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ROYAL COMMISSION TO HAVE 5 MEMBERS, ALL NON-POLITICAL

LONDON, July 15. (JTA) -- The Royal Commission that is to investigate the Palestine disorders as soon as peace has been restored will consist of five members, none of them members of the House of Commons, it was learned by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

Composition of the commission is expected to be announced at the conclusion of the present session of Parliament.

Believed already named, the five commissioners were not selected on the basis of political affiliations, it was learned. They are men who do not figure in political activities.

It is understood that the commission's terms of reference include the widest authority, although final decisions will remain with the Government which is expected, however, to give greater consideration to the commission's recommendations than to those of previous commissions.

Immigration Not to Be Suspended

It was authoritatively learned that the Government, despite pressure being exercised upon it, has definitely decided to adhere to its previously announced policy not to surrender to Arab intimidation by temporarily suspending Jewish immigration into Palestine.

This favorable development for the Zionist cause is understood to be due to efforts of Zionist leaders, especially Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the World Zionist Organization.

Meanwhile, reports from Jerusalem indicated that the Arab general strike was nearing the breaking point after three months during which upwards of 150 lives have been lost and damage to property has totalled millions of dollars.

The strike is believed foundering on dissension among Arab leaders and growing opposition to the strike and its attendant violence and disastrous effects on business by Arab merchants and workers.

2 BRITISH OFFICERS, AMERICAN JEW WOUNDED BY ARABS

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- Two British officers and an 18-year-old American Jew, Joel Reis, were wounded this morning during a sharp clash between Arab rebels and a military patrol near Ain Haramaya.

Reis is a bus driver living with his family at the American Jewish colony of Raanana for the past seven years.

The Arab band, estimated at fifty strong, suffered several casualties.

Moshe Mizrahi, 32, died at Hadassah hospital in Tel Aviv this morning of wounds accidentally inflicted by British soldiers near Rishon le Zion five weeks ago.

Bomb explosions caused damage to the District Commissioner's office at Acre in northern Palestine.

The municipality of Kalkillia has been on strike since yesterday, with the result that residents have been without light and water.

High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope today visited the jetty at Tel Aviv, nucleus of the new port that is being developed by the all-Jewish city. He was accompanied by S. Hoofien, director of the Anglo-Palestine Bank, and others.

ARAB LEADERS RECEIVED BY ORMSBY-GORE

LONDON, July 15. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore has received the unofficial Arab delegation headed by Jamal el Hussein, Palestine Arab leader and nephew of the Grand Mufti, it was learned today.

The audience, given yesterday, is understood to have been granted on request of the Arab leaders. It is authoritatively learned that no question of negotiations or formal discussions on the Palestine situation was involved in the meeting, since the delegation is unofficial and the meeting was likewise regarded.

The delegation is here to create favorable sentiment toward the Arab cause in the Holy Land and has conducted a wide tour of the country to that object.

BRITISH OFFICIAL PLANS LIBEL ACTION AGAINST FASCIST PAPER

LONDON, July 15. (JTA) -- Attorney-General Somervell disclosed in the House of Commons today that he is considering instituting a criminal libel action against the publication, The Fascist, for an allegation published in its July 4 issue that Jews murdered Christians for ritual purposes.

The Fascist is the organ of the Imperial Fascist League. It lists Arnold S. Leese as editor and director.

NAZI ORGAN URGES WORLD UNITED ANTI-JEWISH FRONT

BERLIN, July 15. (JTA) -- Reichswalt, organ for disseminating racial propaganda abroad, today utilized the presence of tourists for the Olympic games to appeal for a united front among all nations against the Jews.

"No nation should permit itself to remain any longer in the service of the Jews," the paper said, adding that the Jews controlled the world's finance and instigated revolutions.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Interior ordered that applications for certificates of racial origin should be submitted only when origin is in doubt in view of the flooding of the Reich Office for Examining Racial Origin with requests for certificates.

