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DISCUSSIONS WITH JEWISH AGENCY AND ARAB REPRESENTATIVES ON DEVELOPMENT SCHEME STARTED IN LONDON AND JERUSALEM RESPECTIVELY:
STATEMENT ISSUED BY COLONIAL OFFICE.

London, April 23rd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Discussions on the development scheme for Palestine started on April 22nd. both in London and at Jerusalem, it is announced in an official statement communicated by the Colonial Office to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to-day.

The discussions in London, the statement proceeds, are being conducted with the Jewish Agency by an Inter-Departmental Committee appointed by the Government; those at Jerusalem with the Arab leaders by the High Commissioner.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT COMPELLED DR. WEIZMANN TO CANCEL HIS PROPOSED MEETING WITH EMIR ABDULLAH IN TRANSJORDAN EDITOR OF "DOAR HAYOM" ASSERTS.

Jerusalem, April 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Palestine Government compelled Dr. Weizmann to cancel his proposed meeting with the Emir Abdullah in Amman and arranged that the Emir should call off his luncheon engagement with Dr. Weizmann. Mr. Ittamar Ben Avi, who recently resumed his editorship of the "Doar Hayom" asserts in the first of a series of articles entitled "J'Accuse", which he publishes in the paper to-day.

Mr. Ben Avi quotes in support of his accusation a letter from Mr. Young, the Chief Secretary to the Palestine Government, addressed to Dr. Weizmann, urging that the time is inopportune for a visit to Amman, and the Government will not be responsible for his personal safety in Transjordan at this or another time. Other facts, Mr. Ben Avi says, show that the High Commissioner, Sir John Chancellor, blocked the way to Arab-Jewish parleys.

NO ACCEPTANCE OF TRANSJORDAN OFFER TO SETTLE LANDLESS PALESTINE ARABS THERE ARAB PRESS SAYS: WOULD SHOW THAT DR. WEIZMANN'S SOLUTION OF PALESTINE LAND SHORTAGE IS ACCEPTABLE TO ARABS.

Jerusalem, April 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

To settle Palestine Arabs in Transjordan would be opposed to the best interests of the Arabs since it would show that the solution Dr. Weizmann proposed as a way out of the Palestine land shortage was acceptable to Arabs, the Arab papers "Al Hayat" and "Felestin" comment on a report from Amman that Government leaders there are disposed to receive a number of landless Palestinians.

The Transjordan leaders who favour this move were prompted as much by Transjordanian considerations as by the plight of landless Arabs this side of the Jordan, it is understood. Transjordan, it is argued, possesses enormous stretches of land lying fallow, which could be brought to life by cultivation. The "Felestin" does not question the good intentions of the Transjordan nationalists, but it warns the Arabs against the possibility of the Zionists capitalising these intentions to prove that Transjordan offers a solution to the Palestine land problem.

JEWISH ENTERPRISE LEAVES PALESTINE FOR SYRIA.

Jerusalem, April 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The first Jewish enterprise to leave Palestine for Syria is the hosiery factory of Messrs. Freedman and Edelstein, who had decided to move as early as the spring of 1930, the removal being delayed pending negotiations in which the Jewish Agency took the leading part.

Attempts were made to reorganise the sale of stockings in such a way as to avoid unnecessary competition and to enable the firm to continue its business in Tel Aviv. This attempt having failed, however, the Jewish Agency was prepared to enable a larger concern to absorb this firm, undertaking to find the necessary capital. This attempt, too, miscarried, and the factory has now been transferred to Syria.

PROTEST AGAINST FLOGGING SENTENCE ON JEWISH BOY BY JEWISH MAGISTRATE IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem, April 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Colonel Kisch, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, has interviewed the High Commissioner, Sir John Chancellor, and has lodged a vigorous protest with him against a flogging sentence imposed by a Jewish magistrate named Zuckerman, a former clerk recently raised to the bench, on a Jewish boy of twelve.

A Jewish family from Kurdistan, Israel Ezra, his wife Zilba, their daughter, and the boy were brought before him on a charge of overstaying the three months' period allowed on their tourist visas.

Sentencing Israel Ezra, his wife Zilba and their daughter to pay a fine of £1. each and costs, the magistrate, unable to fine the twelve-year old boy, gave orders that he should be given three strokes.

In addition, the magistrate recommended the High Commissioner to exercise his right to deport this immigrant family, who admitted they had overstayed the visa period of three months, but contended that they had applied for permission to be registered as immigrants and to be allowed to remain permanently in the country.

While it is not unusual for immigrants who have arrived on tourist visas to be brought up on a charge of evading the law, the flogging of the twelve-year old boy has stirred Jewish opinion in Palestine as few things have in recent years. The boy, as one writer has pointed out, has been ordered to be flogged for no other crime than that he accompanied his parents and was an accessory to their illegal act.

