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BRITAIN SET ON COUNCIL, THOMAS TELLS COMMONS

LONDON, March 4. (JTA) -- J. H. Thomas, Colonial Secretary, announced to the House of Commons today the determination of the British Government to proceed with institution of a representative legislative council in Palestine despite Jewish protests.

"I think that no one would challenge the council for being contrary to the mandate," he replied heatedly to a question by J. J. Davidson, Laborite, on whether a council on which Jews would be in a minority would implement the promise contained in the League of Nations mandate for Palestine to facilitate establishment of a Jewish national home.

To a query from F. Messer, Laborite, on the question of increasing Jewish immigration into the Holy Land in view of a shortage of labor, the Colonial Secretary replied that he was unaware of any labor shortage.

Geoffrey Le M. Mander, Liberal, interrogated Mr. Thomas on purchase of land in Transjordan, a separate territory under the Palestine mandate, asking why the Jews had not been granted permission as yet to buy land there.

Conditions have not changed from last year, and the possibility of Jewish settlement in Transjordan must depend on local conditions, in which the advice of the High Commissioner is followed, the Colonial Secretary replied.

Mr. Thomas added that the position of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, which represents the Jews in Palestine dealings, with respect to the Government would be safeguarded.

The council question was raised on the floor of Commons by Mr. Davidson, who asked whether the Government contemplated amending the constitution of the projected council.

The query elicited a flat "No, sir!" from Mr. Thomas.

Replying to a question by Emanuel Shinwell, Laborite, the Colonial Secretary compared the present proposal with a projected council in 1922, asserting, "I would say that from the Jewish point of view there is a considerable improvement."

He referred to the project of Sir Herbert Samuel, then Palestine High Commissioner, for instituting a council, after Mr. Shinwell had asked the relative position of the parties in the two projects. Under the present proposal the Jews would be entitled to seven out of twenty-eight seats.

POLISH JEWISH BODIES PROTEST CHOICE OF PRIEST AS SHECHITAH EXPERT

WARSAW, March 4. (JTA) -- Appointment of a Catholic priest, Dr. Trzeciak, as expert for a special Parliament commission on a bill for banning kosher slaughtering drew the fire of Jewish organizations today on the ground that a Catholic was not qualified to interpret the Jewish religion.

A joint meeting of the Rabbinical Assembly, the Executive of the Jewish Community and the Jewish Committee of Shechita (kosher slaughtering) adopted a resolution demanding that Deputy Emil Rubenstein withdraw as Jewish expert for the Parliament committee in protest against Dr. Trzeciak's appointment.

The conference telegraphed a protest to Premier Marjan Z. Koscialkowski, Minister of Cults and Education Swietoslowski and the Speaker of the Sejm (Parliament) asserting that only Jewish clergymen were authorized to interpret the Jewish religion.

Deputy Rubenstein and Senator Mosos Schorr visited the Sejm speaker today, declaring that it was degrading to the Sejm to bring a religious dispute before its commission 150 years after the issuance of the Declaration of the Rights of Man.

Dr. Trzeciak, a university professor, is author of a pamphlet which contends that shechita is not a Jewish ritual but merely a custom, a contention which forms the basis for Deputy Janina Frystor's bill to outlaw the method of slaughtering.

The bill will be taken up by the Sejm Commission tomorrow. At the same time Jews throughout Poland will observe a day of fast as prayer in protest against the bill and have called upon Jews the world over to join them.

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"Shechita Fast" Proclaimed in Palestine

JERUSALEM, March 4. (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbinate of Palestine and the Agudath Israel, organization of orthodox Jews, today proclaimed a fast day for tomorrow in protest against a bill in the Polish Parliament which would ban kosher slaughtering.

Rabbis from all over the country will assemble at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem for special prayers.

The action was taken in response to an appeal from the Polish rabbinate to Jewish communities throughout the world to join the Polish Jews in fast and prayer against the proposal.

PALESTINE TO DEPORT "ILLEGALS" SEIZED IN DISORDERS

JERUSALEM, March 4. (JTA) -- Doar Hayom, Hebrew daily, said today that seven immigrants illegally in Palestine, who were arrested during a demonstration on the premises of the Jewish Agency for Palestine last Sunday, would be deported shortly.

The seven were seized in a demonstration of 150 illegal immigrants demanding that measures be taken to have their residence legalized. Police called to disperse the demonstrators beat a number of them.

SHOLOM ASCH IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, March 4. (JTA) -- Sholom Asch, leading Jewish author, arrived here today from Paris, where he participated in a conference which mapped plans for a world Jewish congress next August.

HEBREW DAILY CHARGES NUMERUS CLAUSUS ON PALESTINE JOBS

JERUSALEM, March 4. (JTA) -- Davar, Laborite Hebrew daily, complained today that the Government was gradually introducing a numerus clausus for Jewish workers in all public works projects. A similar charge was voiced two weeks ago by the paper, which listed many instances in which Jews are not admitted to employment even on the same wage scale as is paid to Arabs.

PRESIDENT CARDENAS ORDERS CURB ON MEXICAN FASCISTS

MEXICO CITY, March 4. (JTA) -- The anti-Semitic "Golden Shirts" and similar Mexican Fascist organizations were under a virtual ban today as the result of an order by President Lazaro Cardenas to the heads of all Government departments to use every legal means within their power to curb their "destructive activities."

Declaring there was no reason for the existence in Mexico of such nationalist organizations as the "Golden Shirts," President Cardenas said that the chief aim of these groups was to split the ranks of the workers.

