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### DEFER FINAL ACTION ON PALESTINE COUNCIL; COMMONS TO DEBATE ISSUE

LONDON, March 11. (JTA) -- Final action on the proposed legislative council for Palestine will be held up until the House of Commons has had an opportunity fully to debate the question, it was announced in Commons today by Colonial Secretary J.H. Thomas.

Yielding to insistent and repeated demands of Members of Parliament, Mr. Thomas declared that the issue would be fully aired during the debate on budget estimates for the Colonial Office.

The Colonial Secretary's statement, the first official indication that establishment of the council would be delayed, was made in answer to a question by Sir Percy Harris. He informed Sir Percy that there was unlikely to be a final decision on the council before Commons was given an opportunity to discuss it.

Previous statements by Mr. Thomas and by Lord Plymouth in the House of Lords indicated that the British Government, with the full backing of the Cabinet, would proceed with establishment of the council without delay. Lord Plymouth had declared that failure to proceed with the council would lead to serious unrest and might shake the confidence in Palestine in the Government.

Replying to a series of questions fired at him by Commoners, Mr. Thomas told W. Lunn, Laborite, that he didn't feel that sending a Royal Commission to Palestine, as suggested in the House of Lords, was justified. The commission had been proposed by Lord Lytton, who said the body could take evidence on the spot and report the possible development of self-government in the Holy Land.

Mr. Thomas further stated that no further steps on the council would be taken pending receipt of High Commissioner Wauchope's report on the reception given the proposals by Palestine leaders.

Jewish leaders in Palestine unanimously rejected the proposals when made last December. Arab leaders are divided on the council, not all of them having replied officially to the proposals, although a majority of them are favorably disposed providing certain modifications are made.

Replying to a question by T. Williams, Laborite, as to whether the Government would reconsider its stand after receipt of the Wauchope report, Mr. Thomas said the Government would be guided by the High Commissioner's views.

Asked by Captain Victor Cazalet, Conservative, whether sending the proposed Royal Commission to Palestine would be contrary to pledges made by the Government, Mr. Thomas replied that the Arabs would probably so consider it.

To a query on whether the legislative council would be empowered to discuss the League of Nations mandate and questions of land and immigration, Mr. Thomas replied that the mandate would not be subject to its consideration and the other questions would remain within the jurisdiction of the High Commissioner.

#### LITHUANIAN RABBIS TO PETITION LEAGUE ON POLISH SHECHITA BILL

KAUNAS, Lithuania, March 11. (JTA) -- The Association of Rabbis today announced it has decided to petition the League of Nations to intervene in the proposed ban by Poland on shechita, the Jewish ritual method of slaughtering animals. The association has requested the Lithuanian Foreign Minister to support the petition.

#### EMERGENCY PARLEY ASSAILS POLAND FOR RIOTS: MOURNING PERIOD PRO-CLAIMED

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WARSAW, March 11. -- While the two Jewish victims of the Przytyk pogrom were being buried, speakers at an emergency conference of Jewish leaders from all parts of the country today voiced sharp criticism of the Polish Government for failing to combat the anti-Semitic wave.

The conference proclaimed a month of mourning to draw the Government's attention to the seriousness of the situation. During the mourning period Jews will be asked not to hold weddings or to attend the theatre and all other forms of entertainment.

Speakers particularly assailed the Government for permitting the great volume of anti-Semitic agitation which has attended introduction into the Sejm (parliament) of a bill to ban shechita, Jewish ritual method of slaughtering animals for human consumption.

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The American Consulate here meanwhile announced today that it has been instructed by the State Department from Washington to dispatch a full report on the shechita bill and how it would affect the religious, economic and minority rights of the Jews.

A significant development in the shechita situation suddenly resulted when Mgr. Bronislaw Zongollowicz, vice-minister of religions, was forced to resign today as a result of his statements before the Sejm commission that the bill was unconstitutional since it violated religious and minority rights guaranteed the Jews.

Fearing further anti-Jewish riots, the Przytyk authorities ordered that the funeral of Pesach Minkowski, who with his wife was killed during Monday's pogrom, be conducted in the quietest possible manner. Minkowski, therefore, was given burial in the local cemetery before dawn.

Funeral services in nearby Radom for his wife, Chaia, however, were made the occasion of a great demonstration with thousands of Jews participating. Chief speakers at the rites were the Jewish deputies Emil Sommerstein and Rabbi Rubenstein. The funeral procession was led by the eighty-year-old parents of the victims.

The four children of the Minkowskis, one of whom was seriously injured in the riots, are being adopted by the Jewish orphanage in Radom.

Announcements of the funeral, issued by the Jewish Community of Radom, were confiscated by the police.

Reports of pogroms in Nowemiasto, near Przytyk, were without foundation, although Jews of that town were today advised not to visit the neighboring villages on account of the high feeling there.

