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DRASTIC LAND DISPUTES ORDINANCE ENACTED IN PALESTINE: SIGNED
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GAZETTE: JEWISH OBJECTIONS TO NEW ORDINANCE AS FAVOUR-
ING THOSE IN POSSESSION AGAINST OWNERS OF LAND AND
NOMADS AGAINST SETTLED POPULATION.

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

The drastic Land Possession Disputes Bill which was published in the "Official Gazette" in December, has been signed by the High Commissioner, General Sir Arthur Aucheppe, and is published to-day as an extraordinary issue of the "Official Gazette".

Jewish opinion has been critical of the Ordinance since it was published as a draft bill, objecting that it confers quasi judicial functions on the administrative officers and favours the persons in possession of the land against its owner, and the nomads against the settled population.

The Land Possession Disputes Ordinance as published in the "Official Gazette" in December empowered District Commissioners to make orders regarding the possession of land concerning which a dispute exists which is likely to cause a breach of the peace. It empowered the District Commissioner to summon the parties concerned to attend before him and put in written statements their respective claims, and after reading these statements to examine the parties, take evidence, and if possible decide who was in actual possession of the land at the time of the dispute. If it appears to the District Commissioner that in the two months preceding the dispute any party has been forcibly dispossessed, it said, he may treat the party so dispossessed as if he had been in possession at such date. In such a case the party shall be entitled to possession until evicted in due course of law. Proceedings under this Ordinance, it further provided, will be deemed to be proceedings before a Magistrate as regards taking evidence on oath, service of orders, summonses and other documents, enforcements of orders and the like, but no appeal will lie against any order by the District Commissioner under this Ordinance.

An order made under this Ordinance, it said, will prevent the alienation of the land which is the subject of dispute, and a copy of the order will be served on the Registrar of Lands.

If the District Commissioner decides that none of the parties was in actual possession of the land in dispute, or is unable to satisfy himself which of them was in actual possession, he may order its attachment until a competent Court has determined the rights of the parties, but he may withdraw the attachment at any time if he is satisfied that there is no longer any likelihood of a breach of the peace.

The Ordinance also deals with the time-old custom of using lands or water for grazing, cutting weeds or reeds, watering animals, irrigation, fishing, or other like purpose, and empowers the District Commissioner to make an order prohibiting any interference with the exercise of such practice until a competent Court has decided whether a right to such uses exist.

A reference to this Ordinance was made in a statement contained in the last monthly review of the head office of the Jewish National Fund, quoted in the J.T.A. Bulletin as recently as yesterday, which, after pointing out the great difficulty encountered by the Jewish National Fund in maintaining the boundaries of its reserve lands in the Haifa Bay, in the Jezek and in the Sharon, owing to trespassing, malicious as well as incidental, proceeds to say that "the curious feature of the situation is that there is in draft a bill which will give trespassers using other persons' land by pasturing, watering or cutting reeds, definite rights to such land if they should continue such practice for two years. Naturally this is an incentive to undisciplined Arabs to occupy the reserve lands of the Jewish National Fund, thus compelling the Fund to place those lands under some form of occupation and cultivation, with the sole purpose of keeping intact areas legally acquired. Lands in reserve for urban and suburban development, must be turned over for intensive agriculture or afforestation, in order to avoid legislation having the effect of depriving the Jews of these reserve areas".

THE NEW MIDDLE-CLASS IMMIGRATION SUB-CATEGORY IN PALESTINE.

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

The new category of Palestine immigrants, whose creation was reported in the J.T.A. Bulletin yesterday, would appear to apply, the J.T.A. learns from a well-informed source, to prospective immigrants with capital at their free disposal amounting to £500 to £1,000, subject to the Chief Immigration Officer being satisfied (a) that the prospective immigrant would not create undue competition in the calling which he proposes to enter; (b) that his capital is sufficient for his proposed calling, and (c) that he is qualified and physically fit to follow that calling.

