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51,300 JEWS IN JERUSALEM: 60,000 WITH ENVIRONS: INCREASE OF
 18,000 SINCE 1922 CENSUS.

Jerusalem, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

There are 51,300 Jews in Jerusalem, out of the total population of 80,526, and 19,850 Moslems and 19,000 Christians, according to reliable, though as yet unofficial figures obtained by the J.T.A. here to-day, on the basis of the recent Palestine census.

The Jewish population of the Holy City thus shows an increase of nearly 17,500 in the nine years since the previous census taken in 1922, when the Jewish population was 33,971, an increase almost equal to the entire Moslem or the entire Christian population, while the number of Moslems has increased by less than 6,500, and the Christian population by under 4,500.

The Christian population which came second in point of numbers in the 1922 census, with a total of 14,699, as compared with 13,413 Moslems is now third, the Moslems in addition to making good the previous difference of 1,286 having added a majority of 980 over the Christians.

The Jews of Jerusalem thus have a clear majority over both Moslems and Christians of 12,450. In 1922, too, they had a clear majority over both other sections, but only by 5,859.

The total Jewish figure does not include certain quarters of Jerusalem, which, if they were counted in, would give the Jews a total of 60,000.

Although the Jews are in a majority in Jerusalem, the Mayor, Ragheb Bey Nashashibi, is a Moslem, and there was a great deal of resentment among the Jews when after the Palestine massacres of 1929 he joined the Palestine Arab Delegation to London. Ragheb Bey's acceptance of a place in the Delegation, the Palestine Hebrew Labour daily "Davar" wrote at the time, teaches us an unforgettable lesson. He does not realise to what an extent he is degrading his title and good name in Jerusalem. Let him go to London, but he will not again occupy the Mayoral chair in Jerusalem. The Jews of Jerusalem generously refrained from using their numerical strength in the elections and did not elect a Jew as Mayor, although we are entitled to do so, and this is our reward.

There was much resentment also at the fact that when the Deputy Mayor had to be appointed to act during the Mayor's absence, the Jewish Vice-Mayor, Mr. Chaim Solomon, was passed over, and the Christian Vice-Mayor, Mr. Jacob Faradj, was appointed.

HITLERISTS WHO BEAT JEWS IN BERLIN ROSH HESHANAH EXCESSES
RELEASED BY REVISION COURT.

Berlin, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

All except two of the 41 Hitlerists who, under the leadership of Count Helldorf, the Commandant of the Young Hitlerist Storm Troops in Berlin, were found guilty of attacking Jews during the anti-Jewish excesses, which took place in Berlin last Rosh Fashanah, have been released to-day on the decision of the Revision Court before which the prisoners have been retried.

WE WERE GIVEN ORDERS THREE DAYS BEFORE TO BRING OUR MEN ARMED TO KURFUERSTENDAMM ON EVENING OF JEWISH NEW YEAR AND COUNT HELLDORF HIMSELF GAVE US DIRECTIONS TO ATTACK REIMANN CAFE: DENUNCIATORY LEAFLET PUBLISHED BY HITLERIST STORM TROOPERS: WE ACTED ACCORDING TO ORDERS AND ABANDONED TO OUR FATE.

Berlin, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Fritz Guenther, a former Hitlerist Storm Troop leader, and several Hitlerist Storm-troopers who have seceded from the Hitlerist Organisation, are circulating here a leaflet protesting against the way in which the Hitlerist leaders repudiated the men who took part in the excesses, and contended that the Hitlerist organisation knew nothing of the attack on the Jews, and disclaimed responsibility for them.

We refuse to follow any longer leaders like Coebbels or Helldorf, who have betrayed and sold us, the signatories say. We Storm-troop functionaries received orders three days before the Jewish New Year that we should bring our men, armed, to the Kurfuerstendamm on the evening of the Jewish New Year, and Count Helldorff in person directed us to attack the Reimann Cafe.

Comrades, the leaflet concludes, you know that we acted according to orders, and then we were repudiated and abandoned to our fate.

GERMAN PRIME MINISTER THANKS DR. CARL MELCHIOR JEWISH LEAD OF GERMAN DELEGATION TO BASLE REPARATIONS CONFERENCE: JEWS PROUD OF HIS ACHIEVEMENT.

Berlin, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Dr. Bruening, the German Federal Prime Minister, has addressed a letter of thanks to the German Delegation to the Basle Conference of Financial Experts who have just submitted their unanimous report that Germany is unable to continue to pay reparations and given first place to Dr. Melchior, the Jewish banker who was the head of the German Delegation, paying tribute to him for the clarity with which he presented Germany's case to the Conference.

