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NEW PALESTINE LAND TRANSFER ORDINANCE MAY HOLD UP JEWISH NATIONAL FUND LAND TRANSFER NEAR VADY HAVARIT: CAME UNEXPECTEDLY: ZIONIST EXECUTIVE KNEW LAW WAS TO BE PUBLISHED BUT HAD NO HINT OF ITS REVOLUTIONARY CHARACTER OR INTENTION TO RUSH IT THROUGH "WITHOUT CUSTOMARY MONTH'S NOTICE: NOT ALTOGETHER ADVERSE TO JEWISH SIDE SOME LAWYERS BELIEVE.

Jerusalem, May 31st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The enactment of the Protection of Cultivators Ordinance (reported in yesterday's J.T.A. Bulletin) took the Zionist Executive by surprise, the J.T.A. understands. The Executive learned on Thursday that a law was to be published soon, but it was given no hint that revolutionary legislation of such a nature was to be rushed through without the customary month's notice for criticism. The haste is believed to be due to pressure from the High Commissioner, Sir John Chancellor, from London.

The new legislation will probably hold up the important land transfer to the Jewish National Fund near Wady Havarit.

In the opinion of lawyers who have been consulted the new law is not altogether adverse to the Jewish side, though it represents the first attempt to recognise legally the rights of the tenants, squatters and grazers, whom the Jewish purchasers of the land on which they were settled always compensated, even though there was no law in existence demanding such compensation.

Mr. Stubbs, the Director of the Lands Department, is at present away on six months' leave of absence, and Mr. Dukhan, the Assistant Director, is in charge of the Department.

NO TRANSFER OF LAND TO OTHERS THAN ARABS AND PERMANENT STOPPAGE OF IMMIGRATION PALESTINE ARAB EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS MANDATES COMMISSION DEMANDS.

Jerusalem, May 31st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Prohibition of land transference to others than Arabs, permanent stoppage of immigration, and promotion of the welfare of distressed Arab peasants, especially those who are dispossessed by Jews, are together with the constant Arab demand for the abrogation of the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate, on the ground that they are in contradiction to Article 22 of the League of Nations Covenant, and the establishment of a Palestine Government responsible to an elected Representative Council, are the chief items in a letter which the Palestine Arab Executive has sent to the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations through the Government, the J.T.A. learns. The letter, which is dated May 1st., 1931., is signed by Moussa Kazim Pasha, the

President of the Palestine Arab Executive, and accompanies the memorandum on the White Paper of October 1930, which has been prepared on behalf of the Executive by Auni Bey Abdul Hadi. Fifty copies of the memorandum and the letter were despatched on Saturday to Geneva for consideration at the forthcoming meeting of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations.

ENGLAND SENDING SIX GENERAL ZIONISTS TO CONGRESS TWO MIZRACHIISTS ONE POALE ZIONIST AND ONE REVISIONIST.

London, June 1st., (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The preliminary results of the Congress elections in Great Britain indicate that the General Zionists have obtained six seats out of the total of ten seats allotted to Great Britain for the forthcoming Zionist Congress, the J.T.A. learns from a member of the Election Board. The Mizrahi will probably secure two seats, and the Revisionists and the Mizrahi one seat each.

In the London area the General Zionists polled 1,111 votes, the Revisionists 500, the Poale Zion 304, and the Mizrahi 291, while in the provinces, as far as the results are already known, the General Zionists polled 476 votes, the Mizrahi 347, the Poale Zion 75, and the Revisionists 69. The returns from some of the important centres in the Provinces, like Leeds, have not yet been received.

ANTISEMITES MAKE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO BREAK UP HERZL DEATH ANNIVERSARY MARCH IN VIENNA: PALESTINE MOTOR CYCLISTS JOIN IN PROCESSION TO GRAVE.

Vienna, May 31st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

An attempt was made by members of the antisemitic Swastika Organisation to cause a disturbance during the annual march which took place to-day to the grave of Theodore Herzl, the founder of the Zionist Organisation on the anniversary of his death. The police intervened in time, however, and prevented any disorder. No arrests were made.

The procession was very large and imposing and was joined by the group of members of the Palestine Maccabee Sports Organisation who are now on a motor-cycle trip through Europe.