ETHIOPIAN LAND SCHEME USED TO DEFRAUD POLISH JEWS

WARSAW, July 15. (JTA) -- A person representing himself as a representative of Premier Mussolini who accepted large sums of money from Warsaw Jews in return for leases on land in Ethiopia has disappeared without a trace, the Polish Telegraphic Agency reported today.

Numerous candidates for emigration to Ethiopia who had paid fees to the purported representative, one Samuel Salvatore, threatened him with an appeal to the police after he had continuously postponed their emigration. When police broke into his office, he and his secretary were gone.

The office was opened on Zamenhoff Street several weeks ago and attracted great interest among inhabitants of the Jewish district, Nalewki.

Salvatore and his secretary informed inquirers that Mussolini had set aside a large tract for Jewish settlers, who could obtain parcels on 99-year leases. He demanded cash fees for information and issued receipts in the Italian language bearing a rubber seal of the Abyssinian Colonization Association.

RUMANIAN CABINET TAKES STEPS TO HALT ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

BUCHAREST, July 15. (JTA) -- The Rumanian cabinet decided at a meeting tonight to take vigorous measures to arrest anti-Semitic propaganda carried on by the Fascist party of Professors Alexander Cuza and Octavius Goga.

The action followed the threat of Foreign Minister Nicolae Titulescu on Monday to resign unless the Government definitely disowned the anti-Semites.

REPORT CHILE BARS JEWISH IMMIGRANTS AS "UNPRODUCTIVE"

SANTIAGO, Chile (JTA) -- A reported official order halting immigration of Jews into Chile on the grounds that they are "unproductive and of no benefit to the country" has aroused a storm of discussion in Parliament and concern among Jews.

The order is laid at the door of Foreign Minister Miguel Cruchaga Tocornal.

It is believed to have been issued shortly after President Don Arturo Alessandri had received a Jewish delegation which protested that Government officials were discriminating against Jews in immigration. The president promised at that time to investigate and end the alleged discrimination.

M. Tocornal himself had promised, during a conference with Samuel Guy Inman, assistant to the then League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees James MacDonald, that he would facilitate immigration of German Jews.

The Foreign Minister belongs to the Conservative Party, which is regarded as friendly to the Jews. Its head, Senator Rafael Gumucio, several months ago asked a united front against Nazi persecution of Jews and Catholics in a series of articles written for the Chilean and Spanish-Jewish press.

In Parliament, M. Tocornal has so far failed to reply to a series of questions by Deputy Vicuna Fuentes on the reported order. Backed by a 40-26 vote, the interrogations were:

- 1) Is it true that the Foreign Minister prohibited immigration of Jews and what are his motives?
- 2) If such prohibition has been issued, what methods are used by the Government to establish the nationality of persons denying their origin?
- 3) What is the guiding principle of the Foreign Minister in regard to Jews who have adopted Catholicism or other religions?
- 4) What is the Government's attitude concerning children of mixed marriages?
 - a) When one of the parents is a Christian?
 - b. When the parents are Christian but the grandparents Jews?
 - c. When one grandparent is Jewish?
 - d. When the grandparents are Jewish but the immigrant baptized in childhood?

Trabajo, local Nazi organ, hailed the immigration restriction in an article assailing the Jews as a "menace to Chile."

Declaring it has no desire to "arouse race hatred in Chile," the paper says:

"Our people is in need of immigration and blood-mixing, and therefore we welcome all foreigners who come here to work and to increase the Chilean nation. We must, however, oppose sharply an immigration which menaces our people."

It adds that Jews utilize the "demoniac forces of Communism and the pressure of international capital" for their ends, that they penetrate into all circles, and control governments and newspapers.

Recent issues of the paper have appeared with the heading:

"Chilean! do you know the Jew? Be on your guard!"

