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PALESTINE INTEREST IN BRITISH ELECTIONS: SPECIAL ELECTION EDITIONS PUBLISHED BY NEWSPAPERS: WATCHING EFFECT ON STERLING WITH WHICH PALESTINE POUND LINKED.

Jerusalem, Oct. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The British Parliamentary elections have been followed with intense interest in Palestine, especially by the Jewish population, and though all the papers, including "The Palestine Bulletin", issued extra election editions, containing the latest figures, all newspaper offices were besieged by telephonic enquiries from people anxious to have still later results.

Apart from the desire to know the state of parties, insofar as it bears on the composition of the Government which will be responsible as Mandatory for the administration of Palestine, there is also the anxiety about the Palestine pound which is linked up with the pound sterling, and the hope that the National Government will succeed in stabilising its currency, to the advantage also of the people of Palestine.

Palestine Currency: £2,344,664 In Circulation.

∴ A statement was issued in Jerusalem a few days ago by the Palestine Currency Board, according to which the coins and notes in circulation in Palestine at the end of September amounted to a total value of £2,344,664.

The number of £1.00 notes in circulation is only 100, and the numbers grow as one goes down the scale in the value of notes. There are over a thousand £1.50 notes; some 24,000 £1.5 notes, nearly a million pound notes, and some 200,000 ten-shilling notes.

The 50 mils piece of which there are nearly 2½ million, heads the list for the largest number of coins, with the half-piastre a close second. The ten mil piece comes next, then the mil, the 100 mil silver coin, the 20 mil piece and at the bottom of the scale the bronze two mil, of which there are approximately half a million.

The Palestine Chambers of Commerce have been following closely the position of the pound sterling. Recently the Jewish Chamber of Commerce in Haifa issued a statement to its members, assuring them that there is no ground for apprehension that the pound sterling will drop below the present level.

The Chamber anticipates an early stabilisation of the pound, the statement went on, and merchants who have contracted for goods in sterling were asked to inform the Chamber of cases where the exporter demanded payment in other currency, where more than the contracted price was demanded, or where British firms had raised prices.

The Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce held an emergency meeting last week at which it discussed trade conditions in the light of the fall in sterling, and of a large number of reports which it has received regarding cases in which goods were purchased in Europe on a sterling basis and for which Palestine merchants are now being asked to pay the difference in exchange.

ZIONISTS AND AGUDISTS IN WARSAW JEWISH COMMUNITY AT LOGGERHEADS: MAJORITY HAVE BRUTALLY SUPPRESSED PRINCIPLE OF PROPORTIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY DEPARTMENTS MAKING OUR FURTHER COLLABORATION IMPOSSIBLE ZIONIST DECLARATION SAYS AFTER WHICH ZIONIST MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY BOARD LEAVE MEETING.

Warsaw, Oct. 29th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Board of the Warsaw Jewish Community met to-day in order to deal with the question of filling the positions of chairmen of the various departmental committees of the Community, over which the recent clash between the Agudist majority and the Zionist minority occurred, and the positions were all filled in the way that the majority, consisting of the Agudists, the Folkists and several smaller groups, had proposed, all the objections of the Zionist minority being ignored.

The Zionist spokesman thereupon read out a declaration on behalf of his Party, complaining that "the majority has brutally suppressed the principle of proportional distribution of the Departments of the Community, and has thus made impossible our further collaboration. We shall continue to oppose this in the most determined manner".

At the end of the reading of the declaration, the Zionist members walked out of the meeting.

A declaration was also read out on behalf of the Agudath Israel Party, protesting against the disturbance at the meeting of the Community Executive, and expressing sympathy with the President, Mr. Mazur, who was injured, and assuring him that they will see to it that no similar disturbances can occur in the future. Mr. Mazur was in the chair at to-day's meeting.

JEWISH UNEMPLOYED ATTACKED BY NON-JEWISH UNEMPLOYED OUTSIDE POLISH LABOUR EXCHANGES: INCITED BY POSTERS IN STREETS SAYING "250,000 POLISH WORKERS ARE UNEMPLOYED AND BREADLESS WHILE THREE MILLION JEWS EAT BREAD OF POLISH WORKERS": JEWISH UNEMPLOYED APPEAL TO JEWISH COMMUNITY TO ARRANGE TO HAVE THEIR UNEMPLOYMENT DOLE PAID OUT ELSEWHERE TO PROTECT THEM AGAINST FURTHER ATTACK IN LABOUR EXCHANGES.

Warsaw, Oct. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Large numbers of placards have been appearing in the last few days on the walls of the working-class districts of the big industrial city of Lodz, and the neighbouring towns of Pabianice and Belchotov, reading: "There are 250,000 Polish workers in Poland who are unemployed and breadless, while there are three million Jews walking about in Poland, eating up the bread that belongs to the Polish workers".

