerusalem, April 13th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Archbishop of Canterbury will arrive in Jerusalem on Wednesday on a purely informal visit, it is announced here to-day. On Thursday, the Archbishop will visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, accompanied by a member of the High Commissioner's personal staff and local Government officials. Afterwards he will pay calls on the three principal religious authorities in Jerusalem, and in the afternoon he will receive return calls from them at Government House, where he will stay as the guest of the High Commissioner.

CONCERN OF VATICAN AT ENGLISH PRIMATE'S VISIT TO JERUSALEM  
BECOMING DAILY MORE ACUTE SAYS "MORNING POST" MESSAGE FROM  
ROME.

London, April 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The concern of the Vatican with regard to the visit of the English Primate to the holy places of Jerusalem is daily becoming more acute, the "Morning Post" reports to-day from Rome. The Vatican's dislike of the projected visit has already been expressed by the Holy See to the British Government, the correspondent says, adding that he understands, however, that, although noting the Vatican's objections, no undertaking has been given in the matter by the British authorities. The Vatican emphasises that a visit to the holy places by the head of the Church of England would seriously disturb the status quo - namely, that the Latin, Greek, Armenian, and Coptic rites have their recognised share of time and place for their services, and that the Church of England has no locus standi.

The Vatican still concedes that it has no objection to the Archbishop of Canterbury visiting the shrines as a private individual and a worshipper, but that anything in the nature of an official visit or special ceremony would be distasteful, as calculated to disturb a position in Palestine already sufficiently delicate.

Apart from this objection on principle, the report says, the Vatican also views with disquietude two other circumstances likely to complicate the situation - the rapprochement of the Anglican and Orthodox Churches, and the fact that the English Primate's visit will coincide with the Easter festivals of the Orthodox Church.

It is believed here that the Greek Orthodox authorities will do everything possible to facilitate an official entry into the Holy City by the Primate, and would even cede to the Anglicans the use of their stalls in the shrines for holy office and for preaching, so that the Anglican Church would thereby gradually take part "without any right" in the Palestine sanctuaries.

I said a little time ago it was incredible that our Government should listen to any protest of the Vatican against the Archbishop of Canterbury paying a visit to Jerusalem, if he thought fit to do so; and so, of course, it was, Mr. J. A. Spender writes in the "News Chronicle". But a communication to the "Morning Post" from its Rome correspondent, he continues, now suggests that what the Vatican objects to is an "official visit" to the Holy Places, its ground being that this would "seriously disturb the status quo" - namely, that the Latin, Greek, Armenian and Coptic rites have their recognised share of time and place for their services, and that the Church of England has no locus standi".

Now, if the Archbishop chose to pay such a visit, he proceeds, I should again be opposed to our Government preventing him, for it is not a matter in which it should intervene. But the Archbishop is a sensible man, and I cannot believe that he has any intention of putting his head into this religious hornets' nest. For that is what it veritably is.

Nothing indeed is less edifying in Palestine to-day, Mr. Spender says, than the incessant quarrels, jealousies and rivalries of the privileged Churches, Latin, Greek, Copt, Armenian and even Abyssinian, about their share in the alleged status quo. When I was in Jerusalem a few weeks ago, he adds, tempers were running high about the replacement of two rails which had been temporarily taken out during certain repairs at Bethlehem and put back, it was alleged, a few inches wrong. This was said to alter the boundaries between the Latin and Greek churches, to the prejudice of the former.

BRITISH SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT IN PALESTINE GOING ON PILGRIMAGE TO PALESTINE BATTLEFIELDS AND WAR CEMETERIES.

London, April 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A pilgrimage of British ex-soldiers who fought in Palestine during the war will leave London on May 3rd. for the battlefields and war graves of Palestine. The pilgrimage, which was the outcome of a talk at a regimental dinner, will consist mainly of old comrades of the Queen's Westminster Rifles, the London Scottish, and other regiments who served in Palestine. Wives of ex-soldiers who fought in Palestine and widows of men who fell in Palestine will accompany the party.

