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BIG FIGHT COMING IN AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT AGAINST STUDENT  
"NATIONS" BILL: SOCIALISTS ORGANISING DETERMINED RESIST-  
ANCE AT FIRST READING ON FRIDAY: VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY  
DISCUSSES BILL: SPEAKERS FEAR PRINCIPLE MAY BE EXTENDED  
TO JEWISH APPLICANTS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE: JEWISH  
STUDENTS' CORPORATION AT ANNUAL MEETING HOWEVER ACCEPTS  
"NATIONS" PRINCIPLE BUT REJECTS HITLERIST RACE-CONCEPTION.

Vienna, Feb. 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Socialist Deputies are preparing to put up a big fight in Parliament against the Government's student rights bill, which would restore the medieval division of the University students into student "nations", one of them being a Jewish "nation", which Parliament decided to-day, to take up on Friday, for the first reading.

The bill was the subject of a long debate to-day at the plenary meeting of the Board of the Vienna Jewish Community, during which the speakers belonging to the Union of Austrian Jews, which is afraid that the bill may endanger Jewish emancipation, declared that they would fight strenuously against the bill, because if it was carried into law, the principle of dividing citizens into various "nations" might be extended to apply also against Jewish candidates to positions in the State service and in other directions.

The Jewish Students' Corporation, on the other hand, has at its annual meeting, adopted a resolution by a majority of votes, accepting the principle of student "nations", including a Jewish "nation", on condition, however, that they shall all be of equal status, and repudiating entirely the Hitlerist race theory.

CUZISTS BUSY AGAIN IN JASSY DISTRICT: JEWISH SHOPS ATTACKED AND  
JEWS INJURED.

Bucharest, Feb. 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Windows in Jewish shops have been smashed and Jewish shopkeepers attacked and injured during Cuzist demonstrations in the township of Podul-Iloaei, in Moldavia, near Jassy and very close to Targu-Frumos, where the antisemitic outbreak occurred in the summer of 1930 after Professor Cuza's election in the near-by town of Roman. Three Jews, Asher Weiser, Shapse Nachmann, and Nachmann's 75 year old father are in a very serious condition.

UNITED JORGA-CUZA PARTY FOR NEXT ELECTIONS?: CUZA'S BOAST TO DEPUTIES IN JORGA'S PRESENCE: JORGA ONLY SMILED AND SAID NOTHING "LUPTA" STATES.

Bucharest, Feb. 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The possibility of the Government dissolving Parliament and ordering fresh elections is being widely discussed now in political circles, and stress is laid in this connection on the fact that at the last sitting of the Chamber the Prime Minister, Professor Jorga, threatened no less than three times that he would resign, and for a whole hour he actually left Parliament under the impression that he had resigned.

If there is a new election, the Jews of Roumania expect to find the Government Party in open alliance with the Cuzists in a reunited Jorga-Cuza antisemitic Party.

The daily "Lupta" here reports that Professor Cuza, the antisemitic leader, has had conversations with Deputies belonging to various parties, in which he said: "We two, I and my friends, and Jorga and his friends, will come out together against you (the other Parties) and we shall show you what we can do."

Have we really come to a political understanding between Cuza and Jorga? the "Lupta" asks. Will the Prime Minister and Cuza stand together on the same election platform? Jorga was present at the conversations which Cuza had with the Deputies, it says, and Cuza's assertion sounds very plausible, when we think that Jorga only smiled when he was asked whether it was true.

MORE ANTISEMITIC TROUBLE AT VILNA UNIVERSITY.

Varsaw, Feb. 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Fresh attacks on Jewish students have been made at Vilna University, during the examinations there. The trouble started in the Faculty of Law, National Democratic students telling the Jewish students that they must not sit on the right side of the hall. The Jewish students refused to leave their places, so the National Democrats tried to remove them by force. The Jews resisted with the result that there was some fighting, and a Jewish student named Koshelski was badly bruised in the head. The appearance of the Rector and the Deans of the Faculties had the effect of putting a stop to the disorder.

ARAB-JEWISH ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE PROPOSALS A CONCOCTION SAYS DR. ARLOSSOROFF: NEITHER BRITISH GOVERNMENT PALESTINE GOVERNMENT OF ARABS TO BEST OF MY BELIEF KNOW ANYTHING OF PROPOSALS: PALESTINE ARAB EXECUTIVE STATEMENT ALSO DISCLAIMS ALL KNOWLEDGE OF PROPOSALS.

Jerusalem, Feb. 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

To the best of my knowledge and belief neither the British Government, the Palestine Government, nor the Arab leaders know anything about the Round-Table proposals, Dr. Arlossoroff, the head of the Palestine Jewish Agency Executive, declared at a press conference held here this afternoon, opening his statement by declaring that the scheme was undoubtedly a concoction.

A meeting of the Palestine Arab Executive was held today at which a statement was made disclaiming all knowledge of the proposals:

THE LAND SITUATION IN PALESTINE: VADI HAVARITH LEASING OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND LAND TO ARABS SEEN BY REVISIONISTS AS DELIBERATE MOVE BY GOVERNMENT TO CREATE PRECEDENT: IF JEWS SEE THEMSELVES FACED WITH POSSIBILITY OF BEING DEPRIVED OF LAND ALREADY IN THEIR POSSESSION THEY WILL NOT DEMAND FURTHER LANDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANDATE.

