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EVIDENCE AGAINST TWO VILNA JEWS INSUFFICIENT TO CONVICT SAYS
PUBLIC PROSECUTOR: NOTICE PUT UP IN UNIVERSITY ASKING
ALL STUDENTS TO TELL HIM ALL THEY KNOW ABOUT JEWISH
STUDENT WULFIN.

Warsaw, Dec. 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The evidence obtained up to the present against the two Jews Wulfin and Zalkind, who are under arrest on suspicion of having caused the death of the National Democratic student Stanislaw Waclawski, is not enough to prove them guilty, the Vilna Public Prosecutor declared to-day, adding that a new turn in the affair is not ruled out.

A notice has been put up in the University building asking all students to give the Public Prosecutor any information they have relating to Wulfin.

POLISH GOVERNMENT BY EXCLUDING JEWS FROM STATE EMPLOYMENT HAVE
SPOON WAY FOR BOYCOTT MOVEMENT AGAINST JEWS SAYS WARSAW
JEWISH COMMUNITY CALLING ON GOVERNMENT TO PUT DOWN BOY-
COTT WHICH NOT ONLY DANGEROUS TO JEWS BUT HARMFUL TO STATE.

Warsaw, Dec. 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The boycott agitation which is now being carried on in Poland is not only dangerous to the Jewish population, but harmful to the State, the Warsaw Jewish Community declares in a resolution adopted to-day, and because this is so, it continues, it is essential that the State should take measures to put down the boycott incitement.

The Government, by excluding Jewish elements from the State institutions, the resolution points out, has shown the way to the boycott agitators, and is lending them its support. It is the duty of the State, the resolution proceeds, to put into effect the principle of Jewish economic equality and then to wage ruthless war against the anti-Jewish boycott movement.

The resolution concludes by calling on all Jewish economic organisations in the country to hold a special conference for the purpose of deciding on measures for fighting the boycott movement.

HEBREW OR YIDDISH MOTHER TONGUE OF POLISH JEWS: WARSAW
JEWISH COMMUNITY'S APPEAL TO JEWISH POPULATION FOR POLISH
CENSUS THIS WEEK.

Warsaw, Dec. 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Return Hebrew or Yiddish as your mother tongue, says an appeal issued by the Warsaw Jewish Community to-day to the Jewish population in connection with the Polish census which will be taken on Wednesday, the 9th. inst.

SUNDAY CLOSING LAW AND TAXATION FACILITIES FOR POLISH JEWS
FOR GIST IN YIDDISH DAILY.

Warsaw, Dec. 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Government intends introducing at the beginning of the new year a number of modifications of the Compulsory Sunday Closing Law which will provide facilities for Jews to conduct their businesses on Sundays, the Yiddish daily "Najer Hajnt" reports to-day.

Under the modified law trading will be permitted for three hours on Sundays in several specified branches of trade, the paper says.

Several important modifications will also be made in regard to taxation, relieving the trading community of some of their present crushing burden of taxation.

The Government has agreed to make these important changes as a result of negotiations which the Central Jewish Merchants' Federation has been conducting for some time with the Ministry of Finance.

Rumours of Government action to modify the Sunday Closing Law in Poland, by allowing Jews who keep closed on Saturdays to carry on their business for a few hours on Sundays, have been repeatedly spread in recent years. Particular attention was attracted by such a rumour in the summer of 1929, when it was stated that Mr. Dewey, the American Adviser to the Polish Government, had taken occasion in his quarterly report to direct the attention of the Government to the inadvisability of compelling the greater part of the merchants and artisans in the country, because they are Jews, to suspend work for two whole days in the week.

The last Government, under Professor Bartel, it was added, had intended to revise the Compulsory Sunday Closing Law along these lines, but its courage failed it when it encountered the organised opposition of the antisemitic parties. The later attempts to amend the law, however, encountered the opposition also of the Polish Socialist Party, which objected on the ground that the amendment would bring down the labour conditions of the workers, by destroying the principle of one complete day's rest in the week at present secured by the Sunday Closing Law.