The programme will allow for eight days in Jerusalem, and there will be visits to places of Biblical interest, as well as to the battlefields and war cemeteries.

Major-General Sir Fabian Ware, Vice-Chairman of the Imperial War Graves Commission, who has just returned from a visit of inspection of war graves in India, Iraq and Palestine, told the press yesterday that in Palestine he was much struck by the great improvement in the horticultural work and the growth of trees and shrubs. At Haifa there were 308 graves, Ramleh 3,686, Jerusalem 2,534, Beersheba 1,239, Gaza 3,177 and Deir-el-Belah 669. Perhaps the cemetery to receive the most attention was that on the Mount of Olives, which was one of the most impressive monuments at Jerusalem. Beersheba was the one cemetery where the flowers and shrubs were not satisfactory. There had been difficulties from drought and locusts.

GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH JEWISH AGENCY DUE TO BEGIN TOMORROW POSTPONED PENDING REPLY FROM PALESTINE ARAB EXECUTIVE TO ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE INVITATION.

London, April 13th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The new negotiations between the Government and the Jewish Agency which were due to begin to-morrow have been postponed for the present, the J.T.A. learns from a reliable source. The definite date of the negotiations, it is understood, will be fixed only when the Palestine Arab Executive replies to the British Government's invitation to send a delegation to London. Pending the Arab Executive's reply, the date and form of the negotiations cannot be definitely decided on because it is not known whether the proposed Round Table Conference will materialise. The British Government has not yielded to the demand of the Palestine Arab Executive that the Round Table Conference should be held in Palestine, insisting that if the Conference takes place at all it must be in London.

The members of the Political Commission of the Jewish Agency, unaware till the last moment of the postponement of the date of the negotiations, have already assembled in London, Deputy Gruenbaum and Mr. Leo Motzkin joining the London members of the Political Commission at the session held to-day.

DR. WEIZMANN'S POLICY OF UNDERSTANDING WITH GOVERNMENT ATTACKED  
AT WARSAW CONFERENCE OF ET LIVNOTH ZIONIST ORGANISATION.

Warsaw, April 13th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Dr. Weizmann's policy of understanding with the British Labour Government was attacked to-day at the All-Polish Conference of the Et Livnoth Party, by the principal speakers, Dr. Gottlieb, Mr. Leon Levite, former President of the Polish Zionist Organisation, and Mr. Joseph Heftman, who also complained of the lack of understanding for the needs of middle-class colonisation in Palestine, and called for action to put a stop to the division in the ranks of the General Zionists. About 80 delegates are attending the Conference.

A number of other speakers defended Dr. Weizmann's policy and demanded that the Et Livnoth should return to the Polish Zionist Party Council from which it seceded last month together with the Revisionists as a protest against the representation of the Polish Zionists on the Political Commission of the Jewish Agency. As a result of the secession, the Zionist Party Council consists at present only of the representatives of the Al Hamishmar Party, whose leader, Deputy Gruenbaum, is a member of the Political Commission.

EVERY JEW IN POLAND IS COMPELLED TO BE A MEMBER OF JEWISH COMMUNITY  
AND TO CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES TOWARDS IT UNLESS HE ADOPTS  
ANOTHER RELIGION DEPUTY GRUENBAUM WRITES TO MINISTER OF EDUCA-  
TION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP PROTESTING AGAINST EXCLUSION OF NON-  
RELIGIOUS JEWS FROM JEWISH COMMUNITY ELECTIONS.

Warsaw, April 13th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Membership of the Jewish Community is compulsory. Every Jew belongs to the Jewish Community from the day of his birth. He can leave the Jewish Community only by adopting another religion. Public opposition to the Jewish religion does not release the Jew from his duties towards the Jewish Community unless he formally breaks with the Jewish faith, Deputy Gruenbaum writes in a letter which he addressed to the Minister of Education and Public Worship before leaving for London, protesting against paragraph 20 of the election regulations to the Jewish Communities, under which members of the Jewish Communities who have taken a public stand against the Jewish religion may be deprived of their vote in the elections to the Jewish Communities, which take place at the end of next month.