JEWISH MERCHANT JAILED FOR "SLUR" ON NAZI TROOP LEADERS

BERLIN (JTA) -- The special court in Frankfurt-on-the Main has sentenced a Limburg Jewish business man to six months' imprisonment on a charge of having stated Nazi storm troop leaders bought goods from him.

Denying the charge, the defendant said his remarks were limited to pointing out that Economics Minister Schacht opposed the anti-Jewish boycott.

The President of the Court ruled that prohibition of an economic boycott did not apply to the limited circle of people who were duty-bound not to buy from Jews.

Taking into consideration that the defendant was in a state of agitation when he made his alleged statement and that he had confessed making a similar statement, the court said it would consider the six months the defendant had spent in detention and reduce the sentence accordingly.

FASCISTS STIR ANTI-JEWISH ACTS IN ALGERIA

ALGIERIA (JTA) -- While reports which were published in Jewish and non-Jewish papers to the effect that a "pogrom" or anti-Jewish rioting had taken place in Algeria, should be accepted with much reserve, it is true that the Jewish population of Algeria has lived through hours of anxiety.

Since the People's Front gained a majority at the last Parliamentary elections, and more especially since its advent to power, the anti-Jewish propaganda in Algeria has become intense. The Fascist elements, who mostly belong to dissolved Right Wing semi-military organizations, accuse Jews of having cast their votes for the candidates of the People's Front.

At the head of these turbulent anti-Jewish elements is the Mayor of Oran, Abbe Lambert, who was defeated in the elections. His action as the Mayor of Oran is subject to much criticism in Jewish circles, and he is unanimously accused of having provoked clashes between opposing political groups.

In the course of such clashes, which often necessitated an intervention of the police, Jews as well as non-Jews were wounded, and one of the wounded Jews, Jacques Zauui, has since died. While that event has greatly perturbed the Jewish population, it is pointed out here that it should not be regarded as a deliberate anti-Jewish murder.

Jewish circles here are gratified by the firm attitude of the French Governor-General, who at the very beginning of the agitation took measures to prevent the spreading of the troubles to Jewish quarters and ordered the police and the military to keep watch over Jewish houses.

In Jewish circles it is further noted with much satisfaction that the Moslem population is a complete stranger to the anti-Jewish agitation, and entertains most cordial relations with the Jewish population.

The Fascists responsible for the recent disturbances made a special point of the fact that the present Premier of France is a Jew. In their pamphlets they declare that "we shall never allow that France should be governed by a Jew and, like England, should have its Disraeli."

Governor-General Georges le Beau, before leaving for Paris, received a delegation consisting of the heads of the Jewish communities, who urged that he take stringent measures for their protection against provocative acts. He assured the delegation that he was determined to maintain public order by every means at his disposal.

LONDON LINKED TO LETTER DISCRIMINATING AGAINST JEWS

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- The Daily Worker, Communist organ, printed today a purported reproduction of a letter from the superintendent of Osawatomie State Hospital in Kansas, listing Governor Alf M. Landon on its letterhead as chairman, in which applicants for a position with the hospital were restricted to Gentiles.

The letter, addressed to the dean of the Medical School, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and signed by A. Carmichael, superintendent, said, in connection with placing a resident in neuropsychiatry at the hospital: "Young men over thirty and single have the preference. All applicants must be Gentiles."

The paper said Clarence A. Hathaway, its editor, had telegraphed Governor Landon asking his stand on discrimination against Jews and received a reply from an officer of the hospital stating that Dr. Carmichael had resigned. Another telegram was sent to Governor Landon holding that the original letter had expressed the policy of the hospital, and requesting a "clearcut answer: do you approve this discrimination against Jews?" No answer was received to this wire, the Daily Worker said.

JUDGE LEWIS NAMED ZOA ACTING PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, newly-elected president of the Zionist Organization of America, has designated Judge William M. Lewis of Philadelphia acting president during Dr. Wise's absence abroad, according to cable advices from London received by the Z.O.A., today. Judge Lewis called the first meeting of the Zionist Executive for Thursday afternoon.