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### ARAB OFFICIALS' BOYCOTT OF ROYAL COMMISSION PLANNED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The Arab Supreme Committee today considered calling on Arab Government officials to join the boycott of the British Royal Commission investigating recent disorders even if they are dismissed from their positions.

A meeting of the Arab leaders decided to ask foreign Arab rulers for advice on the plan.

The Royal Commission continued its tour of recent trouble centers, visiting Bethlehem, Hebron, Beersheba, Gaza, Rehoboth, Ramleh and Iatrun.

Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, British High Commissioner, tonight ordered the reprieve of two Arab snipers who were to be shot on Tuesday for firing on British soldiers, the Havas News Agency reported.

The act of clemency was said to have resulted from an appeal by Arab organizations protesting the death sentences of the two men.

Automobiles traveling in the vicinity of the Jewish colony of Petach Tikvah were shot at from ambush, it was reported today. No casualties were reported.

Ben Zion Katzenelbogen, member of a semi-military right wing Zionist group who was detained by police in connection with the shooting of two Arabs in the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv recently, was released on bail.

Reports that a Jewish laborer, Siegfried Oppenheimer, had been murdered near the Jewish colony of Herzliah were denied today by the local committee. The committee told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Oppenheimer had committed suicide following several unsuccessful attempts.

REPORT PAN-ARAB BANK ESTABLISHED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- El Liwaa, Arab daily, reported today the formation of a Pan-Arab Corporation Bank, Ltd., with capital of \$1,250,000. Fifty-one per cent of the shares will be offered to Arabs, the remainder to be held by Lord Winterton, David Lloyd George, Lord Beaverbrook and other British notables favorable to the Arab cause, the paper said, adding the bank would open in April.

No Confirmation in London

LONDON, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- No confirmation was available here today of reports in Jerusalem that a Pan-Arab Bank had been formed in which British notables would hold 49 per cent of the stock.

Lord Winterton denied any connection with the bank.

NAZIS TO ELIMINATE JEWISH FIRMS BY "ECONOMIC EXAMINATION"

BERLIN, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Elimination of Jewish business enterprises was planned today by a congress of State accountants at Weimar within the framework of existing legislation through a program of "economic examination" of Jewish firms.

Nazi District Leader Fritz Sauckel of Thuringia, outlining the policy and giving the accountants instructions, said they will act as economic examiners with the duty of investigating commercial and industrial enterprises to coordinate them in Chancellor Hitler's four-year plan for German economic self-sufficiency.

Describing how he confiscated the Jewish-owned Simson Munitions Works and converted them into a foundation in memory of Wilhelm Gustloff, Nazi agent slain in Switzerland, Mr. Sauckel expressed hope that the economic examiners' activities would lead to the elimination of Jews from commerce.

He declared that the State trustee examiners would arrange the work to eliminate from the Reich's economic system "the last remnants of Jewish corruption."

Jews may not be employed as examiners by order of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Minister of Economics and Finance, it was disclosed to the congress.

Newspapers said the examination of Jewish enterprises would begin before Christmas in the textile and clothing industries.

NAZI LEADERS PLAN INTENSIFIED ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE

BERLIN, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Intensification of the anti-Jewish propaganda campaign was demanded today at a conference of Nazi Party district leaders and higher officials.

The conference, which will be addressed by Economics Chief Wilhelm Goering, Interior Minister Wilhelm Frick, Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, Education Minister Bernhard Rust and others, was called to map party plans for the next few months. It will continue until Nov. 20.

A discussion of racial and Jewish problems was led by Dr. Gerhard Wagner, Reich medical leader. He urged all party officials "increasingly to bring the racial question to the front," and demanded that the practice of medicine be restricted to those "who are affiliated with the National Socialist Party."

Dr. Wagner, insisting that the German nation be fully informed on the racial question, said:

"The danger of racial intermixture should be combatted not only by automatic application of the Nuremberg laws but also in the spirit and by the will of the German nation."

#### GERMAN CONFISCATION OF SECURITIES HELD NOT AFFECTING PALESTINE

BERLIN, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Confiscation of Germans' securities abroad, reported under consideration by Reich authorities, will not affect Palestine securities, it was believed tonight by responsible Zionist leaders.

It was estimated that Palestine securities held by residents of Germany total \$2,000,000. The holdings of Jews are almost exclusively shares in the Jewish National Fund, Zionist land-purchasing agency; the Nir, a financial agency for colonization, and the Yachin, co-operative agricultural agency in the Holy Land.

Since these shares were obtained by Jews in the Reich through transfer of capital to Palestine under the Germany-Palestine transfer agreement, it was pointed out that confiscation of these holdings might be considered a violation of the agreement.

Private financial experts, however, were less optimistic about any exemption of Palestine securities from the contemplated confiscation. They expressed the opinion that when the order would be published it would contain no special Palestine clause.

Exemption for Palestine securities might be obtained afterward, the financial experts believed, through negotiations between Zionists and the Reichsbank. Otherwise, Germany might be placed in the position of being considered virtually a partner in the Jewish upbuilding of Palestine through retaining holdings in Jewish enterprises in the Holy Land.

#### REICH ZIONISTS DEMAND ROYAL COMMISSION RECOGNIZE FREE IMMIGRATION

BERLIN, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- A conference of the Palestine Foundation Fund today called on the British Royal Commission investigating recent disorders in the Holy Land to recognize unrestricted Jewish immigration in accordance with the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine mandate.

The parley authorized Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, to speak before the Royal Commission in the name of the Jews of Germany. Another resolution pledged support of Jewish settlement work in the Holy Land.