The Jews in Germany are highly delighted with Dr. Melchior's achievement, and regard the Prime Minister's expression of gratitude as sufficient satisfaction compensating for the abuse to which he and the Jews through him were subjected in the antisemitic press when he was appointed.

The German Jews are proud of Dr. Melchior's success, and describe it as a snub to the Hitlerists.

"INTERNATIONAL JEWISH CAPITAL" CRY IN AUSTRIA: SOCIALIST AND DEMOCRATIC PRESS JOIN ANTISEMITIC IN ABUSING ROTHSCHILDS OVER CREDIT-ANSTALT ARRANGEMENTS CHRISTMAS DAY CHOSEN TO FASTEN SHACKLES OF SLAVERY TO JEWISH CAPITAL ON AUSTRIAN PEOPLE SAYS SOCIALIST ORGAN: GOVERNMENT PARTY NO LONGER "CHRISTIAN-SOCIALIST" BUT "ROTHSCHILD-SOCIALIST": PARLIAMENT SITTING HELD UP "FILE PREMIER TELEPHONED LONDON TO ROTHSCHILD TO ASK IF MEASURE MEETS WITH HIS APPROVAL.

Vienna, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Social Democratic papers and the papers of the Left Democratic Parties here have joined the antisemitic Hitlerist papers to-day in violent denunciations of "international Jewish finance" and the Rothschilds, over the Government bill carried in Parliament to-day for regulating the affairs of the Credit-Anstalt, of which Baron Louis de Rothschild is head.

The Vienna Rothschilds are nothing more than the resident representatives of international Jewish finance in the Austrian colony of Jewish world capital, the papers write, and the people of Austria are nothing more than the slaves of Jewish world capital.

Even the Austrian Parliament has surrendered its sovereignty to the Jewish capitalists, they say, because our Prime Minister actually held up the sitting of Parliament which was dealing with the Government bill while he telephoned to Mr. Lionel de Rothschild, in London, to ask him whether the Government measure meets with his approval.

The "Arbeiter Zeitung", the chief organ of the Austrian Socialist Party (which was founded and for many years edited by a Jew, the late Dr. Victor Adler, whose son, Dr. Friedrich Adler, is now the Secretary of the Second Socialist International) is beside itself at what it describes as "the adaptation of the affairs of the Austrian State to the wishes of the Rothschilds.

The Government Party is no longer a "Christian Socialist Party", but a "Rothschild Socialist Party", it declares, and the new laws regulating the Credit-Anstalt mean the enslavement of the Christian people of Austria on the very eve of Christmas to the international Jewish bankers and to Jewish world capital.

When the Austrian Credit-Anstalt fell into difficulties last May and the Government stepped in to help the Rothschild House to save the Bank, the general expression of opinion in the entire Austrian press, including the antisemitic papers, was that the Rothschilds had by their prompt action prevented a financial catastrophe, which would have overwhelmed half Europe.

The Prime Minister, Dr. Ender, and the Minister of Finance, Dr. Juch, made a declaration at a press reception that no blame whatever attached to the administration of the Credit-Anstalt, of which Baron Louis de Rothschild was President, everything being in proper order and the difficulty of the Bank being caused solely by the responsibilities which it had assumed in taking over the Boden Credit-Anstalt and the depreciation of securities caused by the economic depression. The intervention of the State, it was pointed out, was essential, since the Credit-Anstalt had assumed the liabilities of the Boden Credit-Anstalt on the urgent demand of the Government, which, together with the National Bank, had assured the Rothschild House that they would help to cover any losses which would result on the absorption.

Mr. Lionel de Rothschild of the London firm of Messrs. N. M. Rothschild and Sons, represents the large number of British shareholders in the Credit-Anstalt and the British capital involved in the affairs of the Bank.

ANTI-JEWISH BOYCOTT PROCLAMATIONS THROWN FROM AEROPLANES ON
PEASANTS RETURNING FROM CHUPCF IN POLISH TOWN.

Warsaw, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Last Sunday, when the peasants were going home from service in the church in the township of Biala-Podlaska, anti-Jewish boycott proclamations were thrown down on them from aeroplanes belonging to the local aeroplane factory, the "Volkscajtung", the organ of the Jewish Socialist Party Bund reports to-day.

THREE JEWS ACCUSED OF ATTACKING CHRISTIAN STUDENT DURING VILNA
EXCESSES ACQUITTED.

