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FINDS AT JERICHO DISPROVE THEORY JEWS QUIT CITY AFTER JOSHUA

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) -- Sensational evidence upsetting theories that the Jews deserted Jericho immediately after Joshua's era has been unearthed by laborers digging on the site of the ancient city, it was revealed today.

The laborers, engaged in planting banana trees, stumbled upon synagogue mosaics whose age is estimated at more than 1,400 years, dating back to 500 A.D. The centre mosaics are inscribed in the Maccabean style, proof that the Jews must have remained in Jericho long after Joshua's death. The inscriptions have not as yet been deciphered.

Also found by the laborers was a medallion on which was carved a menorah (seven-branched candlestick), a palm tree and a shofar (ram's horn).

AID FOR GERMAN JEWRY ASKED IN PASSOVER SERMONS

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- Jews throughout the world were urged in Passover sermons to come to the aid of German Jews on whose behalf a world-wide campaign for \$15,000,000 to be used in expatriating 100,000 of them in four years is being conducted.

Sir Herbert Samuel, chairman of the Council for German Jewry, sounded the keynote of the appeal in an address at the New West End Synagogue in which he described German Jewry's plight.

"It is true," Sir Herbert said, "that they have not been sent out into the wilderness, but that the wilderness has been brought in upon them. The moral and social wilderness is around them."

Sir Herbert paid tribute to the contributions made by German-Jewish refugees to the countries in which they have settled. Speaking of Palestine, of which he was the first High Commissioner, he declared that when it is economically and agriculturally developed, the country will be able to support three times its present Jewish population (now estimated at 375,000). He said that such an increase in the Jewish population would prove beneficial rather than detrimental to the Arabs.

Sir Herbert concluded with an appeal to the Jews of the world to unite to meet a great emergency by powerful, constructive action.

GESTAPO AGENTS GUARD SYNAGOGUES, HEAR EXODUS SERMONS

BERLIN, April 8. (JTA) -- Agents of the Gestapo, secret State police, were stationed before synagogues to guard against anti-Jewish provocations as celebration of Passover began Monday night.

Gestapo agents also stood guard within the synagogues, to listen to the sermons which were devoted to a comparison of the exodus from Egypt more than three thousand years ago with the present exodus from Germany.

Heinrich Stahl, president of the Jewish Community of Berlin, issued a proclamation appealing for unity among Jewish leaders.

"We cannot imagine," he declared, "that the children of Israel were divided on the Egypt exodus, because they would never have reached liberty."

The appeal, issued on the eve of Passover, was spurred by disputes current between Zionist and non-Zionist leaders of the Jewish Community.

A record number of community Seders were given for professionals and others who have been ousted from their positions by the Nuremberg laws.

BERLIN, PREPARING FOR OLYMPICS, REMOVES LAST ANTI-JEWISH SIGNS

BERLIN, April 8. (JTA) -- Last of the red-painted signs announcing that "Jews Are Our Misfortune--Whoever Buys From Jews Is A Traitor" were removed today from all public places in Berlin.

Removal of the signs is part of a movement recently inaugurated to eliminate all outward manifestations of anti-Semitism in this city in preparation for the Olympic Games next Summer.

In furtherance of this movement, copies of Der Angriff, official Nazi organ, have replaced Der Stuermer, rabidly anti-Semitic weekly published by Julius Streicher, in the Stuermer's special display boxes. Recently posters advertising Der Stuermer's virtues were removed and replaced by signs stating that "Our Desire is Peace."

Indications that this movement is only temporary and does not mean the anti-Jewish campaign has been permanently abandoned are contained in the Nazi newspapers. The Voelkischer Beobachter, Fuehrer Hitler's paper, publishes a new attack on Jews in connection with the financial irregularities recently uncovered in the affairs of the Phoenix Life Insurance Society of Austria.

The Beobachter gives prominent display to the story from New York that Charles Ornstein had been expelled from the American Olympic Committee because he fought against American participation in the Olympics. The paper comments that the committee's preparations for the games can now proceed undisturbed.

PLAN TO SETTLE 12,000 GERMAN JEWS YEARLY SUBMITTED BY HILFSVEREIN

BERLIN, April 8. (JTA) -- A plan for settling 12,000 German Jews a year in countries other than Palestine at an annual cost of \$1,000,000 has been completed by the Hilfsverein der Juden in Deutschland, Jewish relief organization, and forwarded to the Council for German Jewry in London.

