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TALK OF TEMPORARY HALT IN IMMIGRATION REVIVED IN LONDON

LONDON, July 22. (JTA) -- In connection with the impending formal announcement of the five-man Royal Commission to investigate Palestine conditions, there was revived talk today that immigration to the Holy Land might be stopped during the commission's deliberations.

Zionist leaders are fighting with all the resources at their command to prevent such a development.

The Jewish Agency executive denies as "absolutely without foundation" rumors from Arab sources that Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, has agreed to stoppage of immigration during the commission's sessions.

According to the executive, Dr. Weizmann "emphatically denies the suggestion emanating from Arab sources, alleging his agreement to the suspension of immigration pending the commission's findings."

"Such a suspension," the statement points out, "would be regarded as a breach of faith and seriously prejudicial to the work of the Royal Commission."

AGENCY IN JERUSALEM DENIES AGREEING TO IMMIGRATION HALT

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- The Jerusalem executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine today published a strong denial of Arab rumors that the Agency or Dr. Chaim Weizmann, its president, has agreed to temporary stoppage of immigration during the Royal Commission's sittings.

Opposition to such a stoppage, the Agency declares, is being made verbally and in writing.

PERSONNEL OF ROYAL COMMISSION TO BE ANNOUNCED JULY 29

LONDON, July 22. (JTA) -- William Ormsby-Gore, Colonial Secretary, revealed in the House of Commons today that he will announce next Wednesday the personnel and terms of reference of the Royal Commission to investigate Palestine conditions.

He declared that the Commission will be unable to go to the Holy Land until sufficient order has been restored there for its members to move about in safety.

"I say quite frankly," the Colonial Secretary stated, "that the position is still serious."

It was learned that the Commission will not hear counsel for either the Arabs or the Jews, contrary to the practice followed by the commission which investigated the disturbances of 1929.

ARABS TO MARK 100TH DAY OF STRIKE BY FETES, SERMONS

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- The Arab Supreme Committee which is directing the general strike against Jewish immigration and the Government today decided to celebrate the hundredth day of the strike with festivities and sermons in all mosques. (The strike was proclaimed April 21, the hundredth day falling on Thursday, July 30.)

In connection with the celebration it was also decided to demand the release of Arab leaders held in the Government concentration camp at Sarafand within twenty-four hours.

Equal rights for the Arab Supreme Committee with the Jewish Agency for Palestine form another demand.

At the meeting a cable from Jamal al Hussein, leader of the unofficial Arab delegation in London, was read, stating that the Royal Commission (four members of which have already been named) will proceed to Palestine the first week in August and arrive together with the Arab delegation.

Meanwhile, the disorders which have completed three full months, continued unabated in various parts of the Holy Land, bringing wounds to a British soldier and two Jews.

The soldier and a Jewish bus driver were shot when a convoy was fired on between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Troops rushed to the scene and routed the attacking Arabs. The second Jew was shot by snipers at Kiryat Shmuel, near Tiberias.

The famous Kadoorie Agricultural School on Mt. Tabor was again the target of snipers.

A bomb explosion that wrecked the water station at Givat Adas left the settlement facing an acute water shortage.

SOVIET
Arabs broke into the police station at Shararam, near Haifa, handcuffed two sleeping policemen and fled with their rifles.

Warehouses at Carmel were set on fire, but escaped with slight damage. A bomb explosion damaged a house in Safed.

DENY PALESTINE TROOPS BEING SHIFTED TO GIBRALTAR

LONDON, July 22. (JTA) -- The War Office today denied published reports that troops were being withdrawn from Palestine for duty in Gibraltar in connection with the Spanish rebellion.

700 AMERICAN TOURISTS LAND IN HAIFA

HAIFA, July 22. (JTA) -- A group of 700 American tourists arrived here today on a cruise ship.

"BE POLITE TO JEWS DURING OLYMPICS," REICH TOWNS ORDERED

BERLIN, July 22. (JTA) -- Secret instructions to the rural authorities to treat Jews politely during the Olympic Games have been dispatched by Walter Darre, Minister for Agriculture, it was learned today.

The instructions emphasize that the "fundamental German attitude toward Jews remains unchanged."

"Jewish provocateurs," Darre is quoted as cautioning, "must not get the chance to create incidents which could add grist to the mills of anti-German propagandists abroad."

Anti-Jewish signs are to be removed, the instructions order.

Darre explains that politeness to the Jews is essential "because the German Government has pledged to the Olympic Committee to guarantee protection for all Olympics guests."

EDEN REFUSES TO SEEK REICH PLEDGE NOT TO USE GAMES POLITICALLY

LONDON, July 22. (JTA) -- Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, today bluntly refused a request in the House of Commons that he ask the German Government for assurances that it does not propose to use the Olympic Games for political propaganda.