Paragraph 20, therefore, violates the principle of liberty of conscience guaranteed to every citizen of the Polish Republic by the Constitution, he proceeds. Many Jews regard the Community as the organ of national self-administration of the Jewish population, the more so since its functions are not exclusively religious and a considerable section of the Jewish population does not cease to demand national self-administration for the Jewish Community in the sense of the respective provisions of the Constitution based upon the Minorities Treaties. For this reason they do not break with the Jewish religious Community, carry out all their duties with regard to it, and any restriction of their election rights on the ground of religious convictions expressed in word or deed are consequently in conflict with the Constitution.

The black forces in the Jewish small towns, Deputy Gruenbaum writes, are seeking to deprive members of the Jewish Communities of their election rights because they have been seen reading newspapers with bared head, have spoken in the street to a woman, or have shaved off their beards. By interpreting paragraph 20 in this manner the Agudists, assisted unfortunately by the authorities, have disposed of their political opponents and are getting ready to celebrate an election victory.

In the interview which the Minister of Education and Public Worship gave the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (reported in the J.T.A. Bulletin of the 7th. inst.) Deputy Gruenbaum goes on, we

were told that the Minister agrees with our attitude on this matter and does not approve of malicious interpretations of the powers granted under paragraph 20. The Minister said, however, that the paragraph must be retained in order to protect the Jewish Community against the introduction of politics and against invasion by Communists. This seems to us altogether unnecessary, Deputy Gruenbaum declares, since everyone knows that the Jewish Communists boycott the Jewish Communities as institutions of a religious and national character.

NEW NON-PARTISAN ORGANISATION FORMED TO FIGHT AGUDAH IN JEWISH COMMUNITY ELECTIONS: PROTEST LODGED AGAINST REMOVAL OF MIZRACHIST FROM JEWISH COMMUNITY ELECTORAL COMMISSION: SUGGESTED ACTION DUE TO HIS OPPOSITION TO AGUDAH: WARSAW AGUDISTS PROTEST AGAINST BUNDIST AND POALE ZIONIST LEADERS BEING LEFT ON LIST OF JEWISH COMMUNITY ELECTORS: COMPLAIN THEY HAVE PUBLICLY DECLARED THEMSELVES KONFESSIONSLOS.

Warsaw, April 13th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A big campaign is being launched here to persuade the Government to withdraw paragraph 20 of the Jewish Community election ordinance. A new progressive organisation has been formed under the name of the United Bloc of Non-Partisan Polish Jews to fight against the Agudath Israel on a strongly Polish patriotic and pro-Pilsudski programme, embracing all Jewish problems, such as the fight for the Jewish right to employment, opposition to the Compulsory Sunday Closing Law, removal of the heavy burden of taxation imposed on the Jews, extension of the Jewish school system, promotion of the work in Palestine, etc.

A protest has been lodged against the action of the District Chief in Czenstochova, who has removed Samuel Goldstein, a Mizrachist member of the Board of the Jewish Community, as well as of the City Council and President of many local philanthropic institutions from the list of members of the Electoral Commission which is to draw up the list of electors to the Jewish Communities. It is suggested that this has been done because Goldstein is an opponent of the Agudah.

The Warsaw Agudist Organisation has also lodged a protest with the Board of the Warsaw Jewish Community against the decision of the Warsaw Electoral Commission not to remove the Bundist leader, Councillor Henrik Ehrlich, and the Poale Zionist leaders, Messrs. Zerubavel and Lew, from the list of electors to the Jewish Community. The Agudah points out in its protest that these Jewish Labour leaders have publicly declared themselves to be Konfessionlos.

Councillor Ehrlich read out the formal declaration presented to the Board of the Warsaw Jewish Community in 1929, when the Bundists announced their secession from the Community, in which he declared that the aim of the Bund in the Jewish Communal Organisation was to carry on propaganda for secular and national cultural autonomy, to convert the charity activities of the Community into social aid work and to secularise the Jewish school system. The Zionist and Agudist majority, the declaration went on, make it impossible to realise these aims, and consequently the Bundist fraction is leaving the Jewish Community.