The Jewish lawyers in Jerusalem are contemplating taking action against the magistrate.

MR. HARRY SACHER SERIOUSLY ILL IN JERUSALEM: TRAFFIC DIVERTED FROM STREET WHERE HE LIVES: HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW MR. ISRAEL SIEFF PUTS OFF RETURN TO LONDON: NO DANGER ANTICIPATED.

Jerusalem, April 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Harry Sacher is lying seriously ill here. His condition is not dangerous, it is explained, but there is considerable anxiety. He is suffering from a combination of pleurisy and pneumonia. Mr. Israel Sief, Mr. Sacher's brother-in-law, who has been paying a visit to Palestine with Mrs. Sief and was to have left with her on their return to London this week, has decided to put off his departure and they will stay here until Mr. Sacher's condition has improved.

In order to afford Mr. Sacher complete quiet, traffic has been diverted from the street in which he lives.

SIR HERBERT SAMUEL'S SON MR. EDWIN SAMUEL AWARDED COMMONWEALTH FUND SERVICE FELLOWSHIP OPEN TO BRITISH SUBJECTS HOLDING APPOINTMENTS IN BRITISH GOVERNMENT SERVICE OVERSEAS.

Jerusalem, April 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Edwin Samuel, Sir Herbert Samuel's son, who holds a Government appointment in Palestine, has been awarded a Commonwealth Fund Service Fellowship tenable at an American University, to be named, for 15 months' education and travel.

The Fellowships, of which five are offered this year, are open to British subjects holding appointments in the British Government service overseas. Mr. Samuel, who intends eventually to write a thesis on comparative colonial economic development with special reference to Palestine, will go to America in August. Sir John Chancellor, the High Commissioner, formally ratified his appointment to-day.

WOMEN ZIONISTS HOLDING CONFERENCE IN BASLE.

London, April 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Sixth biennial Conference of the Women's International Zionist Organisation will be held at Basle on June 23rd. to 28th. immediately preceding the Seventh Zionist Congress. The agenda includes a number of questions affecting the progress of the work conducted by the Women's International Zionist Organisation in and for Palestine.

FLOODS THREATEN VILNA: CHILDREN FEARED DROWNED IN JEWISH TOWN IN LATVIA.

Warsaw, April 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The rising waters of the River Vilja are threatening the city of Vilna. The districts lying close to the river are being carefully watched by the fire brigades, Red Cross men and special watchmen. Beam-lights have been put up to keep track of the rise of the waters during the night. The districts of Molodechno, Postava and Osmany, which have dense Jewish populations, are in particular danger.

Riga, April 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Several children, it is feared, have been drowned in the floods which have occurred in the Jewish town of Ryezhitsa, in the province of Latgalia, not far from the borders of Soviet White Russia, as a result of the River Ryezhitsa overflowing its banks. Most of the damage has occurred in the suburb of Amerika, which is inhabited by the poorer-class Jews. All traffic in the town has been paralysed and the electrical supply is out of order.

NEW ANTISEMITIC AGITATION IN BORSHA: PLACARDS WARN JEWS IF THEY DON'T LEAVE THEY WILL BE EJECTED.

Czernowitz, April 18th. (J.T.A. Mail Service).

Placards have appeared on houses in the town of Borsha, where the big fire took place last summer, calling on the Jewish inhabitants to leave as soon as possible, threatening otherwise to drive them out by force. The authorities have ordered an enquiry into the situation.

JEWS ARE PEOPLE LIKE OURSELVES PROFESSOR JORGA NEW ROUMANIAN PREMIER DECLARES AT RECEPTION TO FOREIGN PRESS REPRESENTATIVES: CABINET HAS TAKEN MEASURES TO SUPPRESS ANTI-JEWISH TROUBLE.

Bucharest, April 20th. (J.T.A. Mail Service).

The Jews are people like ourselves, Professor Jorga, the new Premier, said at a reception given to foreign press representatives here last night. 'We shall deal with them like human beings, he declared, if they will deal with us, too, like human beings. At the first meeting of the Cabinet held to-day, he added, we took measures for the suppression of any anarchical manifestations against any section of the population.

"DECLASSIFIED" IN SOVIET RUSSIA "WILL HAVE TO STAY "DECLASSIFIED": THEIR DOCUMENTS MAY HAVE TO BEAR IDENTIFICATION STAMP TO PREVENT THEM ENTERING RANKS OF "WORKERS IN PLACES WHERE THEY ARE NOT KNOWN": ALLEGATION THAT WHERE THEY ENTER INDUSTRY THEY USE OPPORTUNITIES TO SABOTAGE AND CONDUCT ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA.

Moscow, April 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A system of passports for the "declassified" of all races and nationalities, something on the lines of the passports for alien registration suggested last year in the United States, is proposed in to-day's issue of the "Izvestia", and the proposal is to be given serious attention in the pages of the entire Soviet press.

