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ANTISEMITIC PLOT IN BUDAPEST SHOOTING OUTRAGE OFFICIALLY DENIED BY POLICE: PROCEEDINGS FOR TREASON AND INCITEMENT STARTED AGAINST PERSONS SPREADING REPORTS: HOMES OF NOTORIOUS ANTI-SEMITES SEARCHED AND ANTISEMITIC LITERATURE SEIZED: SOCIALIST LEADER INSISTS AT BUDAPEST CITY COUNCIL MEETING THAT OUTRAGE WAS ORGANISED BY ANTISEMITIC TERRORIST BODY AND CLAIMS TO BE IN POSSESSION OF PROOF: ALLEGES GENERAL ANTI-JEWISH DISCRIMINATION IN MUNICIPALITY EMPLOYMENT: POGROMIST LEADER HEJJAS MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH AFFAIR: SUGGESTION THAT ASSASSIN WAS PAID TO COMMIT CRIME.

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

Proceedings for treason and incitement of one section of the population against another have been started by the Budapest authorities against a number of persons for spreading alarmist reports that the shooting outrage in the Great Synagogue during the Passover Festival, one of the victims of which, Eugene Roth, has died and was buried yesterday, was the work of an antisemitic terrorist organisation. The police have to-day issued an official denial of these reports, denying at the same time further reports which said that Commandant Hejjas, the notorious Chief of the pogromist bands which massacred Jews during the civil war, had visited the assassin, Satloke, in the lunatic asylum where he is confined, and that Satloke had been paid 10,000 pengos for committing the crime.

At the same time, however, the police have searched the homes of a number of notorious antisemites, and have seized quantities of antisemitic literature, including the manuscript of the brochure which the antisemitic journalist, Joseph Palich, has admitted was about to be published as part of a big new antisemitic offensive, in which the Jews were to be accused of being responsible for the existing economic distress in the country, with a view to inciting the population against them.

To-day's meeting of the Budapest City Council turned almost entirely on the shooting outrage at the Great Synagogue, the Socialist leader, Deputy Peyer, insisting that there are good grounds for believing that there was an antisemitic terrorist organisation at work, asserting that he is in possession of proof. Deputy Peyer also complained of the Council's antisemitic policy. The Lord Mayor's office, he said, had recently issued instructions to the Municipal Traffic Department not to employ Jews. The Lord Mayor, who was present at the meeting, denied that any such instructions had been given.

SPREADING BLOOD LIBEL IN GERMANY: BAVARIAN HITLERIST DEPUTY CUI ACQUITTED.

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

Deputy Otto Hellmuth, a Hitlerist member of the Bavarian Parliament, was acquitted to-day on the charge of spreading ritual murder agitation.

Speaking at Manau, in Bavaria, after the discovery there in 1929 of the dead body of a Christian boy of five named Karl Kessler, Deputy Hellmuth had said that the child was a victim of a Jewish ritual murder, and had gone on to describe circumstantially how Jews use Christian blood for ritual purposes. He also circulated among his audience picture postcards depicting Jews committing ritual murder, and he further published an article in the local Hitlerist paper, the "Stuermer" to similar effect.

Skulking himself ~~then behind~~ the Parliamentary immunity which he enjoyed as a Deputy, he refused to appear in court for months, to answer the charges against him and meanwhile the witnesses, owing to the lapse of time, became confused regarding the sequence of events and made statements conflicting in some respects with their previous evidence, and the judge thereupon acquitted Deputy Hellmuth.

The murder of the boy was investigated by the Bavarian police at the time, and the Bamberg District Court before which the case came, issued an official statement in April 1929 declaring that there was no ground whatever for the ritual murder allegation. The official enquiry has shown, the statement said, no sign of any blood having been drawn off from the child or any method of ritual slaughtering having been applied.

The matter gave rise to a big debate in the Bavarian Parliament in which Deputies of the Socialist and People's Party protested vigorously against the blood libel as an insult to their Jewish fellow citizens, and the Minister of Education and Public Worship declared that the ritual murder agitation which was being conducted in the Manau district constituted a real danger to the lives of the Jewish population of Bavaria. I have ordered the Schools Administration, the Minister said, to instruct the teachers to explain to the children in the schools how baseless the ritual murder agitation is and to make it clear to them that our Jewish fellow citizens are Germans just the same as we are, with exactly the same cultural outlook and incapable of such barbarism as ritual murder. One of the Deputies of the Bavarian People's Party said in the course of the same debate that for 700 years people had repeatedly brought up the ritual murder allegation against the Jews but not on one single occasion had it been proved that any Jew had ever practised ritual murder.

