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### WAUCHOPE RETURNS TO PALESTINE; ARAB STRIKE FIZZLES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, who has been in England for several months conferring with the Colonial Office on Palestine problems, arrived here today by airplane.

His first public appearance will be at a concert tonight by Mischa Elman, renowned American-Jewish violinist who is making a concert tour of the world.

The half-day strike called by the Arab Youth Organization in connection with Wauchope's return and to dramatize protests against alleged gun-running by Jews caused very little stir in Jerusalem. It was only partially effective in Jaffa and Nablus.

Wauchope's return is hailed in the Hebrew press which at the same time voices the hope that his return will not be the occasion for the launching of the long-projected but often deferred Legislative Council to which all sections of the Jewish Community is strongly opposed.

### DANZIGER ECHO EDITOR DEPORTED

DANZIG, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Paul Berman, editor of the Danziger Echo, Jewish weekly, was today deported to Poland by the authorities for having written two allegedly anti-Nazi articles. Berman had originally been sentenced to four months in prison, but the sentence was changed to deportation upon intervention by the Police High Commissioner for Danzig, Dr. Casimir Papee.

While the editor was being deported, the police confiscated the latest issue of the Echo, only Jewish publication in the Free City, for using expressions like "Jewish persecutions and anti-Jewish agitation by Germany." The confiscation order pointed out that the Danzig Senate (which is controlled by Nazis) had decided that Jews were not being persecuted in Germany.

"VERSLINIKI" DEMANDS JEWS BE OUSTED FROM LITHUANIAN TRADE

KAUNAS, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The Versliniki, national organization with the avowed aim of driving Jews from the economic life of Lithuania, at its annual congress in Ponieviej today adopted a resolution calling upon the Government to exclude Jews from trade, industry and artisan pursuits. The resolution demanded that "the Lithuania people be delivered from the hands of aliens."

The congress was featured by the delivery of anti-Semitic speeches, one of them by the mayor of Ponieviej.

PRIEST WINS RIGHT TO ANNUL CONVERT'S MARRIAGE TO JEWESS

KAUNAS, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The greatest indignation was being voiced in Jewish circles here today at the decision of the highest court in Lithuania by which a Catholic priest is given the right to annul the marriage of an apostate Jew and his Jewish wife.

The convert to Catholicism sought the annulment so that he might marry a Christian woman. The court indicated that its decision was based on a concordat between Lithuania and the Vatican.

17 POLES GET OFF WITH LIGHT SENTENCES FOR GRODNO RIOTS

GRODNO, Poland, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Seventeen Poles, found guilty of participating in anti-Jewish riots in this city last June which resulted in the death of two Jews and the wounding of thirteen others, were today given light sentences by the district court.

Alfons Panasiuk, leader of the seventeen, who had been accused of fomenting the riot, was sentenced to serve one year in prison. Four others in the gang received sentences of nine months each and the remainder were let off with six-month sentences.

The court, in passing sentence, made no explanation of their lightness.

Only one of the defendants voiced regret at having taken part in the murder of the two Jews. The others made anti-Semitic speeches in which they declared that they did not regret their role in the excesses since the Jews "are parasites and Poland's enemies."

When the trial resumed yesterday after having been adjourned since Friday, the prosecuting attorney called attention to the fact that the excesses had taken place shortly after the death of Marshall Pilsudski. He demanded severe punishment for the guilty in order to prove to the world that Poland "is not the place for taking the law into one's own hands."

The Jewish attorneys emphasized the role of the Endeks (members of the anti-Semitic National Democratic Party) in the excesses which, they charged, were the result of systematic anti-Jewish agitation.

In sharp anti-Semitic speeches, the Endek counsel had recourse to arguments similar to those used in the famous Mendel Beilis case which rocked Russia and the world in 1913. The attorneys quoted false quotations from the Talmud and charged that the Jewish witnesses were not trustworthy. Police investigation into the riots shortly after they occurred last June established that they had been organized from a dance-hall after the burial of Wladislaw Kuszcz, a gangster who had been slain in a brawl. The official police report stated the riots had been "organized by underworld characters." In addition to the two deaths and injuries inflicted on thirteen Jews, windows were broken in 183 houses and 85 stores, and the total material damage amounted to about \$6,000.