When the Warsaw Jewish Community held its first meeting immediately after its election in 1926, Councillor Ehrlich similarly read out a declaration of Bundist policy in the course of which he protested against the religious character of the statutes of the Community, insisting that it was in reality the representative body of the whole Jewish population and not only of the religious section.

About the same time Councillor Ehrlich was addressing a Conference of the Jewish Freethinkers' Organisation in Poland, to which he explained that the Bund had entered the Jewish Community for the purpose of disrupting it from the inside.

HUNGARIAN MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP AND HEADS OF HUNGARIAN CHURCHES ATTEND FUNERAL OF VICTIM OF BUDAPEST SYNAGOGUE SHOOTING OUTRAGE: PRESS PUBLISHES SENSATIONAL STORY OF ALLEGED ANTISEMITIC PLOT OF WHICH SYNAGOGUE SHOOTING WAS PART.

Budapest, April 13th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Minister of Education and Public Worship, Count Klebelsberg, the Catholic Bishop of Budapest, Bishop Johann Meszaros, the head of the Reformed Church of Hungary (Presbyterian), Bishop Ravarsz, the head of the Evangelical Church (Lutheran), Bishop Dr. Alexander Raffay, the head of the Unitarian Church, Bishop Nicholas Jozan, the Lord Mayor of Budapest, Dr. Ripka, and the President of the police were present to-day at the funeral of Eugen Roth, the victim of the shooting outrage in the Great Synagogue during Passover.

A sensation has been created here by a story published in the press suggesting that the assassin, Satloka, is not insane at all, and that the affair was deliberately planned at an antisemitic meeting held in Budapest, with the participation of representatives of the Roumanian Cuzists and the German Hitlerists.

A Jewish restaurant-keeper named Abraham Noll has informed the police that the week before Passover, he overheard an antisemitic journalist named Joseph Palich whispering in his restaurant to some people at the same table that a big anti-Jewish move was being planned. Palich has been interrogated by the police, and he has admitted that big preparations were being made for an anti-Jewish offensive, in the form of wholesale distribution of pamphlets fixing the responsibility for the economic distress upon the Jews, but he denies that there was any talk of revolver shooting in the synagogues.

The affair has come at a most inopportune moment for the Government, in the midst of the preparations which are being made for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the consolidation Government headed by Count Bethlen, which was formed on April 14th., 1921.

THE PROBLEM OF THE JEWISH STUDENT: CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICE OPENED IN SWITZERLAND.

Geneva, April 13th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Second Conference on the Jewish question called by the International Student Service was opened to-day at Nyon, near Geneva, under the chairmanship of Professor Pierre Bovet, of Geneva, many Jewish and non-Jewish delegates from Germany, Austria, Roumania, Poland, England, France, and other countries being present. "The role of the Jews in the life of the peoples", and "the historical causes of the present situation of the Jewish student" are among the questions to be dealt with, and the speakers will include Professor Smolensky of Warsaw, Ministerial Director Dr. Hermann Badt, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, and Dr. Friedrich Brodnitz, of the Central Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith and the son of its President, Dr. Julius Brodnitz. Mr. James W. Parkes, author of "The Jew and His Neighbour", who has visited most of the European countries on behalf of the International Student Service to study the position of the Jewish students, will make a general report on the situation of the Jewish students.

JEWISH COLONISTS IN CRIMEA TO BE PROVIDED WITH FOOD BY SOVIET GOVERNMENT TILL HARVEST IS AVAILABLE.

Moscow, April 13th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Jewish colonists in the Crimea will be provided with food by the Government, because of the existing shortage of food-stuffs in the Jewish colonies. The Commissariat of Food makes an official announcement to this effect to-day, stating that all the Jewish colonists will be given monthly rations of bread, sugar, and tobacco until the new crops are available, when repayment will be made in grain.

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