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SEJM BODY ADOPTS ANTI-SHECHITA BILL; MME. PRYSTOR ASSAILS JEWS

WARSAW, March 5. (JTA) -- Deputy Janina Prystor's bill to outlaw shechita, Jewish ritual method of slaughtering animals, was rushed through the special Parliament commission today with only the Jewish and Ukrainian members voting against it.

The complete text of the measure was adopted by the commission. An amendment offered by Government representatives which would permit ritual slaughter sufficient for Jewish requirements was rejected. Rejection of the amendment was voted despite warnings that the bill without it was unconstitutional since it violates the right of freedom of religious observance. The warnings were voiced by Dr. Bronslaw Zongolowicz, Catholic priest and Vice-Minister of Cults, acting as the Government's representative.

Conspicuous by their absence from the hearing were representatives of particularly interested ministries, such as the ministries of economics and the interior. This absence is interpreted to mean that they are unwilling to define their attitude on the Prystor measure.

In a sharp debate that preceded adoption of the bill, Dr. Emil Sommerstein, Jewish deputy, demanded that it be transferred to a constitutional commission. His motion to that effect was rejected.

Mme. Prystor, wife of the Senate's president, in speaking for her measure sharply attacked the Jews, declaring it was not her business to be concerned about the Jewish religion. She assailed shechita as being "against my religion, against my country, against our ethical conceptions and against our pockets." Urging the commission "not to be browbeaten by the Jews," she characterized their appeals to the rest of Europe as treason and declared that those responsible for the appeals had no right to Polish citizenship.

Mme. Prystor's measure, introduced into Parliament on Feb. 7, would compel the stunning of animals before slaughter, a method which contravenes the Jewish orthodox code. It would impose jail sentences not exceeding three months and 3,000-zloty maximum fines for violation. It would go into effect Jan. 1, 1937. If the measure is enacted into law, it is estimated that a large majority of the 3,500,000 Jews of Poland would be forced to go meatless.

While the bill was being rushed through the committee, Jews throughout Poland spent the day in a protest fast and praying against the bill.

BRITISH RIGHT TO FORM PALESTINE COUNCIL CHALLENGED IN PARLIAMENT

LONDON, March 5. (JTA) -- The Government's expressed determination to proceed with establishment of a Palestine legislative council despite Jewish protests stirred a debate in the House of Lords today during which a demand was voiced that the council be deferred until Parliament would discuss and approve the project.

Baron Rankeillour, former Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, challenged the right of the Government to proceed, demanding to know under what powers it intended to act. He cited previous cases in other territories where action was preceded by Parliamentary inquiry and approval.

Replying for the Government, Lord Plymouth insisted that provision for establishment of the legislative council would be made by an order of the King in Council under the Foreign Jurisdictions Act of 1890. He added that the order would be laid before Parliament, that the matter would not be hurried and would be studied from every angle.

The right of the Government to proceed under the Foreign Jurisdictions Act was challenged by Baron Rankeillour, who asserted that the act was inapplicable to mandated territories. He declared that investigation was "plainly necessary" in the case of Palestine because difficulties were most acute and, in some cases, impossible to reconcile.

He declared that the question was not only a Palestine matter but a world matter, pointing out that he meant to imply no censure of the Palestine High Commissioner, he stated that the question of the legislative council could not be left to the Commissioner or to the department concerned but needed the thorough consideration of Parliament.

He urged that if the Government proceed under orders in Council that it not take action while Parliament recesses.

WILL STAMP OUT FASCIST JEW-BAITING IN ENGLAND, SIMON TELLS COMMONS

LONDON, March 5. (JTA) -- The Government's determination to stamp out Fascist Jew-baiting in England was reiterated today by Sir John Simon, Home Secretary, in a lengthy statement to the House of Commons.

Denying charges that police were discriminating in favor of the Fascists, he asserted that he would personally investigate all charges of bias. He disclosed that after a recent conference with the police commissioner it was decided to detail additional police to London's East End districts, where the Fascists were most active.

The policemen have been charged with the duty of watching carefully for provocative conduct, Sir John revealed, urging "decent citizens" to assist the authorities by helping to identify the culprits responsible for incitement against the Jews.

He expressed agreement with Herbert Morrison, Labor leader, that the Fascist menace to the Jews was "potentially dangerous." Mr. Morrison, one of the most powerful British Labor leaders and president of the London City Council, had interrupted a debate on Home Office estimates to make his first speech in the present Parliament, raising the Fascist issue.

Mr. Morrison assailed the Fascist leaders, declaring: "We cannot tolerate a situation in which these people take the law into their own hands and make others feel, when they go on the King's Highway, that they are not free from molestation."

Sir John replied that Mr. Morrison had raised a question of great importance, adding that he had not thought there was a widespread feeling of hostility against the Jews here but that undoubtedly it was true that in certain quarters of London there had developed "a most disquieting movement."

He described the difficulties of acting against the Fascists without infringing on the rights of free speech. "There is no doubt that a man is breaking the law if he uses language of insult, abuse and provocation to such an extent that he is in fact encouraging people to be violent or to behave without respect for the rights of those he attacks," the Home Secretary declared.

He admitted that there were cases of Jews having been molested during the Fascist anti-Jewish campaign, but denied police prejudice in favor of the Fascists.

Continuing, he attacked Fascism and Communism as constituting "a menace to the ideas of freedom," adding that they might sometimes try to gain their ends by forcible methods. He concluded by expressing the belief that the debate in Commons would arouse public opinion and thus strengthen the hands of the police.

