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LEAGUE SANCTIONS BAR ITALY AS LEVANT FAIR EXHIBITOR

JERUSALEM, April 16. (JTA) -- Italy will not participate in this year's Levant Fair at Tel Aviv, it was disclosed today, because under League of Nations sanctions in force here she is prohibited from bringing in exhibits.

The Italian Government turned down the Palestine Government's offer to permit her to enter diagrams and photographs at the fair, which will be held from April 30 to May 30.

TEL AVIV RETAINS CONTROL OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

TEL AVIV, April 16. (JTA) -- The long struggle between this all-Jewish municipality and the Palestine Government over control of the local police department was ended today with the department remaining under the authority of the Municipal Council.

Refusal of the Government to recognize the autonomy of the city's police force had been one of the reasons 75-year-old Mayor Meier Dizengoff declined to run for re-election, although he later recanted.

2 PALESTINE JEWS WOUNDED IN HOLD-UP

JERUSALEM, April 16. (JTA) -- Two Jews were wounded and a Turk killed late last night when a caravan of ten automobiles was held up between Anabta and Nur el Shams near Tul Karem. The wounded were Joshua Napcha and Zvi Tannenberg of Tel Aviv.

The hold-up is the third which occurred in recent weeks near Tul Karem.

ALGIERS MAYOR RIPS DOWN ANTI-SEMITIC ELECTION POSTER

ALGIER, April 16. (JTA) -- The Mayor of Algier took a hand today in checking anti-Semitic propaganda by personally tearing down anti-Jewish placards posted during the night and placing Jewish pickets to prevent display of others.

He acted after a protest from the Jewish war veterans against the violently anti-Semitic campaign being carried on by M. Coston, of Paris, a candidate in the forthcoming general elections.

LORD MARLEY TO SURVEY SETTLEMENT PROSPECTS FOR REFUGEES

LONDON, April 16. (JTA) -- Lord Dudley Marley, Labor whip in the House of Lords and chairman of the World Committee to Aid the Victims of German Fascism, will leave tomorrow for a tour to ascertain the possibilities of settling German Jewish refugees in Soviet Russia and other countries. On his return he will sail for the United States.

GEORGE BACKER, J.T.A. PRESIDENT, RETURNS AFTER 8 WEEK SURVEY ABROAD

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA) -- George Backer, president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, returned on the United States liner Manhattan today after an eight-week tour of Europe in which he surveyed the situation of Jews in Poland, Germany, England and France.

Mr. Backer was interviewed in his cabin on the Manhattan by representatives of every leading New York newspaper. He issued the following statement on his observations in Poland and Germany:

"The crisis is deepening in Poland. Within six months it will reach a climax which may resemble the German situation -- the difference being that if anti-Semitism becomes the Polish Government's official policy, then there'll be enormous pogroms with perhaps a toll of thousands of Jewish victims. The Endeks (Nationalist Democrats) will take things over and they'll get their 'three days on the streets'.

"The East European states, such as Poland and Rumania, have lost all faith in the sanctity of treaties and contracts, causing a lessening of governmental morale. This situation is directly traceable to Hitler's having been allowed to walk into the Rhineland and break all treaties, without punishment."

On the German situation, Mr. Backer had the following to say:

"The spectacular part of the anti-Semitic program is quiescent, but anti-Semitism as the official Government policy is still in full force. The effect of this policy is cumulative. Pressure

against the Jews is continuing from all sides with the result that the entire structure and morale of German Jewry is really in danger.

"As for the Nazi Government, the election, as far as I could see in Berlin, was a complete failure, in that it aroused less enthusiasm than occurs in New York City for a very minor election. True, they got the vote out, but it was only because the voters were forced to go to the polls. I was in the Wilhelmplatz the night the returns were announced and in the entire area in front of Hitler's residence there weren't 1,500 persons. Most of these were guards who had to be there. And there was only the most perfunctory of 'heiling'.

"Indeed, there is so little enthusiasm for the Nazi Party today that it was never once mentioned by Hitler by name in any of his pre-election speeches."

