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ALL QUIET IN PALESTINE: ARAB STRIKE MORE OR LESS COMPLETE THROUGHOUT COUNTRY BUT NO TROUBLE REPORTED ANYWHERE: BEING SUNDAY ARAB EXECUTIVE DEPUTATION ARRIVING TO PRESENT PROTEST MEMORANDUM FINDS ONLY ONE OFFICER ON DUTY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND ALL FOREIGN CONSULATES INCLUDING TURKISH CLOSED: EVERYTHING WILL BE QUIET NOW THAT ARAB EXECUTIVE HAS MADE ITS GESTURE IS OPINION OF HIGH POLICE OFFICIAL EXPRESSED TO J.T.A.

Jerusalem, Aug. 23rd, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The general strike called by the Palestine Arab Executive today in commemoration of the anniversary of the 1929 outbreak, was more or less complete throughout the country, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here was informed at mid-day by the police authorities.

The closing of the Christian shops on account of it being Sunday made the stoppage more complete. The Jewish shops are open, as are also some Arab provision shops. Some Jewish families evacuated their homes in the mixed quarters today as a precautionary measure. Arab building workers engaged on private structural works are at work, but the labourers engaged on municipal road building are on strike.

About 40 members of the Palestine Arab Executive, and a number of their followers, tried to carry out their programme of holding a procession to the Government offices, although it had been prohibited by the Government, but after a long altercation between Major Wainwright, of the police force, and Mr. Jamal Hussein, the Secretary of the Palestine Arab Executive, an arrangement was reached, and ten members of the Executive were allowed to enter the Government building, which was strongly patrolled, and to hand in their memorandum of protest. Being Sunday, no responsible Government officers were on duty, except Mr. Cust, the High Commissioner's private secretary, with whom the deputation left the memorandum. It was intended to leave copies of the memorandum also with the foreign consulates in Jerusalem, but they were all closed, including the Turkish Consulate.

Everything will be quiet now that the Palestine Arab Executive has made its gesture, is the opinion expressed by a high police authority to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency this afternoon.

ARABS CLASH WITH POLICE IN NABLUS: BATON CHARGE AND FIRING IN AIR TO DISPERSE MOB DEMONSTRATING AGAINST ARREST OF RING-LEADERS OF ANTI-JEWISH AGITATION: SIR JOHN CHANCELLOR EXPLODES ARAB ALLEGATION ABOUT JEWS BENEFITTING BY GOVERNMENT'S AMNESTY TO ILLEGALLY ENTERED IMMIGRANTS: SAYS 25,000 IMMIGRANTS WHO WILL BENEFIT INCLUDE 18,000 ARABS.

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

Police and Arabs clashed today in Nablus, when following the arrest last night of three of the ringleaders of the anti-Jewish agitation on a charge of sedition, a mob of about 200 gathered outside the police barracks at mid-day, and refused to disperse when called upon to do so.

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The police charged the demonstrators with their batons, and when this was ineffectual, a British police sergeant fired his revolver several times into the air. No one was hit. A few of the demonstrators were clubbed by the police, and by two o'clock order was restored, according to a statement made by a high police authority.

The three Arabs arrested in Nablus last night were brought to Jerusalem at dawn today, and appeared before a British magistrate who remanded them for trial next week.

Sir John Chancellor exploded today the Arab allegation that the Government census amnesty legalising the residence of immigrants who entered the country illegally since the last census in 1922 is a move to benefit only Jews. The amnesty, the High Commissioner told an Arab delegation today, will benefit about 25,000 people, of whom 18,000 are Arabs.

SITUATION IN PALESTINE BEING VERY CAREFULLY WATCHED AND LORD PASSFIELD IS CONFIDENT HIGH COMMISSIONER WILL ENSURE ORDER SAYS COLONIAL OFFICE LETTER TO REVISIONIST HEADQUARTERS.

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

Recent telegraphic reports from the High Commissioner to the Secretary of State make it clear that the situation is being very carefully watched, and Lord Passfield is quite confident that the High Commissioner may be relied upon to take steps to ensure the maintenance of order, says a letter from the Colonial Office received here by the headquarters office of the Zionist Revisionist World Union, in reply to a communication which it sent to Lord Passfield recently drawing attention to the situation in Palestine, with special reference to the Arab agitation against the Jewish sealed armouries.

In this connection, the letter adds, Sir John Chancellor recently caused a communique to be issued to make it clear that the Government would not tolerate any speech or published comments on the subject of Jewish sealed armouries which would be calculated to cause apprehension or to provoke incitement, and instructions were given by the High Commissioner that the proposed demonstrations against the arming of Jewish colonies would not be permitted.

In conclusion, the letter points out, that the 15th of August when, too, there had been Arab demonstrations arranged, passed off quietly without untoward incidents.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT TAKES A HAND IN FIGHT AGAINST JEWISH RELIGION: MINISTRY OF EDUCATION INSTRUCTS ALL EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE PART IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST OBSERVANCE OF JEWISH HIGH HOLY DAYS IN THEIR LOCALITIES: STUDENTS ORDERED TO ASSIST IN ANTI-RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.

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

The Commissariat of Education of the Russian Soviet Republic considers the anti-religious campaign which is being developed against the Jewish autumnal religious festivals a most important political duty, says a circular which the Education Commissariat has issued to all educational departments in the Republic.

