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### COMMONS WARNED PALESTINE COUNCIL MEANS ARAB DICTATORSHIP

LONDON, March 24, (JTA) -- Concern lest the proposed legislative council for Palestine foster a dictatorship of one section of the country's population over the other was expressed before a well-filled House of Commons where the project was formally debated today for the first time.

With members of all parties united in criticizing the Government's policy on Palestine, the debate developed into a discussion of the Jewish position throughout the world.

Participants in the debate included Winston Churchill, Conservative leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, Liberal whip and Colonel Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite and noted pro-Zionist. The Government's policy was defended by Colonial Secretary J.H. Thomas.

Col. Wedgwood declared the "magnificent experiment" of a Jewish national home in Palestine would be jeopardized if control of the projected body, as now planned, were handed over to the Arabs.

Warning that the council would result in a dictatorship of one section of the population over another, Col. Wedgwood said:

"We never pledged ourselves to this particular scheme which would ruin the chances of developing a Palestine, in the future as in the past, supported by English justice, financed by Jewish capital and inspired by the desire of a great people for freedom."

Sir Archibald pictured the "landless" Arabs as a "political figment" whom Great Britain had repaid handsomely for their war services, creating three Arab kingdoms. He attacked the Government for failure to carry out provisions of the League mandate to encourage Jewish settlement and urged utilization of the Palestine

treasury surplus for development projects and Jewish social services. Proposed increase in the capitalist category entrance requirements (from \$5,000 to \$10,000) were denounced by Sir Archibald.

Replying to the liberal leader, Mr. Thomas declared the Government had dropped the plan to increase the capitalist requirements and was considering public works projects financed from the surplus.

Both the League of Nations and the Arabs, Mr. Thomas stated, had been given pledges by the Government that it would proceed with the legislative council. He said the council (plans for which were outlined by High Commissioner Wauchope before Arab and Jewish leaders last December) had been approved by every Government since 1922, when the first council proposal was broached, and every party shared responsibility for the policy.

Mr. Thomas laid special emphasis on the fact that consideration of the mandate was beyond the purview of the proposed council; that the Jewish Agency for Palestine's position with respect to immigration was safeguarded; and that every precaution against seditious utterances was provided for, the press being prohibited from publishing seditious remarks, even if made on the floor of the legislative body. In conclusion, Mr. Thomas made a strong plea for support of High Commissioner of Palestine, Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, who has been entrusted with the task of establishing the assembly.

In one of the most impressive speeches of the debate, Mr. Churchill, himself a former Colonial Secretary, hauled Mr. Thomas over the coals. He declared that the Colonial Secretary, while speaking chiefly of the sanctity of pledges, failed to state what those pledges were. The pledges, Mr. Churchill pointed out, did not commit the Government as to the time and composition of the council.

Mr. Churchill, whose speech was frequently applauded, urged that the educational process of municipal government be continued a little longer before jumping into the legislative council. He complained of the tendency to rush into constitutional changes, contending that this harmed peoples more than helping them.

The general situation of Jews throughout the world was projected into the debate both by Mr. Churchill and Col. Wedgwood. Mr. Churchill, declaring that Jewish hopes were being focussed on Palestine, denounced the "horrible, cruel, scientific persecution of Jews," through the "cold pogrom."

"They're subject to every form of human wickedness and vile tyranny," he said. "When that's the case, surely Commons will not permit their one door, their one hope, to be closed."

Col. Wedgwood said that humanity was faced with two curses: the danger from dictators and the "awful fate of the Jews."

"Humanity and civilization," he said, "rebel, but seem powerless. Jews are being starved out and robbed. No one gives them shelter and we are faced with the problem of the outlawry of a whole race.

"The Jewish race," he continued, "is becoming acclimatized to being classed as outcasts. As of old, when lepers carried bells to be used in warning off passersby, now 15 million civilized people are being driven to the same fate by a mankind which draws away the hem of its raiment so that it may not be contaminated."

