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NEW DISORDERS IN POLAND; MASSACRE THREATENED IN ONE DISTRICT

WARSAW, March 23. (JTA) -- New disorders and bombings flared in Polish towns today as Jewish delegations from many parts of the country came to Warsaw to appeal to the Government for protection against anti-Semitic terrorism, which, they said, threatened to erupt into serious pogroms.

General Roman Goerecki, Minister of Commerce, declared to a delegation of Jewish war veterans who asked him to induce the Government to protect the Jews:

"The Polish Government will continue to treat the Jews with the same tolerance as hitherto." General Goerecki is president of the Polish War Veterans Association.

The Jewish delegations reported that in the Opoczno region Jews had been openly threatened with massacres unless they left the towns.

In Otwock, a Jewish house was bombed last night and the windows of several other houses smashed by anti-Semites. A local rabbi, Ziemann, was attacked at the railroad depot by a mob shouting, "Death to the Rabbi!"

Time bombs were discovered before a Jewish house in Goclawek, a Warsaw suburb, and in front of a synagogue in Filipowicz. In both cases they were discovered by the police before they had gone off. In Filipowicz, planting of the bomb was preceded by distribution of violently anti-Semitic leaflets in front of the local church.

Anti-Semitic Nationalists in Karczew attacked Jewish houses, seriously injuring an aged Jew, M. Blomberg, and wounding several others.

While the Government was charged with taking a passive attitude in the face of anti-Jewish disorders, arrests of Jews in several towns was reported here today. A number of Jews were seized in Radom for leading the demonstration last Tuesday protesting against the Government's failure to check excesses.

A young Warsaw Jewish student, Zivia Hasterblum, was arrested and jailed for having shouted, "You're cattle!" to anti-Semitic Nationalists who were beating up Jews at Warsaw University. His bail was fixed at 25,000 zlotys.

Further arrests of Jews in Przytyk, scene of anti-Semitic disorders two weeks ago, were made today in pursuance of what appeared to be the intention of local authorities to fix the blame for the excesses on the Jews.

In Radom, central city of the district which includes Przytyk, Governor Tremarucek forced a number of Jewish leaders to sign a statement that they recognized the Jews as being equally responsible for the disorders.

Twenty Jews arrested last week in Selenica for organizing self-defense units were released pending trial.

A Senate committee will tomorrow consider the bill passed by the Sejm to curb kosher slaughtering and the Senate will take up the measure Thursday or Friday. Jewish deputies have been invited to testify before the committee. Comment in Jewish circles on the swift passage of the bill last Friday was that it had been rail-roaded through the house with speed usually reserved for such urgent Government measures as armaments.

HOUSE OF COMMONS TO DEBATE PALESTINE COUNCIL TODAY

LONDON, March 23. (JTA) -- The proposed legislative council for Palestine will be debated in the House of Commons tomorrow, it was announced today by Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin.

Demands that the council issue be openly debated in Commons have frequently been voiced by many members. Colonial Secretary J.H. Thomas, replying recently to interpellations on the plan, announced that final action on it would be delayed until Commons had had a chance to debate the question.

Representative Jewish organizations throughout the world are unitedly opposed to establishment of the representative assembly on the grounds that it would tend to crystallize Palestine Jewry into a minority status. While some Arab groups have accepted the proposal, which was outlined by High Commissioner Wauchope last December, others have not as yet committed themselves on their attitude toward it.

Tomorrow's debate is expected to attract wide attention and may have a decisive bearing on the future of Palestine.

BEDOUIN LEADERS NAME FIRST COUNCIL CANDIDATE

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA) -- The first candidate for membership in the projected representative legislative council, Sheikh Fark Habumdein, was named today by a conference of Bedouin leaders of Beer Sheba.

Meanwhile, protesting against the proposed council, a meeting of the New Zionist Organization, right wing body, adopted a resolution demanding that High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope resign.

The council, which was proposed by Sir Arthur last December, would have fourteen Arab members, seven Jews and seven Britons.