Warsaw, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Three young Jews named Dimenstein, Gutkowski and Banenwach, who were arrested during the anti-Jewish excesses which occurred in Vilna on November 10th. and were charged with attacking a Christian student named Kulakowski, were acquitted to-day by the court and released, after serving six weeks' imprisonment while awaiting trial.

ousting JEWS FROM PUBLIC OFFICES IN GERMANY: STATE SECRETARY
TO FINANCE MINISTRY RESIGNING BECAUSE TIRED OF CONSTANT
ANTISEMITIC ANNOYANCE: JEWS FEAR HOWEVER IF HE YIELDS
TO PRESSURE THERE WILL BE GENERAL ELIMINATION OF JEWISH
HIGH OFFICIALS.

Berlin, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

For a long time the German antisemites have been conducting an agitation and trying to exercise pressure on the Federal Government to induce it to dismiss Ministerial-Councillor Hans Schaeffer, the State Secretary to the Federal Ministry of Finance, because he is a Jew. Now the Berlin Hitlerist paper "Angriff", which is edited by Deputy Goebbels, the Hitlerist leader in Berlin, reports that Herr Schaeffer is resigning because he has been offered the position of Director-General of the big Ullstein publishing firm.

The J.T.A. on enquiry learns that the Government is very anxious to retain Herr Schaeffer's services, but Herr Schaeffer says he is tired of the attacks made on him in the antisemitic press and by the antisemitic Deputies and of the pressure which is being brought to bear on the Government to get him dismissed, so that when the offer was made to him by the Ullstein firm, he decided that it would be best to accept it.

In Jewish quarters, however, there is a desire that Herr Schaeffer should not yield to the antisemitic pressure, and leave his post, because if he does, it will create a precedent and will encourage the antisemites to intensify their agitation, so that before long all the Jews in high places in the German State would be squeezed out.

The German antisemites have for years been endeavouring to bring about the dismissal of various Jewish high officials, and Dr. Hermann Badt, the Permanent Chief of the Prussian Ministry of the Interior and the Prussian Representative in the German Federal Council (Reichsrat), which is composed of 66 members, representing the German States, has been a particular butt of theirs. Ever since his appointment to the position in October 1926, when he became the first Jew to hold so high a post in the Prussian Civil Service, he has been subjected to personal annoyance, and formal resolutions have been introduced year after year into the Prussian Parliament demanding his dismissal. A few months after his appointment, early in 1927, the then Federal Minister of the

Interior, Herr von Keudell, who belongs to the German National Party, attacked Dr. Badt, at a meeting of the Federal Council, accusing him of having broken the rule of secrecy binding members concerning the proceedings. Dr. Badt immediately replied, declaring that the accusation was entirely unjustified. The press described the attack as the beginning of a campaign to cast doubt on the trustworthiness of all Jewish officials. The Prussian Premier, Dr. Braun, made a point of attending the next meeting of the Federal Council, and stated there publicly that there was not the slightest justification for the accusation against Dr. Badt, and that the Prussian Government guaranteed absolutely his loyalty and good faith. The Reichsrat thereupon unanimously decided that the accusation was without foundation, and demanded that Herr von Keudell should make a personal apology to Dr. Badt.

APPOINTMENT OF BAPTISED JEW AS DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL DEPARTMENT
IN GERMAN LEGATION IN WASHINGTON ANNOYS HITLERISTS.

Berlin, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Hitlerist papers have started a campaign to-day against the appointment by the Prime Minister, Dr. Bruening, of Dr. Freudenthal as Director of the Cultural Department, in the Washington Embassy, demanding its annulment, because it is not right to have a Jew as the bearer of German culture in so important an Embassy as that of Washington.

The J.T.A. is informed that Dr. Freudenthal, though of Jewish birth, is a member of the Christian Church.

JEWISH SCHOOLS IN TURKEY MUST BE OPEN ON SATURDAYS: MINISTRY
OF EDUCATION CIRCULARISES MINORITY SCHOOLS THAT ONLY
FRIDAY CLOSING WILL BE ALLOWED: SUNDAY CLOSING IN CHRISTIAN
SCHOOLS ALSO PROHIBITED.

Constantinople, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Jewish schools in Turkey will have to keep open on Saturday under a new order issued by the Ministry of Education to all minority schools, notifying them that in future they will not be permitted to close two days in the week, as hitherto, on Friday, the Moslem day of rest, and on Saturday in the case of the Jewish schools, and Sunday in the case of the Christian schools. All schools will have to close henceforth only on Fridays, and will have to keep open all the other six days of the week.

At the same time the Government Party is conducting a campaign to make the Turkish language compulsory among the minorities. At present a large number of the Turkish Jews speak Spanish, the language of the Sephardim.

