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MARRANOS WILL BE GUARANTEED RESPECT FOR THEIR JEWISH FAITH
SPANISH MINISTER OF FINANCE DECLARES: WILL NOT BE DESPISED
AND SEGREGATED AS IF THEY HAD PLAGUE; GOVERNMENT ALREADY
TAKEN STEPS TO FACILITATE NATIONALISATION OF SPANISH-SPEAK-
ING JEWS; MANY IN NORTH AFRICA ORIENT GENERALLY AND IN
EUROPE: NO DECREE GIVING CONDITIONS OF READMISSION OF
SEPHARDIC JEWS YET PROMULGATED; GOVERNMENT FOR PRESENT CON-
FINING ITSELF TO GENERAL EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Madrid, May 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Spanish Government has already taken steps to facilitate the naturalisation of Spanish-speaking Jews, the Minister of Finance in the new Spanish Republican Government, Senor Indalecio Prieto, informed to-day Senor Ignacio Bauer, the President of the Jewish Community of Madrid, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns. He referred to a speech which has been delivered at Bilbao by the Minister of the Interior, Senor Miguel Maura, condemning the religious intolerance which has hitherto existed in Spain in regard to the treatment of the Marranos, or secret Jews.

Spain will guarantee these molested and persecuted people respect for their faith and give them an assurance that they will not be despised as in ancient times, the Minister of Finance told Senor Bauer.

With regard to the Sephardic Jews, descendants of the Jewish refugees from Spain who are now living in other countries, the Minister said that the Government is aware that there are many Sephardic Jews in North Africa, and very many more in the Orient generally, as well as in many countries in Europe. They still speak Old Castilian and they maintain their affection for Spain. To all these, he said, we guarantee their safety, and that they will not be kept segregated in isolated places as if they were infected by the plague.

No Government pronouncement regarding the readmission of Sephardic Jews into Spain has yet been officially made. The Government has confined itself till now to general declarations of sympathy, giving assurances that it will rectify the admitted wrongs which were committed against the Spanish Jews at the time of the expulsion from Spain in 1492. No terms and conditions governing any readmission of Sephardic Jews to Spain have, however, been drawn up for the present.

DEPORTATION FROM PALESTINE FOR AMERICAN JEW WHO FOUGHT WITH JEW-
ISH LEGION IN PALESTINE: GOVERNMENT DISCOVERS HE CAME BACK
AFTER DEMOBILISATION ON TOURIST VISA: LIVING IN COUNTRY NOW
FOR NINE YEARS MARRIED THERE AND HAS TWO CHILDREN: BORN IN
RUSSIA WOULD BE DEPORTED THERE TO FACE PERSECUTION BY SOVIET
AS ZIONIST.

Jerusalem, May 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Immigration Department has ordered the deportation to Russia of an American ex-legionary named Heikel Bernstein, a butcher who has been living in Kfar Ezekiel. Bernstein came to Palestine early in 1918, having joined up in America as a volunteer with the Jewish Regiment to fight for Palestine. On demobilisation he went back to America, returning to Palestine in 1922,

and bringing his parents with him. He married in Palestine, and has two children who were born here. On his arrest now in connection with a small matter, the police, looking up his records, have discovered that he and his parents came into Palestine in 1922 on tourist visas and remained in the country permanently. His parents have since died.

Bernstein emigrated to America from Russia in 1910, 21 years ago. He is now Staatenlose, having no American rights, and if the Palestine Government carries out its intention of deporting him to Russia, it means that he will be subjected there to persecution by the Soviets, because he is a Zionist.

Vigorous intervention is being made on his behalf, and it is hoped that the Government will be prevailed upon to cancel the deportation order.

THRASHING FLOOR OF JEWISH COLONY IN PALESTINE BURNT DOWN: ENTIRE CROP OF NATHANIA DESTROYED: ARAB INCENDIARISM SUSPECTED: NEIGHBOURING SHEIK SAYS HE THOUGHT IT WAS BONFIRE TO CELEBRATE JEWISH FESTIVAL LAG B'OMER: JEWISH SETTLEMENTS IN VICINITY ALSO THOUGHT SO.

Jerusalem, May 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The threshing floor in Wady Havarit, representing the season's crop raised by the Jewish farmers of the colony of Nathania, which is named in honour of the late Nathan Straus, has been burned down. Arab incendiaries are suspected. The damage is extensive, and the fire raged for over four hours.

The Jewish settlements in the vicinity believed at first that it was a bonfire lighted for the occasion of Lag B'omer. The Sheik of Wady Havarit when questioned similarly declared that he thought the Jews were celebrating their festival in that way.

