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FIRST CONDITION IN PALESTINE IS LAW AND ORDER SAYS NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER GENERAL SIR ARTHUR WAUCHOPE QUOTING FIELD-MARSHAL LORD PLUMER AT SWEARING-IN CEREMONY IN JERUSALEM: I HAVE COME WITHOUT PRECONCEIVED IDEAS WITHOUT PLANS OR SCHEMES HE SAYS: I AM A SOLDIER AND HAVE SERVED IN MANY COUNTRIES WHOSE PROSPERITY I HAVE TRIED TO INCREASE: CHIEF JUSTICE SPEAKS OF PALESTINE AS "DISTRESSFUL COUNTRY" NEEDING PATIENCE OF JOB: THOUGH SMALL IT LOOMS LARGE IN MINDS OF MILLIONS THROUGHOUT WORLD WHO SUBJECT EVERY ACTION TO MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION: HIGH COMMISSIONER'S TASK IS THEREFORE ONE OF GREAT GRAVITY AND SERIOUSNESS.

Jerusalem, Nov. 19th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

General Sir Arthur Wauchope, the fourth High Commissioner for Palestine, was sworn in this morning, the ceremony at Government House being attended by about 300 people, heads of Government Departments and of the various religious and civil bodies in the country.

There is no struggle more interesting than the struggle between the desert and the sown, the new High Commissioner said after the swearing-in ceremony. I have come here with an open mind, without preconceived ideas, without plans or schemes. I am a soldier and I have served in many different countries, whose prosperity I have tried to increase.

Quoting Field-Marshal Lord Plumer, the second High Commissioner, General Wauchope said that law and order is the first condition; prosperity and peace, goodwill and understanding the second, and confidence, trust and faith by the people in the Government, and by the Government in the people is the third condition.

The Chief Justice for Palestine, Sir Michael MacDonnell, addressing the High Commissioner after he had sworn him in to his office, referred to Palestine as "a distressful country", too often a field of battle, in which, he said, it is impossible to succeed unless one is endowed with the patience of Job in addition to other qualities.

This country, though small, he went on, looms large in the thoughts of millions of people throughout the world, who subject every action taken here under microscopic examination, and are on the watch for any deviation that is made.

Palestine is composed of divergent creeds and conflicting races, he went on, and arouses passions and creates conflicting emotions, and therefore the High Commissioner's duty is one of great gravity and seriousness.

No reference was made in the ceremony to the Palestine Mandate or to the policy of the Jewish National Home in the speeches of either the High Commissioner or the Chief Justice, beyond the citation of the Order-in-Council under which the High Commissioner is appointed.

Neither of the two speeches was translated into Arabic or Hebrew, but the King's Commission was read in all the three official languages of the country. The ceremony was altogether more simple than that at the swearing-in of Sir John Chancellor, General Wauchope's immediate predecessor.

The reception at the station, when the new High Commissioner arrived in Jerusalem, was confined to about a dozen high Government officials. A royal escort of aeroplanes met the High Commissioner's train at Lydda and accompanied it to Jerusalem.

Chief Rabbi Kook, Dr. J. L. Magnes, the Chancellor of the Hebrew University, Dr. Ch. Arlosoroff, Dr. Maurice B.exter, and Dr. Werner Senator, members of the Jewish Agency Executive, Mr. M. M. Ussischkin, the head of the Jewish National Fund, Mr. I. Ben-Zvi, the Palestine Labour leader, Dr. David Yellin, and Mr. Joseph Meyuhas were among the guests at to-day's reception at Government House.

PALESTINE POPULATION 1,035,154: FIGURES OF CENSUS TAKEN THIS WEEK: INCREASE OF 277,972 SINCE 1922: GROWTH OF 35 PER CENT. IN NINE YEARS: TEL AVIV HAS POPULATION OF 46,062.

Jerusalem, Nov. 19th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

An increase of 35 per cent. in the population of Palestine as compared with the figures of the census taken in October 1922 is revealed in the figures of the new Palestine census taken this week, it is announced here to-day. According to the new census, there are now 1,035,154 souls in the country, as compared with 757,182 at the time of the 1922 census. The population of the Jewish town of Tel Aviv is 46,062. The figures giving the proportion of Jews, Moslems, Christians, etc. are not yet available.