Such a passport system is necessary, the "Izvestia" says, because the "declassified" are in the habit of leaving their home-towns, where they are known for what they are, and going to other places where people are not aware that they are "declassified" and they manage to establish themselves there and gain admission as members of the trade unions. This can be prevented by the authorities stamping the documents of every declassified person in such a way as to make it impossible for him to conceal his social and political status.

Such drastic legislation against the "declassified" is justified by the writer of the article on the ground that the "declassified", according to him, frequently make use of the opportunities opened up to them when they succeed in finding their way into industry in order to attempt to sabotage and engage in wrecking tactics to the detriment of Soviet industry, and even to conduct actual anti-Soviet propaganda.

CULTURAL WORK AMONG JEWISH MINORITY IN UKRAINE TO BE DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE CALLED BY EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR NEXT MONTH.

Moscow, April 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Cultural work among the national minorities in the Ukraine will be discussed at an All-Ukrainian Conference called for May 20th. by the Ukrainian Ministry of Education. After an address by the Minister of Education, M. Skripnik, to the whole Conference on the cultural work among the national minorities, the Conference will divide into national sections. At the Jewish Cultural Sectional Conference reports will be presented on behalf of the Supreme Economic Council and the Ministry of Agriculture and addresses will be delivered by Mr. Kiper, representing the Central Committee, and Mr. Lieberberg on the subject of an institute of Jewish culture. There will be other reports on methods of work in the Jewish schools, Jewish proletarian literature and other matters. 25 town schools, 15 village schools, 10 industrial schools, 5 agricultural schools, Jewish publishing houses, the Jewish press, the Jewish State Theatres and Jewish State libraries will be represented at the Conference.

KID BERG IS A JEW BUT ALSO BRITISH SUBJECT "DAILY EXPRESS" EDITORIAL SAYS "WISHING HIM VICTORY IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT: IN BRITAIN JEW IS NOT ALIEN."

London, April 23rd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

To-morrow night in Chicago Kid Berg fights for the lightweight championship of the world, the "Daily Express" says in an editorial to-day. Kid Berg is a Jew, it proceeds. His co-religionists throughout Britain and beyond it are naturally in a fever of expectancy. But Kid Berg is also a British subject. In Britain we neither treat nor think of a Jew as an alien. He is one of us, and we are proud to have so clever and resolute a boxer as Britain's representative. His fellow-countrymen of all classes and creeds are awaiting the result of to-morrow's fight. Their confident message to him is: "Go in and win! Britain needs a world champion!"

"JEWISH APPLICATIONS NOT ACCEPTED": NO EMPLOYMENT FOR JEWS IN NEW YORK: "CHANCES AGAINST JEWS OUT OF WORK AS TEN TO ONE" RABBI COHEN SECRETARY OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINS JEWISH LEADERS NEGLECTING DUTY OF FIGHTING AGAINST DISCRIMINATION; SAYS EXCUSE THAT THEIR EYES TURNED TO FLIGHT OF JEWRY OVERSEAS INADEQUATE BECAUSE JEWS OF EASTERN EUROPE AND PALESTINE WILL SUFFER IF ECONOMIC STRANGULATION OVERTAKEN LARGE SEGMENT OF AMERICAN JEWRY: DISCRIMINATION IS RELIGIOUS: APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT DIVIDED INTO THREE CLASSES - PROTESTANT CATHOLIC AND JEW: "WHAT IS YOUR RELIGION" MOST FEARED QUESTION POSED TO JEWISH APPLICANT.

New York, April 14th. (J.T.A. Mail Service).

Some agencies frankly declare, through printed slips handed out to callers, that Jewish applicants will not even be registered for employment, let alone given a chance to see prospective employers. And some have had the brazen effrontery to post placards declaring: "For the present, Jewish applications not accepted". One agency manager, the more quickly to dispose of a roomful of applicants, told them en masse: "I'm sorry, but we have no jobs open for book-keepers - or Jews", Rabbi J. X. Cohen, Assistant Rabbi of the Free Synagogue and Secretary of the National Committee on economic discrimination set up by the American Jewish Congress, declared to-day, complaining that the Jewish leaders in New York were neglecting their duty of taking up the fight against the anti-Jewish discrimination existing in places of employment in New York City.

When some of these leaders have been rebuked for neglect of duty, Rabbi Cohen said, their response and defence has been that their eyes have been turned eastward to the awful plight of Jewry overseas. But it bodes ill for the Jews of Eastern Europe, and of Palestine, too, Rabbi Cohen exclaimed, if economic strangulation should overtake any large segment of American Jewry.