We feel ashamed that Jews still have to defend themselves at this late day against the ritual murder lie, the Conference of Bavarian Rabbis, which was in session at the time, declared in an official statement in connection with the affair. We declare solemnly, the statement went on, that the sources of Jewish teaching are innocent of blood. There is no Jewish sect whatever which practises ritual murder, and we are prepared to prove this statement in any court of law.

Even in Berlin the police authorities are constantly receiving reports of suspected ritual murder cases, the Vice-President of the Berlin Police Force, Dr. Weiss, who is himself a Jew, stated at the time in connection with the protest movement started by the Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith against the Manau ritual murder agitation. Berlin police headquarters are constantly getting complaints from people who state that they believe that ritual murder has been committed by Jews, he said.

Recently, he continued, complaints came from a large number of women that night after night they had heard children crying in the Jewish school and had smelt something suspiciously like that of burning bodies, and would the police investigate, because it was certainly ritual murder. The police investigated, Dr. Weiss added, and found that the children who cried belonged to a house near by and the supposed smell of dead bodies was that of an asthma cure being inhaled by an asthmatic old man in the neighbourhood. Of such, he said, are ritual murder accusations made.

BERLIN HITLERIST LEADER FINED FOR INSULTING JEWISH HEAD OF BERLIN POLICE FORCE.

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

Deputy Goebbels, the Hitlerist leader in Berlin, has been fined 1,500 Marks by the district court for having insulted the Berlin Police Vice-President, Dr. Weiss, because he is a Jew.

JEWISH WORKERS KILLED IN PALESTINE WERE VICTIMS OF FEUD BETWEEN ARABS PALESTINE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT TELLS J.T.A.: ARAB GANGSTERS DRIVEN OFF FROM ARAB VILLAGE EMPTIED THEIR RIFLES INTO JEWS: POLICE HAVE NAMES OF GANGSTERS AND EXPECT TO MAKE ARRESTS ANY DAY.

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

The murders of the Jewish workers belonging to the Yadjur Labour settlement were entirely non-political, an important member of the Criminal Investigation Branch of the Palestine Police told the J.T.A. to-day. We have the names, he said, of three gangsters who intended to attack an Arab village, from which witnesses came forward to give evidence against the brother of one of the gunmen, who was in consequence sentenced to death for murder. The village was, however, carefully guarded by villagers and police, and the gangsters returning baffled, with murder in their hearts, suddenly encountered a cart full of singing Jews, and emptied into them their rifles which had been intended to avenge the imminent death of their kinsman. The police expect to arrest the three gangsters any day now, he said; adding that there is no truth in the report that there were seven gunmen involved.

FOUR WOUNDED IN YADJUR SHOOTING OUTRAGE RAPIDLY RECOVERING: TWO ALREADY DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL: "HAARETZ" COMPLAINS REWARD OFFERED BY POLICE TOO SMALL TO LEAD TO ARREST OF MURDERS: SAYS JEWS BUILDING UP HOMELAND NOT CONSIDERED AS IMPORTANT AS ENGLISH BISHOP OR ENGLISH QUARRY MANAGER AT WHOM SHOTS FIRED: ARAB PAPER DEPLORES OUTRAGE: DISORDERS CANNOT SOLVE PALESTINE PROBLEM IT SAYS.

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

Israel Isakowitz and Kreina Perszuk, two of the Jewish workers from Yadjur who were wounded in the shooting outrage, have recovered and have been discharged from hospital. The other two wounded, both women, Beila Hellman and Breina Halperin, are also rapidly recovering.

£200 is too small a sum to be offered as a reward to bring about the arrest of the murderers, the Hebrew daily "Haaretz" complains, and the police are too slow in moving against the murderers. Haluzim, it says, are not the same as an English Bishop, and bullets piercing the hearts of Jews building up the homeland are not the same as bullets fired at an English quarry manager.

