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POLAND ASKS LEAGUE TO SPONSOR WORLD PARLEY ON JEWISH EMIGRATION

GENEVA, Oct. 8. (JTA)--Poland today formally asked the League of Nations to sponsor an international emigration conference in November to take up its proposed solution of the Jewish problem in Central and Eastern Europe by mass emigration of Jews to Palestine and other lands.

The request was made before the second commission by the Polish delegation, which suggested the conference be held under the auspices of the League's International Labor Bureau.

It followed projection of the problem before the sixth commission on Tuesday by Tytus Komarnicki of Poland, who declared it was imperative to find other outlets than Palestine for the Jewish populations of Central and Eastern Europe.

Also addressing the sixth commission, the Turkish delegation today expressed the conviction that Great Britain could assure peace in the Holy Land (which it wrested from Turkey in the World War) by strict adherence to the Balfour Declaration, by which it was committed to assist in establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine without prejudicing the status of existing communities.

The Turkish statement was coupled with pro-Zionist declarations by the representatives of the Little Entente.

As a result of the pro-Zionist statements, Arab Nationalists here induced Nuri Pasha as-Said, Iraq's Foreign Minister, to expound the Arab views.

The Iraqi diplomat, who recently was unsuccessful in unofficial mediation efforts in the Palestine conflict, declared that when considering the possibility of Jewish immigration to the countries of the Near East, the rights of the inhabitants must be considered.

He deeply deplored the unrest in the Holy Land, "as the representative of a land bound to Palestine by race, speech and religion," and voiced the hope that the Royal Commission, which has been appointed to investigate the underlying causes of the disorders, would find the right solution.

The foreign minister expressed approval of Poland's proposal to seek a solution of the emigration problem of Polish Jewry.

U.S. TREASURY AIDE REPORTED FORMING ANTI-SEMITIC "ARMY"

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA)--A nation-wide unofficial army, as yet unarmed, but uniformed and trained in rifle practice and military drill, with its leader quoted as anti-Communist and anti-Jewish, is being recruited, it was revealed today in the New York World-Telegram.

The commander, Hubert W. Eldred, is employed by the United States Treasury Department, assigned to the WPA procurement division. He was quoted as warning against the growing influence of Reds and Jews, and declaring that "Jews are getting to run the WPA, banks and other institutions."

Mr. Eldred, who admitted he has gotten into trouble as a result of the disclosures, denied over the telephone to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had mentioned the Jews in conversation with Frederick Woltman of the Telegram.

Speaking from the office of Thomas J. Ford, State Procurement Officer, Mr. Eldred declared the organization was neither anti-Jewish nor anti-Communist, and explained that it was simply an organization of former army officers designed as a reserve for the army.

He admitted making a statement to Mr. Woltman -- not printed but repeated by Mr. Woltman to the J.T.A. -- that he had lost a job with the WPA Columbia University Housing Survey after two Jews had been placed over him, thereby losing seven weeks pay.

Mr. Woltman said Mr. Eldred had repeatedly referred to the Jews during their interview, speaking of "grasping Jews," the "Jewish grafters all over the WPA" and declaring the United States was faced with "the same trouble Germany had."

Would Make It Auxiliary to U.S. Army

The organization is known as the Veterans Reserve Corporation, and until yesterday had offices at the WPA finance building at 40 Varick Street. Mr. Eldred hoped to recruit 830,400 men and said Rep. James A. O'Leary of Staten Island was introducing a bill in Congress to make the organization an auxiliary of the army.

The Telegram said most of its leaders were reserve officers employed by the Treasury Dept. and WPA, and that the organization had divided the country into corps areas, divisions, brigades and regiments.

In denying the organization is anti-Semitic, Mr. Eldred said that Company A of the First Regiment was entirely Jewish and commanded by a Captain Handler. None of the officers listed on the corporation's proposed letterhead appeared to be Jewish.

Col. Brehon B. Somervell, WPA administrator, said the movement had no connection with WPA. At WPA offices, it was said the names of

officers were being checked with WPA rolls and those found doing the organization's work in working hours would be discharged.

Mr. Ford, who is Mr. Eldred's superior, told the J.T.A. no Treasury Dept. men besides Mr. Eldred were members of the organization.

Eldred listed as his chief aides William L. Matter and Arthur B. Kratz, who are WPA executives; William E. Hoyer, who recently resigned from the WPA, Admiral Richard P. Hobson and Queens Borough President George U. Harvey. The latter denied any connection with the organization.

Group Meets in Yorkville

The organization meets in Germania Hall in Yorkville, a gathering place for pro-Nazi groups, and at a similar German hall in Queens.

Roy B. Monahan, Judge Advocate General of the organization, an attorney of 49 Wall St., who drew up the corporation's charter, was said to have resigned on the ground that the organization was anti-Semitic.

