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PALESTINE GOVERNMENT CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION INTO NEW MOSLEM
 AGITATION ALLEGING AUTHORITIES DRILLING AND ARMING JEWS:
 MOSLEM CONFERENCE AUTHORITIES DENY KNOWLEDGE OF INFLAMMA-
 TORY CIRCULARS: FOUND TO HAVE BEEN PRINTED IN PALESTINE
 AND EXPORTED TO EGYPT AND SENT BACK TO CREATE IMPRESSION
 OF OUTSIDE PRODUCTION.

Jerusalem, Dec. 9th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Palestine Government has started a rigorous investigation to track down the persons responsible for the circulation of the inflammatory illustrated leaflets which have been distributed to the delegates at the Moslem Conference now meeting here, alleging that the British authorities are drilling and arming the Jews; with regard to which the Jewish Agency Executive has made urgent representations to the Government, pointing out the danger of such accusations to the Jews of Palestine and also to the Jews living in other Moslem countries.

The authorities of the Moslem Conference deny any knowledge of the circulars.

It has been discovered that although brought into Palestine from Cairo, the circulars were printed in Haifa, and then sent to Egypt, so that they should appear to emanate from outside the country. Copies have also been received here by post, one Arab lawyer named Faiz Haddad, receiving a dozen copies in one envelope.

The same allegation spread in connection with the "sealed armouries" campaign created a dangerous situation in Palestine in August, and the Government was compelled to take drastic measures to prevent attacks being made on the Jewish population. An Arab Conference was held in Nablus which adopted a resolution calling the attention of the "whole Moslem world, including the Moslem kings and princes, to the damage which the Palestine Government has done by arming the Jews". Armed cars and lorries carrying machine-guns had to be sent to Nablus to keep order during the Conference, and a few days later the military were compelled to fire on the mob, and Police Superintendent Kyles was seriously injured by stones thrown by the Arab demonstrators.

Questions were asked in Parliament about the situation, and the "Manchester Guardian" complained in an editorial that "the Government has not been able to dispel unrest and dangerous agitation in Palestine. The subject matter of the present agitation, it said, is the Government's decision to issue "sealed armouries" to outlying Jewish colonies which the more disreputable Arab leaders are twisting into a charge of arming the Jews against the Arabs. Actually, of course, it pointed out, it is nothing of the kind, but merely a substitute for the police protection, which, unfortunately, is not alone sufficient to protect the lives of Jewish citizens.

I have no reason to apprehend, Sir Robert Hamilton said in the House of Commons this week, that attempts will be made at the Congress to stir up religious feelings against Jews or Christians, and I am assured that the Mufti realises his responsibilities.

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PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING MOSLEM UNIVERSITY IN JERUSALEM ADOPTED
BY CONFERENCE: ALSO DECIDES TO ESTABLISH MOSLEM YOUNG
MEN'S ASSOCIATIONS ON LINES OF Y.M.C.A. IN ALL COUNTRIES
WHERE MOSLEMS RESIDE.

Jerusalem, Dec. 9th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The project of establishing a Moslem University in Jerusalem was adopted by the Moslem Conference this afternoon, and a special committee has been appointed to draw up a complete plan.

The Conference has also decided to establish Young Men's Moslem Associations, on the same lines as the Young Men's Christian Associations and the Young Men's Hebrew Associations, in all Moslem countries and in all countries where Moslems reside.

Messages of greeting have been received by the Conference to-day from King Ibn Saud, Sultan of the Nejd and King of the Hedjaz, and from King Feisal of Iraq.

To Counterbalance Hebrew University.

∴ The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, the "Near East and India" wrote on the subject of the Conference last month, is said to have stated that the main object of the Conference would be to discuss the protection of Muslim buildings and also the proposal to establish a Moslem University in Palestine. The latter idea with which Mr. Shaukat Ali, the Indian Mussulman, has prominently associated himself, it went on, is stated to have caused certain misgivings at Al Azhar University in Cairo, as well it might.