#### REICH COURTS DIFFER ON APPLICATION OF RACIAL LAWS

BERLIN, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- German courts, it appeared today from press reports of their decisions, cannot agree on enforcement of the Nuremberg racial laws.

Their confusion was revealed in two conflicting decisions handed down in two cases involving the same principle and almost identical circumstances. In both cases Jews who had been discharged by their employers simply because they are Jews sued for compensation. And in both cases, too, the employers explained that they had been forced to dismiss the Jews since they wished to display "Aryan" business signs and were refused permission to do so by the Labor Front's district offices unless they discharged their Jewish employes.

A labor court in Frankfurt-am-Main rejected the application of the discharged Jewish employe, who had served the firm fourteen years, ruling that it was "in the interest of the firm to display the sign." On the other hand the labor court at Oberhausen ruled for the employe despite the employer's plea that the district office of the Labor Front had demanded the discharge of the Jew. The court ruled that the Labor Front does not have the authority to order the dismissal of Jews and that Jews may not be dismissed solely on the ground of their Jewishness and that, furthermore, such dismissals violate the warning by Economics Minister Dr. Hjalmar Schacht and Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels against molesting Jews in commerce.

The employer's argument in this latter case that the situation has been changed by the Nuremberg laws, was answered by the court with the retort that these laws so far affect only citizenship and do not have any bearing on employment in commercial fields.

BARTER PACT CONTINUES CENTER OF WIDE CONTROVERSY

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The functions, operation and aims of Haavara, Ltd., Palestine trustee office of the execution of the German-Palestine barter agreement, continued today to be the subject of an international controversy.

B. Charney Vladeck, general manager of the Jewish Daily Forward, in a letter published in that paper today, reiterated charges he made at the recent Jewish Labor Committee annual conference that those who control the Haavara receive a twelve per cent commission on every transfer deal. Explaining that the source of his information upon which he based that charge was a recent speech by an outstanding Histadruth leader, Mr. Vladeck further charges that German goods find their way from Palestine to neighboring countries, thereby making the Jews agents of Hitler in the Near East.

The letter, Mr. Vladeck explains, was prompted by an exchange of cables between leaders of the Gewerkschaften Campaign and the Histadruth, Palestine labor federation. The former demanded to know if Vladeck's charges of the twelve per cent profit were true. In its answer, the Histadruth stated that the Jewish Agency executive, under whose direction Haavara is now being operated, "categorically denies the false charges."

Answering the denial, Mr. Vladeck points to the fact that it did not come from Histadruth but from the Jewish Agency Executive and that no denial is made of two vital charges: 1) That Haavara works in favor of Jews who do not emigrate to Palestine and have no intention of doing so, and 2) that goods from Germany filter through to countries of neighboring Palestine as a result of Haavara. Mr. Vladeck concludes by demanding publication of the complete text of the barter agreement and urging that it be established exactly how many German Jews have been helped by the agreement.

Earlier in the week, Vladeck's charges that German goods were finding their way into Near East countries as a result of the transfer agreement were sensationally substantiated in Jerusalem when Hayarden, Zionist Revisionist daily, published correspondence between Haavara and German Government agencies indicating that the former was trying to expand its trade in German goods throughout the Near East.

The disclosure created an international stir, particularly since Haavara admitted to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the authenticity of the letters, charging they had been stolen from the office files.

According to the letters, Haavara received on March 7 permission to sell German goods not only in Palestine but in the Near East, particularly Egypt. One of the letters, addressed to the German consul in Egypt, requested additional German imports that

Haavara and expressed readiness to cover the difference in prices in order to increase German imports to Egypt.