Capt. Eden evaded answering a further question by Geoffrey Mander, Liberal, framed as follows:

"Isn't it notorious that the German Government is using all these things for propaganda for the regime and could we not have some security that persecution of Jews will not immediately commence when the games are over?"

5 REMAINING JEWS QUIT REICH TOWN

BERLIN, July 22. (JTA) -- The last five Jews remaining in the town of Pappenheim, Bavaria, were reported today to have emigrated.

SOVIET TO EXPLORE BIRO-BIDJAN MINERAL RESOURCES

MOSCOW (JTA) -- An institute to explore the mineral resources of the Jewish autonomous region of Biro-Bidjan with its center in the capital of the region and branches in various parts of the area has been formed by the Regional Executive Committee.

Calculations to date set iron-ore deposits of Biro-Bidjan at fifty billion tons. There are also vast deposits of granite, asbestos, magnesium, and other minerals. A layer of coal seven meters in depth was discovered only 65 kilometers from Biro-Bidjan, capital of the region.

DUAL ROLE FOR "MISCHLINGS" RULED BY REICH COURT

BERLIN (JTA) -- A flexible rule for treating children born of mixed marriages as Germans in some spheres of activities and as "non-Aryans" in others has been set up by the Higher Court of Dresden.

The court set aside a verdict brought on appeal from the District Court, which had awarded the child of a mixed marriage to the divorced Jewish mother on the ground that the child belonged racially to a Jewish environment.

The Higher Court ruled that custody of the child could not be given to the mother summarily, but only after a careful examination to determine whether or not it should be allowed to become a Jew.

The legal regulation of the status of children of mixed marriages, the appeals court decided, should be based on the fact that they could not be regarded as equal either to Jews or to Germans. Since German law aimed to eliminate mixed racial strains as soon as possible, children of mixed marriages were to be treated as Germans in certain spheres of life and as "non-Aryans" in others.

Thus, the court continued, according to State Secretary Stuckart, such children should be treated as Germans as far as military service, labor service and admissions to schools and universities were concerned.

The ruling stated that the child of a mixed marriage could be absorbed entirely into the German community if his services were considered valuable. How far that was to be allowed, experience alone could show. There could be no question of regarding a "mischling" as belonging racially to the Jewish parent, the court concluded.

ARABS IN BRAZIL ASK AID FOR PALESTINE REBELS

SAO PAULO, Brazil (JTA) -- A call to local Arabs to help their brothers in Palestine has been issued by the Syrian Patriotic League in a press statement.

The statement quotes a message received from Cairo:

"The situation in Palestine has grown worse. Hundreds of Arabs have been killed and wounded. Do not believe the statements of the British administration. Help our land with protests and contributions."

The statement adds that "Palestine is being flooded with thousands of Jews who have fled from Germany and are being supported in Palestine by England."

LOUIS B. MAYER TO HEAD CUBAN REFUGEE PROJECT

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., July 22. (JTA) -- Congressman William Sirovich of New York announced today that Louis B. Mayer, head of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, had agreed to become temporary chairman of a non-sectarian committee to direct proposed settlement of 100,000 to 200,000 Jews from European countries, mainly from Germany, in Cuba. A fund-raising campaign is contemplated.

According to Mr. Sirovich, the Cuban Cabinet is considering the project. After an interview in Havana last week with President Gomez, the congressman said the latter was "enormously interested" in the plan.

HUEY LONG'S SUCCESSOR SEEN AS "POTENTIAL U.S. HITLER"

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- Rev. L. M. Birkhead of Kansas City in an interview today picked Rev. Gerald L.K. Smith of New Orleans, successor to Huey Long as head of the "share-the-wealth movement," as the most likely "potential American Hitler."

He said following a survey of Fascist movements in seaboard cities that the East is "the ripest field for the spread of anti-Semitism" and that groups of a "Black Legion temper" are busy spreading it.

"One thing will head off Smith and the others like him," Rev. Birkhead declared. "It is pitiless publicity. In Germany last year German friends told me that the greatest mistake Germany's liberal newspapers made was to ignore Hitler until it was too late."

Asserting that anti-Semites were seeking a "strong leader," Rev. Birkhead said: "My money is on Gerald Smith as the one man who has enough demagogic appeal to consolidate all these anti-Semitic and Fascist groups."

He said he was struck by the fact that anti-Semitism in the East more than in the West was financed by people of means.

LATE PALESTINE NEWS

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- Private Holmes of the recently-arrived Lincolnshire regiment was killed today when Arabs ambushed a patrol returning from Kakun to Tulkarem. The soldiers replied, killing three Arabs.

Holmes was the eighth British soldier to die at the hands of rebels. A total of approximately 160 Jews, Arabs and Britons have been killed since April 19.