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## LORD PEEL, SHERTOK CLASH ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- A clash of views on the question of illegal immigration into Palestine featured today's session of the British Royal Commission's investigation of Arab disorders.

Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, was the chief witness, the second to present the Jewish case before the commission.

Mr. Shertok had complained that the Government's policy was responsible for illegal immigration into the Holy Land. He had pointed out that the illegally-entered immigrants were self-supporting, thus indicating that the Government's immigration policy clashed with economic laws.

Lord Peel, chairman of the commission, interrupted to ask sternly:

"Are you, a representative of a highly qualified and responsible agency, entitled by the Mandate to advise and cooperate with the Palestine Government, justifying illegal immigration?"

Mr. Shertok replied:

"We warned everyone not to come illegally, but no one asked our permission."

Lord Peel, pressing the point, asked why the Agency had not assisted the Government in exposing the illegal immigrants. Mr. Shertok replied that to expose them to deportation would have meant to ruin their lives.

"This is not the question," Lord Peel insisted, "a responsible body such as the Agency should cooperate in this regard with the Government."

To a suggestion by Mr. Shertok that Lord Peel place himself in the Agency's position, Lord Peel asked him not to indulge in comparisons. The commission's chairman then demanded of Mr. Shertok a straight reply on whether the Agency associated itself with an illegal policy and whether the Agency empowered him to do so. Mr. Shertok replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Shertok earlier in his testimony declared that immigration was the greatest factor in the upbuilding of Palestine. He defended the use of Jewish labor in the upbuilding work and denied that it is displacing Arabs.

Meanwhile, new Arab violence was reported today from Haifa, Tulkarem and Ramallah. Arabs at Haifa this morning shot and seriously wounded a 60-year-old Polish Jew, Ber Bernhard. Bandits last night held up a motorcade of ten cars near Tulkarem, robbed Arab and Jewish occupants and fled before troops arrived.

#### 7 JEWS SEIZED TRYING TO ENTER PALESTINE ILLEGALLY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Seven Jews, including three girls, were arrested today at the northern border on charges of trying to enter Palestine without the necessary visas.

#### ARAB KINGS TO SEND DEPUTATION TO ROYAL COMMISSION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Islamia, Arab daily, reported from Baghdad today that King Ghazi ibn Feisal of Iraq has decided to dispatch to Palestine a commission representing Arab Kings to establish contact with the British Royal Commission, which is now investigating recent Arab disorders, and the Arab Supreme Committee.

#### ABDULLAH GETS \$15,000 LOAN FOR AID TO PEASANTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government has given Emir Abdullah, Arab ruler of Transjordan, a \$15,000 loan to aid distressed peasants, it was reported today.

#### NAZIS LAUNCH ANNUAL PRE-YULE ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN

BERLIN, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The German Labor Front launched today its annual pre-Christmas campaign designed to steer prospective gift purchasers from Jewish-owned shops to those operated by "Aryans."

The campaign, nation-wide in scope, this year is taking the form of forcing "Aryan" shops to display Labor Front insignia on their windows, to distinguish them from Jewish stores.

In Frankfurt-am-Main and Stuttgart, instructions have been issued to all Labor Front members immediately to display signs announcing that "This is a German Shop," together with the regular Labor Front insignia.

"Aryan" merchants in Stuttgart who have hesitated to comply with the order, in fear of insulting Jewish patrons, have been warned that they will be considered with suspicion by the Nazi authorities "because something must be wrong with them."

In Berlin, enforcement of the order is proceeding quietly and is expected to be completed before the Christmas shopping rush starts.

#### LAST JEW QUILTS REICH TOWN

BERLIN, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Newspapers reported today that the last remaining Jew in the town of Vaihingen, near Stuttgart, has emigrated.

#### PURGE OF JEWS IN REICH INSURANCE BROKERAGE SEEN IN PREPARATION

BERLIN, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The Voelkischer Beobachter, chief Nazi Party organ, reported today that a "reorganization" of commercial insurance and brokerage would be undertaken shortly without the issuance of special orders.

In some quarters it was believed this would have the effect of eliminating the Jews from these fields on the grounds of "commercial unreliability" or "commercial dishonesty."

A new purge of the acting profession will be made soon, newspapers reported. The stage section of the Reich Culture Chamber has ordered all members to prepare certified proofs of "Aryan" ancestry.

#### BERLIN SCHOOLS TO BAR ALL BUT NAZIS THIS WINTER

BERLIN (JTA) -- Only members of Nazi groups will be admitted to universities and high schools in Berlin this Winter, the Markische Volkszeitung reports, because of an influx of students to the capital. This is believed to be the first time membership in a Nazi organization has been made a requirement for admission in secondary schools.