Meanwhile, the Polish press today reports that Jews were attacked in a train on the Warsaw-Grodzisk run, five being injured.

The Polish Socialist Party today appealed to Polish students not to permit the demonstrations at the universities in Warsaw and Lwow for reduced tuition fees to be converted into anti-Semitic manifestations.

#### YUGOSLAVIA CONCERNED OVER RISING NAZI INFLUENCE

BELGRADE (JTA) -- Concern is being felt in official circles at the widening influence and power of the Nazi organization in Yugoslavia. It is learned in reliable circles that the authorities are seeking some means of restricting Nazi propaganda activities in the country without giving offense to Germany or disturbing in any way the present close German-Yugoslavia friendship.

Nazi propaganda and activities are openly conducted in this country by the German travel agency which is under the directorship of Herr von Neuhausen, whose position in the Nazi organization in Yugoslavia corresponds to that held in Switzerland by the assassinated Nazi agent, Wilhelm Gustloff. Von Neuhausen is said to have over half of Yugoslavia's 400,000 Germans organized into his Nazi party branch.

Von Neuhausen's free spending is notorious in the country and it is generally considered that he has unlimited funds at his disposal. It is common knowledge that he subsidizes a Serbian newspaper and furnishes anti-Jewish and anti-Soviet articles to the Serbian newspapers.

The chief political aim of the Nazi propaganda in Yugoslavia is to prevent Yugoslavia from entering any pacts which would add her to the nations "encircling" Germany and to keep Yugoslav sentiment opposed to a Hapsburg restoration in Austria.

Economically, von Neuhausen's activities have resulted in deep penetration of Yugoslavia by Germany. The Reich imports great amounts of wheat and foodstuffs from Yugoslavia and pays for them by exports of manufactured goods.

#### EXPECT EARLY START ON ROTHSCHILD MUSEUM IN RISHON-LE-ZION

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Construction is expected to start soon on a museum devoted to the life and work of the late Baron Edmond de Rothschild at Rishon-le-Zion, the first colony which the famed philanthropist and father of Jewish colonization in Palestine established in that country.

The museum will be divided into five wings. First of these will house documents dealing with the Baron's personal life and his work in Palestine. A second will trace the development of the Rothschild colonies; a third will be devoted to an exhibition of agriculture and industry; a fourth to the Hebrew language and the fifth to development of research in the country.

#### ITALIAN PROPAGANDISTS ACTIVE IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Italian propagandists are still active in Palestine among the Arabs. The police are confiscating quantities of pamphlets describing Italy's "civilizing" mission in Ethiopia and the freeing of slaves there by the Italian authorities.

#### WORLD PARLEY OF JEWISH DOCTORS TO MAP FIGHT ON BIAS

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The first World Congress of Jewish Physicians, called to combat discrimination against Jewish doctors and to survey sanitary conditions of Jews throughout the world, will be held here and at Tel Aviv from April 21 to 24.



The parley will unite the three existing Jewish medical and health organizations into a World Union of Jewish Physicians. They are the Jewish Medical Association, Tel Aviv; the Union of Societies OSE, Paris, of which Dr. Albert Einstein is honorary president, and the Organization TOZ, Warsaw.

Pointing out that Jewish physicians are among the groups most oppressed in Germany, the announcement states that the congress will take up the problem of aiding refugee doctors. The parley will also consider creation of a medical school in Palestine. Delegates will visit Palestine's existing medical institutions.

The congress will open at the amphitheatre of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. After the opening session it will be moved to Tel Aviv where it will hear reports on the situation of Jewish physicians and on Jewish institutions for preventive medicine and sanitary service.

#### ROTHENBERG HITS NATIONS FOR PERMITTING NAZIS TO REARM

CHICAGO, March 11. (JTA) -- Addressing a Zionist meeting at the Covenant Club today, Morris Rothenberg, president of the Zionist Organization of America, declared that the allied powers which had permitted Germany to rearm in open defiance of the Versailles Treaty had committed a "frightful blunder."

"The cold and calculated brutality with which the Nazis have set about to crush a loyal and productive part of the German population, for no other reason than that it has Jewish blood in its veins, the ruthless persecution of Catholics and Protestants," Mr. Rothenberg said, "should have foreshadowed what might be expected of the present rulers of Germany if they strengthened their power through the army."

The younger Jewish generation in Germany, Mr. Rothenberg said, looks to Palestine as their only hope of survival. He declared that the older generation for the most part would remain in Germany, "continuing the battle for their rights with all the odds against them."

Mr. Rothenberg, who is making a transcontinental tour in the interests of the United Palestine Appeal for \$3,500,000, was given a banquet by Chicago Zionists. Maurice Smoler was the toastmaster.