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### LABOR SHORTAGE LOOMS, ROYAL COMMISSION TOLD

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Palestine is facing a labor shortage as a result of curtailed Jewish immigration, the British Royal Commission was told today by Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Mr. Shertok and Dr. Werner Senator, head of the Agency's immigration department, were the chief witnesses at today's session of the commission's investigation of Arab disorders. Both joined in explaining for the commission the procedure and problems involved in immigration.

Mr. Shertok declared the Government conducts double bookkeeping when issuing the semi-annual immigration schedule. He stressed the need for labor immigrants, pointing out the country faced a labor shortage.

Dr. Senator described the basis on which certificates are distributed and outlined Palestine's immigration requirements. He praised the immigrant Yemenite Jews for the rapidity with which they acclimated themselves. He also praised the middle class immigrants, declaring they have done a lot for industry, trade and agriculture.

Lord Peel asked whether the Jewish Agency alone was responsible for distribution of the certificates or whether it had obligations to the Zionist parties. He also asked whether there was equal distribution of the certificates among Zionists and non-Zionists and regarding the claims of the Agudists, extreme orthodox non-Zionists, and the Revisionists.

Mr. Shertok said the Agency alone was responsible for the reservoir of Jewish immigration, except in the case of the Agudists and in the few cases where the Government acted.

ARAB LEADERS SEE PEEL; PLAN TO EXPEL JEWS URGED BY ARAB DAILY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Emir Abdullah, Arab ruler of Transjordan, and Ragheb Bey Nashashibi, ex-mayor of Jerusalem, have privately visited Lord Peel, chairman of the Royal Commission, it was reported tonight, to present the case of the Arabs, who have been boycotting the commission's hearings.

Meanwhile, the Arabic daily, Al Liwa, proposed to the Arab Supreme Committee in an editorial a five-year plan for expulsion of the Jews from Palestine and the liquidation of Zionism.

Minor disorders continued. Shots were fired at groves in the Jewish settlement of Herzlia and sniping was reported at the Petach Tikvah colony.

Arab newspapers said that important military maps were stolen from an army officer during a hold-up of a motorcade by Arabs near Tulkarem last Sunday.

DR. ISAAC HERZOG, OF IRELAND, ELECTED CHIEF RABBI OF PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Isaac Herzog, chief rabbi of the Irish Free State, was today elected chief rabbi of Palestine to fill the post made vacant by the death last year of Rabbi A. I. HaCohen Kook. Dr. Herzog, who recently visited this country, is a leader of the Miz-rachi, orthodox Zionist party, and has played an important role in the upbuilding of the Jewish national home in Palestine.

REHOBOTH NAMES WEIZMANN HONORARY CITIZEN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, whose sixty-second birthday is being celebrated, was today elected an honorary citizen of the township of Rehoboth, one of the Holy Land's largest Jewish colonies.

POLAND ACTING TO CURB VIOLENCE, PREMIER TELLS SEJM

WARSAW, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Premier Skladkowski declared in Parliament today that the Government was acting to prevent anti-Jewish excesses. He addressed the Sejm (lower house) on the subject of social justice to all sections of the population.

In the same address, the Premier welcomed young peasants who enter the cities to engage in trade and artisanship.

Jewish members of Parliament interpreted this welcome as confirmation of Skladkowski's former statement, made to a Jewish delegation, which had been regarded as supporting the economic campaign against Polish Jews.

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Deputy Emil Sommerstein told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the Government did not desire to do anything to solve the Jews' plight but was eager to assist other sections of the population by positive measures.

Earlier, Senator Isaac Rubenstein charged in Parliament that police had beaten 46 Jews during student rioting in Wilno on Nov. 23. He submitted affidavits to support his charge. He declared that 96 Jews were injured in the disorders, demanding the Government protect the Jews and punish rioters.

#### NAZI ESPIONAGE PLOT BELIEVED UNCOVERED IN POLAND

WARSAW, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- A Nazi plan to spy on German refugees was believed uncovered today when a person seeking information about expatriates at Palestine offices in Polish cities under the guise of representing the Berlin Palestine office was discovered to have no connection with the Berlin office.

The person, who gave his name as Boris Urbach, called at Palestine offices in Lodz, Lwow and other cities, declaring that the Palestine office in Berlin was seeking information about German refugees who wished to emigrate to Palestine.

"Urbach" disappeared after inquiry at the Berlin office disclosed that no person of that name was connected with it.

#### CRACOW UNIVERSITY STAYS CLOSED AS JEWS REJECT SEGREGATION

CRACOW, Poland, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The rector of Cracow University today postponed the scheduled re-opening of the institution after Jewish students categorically refused his suggestion that they accept segregation on the left side of lecture rooms. The school has been closed since last week as a result of anti-Semitic disorders.

The rector, who had been acting at the behest of Nationalist students, declared he could no longer act as mediator. The school will not be reopened until peace is assured, he said.

#### HIGH COURT UPHOLDS SENTENCES AGAINST POLISH RIOTERS

LUBLIN, Poland, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Appeals Court yesterday confirmed sentences imposed by the Radom District Court on sixteen peasants for participation in anti-Jewish disorders in the town of Ordzówol last February. Execution of the sentences was stayed pending further appeal.

#### LUBLIN BAR GROUP VOTES TO EXCLUDE JEWS

LUBLIN, Poland, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Bar Association of the Lublin District voted yesterday, 104 to 56, to bar Jews as members. Jewish attorneys left the association's annual meeting in protest.

FRAUDULENT PROPERTY TRANSFERS ABROAD TO BE PUNISHED BY DEATH IN REICH

BERLIN, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Chancellor Adolf Hitler's cabinet enacted a law tonight fixing the death penalty for any German subject who "wickedly" and with intent to commit "economic sabotage" fraudulently has property transferred to a foreign country, the Havas News Agency reported.