ALL THE ARMIES AND NAVIES IN THE WORLD CANNOT GIVE SECURITY WITH HALF THE WORLD IN ECONOMIC DISTRESS SENATOR BORAH SAYS AT YORK MASS MEETING TO OPEN JOINT DISTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN FOR RELIEF FUNDS FOR EAST EUROPEAN JEWRY.

New York, May 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

World peace must have as its foundation economic justice, Senator Borah, the Chairman of the Senate Commission on Foreign Relations, said at a mass meeting held here last night, which marked the opening of the New York campaign to raise a million dollars as New York's quota in the 2½ million dollar drive of the Joint Distribution Committee for the relief of East European Jewry.

Peace can only come with economic health and sanity, and all the armies and navies in the world, Senator Borah continued, cannot give us security with one-half of the world in economic distress. Every dollar distributed by the Joint Distribution Committee in Eastern Europe to elevate the living conditions there, he said, is the best security against war.

Three thousand people were present at the meeting, which was held under the chairmanship of Mr. James Marshall, the son of the late Mr. Louis Marshall, who emphasised the great need of East European Jewry.

Other speakers were the former Attorney-General, Mr. Albert Ottinger, a brother-in-law of the late Mr. Louis Marshall, and Republican candidate for the Lieutenant-Governorship of New York in the last elections, who is chairman of the New York campaign of the Joint Distribution Committee, Colonel Herbert H. Lehman, the Lieutenant-Governor of New York State, who was the successful candidate opposing Mr. Ottinger, and who is Vice-Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee of America, and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, the National Chairman of the present Joint Distribution Committee campaign.

Messages of greeting and encouragement were received from President Hoover and from ex-Governor Al. Smith, of New York.

An army of a thousand volunteer workers, Mr. Ottinger announced at the meeting, will start to-day a canvass over the whole of New York for contributions to the campaign.

DRASTIC ACTION AGAINST JEWISH CEMETERY DESECRATORS DEMANDED BY GERMAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR: OFFICIAL CIRCULAR SENT TO STATE GOVERNMENTS.

Berlin, May 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Federal Minister of the Interior, Dr. Wirth, has issued a circular to the Governments of the various German States, drawing their attention to the necessity of taking drastic action to put a stop to the epidemic of cemetery desecrations in Germany. According to reliable information, he writes in the circular, the number of Jewish cemeteries desecrated in Germany in recent years now exceeds a hundred. I feel that this being the case, I must again direct the attention of the State Governments to the importance of instructing the local authorities that they must take drastic action to put a stop to this disturbance of the peace of the graveyards.

I hold, the Minister writes, that the most drastic steps must be taken to put a stop to this revolting vandalism, and bearing in mind the experience of recent years, I am convinced that nothing can be done to put it down unless proper punishment is meted out.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MUST NOT BELONG TO HITLERIST PARTY: NEW ORDER ISSUED BY PRUSSIAN GOVERNMENT: HITLERIST SPEAKER'S THREAT OF FIGHTING JEWISH MOB AND PASSING OVER DEAD BODIES CITED TO SHOW HITLERISTS AIMING AT VIOLENCE.

Berlin, May 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Government officials must not be members of the Hitlerist Party, because the Party is aiming at the overthrow by violence of the existing order of Society, the Prussian Government Disciplinary Court has decided, the grounds of the decision being issued to-day by the Official Press Service of the Prussian Government. The Disciplinary Court quotes in support of its decision a number of inflammatory speeches delivered by various Hitlerist leaders, including one named Telschow, who said in his speech: "We are fighting against the Jewish mob, and in our fight we shall pass over dead bodies. Many a mother will lose her son."

UNION OF ROUMANIAN JEWS CONCLUDES PACT WITH JORGA GOVERNMENT: ENSURED EIGHT SEATS IN PARLIAMENT: PACT BASED ON ACCEPTANCE BY GOVERNMENT OF PROGRAMME PRESENTED BY UNION EMBODYING JEWISH DEMANDS.

Bucharest, May 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Union of Roumanian Jews, headed by ex-Deputy Fielderman, has concluded an election pact with the Jorga Government, which has agreed to carry out the programme presented by the Union embodying its demands for protecting the rights of the Jewish population of Roumania. The Union of Roumanian Jews will under the pact be ensured eight seats in the new Parliament, five in the Chamber and three in the Senate.

The Liberal Party led by M. Duca, who is very friendly to the Union of Roumanian Jews, and concluded the election pact with it at the time of the Liberal Government, similarly accepting the programme of the Union, has concluded an election pact with the Jorga Government, under which the Liberals are ensured 80 seats in the new Parliament.