We are convinced that the Palestine Arab leaders are innocent of the crime, the Arab paper "Al Ahrar" of Beirut, a strongly anti-Zionist publication, writes. The Palestine Arab leaders are too wise, it says, to foment disorders, which are incapable of solving the Palestine problem. A solution of the problem is quite possible, it says, without bloodshed.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT PROHIBITS PROCESSION IN COMMEMORATION OF ARAB ATTACK ON PETACH TIKVAH TEN YEARS AGO.

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

The procession which was arranged for to-day by the Maccabee Organisation and the Trumpeldor League to the graves of the victims of the Arab attack on the Jewish colony of Petach Tikvah during the 1921 outbreak in Palestine has been banned by the police.

The prohibition is another bitter testimony to our humiliating position, the Revisionist daily "Haam" comments.

EASTER SEASON WHICH IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT TIME IN PALESTINE PASSED OFF QUIETLY APART FROM ISOLATED UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT IN NEIGHBOURHOOD OF HAIFA DR. DRUMMOND SHIELS STATES IN PARLIAMENT: WOULD IT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO GET BOTH SIDES IN PALESTINE TOGETHER TO SEE WHETHER AMICABLE ARRANGEMENT CAN BE ARRIVED AT LABOUR MEMBER ASKS: WE ARE ALWAYS KEEPING THAT IN VIEW AND SHALL BE GLAD TO ARRANGE SUCH MEETING WHENEVER POSSIBLE DR. DRUMMOND SHIELS REPLIES: WE HAVE BEEN TAKING STEPS TOWARDS THAT HE ADDS.

London, April 15th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The situation has not materially changed since you put a similar question to me some three weeks ago, Dr. Drummond Shiels, the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, said in the House of Commons this afternoon in reply to Colonel Howard-Bury, who had asked him whether he could make a statement with regard to the present position in Palestine and with regard to the Arab boycott.

I am happy to say, Dr. Shiels went on, that apart from the isolated and unfortunate incident in the neighbourhood of Haifa which has been reported in the press, the Easter season which is always a difficult time in Palestine passed off quietly. As regards the last part of the question, I am not in a position to add anything to my previous statement.

Is Dr. Shiels aware that the tension is just about as bad as it can be, Colonel Howard-Bury pursued, especially since the letter of the Prime Minister to Dr. Weizmann, and what steps is he taking to bring about that necessary co-operation between the two communities.

We are constantly taking all steps possible to bring about that desirable co-operation, Dr. Drummond Shiels replied.

Would it not be possible since the publication of the Prime Minister's letter to get both sides together to discuss this matter and see whether an amicable arrangement can be arrived at, Mr. J. J. McShane, Labour member for Walsall, put in.

We are always keeping that in view, Dr. Shiels answered, and we shall be glad to arrange such a meeting whenever it is possible.

Will you take steps towards that? Mr. McShane asked.

We have been doing so, Dr. Shiels replied.

HAS NEW LLOYD GEORGE COLONY CAUSED INCREASE IN DRINKING IN PALESTINE COLONEL HOWARD-BURY WANTS TO KNOW: NO INCREASE IN PALESTINE LIQUOR TRADE DR. SHIELS SAYS IF ALLOWANCE MADE FOR FACT THAT THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESSIVE INCREASE IN NON-MOSLEM POPULATION.

London, April, 15th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Colonial Office has no detailed statistics of licenses granted, but from the information available it does not appear that there has been any increase in the liquor trade in Palestine, if allowance is made for the fact that there has been a progressive increase in the non-Moslem population, Dr. Drummond Shiels said in the House of Commons to-day, in reply to Mr. H. Graham White (Liberal), who asked if he would state to what extent licensed facilities for the sale of liquor in Palestine had been increased and for what reason.

There has been a progressive increase in regulations by the Government, Dr. Shiels said further, the last being issued early this year.

Has this increase been rendered necessary by the new colony named after Mr. Lloyd George, Colonel Howard-Bury put in. No answer was given to this question.

May we assume from the reply, Mr. Graham White then asked, that the increase is apparently due to the better methods of registration, rather than an actual increase.

It is partly due to that, Dr. Shiels said, and partly due to the increase in population.