The Gestapo, State secret police, prohibited Dr. Michael Traub, leader of the Zionist fund-raising organization, from delivering an address before the conference. He was one of a group of Zionists barred by the Gestapo from holding office in the Berlin Jewish Community on the ground of "radicalism."

#### MENDELSSOHN'S STATUE DESTROYED BY NAZIS

LEIPZIG, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Literary and artistic circles here were shocked today to learn the monument to the composer Mendelssohn erected here in 1892 had been toppled from its base and broken to pieces in an anti-Semitic demonstration, the Havas News Agency reported.

The destruction of the monument by a hostile Nazi band was condoned in party circles as an act of "homage to the spirit of Aryanism."

#### JUSTICE BRANDEIS ELECTED HONORARY CITIZEN OF TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Celebration of the eightieth birthday of Justice Louis D. Brandeis of the United States Supreme Court throughout the Holy Land was climaxed today when the Municipal Council of this all-Jewish city unanimously elected him an honorary citizen.

Israel Rokach, mayor of Tel Aviv, eulogized Justice Brandeis in an address to the council. Mr. Brandeis' birthday occurred Friday.

#### "FRIENDS OF IRON GUARDS" ORGANIZATION FORMED

BUCHAREST, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Establishment of a new organization known as "Friends of the Iron Guards," with nationalist and anti-Semitic aims, was announced here today.

The new group will be composed of Government officials, university professors, members of the aristocracy, businessmen and others who for various reasons were unable to become members of the Iron Guard, militant organization which recently threatened King Carol and his statesmen with death if they aligned themselves with Soviet Russia.

The program of the "Friends" restricts membership to Christians and undertakes to assist the Iron Guard by subsidies and moral encouragement.

Headquarters of the Iron Guard said in a statement on its new affiliate that "thanks to this association we shall know those who have been our friends and those who have been our enemies."



EDITORS OF RUMANIAN PAPERS LEAVE COUNTRY AFTER MURDER ATTEMPTS

BUCHAREST, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Constantine Grauer and Samuil Labin, editors respectively of the leading Rumanian newspapers Adverul and Diminatea, have sold their shares in the enterprises and left the country, it was disclosed today, following attempts to assassinate them because they are of Jewish origin.

Both papers had been assailed frequently by right-wing newspapers. Adverul published a notice tonight that despite the change in management the papers would continue to defend the ideals of democracy, liberty and constitutional monarchy.

REICH REFUGEES BARRED FROM RUMANIA

BUCHAREST, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Labor announced today a decision not to permit German refugees to establish themselves in Rumania. The decision is believed to be the result of a strong campaign initiated by influential anti-Jewish newspapers.

MIGRATION CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER POLISH DEMANDS ON JEWS

GENEVA, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Poland's demand for emigration of 80,000 Jews annually, voiced at the recent session of the League of Nations, will be considered at the biennial session of the International Labor Office's Migration Committee, opening tomorrow.

The committee's discussions are considered preliminary to consideration of the question by the League at its next session since the committee's functions are purely advisory and it can take no action. It is expected, therefore, that Polish representations will be aimed only at focussing attention on her demands.

POLICE GUARD WILNO JEWS AFTER ATTEMPTED ENDEK INVASIONS

WILNO, Poland, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Large police detachments guarded Wilno's Jewish sections tonight after many Nationalists had been arrested in attempts to invade the Jewish quarters.

The District Governor received Parliament Deputy Isaac Rubenstein, Chief Rabbi of Wilno, and promised that the authorities would permit no disorders.

A thousand Nationalist students, following the closing of Wilno University indefinitely as result of disorders, occupied grounds and student houses, threatening to remain until their anti-Jewish demands were granted.

They called on the university's senate to institute special "ghetto benches" for Jews, dismiss all Jewish instructors and revoke disciplinary action against Nationalists being punished for previous outbreaks.

POLISH YOUTH GETS 12 YEARS FOR MURDERING TWO JEWS

WARSAW, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- A 22-year-old Polish youth who confessed to the murder last February of two Jews was sentenced yesterday to twelve years' imprisonment and deprived of citizenship for ten years.

The youth, Alexander Barylka, told the court he committed the murders under the influence of articles in the anti-Semitic Nationalist press.

Although Barylka admitted robbing his victims after he had slain them with an axe, the public prosecutor said he was convinced the robbery motive was secondary and that the youth had apparently been influenced by the views propagated in certain circles that murder inspired by racial grounds must be treated as having extenuating circumstances.

Symbolic damages of one zloty each were awarded to the families of the victims, Leib Tamenbaum, 70, and Melech Goldwasser, 40. The court, in passing sentence, said it would have been more severe except for the prisoner's youth.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE REORGANIZED

LONDON, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The coordinating committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews has been reorganized, it was announced today to unify Jewish efforts in combating anti-Semitic activities in England.

Neville Laski has been selected as president of the committee with Barnett Janner and P. Horowitz as vice-presidents. The committee was formed after recent disorders in London's East End involving Sir Oswald Mosley's Fascist Blackshirts.

BLUM EMERGES FROM RIGHTIST ASSAULT WITH NEW HONORS

PARIS, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Premier Leon Blum was accounted today in a stronger position than ever since his accession last June following one of the stormiest Chamber of Deputies sessions in history, during which he was called "a dirty Jew" by a Nationalist deputy.

The invective was hurled at the Premier as he mounted the rostrum to defend Minister of the Interior Roger Salengro against charges that he deserted to the Germans in the World War. A vote of confidence in Premier Blum, 374 to 201, following a 427 to 103 vote against the Nationalist demand that a jury of honor be established to pass on Mr. Salengro's case, restored peace and reaffirmed the premier's strong hold on the Chamber.

M. Blum's restraint and masterly handling of an extremely difficult situation brought praise from many quarters.