On the same boat was a group of 122 German refugees, most of them Jewish, who embarked on the Manhattan at Hamburg. They entered as quota immigrants under the special provision permitting entry of political and religious refugees. Also on the Manhattan was Mr. George Messersmith, United States Minister to Austria, who is returning to celebrate his mother's 87th birthday. Mr. Messersmith refused to comment on the situation of Austria's Jews in connection with the Phoenix Insurance Company case.

OFFICIAL SWEDISH BODY OPPOSES BILL TO CURB IMMIGRATION

STOCKHOLM (JTA) -- Opposition to regulations limiting immigration is voiced by the Royal Social Office, a Government agency, in a memorandum to the Riksdag committee now considering a proposal to tighten entry laws.

In regard to Jewish immigration, the memorandum said Sweden should assume certain moral responsibilities by assisting international humanitarian cooperation. The bill to restrict immigration was introduced by Right deputies.

There are about 7,000 foreigners in Sweden, the Government agency states, of whom 500, including women and children, are Jewish. It adds that immigration into the country is limited and well-controlled, making further regulations unnecessary.

SLUR ON INDIA BY HITLER SPURS OLYMPICS BOYCOTT MOVEMENT

BOMBAY (JTA) -- Derogatory utterances about India attributed to Reichsfuehrer Hitler have spurred a movement for a boycott of the Olympic games scheduled to be held in Berlin next August and for a boycott of German goods.

Nationalist newspapers have printed sharp attacks on Hitler, and K. F. Nariman, mayor of Bombay, condemned him in a newspaper article and expressed sympathy for the German Jews. Several importers have been reported cancelling shipments of German goods.

A meeting of the National Students League adopted by a large majority a resolution calling for a boycott of the games in protest against Hitler's attitude towards India.

The Bombay Chronicle declared in an editorial:

"The boycott of the Olympic Games, which are being held under the auspices of Germany this year, will no doubt serve as an eloquent and dignified expression of the resentment caused in India."

The sports editor of the Chronicle asserted:

"It is imperative that the Indian Olympic Association should convene a meeting of their council as early as possible and discuss the situation arising out of the insulting speech of the German dictator."

JUDGE MACK HONORED ON TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ON BENCH

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA) -- The twenty-fifth anniversary of Julian W. Mack, jurist and Zionist leader, as a Federal judge was celebrated last night with a dinner given by the lawyers division of the United Palestine Appeal at the Hotel Pierre. Speakers were Dr. Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the appeal; David L. Podell, chairman of the division, George Z. Medalle, who presided, and Morris Rothenberg, president of the Zionist Organization of America.

Judge Mack described how he was won to Zionism twenty-one years ago by Schmarya Levin and Henrietta Szold despite the fact his previous upbringing had been against it. He lauded Palestine as "a ray of hope" for the Jewish youth of Eastern Europe, adding that immigration into the Holy Land must be by the hundred thousand and because "Poland has become a black spot on the face of the earth" in anti-Semitism.

A new lawyers division of the Joint Distribution Committee campaign has adopted a quota of \$125,000, it was announced by Carl J. Austrian, chairman of the New York drive for \$1,500,000. Eustace Seligman has been named chairman, former Judge Joseph M. Proskauer and Sol M. Stroock, honorary chairmen, and James N. Rosenberg, vice-chairman.

PHILADELPHIA JEWS PROTEST POLISH EXCESSES

PHILADELPHIA, April 16. (JTA) -- A thousand representatives of Jewish civic, philanthropic and labor organizations in this city last night adopted a resolution protesting anti-Jewish excesses in Poland. A "folk's banquet" on May 24 will culminate the local drive for \$75,000 to aid the Polish Jews. Speakers included Morton Witkin, County Commissioner, who represented Mayor S. Davis Wilson; Rabbi J. Gerson Brenner; Abraham Siler and Z. Tygel, director of the American Committee Appeal for Poland.

WINTER HOLDS SITUATION OF JEWS IN POLAND WORSE THAN GERMANY

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA) -- Declaring the situation of the Jews in Poland worse than in Germany, Benjamin Winter, national chairman of the American Committee Appeal for the Relief of Jews in Poland, blamed the Polish Government for contributing to impoverishment of the Jews by "a definite, carefully-planned, determined campaign of economic anti-Semitism." He spoke last night over a national network of the National Broadcasting Co.

