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LORD READING ILL: ATTACK OF BRONCHITIS WHILE VISITING EGYPT; REASSURING MESSAGE RECEIVED BY LORD ERLEIGH: PULSE AND TEMPERATURE IMPROVED J.T.A. LEARNS.

London, Jan. 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Lord Reading's son, Viscount Erleigh, has received a cable message in London from Lady Reading that his father, the Marquess of Reading, who is visiting Egypt with Lady Reading after their recent stay in Palestine, is lying ill at Luxor.

A later message received by Lord Erleigh, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency is informed, states that Lord Reading has an attack of bronchial trouble, but his pulse and temperature have improved, and he is as well as can be expected.

Lady Erleigh, Lord Reading's daughter-in-law and a daughter of the late Lord Melchett, had arranged to go to Palestine next month, so she has cabled to Lady Reading asking whether she should put forward her journey, and leave immediately for Egypt.

Lord Reading, who is 71, was in Palestine in December, mainly in connection with the affairs of the Palestine (Rutenberg) Electric Corporation, of which he is Chairman of the Board of Directors. Lord and Lady Reading arrived at Haifa from Egypt on December 24th., travelling up in a special saloon with Mr. Rutenberg, the Managing Director of the Palestine Electric Corporation, who met them at Kantara. In Haifa they stayed at Mr. Rutenberg's house on Mount Carmel. Lord Reading visited the Haifa Power Station and the head offices of the Palestine Electric Corporation, and the Jordan Works of the Corporation, and he paid a high tribute afterwards to Mr. Rutenberg, declaring that he had never known anyone like him, and that what the Palestine Electric Corporation had done was due entirely to his genius and energy.

While in Palestine, Lord and Lady Reading met the representatives of the Jewish institutions in Palestine, including the Jewish Agency, the Jewish National Fund, the Vaad Leumi, and the Agudath Israel. They visited the Jewish labour settlement of Daganah and the Jewish City of Tel Aviv, where Lord Reading was made a freeman of the city. Lord Reading's name was also entered in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund, under his Hebrew name, Daniel ben Joseph. Lord and Lady Reading planted trees in the Balfour Forest, which had been inaugurated by the late Lord Melchett, and Lord Reading delivered the memorial address at the traditional Jewish memorial service held in the Imperial Chemical Company's building on the first anniversary of the death of Lord Melchett. Before leaving Palestine, Lord and Lady Reading spent some time at the Melchett estate at Migdal, on Lake Tiberias, which the late Lord Melchett left to Lady Erleigh.

"could Never Have Believed Himself At His Age Capable Of Such Enthusiasm As In Palestine."

At his age, Lord Reading said when he received the freedom of Tel Aviv, he would never have believed himself capable of such enthusiasm as he had experienced that day. He had been impressed with the Jews' love of independence of thought and self-respect. He and Lady Reading had been struck by the younger generation and the kind of education that the children were receiving. They were not being taught only reading and writing but love of liberty, pride in their own people and country, and like their elders, they were cultivating an independence of thought and self-respect. In having these qualities instilled the children were also being taught to respect the liberties and the thoughts of others.

He had become convinced, he further said, that there was no intention on the part of any Jew in Palestine to oust any Arab or to infringe upon the rights of other people. But although he avoided political subjects, it did not mean, he said, that he had no eyes to see or ears to hear. He had been impressed with the Jews' determination to secure their rights under the Balfour Declaration. It was a British promise to which England wished to stick and must stick. Though the arm of Britain extended far, this undertaking was not insignificant. The Jews were entitled above all, he declared, to an absolute guarantee of safety for their lives and property. On his part, he would do everything in his power to help in that direction.

At the memorial service to Lord Melchett Lord Reading recalled that Lord Melchett's faith in a Jewish Palestine had been unbounded, and he (Lord Reading) would not have done one-tenth of what he had done for Palestine, but for Lord Melchett's inspiration.

DR. WEIZMANN LEAVES FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO HEAD PALESTINE FUND CAMPAIGN.

London, Jan. 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Dr. Ch. Weizmann, the President of the English Zionist Federation and former President of the Zionist World Organisation and the Jewish Agency, left London to-day with Mrs. Weizmann, for South Africa, to head the South African campaign for the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), which is to be inaugurated on February 8th.