#### COMMONS HEARS DEMAND BRITAIN WITHDRAW AIR FORCE FROM IRAQ

LONDON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden refused in the House of Commons today to consider a request that Great Britain withdraw its airforce from Iraq in view of that Government's anti-British leanings.

The request, made by Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite, was predicated on the charge that Iraq had shown its anti-British feelings by interference in Palestine affairs and by the official reception given to the Iraqi "organizer of murders in Palestine."

Although he did not mention him by name, Col. Wedgwood obviously referred to Fawzi Bey Kaukaji, leader of the recent Arab rebellion, who, following his escape from Palestine, was feted by Iraqi Government officials and hailed as a hero.

Rising to a point of order, Capt. H. H. Balfour, Conservative, warned that the question raised by Col. Wedgwood made a direct charge of murder against an individual who had not been tried in any court.

Col. Wedgwood persisted, however, asking whether the Minister would state the price put on the rebel leader's head by the Palestine Government.

Following a discussion, the Speaker ruled the questions in order, whereupon Capt. Eden replied, "I don't propose to make any notification of the nature suggested."

(Iraq, formerly a League of Nations mandated territory under Great Britain, has been independent since 1930 when a treaty of amity and alliance was signed, by which British mandatory rights were formally renounced and Iraq's independence recognized. Great Britain still maintains an air force in Iraq, having the right to do so until 1937.)

#### REICH, JAPAN, ITALY HELD ONLY BULWARKS AGAINST JEWS, BOLSHEVISM

GOSLAR, Germany, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Agricultural Minister Richard Walther Darré, attacking democratic countries as "essentially Jewish," declared yesterday that "Germany, Japan and Italy are the only countries able to check the Jews and Bolshevism."

In a two-hour broadcast address on the fourth annual Peasants' Day, he denounced the Jews as "pests, parasites and nomads." He said that liberal and democratic governments were "Jewish conceptions."

He advised the peasants:

"Blood purity is most essential for the German peasant, who should not deal with the Jew even if it is a personal loss. Peasants will be separated from the Jews like fire from water. Jews are leeches on a healthy body.

"It is as natural for the Bolshevik Jews to destroy Soviet peasantry as for the Nazis to issue the Nuremberg laws. The supremacy of the Jewish God is established in Russia; Bolshevism is only the expression of Judaism."

Warning the farmers not to support democracy, he said, "Either stand behind Hitler or deliver yourself to the Jews, which means destruction.

#### NIEMIROWER REPUTES ANTI-JEWISH SLANDERS IN RUMANIAN SENATE

BUCHAREST, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders today hailed Senator Jacob Nemirower, chief rabbi of Bucharest, for his spirited defense of the Jews and the Talmud in reply to anti-Semitic attacks in the Senate.

During a discussion Saturday night of King Carol's opening address, Prof. Alexander Cuza, head of the anti-Semitic National Christians, interpreted the Talmud and assailed the Jewish religion as immoral.

He accused the Jews of practicing ritual murder and white slavery. Paying tribute to Chancellor Hitler, Prof. Cuza said he had advocated the Nazi racial views before Hitler was born.

As Senator Niemirower rose to reply, Cuza and his followers left the hall.

Rabbi Niemirower declared that Cuza was eighty while the Jewish religion was thousands of years old. Charging Cuza with falsely quoting the Talmud, he said there had been many false and malicious interpretations of the ancient commentary.

Describing "persecution" of the Jewish religion in Russia, he denied the identity of Jewry with Bolshevism and concluded with a declaration of Jewish loyalty, declaring the Jewish population was faithful to "king and fatherland" and ready to make any sacrifice to protect them.

#### NOTABLES OF ALL FAITHS TO MARK SEMINARY MILESTONE

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Governor Lehman and the presidents of Columbia University, Harvard, and Union Theological Seminary - Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, Dr. James Bryant Conant, and Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin - will be the principal speakers at a series of meetings between Dec. 17 and June 6 designed to honor and evaluate scholarship in the fields of religion and Hebraic learning, it was announced today by the Semi-Centennial Committee of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

More than forty of the leading educators, theologians, and Orientalists of the nation have become members of the academic committee of the program, according to Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the Seminary. Many of them will take part in the four conferences of an "Institute of Bible Study" which will be one of the principal events of the semi-centennial.

The committee includes Presidents Livingston Farrand of Cornell, Thomas S. Gates of the University of Pennsylvania, Isaiah Bowman of the Johns Hopkins University and Frank Aydelotte of Swarthmore.

The representatives of religious institutions of learning will include Prof. Henry Hyvernat of the Catholic University of America; Prof. S. B. Gavin of the General Theological Seminary; Prof. Duncan B. MacDonal of Hartford Theological Seminary; Dean Willard L. Sperry of the Harvard Divinity School; President Julian Morgenstern and Prof. Jacob Z. Lauterbach of Hebrew Union College; President Coffin and Prof. F. J. Foakes Jackson of Union Theological.