MORE JEWISH LABOUR IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE WANTED: DECLARATION AT MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF JEWISH WORKERS: SHORTAGE OF LABOUR REPORTED IN COLONIES AND IN VIEW OF 17,000 ADDITIONAL DUKERS TO COME UNDER ORANGE CULTIVATION AND OUTLETS IN INDUSTRY AND PUBLIC WORKS IMMIGRATION SHOULD BE MADE CORRESPONDENT WITH PROSPECTS OF WORK.

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

The total number of Jewish unemployed in Palestine at present is 800, and these are mainly in the towns, it was stated at a meeting of representatives of Jewish Workers' Councils, and agricultural settlements held at Tel Aviv, which decided to transfer some of the unemployed to the colonies, where a definite shortage of labour was reported.

On the basis of figures collected from many sources, the opinion was expressed at the Conference that conditions both in the towns and the rural districts, together with the promise of employment for a fair proportion of Jews in Government works, justified an immediate increase of immigrant labour.

Industry, building, plantations, the so-called thousand-family scheme, the Jordan Power Plant, the Dead Sea Works, the drainage and irrigation work in the Plain of Jezreel and the "adi Hawareth, it was stated, will tax the present labour market.

"International works", such as the completion of the Haifa Harbour, the beginning of the oil pipe-line, and colonisation in the Haifa Bay area - all of which are expected to absorb a substantial number of Jewish workers - were also taken into account by the Conference, which decided that "a labour immigration commensurate with the prospects of work is urgently needed", especially in view of the 17,000 additional dunams of land shortly to come under orange cultivation."

The Palestine Labour daily "Davar" states that in Federa, where there are more than 400 Arabs at work, all unemployed Jewish labour has been absorbed, and there is now an actual shortage of labour, so that at least another 150 men are required for this colony alone.

In Jerusalem, where there were 150 skilled and unskilled Jewish workers unemployed, the number has been reduced to 70, and increasing building activity is absorbing many more workers.

228 IMMIGRANTS CAME INTO PALESTINE IN JANUARY.

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

228 immigrants entered Palestine during January, 136 Jews, 79 Christians and 13 Arabs, it is officially stated. Twenty-three, all Jews, were in possession of £1,000 or over; 17, all Christians, were persons of religious occupation, and 14 were students. 93 persons took advantage of the amnesty for those illegally in the country proclaimed last July. Eight would-be immigrants were refused admission.

During the same period 70 people left the country permanently, including 12 Palestinians.

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION QUOTA TO BE CUT DOWN TO 10 PER CENT: MEASURE ADOPTED BY CONGRESS IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE.

New York, Mar. 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Immigration Committee of the United States House of Representatives, whose new chairman, Congressman Samuel Dickstein, is himself a Jewish immigrant, has decided by 12 votes against 9 to reduce the present immigration quota to the United States by 90 per cent., so that only 10 per cent. of the present number of quota immigrants will be able to come in if the measure becomes law.

The Immigration Committee has undertaken, however, to support a measure to include wives and children of aliens who are resident in the United States, as non-quota immigrants, to unite families separated by the existing immigration law.

The Committee has also reported favourably on a Bill already adopted by the Senate, to include in the non-quota category the husbands of women who are American citizens, without regard to the date of their marriage, as well as on a Bill exempting from the quota the parents of American citizens if they are over the age of 60.

∴ The Bill to reduce immigration to the United States to 10 per cent. of the existing quotas was introduced in December by Congressman Johnson, who was then Chairman of the Immigration Committee of the House of Representatives, and who is a leader of the immigration restriction movement and was the author of the existing immigration restriction quota law which was enacted in 1924. He had introduced the same bill in the previous session of Congress, when it was passed by the House of Representatives, but could not obtain the approval of the Senate before the adjournment, so that it had to be held over.

About a fortnight ago Congressman Palmisano introduced a bill in Congress to suspend for five years all immigration to America, except for specified close relatives of residents, to reunite families, and at the discretion of the Secretary of Immigration and Labour, in the case of immigrants "possessing special qualifications". There would be no limitation on the number of immigrants to be admitted under these two provisions.