FEAR OF DEPORTATION FROM AMERICA SPREADING PANIC AMONG FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION: MICHIGAN STATE ALREADY PREPARING ALIEN REGISTRATION MACHINERY TO BE COMPLETED IN TWO MONTHS: WILL HAVE TO PRODUCE PROOF OF LEGAL ENTRY OR LEAVE STATE: OVER 100,000 PEOPLE ESTIMATED TO BE AFFECTED IN DETROIT ALONE.

New York, May 31st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The more than 200,000 aliens in Detroit and the other cities of the State of Michigan have been thrown into a state of panic and hysteria by the announcement that the State Commissioner is already preparing the machinery for alien registration, to bring about the complete registration of all aliens in the State within a period of two months. The registration may affect large numbers of Jewish and other aliens now living in Michigan who have no legal residence in the country and who may thus be detected and deported.

A strong force of legal talent in opposition to the Bill are meanwhile preparing to fight it on the ground that it is unconstitutional, and the Attorney-General of the State of Michigan himself, against whose advice the Governor, Mr. Brucker, signed the Bill, is also prepared to fight it, contending that it is illegal.

Under the Bill, every alien in the State of Michigan must register with the State Police and show proof of legal entry into the country. It is estimated that at least 100,000 people in Detroit alone will be forced to leave the State if they do not comply with its provisions. The U.S. Department of Immigration sponsored the Bill, it is understood, in an effort to secure the co-operation of the States in its endeavour to bring about the deportation from the United States of so-called undesirables and those who entered the country illegally.

The Act prohibits the employment of any aliens who do not possess a registration card issued by the State Department of Public Safety. Firms who violate this provision would be subject to a fine of 100 dollars and 90 days' imprisonment for the official responsible for the employment of the particular alien. Aliens who are unable to produce a Registration Card would be subject to similar penalties and would then be handed over by the State Police to the United States Immigration authorities for deportation.

When the Bill was up before the Michigan State Legislature, it was adopted in the House by 84 votes against 7, and in the Senate by 25 votes against three.

There are 400,000 aliens living in the United States without legal right to do so, and 100,000 of them are deportable under the immigration law, Dr. Doak, the Secretary of Labour and Immigration, declared in January, in reply to questions put to him in the Senate as to what suggestions he might make for changes in the Immigration Law to facilitate the deportation of undesirable aliens.

ANOTHER ILLUSION SHATTERED: JEWISH OPINION ON POLISH-JEWISH GOODWILL MEETING IN VILNA: I AM NO ANTISEMITIC VILNA DISTRICT GOVERNOR PRESIDING AT CONFERENCE SAYS: BUT GREAT DIFFICULTY IS POLES FOUGHT AND BLED FOR POLISH INDEPENDENCE AND JEWS CANNOT PROVE THEY DID: LICENCES TAKEN FROM JEWS BEING GIVEN TO EX-SOLDIERS WHOM COUNTRY OWES DEBT: JEWISH SCHOOLS CLOSED DOWN BECAUSE INFECTED WITH COMMUNISM: NO SUBSIDIES GIVEN BECAUSE GOVERNMENT HAS NO MONEY: AND IF JEWS COMPLAIN OF OVER-TAXATION THEY MUST REMEMBER VILLAGES TOO IS IN GREAT POVERTY AND DISTRESS.

Warsaw, May 28th. (J.T.A. Mail Service).

Another illusion shattered, is the way the Jewish press comments on the much-heralded Conference between Polish and Jewish social workers which has been held in Vilna at the Palace of the Vilna District Governor. The Jews were represented by about a score of Jewish social workers. The Polish representatives included the District Governor himself, several Governorate officials, the Director of Education of the City of Vilna, the Rector of Vilna University, the President of the Vilna Chamber of Commerce, and the Director of the Chamber of Commerce. Of the Parliamentary representatives of the Vilna district only Senator Kumanov was present.

The Jewish representatives, who spoke first, after the Governor had opened the Conference, emphasised that they were there not as representatives of the Jewish population but as Jewish social workers in their private capacity, so that whatever they said pledged no one but themselves.

The District Governor, speaking after Advocate Toherniakov, Dr. Wygodski and other Jewish representatives had dwelt on the difficult position of the Jewish population in the economic and the cultural field, and had outlined the Jewish postulates, began by saying that he was not an antisemite.