There was a large gathering of friends and admirers of Dr. Weizmann at the station to bid him farewell, among them, Mr. Berl Locker, member of the Zionist Executive, Colonel Kisch, former head of the Palestine Zionist Executive, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Marks, Mr. Barnett Janner, M.P., and members of the staff of the English Zionist Federation and of the Zionist Organisation.

JEVISH SCHOOLS IN PALESTINE EXPECTED TO REOPEN: END OF DEADLOCK IN SIGHT.

Jerusalem, Jan. 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The end of the deadlock in the schools of the Jewish Agency in Palestine is expected to-day, following a decision adopted by the Executive of the Hebrew Teachers' Organisation to meet in Jerusalem to-day to consider the conclusions arrived at by the Joint Conference of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, the Vaad Leumi and the Tel Aviv Municipality, to the effect that the Jewish Agency should be responsible jointly with Palestine Jewry for the educational budget for the current year, but that the debts of the educational system for previous years concern the Jewish Agency exclusively.

There is growing resentment among the Jewish population of Palestine because of the suspension of teaching in the schools, and meetings of parents are held daily at which demands are made that the schools should be reopened.

SOROCA AGAIN: HEBREW TARBUTH SCHOOL CLOSED BY GOVERNMENT ON
CHARGE OF COMMUNISM: PROTEST LODGED BY ROUMANIAN ZIONISTS.

Bucharest, Jan. 21st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Minister of War, and the Acting Minister of the Interior have ordered the Tarbuth Hebrew school at Sorooca, where the shooting outrage occurred recently, one of the victims, Zelda Pferdmann, being a graduate and a former teacher of the school, to be closed down on the charge that Communist propaganda is being conducted there.

The Zionist Executive in Roumania is making urgent representations against the action, pointing out that Hebraism is part of the Jewish national revival, which the Communist regime opposes, and that Hebrew is prohibited in the Soviet countries and Hebraists persecuted and exiled.

As recalled in the J.T.A. Bulletin of the 21st. inst., in connection with the Sorooca shooting affair, the Tarbuth School in Sorooca was closed down by the Minister of Education in February 1931 on the charge that a Communist cell had been discovered among the students. The Jewish Deputies protested against the closing of the school, and the matter was raised several times in Parliament, until finally a new investigation was ordered, and the school was reopened.

ANTI-JEWISH DISTURBANCES IN BERLIN UNIVERSITY GROW MORE SEVERE:
JEWISH STUDENTS REMOVED TO HOSPITAL: POLICE USE RUBBER
CUDGELS ON RIOTERS.

Berlin, Jan. 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The anti-Jewish disturbances started by the Hitlerist students at Berlin University yesterday became more intense today. Nazi students, shouting "Perish Judea!" beat students who seemed to them of Jewish appearance, and several Jews were seriously injured and had to be removed to hospital. Some of the windows in the University building were smashed. Police used rubber cudgels on the Nazi students, six of whom were arrested.

BERLIN UNIVERSITY CLOSED BECAUSE OF DISTURBANCES.

Jan. 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Berlin University has been closed down by the authorities until Monday, because of the antisemitic excesses which developed this afternoon on extremely serious lines.

The authorities have satisfied themselves that an attack made by Nazi students on the Jewish Students' Corporation "Sprevia" was carefully organised. The members of the "Sprevia" were set upon and knocked down and their student caps were pulled off. The "Sprevia" defended themselves vigorously, so that there was some very severe fighting in which the outnumbered Jews were badly mauled. As the Jewish students retreated the Nazi students started the Hitlerist battle-song - "When Jewish blood drips from the knife, we Germans feel that is the life".

AUSTRIAN JEWS DISAGREE ON GOVERNMENT BILL CREATING STUDENT "NATIONS" AT UNIVERSITIES; JEWISH COMMUNITY AND UNION OF AUSTRIAN JEWS PROTEST AGAINST DIVIDING CITIZENS INTO CATEGORIES WHILE ZIONISTS WELCOME STEP AND PROCEED TO ORGANISATION OF JEWISH STUDENT NATION; KAISER AND PEOPLE'S PARTY ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF MIXED STUDENT NATION WHICH WILL ADMIT ALL STUDENTS OF AUSTRIAN CITIZENSHIP IRRESPECTIVE OF RACE OR CREED.