In view of the fact that the anti-religious campaign is developing in the midst of the autumn sowing campaign, the beginning of the new school year, and the opening of the fourth year of the Five Year Plan, the circular proceeds, the Education Commissariat instructs all Education Departments to take an active part in their respective localities in the conduct of the anti-religious campaign against the Jewish festivals this year. Their participation is to take the form of rendering assistance in controlling the work of the Jewish anti-religious groups, of helping in the preparation of the plans for the campaign, and seeing that they are carried out. Anti-religious talks are to be arranged in factories employing a large number of Jewish workers, and anti-religious marches are to be arranged for the children. Every factory newspaper is to devote an entire page to the campaign against the Jewish festivals. The students are to assist the factory committees in organising the anti-religious work, and in arranging excursions to the anti-religious museums.

SYNAGOGUE SHOOTING SCANDAL IN POLISH TOWN OVER RABBINATE CONFLICT
ENDS IN TWO JEWS GOING TO PRISON.

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

The shooting scandal in the Synagogue courtyard in the town of Lukov, in the district of Siedlice, which occurred on February 28th, when partisans of rival candidates for the Rabbinate of Lukov, came into conflict, had a sequel today, when the case came up in court, and two people involved, Jacob Gruenblatt, who fired at Gershon Slizak, a youth of 20 belonging to the opposing camp, was sentenced to three months imprisonment, and Moses Aaron Weintraub, who was accused of having been responsible for the incitement which led to the shooting, was sentenced to two months imprisonment.

The conflict broke out between the local Orthodox group, and the Zionists, each side putting up a candidate of their own for the Rabbinate. The Zionists entered into a combination with the Mizrachists, and the Jewish Artisans' and Jewish Merchants' Organisations, and got their candidate elected. The Orthodox group refused to recognise the Rabbi, and appointed a Rabbi of their own.

On the day of the induction of the new Rabbi, Gruenblatt and Weintraub organised a procession of the malcontents, and marched to the Synagogue with their Rabbi, Rabbi Silberberg, and insisted that he should be admitted. A crowd of about 300 Jews attacked the procession, throwing stones, and Rabbi Silberberg and Weintraub fled. Gruenblatt was surrounded by the mob, and beaten, and when he saw that he was in danger, he pulled out a revolver and shot twice in the air, and a third time lower down, the third bullet hitting Slizak.

About 50 witnesses were called to the trial, and the Vice-District-Chief of Lukov, M. Boleslav Gurni presided. The witnesses agreed that Weintraub had been the organiser of the whole demonstration. There was some conflict over the question of the revolver used by Gruenblatt. Some witnesses said that Gruenblatt had no revolver on him, and that someone in the crowd seeing him hard-pressed, handed him the revolver. M. Levandovsky, the expert called in the case, declared, however, that the bullet belonged to a revolver for which Gruenblatt had a permit.

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ANTISEMITES BUSY IN BULGARIA: CONGRESS CALLED FOR THIS WEEK WITH PARTICIPATION OF ROUMANIAN ANTISEMITES.

Sofia, Aug. 22nd (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The antisemitic organisation, Rodna Sashtita, has called a congress for next Friday, the 28th inst., in the town of Rustchuck, on the Danube. An invitation has been sent to the Roumanian antisemitic organisation, which is expected to send a delegation.

The Rodna Sashtita is aiming to drive all Jews out of Bulgaria, a leading member of the organisation has declared in an interview published in the Sofia weekly, "Wetscher". It is planning a big antisemitic campaign for October, he added, in conjunction with the nationalist student groups.

A section of the Rodna Sashtita has broken away from the parent body, and in a statement explaining its secession, it declares that while it stands by the Heimwehr patriotic principles for which the organisation was founded, it repudiates, however, the antisemitic agitation of the official leaders, and holds that there is no likelihood of serious antisemitic disturbances occurring in Bulgaria.

... Last week anti-Jewish inscriptions and big swastikas, the symbol of the antisemitic movement, were found painted on the doors of the Great Synagogue in Sofia, and three other Synagogues in the city, as well as on the Jewish school, and the Zionist headquarters. All the windows of the Askenazic Synagogue were smashed. The outrages were attributed to the Rodna Sashtita. A deputation of the Jewish Community of Sofia visited the Police Prefect, who promised to make a strict inquiry into the matter. The Central Consistory of the Bulgarian Jewish Community also intervened with the Government, to urge that the antisemitic activities conducted by the Rodna Sashtita should be prohibited. The Socialist organ, "Narod", published a fierce attack upon the Rodna Sashtita, and demanded that the Government should suppress the organisation.

The Rodna Sashtita was very active in 1926, when it was conducting a big anti-Jewish boycott movement throughout Bulgaria. Antisemitic proclamations were posted up in the streets, and the population was incited to violence against the Jews. The Jewish Central Consistory intervened on that occasion with the Government, who proceeded to take steps to put down the agitation. It was stated at the time that Russian emigres who had been associated with the antisemitic movement in Czarist Russia were behind the activities of the Rodna Sashtita.

TWO JEWS ON DUTCH DELEGATION TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSEMBLY.

Amsterdam, Aug. 22nd, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. J. Limburg, a member of the Council of State, and Professor E. Morescu, ex-Vice-President of the Council of State of the Dutch East Indies, have been appointed members of the Dutch delegation to the Twelfth Assembly of the League of Nations which is going to open in Geneva on Monday, September 7th.

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