Meanwhile, the Government Exchange Office issued an official communique announcing that the maximum of 50,000 marks in capital which emigrants to Palestine have been permitted to withdraw will be reduced because the Palestine market is incapable of absorbing the present volume of German goods.

Jews going to Palestine, the communique stated, will be allowed to take goods and machinery for their own needs after obtaining permits attesting that the material is for personal use and not for sale.

The Hilfsverein plan entails erection of a \$500,000 revolving fund to extend credits to emigrants, in addition to the \$1,000,000 a year which would be expended for actual settlement work.

In connection with the plan, two German Jewish leaders have left for a visit of two continents to make necessary arrangements for settlement of the emigrants, who will be drawn from all classes of German Jewry.

The plan was worked out after a careful survey of the possibilities in various countries for absorption of German Jews and after consultation with experts on immigration conditions and laws.

The Council for German Jewry, headed by Sir Herbert Samuel, will consider the plan as one of the projects for expatriating 100,000 German Jews in four years.

JEWISH CULTURAL UNION ORDERED TO DROP ALIEN-BORN ARTISTS

BERLIN, April 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish Cultural Union of Berlin has been ordered to dismiss from its employ Jewish artists and musicians who were not born in Germany. More than a hundred Jewish families will be affected by the order.

NAZI COURT FINES JEW FOR WEARING BROWN TROUSERS

BERLIN, April 8. (JTA) -- The Frankische Tageszeitung reports that a Nuremberg court has sentenced a Jewish cattle-dealer to six weeks imprisonment for wearing brown trousers.

The court ruled that a Jew may not wear brown trousers because they might be confused with the uniform of the Nazi storm troopers. The Jew pleaded that he had worn them for many years.

All cattle-dealers in the district customarily wear brown trousers while working.

The paper also reported that a Hildesheim court had fined an "Aryan" 100 marks for having made an insulting remark about the Stuermer, Julius Streicher's anti-Semitic newspaper. He was accused of having tossed a copy of the paper on the floor of an inn.

RITUAL MURDER RUMOR IN HAIFA STIRS ARAB MOB ATTACK ON JEWS

HAIFA, April 8. (JTA) -- Steel-helmeted police patrolled the city last night after false rumors that Jews had killed four Hauranis in a Passover ritual resulted in an Arab near-riot and an attack on the police station.

An enraged mob raided the Eastern European quarter of the city, attacking Jews and injuring several. As a report spread that the bodies of the supposedly dead Hauranis were concealed in the police station, they stormed the station-house.

Police finally succeeded in convincing the mob that the rumor had no foundation, and finally managed to restore order.

The Hebrew daily, Doar Hayom, charged that the incident could be traced to Nazi propaganda in Palestine. Falastin, Arab Christian daily, joined in rebuking the Arabs for "believing nonsense."

BARON ROTHSCHILD LAYS CORNERSTONE OF RISHON-LE-ZION MUSEUM

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) -- With Baron James de Rothschild delivering the principal address, the cornerstone was laid for the Rothschild Museum at Rishon-le-Zion, first Jewish colony in Palestine. The museum is being erected in honor of Baron Edmond de Rothschild, father of Jewish colonization in Palestine, who died in 1934.

Speaking in Hebrew, Baron de Rothschild voiced amazement at the growth of the country and pledged continued assistance to the cause of the Jewish community. He urged that care be given toward betterment of the Arab peasants' lot.

LONDON MAGISTRATE FINES 2 FASCISTS, SCORES MOVEMENT

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- Two Fascists were fined in Old Street Police Court today for sticking labels bearing the word, "Jew," on automobiles. In imposing sentence, Magistrate Metcalfe referred to the membership of the Blackshirt organization and addressed one of the defendants:

"You are a thief and a loafer. I can say nothing worse. It must be a horrible movement if it has a man of your character hanging on to its fringe."

23 ENDEKS JAILED FOR BOMB OUTRAGES

LODZ, Poland, April 8. (JTA) -- Prison terms of one to four years were meted out Monday to 23 anti-Semites convicted of throwing bombs at Jewish shops. Four others were acquitted. The sentences are being appealed by the anti-Semites, the majority of whom are laborers, the remainder being students.

Terms of four years each were given three of the defendants; thirty months to two; two years to five and one year to thirteen. All are members of the Endek (Nationalist) Party.

BUXBAUM, POALE-ZIONIST LEADER, ARRESTED IN POLAND

WARSAW, April 8. (JTA) -- Police raided the offices of the Zischo, Jewish school organization, and arrested its vice-president, Nathan Buxbaum, a leader of the Radical Zionist Organization, left Poale Zion, in an intensified government drive against left-wing organizations that covered industrial centers of the country.