CUZISTS PUTTING UP CANDIDATES FOR ROUMANIAN ELECTIONS.

Bucharest, May 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Professor Cuza's supporters held a meeting this morning to decide on their candidates for the forthcoming Parliamentary elections. It was decided that Professor Cuza will stand in Roman, which he won at the bye-election last summer, in Jassy, where he lives, and in a town not yet decided on in the province of Bukovina. Professor Cuza's son, Georg Cuza, will stand as candidate in Storojinetz and Odorhei.

A reconciliation seems to have been effected between Professor Cuza and Codreanu's Iron Guard, as a result of which the two groups will not run candidates against each other.

COUNT BETHLEN'S STATEMENT ON JEWISH QUESTION IN HUNGARY MADE TO J.T.A. HEAD AUGURS GOOD FOR FUTURE SAYS ORGAN OF HUNGARIAN JEWRY.

Budapest, May 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The statement made last week by the Prime Minister, Count Bethlen, to Mr. Jacob Landau, the head of the J.T.A., that the Jews of Hungary are a constructive and capable element of the population and have contributed to a considerable extent to the development of Hungary, and that they have played a great part in its literature, science and commerce, is of importance because it will be heard also by those who engage in antisemitism, the "Egyenloeseg", the weekly organ of Hungarian Jewry, writes.

Perhaps those who still speak and write about the alleged "inferiority" of Hungarian Jewry, it says, will listen now to what Count Bethlen says. What Count Bethlen said about the economic crisis falling more heavily upon the Jews than on the rest of the population, however deplorable the fact in itself may be, the paper proceeds, puts an end to the arguments to the contrary which have been used by the antisemites. As for his statement that the number of Jews engaged in agriculture is very small, and that there are hardly any Jews to be found in the State offices, that, the "Egyenloeseg" says, is not the fault of the Jews. A former Minister, Dr. Hegedues, has made it clear that the Agrarian reform is practised in such a way that Jews may not buy land. Nor is it of their own free will that Jews have in recent years been excluded from public office.

Jewish public opinion in Hungary, the paper declares, regards this statement made by Count Bethlen on the Jewish question as a good augury for the future. Count Bethlen, who has devoted his entire life to constructive work, will now, we hope, apply himself with understanding and friendship to the position of the Hungarian Jews, whom he himself has described as a constructive and capable element in the life of Hungary.

THE NEW STATUS OF ITALIAN JEWRY: DELEGATION RECEIVED BY KING AND PRIME MINISTER PRESENTING THEM WITH MEDAL STRUCK TO COMMEMORATE NEW JEWISH COMMUNITIES LAW OF OCTOBER 1930.

Rome, May 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A delegation, consisting of Chief Rabbi Sacerdoti, Advocates Ravenna, Tagliacozza, Sereni, Jarach, and Nahon, the Commissioners of the Jewish Community, set up under the new Jewish Communities Law in Italy, was received to-day in audience by King Victor Emmanuel, and afterwards by the Prime Minister, Signor Mussolini.

The receptions in both cases were most cordial each lasting about half-an-hour. The delegation rendered homage to the King and to the Prime Minister on behalf of Italian Jewry, presenting them with gold medals struck to commemorate the new Jewish Communities Law under which the Jews of Italy have obtained an official status.

The medal was executed by the Jewish sculptor, Minerbi. It shows on the obverse side the decalogue, a menorah, and the Shield of David, and on the reverse side the names of the King and the Prime Minister, and an inscription stating that the medal was struck to commemorate the Law of October 30th., 1930.

A medal will also be presented to-morrow night to the Minister of Justice, at a festival meeting, at which medals will be presented to the members, both Jewish and non-Jewish, of the Ministerial Commission which drew up the new law.

JEWISH REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN JEWISH CASE AGAINST CALENDAR REFORM TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE NEXT MONTH.

Geneva, May 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

June 8th. has been fixed for the first meeting of the special Preparatory Committee appointed by the League of Nations to study the question of calendar reform, which has been placed on the agenda of the Fourth General Conference on Communications and Transit, opening here on October 26th.

The principal task of the Preparatory Committee will be to take note of the replies of the various Calendar Reform Committees set up in the various countries by decision of the League of Nations, and to draw up a report for the Conference, making it clear in what direction the replies tend.

It is assumed in League of Nations circles that the Committee will provide an opportunity to specially interested parties asking for facilities to make verbal statements to explain their point of view, so that the Jewish representatives will be able to appear before the Committee and explain the Jewish attitude on the danger of the introduction of a blank day, which would result in shifting the Sabbath and endangering Jewish Sabbath observance.