"All classes of the Jewish people have been affected by the incidence of this policy," he stated. "The deadliest single blow to the Jewish economic position was the institution of State monopolies of industries. Not only have the State monopolies eliminated many of the Jewish enterprises, but there exists a practical boycott against the re-employment of Jews in the monopolized industries."

FIRST REICH COMMISSAR FOR JEWISH RELIGION NAMED IN SAAR

BERLIN, April 16. (JTA) -- The Reich today appointed the first State commissar for Jewish religious affairs. He is Dr. Oscar Schloss, a Jewish lawyer, who has been given control of synagogues and Jewish religious communities in the Saar.

The official announcement stated that Dr. Schloss will act under instructions of the Nazi authorities and will be directly responsible to the Section for Religious and Educational Affairs of the Reich Commissariat for the Saar.

Dr. Schloss is unknown in Berlin Jewish circles.

MANY PRUSSIAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES FACE LIQUIDATION

BERLIN, April 16. (JTA) -- Warning that a great number of Jewish communities are on the point of liquidating because Jews have been forced to emigrate abroad and to other cities of Germany is contained in the report of the Prussian Association of Jewish Communities which will be submitted to a conference of the association's council on Sunday.

The report said the association has subsidized 367 communities. It pointed out that in 185 Prussian communities the number of Jews had dwindled to an average of fifty-four.

RATHENAU'S VILLA CONVERTED INTO "ARYAN" ACTORS' CLUB

BERLIN, April 16. (JTA) -- The villa of Walter Rathenau, late Foreign Minister, who was of Jewish origin, was converted today into a club for "Aryan" actors by order of Joseph Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda. A tablet in Dr. Rathenau's memory was removed.

Dr. Rathenau's mother presented the villa, which is in the Gruene-wald section of Berlin, to the State after his assassination in June, 1922, by an anti-Semite. He was the first Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Weimar Republic.

The action was in the line with the policy of the Third Reich of removing memorials for Jewish officials. In 1933, a street in Leipzig named after him was renamed after the late Theodor Fritsch, anti-Semitic theoretician.

JEW JAILED FOR TEARING DOWN NAZI ELECTION POSTER

BERLIN, April 16. (JTA) -- A Hildesheim court has sentenced a sixty-six-year old Jew, whose name was not given, to one-months' imprisonment for tearing down a poster urging the electorate to vote for Hitler, it was reported here today. The defendant said the poster had already been torn down and that he merely picked it up.

FACTIONAL STRIFE AMONG ARABS LIKELY TO PREVENT LONDON PARLEY

JERUSALEM, April 16. (JTA) -- An internal struggle among Arab factions bade fair today to prevent the scheduled departure of an Arab delegation for London to hold a conference with J. H. Thomas, Colonial Secretary, on the proposed legislative council.

Factional strife ensued after a meeting of Arab parties called to select the six members of the delegation broke up without accomplishing its purpose. The invitation to the London conference was extended by High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope for Mr. Thomas.

A delegation of Arab laborers today visited the police at the Jewish colony of Hertzliah, demanding the expulsion of Hauranis, non-Palestinian Arabs.

12,000 NEW RADIO PERMITS ISSUED BY PALESTINE

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- With sale of Radio sets spurred by inauguration of the new Palestine Broadcasting station, it is disclosed that the Government has issued 12,000 new permits to own radios.

Several Arab villages have been given public radio sets to listen to periodical lectures of agricultural subjects and addresses of public interest.

Since Palestine began importing radios about six years ago, it has been found that American makes are the most efficient. Some British, German and a few Italian-made radios are used, but until now no sets have been manufactured here.

In 1933, \$100,000 worth of radios was imported. Last year, in anticipation of the new broadcasting system, more than twice as many, or \$263,000 worth of sets, entered the country.

Jews and Britons are the greatest users of radios, and Arabs in urban centers use them to some extent.