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SPECIAL CLAUSE IN NEW GERMAN PENAL CODE TO DEAL WITH CEMETERY
DESECRATIONS? GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE ON COMMISSION
DEALING WITH QUESTION SAYS GOVERNMENT IS IN FAVOUR OF
SUCH A CLAUSE PROPOSED BY JEWISH DEPUTY: REVEALS 45 OUT
OF 83 DESECRATORS OF JEWISH CEMETERIES CAUGHT WERE NAZI
"WOMEN AND GIRLS."

Berlin, Feb. 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The insertion of a paragraph in the new German penal code now under discussion by the Reichstag Commission, to deal with the desecrators of cemeteries, was demanded by Deputy Moses, one of the Jewish members of the Social Democratic Party, at to-day's meeting of the Commission.

During the last few years there have been 117 Jewish cemeteries desecrated in Germany, Deputy Moses said, and it has been established that the vandals are for the most part young people who have been influenced by the wild anti-Jewish agitation conducted by the Nazis.

The Government representative on the Commission spoke in support of Deputy Moses' motion, declaring that the Government is in favour of such a paragraph. Of 83 desecrators of Jewish cemeteries who had been traced and punished, he said, 45 were women and girls belonging to the Nazi movement.

A bill directed against the desecration of synagogues and Jewish cemeteries in Germany came up before the Law Commission of the Reichstag, two years ago, in February 1929. The bill was designed also to punish persons disturbing Jewish funerals, since there had been many cases at the time of stones thrown after Jewish funerals and insulting remarks made while they were passing. The Rapporteur on the bill, in introducing it, said that though the German State was not identified with any Church, there being no established Church in the German Republic, the German State, nevertheless, regarded it as its duty to give equal protection to every religious community in the country and to protect their sacred places from desecration.

As far back as October 1927, the Prussian Minister of the Interior issued instructions to all police authorities in the country, to spare no effort to track down the desecrators of Jewish cemeteries and to punish them by the most severe penalties provided under the law. He also instructed the police to offer rewards for the detection of the vandals. At the end of 1928 the Prussian Minister of Justice issued similar instructions to all judicial authorities, recalling the police instructions that had been issued by the Minister of the Interior, and telling them to give special attention to the increasing number of desecrations of Jewish cemeteries. In view of the ghastly character of these outrages, these instructions said, all persons arrested on this charge should be punished in a way that will act as a deterrent to others.

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About the same time, the Federal Minister of Justice, Dr. Koch, the leader of the German Democratic Party, and a number of other statesmen, politicians and police chiefs were present at a big mass meeting held in Berlin under the auspices of the Central Union of German Citizens of Jewish Faith to protest against the repeated desecrations of Jewish cemeteries and synagogues in Germany. The Federal Government, in whose name I speak, joins with you in your indignation and grief that it has been possible for Germans to do such things, Dr. Koch said in his speech. We are at one with you in condemning outrages committed by German citizens against German citizens in their places of worship. But when enmity is carried against the dead, that exceeds the bounds even of antisemitism. Then it is no longer a conflict between Germans of the Jewish faith and antisemites, but between human beings and beasts. You may be convinced that the Federal Government as the custodian of public order and peace and in the interests of Germany's good name abroad, will do its duty in regard to such outrages, for it is most deeply hurt and humiliated by these vandalistic offences against right and decency. The Government of Germany is with you in every way in your protest.

In the summer of 1930 the German Government, through the German Ambassador in the United States, Baron von Prittwitz, wrote to Mr. Jacob Landau, the Managing Director of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, with regard to the frequent desecrations of Jewish cemeteries in Germany: "Please be convinced that the Government of the Reich knows its duty as against such outrages and that it will act according to this duty as the preserver of order and peace and also in the interest of Germany's reputation abroad, the Government feeling itself deeply offended by such outrages. I am sure you have done the right thing in sending out this protest to the world, a protest which the Government of the Reich endorses without reservation".

HUNGARIAN BISHOP PROTESTS AGAINST CONVERSIONIST WORK AMONG JEWS:
CONVERSIONIST WORK SHOULD BE CARRIED ON ONLY AMONG PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT YET ATTAINED TO HIGH SPIRITUAL CONCEPTION OF GOD: JUDAISM HAS GIVEN "WORLD NOBLEST IDEA OF GOD AND HIGHEST ETHICAL IDEALS: NO MAN SHOULD BE ROBBED OF CONSOLATION OF RELIGION IN WHICH HE FINDS HAPPINESS AND OF HIS RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS: CONVERSIONIST WORK ONLY CREATES RESENTMENT AND ESTRANGEMENT."

Budapest, Feb. 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Bishop Dr. Desider Balthazar, the head of the Calvinist Church in Hungary, has published a protest against the conversionist work among the Jews which is being carried on in Hungary by the Budapest Mission of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

Organised conversionist activity ought to be carried on only among those peoples who have not yet attained to a high moral and spiritual conception of God, the Bishop says. No one can say that this is true of the Jews. When Judaism, therefore, points out, as it has every right to do, that it has given the world its noblest idea of God and its highest ethical ideals, that its holy scriptures are also the holy scriptures of Christianity, that there is no other religious community in the world which, in spite of being a small minority among the peoples, has given the world such an immense number of great men in science, art, economic life, and in every other field of activity, that the Dispersion and persecution and suffering have not destroyed its faith, then every thinking man must come

to the conclusion that the Jewish religion has the power to make men noble and happy. I have learnt from my Christian faith that no man should be robbed of the consolation of the religion in which he finds happiness, and that no man should be robbed of his religious tradition and his sense of the value of his religious faith. The great services which Judaism has rendered to the whole world go to teach us Hungarian Christians that we must have nothing to do with conversionist work among the Jews, which can only bring a feeling of resentment and estrangement.