If the motive of building such a University, it proceeded, were merely to counterbalance the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus - of which it can at any rate be said that, under its present direction, it has the right, comprehensive ideals of a University for serious students of whatsoever creed - it would fall far short of the ideal.

MOSLEM TARTARS NOW IN POLAND APPEAL TO MOSLEM CONFERENCE AGAINST
SOVIET PERSECUTION OF ISLAM WHICH COMPELLED THEM TO LEAVE
THEIR HOMES IN URALS.

Warsaw, Dec. 9th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A group of Moslem Tartars who are now living in Poland, having left their homes in the Urals because of the persecution of religion by the Soviet authorities there, have sent a cable message to the Moslem Conference in Jerusalem, appealing to it to protect members of the Moslem faith in the Soviet Union from the persecution to which they are subjected by the Communists.

∴ The number of Mohammedans in Poland, according to the official "Polish Handbook", is about 6,000. They inhabit mainly the districts of Vilna, Novogrodek and Bialystock, and some are also found in the districts of Warsaw, Wolhynia and Polysia.

According to the Soviet Union Year Book, there are more Tartars than Jews in the Soviet Union, the Jewish population being 1.7 per cent., and the Tartar proportion 1.9 per cent. No indication of religions is given, but according to pre-Revolution figures, there were 13,907,000 Mohammedans in the Russian Empire, as compared with 5,215,800 Jews.

175,006 JEWS IN PALESTINE: OFFICIAL CENSUS FIGURES: 759,952 MOSLEMS 90,607 CHRISTIANS AND 9,589 OTHERS: SEVERAL HUNDRED JEWS INCLUDED IN OTHERS HAVING DECLARED THEMSELVES AMONG AGNOSTICS.

Jerusalem, Dec. 10th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The following provisional Palestine census totals are officially announced to-day.

759,952 Moslems, 175,006 Jews, 90,607 Christians and 9,589 others, making a total population of 1,035,154.

The "others" include about 8,000 Druzes, the J.T.A. understands, and about a thousand people who declared themselves "Agnostics", among them being about 600 Jewish agnostics.

∴ The total figure of 1,035,154 was announced on November 19th., immediately after the census had been held, showing an increase of about 35 per cent. in the population of the country, over the number yielded in the 1922 census. The 1922 total was 757,182. A number of Jews, obedient to the Revisionist call to take no part in the census, locked themselves in their houses for the night, refusing to open to the enumerators, so that actually the number of Jews in Palestine is even larger than is indicated by the present figures. The number of such census resisters is not known. In Tel Aviv some enumerators had their books taken from them and census resisters organised an impromptu demonstration of some hundred young people, which was dispersed.

The number of Jews in Palestine at the time of the 1922 census was 83,794, the increase in nine years, therefore, being over 91,000. The Moslem population has increased from 590,890 in 1922, by 169,062, and the Christian population from 73,024 by 27,583. The number of Druzes in 1922 was 7,028.

PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME NOT COMING BEFORE PARLIAMENT THIS SESSION: GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE COMMITTED TO ANY SCHEME BY TIME PARLIAMENT REASSEMBLES AFTER CHRISTMAS VACATION: STATEMENT BY UNDER-SECRETARY FOR COLONIES IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Dec. 10th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

In reply to Mr. Barnett Janner, the member for Whitochapel, who asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies in the House of Commons to-day whether any declarations would be made in respect of the Development Scheme for Palestine before the House rose, and if not whether the Government would be committed to any scheme before the House meets again, Sir Robert Farnham, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, said that the answer to the first part of the question is in the negative.

As regards the second part, he continued, as was stated in this House on July 20th., by the late Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, before approval is given for the guarantee of the Loan which would be floated in connection with the Development Scheme, the whole matter would be brought before Parliament for consideration.

