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POLISH JEWS MAP FIGHT ON SHECHITAH BILL

WARSAW, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Polish Jews today began to map detailed plans for combatting a bill before Parliament which would ban kosher slaughtering.

More than 250 representatives of Jewish communities and organizations, throughout Poland, after hearing addresses by Jewish leaders and members of Parliament, set up an actions committee of fifty and an executive committee of fifteen to conduct the battle against the proposal.

The conference adopted a resolution vigorously protesting against the bill, and appealing to the Government and to the public not to "permit this infringement on Jewish rights and this insult to the Jewish religion."

The Sochevzower Rebbe, an important Jewish rabbi, declared in an address that the "Jews are being rewarded for their patriotism to the Polish State by insults to the Jewish religion and the starving out of millions of Jews."

Other speakers were Senator Rabbi Moses Schorr, Senator Trockenheim and Deputies Emil Rubenstein and Minczberg.

POZNAN UNIVERSITY LECTURES HALTED

POZNAN, Poland, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The rector of the University of Poznan announced that owing to anti-Jewish excesses in the medical faculty lectures throughout the university will be suspended for an indefinite period.

PRAYERS ORDERED ON POLISH SHECHITAH BILL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The chief rabbinate of Palestine yesterday ordered prayers in all synagogues in connection with a bill in the Polish Parliament which would ban kosher slaughtering.

BRITISH FUND FOR POLISH JEWS GETS \$50,000

LONDON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- A contribution of \$50,000 from the Federation of Synagogues to the fund for ameliorating the economic condition of the Polish Jews was announced yesterday by Joseph Meller at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, bringing the fund to a total of \$225,000.

Sir Robert Waley-Cohen, chairman of the Palestine Corporation, was elected vice-president of the board to succeed Sir Isidore Salmon.

M.P. THREATENED AFTER ATTACKING FASCIST INTIMIDATION

LONDON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Ernest Thurtle, Labor M.P., who formerly lived in New York City, disclosed today that he has received a number of threats from Fascists for his address in Commons last Thursday charging Fascist intimidation of Jewish shopkeepers in London's East End.

He also said that he had had a long discussion with Sir John Simon, Secretary for Home Affairs, in which he described Fascist activities in England.

In response to an interrogation by Mr. Thurtle in Commons, Sir John had declared that police are closely watching cases of intimidation in the East End, adding that special measures had been taken to keep order. Mr. Thurtle charged that police were treating certain cases of Fascist violation of law "with indulgence."

REICH ORDER CURBS VACATIONS IN PALESTINE

BERLIN, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The authorities today made it virtually impossible for many German Jews to spend contemplated vacations in Palestine during the forthcoming Jewish holidays of Purim and Passover by ordering discontinuance of the so-called hotel certificates.

The certificates were used by tourists in Palestine to pay hotel bills since under Reich currency export restrictions they cannot withdraw enough money for the trip. The certificates were redeemed by the Reichsbank through sale of German merchandise in the Holy Land.

It was explained that the order was not meant as a reprisal against the German Jews but was dictated by a shortage of German credits in Palestine.

300 GERMAN JEWS LEAVE MONTHLY FOR LATIN AMERICA

BERLIN, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The number of German Jews emigrating to Central and South America has risen to the point where it equals the number leaving for Palestine, according to a report made

public today by the Hilfsverein der Juden in Deutschland, Jewish relief body. It said the organization is aiding an average of 300 Jews a month to emigrate to Latin American countries.

In addition, the report stated, increasing numbers are leaving unaided. Although no exact figures are available, it is known that many Jews are leaving for Central and South America at the behest of relatives already settled there, the report said. Prospects for settlement were described by the organization as "most optimistic."

REICH PAPER TAKES ISSUE WITH "NAZI JUSTICE" EDICT

BERLIN, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Frankfurter Zeitung, took issue with recent instructions issued to judges to place the program of the Nazi Party above law and precedent. The paper asserted that judges must be guided by existing laws rather than by party instructions.

While declaring that there should be no interpretation of the law except on the basis of the Nazi viewpoint, the paper suggested that judges should, before issuing a verdict according to the party program which contradicts written law, consult a higher political authority "to avoid lawlessness."

NAZI PRESS ASSAILS FRENCH RULE IN SYRIA

BERLIN, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The entire Nazi press assailed France for her handling of the Syrian situation, printing sensationalized accounts of recent Arab nationalist uprisings. Reichsfuehrer Hitler's Voelkischer Beobachter, chief organ of the Nazi party, attacked the League of Nations for not intervening, accusing the League of discrimination against the Arabs.