ROSH HASHANAH POGROM IN BERLIN: ALL PRISONERS TO BE RETRIED
INCLUDING COUNT FELLDOFF BERLIN COMMANDANT OF HITLERIST
STORM TROOPS.

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

The 41 prisoners who were found guilty of taking part in the anti-Jewish excesses which occurred in Berlin last Rosh Hashanah, will stand their trial here again on Thursday week, December 17th., when the case will come up for revision before the Appeal Court on the appeal lodged by the Counsel for the Defence.

The appeal covers both trials, the first, in which a number of the participants were found guilty and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment, and the second when Count Felldorf, the Berlin Commandant of the Young Hitlerist Storm Troops and several other leaders who were accused of directing the excesses were found guilty of having taken part in the attacks on the Jews, and sent to prison.

GRAND MUFTI SAYS HE IS HAPPY TO OPEN MOSLEM WORLD CONGRESS IN MOSQUE CONNECTED WITH BURAQ: MOST MOSLEM COUNTRIES GOING UNDER ALIEN RULE BUT PALESTINE'S PLIGHT WORST OF ALL BECAUSE OF JEWISH DESIGNS: SHAUKAT ALI SUCCEEDS IN PERSUADING OPPOSITION TO MUFTI NOT TO INTERFERE WITH PROCEEDINGS: JEWISH JOURNALISTS EVEN REPRESENTING NON-JEWISH PAPERS EXCLUDED BUT CHRISTIANS MAY ATTEND.

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

The Moslem World Congress was opened this evening in the Mosque El Aqsa, by the Grand Mufti, who in his opening speech after deploring the decline of Islam and exhorting all Moslem peoples to join together in one union, said that he was happy to open the gathering in the Holy Mosque connected with the Burag.

Most Moslems are groaning under alien rule, he went on, but the condition of the Holy Land is worst of all because of the Jewish designs in the country. The Grand Mufti urged the delegates to the Congress to war on atheism, and claimed that the best way of doing this was to establish an Islamic seat of learning in the Holy City of Jerusalem.

A number of delegates from Iraq, Egypt, Syria, the Urals, and other countries, spoke in a similar vein.

Shaukat Ali has succeeded at the last minute in arranging a compromise with the leaders of the Palestine Moslem Opposition to the Grand Mufti, which provides that they do not take part in the Congress, but will not interfere with the proceedings. The agreement also provides that the Congress itself will elect the standing committee to conduct the future work of the Congress, instead of leaving it to the Mufti and his supporters, who called the present Congress, to continue to act as a permanent world committee.

The Mayor of Jerusalem, Ragheb Bey Nashashibi, one of the leaders of the opposition, did not attend the Congress to welcome the delegates in his official capacity as had been anticipated, in view of the compromise.

The organization committee of the Congress has to-day officially informed Mr. Agronski, the Secretary of the Press Correspondents' Association in Palestine, that it has decided to exclude all Jewish journalists from the Congress, even if they represent non-Jewish papers abroad, but that Christian journalists will be admitted.

Delegates Come to Blows.

Delegates come to blows, is the heading over a report of the Congress appearing in to-day's "Daily Telegraph". Torrential rain marked the opening stages of the all-Moslem Congress, the report begins. The fact that this terminated one of the severest droughts in Jerusalem is known to be popularly interpreted as Divine approval of the Congress. Its inauguration took place at an afternoon reception, followed by an evening celebration of "Leilet-el-Mirag" (the anniversary of the Prophet's celestial journey from Mecca to Jerusalem).

An Egyptian delegate, it proceeds, opened his speech with greetings from Nahas Pasha, the leader of the Wafd, pledging his support. An anti-Wafdist protested against what he termed an unwarrantable Wafdist demonstration, whereupon there was an uproar. The anti-Wafdist was attacked, and was only saved by the Mufti placing him in the pulpit. The police intervened, and it was several minutes before the Mufti could secure silence.

Amazing scenes were witnessed at the opening meeting of the Moslem Congress, the "Morning Post" report says. At one point the whole assembly rose to its feet in violent excitement, shouting "Allah, Allah," and veiled women made shrill cries, while later a delegate who had expressed unpopular views was beaten with sticks, and only saved by the intervention of the Grand Mufti himself.

