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### JEWISH AGENCY ASKS 11,800 IMMIGRATION CERTIFICATES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14, (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Palestine has asked the Palestine Government for an allotment of 11,800 labor immigration certificates for the six-month period ending April, 1937, it was announced today.

If the request is granted it would permit the entry of about 25,000 Jewish immigrants in the labor category.

Previously it had been reported the Government had agreed to issuance of 8,000 certificates on condition that the immigrants enter the country by November. This is believed to have been rejected by the Agency on the grounds that the condition is impossible of fulfillment.

Jewish immigration, which last year totalled more than 60,000, was the cardinal issue of the recently-ended six-month Arab general strike which cost more than 400 Arab, Jewish and British lives and approximately \$14,000,000 in property destruction.

### WEIZMANN URGES ZIONIST COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT PARITY WITH ARABS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14, (JTA) -- A declaration of Arab-Jewish parity was proposed today by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, in a cable to its General Council special political committee, which is meeting here.

He urged issuance of a statement, it was learned, which would place the Zionists on record in favor of parity between the two communities both now and if the Jews should become a majority.

Issuance of such a declaration was opposed by prominent members of the committee, including M. M. Ussishkin, chairman and Joshua Suprassky.

Organization of Jewish self-defense against Arab aggression was demanded by Meer Grossman, head of the Jewish State Party.

Declaring that neither the Council nor the special committee was empowered to formulate new Zionist principles, he held that disarmament of the Arabs, emphasized yesterday by David Ben-Gurion, was not a major issue.

Postponement of the British Royal Commission's investigation of the disorders in order to organize appearances before it was urged by Mr. Grossman. Establishment of a permanent political body to cooperate with the Jewish Agency for Palestine was also recommended.

#### N.Z.O. Hits Army Policy on Disarming

The New Zionist Organization protested against the army's new policy of permitting Arab rebels voluntarily to lay down their arms without submitting to search and return to their normal activities.

The protest held that this constituted official sanction to Arab armament and made possible storage of large quantities of arms at a time, the statement added, when the authorities were refusing to permit Jewish self-defence.

The policy is in opposition to Great Britain's international obligations, the statement declared, holding that it endangered the Jews' position in Palestine and appealing for the world's intervention.

#### Cabinet Awaits Further Developments

LONDON, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The British Cabinet reached no further decisions on Palestine at its meeting today it was learned. The Government is expected to await further developments in the Holy Land before deciding on a course of future action.

A bulletin published by the Foreign Office on the Palestine situation expressed optimism and said "no incidents to report since yesterday afternoon."

#### POLICE GUARD RALLY OF 5,000 FASCISTS IN EAST LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Large police detachments guarded a rally of 5,000 Fascists in the East End's Victoria Park tonight while Sir Oswald Mosley, their leader, inveighed against "the corrupt influence of international Jewish finance."

Mosley, head of the British Union of Fascists, charged that Conservatives were allied with Socialists and Communists to fight against Fascism.

The whole East End was under heavy guard as the Blackshirt leader rallied his followers at Victoria Park to march to Limehouse for a second mass meeting. The second rally passed off quietly and police conducted the Fascists away from the neighborhood after it had concluded.

The British Cabinet, discussing methods of curbing disorders in the Jewish East End at a meeting earlier in the day, considered reports by Sir John Simon, Home Secretary, and Sir Philip Game, London Police Commissioner.

Banning of political uniforms was reported to have been discussed, but no decision was announced. The ministers were understood to be hesitant at taking drastic action for fear of infringing on free speech.

#### JEWISH ESSAYIST REPORTED EXECUTED BY SOVIET AS SPY

WARSAW, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Newspapers here reported today that Max Erik, Jewish essayist, historian and former Polish army officer, who recently was arrested by Russian police in Kiev for alleged espionage, has been executed.

Erik, whose real name was Zalman Merkin, had been a resident of Russia for a number of years.

#### SOVIET DENIES ARREST OF RABBIS

MOSCOW (JTA) -- The authorities here have denied a report published in London that a group of rabbis were arrested in Russia for spreading Zionist and anti-Bolshevist propaganda.

Authoritative quarters said the report was a canard spread every Fall by the "anti-Soviet press," since it is a time of Jewish high holidays.

#### NAZIS MAY TAX ZIONIST FUNDS

BERLIN, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The German authorities are considering a proposal to tax collections in the Reich for the Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Foundation Fund, Zionist fund-raising agencies, on the ground that they are not entitled to exemptions as philanthropic enterprises, it was learned today.

