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### REFUGEES TELL OF POGROMS RAGING 2 DAYS IN POLISH CORRIDOR

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WARSAW, March 12. -- Scores of wounded Jews arrived here today and told of violent anti-Jewish excesses that have been raging in the Pommern district of Poland for the past two days.

The victims related how they had been forced to flee for their lives when a mob, armed with iron bars, raided the market place in the town of Tuchola, in the Polish Corridor, and attacked Jews and police who sought to defend them.

Upon promise of the police that they would be protected, the Jews returned to the market, but the mob again attacked them and pillaged their stalls.

Similar disorders were reported by the refugees in the town of Nuestadt, located in the upper portion of the Corridor, where twenty hoodlums were arrested by the police. In the town of Lidsborg, Jewish peddlers were driven from the market place and warned to leave the town.

Victims of the excesses charge that the attackers were not local residents but thugs hired by anti-Semitic leaders from neighboring cities.

Anti-Jewish posters resembling those distributed in Germany by Julius Streicher are to be seen all over the Pommern district. They bear the line, "Passed by the Polish Censor."

In the Senate today, Senator Rabbi Moses Schorr charged that the Jews of Przytyk, scene of the violent excesses Monday, have been threatened with a massacre unless they leave the town at once.

For their part in the Monday pogrom, twenty more persons were arrested today, including Wladyslaw Korszak, anti-Semitic leader, who is charged with having incited the Przytyk mob prior to its attack on the Jews.

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### Przytyk Authorities Scorned Warnings

WARSAW, March 12. (JTA) -- The authorities of Przytyk, scene of Monday's pogrom in which two Jews and one Christian lost their lives, were warned by Jewish delegations of its imminence, it was disclosed in the Polish Senate today by Senator Rabbi Moses Schorr.

The warnings, however, were dismissed with the statement that the Jews were not in danger, Senator Schorr declared.

Senator Schorr demanded that Jewish security, which is being threatened by the Nationalist Endeks, be assured by the Government. Prince Radziwill, speaking as a Pole and a Christian Catholic, voiced denunciation of the Endek excesses.

The official casualties of the Przytyk pogrom were given as three killed and twenty-two seriously wounded. Senator Schorr disclosed that one of those killed, the shoemaker Pesach Minkowski, was slain with an axe.

Meanwhile, Governor Dziadosz of Kielce, province in which Przytyk is located, was yesterday deprived of his post, presumably for having failed to take proper precautions to prevent the disturbances. In his place has been appointed Police Inspector Piatkiewicz, who is remembered as having been the chief defense witness in the famous Steiger trial at Lwow. (Stanislaw Steiger, Jewish student, in 1925 was acquitted of charges of having thrown a bomb at President Wojciechowski.)

The emergency conference of Jewish leaders, called to act on the dangerous situation of the Polish Jews, unanimously adopted a resolution against the proposed ban on shechita, Jewish ritual method of slaughtering animals.

The resignation of Vice Minister of Religions Zongollowicz, announced yesterday, was today ascribed to the fact that he had not been supported by the Government in his declaration before the Sojm shechita commission that the anti-shechita bill was unconstitutional.

### APPEAL FOR \$1,000,000 ISSUED BY BRITISH JEWS

LONDON, March 12. (JTA) -- An appeal to British Jewry to contribute \$1,000,000 to aid in the expatriation and rehabilitation of 100,000 German Jews during a period of four years was issued today over the signatures of Sir Herbert Samuel, chairman, Lord Boarsted and Simon Marks, on behalf of the British section of the World Council for German Jewry.

The campaign for that sum will be officially launched at a conference here Sunday. It is part of a world drive for \$15,000,000, two-thirds of which American Jews have undertaken to raise in the specified period.

The appeal points out that an agreement on the plans for German Jewry has been fully achieved with all sections of the American Jewish community.

The following broad outlines of the vast expatriation and rehabilitation project are contained in the appeal:

The project's first object is to aid in the emigration of Jews from Germany in such numbers as is feasible at the present time. Between 20,000 and 25,000, chiefly youths and children, has been agreed upon as the number to be expatriated yearly.

Secondly, it is recognized as essential that the migrants have occupations making them useful to the country of their destination. In this connection, it is hoped to provide moderate loans to help them establish enterprises, the appeal states.

Third, special retraining projects will be undertaken for large numbers of the prospective emigrants.

Fourth, special training will be given youths going to Palestine, in order to promote further development of the country.

Fifth, continuation of temporary help to the refugees.

Sixth, the Council for German Jewry, being formed to execute these objects, will have to undertake some of the functions of assisting refugees previously allotted to the League of Nations High Commission for Refugees under James G. McDonald. The Council, it is pointed out, will continue the work of the Central British Fund and does not intend to create a large new organization. Existing bodies will retain their autonomy, the functions of the Council being to help coordinate action and suggest fresh plans to raise supplementary funds.

Seventh, at least \$15,000,000 will be needed to carry out the project.

The appeal discloses that one half of Great Britain's quota of \$5,000,000 is already in sight.

It concludes with the statement that "were we not to rise to the height of this emergency we should be false to our own feeling of humanity, fellowship and, not the least, self-respect."

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PREMIER AZANA PLANS AID TO STATELESS SPANISH JEWS

MADRID, March 12. (JTA) -- Premier Manuel Azana today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Government is planning action that will help hundreds of stateless Spanish Jews living in France, Turkey and Greece attain legal status.

A law is being sent to the Advisory Council, the Premier said, making Article 23 of the Constitution, which provides for naturalization of persons of Spanish origin resident abroad, applicable to Spanish Jews living in the countries named.

Application of this article would greatly assist hundreds of stateless Jews, giving them legal status and Spanish protection.

