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JEWISH SITUATION IN MANY CONTINENTAL COUNTRIES CAUSING INCREASING ANXIETY MR. LEONARD G. MONTEFIORE SAYS PRESIDING AT ANNUAL MEETING OF ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION: FOUNDERS OF ASSOCIATION SIXTY YEARS AGO WERE VICTORIAN OPTIMISTS: THOUGHT AS SOON AS PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT "COULD BE ESTABLISHED IN OTHER COUNTRIES MILLENNIUM WOULD ARRIVE: CZARIST AUTOCRACY HAS VANISHED BUT PRESENT RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT FAR FROM IDEAL: IN GERMANY HITLERISM PRESENTS PROBLEM VASTLY MORE DIFFICULT THAN ANY CONFRONTING OUR ANCESTORS SIXTY YEARS AGO.

London, May 3rd, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The opening sentence of the Annual Report (given in the J.T.A. Bulletin of April 22nd.), that "the Jewish situation in many Continental countries caused increasing anxiety during the past year", reflects very accurately the state of mind of all those interested in Jewish affairs. Mr. Leonard G. Montefiore, the President of the Anglo-Jewish Association, remarked at the annual meeting of the Association held to-day.

Going on to recall that in July it will be sixty years since the Anglo-Jewish Association was founded, Mr. Montefiore said that the men who had founded the Association seemed to have shared the Victorian optimism, when they spoke of creating an Association "whose mission should be to deal out benevolence to mankind". They were for the most part Liberals in politics, who believed that if other countries would only adopt Free Trade and Parliamentary Government, the millennium would soon arrive. Democracy appeared to them to signify liberty, equality and tolerance. The position of the Jews in those countries that enjoyed Parliamentary Government was uniformly good, while under the autocracies of Eastern Europe it was uniformly bad. Only let Parliamentary Government be established, they argued, and all would be well.

To-day autocracies have vanished, Mr. Montefiore proceeded, but the Czar has been replaced by a Government very far from the ideal of our founders. In Germany, the Liberal Party in the Reichstag, which in those days was a power with which even Bismarck had to reckon, has been succeeded by a formidable and new manifestation, the National Socialists. Those 107 Deputies represent a movement far more menacing than did the official and court anti-semitism with its few isolated representatives in the Reichstag. The old ideals of 1848, of the brotherhood of man, peace and goodwill among citizens, have disappeared, and their place have been taken by a militant nationalism which seeks to exclude all those whose ancestors, however, remote, were of foreign origin.

Hitlerism, Mr. Montefiore said, presents a serious and also entirely new problem, and one, I think, vastly more difficult than any that confronted our ancestors of sixty years ago.

No Man Could Have Foreseen Sixty Years Ago New York Would Become Greatest Jewish City In World And American Jewry By Numbers Wealth And Philanthropy Would Exercise Preponderating Influence In All Jewish Affairs: Nor Could Anyone Have Foreseen Changes Zionism Has Introduced Into Jewish Affairs: For Good Or Ill Zionism Become Dominant Question For Vast Majority Of Jews.

Turning to consider other changes of the past sixty years, Mr. Montefiore went on, I would note the fact that in the first report of the Association it is proposed to found branches in America, "who would give the Association financial support within the measure of their means". No man then could have foreseen that New York would become the greatest Jewish city in the world, that the American Jewish community by its numbers, its wealth and its philanthropy would exercise a preponderating influence in all Jewish affairs.

Scarcely less likely, Mr. Montefiore said, could any present at that first meeting, or at a later one in 1874, when we read "at the appointed hour every seat was occupied; while hundreds of persons who were desirous of being present could not find admittance", have foreseen the Albert Hall packed from roof to floor with a Jewish audience, and hundreds if not thousands more outside. Such changes has Zionism introduced into Jewish affairs. For good or ill it has become the dominant and paramount question for the vast majority of Jews, for good or ill it has awakened a response greater and fiercer in its enthusiasm than any other Jewish cause.

Hitlerists War Not Only Against Living Jews But Also Against Jewish Dead Chief Rabbi Says: Hopeful Signs Like Resurrection Of Marranos But Offset By Persecution Of Judaism In Soviet Russia: In Turkey After 400 Years Of Fair Treatment Jews Now Totally Disfranchised: Dr. Gaster Says Jews Outside England Now Learnt To Fight Their Own Battles And No Longer Come As Beggars To Anglo-Jewish Association: In Roumania Situation Too Recent And Perhaps Unstable Mr. Montefiore Says To Comment On At This Stage: Braham Urges Jews Have Nothing To Fear Under Professor Jorge: I Know Him And Have Every Confidence In Him.

