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JEWISH PRESS, ORGANIZATIONS PROTEST COUNCIL

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- World Jewry, through the medium of the press and representative organizations, today voiced vigorous protest against the action of the Palestine Government in proclaiming a legislative council for Palestine.

An emergency meeting of the political committee of the Zionist Federation of England adopted a resolution unanimously supporting the stand of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, and other Jewish leaders who in Jerusalem yesterday flatly rejected the council proposal made by High Commissioner Wauchope.

The meeting reaffirmed the resolution adopted last September by the World Zionist Congress at Lucerne, which voiced opposition to the council on the grounds that it would crystallize the minority status of the Jews in Palestine and that it would be contradictory to the spirit of the Palestine Mandate.

Meanwhile speculation was widespread as to the identity of the president of the Palestine council. According to Reuters, British news agency, the president will likely be a former Colonial Chief Justice.

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PRESS REACTION IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Palestine Post, only English-language daily in the Holy Land, today added its voice to the mounting protest against establishment of the legislative council.

The Post asks whether the time is ripe for such a body since Arab leaders are openly defying the mandate and glorifying terrorists who are aiming at its subversion.

Haboker, new Hebrew daily, asserts that the national home was promised to Jewish people the world over while the council restricts the Jews as a local community. It warns that the council will be a stage for incitement against the Jews.

Haarets, a leading Hebrew daily, declares that the Zionist movement and Palestine Jewry are united on the historical necessity for cooperation against the council.

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ARAB PRESS DERIDES COUNCIL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- "The mountain was in labor; it gave birth to a mouse."

Thus does the Arab press today deride establishment of a legislative council as outlined in the proclamation yesterday by the High Commissioner for Palestine, Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope.

Three of the country's leading Arab newspapers, Alliwa, El Islamia and Adifaa sharply criticized the proposed set-up of the council. Another Moslem paper, Mokhatam, of Egypt, also criticized the proposals contained in the High Commissioner's proclamation. All Call upon the Arab leaders not to hurry their reply to the High Commissioner.

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SEE WORLD, PALESTINE JEWRY UNITED

WARSAW, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The entire Jewish press here today voiced indignation at the proclamation in Palestine of a legislative council, emphasis being placed chiefly on the solidarity that exists between the Jewish community of Palestine and that of the rest of the world.

Der Moment cautions against underestimating the power of the Jewish protest "in view of the sacred rights of Jewry" in the Holy Land.

Das Wort declares that the Palestine upbuilding work by the Jews will be carried on irrespective of the legislative council and demands that Jewish unity be concentrated under the aegis of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

The organ of the Agudath Israel, world orthodox Jewish organization, declares that the Palestine Jewish community must not be transformed into "a blind instrument of British politics" and

urges Jewry not to participate in the new form of government. The paper describes the establishment of the council as a "pseudo-parliamentary comedy."

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LEADERS FLATLY REJECT PROPOSALS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders yesterday gave an emphatic "no" as their answer to the Palestine Government's proposal for introducing a representative legislative council and met with the equally firm decision of the High Commissioner to proceed with plans for instituting the council.

In a seventy-minute conference, called for making the same announcement of the council made to Arab leaders Saturday, High Commissioner Sir Arthur Wauchope, after hearing the objections of the Jewish leaders, declared that he understood the Jews' position but that the Government was determined to establish the assembly. He expressed the hope that relations between the Government and the Jews would not be affected.

Meanwhile, the question of votes for women added a new complication to the situation. Arab leaders, who are withholding their reply to the proposal, made known objections to permitting women to vote for council members, declaring Arab women would not gain by enfranchisement, presumably because they would be barred by literacy and other requirements.

Added details on the council are:

Members will be elected for five years at an annual salary of two to three hundred pounds.

Franchise will be extended without the taking of a census to every inhabitant over twenty-five years of age who has resided in Palestine at least two years.

To be eligible to council membership a person must be a citizen of Palestine over thirty years of age. Sessions will either be held for three months of the year or divided into two six-week sessions.

The present allotment of seats, 14 to Arabs, 7 to Jews, 7 to Britons, is based upon the proportion of Arabs to Jews in the various communities and in the entire population, the Government announced.

There will be no revision in the basis of representation for five years.

Anticipating boycotts against the council, Britain has empowered the High Commissioner to nominate any person he chooses to represent communities not participating. One of the eight Arabs to be elected will be a Bedouin.

The council will not be authorized to deal with the immigration schedule for laborers, but the elected members will be able to adopt resolutions and ask questions of the Government. The council will be allowed to deal with questions of budgeting.

It was understood that the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, one of the most powerful Arab leaders, is still opposing the council as he did when it was suggested by Sir Herbert Samuel in the early days of the mandate.