Premier Azana, in the course of an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, denounced current anti-Semitism in Spain as contrary to Spanish traditions and spirit.

PREDICT FRANCE WILL QUIT OLYMPICS

PARIS, March 12. (JTA) -- French withdrawal from the Berlin Olympics is imminent, it was being widely predicted in sports circles here today.

Sportsmen, however, were warned by Armand Massard, chairman of the French Olympic Association, not to intervene. He declared that withdrawal was entirely dependent on the Government's decision.

Meanwhile, heated discussion of the issue, given new life by Reichsfuehrer Hitler's repudiation of the Locarno Treaty, is proceeding in the French press.

The noted writer Claude Farrere today printed a strong demand for withdrawal.

L'Oevro, radical morning paper, urges withdrawal both from the Olympics and participation in the 550 anniversary celebration of Heidelberg University.

The leading sports newspaper, L'Auto, takes a stand unreservedly for participation and quotes Count Baillet-Latour, chairman of the International Olympic Committee, en route to Japan, who said "We can not modify our attitude. Only war can prevent the Berlin games."

LORD MELCHETT URGES POSTPONEMENT OF PALESTINE COUNCIL

LONDON, March 12. (JTA) -- Postponement of the proposed legislative council for Palestine was today urged upon Colonial Secretary J. H. Thomas by Lord Melchett, British-Jewish leader, speaking in the name of a joint group representing the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Board of Deputies of British Jews.



Reconsideration of the Government proposals was asked by Lord Melchett on the grounds that the contemplated step was "fraught with grave dangers to the peaceful progress of Palestine and its people."

Lord Melchett's request was made in reply to Mr. Thomas, who yesterday, answering representations made on January 31, declared that Jewish opinion was unnecessarily apprehensive about the proposed council. The council proposals, the Colonial Secretary stated, were made in the general interests of Palestine and even if there were grounds for regarding its introduction as a disturbing factor, delay would be more likely to create widespread mistrust.

Mr. Thomas, taking cognizance of charges that the mandate would be violated by the establishment of a council, declared that "the mandate is absolutely safe."

"There is nothing in the scheme for a legislative council," he declared, "which will interfere with or prejudice in any way the discharge of the mandatory obligations of His Majesty's Government."

Mr. Thomas denied that the proposals for a legislative council which were made in 1922 contained suggestions that the Jewish people outside of Palestine be represented.

The Government, Mr. Thomas also stated, has no intention of superseding the relations of the Jewish Agency with the Palestine Government.

Answering Mr. Thomas today, Lord Melchett, while noting with satisfaction his reassurances on the mandate and the Jewish Agency's relations to the Palestine Government, declared he nevertheless found it difficult to see how the Agency's advisory and cooperative functions can fail to be gravely affected if authority is transferred from the administration to a council half of whose members are antagonistic to a Jewish national home.

If the Jewish national home is to have real meaning, Lord Melchett declared, the character of Palestine Jewry's national entity must receive full constitutional recognition so that the Palestine Jewish population may not be reduced to the status of a communal minority.

Regarding acceptance by the Jews of the legislative council proposals made in 1922, Lord Melchett emphasized that it was made with great reluctance and under considerable pressure. He pointed out, however, that today the situation was different since the hopes of Arab-Jewish cooperation had not been realized as far as political leaders of the Arab parties were concerned.

# TROYANOVSKY DECLARES SOVIET HAS NO JEWISH PROBLEM

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Soviet Ambassador Alexander A. Troyanovsky declared that there is no Jewish problem and that "anti-Semitism has almost completely disappeared in Soviet Russia," in an address last night at a dinner in his honor by the American Committee for the Settlement of Jews in Biro-Bidjan, which marked the launching of a \$350,000 campaign for settling 1,000 foreign Jews in the Soviet autonomous territory in 1936.

Discussing the rise of anti-Semitism in various countries of Europe, including Russia, he praised Mussolini for not having "dishonored himself by anti-Semitic words and deeds."

In Soviet Russia, he declared, "our young generation is completely free from any trace of the anti-Semitic spirit."

Other speakers were Senator Elbert D. Thomas, William W. Cohen, Dr. Jacob Billikopf, James Waterman Wise, Supreme Court Justice Mitchell May, Reuben Brainin and B.Z. Goldberg.

# POLICE FIND CACHE OF EXPLOSIVES IN ARAB VILLAGE

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- Police who were searching for the murderers of Abraham Goluthman, slain during a hold-up of a motor bus Tuesday night, today discovered a cache of 250 pieces of explosives in an Arab house in the village of Artach.

Six Arabs of Tul Karem, near where the hold-up was staged, were under arrest today, charged with waylaying the bus, killing Goluthman and seriously wounding an Arab passenger.

A report was being circulated today that Goluthman, who was one of the founders of the Jewish colony of Nahalal, was killed by a shot fired from inside the bus.

# 3,000 JEWISH FAMILIES ROUTED BY KAUNAS FLOOD

KAUNAS, Lithuania, March 12. (JTA) -- Three thousand Jewish families had abandoned their houses today as the ice-swollen Niemen River, which flooded the lower and central section of the city, showed no signs of subsiding. Property damage was estimated at millions of dollars.

# ATHENS PAPER REPORTS JEWISH TEACHERS KIDNAPED BY NAZIS

ATHENS, March 12. (JTA) -- The newspaper, Patris, reported today that two teachers of Jewish origin in German schools here disappeared while visiting in Germany, and that another, Miss Schiffer, was kidnapped on an Athens street. The paper demands expulsion of Nazi agents from Greece. The two teachers had gone to Germany at the invitation of the Nazis, Patris stated.