To illustrate to you the atmosphere in which our co-religionists in Germany live, the Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. H. Hertz, said, I would remind you that the warfare is not only against the living but is conducted against the dead. 114 cemeteries have been desecrated in spite of the best efforts of the Government to stamp out this inhuman, worse than barbaric practice. It is worse than the tearing up of the Scrolls of the Law that occurred in Roumania.

In reviewing the years from 1924 to the present day, Dr. Hertz remarked that there were hopeful signs that cheered them. There was the resurrection of the Marranos, but that was offset by the systematic persecution of Judaism in Soviet Russia. There is still no freedom for the religious instruction of children in Soviet Russia. There is still no freedom for the religious instruction of children in Soviet Russia, he declared, and religion generally is considerably hampered. The outlook for the Jews of Russia, he said, - I refer to it only as far as their religion is concerned - is, unless things change, very black indeed.

Then there is the disconcerting news of the complete and total disfranchisement of the Jews of Turkey, Dr. Hertz went on, and that after 400 years of fair treatment.

The Haham Dr. Moses Gaster pointed out that in the countries outside England the Jews in the emancipation which followed the war had learnt to fight their own battles, and not to come as beggars to the Anglo-Jewish Association and ask them to take up the cudgels for them. This indicated a change in the function of their Association. It is no longer the foster mother which is to fight for the rights of the Jews in those countries, but is to be a moral expression of the Jewish conscience. "We may not interfere with the politics of the various countries," he said. The Jews of Poland, Roumania and Hungary say that they can fight their own battles, and say to us - "Hands off!" But there must be an association able to morally reprobate or approve what is being done to the Jews. "We as the representatives of Anglo-Jewry can stand up and protest to the world against what is being done to Jews."

Mr. O. E. d'Avigdor Goldsmid, the President of the Jewish Board of Deputies, referred to the unity that was being displayed by the Jews in Hungary. I can only hope, he said, that the Jews of other East-European countries will follow the admirable example of those of Hungary and unify themselves. They are suffering from considerable difficulties and if they desire to improve their social and political condition surely they should endeavour to achieve unity and concord among themselves.

Rabbi Dr. Daiches, raising the question of the Jews of Roumania, asked how far the new Jorga Government will affect the Jews there.

The situation that has arisen in Roumania, the President, Mr. Leonard G. Montefiore, replied, is, I think, so recent and perhaps unstable, that it would be wise not to comment on it at this stage.

I have seen the Roumanian newspapers and the Yiddish papers from Roumania, the Haham Dr. Gaster added. Dr. Filderman and Deputy Fischer went to Professor Jorga and obtained satisfactory and explicit answers that the Jews are to receive equal treatment with Roumanians. Professor Jorga has also written to the Archbishop Miron and has informed him of the mischievous activity of certain of the clergy, whom Professor Jorga threatens to unfrock and hand over to the military if they do not cease their activity.

The Jews, Dr. Gaster said, have nothing to fear and will receive better status if Professor Jorga is allowed to remain. As far as the Jews are concerned, he declared, I have every confidence in Professor Jorga, whom I know.

JEWS IN MEXICO PANIC-STRICKEN BY ANTI-ALIEN LOVE DIRECTED SPECIALLY AGAINST JEWS: DRIVEN BY POLICE FROM THEIR STALLS IN MARKET PLACES WHICH TAKEN OVER BY MEXICAN STREET TRADERS: PETITION DEMANDS EXPULSION OF JEWISH MARKET TRADERS FROM MEXICO THREATENING OTHERWISE TO RESORT TO DIRECT ACTION AGAINST THEM.

New York, May 1st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Jews of Mexico have been plunged in a state of panic by the action of the police in Mexico City, who yesterday drove by force all Jewish market traders there from their stalls in the market-places, which were taken possession of by Mexicans, who celebrated their victory with music and a display of flags. Several Jews were beaten and a number of others were arrested for refusing to leave their stalls immediately they were ordered to do so.