.. The census taken by the Palestine Government in October 1922 showed that the total population of 757,182 in the country at that time included 590,890 Mohammedans, 83,794 Jews, and 73,024 Christians. There were also 7,028 Druses and 163 Samaritans, as well as several other small groups.

In Jerusalem, with a total population of 62,578, there were 33,971 Jews, 14,699 Christians, and 13,413 Mohammedans. No separate figures were given in the 1922 census report for Tel Aviv, which was lumped together with Jaffa, whose total population of 47,709 was made up of 20,699 Mohammedans, 20,152 Jews, and 6,850 Christians. The most notable growth in the Jewish population, it was pointed out, however, at that time, was in Jaffa, where the number of Jews had more than doubled in recent years, owing to the phenomenal growth of Tel Aviv.

LEADING PALESTINE MOSLEMS ISSUE PROCLAMATION DENOUNCING GRAND MUFTI'S CONVOCAION OF MOSLEM WORLD CONGRESS IN JERUSALEM: ACTED ON HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY AND INITIATIVE THEY SAY WITHOUT CONSULTING ANYONE.

Jerusalem, Nov. 19th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Several very important Moslem leaders in Palestine, including the Mayors of Jerusalem, Jaffa and Haifa, and a large number of members of the Supreme Moslem Council, have issued a proclamation to-day denouncing the proposed Islamic World Congress, which is being convoked in Jerusalem for December 7th. by the Grand Mufti.

The Grand Mufti acted on his own responsibility and initiative in convoking this Congress, without consulting anyone, the signatories to the proclamation complain. While the Mufti is busy inviting Moslems all over the world to come to the Congress, they add, not a single Palestine Moslem has been invited to attend it.

Before such a Congress is held, they proceed, there should be a Palestine Moslem Congress called to consider the desirability of holding a Moslem World Congress, and it should rest with this Palestine Congress, if it finds the World Congress desirable, to elect an organisation committee to take charge of the necessary arrangements.

Congress Is Intended To Raise Anew Wailing Wall Question

Although Already Settled Finally By League of Nations Commission: Admission In Palestine Arab Organ "Felestin" Which Agrees However Charge Of Non-Consultation And Non-Invitation Of Prominent Moslem Personalities Is Justified.

∴ The conveners of the Congress led away by the enthusiasm of Maulana Shaukat Ali did not wait to consult the rest of Islam, the English edition of the "Felestin", the principal Palestine Arab organ, writes in an editorial in the latest issue to reach London.

As far as the charge of non-consultation and non-invitation of some prominent personalities lies, it proceeds, we cannot free the preparatory committee wholly from it.

But one should not forget, on the other hand, it goes on, that it was absolutely necessary that an answer to the Buraq decision (the respective Jewish and Moslem rights at the Wailing Wall - which have been finally settled by the League of Nations International Wailing Wall Commission) must immediately be given by the Moslem world, and the case of the Moslem university has been before the Moslem world for more than a year.

To this, it says, must be added that the Jews are interested in delaying the Congress. Any attempt therefore now to obstruct the Congress, would weaken the case of the Holy Places and would mean a victory for the Jews.

At the same time, it says, it is apparent that there is a strong opposition to the holding of a Congress at the present time, although no one denies the utility of such a Congress when held at its proper time.

In view of these considerations, it concludes, our advice is to convert this Congress into a preparatory Congress to prepare the way for another more representative and better prepared to tackle the difficult problems before the Moslem world.

Although the Grand Mufti and Shaukat Ali have denied that the real purpose of the Moslem World Congress is to restore the Caliphate, the "Felestin" declares in the same issue that "closely allied to the Moslem Congress is the question of Khilafat, which is agitating so much the Western public of those countries who have Moslem subjects. The agitation is due to the fact that the Khilafat is considered to be the mainstay of Pan-Islamic movement which has become a bogey to the colonising powers. Nearly every leading Moslem has uttered his voice against touching the thorny question of Khilafat at present", it says, "and it is now certain that it will not be touched again until the Muslims consider themselves in a position when a Caliph would aid the unity of Moslems and would be its symbol. To-day it can only bring discord through rivalries.

"But", it proceeds, "if now the Moslems feel that its revival would bring solidarity into their ranks it is merely a communal question to be settled by themselves and should not annoy Europe unless the solidarity of Islam is considered a world danger."