Vienna, Nov. 21st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Vienna Jewish Community and the Union of Austrian Jews have lodged protests with the Government against the student rights bill introduced into Parliament, complaining that it is contrary to the spirit of the Austrian Constitution to divide up citizens according to their religion or racial affiliation, and to introduce distinctions between various categories of citizens.

The Corporation of Zionist Graduates, on the other hand, welcomes the provision in the Bill to establish a Jewish student "nation", enjoying equal rights with the other student "nations", and has asked the Zionist students to proceed with the formation of the Jewish student "nation".

The "Kaiser and People's Party" has announced that it is forming a mixed student "nation" of Austrian citizens which will admit all students who are Austrian citizens without any distinction of race or creed.

POLISH STUDENTS DISPERSED BY POLICE IN TRYING TO BREAK UP KEREN HAYESOD MEETING IN CRACOW: AEROPLANE FLYING OVER CRACOW AT NIGHT DROPS ANTI-JEWISH BOYCOTT PROCLAMATIONS.

Warsaw, Jan. 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

National Democratic students tried to-day to break into a meeting of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), which was being addressed by Mr. Leibe Jaffe, Managing Director of the Keren Hayesod, who is now in Poland.

The police intervened with great energy, however, and drove off the students, who had gathered in force at the entrances to the theatre while the meeting was being held, and were raising anti-Jewish cries, and molesting Jews.

The students returned several times and were repeatedly dispersed by the police.

In the evening an aeroplane which has not been identified flew over Cracow and dropped anti-Jewish boycott proclamations issued by the Green Ribbon League, which is conducting the anti-Jewish boycott agitation.

POINCARÉ INTERVENED IN 1923 WITH RESULT THAT POLISH NUMERUS CLAUSUS BILL AGAINST JEWISH STUDENTS WAS ABANDONED ON EVE OF THIRD READING: DISCLOSURE BY JEWISH DEPUTY SOMMERSTEIN IN POLISH PARLIAMENT IN DISCUSSION ON EDUCATION MINISTRY'S BUDGET: EXPRESSES SATISFACTION WITH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT THAT NO REPETITION OF NOVEMBER OUTBREAKS WILL BE PERMITTED.

Warsaw, Jan. 21st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

In 1923 the Government of the day was on the verge of enacting a numerus clausus law against Jewish students, and it was only on the intervention of M. Poincaré, then French Prime Minister, that the bill was rejected on the third reading, Deputy Sommerstein, the spokesman of the Club of Jewish Deputies, reminded the Parliamentary Education Commission when it discussed the Education Ministry's Budget to-day, raising the question in connection with the numerus clausus resolution now before the House, introduced by the National Democratic Party.

Deputy Sommerstein urged that the State should recognise the matriculation certificates of the Hebrew High Schools in Poland, because otherwise, he said, the very existence of the schools is imperilled, since their students, no matter how well qualified, will be unable to derive any advantage from their diplomas.

Deputy Sommerstein expressed the satisfaction of the Club of Jewish Deputies with the statement of the Government that it will not permit any repetition of the anti-Jewish outbreaks of last November.

Zionist And Agudist Deputies In Controversy Over Government's Attitude To Jews: Deputy Minzberg Leading Agudist Repudiates Deputy Rosmarin's Attack On Government For Enacting Jewish Communities Law: Expresses Praise For Government's Attitude Towards Jewish Communities And Says Agudah Proud Of Being First Jewish Party To Collaborate With Marshal Pilsudski's Stabilisation Regime.

Deputy Sommerstein proceeded at this point to attack Deputy Minzberg, one of the leaders of the Agudath Israel, who is President of the Lodz Jewish Community, and who sits in Parliament as a member of the Government Party, for arguing that the Jewish Communities are only religious organisations. He claimed that the Jewish Communities are not only religious bodies, but are the organs of Jewish cultural autonomy.

Deputy Minzberg had made his statement in repudiating the attack on the Government in Deputy Dr. Rosmarin's speech on behalf of the Club of Jewish Deputies (given in yesterday's J.T.A. Bulletin) for having enacted the new Jewish Communities Law, which, he said, made it possible to deprive Jews of their vote to the Jewish Communities, if they are not religious. Dr. Rosmarin had complained that the Government in Jewish affairs leaned too much on the dark elements of the Agudah, instead of on the secular Jewish representatives.