Buxbaum had been arrested with other Zischo officers in a raid a few months ago and was subsequently released.

RUMANIAN STUDENTS, EN ROUTE TO ANTI-SEMITIC PARLEY, ATTACK JEWS

BUCHAREST, April 8. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish excesses were perpetrated yesterday by groups of Christian Nationalist students during stop-overs at various railway stations while enroute to a convention. A Government communique issued shortly after the disorders promised that the students would be punished.

As a result of the disorders, it was learned that a scheduled interview between King Carol and Prof. Alexander Cuza, notorious anti-Semitic leader, has been postponed.

DANZIG POLICE ORDERED TO ACT AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH SINGERS

DANZIG, April 8. (JTA) -- The Danzig Senate has instructed police to intervene when Jews protest against the singing of anti-Semitic songs on the streets. The instructions stated police are not required to take action except where Jews lodge protests in specific cases.

The order was issued in response to protests against Nazi groups walking through the streets singing the Horst Wessel marching song.

NAZI ABDUCTOR OF JACOB TO STAND TRIAL MAY 4 IN BASLE

GENEVA, April 8. (JTA) -- Trial of Dr. Hans Wesemann, Nazi agent, on charges of having abducted Berthold Jacob last year and turning him over to the Nazi authorities, will open on May 4 in Basle. Technically, Dr. Wesemann will be tried for depriving Jacob, German-Jewish refugee, of his freedom, since abduction is not an indictable offense in Basle. If convicted of having been responsible for the journalist's imprisonment by the Nazis for more than one week, the Nazi agent faces a maximum sentence of eight years and a minimum term of six months.

PROF. ALFRED STERN, HISTORIAN, DIES IN GENEVA

GENEVA, April 8. (JTA) -- Professor Alfred Stern, noted historian, died here Monday at the age of 90. Born in Gottingen, Germany, he joined the University of Berne faculty in 1873 and in 1877 he was appointed to a professorship at the Zurich Technical Institute. Among his works are, "A History of the English Revolution;" "Milton and His Times;" "History of Europe, 1815--1871;" "A History of Switzerland" and a life of Mirabeau. Prof. Stern also contributed to the Journal of the History of Jews in Germany, published since 1929.

BARON ALFRED GUNZBERG DIES IN PARIS

PARIS, April 8. (JTA) -- Baron Alfred Gunzberg, president of the Russian-Jewish Community of Paris, died here Monday. He was seventy-one years old.

FURTHER ACTION ON PALESTINE COUNCIL AWAITS THOMAS-ARAB PARLEY

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- No further steps toward establishment of a legislative council for Palestine will be taken until the project has been discussed here next month at a meeting of Arab leaders and Colonial Office representatives, it was revealed in the House of Commons today.

Replying to queries by Col. Josiah Wedgwood and Vyvyan Adams, Colonial Secretary J. H. Thomas said he wanted to give the Arab leaders the same opportunity Jewish leaders had had to present their views on the council. He declared that, in view of the recent House of Commons debate on the projected assembly, he believed the Arabs would welcome the opportunity and that consequently he had instructed High Commissioner Wauchope to invite them to a conference with him in London.

The conference is expected to get under way shortly after the scheduled arrival here on May 4 of a delegation of six Arab leaders, including one Christian Arab. While Jews have unanimously rejected the council, the Arabs have been divided on it. In the House of Commons debate recently the project was subjected to a heavy barrage of criticism by members of all parties.

In answering further queries, Mr. Thomas declared today that, if the legislative council were found impracticable, extension of municipal responsibility in cities such as Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jaffa would depend on various local considerations, particularly the financial position of the cities in question.

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Parley With Thomas on Council Sought by Jews

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) -- The British Colonial Office's invitation to Arab leaders to send a delegation to London for a discussion of the proposed Palestine legislative council has prompted Hebrew newspapers to demand that a similar Jewish delegation be invited.

The six Arabs will be received in London May 4, it was disclosed here. They will probably include Ragheb Bey Nashashibi, head of the Arab National Defense Party; Jamal el Husseini, president of the Palestine Arab Party; Jacoub el Khusseini, president of the Arab Youth Congress Party; Dr. Hussein Khalidi, mayor of Jerusalem, and Alfred Rock, of the Arab Christian group.