At the opening of the meeting with the Jewish leaders, Sir Arthur read the statement outlining plans for the council and invited remarks.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, asserted that the proposal was not in accordance with the international obligations to Jews inherent in the spirit of the League of Nations mandate. He read the resolution of the last World Zionist Congress at Lucerne opposing the plan on the ground it would tend to crystallize the status of the Jews as a minority in Palestine.

Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Palestine Jewish National Council, (Vaad Leumi) declared Palestine Jewry associates itself with the resolution. A similar statement was made by A. L. Maleh, president of the Sephardic Jewish Community.

Rabbi Moshe Blau of the extreme orthodox Agudath Israel asked whether the proposal constitutes application of the mandate. He received an unclear reply from Sir John Hathorn-Hall, chief Government secretary, whereupon Sir Arthur suggested that questions be submitted in writing.

Rabbi Blau then read a statement for the Agudah declaring it did not oppose autonomy for Palestine's population but that it was convinced the time is not yet ripe for the council, first, because of increased Arab incitement against the Jews, and second, because the council might destroy the Jews' last hope that Britain would not weaken in "carrying out the task of Providence" in aiding the Jews of Germany and other European countries. Rabbi Blau held Palestine is the sole hope of the "desperate Jews" of western Europe and Germany.

After the conference, the Jewish leaders proceeded to the office of the Jewish Agency to deliberate on further Jewish action in the crisis.

REICH CITIZENSHIP LAW DETAILS CLASS JEWS
WITH CRIMINALS, STATE'S ENEMIES

BERLIN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Classifying the Jews in the same category as "criminals and enemies of the State" the long-awaited details implementing the German citizenship laws passed by the Reichstag at Nuremberg on September 15 were announced today by State Secretary Dr. Stuckart, author of the original decrees.

They provide:

- 1) Jews can no longer be considered citizens of the Reich.
- 2) The Jews are no longer permitted to hold any public office, including judgeships, notaryships, positions and public auctioneers or even as members of criminal or civil juries.
- 3) The position of the doctor and lawyer will not be considered as public offices.
- 4) Staatsangehoerige (members of the state) will be able to acquire citizenship when they reach a certain age, excepting "open enemies of the State, criminals and Jews."
- 5) Each citizen will receive a certificate to distinguish him from the state subject.
- 6) No young man will be able to achieve citizenship before he completes army or labor camp service, from which Jews are prohibited.

Following Dr. Stuckardt's announcement, Minister of Interior Wilhelm Frick tonight decreed that Jewish physicians who have until now been permitted to practice because of their service at the front in the World War must surrender their positions in the public health system and even in private hospitals before March 1, under the provision of the citizenship laws barring Jews from holding public offices.

Frick's order states that Jewish officials will be dismissed on December 31, New Year's eve.

In certain cases, his announcement said, the ousted officials will receive a contribution from the State. These payments will be made "if they deserve and need it," the order states.

The notaries will not receive a pension or a contribution. The only concession made to them in the order is that they will be permitted to break the leases on their offices and homes.

NAZI LEADER PROMISES NEW "SOCIALIZATION" OF JEWISH FIRMS

BERLIN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Further "socialization" of Jewish enterprises in Germany was promised today by Fritz Sauckel, Nazi district leader of Thuringia, following the virtual confiscation of the Simson and Company munitions works in Suhl, Thuringia, valued at millions of dollars.

In a bitter tirade against the Jews, Sauckel promised the workers of the firm better conditions under the Nazis.

An announcement that the concern has been taken over, issued yesterday by the official German news agency, charges that the workers were underpaid and that unsanitary conditions were maintained in the factories. The firm was also accused of selling arms to Marxists before the Nazis came into power.

The announcement revealed that the great arms manufacturing firm, which has been in Jewish hands for generations, has been virtually confiscated by the Nazi Party and will henceforth be operated as a "National Socialist foundation owned by the German national commonwealth."

The action was taken with the approval of Reichsfuehrer Hitler, the announcement stated. It was carried out under the pretext of Jewish terrorist influence, utilizing the fact that under the Versailles Treaty the firm received a monopoly in the manufacture of certain arms.

The announcement charged the firm with making large profits at the expense of the German taxpayer. Simson and Company received an undisclosed payment for the property.

News of the appropriation by the Nazis of the Simson and Company munitions works created a stir in foreign diplomatic circles today. It was taken as an indication that commencing New Year the Nazis intend to confiscate and socialize large Jewish and non-Jewish private enterprises.

The seizure was also interpreted as auguring a speed-up in arms production at the Simson plant.

The Voelkischer Beobachter splashes the story across its front page today pointing out that the Nazis had a commissar stationed in the plant ever since the accession of Hitler to power.

SIMSON OWNERS NOT PAID BY NAZIS

BERLIN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The family from whom the Nazi authorities of Thuringia took control of the Simson munitions factory has not received a cent in compensation, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was reliably informed today.