MOSLEY ATTACKS JEWS AT LONDON RALLY; 6 ARRESTED

LONDON, March 23. (JTA) -- Six persons were under arrest today for creating disturbances at Albert Hall last night when Oswald Mosley, leader of the British Fascists, appealed for support and delivered one of the bitterest anti-Semitic tirades of his career.

Describing the Jews as "the one force in the world which uses international Communism and international finance," he declared that the Jews had forced the Fascists to fight them.

"Even Hitler was not an anti-Semite until he saw a Jew," Mosley asserted. He promised that the British Fascists would "break the power" of the Jew. Hundreds of policemen kept guard in the hall and within a radius of five blocks while the Black Shirt leader spoke.

ARAB SEIZED IN MURDER OF GOLUTHMAN

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA) -- An Arab, Mohammed Cumber, was under arrest today as one of a gang that murdered Abraham Goluthman, a founder of the Jewish colony of Nahalal, in the hold-up of a motor bus near Tul Karem early this month.

Cumber was seized by a squad of Jerusalem police which was sent to Tul Karem after local police had expressed themselves as afraid to act.

Police, meanwhile, kept a close watch on the movements of the Arab boy scouts, who were reported to be trying to utilize the annual observance of the Nebi Mussa holiday, during which Arabs make pilgrimages to the mythical burial place of Moses, to stage political demonstrations.

LITHUANIA ACTS TO CURB "BLOOD LIBEL" AGITATORS

KAUNAS, Lithuania, March 23. (JTA) -- The Government today issued a statement sharply condemning organizations spreading "blood libel" agitation and calling on the population to deliver anti-Jewish slanderers to the police for trial and imprisonment.

Citing instances of incitement, the statement asserted that the agitation against the Jews was being conducted by "sinister forces."

JEWISH LEGION MEMENTO GIVEN TO HEBREW U. LIBRARY

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA) -- The Scroll of the Covenant that was carried in the Palestine campaign during the World War by the Jewish Legion, the regiments of American and British Jews who fought under Marshal Allenby, was presented yesterday to the Hebrew National Library of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus.

The presentation was made by Rabbi Salk, former chaplain of the legion, who arrived here from South Africa.

DR. LESSING'S WIDOW SAILS TO AID REICH JEWS IN PALESTINE

SALONICA, March 23. (JTA) -- Mrs. Adele Lessing, the non-Jewish widow of Prof. Theodor Lessing, exiled German-Jewish philosopher who was assassinated by Nazis, left today for Palestine "to assist the German Jews to rebuild their lives in the Holy Land."

Dr. Lessing was slain in Praha, Czechoslovakia, on August 31, 1933, while attending the World Zionist Congress. In January of this year Josef Daubner, accused of having been an accomplice in the murder, was arrested in Praha. Police said he had documents from Germany showing he had been paid 200 marks for his part in the plot.

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COUNCIL FOR GERMAN JEWRY ASKED TO AID POLISH JEWS

WARSAW, March 23. (JTA) -- In view of the critical situation of the Jews in Poland, the Executive of the World Union of General Zionists today memorialized Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, requesting that the immigration needs of the Polish Jews be included in plans being considered by the Council for German Jewry in London for expatriation to the Holy Land.

BRITISH SPORTS BODY DEFERS FINAL ACTION ON OLYMPICS

LONDON, March 23. (JTA) -- The British Amateur Athletic Association at its annual convention here left the way open for withdrawal from the Berlin Olympics next Summer.

A resolution urging withdrawal, offered by the National Workers Sports Association, representing 3,000,000 members, was neither rejected nor accepted by the convention. Instead, the E.A.A.A. at its session Saturday night offered to call a special meeting within two months to consider the question of participation in the games, if the National Workers Sports Association so desired.

In introducing the motion for withdrawal on the ground that the Olympic spirit would not be forwarded by participation, H. Helvin, chairman of the N.W.S.A., emphasized that sports were being used by the Nazis for military purposes and participation was limited to Nazis.

"If the Amateur Athletic Association is participating," Mr. Helvin stated, "it will send members under its banner who are not wanted under the German banner. It will also condone all that has happened against the true spirit of sport in Germany."