JOYLESS, QUIET PASSOVER IN POLAND

WARSAW, April 8. (JTA) -- The first two days of Passover were without untoward incident, reports from the provinces indicated today.

While Jews throughout Poland marked the traditional celebration of the exodus from Egypt, the celebrations were generally lacking in festive atmosphere, owing to the great poverty prevalent, particularly in the towns and villages.

Sales of imported Palestine wines were the lowest on record, wine shops reported, a majority of the Jews brewing their own wine from raisins.

Jewish hotels in Otwock, vacation resort, were half empty, visitors shying clear of the town because of the recent anti-Jewish outbreaks there. Trains between Warsaw and the resort have been the scene of frequent anti-Semitic forays by Nationalist (Endek) students.

Jewish shops in the centre of Warsaw were the chief sufferers of intensified boycott activities by anti-Semitic elements. At the same time shops in the Jewish quarter of the city were patronized by many Polish customers.

Disorders Reported on Sunday

WARSAW, April 8. (JTA) -- Physical attacks on Jews were reported in various parts of the country Sunday.

Two Jewish youths were seriously injured in Lodz. Alter Heineder, nine years old, suffered loss of an eye in an attack. Zelig Herszowski was stabbed. Both were removed to the hospital.

Four Jews were wounded while traveling on a train on the Warsaw-Ottock line. Women members of the anti-Semitic Nationalist Party attacked a rabbi of Tluszcz aboard a train.

Police in Wilno ordered M. Olszewski, local leader of the illegal anti-Semitic party, National Radicals, to leave the city. He had been arrested for the bombing of a synagogue, but was freed under the general amnesty.

In Lwow, police arrested eight student members of the Nara Party.

NAZI ORDER MAKES "ARYANS" OF ALL WHO VOTED MARCH 29

BERLIN, April 8. (JTA) -- An order issued by the Ministry of Interior today provides that results of the recent Reichstag elections be used as a racial census to establish in the future the racial purity of German citizens.

The order means that those unable to prove that they voted in the election of March 29--first election in which Jews were officially barred from the polls under the Nuremberg laws--will be considered "non-Aryans."

Effect of the order will be to simplify the complicated machinery for investigating racial descent, since a certificate testifying the holder voted, will be sufficient to prove his "Aryanism."

JEWS EXEMPT FROM RUST'S ORDER ON PRIVATE SCHOOLS

BERLIN, April 8. (JTA) -- Jews were today stated to be exempt from the order of Bernhard Rust, Minister of Education, providing for abolition of private schools. On the same day the order becomes effective, Easter Sunday, Jewish children will be barred from the public schools.

Holding that continuance of private grammar schools would run counter to the educational principles of the Nazis, Rust declared that the Government would permit Jews to operate the private schools because it was not interested in education of Jewish children.

SECRET BODY FIGHTS NAZI PRESS IN RUMANIA, DER ANGRIFF STATES

BERLIN, April 8. (JTA) -- An editorial in Der Angriff, mouthpiece of the Minister of Propaganda, Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels, today charges that a "secret Jewish Communist organization" of Rumania has obtained a fund of 25 million lei with which to fight the anti-Semitic pro-Nazi press of that country.

The paper states that Rumanian newsdealers have been bribed not to sell anti-Semitic publications and that editions of several such papers have been bought up and burned.

Der Stuermer's current issue alleges that Jews organized an anti-Semitic gang in Rumania, desecrating Jewish cemeteries and attacking Jews in order to cast blame on bona-fide anti-Semitic organizations, thus causing them to be banned by the Government. The Streicher weekly declares this group was responsible for the recent attempt on the life of Bucharest's chief rabbi, Dr. Jakob Niemirower.

DER STUERMER UNDER ATTACK IN OFFICIAL NAZI CIRCLES

BERLIN, April 8. (JTA) -- A behind-the-scenes struggle over the future policy of Julius Streicher's Der Stuermer came into the open today when the anti-Semitic newspaper admitted that high Nazi officials had voiced dissatisfaction with its policy and declared it would take orders only from Fuehrer Hitler.

Launching out against demands by Nationalist Germans that it "leave the Jews in peace," moderate its language and adopt a less vulgar note, the Stuermer asserts editorially that whoever is not an anti-Semite is not a Nazi. It added that knowledge of anti-Semitism was the basis of the National Socialist movement.

Commenting on the fact that the Stuermer has fallen from grace among many Nazi officials and that its circulation has consequently dropped, the editorial charges its critics with being influenced by Jews. German Nationalists had argued that the obscene anti-Semitism of the paper had done the Nazi movement more harm than good.