Meanwhile it was learned from a semi-official source that the Government's immigration bill, which is soon to be enacted, provides for the admission into the country of a number of specialists in industry and agriculture. It was also learned that the bill provides for exclusion of persons with small means on the grounds that they might compete with traders already established and thus prove harmful to the country's economy.

50 JEWISH STUDENTS INJURED IN ENDEK RIOTS AT WARSAW U.

WARSAW, March 4. (JTA) -- Fifty Jewish students were injured today, two of them seriously, in an anti-Jewish riot which caused the closing for an indefinite period of the University of Warsaw.

The riot, precipitated by student members of the anti-Semitic National Democratic Party (Endeks), exceeded in its ferocity any previous anti-Jewish excesses at the university.

Endek students armed with clubs to which razor blades had been attached brutally beat the Jewish students, many of them women, whom they dragged from laboratories and threw from classroom windows. Twenty-four of those injured had to be given medical aid.

Police, summoned by the rector, succeeded in restoring order, making numerous arrests.

The riot was said to have resulted from agitation by the Endeks for reduction of tuition fees. Similar riots, following Endek demands for segregation of Jewish students in the classrooms and institution of a numerus clausus, recently resulted in the university's being closed for about two weeks.

GOEBBELS LIFTS BAN ON KULTUREBUND

BERLIN, March 4. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Propaganda today announced that it has lifted the ban on the Jewish Cultural Union which had been in effect one month.

The ban had been ordered by Propaganda Minister Goebbels immediately following the assassination of the Swiss Nazi leader Wilhelm Gustloff by the Jewish medical student, David Frankfurter.

Although the order was given ostensibly "to prevent anti-Jewish disturbances as a result of the assassination," it was widely interpreted as the first Nazi reprisal for the killing of Gustloff. The Jewish Cultural Union, organized under Nazi supervision, controls all Jewish artistic and intellectual pursuits in the Reich.

LEYDEN UNIVERSITY TO BOYCOTT HEIDELBERG FETE

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands, March 4. (JTA) -- The University of Leyden today announced that it would not send a deputation to the celebration next June of Heidelberg University's 550th anniversary.

DUTCH ANTI-SEMITE GIVEN 100-DAY JAIL TERM

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands, March 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Golonbroek, a leading anti-Semite here, was today sentenced to a jail term of 100 days for publishing anti-Semitic pamphlets. He was given the alternative of paying a fine of 300 guilders.

RABBI SILVER URGES ALLIANCE OF ANTI-NAZI FORCES
AS WOMEN OPEN U.P.A. DRIVE

NEW YORK, March 4. (JTA) -- A two-point program calling for alliance with the forces combatting Nazism and the speedy rebuilding of a Jewish homeland in Palestine was urged upon the Jews today by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland, co-chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, addressing 1,000 women at the opening of the women's campaign of the Appeal at the Astor.

Another speaker was Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, women's leader, who bitterly denounced the Nazi regime and offered her own two-point program for aiding refugees: receiving as many as possible of them here with hospitality and pressing the movement for providing a home for them in Palestine.

The meeting accepted a \$200,000 quota in the \$1,500,000 New York campaign. Other speakers were Mrs. William D. Sporborg, chairman of the women's division and Nathan Straus, chairman of the New York Appeal.

"We will not go back to the ghetto," Rabbi Silver asserted. "We may be dragged back there, but we will ally ourselves with all the liberal forces of the world to undermine and destroy the reactionary forces."

He asserted that "history has not said its last word. The Nazi regime is three years old and the Jews are 3,000 years old."

He urged as a measure of "national self-defense" that the Jews unite "with all the groups in the world who see in this violent reaction a menace to the whole of modern civilization."

He declared that "the Jew who does not throw himself into the battle which is raging today is underwriting his own suicide."

Lauding the Jews' achievements in Palestine, Rabbi Silver appealed for "building as rapidly as we can of our own Jewish homeland."

Rabbi Silver spoke in the evening at a reunion of delegates to the annual Zionist convention in the Bronx.

Mrs. Catt asserted, in speaking of the Hitlerite regime, that "never before has an ordered society deliberately and with intent so persecute a minority of its own citizens."

She added that the Third Reich has taken away from the Jews "their citizenship and the right to hold administrative positions. She has denied educational facilities to their children and economic freedom to the adults."

"The conditions under which a Jew may live in Germany are an amazing combination of injustices. What Germany has done is utterly inconsistent with the standards of the twentieth century."

Mrs. Catt stated that "the nations have not made as energetic demand in behalf of the Jews as we should expect." She urged Americans to "extend the hospitable hand of friends to every refugee."

Speaking of her visit to Palestine in 1920, Mrs. Catt said that although a Christian she had become a Zionist. She praised Palestinian institutions, expressing the hope the Hebrew University would become "one of the world's greatest."

REICH-JEWISH WOMEN GO TO ENGLAND TO BEAR CHILDREN

BERLIN (JTA) -- Hundreds of expectant Jewish mothers are taking trips to England to give birth in order to obtain British citizenship for their children.

Anxious to prevent their children from coming under the Nazi laws relegating the Jews to second-class citizenship, the mothers, in many cases, go so far as to risk airplane trips across the Channel.

In addition to the fact that children born in Britain automatically become British subjects, they can, at the age of only a few days, apply for admission of their parents into the country.

These applications are made by guardians or agents for the children, and the British authorities are disposed to treat them favorably.

In many cases, the Jewish mothers are attended in England by German Jewish doctors, some times by their old family physicians, since many have left the Reich and set up practice in Britain.