PALESTINE ARABS AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS BUT WITH RESERVATIONS CHIEFLY NO RECOGNITION OF JEWISH NATIONAL HOME PALESTINE ARAB EXECUTIVE DECLARES.

Jerusalem, April 16th (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Palestine Arabs will agree to participate in the negotiations with the Government for drawing up a constructive plan in Palestine, but with the following reservations, the resolutions adopted by the meeting of the Palestine Arab Executive held to consider the situation, which have been published here to-day, state.

(1) Participation in no wise involves recognition of the Jewish National Home; (2) the negotiations must not be based on the MacDonald letter or on other documents supporting the Zionist policy; (3) the negotiations should be conducted by appointed representatives, but not in London, since the plan must be executed in Palestine; and (4) no joint discussions with Jewish representatives.

The resolutions were adopted by 16 votes against 14, 20 members of the Executive being absent. Auni Bey Abdul Hadi and Jemal Hussein, the secretaries of the Palestine Arab Executive, it is understood, strongly urged that a delegation should be sent to London, but they were defeated by the argument that all previous Arab delegations to London had failed to achieve their purpose, and that to send another delegation now would only tend to suggest that an Arab-Jewish understanding is possible.

FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE INOPPORTUNE AND TO NO PURPOSE UNTIL MEETING OF 17TH. ZIONIST CONGRESS REVISIONIST WORLD EXECUTIVE DECLARES: RESOLUTION SENT TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY IT.

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

The more decisive part of the Executive of the Jewish Agency - the Zionist Executive - was elected at a Congress that concluded its deliberations before the events of August 1929 in Palestine. These events as well as the subsequent proceedings of the Mandatory Power, have produced in the Zionist masses a new attitude fundamentally different from that prevailing at the time of the Congress, so that the present Zionist Executive cannot, in these circumstances, serve as the valid expression of this changed attitude, says a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the World Union of Zionist Revisionists, after receiving a letter from the Zionist Executive declining to suspend the negotiations with the British Government until the forthcoming Zionist Congress.

For the overwhelming majority of the Zionist movement, the resolution proceeds, any understanding arrived at with the Government of the Mandatory Power on the basis of the White Paper of 1930 which has been described by the Government as remaining "the dominating document", is unacceptable. The Seventeenth Zionist Congress which meets at the end of June 1931 is alone entitled to frame the policy and to determine the direction which the future political activity of the Zionist Organisation is to follow. The further negotiations between the Government of the

Mandatory Power and the Executive of the Jewish Agency in its present composition must therefore be regarded as inopportune, ineffective and to no purpose, until the meeting of the 17th. Zionist Congress.

In these circumstances, the resolution concludes, the Executive Committee of the World Union of Zionist Revisionists declares that the present negotiations and any consequent arrangements that may be arrived at will be regarded by it as neither binding nor obligatory on the Zionist Organisation, or the World Union of Zionist Revisionists which is one of its constituent parts.

The resolution, it is explained, has been communicated to all the parties concerned, including the British Government, which has acknowledged its receipt.

STRICKER PARTY IN AUSTRIAN ZIONIST ORGANISATION CONFIRMS BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITY DECISION TO JOIN REVISIONISTS: EX-DEPUTY STRICKER AND MR. VLADIMIR JABOTINSKY STARTING REVISIONIST PROPAGANDA TOURS.

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

The Zionist Democratic Federation led by ex-Deputy Robert Stricker, which previously belonged to the Radical Zionist Organisation has at a plenary meeting of the members held here confirmed by an overwhelming majority the decision to join the Revisionist World Organisation. Ex-Deputy Stricker is leaving on a propaganda tour on behalf of the Revisionist movement in the Baltic countries, Western Poland and Jugo-Slavia.

Mr. Vladimir Jabotinsky has just opened a new propaganda tour in Central and Eastern Europe. He is starting out from Danzig and Poland, and is going on to Germany, Austria, Hungary, Roumania, and Czecho-Slovakia. The tour will continue for a whole month, until the middle of May. On April 29th. Mr. Jabotinsky will address a demonstration in the Large Concert House in Vienna, where the Fourteenth Zionist Congress was held in 1925.