In declaring it would obey no orders that did not come from Hitler, the paper states, "Politics are made only by the Fuehrer." It emphasizes that it has been in existence for fourteen years.

REICH TURNS OVER OPERATION OF TRANSFER PACT TO HAAVARA, 2 BANKS

BERLIN, April 8. (JTA) -- Government order published today places operation of the transfer pact between Germany and Palestine, by which German Jews are enabled to take with them to the Holy Land a portion of their capital, entirely in the hands of Haavara of Tel Aviv, Palestine trustee office for execution of the agreement.

The Reichsbank, it was announced, will no longer transact any business in connection with the agreement. The German end of the transfer details has been taken over by the Warburg bank of Hamburg and the A. E. Wasserman bank of Berlin.

The maximum amount of capital permitted to be withdrawn in the form of merchandise henceforth will be 37,500 marks per single person instead of the 50,000 marks formerly allowed.

SEEK UNLIMITED ENTRY TO PALESTINE FOR WAR VETERANS

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) -- Unrestricted immigration to Palestine of Jewish ex-service men was to be discussed today by High Commissioner Wauchope during an audience with a delegation of the veterans. The delegation is suggesting that discharge papers replace immigration certificates now needed to enter the country.

Also scheduled for discussion during the half-hour interview with the High Commissioner is a plan to enlarge the existing colony of Avichail to accomodate more ex-service men. The veterans are holding a conference here.

WAUCHOPE REJECTS ARAB DEMAND FOR MORE HULEH LAND

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) -- Arabs living in the Huleh district, in which the Jewish National Fund has acquired a large acreage of land, today demanded of High Commissioner Wauchope that they be allowed the use of an additional 3,500 dunams, that schools be built, irrigation be provided and roads paved. The High Commissioner promised to accede to all the demands but that for the additional land.

MUFTI'S PARTY TO BOYCOTT LEVANT FAIR AS ZIONIST EXHIBIT

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) -- The party of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem today announced its decision to boycott the Levant Fair, scheduled to be held in Tel Aviv from April 30 to May 30, as a "Zionist exhibition."

CONVERT GETS JAIL TERM FOR "RASSENSCHANDE"

BERLIN, April 8. (JTA) -- A Catholic was today sentenced to serve one year in jail on a race defilement charge on the ground that he was formerly a Jew.

LONDON COUNCIL REJECTS BID TO NAZI PARLEY

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- The London County Council yesterday cited harsh treatment of the Jews by the Nazis and the suppression of local self-government in Germany as the reasons for its refusal to send a delegation to the conference to be held next June in Munich and Berlin under the auspices of the International Union of Local Authorities.

AMERICAN DELEGATES TO WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS TO BE DESIGNATED

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- Plans for designating the 70 American delegates to the World Jewish Congress in Geneva next August were announced by Louis Lipsky, vice-president of the American Jewish Congress, at a press conference. He emphasized that the congress would not be a Jewish parliament but a meeting of Jewish communities.

A national electoral conference will be held in Washington June 13 and 14 at which fifty of the delegates will be elected and instructed. The other twenty, it is tentatively planned, will be chosen by national Jewish organizations. About 1,000 delegates to the Washington conference will be elected by local communities before May 31.

In announcing the plans, Mr. Lipsky made public an appeal addressed to the Jews of America calling upon them to support the congress "to renew and strengthen the international representation of the Jewish people for the defense of their rights."

The appeal stressed the necessity "for the Jewish people with dignity, vigor and determination to present their demands for the recognition of their inalienable rights, their claim for justice and equality, to the enlightened public opinion of the world."

The tentative program of the congress, as set forth in the appeal, follows:

- 1) Establishment of an "executive body representative of the organized Jewries of the world for the defense of the political and economic rights of the Jews."
- 2) Establishment of "an economic institute to gather the facts with regard to the economic life of the Jewish people and to cooperate in the reconstruction of the economic life of the Jews in any country in which their existence is threatened through discrimination and inequality."
- 3) Creation of "an institute for the regulation and coordination of all Jewish immigration agencies."

Discussing the congress, Mr. Lipsky said it will be convened in emergency session the first or second week of August and will have a total of 300 delegates. He declared that there was now less opposition to the congress than ever before, adding that he thought emphasis on the congress as a meeting of Jewish communities rather than a Jewish parliament would satisfy objections raised here. Mr. Lipsky returned from Paris recently where he attended the meeting of the executive for the congress.