It was also learned, on the highest authority, that the Nazi authorities confiscated from the Jewish owners of the company a large sum of money on the pretext that it represented profits rightfully belonging to the concern.

BAR JEWISH LAWYER FROM DEFENDING POOR PRISONERS

BERLIN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Minister of Justice Frank today issued a decree prohibiting Jewish lawyers from defending indigent prisoners to whom attorneys are assigned. The decree said the action is based on the fact that the Jews will be eliminated from all public positions under the German citizenship laws.

BERLIN JEW GETS 18-MONTH TERM FOR RACE DEFILEMENT

BERLIN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Berlin's second race defilement trial yesterday resulted in an eighteen-month sentence being meted out to Heinz Kirschbaum, 26. The defendant had been denounced to the police by neighbors for having relations with an "Aryan" girl for two years.

JEWISH STUDENTS RETURN TO CLASSES AT LWOV INSTITUTE

LWOV, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Jewish students, who had been on strike at the Lwow Polytechnic Institute, returned to classes today following publication by the Institute's Senate of a resolution promising to suppress future anti-Semitic disturbances.

The students had walked out in protest against an order of the rector segregating Jewish students into back seats in the classrooms. It is understood the resolution was prompted by an interview the rector had with Premier Marjan Z. Koscialkowski and Education Minister Swietoslowski.

The resolution said Jews and Poles would be temporarily seated separately to avoid disorder, but it condemned anti-Jewish riots and declared that they would not be tolerated.

The segregating of Jewish students was instituted after agitation by anti-Semitic nationalistic students.

SEPARATE ELECTORAL COLLEGE FOR GREEK JEWS DISCUSSED

SALONICA, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Government today opened negotiations with political parties about the restoration of the separate electoral college for Jews. The party of former Premier Venizelos is favoring the idea, while the adherents of former Premier Tsaldaris will oppose it.

The electoral college, under which Jews were obliged to cast their votes separately, was abolished last year.

BAR JEWISH EXHIBITS IN MUNICH NON-JEWISH BUILDING

MUNICH, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Jewish Culture Union will tomorrow move a cultural exhibition from the Munich Museum to the building of the Munich Jewish Community as a result of an order issued by the Munich authorities today prohibiting Jewish meetings and exhibitions in buildings owned by non-Jews.

RAEBI EMIL COHN, ZIONIST LEADER, HELD BY NAZI POLICE

BERLIN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Rabbi Emil Bernhard Cohn of Bonn-am-Rhine, 55-year-old Jewish scholar and Zionist leader has been held a prisoner by the State secret police for three days, it was learned today after an investigation into his sudden and mysterious disappearance Friday. It is not known on what charge he is being held.

CONGRESSMAN CITRON ILL OF PNEUMONIA IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- U. S. Representative William Citron of Connecticut is ill of pneumonia at the Botkin Hospital, it was learned here today. He was pronounced on the road to recovery and is leaving the hospital by the end of the month. It is expected that he will be in condition to leave for the United States in two weeks.

3,000 HEAR LOCKER-VLADECK DEBATE ON TRANSFER PACT

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Before a demonstrative crowd of 3,000, Berl Locker, Zionist Labor leader, and B. C. Vladeck, head of the Jewish Labor Committee, last night debated the merits of the Germany-Palestine transfer agreement at Mecca Temple.

The debate was frequently interrupted by volunteered rebuttals, cheers, whistles and boos. On a number of occasions Mr. Locker had to ask his friends not to decrease his allotted time by applauding. The crowd seemed about evenly dived in sentiment.

Mr. Locker stressed the importance of transferring the Jews from Germany and emphasized the "practical" necessity as opposed to the "dogmatism" of Mr. Vladeck's view that the boycott must be maintained at all costs.

He asked Mr. Vladeck if it were true that funds sent through Germany by the transfer were aiding the Nazi regime, was it not equally true that relief funds transmitted by the Joint Distribution Committee to Germany also aided the Nazis. However, he expressed the belief that both activities were justified.

Contesting the point made by Mr. Vladeck that the transfer agreement is predominantly for the benefit of rich Jews, Mr. Locker said that only about 50,000 marks can be withdrawn by a person under the transfer.

Mr. Vladeck charged that the transfer was engineered by a minority for its own benefit. He held that if the agreement really helped the Jews Hitler would not permit it. He termed Haavara, the Palestine trustee office for the execution of the pact, a "boycott-breaking agency" and characterized the transfer as "dealing with the enemy."

Not only does the transfer harm the boycott, asserted Mr. Vladeck, but it hurts Palestine industry. He quoted copies of letters to back his contention that Haavara was not only selling German goods in Palestine, but was extending the sale throughout the Near East, as a result of which, he said, the boycott was being broken in Iraq and other countries.