STUDENT RIGHTS MUST BE LEGALISED ON RACE-PRINCIPLES AUSTRIAN MINISTER DECLARES IN PARLIAMENT IN INTERESTS OF PRESERVING ORDER AT UNIVERSITY: IF PARLIAMENT REJECTS GOVERNMENT BILL UNIVERSITY ORDER WILL BE ENDANGERED: SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DEPUTY ACCUSES GOVERNMENT OF INTRODUCING ANTI-JEWISH LEGISLATION TENDING TO CREATE GHETTO AT UNIVERSITY: HALF POPULATION OF VIENNA BEARS NON-GERMANIC NAMES INCLUDING EDUCATION MINISTER: SOCIAL DEMOCRATS INSIST BILL CANNOT BE ENACTED UNLESS IT RECEIVES TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY.

Vienna, Dec. 9th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Government was hotly accused in Parliament to-day by the Socialist Deputy Leuthner, of having introduced an anti-Jewish law, in order to regulate the question of student rights at the University, which would result in creating a ghetto in the University.

The civilisation of Germany and Austria, Deputy Leuthner said, has during the past 160 years been advanced enormously by the contributions made to it by some of the finest Jewish minds. The Jews have contributed to German cultural life immense values, he declared, which can never be taken away from the sum-total of German culture.

As for the talk about a pure Germanic race, he went on, half the population of Vienna are people whose names are not German, and who are racially a mixed body. This applies even to the Minister of Education, Dr. Czermak himself, he said.

The Minister of Education in his reply said it is essential in the interests of the preservation of order at the University to regulate the student rights on the principle of race-citizenship. The Government would therefore in the next few days introduce a bill which it hoped Parliament would accept, he said, because if the bill is rejected, they would be faced with the danger of disorder at the University.

The Cabinet has unanimously adopted the draft law providing for the recognition of student rights at the University, on race-citizenship lines, the J.T.A. representative learns, and has decided that the measure should be put to the vote in Parliament before the House rises for the Christmas vacation.

The Social Democratic Party, the J.T.A. representative understands, contends that a majority for the bill will not be enough to enact it, claiming that it is an amendment to the Constitution, replacing the principle of State citizenship by that of race-citizenship, to which the Social Democratic Party is implacably opposed, and should not, therefore, enter into effect unless it receives a two-thirds majority of the House.

JEWISH SITUATION IN POLAND: POLISH B'NAI B'RITH INFORMS PARENT ORGANISATION IN AMERICA THAT GOVERNMENT DID ITS DUTY IN PUTTING DOWN EXCESSES.

Warsaw, Dec. 9th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Polish Telegraphic Agency states that the Central Committee of the B'nai B'rith in Poland has sent a cable to the headquarters of the B'nai B'rith in the United States, in reference to the protest against the anti-Jewish excesses in Poland addressed by the International President of the B'nai B'rith, Mr. Alfred M. Cohen, to the Polish Government, (given in the J.T.A. Bulletin of the 4th. inst.), in which it says:

The Central Committee of the B'nai B'rith in Poland considers it to be its duty to send you the following information with a request that it should be taken into account. Filled with the eternal truth of our ideals - benevolence, fraternity, and peace, we are greatly disturbed and ashamed because of the antisemitic excesses in Poland. The antisemitic National Democratic Party organised the immature students to commit acts of violence against their Jewish colleagues. These barbaric acts spread from the Universities to the streets, provoking disgraceful deeds of hatred.

We consider it, however, to be our duty to declare the following: (1) We have convinced ourselves with profound satisfaction that the Jewish students and the Jewish citizens defended their honour and possessions with courage and uprightness. (2) We place it on record with no less satisfaction that a considerable section of our Christian fellow-citizens not only did not join in the terrorism, but on the contrary, denounced the excesses with vigour, and generosity, and with genuine condemnation. (3) The Government did its duty sincerely and earnestly in restoring order and suppressing the excesses. If regrettable cases to the contrary occurred anywhere, it was the fault of the subordinate officials.