The Beobachter also charged that the League had used undue severity in forcing the Nazi-controlled Danzig Senate to remove violations of the Free City's constitution.

NAZI CORRESPONDENT OUSTED FROM FRANCE

PARIS, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The police today ordered Herr Richards, correspondent for the German National Socialist Press Service, to leave the country within four days.

ARAB ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF GERMAN JEWESS

HAIFA, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Police today arrested an Arab named Mahmud Abbadiye who, they said, had confessed to murdering and robbing Mrs. Julia Koller, a German Jewess, last night. An accomplice, Ibrahim Assafadi, is still being sought.

Mrs. Koller was murdered and robbed at Bath Galim while walking to Athlit. Her eleven-year-old son was seriously wounded.

REPORT WAUCHOPE LEAVING FOR LONDON

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- It was reported today that High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope would leave for London in March.

It was said that Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who had been reported by the Hebrew newspapers as going to London this weekend, would attempt to make his visit coincide with Sir Arthur's.

Dr. Weizmann was to leave with Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency and to be followed later by Dr. Arthur Ruppin, head of the agency's special department for economic planning. The delegation will, according to the Hebrew newspapers, discuss political and economic questions concerning Palestine.

They will consult the British delegation headed by Sir Herbert Samuel, just returned from the United States, on measures for facilitating emigration of German Jews to the Holy Land.

It was understood that Dr. Weizmann will attempt to forestall in London measures contemplated by the Palestine Government for restricting immigration and sale of Arabs' lands.

VAAD LEUMI ASKS AID FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council, representative body of Palestine Jewry, issued today a communique declaring that Jews now in the Holy Land illegally have been subjected to "inhuman suffering."

The statement followed the surprising of the council's session last night by 300 illegal immigrants, who demanded that action be taken to have their status legalized. They complained that many were separated from their families for as much as four years and could not have their relatives brought here despite the fact they had secure positions.

Some of them said that although they employed many workers they were not permitted to bring their relatives into the country.

400 PALESTINE PRISONERS FAST

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Four hundred prisoners, twenty-three of them Jews, have launched a hunger-strike at the Nur el Shamsh prison near Tulkarm in protest against the ban on bringing food to the prisoners from outside.

JEWISH CORRESPONDENT SEIZED IN SYRIA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- A special correspondent of the Hebrew daily, Haboker, who was studying the situation of the Jews in Syria in connection with recent Nationalist disturbances has been arrested, it was learned here today.

GERMAN MAGISTRATE BECOMES PALESTINE POLICEMAN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- A former German magistrate was among the five Jewish "rookies" graduated as police officers from the Government Officers' School. Three Arabs were also graduated.

BRITAIN'S PALESTINE POLICY SCORED AT MIZRACHI CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Jewish homeland movement is being handicapped by Great Britain's efforts to establish a Legislative Council in Palestine, speakers declared at the Mizrachi Zionist Organization convention before 1,200 delegates and guests.

Rabbi Meier Berlin, honorary world president of Mizrachi, told leaders of orthodox Jewry that Palestine Jewry would resist establishment of a Legislative Council with every power at its command, by appealing to the League of Nations and to the nations which countersigned the Balfour Declaration, including the United States.

Other speakers echoed Rabbi Berlin's sentiments. Leon Gellman, national president of Mizrachi and Rabbi Joseph Konwitz contended that an Arab majority on the Legislative Council would frustrate the purpose of the Balfour Declaration and the articles of the mandate relating to the Jewish national home.

Extending greetings to the convention President Roosevelt said in a message:

"Religion has always played an important role in civilization. Its teachers and ministers have been beacon lights guiding the people ever higher and higher. They have been revered by the people whom they have led.

"This applies with unusual force to the Jews. From their early history their religious leaders have been world characters. They have held their people together through good times and bad, through friendly periods and times of persecution."

"Their political situation in Palestine has been changed considerably during the last few months," Rabbi Berlin declared. "We thought that Great Britain was in sympathy with our aims to increase the Jewish population and wealth of our country. The fact that the Jewish population of Palestine is now 400,000 souls is regarded as a miracle in the eyes of many people who know the condition of the land a generation ago.

"Now England has changed its front and is placing obstacles in our path by proposing to establish a Legislative Council which is in direct conflict with the letter and spirit of the Balfour Declaration which established a Jewish national home.

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