DR. WEIZMANN TO BE RECEIVED BY EX-SERVICEMEN'S GUARD OF HONOUR WHEN HE VISITS MANCHESTER ON SUNDAY: WILL BE GUEST OF LORD MAYOR AND WILL ADDRESS PUBLIC MEETING WITH MANCHESTER MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

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

Dr. Ch. Weizmann will be received by a guard of honour of Jewish ex-servicemen when he arrives in Manchester on Saturday night to be the guest of honour at a luncheon to be given him in Manchester on Sunday by all the Zionist Societies in the Provinces.

On Sunday evening Dr. Weizmann will address a mass meeting at the Paramount Theatre on "The Position in Palestine". Mr. Nathan Laski, the Chairman of the Palestine Committee of the Board of Jewish Deputies, will be in the chair, and the speakers will include Dr. Selig Brodetsky, member of the Jewish Agency Executive; Mr. Ben Tillet (Labour); Mr. P. M. Oliver (Labour), and Mr. E. B. Fielden (Conservative), members of Parliament representing Manchester constituencies.

On Monday Dr. Weizmann will be the guest of the Lord Mayor of Manchester at luncheon and afterwards at a reception, and the same evening he will return to London.

THREE JEWS SENTENCED TO DEATH IN RUSSIA: MEMBERS OF UKRAINIAN  
FOOD TRUST FUND GUILTY WITH OTHERS OF DIVERTING BREAD  
SUPPLIES FOR PRIVATE SPECULATION.

Moscow, April 10th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Three Jews, Rubinstein, Dubrowsky and Sterenson, have been sentenced to death together with seven other members of the Ukrainian Bread Trust, after a ten days' trial, having been found guilty of systematic diversion of bread supplies intended for workers in the Dneprostroy and other industries, and selling them to private places. 58 others who stood their trial together with these ten in the law court of the Ukrainian town of Dniepropetrovsk, formerly known as Ekaterinoslav, on the charge of complicity, have been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment. The condemned men were accused among other things of having given receipts to kulaks (big peasants) for fictitious grain deliveries, and afterwards sharing with them the profits they made on the illegal sale of these supplies over the whole period of the past year.

LIVELIHOOD OF JEWISH FAMILIES IN POLAND THREATENED BY DECISION  
TO PROHIBIT STREET TRADING.

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

The Jewish economic organisations in Poland are urged by the Jewish press to make urgent representations to the authorities against the prohibition of street trading, which has just been decided upon on the request of the Federation of Polish merchants, anxious to eliminate the competition of the street traders. About 4,000 families, most of them Jewish, will be deprived of their livelihood if the prohibition is enforced, the papers says.

JEWISH HEAD OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT STORE LEAVES TEN MILLION  
DOLLAR ART COLLECTION TO METROPOLITAN MUSEUM: RESIDUE OF  
ESTATE ESTIMATED AT 25 MILLIONS TO GO FOR EDUCATION AND  
CHARITY: 60,000 DOLLARS MEANWHILE FOR JEWISH CHARITIES  
AND 60,000 DOLLARS FOR NON-JEWISH.

New York, April 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Colonel Michael Friedsam, the head of the big Altman Department Stores in New York, who died recently, has bequeathed to the Metropolitan Museum his famous art collection valued at ten million dollars. He has left 60,000 dollars to Jewish charities and 60,000 dollars to non-Jewish charities, directing that the residue of his estate, estimated at about 25 million should be administered by his executors "for the care of the young, the comfort of the old, and for institutions of learning". Colonel Friedsam, who was unmarried and has left few relatives, wrote in his will that he regarded his wealth as held in trust for the ultimate benefit of the people and that he wanted it to be distributed by his executors accordingly.

JEWISH MINISTER OF JUSTICE IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA ATTAINS 60TH. BIRTHDAY.

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

Dr. Alfred Meissner, Minister of Justice and leader of the Czech Social Democratic Party, has reached his 60th. birthday this week. After the Revolution, Dr. Meissner took part in drawing up the Constitution of the Czecho-Slovakian Republic, and he was chairman of the Constitution Commission of the First National Assembly. He was appointed Minister of Justice in 1920 under Prime Minister Tusar, and again in the present Cabinet formed by Premier Udrzal in 1929.

There is a second Jew in the present Government, Dr. L. Czech, the Minister of Public Welfare, who is one of the leaders of the German Social Democratic Party of Czecho-Slovakia.

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