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AUSTRIAN DAILY SEES CATHOLIC RIGHTS MENACED IN PALESTINE

VIENNA, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Catholic rights in Palestine are menaced by the "enormous increase in Jewish immigration" and the projected legislative council, an editorial charges today in Die Reichspost, Catholic Government organ.

The paper, stating that Palestine Jews are not inclined to do justice to Catholic demands, calls upon Great Britain and the League of Nations solemnly to guarantee Catholic privileges, including exemption from taxation for its institutions.

SAYS PALESTINE JEWS WILL CARRY ON DESPITE COUNCIL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Jewish newspapers in Palestine continued today to express indignation at proclamation of a legislative council by the Palestine Government. Davar, Zionist laborite daily, warned in an editorial against the "great danger" of the council.

The council "will not be able to kill our work," the editorial states, "for no power can break it. We worked under the Turkish regime, during riots, under Lord Passfield (British colonial secretary in 1930 and 1931) and we will work under the regime of the legislative council."

CONGRESSMAN CITRON GAINING

MOSCOW, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Representative William Citron of Connecticut, who is ill of pneumonia at the Botkin Hospital, is maintaining progress toward recovery, it was stated today at the hospital. There is no reason for concern over his condition, it was explained.

LITHUANIAN GERMANS URGED TO SEND GIFTS OF FATS TO REICH

KAUNAS, Lithuania, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The growing scarcity of certain foodstuffs in the Reich had an echo here when it was learned today that the German consul has ordered German nationals throughout Lithuania to send food parcels during the Christmas period to Germany.

Each parcel, according to the consul's order, must contain a certain proportion of fats. The postal receipts signed by recipients of the parcels will be delivered to the consul to attest that the German here has made his contribution.

RAANANA COLONY BREAKS WITH AGENCY OVER LABOR STRIFE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- A clash over employment of Arab laborers by farmers in the Jewish colony of Raanana resulted in slight injuries to several persons today and the suspension for forty-eight hours of relations between the colony and the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

The village council of Raanana, which is near Tel Aviv, ascribed its action in suspending relations to the failure of the Agency to act in the strife between Jewish union farm hands and local farmers who have insisted on employing Arab laborers.

The clash today is one of a long series of incidents which have developed over the farmers' refusal to accede to the union's demands that they cease to employ Arab laborers. On Nov. 20, eighty Jewish farm hands were arrested for picketing.

MISS SZOLD LISTED BY "NATION" IN 1935 HONOR ROLL

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Henrietta Szold, women Zionist leader, is listed on the honor roll for 1935 compiled by The Nation, Liberal weekly, which will be printed in its Jan. 1 issue. Other Jews listed are Jo Mielziner and Clifford Odets. In addition, Jeremiah T. Mahoney is lauded for his efforts on behalf of the Berlin Olympics boycott.

The citation for Miss Szold follows: "Henrietta Szold, who at seventy-five years of age, after a crowded lifetime of work in behalf of the oppressed Jews of all countries, is head of the Youth Aliyah movement, which has already transferred almost a thousand German Jewish children to Palestine and settled them on the land."

Mr. Odets is lauded for his plays and Mr. Mielziner for his "beautiful stage designs" for the play "Winterset."

JABOTINSKY'S 55TH BIRTHDAY HONORED HERE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The 55th birthday of Vladimir Jabotinsky, Zionist Revisionist leader, was celebrated tonight with a dinner at Moscovitz's restaurant under the auspices of the Brith Trumpeldor, Revisionist youth organization, attended by about 200 persons. On the speakers' list were Jacob de Haas, B. Epstein, acting Revisionist president and Mordecai Danzis. Mr. Jabotinsky's birthday fell on Oct. 17.

JOSHUA A. JOFFE, 73, DEAD IN FREIBURG, GERMANY

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The death on Monday of Joshua A. Joffe, Jewish scholar and teacher, in Freiburg, Germany, at the age of 73, was announced here today by Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Mr. Joffe was connected with the Seminary since his arrival here in 1892. Between 1902 and 1917 he taught Talmud. He officiated as rabbi in Vishnove, Russia, and Moabit, Germany. He retired in 1917 and took up his residence in Germany.

BRITISH PERIODICAL SEES ZIONIST CAUSE HURT IF COUNCIL IS DEFERRED

LONDON (JTA) -- Great Britain and the Near East, semi-official organ of the British Colonial office, contends in its current issue that postponement of the Palestine Legislative Council would be fatal to the Zionist cause.

The editorial attacks Jewish hostility to the council and declares that were the council postponed "the whole case of the Government -- that is impartial between Arab and Jew -- would fall to the ground. And that indeed would be fatal to the Zionist cause."

The Zionists ignore, says the editorial, "that for some time it has been the professed will and desire of the Mandatory Power to bring into being a legislative council and that such a council cannot be indefinitely postponed.

"It is an old and not wholly true saying that when an Oriental asks for justice, what he really means is preference; but the Zionists by their present attitude are scarcely helping to disprove the saying."

The journal lauds as "refreshing" the statement of Moshe Smilansky, Palestine farm leader, that if peace is not made with the Arabs in this generation there will be little chance for understanding in the next.

"Patently," it continues, "it is no part of statesmanship to grant privileges under the threat of force. Patently it is the duty of Government to choose the exact time for the granting of privilege. But to assert in effect that Palestine will never be ripe for an additional measure of self-government until such time as the Zionists are in a majority in the land is the most unstatesmanlike course of all; and to suppose that the British Government would act upon such interested counsel would be, indeed, to despair of its bona fides. Threats of non-cooperation by a minority can scarcely be expected to impress an administration whose basic principles are reputed to be fair play and no discrimination."

LOCKER SCORES COUNCIL AS "PARODY OF PARLIAMENT"

DETROIT, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The proposed Palestine legislative council was denounced as "a parody of a Parliament" by Berl

Locker, laborite Zionist leader, at the thirtieth jubilee convention of the Poale Zion-Zeire Zion Organization, which continued in the Hotel Statler today.

Addressing about 2,000 delegates and guests at the opening session last night, Mr. Locker declared:

"We categorically reject the attempt to institute a parody of a Parliament whose purpose will be not the furthering of the democratic ideal but the placing of the Jewish people in their own homeland in the same minority position as in other countries.

"In the name of Zionist achievements," he continued, "in the name of chalutzism and the progress we bring to the Arab fellaheen and workers, we protest against the establishment of a sham parliament."

The convention was opened by Joseph Lehaggai of Detroit, who introduced as chairman Hirsh Ehrenreich of New York, for many years secretary of Poale Zion.

Speakers included Louis Lipsky, Morris Rothenberg, Joseph Schlossberg, David Wertheim, Baruch Zuckerman and Eliza Shidlowsky.

Mr. Lipsky appealed in behalf of the United Palestine Appeal.

Mr. Rothenberg urged the convention to to adopt a rigid formula for effectuating the Zionist Congress decision to establish territorial Zionist unions in each country but to leave it to the various parties to work out an American set-up. .

There are now about 3,000 registered members in the 76 branches of the organization, it was reported by Mr. Wertheim, secretary, at this morning's session, discussing the work of the organization in the 18 months that elapsed since the last convention. Samuel Segal of New York presided at the session.

HERZL ASKED BURIAL ON MT. CARMEL, DOCUMENTS REVEAL

VIENNA (JTA) -- Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of political Zionism, expressed a wish to be buried on Mount Carmel in Palestine, according to a sheaf of documents including letters to his friends and collaborators shown to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent by M. Reichenfeld, executor of his will. The proposal has been made that Dr. Herzl's remains be transferred from Vienna to Mount Scopus in Palestine.