These three factors, the statement concludes, checked the excesses, so that they did not spread and become a catastrophe. This is the truth.

JEWISH MERCHANTS IN POLAND AND THE ANTI-JEWISH BOYCOTT.

Warsaw, Dec. 9th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Central Committee of the Jewish Merchants' Federation has issued a circular to all its members, in the course of which it says:

The Polish Party whose programme and method of achieving its objects has always been to spread race-hatred among the citizens of the country, is again doing all it can to create enmity and hatred, by agitating the people to boycott the Jews. As Polish citizens, we protest against these barbaric methods of warfare, and we appeal to all merchants who are members of our Federation to act worthily in this critical moment, and not to allow themselves to be provoked by irresponsible elements into the use of the same methods as our opponents. It is certain that the boycott agitation will eventually do less harm to the Jews than it will to the country as a whole. It will undoubtedly lead to the disorganisation of the entire trade of Poland, and thus weaken the whole economic organisation of the country. The responsibility for such deplorable results will be borne entirely by the leaders of those parties who are injecting the virus of enmity into Polish public opinion.

The Organisation of Jewish Retail Shopkeepers in Warsaw, after hearing reports at its last meeting on the boycott picketting of the National Democratic students outside the Jewish shops, adopted a resolution calling on the President of the Republic, the Government and the Minister of the Interior to take measures to put a stop to this destructive campaign against Jews and to suppress the terrible boycott incitement.

DR. MELCHIOR REPRESENTS WARBURG BANK AT BASLE NOT GERMANY:
VICIOUS ATTACK IN HITLERIST CENTRAL ORGAN.

Berlin, Dec. 9th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The chief organ of the Hitlerist movement, the "Voelkischer Beobachter", publishes a vicious attack to-day on Dr. Karl Melchior, the Jewish banker who is acting as German Representative in the Special Advisory Committee now meeting in Basle to enquire into Germany's case that it is unable owing to the economic situation to continue to meet its reparations obligations.

The Jew, Dr. Melchior, partner and actual head of the bank of Max Warburg in Hamburg, the "Beobachter" writes, is again the German expert at the tribute payment discussions in Basle. The German people as a whole seems to be incapable of appointing a tribute negotiator, so we have to go searching for an international banker whose international business interests in themselves are an obstacle to his proper representation of the German cause.

The Warburg Bank, it proceeds, has financial interests in all the countries of the world, and it has a big branch in the United States, which fact enabled it to do good business out of the war and the inflation. The names Max Warburg and Dr. Melchior stink in our nostrils because they were the makers of the enslavement treaty of Versailles, and of the tribute policy of the present system.

In the same way as after the conclusion of the Franco-German War of 1870-71, we had on the French side Baron de Rothschild, and on the German side the Jewish Baron Bleichroeder, the Rothschild representative in Prussia, settling the amount of the war indemnity, so after the Great War we had at Versailles Max Warburg and Dr. Melchior as the German representatives and the two American Warburg brothers on the side of the Entente. After the war, they settled the fate of the German people, and now in Basle there is this Jew again fixing the amount to be paid by the German people, which in reality cannot pay another penny of tribute.

Dr. Melchior is representing at Basle the interests of the Warburg Bank, it writes, not the interests of Germany.

The accusation has been made repeatedly against the Warburg brothers by the German antisemites and in 1924 Mr. Max Warburg appeared in court against the antisemitic ex-Deputy Fritsch who had accused him and Dr. Melchior of complicity with Mr. Felix M. Warburg and Mr. Paul M. Warburg who were acting as financial experts on the Allied side, and declared that during the war he had not seen his brothers in the United States. He had been called in, he said, as a financial expert to advise the German representatives at the Peace Conference and he had done his duty in that respect as a loyal German.

THE WEIZMANN BANQUET.

The J.T.A. regrets that by an oversight the names of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Sieff were omitted from the list of guests at the banquet given to Dr. Weizmann this week.

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