JEWISH CEMETERY DESTROYERS IN POLAND ARRESTED.

Warsaw, Nov. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Eight suspects have been arrested in Sochaczew, near Warsaw, on the charge of having entered the Jewish cemetery (as reported in yesterday's J.T.A. Bulletin), and desecrated 63 Jewish graves and smashed 26 tombstones.

IN NUMBER OF CASES POLISH AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT SHOWN SUFFICIENT ENERGY IN SUPPRESSING ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES: ACCUSATION MADE IN RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY WARSAW JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL: DEMANDS AUTHORITIES SHOULD PROTECT JEWISH LIVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT PROMISE TO DEAL RUTHLESSLY WITH ANTI-JEWISH HOOLIGANS.

Warsaw, Nov. 19th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

In a number of cases the authorities have not shown sufficient energy in suppressing the anti-Jewish excesses, is the accusation made in a resolution adopted unanimously to-day at a meeting of the Council of the Warsaw Jewish Community, protesting in sharp terms against the anti-Jewish violence organised by the National Democratic students.

We demand that vigorous measures should be taken by the authorities to protect Jewish life, the resolution proceeds, in accordance with the definite assurance given by the Government, that any excesses would be ruthlessly suppressed.

ANXIETY CONTINUES IN VILNA: ANTI-JEWISH BOYCOTT AGITATION COMPELS JEWISH SHOPKEEPERS TO CLOSE DOWN: WINDOWS IN JEWISH HOUSES AND SHOPS AND SYNAGOGUES SMASHED: DR. MAX WEINREICH'S CONDITION NOT IMPROVING: INFLAMMATION DEVELOPED IN OTHER EYE.

Warsaw, Nov. 19th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The situation in Vilna continues to give anxiety, because of the big anti-Jewish boycott agitation carried on by the National Democratic students, which has compelled many Jewish shopkeepers in the Zawalna Street to close down, because they find it impossible to carry on their business, in face of the obstruction of the student boycott pickets. It is also feared that there may be a renewal of the actual excesses.

This evening, for instance, the wife of the well-known Yiddish writer, Mordecai Bezalel Schneider (he is 66 years of age, so that she is obviously an elderly lady) was attacked in the street and was beaten about the head with sticks.

Repeated attempts are being made by students and others to start new outbreaks in the Vilna outskirts. At Lida windows were smashed in a number of Jewish shops, and at Trock, the windows of the synagogue were smashed. Five school-boys who were throwing stones at the windows of Jewish shops were arrested at Lida.

Further away, in Suwalki, a band of hooligans broke into the headquarters of the local Brith Trumpeldor Organisation and smashed up the library and the windows, and went about the streets shouting "Long live Poland! Down with the Jews!"

Dr. Max Weinreich, co-Director of the Vilna Yiddish Scientific Institute, who had his right eye cut open by a stone during the excesses in Vilna, is not making any improvement, it is stated to-day. Inflammation has also developed in the left eye.

PRESIDENT OF VILNA JEWISH COMMUNITY DESCRIBES OCCURRENCES THERE
BLAMING AUTHORITIES AND POLICE FOR NEGLECT TO PUT DOWN
OUTBREAKS: SAYS POLICE SIMPLY ESCORTED HOOLIGANS AND
WATCHED THEM BEATING JEWS: IN JEWISH STUDENTS' HOME POLICE
DROVE JEWISH STUDENTS OUT OF BUILDING INTO ARMS OF WAITING
MOB: WHAT DOES IT MATTER TO ME SAYS ONE POLICEMAN WHEN
ASKED WHY HE WAS NOT PROTECTING JEWS AGAINST ASSAILANTS.

London, Nov. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Ex-Deputy Dr. Wygodski, the President of the Vilna Jewish Community, has an article in the Warsaw "Najer Hajnt", which has just arrived here, describing the occurrences in Vilna and the unresponsive attitude of the authorities and the police, who made no attempt, he claims, to put down the anti-Jewish outbreaks.

It was clear at the very beginning, he says, that the Vilna police were not concerned to prevent the trouble. All that the police did was to act as an escort for the National Democratic student mob, except when they came upon a group of Jewish students, no matter how small, when they immediately adopted a truculent attitude and dispersed them with blows. The police made no effort to prevent the anti-Jewish manifestations, and when thousands of National Democratic students went out to start the pogrom upon the Jewish population the police went with them as a kind of bodyguard to prevent interference.