Mr. Eldred, admitting he was having trouble with many members after being quoted as anti-Semitic, denied doing organization activity on working time -- a point which evidently was causing him some concern. He said he was leaving for Washington shortly.

Asked his attitude toward the Jews, he said it was the "same as toward any other citizens."

The organization is six weeks old now and claims a membership of 3,000. It has an undercover intelligence unit, Eldred was quoted, advised by Vladimir N. Kusick, described as a White Russian, with references from Grand Dutchess Marie.

The corps is scheduled to hold a war-time mobilization manouever for its Queens company next week.

KEEP PALESTINE UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROL, BRITISH LABOR URGES

EDINBURGH, Oct. 8. (JTA)--The British Labor Party, at its annual congress here, today urged the British Government to take all "necessary measures" to end the six-month-old disorders in Palestine.

In a resolution unanimously adopted by the delegates, the Labor Party declared that in view of the strategic importance of Palestine, the interests of peace demanded that the country remain under international control.

Expressing the hope that the Government, in accordance with its mandatory obligations, would develop the country in the interests of both Arabs and Jews, the resolution recognized the immense pro-

gress already made in promoting the welfare of the Jewish settlers and paid tribute to the labor unions and socialist institutions in the Holy Land.

It further called upon the government to adopt conciliatory policies as soon as the disorders are over to ensure peace and orderly development of the country.

PLANES, TRENCH MORTARS USED IN BATTLE WITH ARABS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8. (JTA)--A pitched battle was raging today between British troops and three Arab bands, totalling 200 men, on the slopes of Mt. Carmel. Airplanes and trench mortars were brought into play by the British.

TWFIK PASHA DEAD AT 95; PLAYED ROLE IN HERZL-SULTAN TALKS

ISTANBUL, Oct. 8. (JTA)--Tewfik Pasha, 95, last Grand Vizier of the Turkish Empire, died today. He played a prominent part in the negotiations between Dr. Theodor Herzl and the Sultan in regard to Palestine, when the Holy Land was under Turkish rule.

ANTI-SEMITISM "FALSE ISSUE" IN CAMPAIGN, SAYS ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

CHICAGO, Oct. 8. (JTA)--Anti-Semitism as an issue in the current presidential campaign is "wholly false" since presidential candidates of "the recognized political parties" are completely free of "any religious or racial prejudice", it was declared today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

In a statement signed by Sigmund Livingston, chairman, the League asserted that injection of such an issue in a political campaign "would imply a special interest on the part of Jewish citizens" who "are not and never have been an organized political group in America."

The statement continued: "They affiliate according to their individual convictions, with the various political parties, and the right of franchise is exercised by them free from any considerations of class or group distinction. This is true notwithstanding representations of zealous political advocates to the contrary.

"The raising of such an issue is particularly unjustified in the pending campaign, because of the unquestioned record of tolerance, in accord with the finest traditions of our nation, of the Presidential candidates of the recognized political parties and their complete freedom from any religious or racial prejudice."

COPELAND SEES PALESTINE DISCRIMINATING AGAINST JEWS ON STATE LANDS

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA)--Senator Royal S. Copeland, in the twelfth of a series of articles published in the Hearst newspapers today, charges that the Palestine Government is not fulfilling the Mandatory pledge to encourage close settlement by Jews on the land.

He accuses the Government of discrimination against the Jews and favoring the Arabs in disposition of state lands.

In some cases, he states, Arab leaders who agitate against Jewish acquisition of lands are those who sell them. "No impartial observer of Palestine today could find any basis for the agitation against the extension of Jewish agriculture, which has set the pace for the rebirth of the Holy Land," he asserts.

FEDERATION LOSES \$355,000 BY STRAUS' CANCELLATION OF CHARITY GIFTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA)--The Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies lost an estimated bequest of \$355,000 by the blanket revocation of gifts to charity and public institutions totalling nearly a million dollars by Jesse Isidor Straus, former Ambassador to France, it was revealed yesterday when his will was filed for probate.

A codicil dated July 31, 1934, gave as the cause of cancellation "the increased estate taxes upon estates of decedents" by Federal and State governments.

6,500 HADASSAH MEMBERS ADDED IN YEAR

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA)--The largest increase in a single year, 6,500 new members, was reported today by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, bringing the total membership to 52,000.

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TREASURY AIDE, ELDRED, SUSPENDED

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA)--Thomas J. Ford, State Procurement Officer in the United States Treasury Department, announced late today he had suspended Hubert W. Eldred, an employee of the division, as of noon for "engaging in activities outside his duties" during office time.

Mr. Ford said the suspension was made pending investigation. He was in conference with Mr. Eldred all afternoon and will continue the investigation tomorrow. He will then file a report with officials in Washington, he said.

Meanwhile, WPA Administrator Somervell announced a three-day disciplinary suspension with a reprimand for William L. Matter, Senior WPA Personnel Advisor in Manhattan and National Adjutant General of the Veterans Reserve Corp., for using office time for activities of the corps.