England does not want calendar reform, the "Morning Post" wrote this week. In England the questionnaire sent out by the British Calendar Reform Committee had been rather a farce.

England, it was added, is not alone in its lack of enthusiasm. France, Spain and Italy are all regarded as hopeless by the advocates of reform. Apart from the United States, all countries, European and non-European alike, are regarding the new calendar in a spirit of amused and not particularly sympathetic detachment.

To-day, the "Daily Telegraph" has an article on the subject by Dr. W. F. Geikie-Cobb, who concludes by saying that the seven-day week is at once too ancient and too useful to be scrapped.

CRISIS IN MIZRACHI ORGANISATION: GERMAN MIZRACHI PRESENTS
ULTIMATUM TO WORLD LEADERSHIP: DEMANDS MIZRACHI MUST NOT
INTERFERE IN POLITICAL MATTERS DEVOTING ITSELF ONLY TO
RELIGIOUS AND PRACTICAL UPBUILDING WORK: THREAT TO BREAK
AWAY FROM MIZRACHI WORLD ORGANISATION IF DEMANDS REJECTED.

Berlin, May 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The crisis that has existed for some time in the World Mizrahi Organisation because of the withdrawal of the Mizrahi representatives on the Zionist World Executive has reached its climax now the J.T.A. here is informed. The differences of opinion on fundamental problems and on questions of tactics, both in the political and in the financial and administrative field, between the German Mizrahi, the Dutch Mizrahi, a large section of the Mizrahi in Czecho-Slovakia, several smaller Mizrahi groups in other countries, and considerable sections of the Zeire Mizrahi and the Hapoel Mizrahi on the one hand, and the leaders of the World Mizrahi Organisation on the other, have now resulted in what is practically the presentation of an ultimatum to the World Mizrahi, in the form of resolutions adopted by the Conference of the German Mizrahi Organisation, which has been held here this week.

If the demands of the opposition embodied in the resolution are rejected, it is stated, there will be a split in the World Mizrahi followed by the Opposition forming a separate Left Mizrahi Federation. The final test of strength will be at the Mizrahi World Conference to be held just before the Seventeenth Zionist Congress.

38 delegates were present at the German Mizrahi Conference. Dr. Oscar Wolfsberg, who has just returned from Palestine, said in the course of his report that he had been struck not only by the Jewish energy and unshakeable determination which convinced him that the work must succeed, in spite of all difficulties, but also by the national-religious spirit of the work which he traced back to the Mizrahi spirit and which ensured success. The school system of the Mizrahi was a strong factor in the country, and was influencing the spiritual structure of the upbuilding work. The spirit of the Mizrahi workers was a vital part of the creative forces in the country, which could no longer be done away with.

The debate which followed, showed that the German Mizrahi is practically united on the situation, and the resolutions putting the demands of the German Mizrahi to the Mizrahi World Conference were adopted unanimously.

When the Conference was asked to empower the German Mizrahi to draw the consequences if these resolutions were rejected at the World Conference, 24 delegates voted in favour, 8 voted against, preferring that the situation should in that case come up again for discussion at a new German Mizrahi Conference, and three delegates abstained.

The main field of work of the Mizrahi, the resolutions state, lies in the religious and spiritual direction, and political questions must be placed in the background in their favour. It is the duty of the Mizrahi to avoid political conflicts, and concentrate on cultural work and to assist in the practical upbuilding activities. Religious-national propaganda and definite achievement in promoting the actual upbuilding work in the Mizrahi sense must be the central points of Mizrahi activity in the Diaspora. The efforts of the Hapoel Hamizrahi must be recognised as an essential factor in conducting the upbuilding of Palestine in the spirit of the Torah. The Mizrahi World Organisation must overlook all matters which do not directly affect religious questions.

Detailed proposals were made with regard to the new Central Committee of the World Mizrahi and the delegates to the Mizrahi World Conference were instructed to exert all efforts to carry the resolutions. Rabbi Dr. Hoffmann, Dr. Leibowitz, Dr. Arnold Barth, and Herr Lazarus Barth, were elected delegates, and Herr Alexander Adler and Herr Eugen Michaelis Deputy Delegates.

Mr. Lazarus Barth, one of the two members of the Mizrahi withdrawn from the Zionist World Executive, presented a report on the Mizrahi at the Zionist Congress. He described the political and economic activity of the Zionist Executive, the political problems with which the Executive will have to deal in the near future, and the stand which the parties are expected to take at the Seventeenth Zionist Congress.

He also dealt with the problems which have arisen as a result of the extension of the Jewish Agency, to which, he said, the Congress will have to pay earnest attention.

