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PALESTINE TENSELY AWAITS COUNCIL PROCLAMATION TODAY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- With all Palestine in a high state of excitement over the impending proclamation of a legislative council, Jewish leaders were preparing today to stage a last-ditch battle to dissuade the High Commissioner, Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, from his announced purpose.

Proclamation of the council will be made by the High Commissioner at two separate meetings, with Arab leaders tomorrow and with Jewish leaders Sunday.

An indication that the Jewish leaders, including Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, will flatly reject the council, is contained in an editorial today in Haaretz, influential leading Hebrew daily.

The editorial, charging that establishment of the council is the result of the High Commissioner's promise to "Arab instigators who call themselves leaders," declares that on Sunday Sir Arthur will hear the Jews reply firmly: "Non possumus!" which means literally, "We cannot."

Meanwhile, it was learned from an authoritative source that the Arab leaders will withhold their reply to the High Commissioner's proclamation until they learned how the Jewish leaders replied on Sunday.

New details as to the composition and functions of the council are published today in the Arab daily, Alliwa, which because of its close connection with the Grand Mufti, is considered to be the best informed on the subject.

According to Alliwa, the council will comprise twenty-eight members, sixteen of them appointive and twelve to be elected. Of

those to be appointed, the paper states, five will be Jews, five British officials, three Moslems, two Arab Christians and one a foreign Christian. Of the twelve elective posts, the paper reports that eight will be filled by Moslems, three by Jews and one by an Arab Christian.

By the above disposition of posts, the Arabs will number half of the council, Alliwa points out, adding that this is more favorable to the Arabs than the proposal offered by Sir Herbert Samuel, first Palestine High Commissioner, which was rejected by the Arab leaders.

According to Alliwa, the High Commissioner reserves complete veto power over all actions taken by the legislative council. Other powers reserved to the Government, the paper states, include promulgation of laws during periods the council is not in session, control of the budget, foreign international policy in relation to the Mandate and public security.

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today, a Government official, declaring that details published in the Arab press were evidently based on talks Arab leaders held with the High Commissioner before he left for London last Summer, refused either to deny or confirm their accuracy.

BRODETSKY, JABOTINSKY, CONFER WITH THOMAS

LONDON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- In the past two days Colonial Secretary J. H. Thomas has received Professor Selig Brodetsky, member of the World Zionist Executive, and Vladimir Jabotinsky, world Zionist Revisionist leader. It is understood he discussed with both of them the Palestine representative legislative assembly, which is to be officially announced in Jerusalem tomorrow.

WILL NOT PROTEST ON JEWS, POLISH EMBASSY IN BERLIN STATES

BERLIN, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The Polish Embassy has no intention of protesting to the German Government against reported persecution of Polish Jewish citizens of Germany, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was officially informed today by the Embassy.

The statement was made in the course of a denial of Warsaw reports that the Embassy, upon instructions from the Polish Government, had sent a note of protest to the German Government.

According to the Embassy, there are no grounds for such action.

Admitting that discriminations against Polish Jewish citizens of Germany are assuming a mass character, an Embassy spokesman asserted that each case is being taken up individually. He said the Embassy has received no instructions to submit a note of protest to the German Government and therefore has no intention of doing so.

Referring to the recent deportations of many Polish Jews, the Embassy spokesman voiced the opinion that they are being executed on legal grounds. He said that the deportations are "within the framework of German law," and that therefore intervention is impossible.

A conference of Polish Jews, at which plans for migration were to be discussed, has been postponed until late in January, as a result of a decree forbidding meetings before January 15;

2 NAZIS JAILED FOR BEATING JEW IN KARLSRUHE

BERLIN, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- German newspapers today reported that two Nazis in Karlsruhe have been sentenced to three months each for beating up a Jew in an effort to secure his signature to a statement cancelling a thousand-mark debt incurred by one of them.

FRENCH FOES OF ANTI-SEMITISM TO MEET SUNDAY

PARIS, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The League for Combating Anti-Semitism will hold a rally Sunday in protest against recent anti-Jewish excesses in Poland and Rumania, it was announced today.

ZIONIST EXECUTIVE URGES WORLD JEWRY TO AID J.N.F. DRIVE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Jewish National Fund headquarters here today released a special appeal to world Jewry issued in London by the Executive of the World Zionist Organization in support of the Fund's aim to raise, within the next two years, \$5,000,000 for Palestine land redemption work. The appeal, issued on the eve of the 2,100th observance of Chanukah, is signed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president, Dr. Nahum Sokolow, honorary president, and the members of the Executive, David Ben-Gurion, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, J. Gruenbaum, Rabbi J. L. Fishman, P. Rottenstreich and Moshe Shertok.

SET TO CLEAR LAND IN ECUADOR REFUGEE PROJECT

QUITO, Ecuador (JTA - By Air Mail) -- Spurred by the premature arrival of a number of German-Jewish refugees, the committee planning the settlement of exiles on the more than 1,000,000 acres ceded by the Ecuadorean Government has brought to a close more than a year and a half of planning and is about to begin actual construction of roads, building of homes and clearing of land.