The outstanding question was that of the protection of the Moslem Holy Places. Dr. Abd el Hamid, an Egyptian delegate, in a fiery speech punctuated by wild gesticulations, shouted, "All present must take an oath to protect this Holy Place with the last drop of their blood". Immediately the whole assembly rose in an uproar, and the delegates shouted, "Allah, Allah!". The cry was echoed by the shrill screams of veiled women in the adjoining female mosque.

Egyptian politics came to the fore, the report goes on, when Ab el Rahman Alazam, from Cairo, conveyed the greetings of Nahas Pasha and the Wafd. Suleiman Bey Fawzi, another Egyptian delegate, immediately jumped up shouting, "There is only one man in Egypt and that is King Fuad". He continued shouting in the furore that followed, and enraged people beat him with sticks until he dropped.

The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem ran forward, and, standing over Suleiman Bey Fawzi with outstretched arms, protected him as far as he could until the police arrived and carried him out.

Later an Iraqi delegate cried: "It were better that the Islamic world should be obliterated than that this jewel should fall into the hands of onemies".

AGUDATH "ELCOMES "DISTINGUISHED MOSLEM LEADERS" TO CONGRESS AND
REPUDIATES ALL SUSPICION THAT JEWS DESIRE TO INFRINGE
MOSLEM HOLY PLACES.

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

Welcoming the "distinguished Moslem leaders" from all over the world", who have come to Jerusalem to attend the Moslem Congress, the Agudath Israel has issued a statement here to-day repudiating all suspicion that Jews desire to infringe the Moslem Holy Places, and reasserting that the Jews have no designs whatever on the Mosque el Aqsa or on any place in the Temple area, merely asking to be allowed, like their ancestors, to worship at the Walling "all from which the Shechina has never departed.

We hope, the statement concludes, that the Congress will bring peace and promote the prosperity and happiness of all the inhabitants of the Holy City, and the land which God has chosen.

The Zionist Repudiation Of All Designs On Moslem Holy Places In
Palestine.

Last month, Dr. Arlossoroff made a statement in Jerusalem on behalf of the Jewish Agency repudiating all suspicion of Jewish designs on the Moslem Holy Places in Palestine, in view of the Moslem Holy Places agitation revived by the Grand Mufti's Party in connection with the Moslem Congress.

In the light of past experience still fresh in everybody's memory, Dr. Arlossoroff's statement, given very briefly by cable in the J.T.A. Bulletin at the time said, it is superfluous to dwell upon the pernicious effects which such a campaign may be able to produce, both in Palestine and other countries. I am not speaking to those who are manufacturing and broadcasting these statements. It is useless to speak to

thom. But I speak to the thinking Moslems in all countries who are still able to listen with an open mind and to discern falsehood from truth. For their benefit I wish to recapitulate the story of the policy of the Zionist movement towards the problem of Holy Places in Palestine as expressed on various occasions by the leaders and official representatives of the Zionist Organisation and of the Jewish population of Palestine.

As early as December 1917, Dr. Arlossoroff recalled, only a month after the Balfour Declaration was issued, Dr. Sokolov, to-day President of the Jewish Agency, speaking at a Zionist demonstration in Manchester, said: "We know that Palestine is full of sanctuaries and Holy Places - holy to the Christian world, holy to Islam, holy to ourselves. Are we blind not to see that there are these places of worship and of veneration? Palestine is the very place where religious conflicts should disappear. There we should meet as brethren, and there we should learn to love others, not merely to tolerate each other. I declared this to the representatives of the great Christian Churches and I can repeat it here".

A few months later, Dr. Arlossoroff recalled, Dr. Weizmann, who had gone to Palestine as the head of the first Zionist Commission, speaking at an official banquet at the Governorate in Jerusalem on April 27th., 1918, said, according to newspaper reports: "The City of Jerusalem is for Jews a holy shrine. For that reason, if for that alone, the Jews are able to respect the sentiment of others for whom Jerusalem is sacred. They wish to interfere in no way with the Holy Places to which the hearts of Moslems and Christians turn with reverence".