Bent on executing the four-year plan over which Hitler recently made Air Minister Hermann Wilhelm Goering dictator, officials announced two more drastic moves.

Goering himself warned that any German who raised the prices of basic commodities above those in effect last Oct. 18 -- the date of his economic appointment -- would be heavily fined or imprisoned.

DANZIG NAZIS USE THREATS TO ENFORCE ANTI-JEWISH BOYCOTT

FREE CITY OF DANZIG, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Nazi organizations warned workers of the Free City today they would be barred from receiving Winter relief if they were found making purchases from Jews.

In a re-intensified drive for an anti-Jewish boycott, primary school teachers were instructed to warn pupils not to buy from Jewish merchants.

Jewish storekeepers said the campaign was resulting in great hardships for them.

TATARESCU PLEDGES EQUALITY FOR RUMANIAN MINORITIES

BUCHAREST, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Premier Tatarescu, addressing a special Parliament session celebrating the incorporation of Transylvania into Rumania, pledged today that the Government would treat minorities in Rumania with justice and conciliation.

JEWISH COMPOSERS MISSING IN NEW REICH CATALOGUES

VIENNA, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Catalogues for 1937 of the largest German music publishers, received here today, failed to reveal the name of a single Jewish composer. Even the works of Saint-Saens and Joachim Rapp have been omitted, apparently because of a suspicion that they were "non-Aryan."

HUNGARIAN JEWS SEE RELIGIOUS REBIRTH IN NEW KHEILLA LAWS

BUDAPEST, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Representatives of Hungary's ten Jewish communal districts expressed hope at a conference here yesterday that new statutes governing Jewish communities would be enacted soon.

The delegates voiced satisfaction that the Government was about to conclude examination of supplementary statutes, by which Hungarian Jewish leaders expect a renaissance of religious and cultural life.



The delegates were later received by the State Secretary of the Ministry of Public Worship and assured that the Government would show full understanding of the Jews' religious needs.

ANTI-SEMITISM ASSAILED BY BISHOP OF WILLESSEN

LONDON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Addressing a meeting of the Jewish People's Council last night, the Bishop of Willesden sharply condemned attempts to arouse anti-Semitism for political or other ends. He urged neighborliness, generosity and trustworthiness to solve difficult problems of communal life.

DE VALERA GIVES AUDIENCE TO NEVILLE LASKI

DUBLIN, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- President Eamon De Valera today received Neville Laski, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, who has been visiting Ireland on behalf of the Council for German Jewry.

PALESTINE ORANGES NOT TO ENTER ENGLAND DUTY-FREE

LONDON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The authorities are not entitled to give British-mandated Palestine preference in orange shipments to England, Dr. Burgin, Parliamentary secretary of the British Board of Trade, said today in Commons in reply to a question on whether Palestine citrus could be given free entry as an emergency measure, to avoid a shortage.

POLAND NOT TO PRESS EMIGRATION PLAN, DR. KAHN DECLARES

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Bernhard Kahn, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, said today there was no indication that Poland would press its "ill-advised scheme" for emigration of 80,000 Jews annually.

In an interview at the J.D.C. offices he said that while it was understandable that an overpopulated and poverty-stricken country would be on the lookout for emigration possibilities, "to single out Jews for such emigration is a discrimination against the law-abiding Jewish citizens which we did not think possible in Poland."

Dr. Kahn, who is visiting here to confer with Jewish leaders on plans for alleviating the plight of 6,000,000 Jews in Eastern and Central Europe, described in detail increasing hardships for Jews in several European countries.

He warned that unless extended aid from America is forthcoming, "the entire structure of self-help agencies which the J.D.C. has built up in Poland and the Eastern countries over a period of many years will collapse."

Describing anti-Semitic propaganda, the boycott and laws through which Jews lose possibility of livelihood in Poland, he declared that "the poverty among the 3,500,000 Jews in Poland is so extreme that one can truly state that 1,000,000 are doomed to starve."

"In spite of the attitude of the Polish Government in attempting to force the Jews to emigrate, we are convinced that it will not oppose those activities of ours which are intended to strengthen the economic position of the Jews in Poland," Dr. Kahn said.

In Germany, he said, the plight of the Jews is intensified because they have now used up all the savings they had. Jewish unemployed may lose the few chances they still have left for re-employment because of the prohibition of private employment exchanges, effective Jan. 1, he asserted.

As a result, the impulse to emigrate is stronger and 1936 shows the largest organized emigration since 1933, he continued, with 10,000 having left Germany this year, plus 4,000 or 5,000 repatriated to Eastern countries of origin.

Describing the situation of the refugees as critical, Dr. Kahn said a juridical arrangement adopted by the Geneva inter-governmental conference last July had ameliorated the legal situation of many, but the definition of refugees was narrow, excluding many groups, among them most of the 100,000 Jews of foreign birth now in the Reich.

Another conference is planned within a few months, he said, which will seek to aid refugees economically and to extend to other groups of exiles the juridical benefits obtained for those classed as refugees. "Whether the refugees can be adapted to and absorbed in the economic life of the countries in which they are resident will largely depend on the favorable decision of this new proposed conference," he said.

#### MORGENSTERN HAILS NEW UNDERSTANDING OF JUDAISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- A new understanding of Judaism among students of religion was hailed by Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of the Hebrew Union College, in one of a series of four lectures tracing the rise and decline of universalism in Judaism during the Biblical period.

He spoke at the Union Theological Seminary under the auspices of the Jeanette Miriam Goldberg Foundation of the Jewish Chautauqua Society.