The Hayarden disclosures follows an attack on Haavara by Lt. Col. F. H. Kisch, a leader of the Jewish Legion in the World War, made in a letter to the Palestine Post, English-language daily. Col. Kisch charged that Haavara helps reduce unemployment in Germany, aids in "breaking the unity of the Jewish front, that Palestine industry suffers because of its sales below cost, that Britain's intervention for German Jews is made more difficult because British circles get the impression that Palestine Jewry is rewarding German persecution by increased business. Col. Kisch, answering claims that Haavara greatly aids emigrating German Jews, stated that not more than 4,000 of the 27,000 immigrants from Germany brought over funds through that medium.

In its reply to Col. Kisch's letter, Haavara pointed out that a special committee at the World Zionist Congress, comprising many prominent opponents of the barter pact, had examined the entire situation, approved the transfer agreement and requested the Jewish Agency to take control of Haavara.

Pointing out that Col. Kisch's arguments against the transfer pact were among those gone into by the special committee, Haavara stated that "the consent of the former opponents of the Haavara was given in full appreciation of the fact that the circumstances calling for the work of the Haavara are more imperative and decisive than all those arguments which they themselves had to put forward against the transfer, more rigorously, perhaps, than Col. Kisch himself."

Answering Col. Kisch's contention that British imports suffer as a result of the pact, Haavara voiced regret that this argument was again brought before the public, pointing out that it had been examined at Lucerne where it was found that the apprehensions were "without foundations."

Haavara cited in proof of this fact that "well-known firms such as the Imperial Chemical Industries and Archavsky and Manfield (Engineering Corporation Ltd.) with which Col. Kisch is connected, have been, from the beginning among the best clients of the Haavara."

Haavara characterized as "nothing but innuendoes" the hints by Col. Kisch that there are vast financial interests connected with Haavara "masquerading as relief agencies for German Jewry."

#### BRANDEIS WORKS AS USUAL ON 79TH BIRTHDAY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Louis D. Brandeis, associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, celebrated his 79th birthday today on the bench, working as usual.

FORCED SALE OF FIRM SEEN DISPROVING CANARD ABOUT GOLDSCHMIDT

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Commenting on the recent sale of the Adrema Engineering Company in Berlin to "Aryan" interests, Ludwig Lore in his column "Behind the Cables" in the New York Post, states the sale affords a convincing denial to the story circulated some time ago that Jacob Goldschmidt, who was chief owner of that firm, came to America as Hitler's agent. He points out that "in accordance with most recent Nazi practice the owners of this establishment have been 'persuaded' to sell their holdings 'for a comparatively moderate sum.'"

BOERSE ASKS BROKERS NOT TO ENCOURAGE SALES OF STOCK

BERLIN, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The executive board of the Berlin Boerse has circulated an appeal to all members urging them not to encourage stock transactions, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today from the most reliable sources.

The appeal is believed to have been inspired by the heavy offerings of stock by Jewish owners who fear the confiscatory nature of the expected decrees implementing the Nuremberg anti-Jewish laws

As a result of the appeal, trading today on the Boerse was exceptionally light, with no new declines of importance being registered. However, in recent weeks the shares of such concerns as Siemens Halska have plunged thirty points, its current price being quoted at 159 as against 189 several weeks ago. Similarly, the shares of Allgemeine Electricische Gesellschaft are now quoted at 33 against 48 not long ago.

The Deutsche Bergwerkzeitung, organ of heavy industry, forecasts that the Boerse will witness a further decline since the sale of shares cannot be stopped by artificial measures.

"ARYAN" JAILED FOR FALSE DENUNCIATION OF JEW

BERLIN, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- A court in Karlsruhe today sentenced Martin Hauswirth, an "Aryan," to eight months in prison for having falsely accused his cousin, a servant girl, of living with her Jewish employer and maintaining improper relations with his two sons.

The court pointed out that Hauswirth's false accusation of "Rassenschande" (racial defilement), made in public, had contributed to "public restlessness." The Jewish employer, who had been arrested following the denunciation, was freed after an inquiry had established that Hauswirth's slanders were inspired by jealousy.

Meanwhile, the German press reported today the "protective" arrest in Friesenheim, near Stuttgart, of a leading board member of the town's synagogue on charges of "Rassenschande." His name was not disclosed.