Knock them on the head, and put a stop to this injustice, the posters urge the Polish workers.

Already the incitement is beginning to have dangerous consequences. In Pabianice, the non-Jewish unemployed standing outside the employment exchange attacked the Jewish unemployed, two of whom, Pinchas Grinstein and Yiddel Pershter, were seriously stabbed.

The Jewish unemployed in Pabianice have appealed to the Jewish Community, asking it to see that the Jewish unemployed should be paid their unemployed dole elsewhere, so that they should not be exposed to the possibility of further attack at the labour exchanges.

In Belchotov, the non-Jewish unemployed also set upon the Jews, driving them out of the labour exchange, and then running through the streets shouting "Beat the Jews; loot the Jewish shops". The Jews of Belchotov were thrown into a panic, and began hastily to close their shops and bar their doors and windows. The police came on the scene immediately, however, and dispersed the mob.

NEW POGROM AGITATION IN BORSIA DISTRICT: JEWISH POPULATION THREATENED IF THEY DON'T LEAVE TOWN RED COCKEREL WILL CROW OVER JEWISH RUINS: DISTRICT PREFECT APPEALED TO BY JEWISH POPULATION SENDS DOWN ENQUIRY OFFICERS AND PROMISES TO SEND REGIMENT OF MILITARY TO PROTECT JEWS IF ENQUIRY OFFICERS FIND IT NECESSARY.

Bucharest, Oct. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

For the last few weeks there has been a fierce anti-semitic pogrom agitation carried on in the township of Polien-Risciva, which is only a few kilometres away from the town of Borsha, the scene of the pogrom which occurred in the summer of 1929, the Yiddish daily "Unzer Zeit" writes. The agitation is headed by two Bessarabian teachers and several local ringleaders, it says, and every Monday and Thursday big Cuzist demonstrations are held just outside the town, at which the Bessarabian teachers incite the crowd of peasants to do what the Borsha peasants did, setting fire to the houses of the Jews and driving them out of the town.

The peasants have started to threaten the Jews that if they do not leave the town they will be driven out, and the red cockerel will crow over the ruins of all the Jewish houses. All the peasants are refusing to pay their debts to the Jews, telling them that soon there will be a different day of reckoning coming for them. Peasants who have been living in houses near those occupied by Jews have left their homes and gone elsewhere. The Jews are afraid to stop in the town.

A delegation of leading Jewish inhabitants, headed by the Rabbi of Polien-Risciva, has gone to Sziget-Marmorosz, to present the facts to the District Prefect, and to appeal to him to take steps to put down the pogromist agitation, pointing out that it was in that way that the Borsha pogrom broke out. The Prefect, M. Jurka, promised the delegation that he would take steps to prevent any excesses occurring, and he immediately despatched five members of the security police force to the town, with instructions to enquire into the situation and to report to him by telephone, adding that if they found things as alarming as the Jews feared, he would send down a regiment of military and gendarmerie to keep order.

Pingleaders of Borsha Outbreak Recant: Address Peasant Demonstration Under Auspices of National Peasant Party Denouncing Antisemitism As Harmful To Entire Community: Jews Suspicious Of Volte Face Fearing To Accept New Attitude
As Genuine.

At the same time, there was a big demonstration held this week at Sziget, convoked by the National Peasant Party, the same paper states, at which the chief speakers were the priest Berendei and Constantin Danila, two of the ringleaders of the Borsha pogrom of 1930, who this time, however, instead of agitating against the Jews as they did in 1930, denounced the spirit of antisemitism among the young peasants and the students, declaring that antisemitism is harmful both to the peasants and to the entire country, and demanding that there should be an end of antisemitism.

Our Jewish brethren believe, the priest Berendei said, that we organised the Borsha pogrom. That is a mistake. I was never an antisemite, he declared, and I hope I shall never be one.

Danila spoke in a similar tone, concluding with the words: "Long live the Roumanian and the Jewish population of Marmorosz".

Deputy Dr. Elie Lazar, the National Peasant Deputy for the Marmorosz District, who closed the meeting, appealed to the peasants to live in amity and fraternity with the Jewish population, because only by common work could the country as a whole prosper.

The Jewish population is puzzled by the sudden conversion of these notorious antisemites, and is inclined to treat their professions of friendship with considerable reserve for the present, their memories of the Borsha troubles being too fresh to allow them to accept the change as genuine.

NEW CUZIST CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN BUKOVINA ON SUNDAY: JEWS ANXIOUS OVER CONCENTRATION OF ANTISEMITIC FORCES FEARING FRESH OUTBREAK.