The convention, under the chairmanship of Lord Besborough, displayed great sympathy with the position of the Jewish athletes in Germany.

After several speakers had expressed their repugnance of the Nazi's racial animosity, H. Abrahams, a famous sprinter, urged participation in the highest interests of sport. Explaining his stand, Mr. Abrahams declared he favored participation although "as an Englishman and a Jew, I have no illusion on the position of Germany. If I had been born there, knowing myself as I do, I don't think I should be alive today."

After Lord Burghley, famous hurdler, had reiterated Germany's guarantee that Jews would be allowed to participate in the games, Lord Besborough suggested that it was inadvisable in the present political juncture to deal with so important a motion. Upon motion of the secretary of the A.A.A.A., the resolution was withdrawn for discussion at a special meeting.

REPORT U.S. JEWISH FIRMS BOYCOTTING POLISH EXPORTERS

WARSAW, March 23. (JTA) -- The semi-official Gazeta Polska reported today that American Jewish firms had formally notified Polish manufacturers that they would not accept goods in the manufacture of which Jewish workers were not employed.

The paper said the American companies had insisted that merchandise be accompanied by certificates proving that it had been produced by Jewish workers.

ZIONIST FUNDS IN LATVIA TO BE RELEASED BY TRANSFER PACT

RIGA, Latvia, March 23. (JTA) -- A Latvia-Palestine transfer agreement that will facilitate transfer of Zionist funds to the Holy Land was concluded here today.

According to terms of the agreement, the Anglo-Palestine Bank guarantees to clear Latvian imports to the value of \$500,000 and Palestine exports to Latvia valued at \$50,000. Dr. Alfred Werner signed on behalf of the bank.

The transfer deal will also act to help prospective Latvian emigrants in Palestine withdraw currency from the country. Present regulations forbid money to be withdrawn from Latvia, causing considerable funds collected for the Palestine upbuilding to be tied up in this country.

POLAND TO CONTRIBUTE \$200,000 TO JEWISH RELIEF PROJECT

NEW YORK, March 23. (JTA) -- A 3,000,000-zloty (\$600,000) "work relief" project for Polish Jews to which the Polish Government will contribute 1,000,000 zlotys was announced today by David J. Schweitzer, European vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, at a press conference.

The Polish contribution, believed to be the first outright Government subsidy for Jewish relief, will be contingent on the allotment by the J.D.C. of 1,000,000 zlotys and the raising of an equal sum among the Jews in Poland. The J.D.C. quota has already been budgeted, Mr. Schweitzer said. About 600,000 zlotys of the local total is in sight and the remainder is considered assured, he added.

Mr. Schweitzer, who arrived in New York from Paris last week for a three-week visit, stated that the project would enable large numbers of Jews to find new forms of eking out a living. The funds will be used for starting new industries where impoverished Jews will be employed, he explained. Plans for finding outlets for the goods produced have not been completed he said.

The J.D.C. "will lend its full cooperation" to the recently formed Council for German Jewry, Mr. Schweitzer declared, but added that in cooperating, the J.D.C. would not deviate from its present program.

As far as he knew, Mr. Schweitzer said, the council had as yet considered no definite schemes for expatriating Jews from Germany. "What is envisaged is an enlarged program," he asserted, pointing out that the J.D.C. could not adequately participate in such a program if it did not fill its \$3,500,000 quota.

AMERICAN INTERVENTION FOR POLISH JEWS SOUGHT

NEW YORK, March 23. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress prepared today to seek American intervention in behalf of the Polish Jews as result of a resolution adopted yesterday by 500 delegates of about 500 Jewish organizations at an emergency conference called to plan action in view of recent anti-Semitic excesses. The conference also called upon the Polish Government "to take immediate and effective steps to protect Jewish life and property" and directed the attention of the League of Nations to "the desperate position in which the Jews of Poland find themselves," asking the League to "investigate these wrongs and to take such measures as will lead to the re-establishment of law, order and equality."