The first official statement on the subject addressed by the Zionist Organisation to the League of Nations was embodied in a memorandum submitted to the Council in July 1922. This memorandum contains the following passages: "With equal emphasis does the Zionist Organisation categorically deny that the Jews contemplate or have ever contemplated the smallest interference with the religious traditions and customs of the non-Jewish inhabitants of Palestine or with the Holy Places. There has been no attempt at such interference. There will and can be none. The Jews are not so ignorant as not to be fully conscious of the profound veneration with which the Holy Land is regarded by adherents of other creeds, and in particular by the entire Christian world. The Jews have from the outset recognised the Christian and Moslem Holy Places as sacrosanct and inviolable. They indignantly repudiate the injurious and wholly unfounded suggestion that they desire to trespass upon them or to claim any voice in questions relating to their maintenance or their custody."

Even after the unfortunate incident at the Kotel Maaravi on the Day of Atonement in 1928, when the "wailing" all issue became acute, the Zionist Organisation submitted to the Permanent Mandates Commission a petition dated October 12th., 1928, in which the following sentence occurs: "The Executive wish emphatically to repudiate as false and libellous the rumours which have been circulated that it is the intention of the Jewish people to menace the inviolability of the Moslem Holy Place which encloses the Mosque of Aqsa and the Mosque of Omar".

In connection with the same ill-omened event, Dr. Arlossoroff went on, the Vaad Leumi published an open letter to the Moslems of Palestine in which the following statement appears: "We hereby declare emphatically and sincerely that no Jew has ever thought of encroaching upon the rights of Moslems

over their own Holy Places. "We call upon our Arab brethren and their responsible leaders to disperse the poisonous clouds of false rumours which have recently been circulated and to create possibilities for constructive co-operation for the benefit of the country and all the inhabitants in the place of hostility and dispute".

Thus it came about, Dr. Arlossoroff said, that when early in November 1928 the question of the Wailing Wall incident was raised in the British House of Commons, the then Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Amery) was able to make the following statement: "I am in a position to give an absolute assurance that no question as to the ownership of the Wall has been raised by the Jews and that they have no intention of asking for anything inconsistent with the inviolability of the Moslem Holy Places, which is unreservedly acknowledged".

Unfortunately, however, Dr. Arlossoroff continued, the insidious agitation continued with what results I need not recall. But even these results did not induce our movement to swerve from its established course of having scrupulous regard to the religious susceptibilities of others. On November 6th., 1929, when the atmosphere in the country was still tense, the Zionist Executive issued the following declaration: "In view of the fact that the Jewish aspirations to secure the conditions necessary for free and undisturbed worship at the Kotel Maaravi, known as the Wailing Wall; have been misrepresented as involving designs to encroach upon the Haram Area, the Zionist Organisation desires to reaffirm its repeated declarations unreservedly recognising the inviolability of the Moslem Holy Places".

MOSLEM CONGRESS QUESTION RAISED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS: NO REASON TO APPREHEND ATTEMPTS TO STIR UP RELIGIOUS FEELINGS AGAINST JEWS OR CHRISTIANS COLONIAL UNDER-SECRETARY TELLS COLONEL WEDGWOOD: I AM ASSURED SIR ROBERT HAMILTON SAYS THAT MUFTI REALISES HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AND IS ANXIOUS TO CONDUCT CONGRESS IN MANNER CAUSING NO EMBARRASMENT TO GOVERNMENT: TWO CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS SUGGEST PUTTING SUCH QUESTIONS IN COMMONS MAKES ADMINISTRATION OF PALESTINE MORE DIFFICULT AND STEPS TAKEN AGAINST CONGRESS "COULD HAVE BAD EFFECT ON MOSLEM OPINION IN INDIA.