Bishop Balthazar, who is the Primate of the Church to which Admiral Horthy, the Regent of Hungary, belongs, played a heroic part in saving many Jews from the pogromists during the "White Terror" in Hungary. He used to go about the streets of Debreszin with a big crucifix, which, at the risk of his own life, he would hold up over any Jew who was being attacked and under its protection he would lead him to safety.

The Bishop is one of the leaders of the Liberal Democratic movement in Hungary and a strenuous opponent of antisemitism and of the numerous clauses. When antisemitic disturbances occurred in 1928 at the Debreszin University, of which he is Chancellor, he issued a statement to the press of the world dissociating himself and the authorities of the University from the antisemitic activities; I am anxious to explain to the press of the world, he wrote, that the authorities of Debreszin University were in no way involved in the deplorable incidents which have taken place here. I regard it as my duty, for it was from me during my American visit, that the civilised world learned of the spirit of Debreszin University, to inform those who have assisted us, that the University authorities have nothing whatever in common with the reactionary student movement, and that they do not approve of these demonstrations, or of the hate-engendered Numerus Clausus.

I THINK ATTEMPT WILL NOT BE MADE TO SET UP CALIPHATE-PROFESSOR ARNOLD TOYNBEE SAYS: BUT IDEA OF ISLAM CONSOLIDATION HAS NOT BROKEN DOWN: CALIPHATE IDEA IS EXPRESSION OF FEELING OF BEING UNDER-DOG: IN PALESTINE ARABS FEEL THEMSELVES DOUBLY WEAK AND THEREFORE NOT SURPRISING ISLAM CONGRESS WAS HELD IN PALESTINE: YOU MAY NOT THINK IT WAS REPRESENTATIVE BUT IN MY VIEW CONGRESS DID LARGELY REPRESENT FEELING OF ISLAM WORLD.

London, Feb. 19th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

I think that an attempt will not be made to set up a Caliphate, Professor Arnold Toynbee, Director of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, said when he lectured last night to the Anglo-Palestine Club on Palestine and the Caliphate.

This idea has definitely been given up, he declared, but I do believe that there will be an attempt towards co-operation by Moslems in the way that Jews and Christians achieve co-operation, that is by way of congresses and meetings. While the Caliphate idea has broken down it must not be inferred that the idea of consolidation of Islam has broken down too. It will not break down, so long as Moslems consider themselves the under-dog.

The Caliphate idea is the expression of this feeling of being the under-dog. It is an idea which in its intention is to transcend race and nationality. The nationality idea is

inimical to it, as it undercuts unity. The Turks have gone in head over heels for Western nationality, which is inimical, as I say, to the Caliphate idea, and the question is whether this example is going to be followed by other nations of the Islam world.

In Palestine the Arabs feel themselves doubly weak because they have not only Christians to deal with, but also the new Jewish situation. It is therefore not surprising that the last Islam Congress was held in Palestine, because if people think that in solidarity there is strength they mobilise their forces in support of this idea where their security is felt to be much threatened.

If you look at the composition of the last Congress, Professor Toynbee said, you may not think it was very representative or that the delegates had credentials. But in my view the Congress did largely represent the feeling of the masses of the Islam world.

While in his view, even the Moslems who were not nationalists thought that the Caliphate idea was an out-of-date method of effecting unity in the Moslem world, Professor Toynbee added, the movement towards consolidation by way of Congresses was not purely an artificial agitation. I think it is a genuine movement, he said, and not likely to decay. Referring specially to the Arab countries around Palestine, he said, that he thought that unity was a possibility on account of identity of language, increased transport facilities and newspapers. The movement for solidarity is real, and not artificial, and quite genuine, he declared.

THE REVISIONIST MOVEMENT: DR. TIOMKIN AND MR. SCHECHTMAN WHO HAVE
RESIGNED FROM REVISIONIST EXECUTIVE REMAIN MEMBERS OF
REVISIONIST ORGANISATION.

London, Feb. 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Dr. Z. Tiomkin and Mr. J. Schechtman, members of the Executive Committee of the Revisionist "World Organisation, who resigned at the last meeting of the Executive Committee held in Paris, a few days ago, are remaining members of the Revisionist "World Organisation, the Revisionist Central Office here states.

It was decided at the meeting of the Executive Committee, it is announced, to issue a Black Book containing documents and other evidence of breaches of the Mandate committed by the Mandatory Power, which will be presented to the League of Nations and its States Members.

It was also decided to hold the next Revisionist "World Conference on July 24th., probably in Vienna.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING TO DEAL WITH ZIONIST SITUATION
DEMANDED BY POLISH ZIONIST CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Warsaw, Feb. 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

After considering the present political situation in the Zionist movement, the Central Committee of the Polish Zionist Federation has decided to ask the Zionist "World Executive to call a meeting of the General Council (Actions Committee) by April at latest.