The move against the Jewish market traders is consequent on a recent Government decree, which says that immigrants who were admitted to Mexico as labourers must not engage in trade, and that those who have come into the country as traders must renew their licences by April 28th. The Jewish traders who applied for a renewal of their licences, in accordance with the order, were told that their licences could not be renewed.

A mass meeting of Jewish street-traders who are in a state of despair over the new situation, has been called for today to decide what measures should be taken to protect their interests.

For several weeks one Miguel Angel Robles, claiming to represent Mexican market-traders, has been collecting signatures from market concessionaires and owners of large and small shops in Mexico City, on a petition which is to be presented to the President, Pascual Ortiz Rubio, demanding the expulsion of all foreign market-traders, especially Jews, on the ground that they are detrimental to Mexican trade.

Their action is not in the nature of retaliation for the deportation of Mexicans from the United States, the petitioners declare, nor prompted by the fair competition of the foreign market-traders, claiming that the trouble is that the aliens, and above all, the Jews, are able to sell cheaply, because they deal in smuggled goods and are aided financially by Jewish organisations.

The petition demands that Jewish, Russian, Lebanese, Turkish and Syrian market-traders should be expelled from Mexico and warns the authorities that if they do not do this the Mexican market-men will resort to direct action to drive the foreigners, and especially the Jews, out of the country.

The Jews were invited to Mexico in 1924 by the then President Calles, who in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency declared that Mexico was prepared to welcome the immigration of Jewish refugees, whether they intend to engage in agriculture or in industrial pursuits. An important point was that the refugees would not all be expected to go on the land. The Jewish refugees, he said, would be able to engage in various trades and build up big industries, as for example, in tailoring, enabling Mexico to manufacture in its own boundaries articles which at present have to be imported.

This offer followed on a previous one made in 1922 through his predecessor in the Presidency of Mexico, General Obregon, which was investigated by the American Jewish Congress, whose decision was that the scheme was not feasible and advised prospective emigrants from Eastern Europe not to embark upon the search for a new home in Mexico.

In 1925 President Calles wrote to the J.T.A. that he still maintained the statement which he had made the previous year to the J.T.A., that the Government of Mexico would be pleased to see immigration of Jewish elements on a sound basis and would grant all necessary facilities.

Last January, when there was a considerable outcry against Jewish immigration to Mexico, the Confederation of Mexican Chambers of Commerce issued a statement denouncing the agitation against the Jews and declaring that the Jews of Mexico are advantageous to the country in the business field and are ethical, honourable, enterprising and excellent citizens. The Confederation is proud, the statement said, to have Jews among its members.

JEWISH STUDENTS AT BERLIN UNIVERSITY SET UPON BY HITLERISTS
SMARTING UNDER DEFEAT IN MAY DAY CLASH WITH SOCIALISTS:
SOME JEWISH STUDENTS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL SERIOUSLY INJURED:
RECTOR TAKES NO ACTION TO PROTECT JEWS.

Berlin, May 2nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Serious anti-Jewish outbreaks occurred to-day at Berlin University.

Nothing has appeared in the general press, which apparently has not been informed of what happened. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency has been visited by a number of Jewish students who explain that yesterday, during the May Day demonstrations, Hitlerist students clashed with Socialist students, and were routed. Smarting under their defeat, the Hitlerists swore that they would take revenge upon the Jews.

At ten o'clock this morning, a large troop of Hitlerist students barred the entrances to the University, shouting "Out with the Jews; perish Judea". Jewish students of both sexes who were coming into the University were set upon and beaten. The daughter of Dr. Julius Brutzkus, former Minister for Jewish Affairs in Lithuania, and one of the leaders of the O.R.T. and the Oze, was among the Jewish students involved, but she escaped being injured. A number of Jewish students, both men and girls, were severely injured, however, and some had to be taken to hospital.

The Jewish students have seen the Rector of the University and have lodged a complaint with him, but the Rector has made no attempt to deal with the aggressors, and he also has not notified the police of the disturbances. Meanwhile the Hitlerists continued to attack Jews in the University building till 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the Hitlerist students formed up, and after giving the Fascist salute marched off in military order.

Jewish quarters express indignation that the University authorities have not only made no attempt to punish those who attacked the Jewish students, but have even gone to the length of trying to hush up the disturbances.