Describing the results of his recent investigation with regard to discrimination against Jews in employment in New York City, Rabbi Cohen said that one investigator had reported that he had applied to exactly 100 agencies for a position as book-keeper, clerk, etc., and in 91 cases he was told that a Jew would be unacceptable. The files of an agency serving 400 representative corporations and business establishments came recently under scrutiny, disclosing that 89 per cent. of them preferred Christian applicants. These two instances, Rabbi Cohen said, give startling verification to the Brown-Britt declaration that the chances against the Jew out of work are as ten to one.

What is the most feared question posed to a Jewish applicant for a job? he continued. It is - "What is your religion?". Not training, talents or experience, but faith, seems to be the primary requisite in getting a job. Agencies use the semi-secret terms - No. 1, No. 2, or No. 3 - to describe the applicants. One is a Protestant; two is a Catholic; three is a Jew. Recently, in the course of my investigation, I applied for a position with a great corporation with over 34,000 employees in New York, and reputed to discriminate against Jewish applicants. A careful scrutiny of the 4 page, 78 question application blank showed no basis for religious classification. Since religious classification is the keystone of the whole arch of religious discrimination, I was about to say to myself that the rumour concerning this company was false. But - in an off-hand, after-thought manner, the interviewer asked, "And what is your religion?", and my answer went into the upper left square on page one - in code!

The secrecy with which some employers exercise discrimination, Rabbi Cohen concludes, discloses the weakness of their position and the wisdom of bringing the whole subject out into the light for discussion, consideration and remedial action.

JEWS IN JAPAN HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS WITH REST OF POPULATION PRINCE TAKAMATSU BROTHER OF JAPANESE EMPEROR SAYS: JAPANESE REGARD ALL NOT OF JAPANESE BLOOD AS FOREIGNERS JEWS AS WELL AS EUROPEAN RACES BUT ALL FOREIGNERS TREATED AS WELL AS JAPANESE CITIZENS AS LONG AS THEY OBEY LAWS.

New York, April 14th. (J.T.A. Mail Service).

Jews in Japan have equal rights with the rest of the population, although they are not citizens of the country and occupy no public offices, Prince Takamatsu, brother of the Emperor of Japan, who with the Princess is now visiting New York City, said in a special interview here with Mr. Joel Slonim appearing in the New York Yiddish daily, the "Day".

The Japanese people do not discriminate between races, the Prince declared, although they regard all those who are not of Japanese blood as foreigners, Jews as well as other European races. All foreigners, however, are treated as well as Japanese citizens, as long as they obey the laws of the country.

Asked whether the number of Jews in Japan is increasing and whether there is any feeling in the country against Jewish immigration, Prince Takamatsu replied: "People who come to us and help us build our country are always welcome. The Japanese people do not want immigrants to enter if they are hostile to us. After the World War Jews from Russia and other countries came to Japan. Most of them are business men, but there are also others who are workers. The economic crisis in the full sense of that term does not prevail among us; we do not know of such a thing as people starving from lack of funds. There is no reason why the Japanese Government should be inimical to Jewish immigrants who wish to come and settle in Japan, if only they are not hostile to us".

JEWISH JOURNALIST EDITOR OF ARGENTINE DAILY ARRESTED ON ROUMANIAN FRONTIER: JEWISH JOURNALISTS IN POLAND INTERVENE WITH ROUMANIAN EMBASSY

Warsaw, April 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Aaron Zeitlin, President of the Jewish Pen Club, and Dr. Gottlieb, President of the Jewish Journalists' Association, have intervened with the Roumanian Embassy here on learning of the arrest of Mr. Jacob Botaschanski, the editor of the Yiddish daily "Prose" of Buenos Aires, on his arrival on the Roumanian frontier from Poland, in order to lecture at Czernowitz on Jewish life in the Argentine. The Roumanian Embassy here has promised to raise the matter with the Roumanian Government.

Czernowitz, April 18th. (J.T.A. Mail Service).

Mr. Jacob Botaschanski, the editor of the "Presse" of Buenos Aires, has been arrested on his arrival on the Roumanian frontier from Poland, it is learned here to-day. Mr. Botaschanski was to have delivered a lecture here to-day on the life of the Jews of the Argentine. As soon as he arrived at the frontier he was seized by detectives and placed under arrest. No reason for his arrest was given.

Mr. Botaschanski, who is 38 years of age, was born in Bessarabia, and on the outbreak of the War fled to Roumania, where he was arrested for socialist activity. In 1923 he left for the Argentine, where he has been living since, arriving recently in Europe on a tour of the East-European Jewish settlements.

HEAD OF JEWISH PRESS SECTION IN POLISH GOVERNMENT DECORATED.

Warsaw, April 21st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Daniel Steinboch, the Press Rapporteur on Jewish Affairs to the Government Commissariat, has received the Silver Service Cross, handed him by the Government Commissioner, M. Jaroszewicz, in recognition of his special services in connection with the Jewish Press in Poland.

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