After picturing the plight of the German Jews, Col. Wedgwood pointed out that they constituted the smallest part of the entire Jewish community and that Nazi propaganda was covering the whole world. He charged the Nazis with stirring up a policy of hatred for those Jews who have been driven from Poland, where, he stated, the Jewish position was ten times worse than in Germany and where sooner or later a Jew would lose all chance to make an honest living."

Those being driven from Poland, the labor leader said, have nowhere to go, or, at the very least, Palestine is their only hope.

After outlining the "miraculous progress" achieved by the Jews in Palestine, Col. Wedgwood contended that the country was able to support at least twice its present population.

#### WAUCHOPE SHOWERED WITH ANTI-COUNCIL LEAFLETS IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, March 24. (JTA) -- A demonstrative crowd of right-wing Zionists today showered High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope with leaflets and voiced protests against the Government's policy and the proposed representative legislative council.

The incident, the second hostile demonstration against Sir Arthur in this all-Jewish city within a month, occurred as he was leaving the city hall after visiting Mayor Meier Dizengoff.

Police arrested five members of the Brith Trumpeldor, Zionist Revisionist uniformed youth organization, including Shalom Rosenfeld and M. Katzenelbogen.

Residents of this city booed Sir Arthur on Feb. 23 as he left dedication exercises of a new museum at which he had delivered an address. He had a proclamation read ordering the crowd to disperse.

#### PEASANTS PUT JEWISH FARMS TO TORCH; AGED MAN KILLED IN ATTACK

WARSAW, March 24. (JTA) -- Bands of peasants roved through Sery, in the Lwow district, today, burning down Jewish farms and houses as anti-Semitic excesses continued throughout the country resulting in the death of an aged Jew, serious injuries to many others and heavy property damage.

In Sery, anti-Semites carrying torches went from farm to farm setting fire to Jewish possessions. A number of buildings were burned to the ground.

An aged Jew, Reuben Weissbard, was shot and killed in the town of Michalowska, Bialystok district, after his house had been defaced with anti-Semitic slogans. The assailants were unknown.

A short but bitter attack occurred in the heart of Wilno in which several Jews were injured. Anti-Semites damaged many Jewish houses, a home for the aged and a yeshiva. Ten persons were arrested.

The city Governor of Wilno and the chief of police promised Jewish leaders tonight to adopt the strictest measures to maintain order. Augmented police patrols were deployed on the principal streets. The disorders followed the spreading of the "ritual murder libel" that Jews use the blood of Christian children in connection with Passover observances.

In Warsaw, Stanislas Galler was sentenced to four years in prison on a charge of bombing Jewish shops. Seven other persons were acquitted.

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#### Poles Use Strike Deaths to Stir Attacks on Cracow Jews

Jews in Cracow barricaded their homes last night and Jewish merchants closed their shops when anti-Semitic Nationalists utilized the slaying of several persons in a labor clash to launch a campaign of incitement against the Jews.

The anti-Semites blamed the Jews for the clash between police and Polish strikers, although no Jews were involved. The agitation succeeded in stirring up considerable feeling against the Jews. In the evening, the police confiscated newspapers featuring the accusation, relieving the tension somewhat.

Meanwhile, in Warsaw, the Government prohibited Jewish newspapers from continuing appeals for funds to aid Jews in Przytyk who were the victims of violent disorders two weeks ago. A Radom district court sentenced M. Korczak, leader of the mob which carried on the disorders, to eight months in prison for agitation.

Newspapers were ordered today not to publish stories containing the "ritual blood libel" that Jews use the blood of Christian children for their Passover rites. Anti-Semitic newspapers had revived the charge in connection with the Passover observance next month.

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#### New Disorders in Two Towns

The newspapers reported anti-Jewish disorders in Minsk-Mazowieck yesterday in which Jewish shops were looted, marketmen attacked and Jewish homes bombarded with cobblestones. A Jew, Morris



Morris Miller, was injured and taken to the hospital where his condition was said to be grave. Similar disorders were reported at Dobra.

The Jewish Community of Czenstochow appealed today for relief of the Jews of the district, where about 100 Jews had been attacked and considerable damage to property done, pointing out that as a result of the economic boycott of Jews and the refusal to sell them food, hundreds of families are facing starvation.