The effect of President Hoover's instructions to American Consuls abroad to restrict the issue of visas, on account of the existing unemployment in America, has in any case, been to cut down immigration to such an extent that in January, the last month for which official figures are available, although visas could be issued under the quota law to 14,838 intending immigrants, they were granted only to 842, less than six per cent. of the allowable total of visas under the law.

214 Jewish immigrants came into the United States during January, the Immigration Bureau of the Department of Immigration and Labour has stated. In the period from July 1931 to January 1932 the number of Jewish immigrants arriving in the United States was 1,669. During the same period 1,030 Jewish emigrants left the United States, and in January the number of Jewish emigrants was 59.

PRUSSIAN GOVERNMENT MOVES AGAINST HITLERISTS: ALL HITLERIST BUILDINGS RAIDED; REPORT THAT HITLER MAY BE ARRESTED ON HIGH TREASON CHARGE; PLOT SAID TO HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED FOR HITLERIST MARCH ON BERLIN: JEWS EXPECT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN FIRST VICTIMS OF HITLERIST CAPTURE OF BERLIN.

Berlin, Mar. 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

All Hitlerist buildings throughout Prussia and the homes of many of the Hitlerist leaders were raised to-day, and stacks of documents have been seized, on the basis of which, it is said, Hitler himself may be arrested on a charge of high treason. The Government is believed to have discovered a Hitlerist plot for a march on Berlin to overthrow the Government by violence and to seize power.

The Jewish population of Berlin are greatly relieved because of this drastic action taken by the authorities to suppress the danger of a Hitlerist coup, feeling, as they do, that the Jews would have been the first victims of any Hitlerist seizure of power, which might mean a general massacre of Jews.

The press to-day points out how little faith can be placed in Hitler's assurances, since so soon after he had taken the oath as an official of the Brunswick Legation, which conferred on him German citizenship and the right to stand as a candidate in the presidential elections, that he would respect the Constitution and do nothing to overthrow it by violence or illegal measures, he is found plotting to overthrow the legitimate Government and to seize power by violence and bloodshed.

When Hitler carried out his short-lived coup in Munich in November 1923, for which he was tried on a charge of high treason and sent to prison for several years, the cry "Kill the Jews!" was raised by his followers.

A representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was present in the Buergerbrau cellar in Munich, where the Hitlerist rising was proclaimed, and he was arrested by the Hitlerists and released only when the rising collapsed the following day.

A celebration had been arranged in the Buergerbrau cellar in honour of the Bavarian Prime Minister, Dr. von Kahr, and the J.T.A. representative was present in his capacity as a journalist. At half-past-nine Hitler suddenly broke in at the head of Hitlerist troops and proclaimed a Nationalist Revolution. Hitlerist guards barred the exits. No one was allowed to leave the hall. Hitler mounted the platform and declared that the Revolution was directed not against anyone in Munich but against the Jew-Government in Berlin. Brandishing pistols and swords the Hitlerist guards went among the gathering in a fashion reminiscent of the pogromist bands in the Ukraine during the terror there. The Ministers and high officials who were present were arrested and led outside. All the press representatives were conducted up to Hitler and cries were raised of "Kill them". "The whole press is Jewish". The Hitlerist song "Kick them out, the Jewish band, Kick them out of our fatherland" was started. The Hitlerist guards then made their way out into the streets and for the whole of that night until the Government put down the rising in the morning the Hitlerists were in command of the city.

GERMAN JEWS ON GUARD: 1932 FIGHTING FUND APPEAL ISSUED BY
CENTRAL UNION OF JEWISH CITIZENS: WE MUST CONTINUE TO
FIGHT UNTIRINGLY AND DAE THE ANTI-JEWISH HATRED.

Berlin, Mar. 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Central Union of German Citizens of Jewish Faith has issued a call signed by its President, Dr. Julius Brodnitz, appealing to all German Jews to contribute to its 1932 Fighting Fund.