It was reported about a year ago, in December 1930, that the Turkish Government had prepared a bill which would have the effect of compelling all children of Turkish nationality in Turkey, Greek, Armenian, or Jewish, as well as those who are Turkish, to attend Turkish elementary schools between the ages of 7 and 12, prohibiting them from attending their own minority schools, or any foreign schools.

The non-Moslem minorities protested against the measure, on the ground of the rights guaranteed them under the Treaty of Lausanne in respect of language and education, and the foreign missions and other institutions engaged in educational work in Turkey also opposed the measure.

The movement to restrict non-Turkish schools in Turkey has been going on for several years. As far back as the early part of 1924, the Constantinople schools of the Alliance Israelite Universelle and the schools of other religious institutions in Turkey (Roman Catholic, etc.) were closed down. At that time the diplomatic representatives in Turkey of the Allied Governments submitted to the Turkish Government a Note pointing out the difficulties caused by the restrictions, and contending that restrictions affecting specially the schools supported by foreign organisations were not in accordance with the Lausanne Treaty guaranteeing the rights of the minorities and religious bodies. Several thousand Jewish children were affected by the closing of the schools at that time.

Two years later, in March, 1926, the Government in Angora sent instructions to the authorities in Constantinople, where most of the minorities of Turkey live, that elementary education should in future be given only in Turkish schools and in the Turkish language. The order carried a step further a decree which had been issued a month before by the Ministry of Education, providing for the gradual replacement of other languages of instruction by Turkish, beginning with the lower classes and working upward, so that within a period of a few years, Turkish would be the only language of instruction taught in the foreign and minority schools.

The Jewish Minority Rights.

The minority rights guaranteed under the Treaty of Lausanne were solemnly renounced by the Jews of Turkey at a meeting of the Jewish National Assembly held in Constantinople in August 1926, which declared them to be "redundant and unnecessary in a free Republic which accords equal treatment to all citizens". The late Louis Marshall attacked the Turkish Jews vehemently at the time for renouncing their minority rights, declaring that "the Peace Treaties conferred their rights of citizenship, which cannot be taken away by the Turkish Government, and other fundamental rights which cannot be abdicated by the Jewish notables of Turkey, without the consent of every individual Jew in Turkey, and not even then without the consent of the League of Nations, which is the custodian of those rights".

The Turkish Ministry of the Interior issued a statement last year to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency declaring that "all citizens within the Turkish Republic enjoy to an equal extent the full rights to which they are entitled by the present legislation of the country, and in the administration of these laws Jews do not receive treatment different from that accorded to other Turkish citizens".

Jews Are Permitted Complete Cultural Autonomy In Their Schools
Former Turkish Minister Of Finance Shukru Bey Tells J.T.A.
While Visiting United States: Only Secular Jewish Schools
Permitted: Teaching Of Religion Prohibited In All Schools
Jewish Or Non-Jewish.

The Jews are permitted complete cultural autonomy in their schools, Saradjagen Shukru Bey, former Turkish Minister of Finance, who is now on a mission in the United States for the purpose of promoting Turkish trade, declared in an interview with the J.T.A. representative in Washington a few days ago, with the exception, he added, that they are required to teach the Turkish language together with the other languages of instruction. "When this requirement was initiated three years ago, the Jewish community readily acceded, he said.

The only type of Jewish schools permitted to function are secular in character, Shukru Bey went on. The teaching of religion as such is prohibited in all schools, Jewish or non-Jewish. Jews are permitted to attend the free public schools without restriction or distinction. The Jewish secular schools are supported by the Jews themselves without State financial aid. Religious instruction, while barred from the Jewish secular schools, is permitted without restraint in the synagogues and within the family. Synagogue instruction is not considered "school instruction", Shukru Bey explained.

There were not many Jews in Turkey till recently who mastered the Turkish language, Shukru Bey pointed out, but, nevertheless, he said, a considerable number of Jewish intellectuals have been noted exponents of Turkish, particularly the late Grand Rabbi Bejanano, one of the greatest authorities on the Turkish language, who participated in the revolution of 1908 and who played a leading role in the Turkish Nationalist movement.

No antisemitism or oppression of the Jewish population exists or has existed in Turkey, Shukru Bey continued. The sentiment of friendship between the Jews and the Mohammedan Turks is an ancient tradition, he said, and antisemitism has never appeared in Turkey. In fact Jews who have not left Turkey to travel abroad, are totally ignorant of antisemitism. The Mohammedan Turks treat the Jews as our brethren. There is absolutely no distinction or discrimination of any kind.