London, Feb. 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

From the commencement, the Palestine Government declined to give the Jewish representatives an opportunity of checking the evidence and the figures presented to Mr. Lewis French, the Director of Palestine Development, the Executive Committee of the Revisionist World Union says in a statement which it has issued here. Mr. French's enquiry, it proceeds, was primarily concerned with establishing the exact number of Arabs alleged to have been displaced as a result of Jewish settlement. It was only after the enquiry had been in full swing and when it became evident that no reasonable body of men would in such circumstances accept its findings, that the Government appointed an additional authority empowered to scrutinise all the relevant data, but he was also an official of the Palestine Government.

Mr. French, the statement asserts, has now completed a report alleging 2,400 to 2,500 Arabs families as displaced in consequence of Jewish development. These figures are used in his report as a basis for recommendations calculated to arrest permanently Jewish immigration and land settlement. He foreshadows a scheme of development that takes no account whatever of Jewish needs, falling back on Sir John Hope Simpson's argument that there are sufficient Jewish land reserves for the Jewish National Home. He even suggests that arrangements might be made for leasing land belonging to Jewish public bodies to Arabs pending the preparation of other land for Arabs under the Development Scheme. In this connection there is reason to believe that the Palestine Government's proposal that the Jewish National Fund land at Havarith should be leased to Arabs is an attempt to create a precedent of placing at Arab disposal Jewish lands not at present cultivated. It is desired thus to create a situation in which Jews faced with the possibility of being deprived of land already in their possession will have no heart to demand that further land should be placed at their disposal in accordance with the terms of the mandate.

PRO-PALESTINE LEAGUE TO BE FORMED IN SOUTH AFRICA AS RESULT OF DR. WEIZMANN'S VISIT: ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. JAN HOFMEYR CHAIRMAN AT RECEPTION GIVEN DR. WEIZMANN IN CAPE TOWN: GENERAL SMUTS ALONG PROMINENT POLITICIANS AND OTHERS PRESENT.

Cape Town, Feb. 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

An announcement that a Pro-Palestine League will be formed in South Africa was made to-day by Mr. Jan Hofmeyr, M.P., one of the leaders of the South African Party, who was formerly Administrator of the Transvaal, when he took the chair at a reception given here to Dr. Weizmann, attended by General Smuts, the leader of the South African Party and former Prime Minister, and many prominent non-Jewish personages in political, civil and professional life.

A movement to form a Pro-Palestine Committee in South Africa was started in October 1928, when General Smuts, Mr. Tielman Roos, the Minister of Justice, Colonel Cresswell, the Minister of Defence, leaders of all the political parties in the country, the Administrators of the four provinces, the Vice-Chancellors of the four Universities and the leading dignitaries of the three great Christian Churches, signed a lengthy and enthusiastic declaration of sympathy with the Jews and with Zionism, signifying their readiness to serve as members of a Pro-Palestine Committee.

The Manifesto, which was issued in connection with Colonel Kisch's visit to South Africa, was drawn up by Mr. Hofmeyr, and read in part:

"Palestine, as the national home of the Jewish people, seems destined to play a great part in the world's affairs. Its position relative to other Eastern lands is such that one may expect it to become increasingly important on the material and temporal side. But its spiritual greatness should be of even larger significance. Nurtured and rejuvenated by contact with its national soil, Israel cannot but initiate a new chapter in the annals of the human spirit. It is for that reason that we see in the re-establishment of the Jewish people in Palestine an event fraught with consequences of great significance and value to the world, and we therefore desire hereby to signify our readiness, when the occasion may arise, to render such assistance as we are able to promote the realisation of the ideal of the Jewish National Home".

Mr. Hofmeyr was in Palestine in March 1929, and said there that he was greatly impressed by the rapid Jewish development he had seen in the country. The following month, he was in London, when he was given a reception by the Zionist Executive. He had visited the Jewish colonies both in the south and in the north, he said in his address, and was particularly impressed by the remarkable development of the Valley of Esdraelon. The rapid growth of Tel Aviv could be compared with that of Johannesburg, but happily there were no tin shanties in Tel Aviv. He fully appreciated the difficulties, both political and economic, which the Zionists had to overcome, he said, but he was confident of their ultimate success. He assured the Executive of the warm sympathy for the Zionist cause that was entertained not only by the Jews but also by most of the non-Jews in South Africa.

Professor Brodetsky, in welcoming Mr. Hofmeyr, conveyed to him the thanks of the Executive for the initiative he took in drawing up the Pro-Zionist Manifesto signed by the leading personalities in the public life of South Africa, which was issued last November.

Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau, of Johannesburg, who was then in London, also paid a tribute to the valuable services that Mr. Hofmeyr had rendered to the Zionist movement in South Africa.

#### DEATH OF JEWISH MEMBER OF TURKISH SUPREME COURT.

Constantinople, Feb. 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Nissim Effendi Barishak, a member of the High Court of Appeals, who was also the Chairman of the Independent Order Sinai B'nai B'rith in Turkey, has died at Adrianople, at the age of 70. Nissim Effendi was an active Jewish communal worker, and was closely associated with the reconstruction work conducted in Turkey by the Joint Distribution Committee of America.

The entire Jewish population of Adrianople followed in the funeral, and all Jewish shops in the city were closed as a sign of mourning.

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