In the discussion which followed Dr. Silberstein expressed views approximating closely to Revisionist ideas, emphasising, however, that he did not identify himself with the Revisionist methods. Dr. Rabin took up a similar attitude. The great majority of the delegates, including those of the Zeire Mizrahi, identified themselves with the view expressed by Mr. Lazarus Barth.

Dr. Wolfsberg, Rabbi Dr. Hoffmann, Herr Lazarus Barth, Dr. Silberstein, and Dr. Leibowitz have been elected as the delegates of the German Mizrahi to the Zionist Congress.

FLOODS REPORTED IN UKRAINE WITH LOSS OF LIVES: KIEV KREMENTCHUG AND OTHER PLACES AFFECTED.

London, May 7th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A serious flood, involving an unspecified number of casualties and carrying off many houses with their inhabitants, is reported from the Ukrainian town of Kremenchug, following the bursting of a dam on the Dnieper, the "Manchester Guardian" reports to-day. The flood is approaching the railway line, threatening communication between Moscow and Odessa.

Numbers of Ukrainian towns and villages, including Kiev, Cherkassy, Kremenchug, and many others, are suffering severely from the Dnieper Dam burst, it is added. The Ukrainian Government and public organisations are taking vigorous measures to cope with the floods.

PROFESSOR SAMOILOVITCH JEWISH LEADER OF KRASSIN POLAR RESCUE EXPEDITION FLYING TO NORTH POLE WITH GRAF ZEPPELIN.

London, May 7th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Professor Samoilovitch, commander of the Soviet ice-breaker Krassin, which rescued members of the ill-fated Nobile North Polar expedition, will fly to the North Pole this summer with Dr. Eckener on the Graf Zeppelin, the "Daily Express" states to-day.

The express purpose of the flight, said Dr. Eckener, the "Express" reports, is to make an attempt to establish contact with, and if possible to meet, at or near the North Pole, the submarine expedition of Sir Hubert Wilkins in Nautilus II.

Forty-two persons will be aboard the Zeppelin, representing Germany, England, the United States, and Soviet Russia.

If the Zeppelin actually gets in touch with the Nautilus at or near the Pole a landing may be made from the airship.

I am proud to be a Jew: I have never concealed my Jewish origin, Professor Samoilovitch told the J.T.A. representative in Moscow after his rescue of members of the "Italia" Polar Expedition in 1928. It is an honour, he said, to belong to such a distinguished people. At the same of the pogrom in Odessa, in 1905, Professor Samoilovitch said, he had led a self-defence group, consisting of 38 members, only 7 of whom survived the bullets of the Czarist soldiers.

In 1909, the Czarist Government had asked Professor Samoilovitch to join their Polar Commission. He had telegraphed in reply that he could not come, because Jews were forbidden to enter St. Petersburg. He had gone, however, when they sent him a special invitation, but at the opening of the first session of the Commission he had declared: I am a Jew, and if I am not wanted here because I am a Jew, I shall withdraw. He was, however, urged to remain.

Professor Samoilovitch said that he continues to be greatly interested in the future of the Jews.

PROFESSOR FREUD NOT TAKING PART IN HIS 75TH. BIRTHDAY FESTIVITIES: NOT ILL BUT STATE OF HEALTH DOES NOT PERMIT EXERTION.

Vienna, May 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Professor Sigmund Freud is not taking any part in the festivities in connection with his 75th. birthday, which occurs to-day, and is attending none of the gatherings arranged here by various scientific and social organisations. Many people visited him at his home to-day to convey their congratulations.

Professor Freud is not unwell, but he feels that he must not expose himself to the exertion involved in attending any festivities.

MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU HONOURED ON HIS SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY.

New York, April 27th. (J.T.A. Mail Service).

The seventy-fifth birthday of Mr. Henry Morgenthau, former American Ambassador to Turkey, was celebrated yesterday by a dinner in his honour given at the Bronx House, the settlement he and Mrs. Morgenthau founded nearly twenty-five years ago.

Messages and telegrams of congratulation were received from President Hoover, Governor Roosevelt, Lieutenant-Governor Herbert H. Lehman and Mr. Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War.

Mr. Morgenthau's philanthropic activities have also included the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies and the endowment fund of the Hebrew Union College.

Born in Germany, Mr. Morgenthau was educated at the College of the City of New York and at Columbia. He became Ambassador to Turkey in 1913. In 1919 he was appointed by President Wilson to head the American commission to investigate the massacres of Jews in Poland. After the Peace Conference he toured the United States in favour of American adherence to the League of Nations. He was Chairman of the Greek Refugees Settlement Commission created by the League of Nations.

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