Bucharest, Oct. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A Congress of all the Cuzist organisations in the Province of Bukovina has been convoked for November 1st., to take place in the town of Radautz, at which addresses will be delivered by Professor Cuza and other Cuzist leaders. Though the published agenda looks very innocent, being concerned with questions like the debts owing by the peasants, land distribution, etc., the Jewish population of the Bukovina, basing its fears on past experience of Cuzist Congresses, is afraid that it may be diverted into antisemitic channels, and that the concentration of large numbers of Cuzists from all parts of the country may as on previous occasions lead to anti-Jewish excesses in Radautz itself, or in the towns along the line by which the delegates will be coming to Radautz or dispersing after the Congress is over.

PROHIBITION OF IRON GUARD CONFERENCE ANGERS TRANSYLVANIAN PAPER: COMPLAINS ZIONISTS WHO ARE NOT ROUMANIAN WERE ALLOWED TO HOLD CONFERENCE WHILE ROUMANIANS ARE FORBIDDEN TO HOLD GATHERINGS: BUT ZIONISTS DO NOT INCITE AGAINST OTHER SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION OR ORGANISE ACTS OF VANDALISM ORGAN OF UNION OF ROUMANIAN JEWS RETORTS.

Bucharest, Oct. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The "Gazeta de West", which appears in Oradeo Mare, in the province of Transylvania, has published an angry protest against the action of the Jewish population of the town, who, by making representations to the authorities succeeded in securing the prohibition of a Conference of the antisemitic Iron Guard Organisation, which was to have been held in the town.

A Zionist Conference which had been arranged for about the same time in the same town was permitted by the authorities, the paper says. It is intolerable, it declares, that citizens who are not of Roumanian nationality should be allowed to hold Conferences here, while our own Roumanian people are denied this right.

The "Curierul Israelit", the official organ of the Union of Roumanian Jews, replying to the "Gazeta de West", points out that there is a great deal of difference between the Iron Guard and the Zionist Organisation. It has never yet occurred, it writes, that Zionist meetings, held in Oradeo Mare or in any other town in the country, should have ended in excesses. Has the population ever been incited at a Zionist meeting, it asks, to enmity against another section of the population, and the mob roused to acts of vandalism? Citizen liberties, it says, must not be confused with anarchy or with the illegal acts which follow on the activity of the Iron Guard.

RECOGNITION FOR YIDDISH LANGUAGE IN INTERNATIONAL POSTAL TRAFFIC?: APPLICATION MAY BE MADE TO INTERNATIONAL POSTAL UNION BY ESTHONIAN GOVERNMENT ON INTERVENTION OF YIDDISH SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE.

Riga, Oct. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Yiddish Scientific Institute in Vilna recently wrote to the International Postal Union in Berne asking whether Yiddish could be included in its list of languages recognised for purposes of international postal communication. The Postal Union replied that it could consider the application only if it came from a Government. The Yiddish Scientific Institute thereupon approached the Yiddish Cultural Council in Esthonia, which is officially recognised by the Esthonian Government under the provisions of the law granting cultural autonomy to the minorities living in the country, suggesting that the Council should ask the Esthonian Government, as the only Government in the world in whose country the Yiddish language has an official status, that it should take the initiative in this matter.

The Esthonian Government, it is learned here, is inclined to take up the matter.

Bearing on the same question, it is stated that the Esthonian Government has a project under consideration at present to make Yiddish one of the languages which may be used in internal telegraphic communication.

JEWS AND CHURCH BURIAL: "NO INSTANCE OF A KNOWN JEW BEING ACCORDED NON-JEWISH BURIAL".

London, Oct. 29th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A reference to the recent case in which a man named Thomas Isaac Levin, and his wife and daughter, who were found dead after a suicide pact, were buried in the local churchyard with Christian rites (J.T.A. Bulletin of the 21st. and 23rd. inst.) is made in to-day's "Jewish World" by the Editor. In the ordinary way, he writes, they would have been buried by the Parish. On the strength, mainly, of the name by which he was known, however, the man was suspected of being a Jew. The woman was not Jewish nor, of course, was the daughter, and the difficulty of their being buried in a single grave at once arose. The authorities at the United Synagogue took prompt action upon being apprised of the terrible happenings, but their interposition was not encouraged by the Vicar of the Parish, to put it at the least. Subsequently he consulted the Bishop of the Diocese in which the village is situated and he arranged for some special prayers to be used which would cover all the three deceased.

In this instance things were not made better, he continues, if it be true that the Vicar complained of the unfairness of placing upon the Parish the expense of having to bury Jews, having regard to his attitude when it was suggested that the man should be buried by the Jewish authorities. I have received a number of communications on the subject, and one and all can be satisfied that there has been no instance in this case of a known Jew being accorded non-Jewish burial. At most the Jewish origin of the man is doubtful, and the Jewish authorities did all they were able to do so as to prevent an abrogation of Jewish law and practice.

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