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the Comite Internacional de Inmigracion, which negotiated the contract for the land, disclosed that a member of the special mission supervising the project is on his way to New York to establish contacts with individuals and organizations who have expressed interest in the project. He is bringing with him data from the mission's archives and samples of Ecuador's products.

It was also disclosed that the committee has received almost 50,000 acres of private land and offers of fertile haciendas for distribution among immigrants, Frederico Paez, President of Ecuador, led the way by donating an extensive hacienda.

The committee reported that a representative of a large German group interested in emigrating to Ecuador was so enthusiastic after surveying the land that he decided to settle here himself and asked for a grant of land.

Other German refugees who have arrived here are being settled on privately-donated lands.

Anti-Semitism is described by the Comité as "virtually non-existent" here. The statement says: "Ecuador is perhaps unique among Latin-American nations in a complete lack of antagonism for the foreigner. The average Ecuadorean is a sympathetic, tolerant person who respects the scientific and material achievements of foreign nations and, realizing that Ecuador needs new population to exploit its vast, rich untouched areas, contemplates with enthusiasm the entrance of a large number of immigrants."

The preliminary work just finished by the committee consisted of studying present and latent opportunities in the country, mapping, exploring and studying the agricultural and industrial advantages offered by the region, and planning of roads to connect future colonies with present highways.

The work of clearing a portion of each lot and constructing comfortable houses is now being launched, together with an intensified program of road-building, establishment of an institution for receiving, guiding and placing the immigrants and creation of international machinery for disseminate information to prospective immigrants.

The contract ceding the more than 1,000,000 acres in Ecuador and the Galapagos, the statement said, was drafted with regard to the welfare of the immigrant. It guarantees the settler social and political rights and Government aid in the form of free transportation within Ecuador, to the point of destination, exemption from taxes and exemption from duty payments on machinery and personal necessities.

The committee will establish a cooperative bank to serve as a central purchasing and exporting agency, offering the immigrant "direct purchasing power without the costly intervention of middle-men, and the pooled financial resources of a Government-owned bank."

Ecuador's physical advantages are described thus:

"The tangible rewards in the form of abundant and easily marketed crops are certain for the land is fabulously fertile. Experts, including John C. Tredwell, special agent of the United States Chamber of Commerce, agree that probably nowhere in the world are there richer soils than those occurring in many of Ecuador's vast, delightful valleys.

"Almost every product of the tropic, sub-tropic and temperate zone can be reduced here and most of them are, but in an unmethodical fashion on a small scale.

"In the province of Esmeraldas are found oranges unexcelled in size and taste. Cotton, Kapok, tobacco, sugar cane, cocoa are all grown. Ecuador produces the world's largest supply of tagua, the vegetable ivory from which buttons are manufactured. In the lofty Andean mountains all products of the sub-tropical and temperate zones grow with excellent results. There are great, rich pasture lands with fine cattle."

BEGIN 30-DAY CELEBRATION OF MISS SZOLD'S BIRTHDAY

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- American Jewry will begin tomorrow a thirty-day celebration of the seventy-fifth birthday of one of the greatest leaders of American Jewish women, Miss Henrietta Szold. She motored here from Hoboken, N.J., where she disembarked Wednesday from the Statendam.

On the eve of her birthday, Miss Szold remained quietly in seclusion with her sister, Mrs. Louis H. Levin. She has refused to participate in any of the celebrations being arranged for her.

The national celebration has been arranged by the 300 chapters of Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization of which Miss Szold was the chief founder. Tomorrow has been designated "Hadassah Sabbath" and rabbis throughout the country have been asked to dwell on the work of Miss Szold in their sermons.

Miss Szold's purpose in coming to the United States from Palestine, she stated, is to arouse American interest in the work of "rescuing German Jewish children from a land where the Jews have been reduced to the rank of untouchables." Miss Szold, who has been directing the work of the Youth Aliyah during the past two years, will confer with Jewish groups on the Aliyah program.

J.D.C. MAKES \$5,000 EMERGENCY GRANT TO FAMINE AREA IN RUMANIA

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Serious conditions threaten half of the Jewish population of Bessarabia and part of the population of Moldavia, provinces of Rumania, according to information received by the Joint Distribution Committee, it was revealed today by Joseph C. Hyman, secretary of the Committee. An immediate emergency grant of \$5,000 for feeding Jews in the famine area has been made, Mr. Hyman said.

The J.D.C. has contributed approximately \$30,000 to rehabilitation work in Rumania during the past year. Most of this money has been spent in child health and welfare work. In addition, grants of \$163,000 were made by the American Joint Reconstruction Foundation for the work of the loan kasses in Rumania. The Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Colonization Association are equal partners in the Foundation.