On March 13th. President Hindenburg and the 18 million who voted for him, won a victory, the appeal says. But we have weeks of arduous work for the new elections before us. The activities of the enemies of the Constitution and of equal rights for Jewish citizens, call for redoubled efforts for the coming second ballot in the election of the President of the Republic. The elections to the State Parliaments of Prussia, Bavaria and other States also impose upon us tremendous obligations. We must continue to fight untiringly. We must throw up a wide and strong dam against the anti-Jewish hatred, which is flaring up everywhere more strongly than ever before, and in that way prepare the road for our participation in the maintenance of the internal peace of the German Fatherland. Work, directed as ours is, against hatred and incitement, against injustice and wrong, has never remained permanently ineffective. The fruit must ripen, if not, now then on a better day to come. German Jews, we are fighting your fight. It is your work that we are doing. We demand your sacrifices. We expect your help. Wherever you live, whatever you are, we are your battle-front. You belong in our ranks. No one may keep back from contributing his share to our 1932 Fighting Fund.

WARSAW POLICE LAY ABOUT WITH THEIR TRUNCHEONS WHEN CROWDS OF HASSIDIM GATHER AT RAILWAY STATION TO WELCOME BLACK GERER RABBI ON HIS RETURN FROM PALESTINE: DEPUTY MINZBERG RABBI KANAL AND AGUDIST LEADER LEWIN WHO IS GERER RABBI'S SON-IN-LAW BEATEN: HASSIDIM RUSH FROM STATION PANIC-STRICKEN POLICE CHIEF PROMISES DEPUTY MINZBERG TO ENQUIRE INTO MATTER AND PUNISH GUILTY POLICE.

Warsaw, Mar. 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Tremendous excitement and indignation prevails among the large Hassidic population of Warsaw because of a brutal attack made by police who used their truncheons upon a crowd of tens of thousands of Hassidim who had congregated at the Central Railway Station of Warsaw, to welcome back the Gerer Rebbe on his return from Palestine.

Deputy Minzberg, Rabbi Kanal and Mr. Itche Meir Lewin, the leader of the Polish Agudath Israel, and a son-in-law of the Gerer Rebbe, who had accompanied him on his journey to Palestine, are among those who were beaten by the police.

Many of the Hassidim rushed panic-stricken from the station to escape the blows of the police. Many lost their hats as they ran, and covered their heads with their handkerchiefs not to transgress the prohibition against going about uncovered.

The Gerer Rebbe left by one of the side exits from the station, and immediately proceeded to his home at Gur Kalvaria.

Deputy Minzberg immediately visited the Chief of Police, M. Kalaszewski, and lodged a complaint against the conduct of the police. The Police Chief promised Deputy Minzberg that he would investigate what had happened, and those of his subordinates who were found to have been responsible would be dealt with severely.

When the Gerer Rebbe arrived at Gur Kalvaria he found that the entire population, Jews and non-Jews alike, had turned out en masse, to welcome him on the outskirts of the town.

DEPUTY GRUENBAUM DISPOSES OF HIS HOME IN WARSAW AND WILL GO TO LIVE IN PARIS IN APRIL.

Warsaw, Mar. 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Deputy Isaac Gruenbaum, former President of the Club of Jewish Deputies and Honorary President of the Polish Zionist Federation, to which position he was elected at the last Polish Zionist Conference in February, when he announced his inability to accept re-election as President because he was leaving Poland to make his home in Paris, has now disposed of his home in Warsaw, and will leave for Paris on April 4th. to live there.

Deputy Gruenbaum explained to the Conference at the time that he was transferring his home from Warsaw to Paris mainly for family reasons. It was at first reported that he would resign his seat in Parliament, but this was immediately denied. Although he would have his home in Paris for some time ahead for family reasons, it was stated, he would not live there permanently, and he did not intend to withdraw from his political activity in Poland.

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