In his rebuttal, Mr. Vladeck held that not all the Jews should be transferred from Germany on the ground that other countries would then be encouraged to persecute their Jews in order to get rid of them. He repeated his contention that the transfer aided only rich German Jews.

He declared that even the Zionist laborites who, he said, helped put through the agreement, are ashamed of it, as evidenced by the fact that their news bureau, the Falcor Agency, played down discussion of the agreement during the Lucerne World Zionist Congress.

He also charged that in many cases capital is withdrawn from Germany without the transfer of German Jews and that the money realized is used for Jewish national institutions.

MRS. WISE LEADS PICKET LINE IN FRONT OF
STORE SELLING NAZI GOODS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Mrs. Stephen S. Wise, president of the women's division of the American Jewish Congress, stepped out on the picket line for the first time in her life today to express her "horror" that a toy firm headed by a Jew has been selling large quantities of German goods.

Flanked on one side by Mrs. Samuel Cahn, vice president of the women's division, and on the other by Mrs. Harriet Kirsch, a friend, Mrs. Wise marched back and forth for an hour in front of the B. Shackman showroom on 34th St. near Madison Ave. bearing up proudly under a sandwich sign which asked the public not to buy from Hitler.

With reporters, photographers and the public at large clustered about her, a detail of six police attempted to disperse the pickets, but met with a firm refusal.

Rabbi Wise himself made a twenty-five cent purchase in the store last week to establish that German goods were being sold before Mrs. Wise would picket. Mr. Shackman, president, admitted thirty percent of the firm's stock is German-made.

The action marks the first time the American Jewish Congress has resorted to this tactic in its boycott campaign. The decision to picket was taken by its boycott committee.

NAZIS CUT PHONE RATES TO PALESTINE DURING HOLIDAYS

BERLIN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- If any Nazis wish to telephone their Christmas greetings to Palestine, they may now do so cheaply, thanks to the Nazi Government.

The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs today instituted half rates for telephoning to Palestine during the holiday season until January 6.

KARESKI QUOTED BY ANGRIF AS JUSTIFYING NUREMBERG LAWS

BERLIN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The cultural portions of the Nuremberg laws are justified by Georg Kareski, newly appointed president of the Reich Federation of Jewish Cultural Unions, in an interview prominently featured in today's Der Angriff, an official Nazi party organ and personal mouthpiece of Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels.

The interview, headlined "The Nuremberg Laws Fulfill Ancient Zionist Demands," are prefaced by the editorial remark that Jews aren't as unanimous on the subject of Germany's anti-Jewish laws as the "international press" would have it appear.

Describing Kareski as an internationally famous figure in the Zionist movement, the interview reports his replies to eight questions on the cultural effect of the Nuremberg laws.

"The Nuremberg laws," Kareski is quoted as stating, "seem to me to be leading to the mutual respect between the two nations (the Jewish and German)."

Kareski is quoted as justifying the prohibition against intermarriage between Jews and "Aryans." He indicated further that he expects the Jewish school system to be placed under the direct supervision of the Jewish Cultural Union of which he is the head.

Kareski, who was appointed to his post by Hans Hinkel, Reich Commissar for Non-Aryan Culture, is a leader of the State Zionist Party of Germany. His appointment was strenuously objected to by leaders of the Jewish community. He is accused in many quarters of being a paid agent of the Gestapo, an accusation which he denies.

SAYS POLAND WILL PROTECT ITS JEWISH CITIZENS IN GERMANY

WARSAW, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Count Potocki, head of the Western Department of the Polish Foreign Office, assured a deputation of Jewish leaders today that the Polish Government is determined to protect the Polish Jews residing in Germany. He said he has asked the Polish ambassador in Germany for a full report about alleged discrimination against Polish Jewish nationals.

ANTI-SEMITIC GROUP BLOCKS WAY TO STORES IN HUNGARY

BUDAPEST, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Reports reached here today of an anti-Semitic demonstration at Debreczin yesterday during which members of the Arrow-Cross organization, who sport insignia similar to the Nazi swastika, surrounded Jewish shops and barred customers from entering.

RYBACK ARTIST, DIES IN PARIS AT 38.

PARIS, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Issachar Ryback, Russian-Jewish artist, is dead here at the age of 38. Born in Elizabethgrad, he became noted in later life for his studies of Jewish types, particularly portraits of old Jews. He had been living in Paris since 1926.

LITHUANIAN OFFICIALS HIT ANTI-JEWISH AGITATION

KAUNAS, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A proclamation over the signatures of the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Finance and the Mayor of Kaunas, published here today, condemns the chauvinistic agitation of the anti-Semitic organization, the Versliniki, and demands the practice of tolerance and equality of rights for all citizens.