A Jewish cemetery in Seidle was desecrated and ten gravestones demolished.

An attempt to hurl two Jews from a railroad train speeding from Warsaw to Minsk-Mazowieck was thwarted by the train's crew. Just as anti-Semites had forced the Jews to the door, members of the crew appeared and halted them. The anti-Semites escaped by leaping from the train.

#### MELCHETT DERIDES MOSLEY AS "HOBBLEDEHOY HITLER"

LONDON, March 24. (JTA) -- A crowded East End meeting heard Lord Melchett, prominent industrialist and Jewish leader, describe Sir Oswald Mosley as a "fancy Pharaoh, a hobbledehoy Hitler who spends his time attacking Jews, of whom he should know a great deal since his wife was a Jewess and his children have Jewish blood in their veins."

The meeting, held last night, was called in honor of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Palestine, in London to confer on plans to aid German Jews.

Replying to Mosley's attack on Jews in his Albert Hall address Sunday night, Lord Melchett declared he wasn't presuming to advise East Enders how to protect their interests, but could assure them that Mosley's conduct disgusted the people of the country.

Palestine land can accomodate 70,000 families within the next fifteen years, Dr. Weizmann told the meeting. Reviewing the Palestine situation, he declared that these settlers would provide room for three times their number in other walks of life.

#### EXPERT TO DETERMINE PALESTINE'S ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY

JERUSALEM, March 24. (JTA) -- A specialist to determine the economic absorptive capacity of Palestine, and hence the number of immigrants that may be admitted in any given period, will arrive from London shortly, it was disclosed today by High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Waichope.

This was made known by Sir Arthur in reply to a letter by the Arab National Bloc at Nablus demanding to know when the influx of Jews into Palestine would be stopped. Sir Arthur told the Arabs that the maximum figure the country could absorb was not accurately known yet, but that the experts would be called upon to determine it.

AUSTRIAN CATHOLIC MONTHLY BACKS ANTI-JEWISH PROGRAM

VIENNA, March 24. (JTA) -- The influential Catholic monthly, "Schoenere Zukunft," publishes an editorial today urging that Jewish influence be removed from public life. The editorial supports State Councillor Leopold Kunschak's proposed ordinance regulating the status of Jews in Austria.

Gradual introduction of the anti-Jewish program is advised by the periodical, however, to obviate the danger of a world boycott.

Kunschak's ordinance would recognize the Jews as a national minority, introduce the numerus clausus in the civil service, educational and legal fields, and establish separate electoral colleges for Jews.

ARAB CONFESSES TO GOLUTHMAN MURDER; ACCOMPLICES ARRESTED

JERUSALEM, March 24. (JTA) -- Participation in the murder of Abraham Goluthman, pioneer Palestinian, was confessed today by Mohammed Cumber, Arab who was arrested yesterday at Tul Karem. The confession was immediately followed by a number of arrests of accomplices whom Cumber implicated. The murder was committed early this month during an American-style hold-up of a motor bus near Tul Karem.

POLISH SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES ANTI-SHECHITA BILL

WARSAW, March 24. (JTA) -- the bill to restrict kosher slaughtering moved a step nearer final adoption today when it received the approval of a Senate committee and was sent onto the floor for a vote. The Sejm (lower House) adopted the proposal last Friday.

The committee's approval of the measure followed an appeal from a conference of prominent rabbis to the Senate to reject the proposal.

The bill, which was introduced by Deputy Janina Prystor, wife of the Senate's president, has been amended at the Government's behest to provide for sufficient kosher slaughtering to meet religious needs under a numerus clausus system of Government concessions.

B'NAI B'RITH GIVES \$3,500 FOR FLOOD RELIEF

CINCINNATI, March 24. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith, international Jewish fraternal order, announced today a \$3,500 contribution to the Red Cross to aid persons in areas hit by recent floods. In addition, the lodges of District 3, comprising Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia and Delaware, will donate food and clothing to the Red Cross next Monday.