Deputy Minzberg said, on the contrary, that he had nothing but praise for the attitude of the Government towards the Jewish Communities, and he was proud that the Agudah was the first Jewish Party to collaborate with Marshal Pilsudski's stabilisation regime.

NEW BIG ANTI-SHECHITA CAMPAIGN STARTED IN AUSTRIA BY SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS: MASS MEETINGS HELD AND RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENTARY PARTIES DEMANDING ENACTMENT OF LAW PROHIBITING SLAUGHTERING OF ANIMALS WITHOUT PREVIOUS STUNNING.

Vienna, Jan. 21st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A new big offensive has been started against the Jewish practice of slaughtering by the Austrian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. A number of mass meetings have been held, and others are being arranged, and resolutions are being presented to the Government and to the Parliamentary Parties demanding the immediate enactment of a law prohibiting the slaughtering of animals in Austria without previous stunning.

The resolutions also demand that until this is done Christian butcher shops which sell any parts of animals slaughtered in Jewish fashion should have to display a sign to this effect, so that they can be boycotted.

The Big Anti-Shechita Move At The Vienna International Congress
Of Societies For Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals.

A big campaign against Shechita was launched in Vienna in May 1929 when the International Congress of Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was being held there. Before the Congress met, it was known that some of the delegates intended to force through a resolution against Shechita, and the Shechita Committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews stated in its report to the Board a month previously that it had received information that "antisemitic agitators were seeking to make use of the opportunity provided by the Congress to stir up anti-Jewish prejudice against Shechita on the ground of its alleged cruelty to animals". It was understood, it added, "that a faked film of Shechita made in 1913 would be exhibited."

The Vienna Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held a big anti-Shechita mass demonstration outside the meeting-place of the International Congress, and boards were carried bearing inscriptions demanding the prohibition of Shechita, by making it compulsory to stun all animals before slaughtering.

The faked film of Shechita made in 1913 was shown to the delegates at the Congress, and Dr. Klein, a Westphalian veterinary surgeon, and Professor Mueller, of Munich University, explained the film, dwelling on the alleged barbarism of Shechita. The Jews must choose between war and peace, Professor Klein said. They must change their present method of slaughtering, and stop leaving over for the Christians the treifa parts of the animal, which they reject as not being good enough for the Jewish palate.

Several Jewish participants protested against the false light in which Shechita was presented in the film. No shochet, they said, ever slaughtered an animal in the way in which the film depicted. Dr. Basel and Dr. Blaschek, two German experts, who attempted to speak in defence of Shechita, were shouted down.

Rabbi Dr. Feuchtwang, the Acting Chief Rabbi of Vienna, however, was allowed to deliver an address, in which he emphasised the humane principles of the Jewish faith, showing how it is enjoined on Jews not to do wanton injury to any living creature, and urged that if stunning was made compulsory by law without taking regard of Jewish religious susceptibilities, it would constitute religious persecution.

Miss Lind-a-f-Hageby and the Duchess of Hamilton, of the British Animal Defence Society also spoke vigorously against shechita, and the Congress adopted a resolution condemning all slaughtering of animals without previous stunning, and calling on the Parliaments of all countries to enact legislation to make it illegal to slaughter animals without previous stunning. A more moderate resolution by a French delegate, M. Lespine, urging that slaughtering methods should be the most humane possible, was defeated.

DEATH OF OSWALD JOHN SIMON. London, Jan. 22nd. (J.T.A.).

The death has taken place at the age of 77, the "Jewish Chronicle" reports, of Mr. Oswald John Simon, son of Sir John Simon, K.C., the first Jew to practise at the bar in England and the first Jew to perform the function of a judge in England. Sir John Simon, who was for many years a member of Parliament, was one of the leaders of the battle for Jewish emancipation in England in the days before Jews could sit in Parliament.

Mr. Oswald John Simon, who was a life-long friend of Dr. Claude G. Montefiore, was associated with his father in all his Jewish and other activities and was an active worker in the Anglo-Jewish Association, the Joint Foreign Committee, the West London Synagogue, the Jewish Religious Union and other Jewish bodies.

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