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

Colonel Josiah Wedgwood asked in the House of Commons to-day whether the Colonial Secretary was aware that the organisers of the Moslem Conference in Jerusalem had declared that one of the items for discussion was the defence of the Islamic Holy Places, whether the Government understood that this would include the Wailing Wall or not, whether any attempt to stir up religious feeling against Jew or Christian would be held to be ground for action by the Government, whether that consequence had been made clear to the Grand Mufti, and the organisers, and whether an undertaking to avoid such incitement would be obtained from any visitors to Palestine who hoped to be present at the Conference.

Sir Robert Hamilton, the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, said that the answer to the first and second parts of the question were in the affirmative (that the Government understood that the Wailing Wall question would be discussed at the Conference).

I have no reason, he went on, to apprehend that attempts will be made to stir up religious feelings against either Jews or Christians, and as the result of enquiries made of the High Commissioner for Palestine, I am assured that the Mufti, who has issued the invitations for the Congress,

realises his responsibilities, and is anxious to conduct the Congress in such a manner as to cause no embarrassment to His Majesty's or the Palestine Administration.

Is Sir Robert aware, Colonel Wedgwood pursued, that one of the visitors to this Conference is bitterly opposed to British rule?

Is it not a fact that the putting of these questions in the House of Commons makes the Administration of Palestine far more difficult, Mr. P. T. H. Hannon, Conservative member for the Mosley division of Birmingham put in, and Mr. A. C. Crossley, Conservative member for Oldham, followed this up by asking Sir Robert to bear in mind the very serious effect that any steps taken against that Congress would have on Moslem feeling in India.

May I ask, Colonel Wedgwood went on, whether Sir Robert has had from the Gazhi Kemal Pasha his views on that Conference.

No answer was given to any of these questions.

WILL PALESTINE JEWS BE ALLOWED TO CARRY WEAPONS FOR SELF-DEFENCE? NOT AWARE OF ANY GROUNDS FOR SAYING THERE IS GROWTH OF INSECURITY IN PALESTINE SIR ROBERT HAMILTON REPLIES TO COLONEL WEDGWOOD: HIGH COMMISSIONER CAN BE RELIED ON HE ADDS TO ADOPT SPECIAL MEASURES OF PROTECTION IF NECESSARY.

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

In view of the growth of insecurity in Palestine, would he allow Jews to carry weapons for self-defence? Colonel Wedgwood asked the Colonial Secretary to-day in the House of Commons.

I am not aware of the grounds for the statement as to the growth of insecurity in Palestine, Sir Robert Hamilton replied, but in any case Colonel Wedgwood knows that he can rely upon the High Commissioner to recommend if necessary the adoption of any special measures of protection additional to those already in force.

May I ask, Colonel Wedgwood then asked, whether Sir Robert has yet had any information from Palestine about the murder of two Jewish hikers and whether he is aware that 22 separate cases of murder by Arabs in Palestine have occurred.

A report has been asked from the High Commissioner, Sir Robert said, but it has not yet been received.

It was only the offer of a reward of £200 that produced the discovery of the murderers of the two Jewish hikers, Colonel Wedgwood pointed out in a supplementary question to which no answer was made.

JEWISH SOLDIERS AND EX-SOLDIERS AT CHANUCAH SERVICE: FIELD-MARSHAL SIR GEORGE MILNE CHIEF OF IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF RECALLS HIS CONTACTS WITH JEWISH COMMUNITY OF SALONICA DURING WAR: RENDERED SALONICA JEWISH COMMUNITY SIGNAL SERVICES LORD BEARSTED RECALLED: SET UP TEMPORARY CAMPS FOR JEWS RENDERED HOMELESS BY GREAT FIRE.

London, Dec. 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Chief Rabbi Dr. J. N. Hertz conducted the special Chanukah service held to-day at the Central Synagogue, attended by Jewish soldiers, sailors, airmen, nurses, and ex-members of the forces. The Chief Rabbi was assisted by Dayan I. Collop, the Chief Jewish Chaplain to the Forces, who preached the sermon and the Rev. Michael Adler, who was the Chief Jewish Chaplain to the Forces during the war. After the Kaddish was recited, the Last Post and the Reveille were sounded by the trumpeters in the synagogue.