He, too, emphasised that the Conference had been called not by the Central Government, but by the local authorities who wished to acquaint themselves with the needs of the Jewish population on the spot. It was a question, he said, in which his party, the Party which stood with Marshal Pilsudski, was greatly interested.

One of the chief difficulties in clearing up the position between Poles and Jews, he went on, dealing with the Jewish postulates, was that the Poles had fought and bled for Polish Independence, while the Jews could not prove that in respect to themselves.

On the point of the licences which were being taken away from Jews, they must take into consideration the fact, he said, that these licences were being given to ex-soldiers and veterans to whom the Fatherland owed a debt of honour.

Coming to the Jewish complaint of over-taxation, he thought that the Jews were looking at it one-sidedly. The economic position in Poland was generally difficult. The Jews were not alone in suffering from the economic distress. Things were bad also in the villages, and the agricultural population, too, were in great poverty and distress.

Turning to the Jewish cultural demands and the demands made with regard to the Jewish school system, the District Governor said that the closing down of several Jewish schools should not be interpreted as repressions against the Jewish school system. It was due to the fact that unfortunately the Jewish schools were Communistic. The number of Jewish schools infected with Communism was much larger than the number of Jewish schools which had been closed down, and the intention was rather to direct the attention of the Jewish public to the state of affairs in these schools so that they should themselves take things in hand and protect the children against Communism.

Referring to the demand for subsidies to the Jewish schools, for which Dr. Wygodski had said about a million zlotys were needed, he wanted them to remember that the Government has no money. Even after the disastrous floods that had occurred in the Vilna districts recently, the Government, though no one could doubt its sympathy for the victims, had not been able to find the money to make adequate grants for their relief.

The Director of Education then dealt with the Jewish demand for State rights for the Yiddish and Hebrew High Schools. These High Schools are not recognised by the State at present, he said, because they burden their pupils with an additional language, with the result that their general education suffers.

HALF A CENTURY OF O.R.T. WORK: JUBILEE CONFERENCE IN AUGUST.

Berlin, May 31st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

August 16th. has been fixed as the opening date of the Fourth Conference of the O.R.T. World Federation, which will be held in Berlin, and will at the same time be the Jubilee Conference of the Organisation to commemorate the 50th. anniversary of its foundation. The Conference will have the character of a jubilee celebration.

Reports will be presented by the President of the Central Board, Dr. Leo Bramson; by Mr. J. Zegelnitzky, the O.R.T. representative in Moscow, on the problems of the O.R.T. work in the Soviet Union; by Dr. D. Lvovitch on the financial and economic activities of the O.R.T. Federation; by Dr. Julius Brodnitz, President of the Central Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith, on the task of the O.R.T. Organisations in Western Europe and the oversea countries; by Dr. A. Singalovsky on the economic questions facing East-European Jewry and the methods to be adopted in Jewish economic policy; by Dr. M. Silberfarb on the consolidation of the activities of the Jewish social welfare groups and the economic problems of East-European Jewry, and by Dr. Jaszunsky of Warsaw on ways and means of rationalising Jewish artisanship.

The agenda also includes the question of a re-organisation of the directing bodies of the O.R.T. Federation.

The Central Administration of the O.R.T. intends to establish a special jubilee fund to be utilised for building new technical training schools. It is also intended to publish a jubilee volume, which in addition to a historical survey of the organisation and the development of the O.R.T. will contain authoritative studies of the economic structure and tendencies of East European Jewish life, and reminiscences of the "Old Guard" of the O.R.T. A film depicting the work of the O.R.T. will also be prepared, to be shown in important Jewish centres in Europe and America. Celebrations are to be arranged in all the O.R.T. schools and institutes in the various countries.

PROFESSOR SAMOILOVITCH JEWISH EXPLORER TO HAVE COMPLETE  
CHARGE OF ALL SCIENTIFIC WORK ON ZEPPELIN POLAR FLIGHT  
THIS MONTH.

Moscow, May 31st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Professor Samoilovitch, the Jewish Polar explorer, who distinguished himself by his rescue of the ill-fated "Italia" Polar Expedition under General Nobile, and who is Director of the All-Soviet Arctic Institute, is to have complete charge of all the scientific work connected with the projected Zeppelin North Pole Flight, which is due to start from Berlin on June 30th., the "Isvestia" announces to-day. The Zeppelin is taking the Berlin-Leningrad-Archangel route on its way to the North Pole.

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