The question of exemption for Jewish charities has also been raised, it was learned. Some Nazi tax experts point out that according to Nazi theory, only such organizations are entitled to tax exemption as benefit the community and serve the German people.

#### POLAND DECLINES TO RENEW MINORITIES PACT WITH REICH ON SILESIA

BERLIN, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The Polish Government has definitely declined the German offer to renew the German-Polish convention protecting minorities in Upper Silesia, which expires July 15, 1937, it was reported here today.

The Reich is seeking a renewal of the pact to save the German minority in Polish Silesia from Poland's determined efforts to Polonize

the area, although renewal would prevent Germany from extending anti-Semitic legislation to German Silesia.

Poland, however, is not anxious to renew the agreement, it was learned, apparently because of her desires to make her portion of the territory an integral part of Poland, and may take measures to bring this about once the convention expires.

Hopes were expressed here that diplomatic and other forms of pressure would be put on Poland for renewal of the agreement. It was believed that Jewish organizations will also make an effort to influence Poland to renew the convention in order to prevent extension of the Nuremberg race and citizenship laws to the Silesian Jews.

#### DANZIG NAZIS ABOLISH SOCIALIST PARTY AND TRADE UNIONS

FREE CITY OF DANZIG, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The Havas News Agency reported today that the Nazi Party had swept all workers' organizations in the Free City out of existence, dissolving the Social Democratic Party and abolishing trade unions.

It was officially announced that the dissolution order was issued because arms were found in the offices of the Volkstimme, Socialist organ.

Danzig Nazis were believed preparing a law similar to that in effect in the Reich whereby all persons hostile to the government would lose their rights as citizens.

#### CUZA OPENS NEW HEADQUARTERS, SPURNS BROAD COALITION

JASSY, Rumania, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Prof. Alexander Cuza, head of the anti-Semitic National Christian Party, opened headquarters yesterday in this city where the Rumanian anti-Semitic political movement was born.

In a speech to his followers, Dr. Cuza declared it was God's wish that the National Christians alone should rule Rumania, adding that under no circumstances would he join a broader right-wing coalition.

His assertion was regarded as significant in the light of the generally accepted belief that a Rightist coalition will be asked to succeed the Tatarescu government.

To demonstrate the popularity of his party, Cuza is arranging an anti-Semitic demonstration in Bucharest for Oct. 26, in which he promises the participation of 250,000 persons. The State railways have placed 2,000 railway cars at his disposal to transport peasants to the capital.



5,352 ENTERED BIRO-BIDJAN IN 9 MONTHS

MOSCOW, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- It was officially announced today that 5,352 persons immigrated to Biro-Bidjan, autonomous Jewish region in the Far East, in the first nine months of 1936. Included in the total were 900 families and 269 individuals. Figures for the third quarter of the year totalled 1,600. Since the first of this month, immigrants include trained railroad workers.

500 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST JEWS IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Believed to be students from the University of Montreal, 500 youths paraded through Montreal's East End last night shouting "Down with Jews" and "Down with Communists."

Raoul Rainville, law student, and principal speaker at the demonstration, which was finally broken up by police, declared that French Canadians must attack "the cursed Jews" on whom a war without mercy had been declared by students.

They must particularly oppose Jewish members on the City Council, he said. The meeting, attended by 1,000 spectators, concluded with the declaration read by Rainville and repeated by the audience, as follows:

"I promise solemnly that I shall never under any circumstances buy from a Jew."

No casualties were reported, although a Jewish shop-window was smashed by the demonstrators. Police Inspector Arthur Maranda warned that similar parades would not be tolerated.

Leaders announced plans for another parade on Armistice Day.

POLISH BISHOP HOLDS ANTI-SEMITISM IS ANTI-CHRISTIAN

WARSAW (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism is anti-Christianity, declared the Greek-Catholic Bishop of Lemberg, Dr. Jan Butchko, in a recent interview with Chwila, Lemberg Jewish newspaper.

"The fight against anti-Semitism is a fight for the defense of Christianity," he stated. "I personally warn all the faithful in my sermons against anti-Semitism."

The Polish cleric condemned "the barbarous attacks on the sorely-tried Jewish inhabitants of the villages" in Eastern Galicia and charged that the terrorism had been "organized by anti-Semitic agitators."

"The villagers who are themselves poor," he added, "are really very good-natured. I hope that the relations between the peasants and the Jews will improve and that both will live together in friendship and peace."