The Jews have achieved great progress in Turkey since the overthrow of Sultan Abdul Hamid, he went on. Although there has never been any antisemitism, the social and general status of the Jewish community, owing to the backwardness of the country under the old regime, was very low twenty years ago. The present condition of the Jews represents an immense improvement economically, culturally and socially. They have in particular availed themselves of educational opportunities, and there are among the Jews many prominent university professors, lawyers, physicians and financiers. In the last two decades, he concluded, the Jews have surpassed all the non-Mohammedan elements of the population, including the Greeks and the Armenians.

MONTH OF JUNE TO BE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND MONTH IN CELEBRATION OF HIBATH ZION AND JEWISH NATIONAL FUND ANNIVERSARIES.

London, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The entire month of June is to be set aside for special National Fund celebration and activity, to commemorate the double anniversary which occurs this year, of 50 years of Hibath Zion and 30 years of the Jewish National Fund, it has been decided at a meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Jewish National Fund for Great Britain and Ireland. Numerous functions and meetings will be held in London and the provinces, it is stated, and in addition to Jewish National Fund Commissions all Zionist Societies will be asked to devote the month for Geulah Ha'aretz.

LORD AND LADY READING ARRIVE IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency.)

Lord and Lady Reading arrived to-day from Egypt at Kantara, where they were met by Mr. Rutenberg, of the Palestine Electric (Rutenberg) Corporation, of which Lord Reading is Chairman. They then proceeded to Haifa and the Jordan works of the Corporation. They will visit tomorrow Dagania, where Dr. Arlosoroff, of the Jewish Agency Executive, may join them.

THE LLOYD GEORGE COLONY IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The two groups of Hasharon and Sarona which are to combine and become Ramath David, in tribute to Mr. David Lloyd George, have been provided with a modern water installation by the Jewish National Fund. The neighbouring Kvuza of G'vath will also benefit from this supply.

The Ramath David water tower is described as architecturally the finest in the Valley of Jezreel. It can be seen at a great distance. At G'vath a surface cistern has been erected. The well dug in order to obtain the supply yields 13-15 cubic metres per hour according to the season. The well is fed from underground springs, now forming swamps to the South of Nahalal, the mal-effects of which will therefore be reduced. The tower has a capacity of 75 cubic metres and the cistern of 50 cubic metres. As it is reckoned that 1 cubic metre of water suffices for a family's needs, including the watering of garden and of livestock, the present supply is enough for 120 families, so that there is a reserve for the expansion of the settlement. Similar J.N.F. water supplies at Kfar Baruch and Sarid are nearing completion.

HAIFA BAY WORKERS' QUARTERS.

Jerusalem, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The construction of 180 workmen's houses on the Haifa Bay land of the Jewish National Fund is making rapid progress, and £35,000 has already been invested in the work. The buildings will accommodate mostly Jewish railway workers, and the neighbourhood is therefore being built in the vicinity of the Government Central Railway Workshops.

Climatically and hygienically the conditions are stated to be excellent. There is no danger of malaria, and the drinking water is excellent. The Palestine Electric Corporation has already installed wires for lighting the quarter. The railway line passes through the quarter.

Each householder receives one dunam of fenced land. Each house will contain 2 rooms, kitchen and terrace and conveniences. The planting of a garden is obligatory.

The partners in this enterprise are the Jewish National Fund, which provided the land, the Palestine Mortgage and Credit Bank, which advanced £20,000 in first building mortgages, the Palestine Emergency Fund which made a £7,500 loan, the house-owners themselves, who provided £7,200, the Mortgage Bank, which provided a loan of £1,000 for water supply.

The construction of the new quarter is one of the features of the present development activity in the neighbourhood of the new Haifa harbour.

MEDICAL DICTIONARY IN HEBREW: DR. TCHERNICHOVSKY CONTINUES DR.MAZIA'S WORK.

Jerusalem, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Dr. S. Tchernichovsky, the famous Hebrew poet and linguist, has taken over the work of completing the Hebrew Dictionary of Medicine and Natural Science which was being compiled by the late Dr. Mazia, and was interrupted by his death. Dr. Tchernichovsky, who came to Palestine several months ago and has been requested to edit the manuscript of the unfinished dictionary, explained that in Dr. Mazia's collection of 5,000 books there were volumes, mainly medical, in which he had marked the words which he intended should go into the dictionary. The words will be written in Latin and the explanation in Hebrew. It is anticipated that between forty and fifty thousand medical terms will be elucidated.

Dr. Mazia's family intend to establish a library in his memory and to republish the first Hebrew medical book by Dr. Assef, of which only three copies remain in the world, and are treasured in the museums of Mannheim, London and Paris.