HITLERISTS ARE DISHONEST IN URGING PROHIBITION OF SHECHITA ON
GROUNDS OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS WHILE THEMSELVES INCITING TO
WAR AND VIOLENCE: ANSWER GIVEN BY BADEN PARLIAMENT IN DEFEAT-
ING ANTI-SHECHITA MOTION INTRODUCED BY HITLERISTS: SHECHITA
NOT A QUESTION FOR PARLIAMENTS OF SEPARATE STATES BUT ONLY
FOR FEDERAL PARLIAMENT.

Berlin, May 2nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Any proposal made by Hitlerists for prohibiting Shechita is dishonest, because while they condemn the alleged cruelty to animals of the Jewish method of slaughtering the Hitlerists are themselves the most inhuman inciters to war and violence, the speakers of the Socialist and Democratic Parties said, when the Baden Parliament defeated to-day a motion for the prohibition of Shechita which was introduced by the Hitlerist Deputies. All Progressive parties, they said, must for that reason alone resist on principle all such dishonest Hitlerist motions.

The question of Shechita is not one to be dealt with separately by each of the separate States constituting the German Republic, the majority of the speakers urged, but must be decided by the Reichstag, the Federal Parliament of the entire German Republic.

JEWISH AND POLISH WORKERS IN WARSAW DEMONSTRATE TOGETHER ON MAY DAY: FIRST TIME FOR MANY YEARS JOINT DEMONSTRATION HELD AND PASSES WITHOUT BLOODSHED.

Warsaw, May 1st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

For the first time for many years the Jewish and Polish Labour Organisations here held a joint May Day celebration to-day, and unlike the experience of past years no incident occurred. In previous years, the participation of Jewish workers in the May Day demonstration was always made the occasion of an anti-Jewish outbreak by the Fascists, and it was complained that the members of the Polish Socialist Party not only did not protect their Jewish comrades but actually joined in the anti-Jewish hunt, which used to claim many Jewish victims in dead and injured. For some years now the Jewish Labour Parties have in consequence been holding their May Day demonstrations separately, confining them to the streets of the Jewish quarter. To-day, however, the Jewish Socialist Party Bund, which recently joined the Second Socialist International, to which the Polish Socialist Party belongs, joined its demonstration, together with the Right Poale Zion, which also belongs to the International. There was a great deal of fraternisation and greeting at the meeting-place in the Grzybow Place, where the demonstrators assembled to set out on their march.

The Bundist mottoes were "Down with Fascism" and "Rights for the Workers"; the Poale Zion mottoes were "Long live the Socialist Neholuz", and "Long live the Histadruth" (the Palestine Labour Federation).

The Left Poale Zion held a separate demonstration in the Jewish quarter, which, too, passed without any disturbances. Their motto was "Long live the solidarity of the Jewish and Arab workers".

MAY DAY DEMONSTRATIONS IN PALESTINE PASS QUIETLY: 300 ARABS ATTEND CELEBRATION IN HAIFA: ARABS WERE INVEIGLED TO ATTACK JEWS ARAB SPEAKER SAYS.

Jerusalem, May 1st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The May Day celebrations arranged by Jewish Labour throughout the country to-day passed off without incident. A big Labour rally held in the People's House in Tel Aviv lasted for four hours. The police took special precautions in case of disorder, the British constables carrying their rifles all day, lest the Communists who are not allowed to demonstrate had attempted an illegal demonstration. People everywhere displayed red tags. In Jerusalem the Jewish workers marked the day by the inauguration of a new sports ground.

The May Day celebrations of the workers employed on the Dead Sea works was marred by tragedy, one of the celebrants being killed while driving a derelict car towards the Sea.

At Haifa there were 300 Arabs among the 3,000 people attending the May Day celebration. One of the Arab speakers said that the Arabs had been inveigled into making the attack upon the Jews in August 1929.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Jewish workers employed at the Athlit Quarries in connection with the Haifa Harbour construction, were obliged to be idle for two days last week because of the Moslem Feast of Beiram, the Management of the Quarries have intimated to the workers that their stoppage of work on May Day is likely to result in their dismissal.

MR. JABOTINSKY BETS HIS HUNGARIAN VISA.

Budapest, May 2nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Count Bethlen, the Hungarian Prime Minister, has ordered a transit visa to be issued to Mr. Vladimir Jabotinsky, the Revisionist leader, whom the Hungarian Foreign Ministry had refused to grant a visa.

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