RABBI JOSEPH ROSEN, TALMUDIC LAW AUTHORITY, DIES IN VIENNA

VIENNA, March 5. (JTA) -- Rabbi Joseph Rosen, who gained fame as the Rogatschewer Gaon, died here today at the Vienna Sanatorium. Previously rabbi of Dvinsk, Latvia, the Gaon (eminent rabbinical scholar) was a world-famous authority on Talmudic law.

BRITISH DRIVE FOR \$5,000,000 OPENS MARCH 15

LONDON, March 5. (JTA) -- A \$5,000,000 drive to aid the German Jews will be launched here on March 15 with a conference at the Dorchester Hotel, it was announced today.

The \$5,000,000 will be the British quota of a \$15,000,000 to be raised over four years, to expatriate 100,000 Jews from the Reich.

UNITED DRIVES TO BE HELD IN 90% OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES, J.D.C.

REVEALS

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- Ninety percent of the Jewish communities of the United States will probably hold joint campaigns for the relief and rehabilitation of Central and Eastern European Jews, it was disclosed today at a luncheon at the Hotel Commodore given by the Joint Distribution Committee to members of the Jewish, Anglo-Jewish and general press.

The statement was made by Joseph C. Hyman, secretary, in answer to a question by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency representative as to what efforts were being made to coordinate the fund-raising activities of the J.D.C. and the United Palestine Appeal. Among the larger communities that have signified their intention of holding joint drives are those of Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

James N. Rosenberg, vice-chairman, who presided at the luncheon, laid special emphasis on the fact that "the J.D.C. is the only major organization in the United States which, 1) pays for transportation of Jews from Germany to Palestine and other lands; 2) trains young Jews in Germany and in refugee centers for their new lives in new lands; 3) retrains Jews in Germany for self-support in new occupations; 4) helps provide education facilities for 60,000 German-Jewish children in Germany."

Other speakers at the conference included Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, chairman of the national fund raising committee, Alexander Kahn, of the executive committee, who spoke on the work in Poland, and Carl J. Austrian, director of the New York J.D.C. drive for \$1,500,000.

NEW YORK \$1,500,000 UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL DRIVE LAUNCHED

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- The \$1,500,000 Greater New York campaign of the United Palestine Appeal was launched today with a luncheon in the Hotel Astor attended by 600 leaders of the fund-raising effort. The principal speakers were Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland, national co-chairman of the appeal, and Nathan Straus, head of the New York campaign.

A message was read from Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, declaring that the work of rebuilding Palestine was "proceeding in the background of the progressive deterioration of the Jewish communities of Central and Eastern Europe." He held that one of the Zionists' principal tasks was "the strengthening of our agricultural position and the transfer of the ever-growing number of new immigrants to rural pursuits."

Rabbi Silver asserted that "in addition to fighting against Nazism our task is to build as rapidly as we can, as effectively as we can, as magnificently as we can, our Jewish homeland in Palestine."

The campaign will have the participation of several thousand volunteer workers. Leader officers are Harold Jacobi and Maurice Levin, associate chairman; Dr. G. A. Lowenstein and Michael Schaap, vice chairmen; Arthur Lamport, treasurer; Abraham Liebovitz, associate treasurer, and Samuel Blitz, executive director.

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE THREATENS BOYCOTT OF PHILHARMONIC

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- The Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, of which Samuel Untermyer is president, issued an announcement today threatening a boycott of the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra unless its new musical director, Wilhelm Furtwaengler, renounces his allegiance to the Hitler Government.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Labor Committee sent a letter to the musicians over the signature of B.C. Vladeck, chairman, and other officers asking members of the orchestra not to "permit music, which expresses the finest and most noble in human character, to increase the prestige of a government whose existence is an insult to humanity, morality and beauty."

200 JEWISH EXILES ARRIVE FROM REICH TO LIVE HERE

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- Two hundred Jewish men, women and children arrived here from Germany today aboard the liner Washington with regular immigration visas for permanent residence. Relatives here posted bonds to insure that they would not become public charges.

Although most of them were reluctant to describe persecution in Germany, fearing reprisals against relatives still there, they agreed that it was impossible for Jews to continue to live in the Reich.

Most of the refugees were prosperous manufacturers, retailers, lawyers, physicians and dentists before Hitler came into power.

EPIDEMIC OF "HEART FAILURE" DEATHS IN REICH CHEMICAL LABORATORY

PRAHA (JTA) -- A mysterious epidemic of deaths from heart failure which struck down in quick succession four professors in a chemical laboratory in Germany has aroused keen interest and stirred speculation as to the underlying causes in German emigre circles here.

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The deaths are reported in the emigre periodical, Die Wehrheit, which lists the victims as the professors Pschorr, Obermiller, Scharsehnitt and Dr. Erich Buttner.

Pointing out that each of the chemists occupied similar posts in the laboratory, which is unnamed, Die Wahrheit dramatically emphasizes the fact that each died of heart failure and demands to know whether this suspicious circumstance has any special significance.

To understand the full import of this query, which is aimed at the Reich department of war supplies, under whose strict supervision the laboratory is, it is necessary to review reports which have been widely circulated both in and out of Germany and which have gained credence in conservative quarters.

According to these reports, Jewish and non-conformist "Aryan" scientists who have been employed in tasks important to the Reich war department and whose services were considered indispensable, have been deprived of their passports. These scientists, kept under strictest surveillance by the authorities, are forced to continue at their posts.

When the particular task upon which they have been working is finished, the reports state, the scientists are suddenly "stricken with heart failure" on the theory that they "know too much" and can do the Reich less harm dead than alive.