A friend of mine, an engineer, Dr. Wygodski writes, asked a policeman who was looking on while some National Democratic students were beating Jewish students belonging to both sexes, why he did not drive off the assailants. "What does it matter to me?" the policeman replied.

But the clearest insight into the behaviour of the police was afforded to me when I happened to be in the Club of the Jewish Students' Union on the Tuesday, when the National Democratic students tried to break their way inside, Dr. Wygodski writes. We had information that, notwithstanding the assurances given us by the District Commissioner, we could expect another attack on the Jewish Students' Club, so I stopped there to discuss with the students how to act if the attack came. It was like a beehive. One could smell powder in the air. We shall not attack anyone, but if we are attacked we shall defend ourselves, the Jewish students were saying. We shall not permit ourselves to be driven out of the University. We shall not allow Jews to be beaten. Engineer Spiro, who was with me, and I told them that they must stand firm, but that they must act coolly and not lose their heads. Very soon we heard shouting outside. The hooligans had come. All the Jewish students went down to the entrance, through which the National Democratic students were trying to break into the building. There was a mob of over a thousand people, mostly National Democratic students, with an escort of police. Stones started flying through the windows which were shut. Less than a minute had passed when police armed with rifles and rubber cudgels came rushing into the Jewish Students' Club and started pushing the Jewish students out into the street, right into the arms of the National Democrats. The Jewish students were between two fires, the National Democratic students in front, and the police behind. Naturally, they were panic-stricken, and something terrible might have happened, if some of the police had not broken into the room where Engineer Spiro and I were sitting at the telephone. As soon as they saw us, they seemed to realise that their plan had failed. They began to whisper among themselves, and they were soon gone. The National Democratic students, too, disappeared. No comments are necessary.

About an hour later, I was talking over the occurrences with the Vilna District Commissioner, who had asked me to come over to see him, and he gave me a 100 per cent. pledge of security if I would exert my influence on the Jewish youth, the Jewish press and the Jewish population as a whole, that they should keep order. I promised to do that. An hour-and-a-half later there was a pogrom in the centre of the town, in the Zawalna Street, and the police arrived half-an-hour "late".

It must be admitted, Dr. Wygodski adds, that the District Commissioner, and the Vilna Police Commandant as well, who had failed to do their duty, have been suspended from their posts by the higher authorities.

ONE JEWISH STUDENT EXPELLED AND FOUR SUSPENDED BY DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION AT WARSAW TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR BEING BEATEN BY ANTISEMITIC STUDENTS: ONLY FOUR ANTISEMITIC STUDENTS EXPELLED AND FOUR SUSPENDED FOR BEATING JEWS.

Warsaw, Nov. 19th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The disciplinary commission at the Technical High School in Warsaw is a farce, the Jewish students complain. Although the entire body of National Democratic students took part in the attacks on the Jewish students, the disciplinary Commission has decided to expel only four of them, suspending four others for seven days, while all the others have been exonerated.

At the same time, one Jewish student has been expelled and four Jewish students have been suspended for seven days, all of them, it is pointed out, victims of the excesses who tried to defend themselves when they were beaten, and are now punished as if they had been guilty of the aggression.

VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY PROTESTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO LEGALISE RACE-ANTISEMITIC STUDENT RIGHTS: SEND PROTEST TO PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION AGAINST VESTING AUTHORITY IN HANDS OF STUDENT ORGANISATION WHICH ALWAYS TERRORISING JEWS.

Vienna, Nov. 19th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Board of the Jewish Community has adopted a strongly-worded resolution at its plenary meeting held here to-day, warning the Government and Parliament against the intention to enact a law legalising the student rights of the Germanic race-antisemitic students' organisation, pointing out that this would be in flagrant violation of the principle of equal rights of Jewish citizens, guaranteed in the Constitution of the country.

The Presidium of the Vienna Jewish Community has to-day submitted a protest to the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, and the Minister of Education, complaining in particular against the projected law on the ground that it would vest authority in the very organisation which is always engaged in terrorising the Jewish section of the population.

The Jewish students at Vienna University stayed away to-day, to avoid further indignities at the hands of the Nazi students, who continue to be the policing body in the University.

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