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### HIGHER TARIFFS URGED AT COMMISSION HEARING

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Higher tariffs to protect Palestine industry and imperial preference for her products were demanded today by witnesses appearing before the British Royal Commission investigating Arab terrorism and the Government's administration of the League of Nations mandate.

Testifying at this morning's session, Siegfried Hoofien, managing director of the Anglo-Palestine Bank, analyzed the economic structure of the country, declaring the Jewish community was built on a solid foundation.

Mr. Hoofien urged higher tariffs to protect local industry in Palestine and emphasized that development of Jewish industry makes possible a more elastic economic absorptive capacity, upon which immigration has officially been based.

Jewish activities, he declared, have resulted in increased Government revenues, permitting the Government to lower Arab agricultural taxes. He charged that Government delay in development of certain public works was not because funds were lacking, but because of lack of faith in the future.

S. Tolkowsky, general manager of the Jaffa Citrus Exchange in Tel Aviv, concluded testimony begun yesterday with the demand that imperial preference be given Palestine products and that an open door policy be instituted. He also asked Government grants for the orange industry.

### REICH JEWS TO DEPEND MORE ON FUNDS FROM U.S. IN 1937, PARLEY TOLD

BERLIN, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The greater dependence of German Jews on financial relief from America during 1937 was emphasized today at a conference of the Reich Representation of Jews in Germany, central Jewish organization.

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A budget of 4,350,000 marks for next year was adopted, including allocations of 1,400,000 marks for emigration, 860,000 marks to aid Jews in adjustment to new professions, 500,000 marks for charity and relief, and more than 500,000 marks for schools.

It was declared at the meeting that the misery of the Jews in Germany is growing and emigration is now their main problem.

The difficulties faced by Jews who have been cut off from credit facilities were discussed at a conference of the Central Committee of Jewish loan kassas, held simultaneously, with the participation of Noel Aronovich, general secretary of the American Joint-ICA Foundation.

It was decided to expand the activities of the sixty kassas now functioning in Germany with the foundation's assistance in order to prevent forced liquidation of Jewish enterprises through deprival of non-Jewish credits.

#### CUZA'S ATTACK ON JEWS STIRS STORMY DEBATE IN SENATE

BUCHAREST, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A stormy debate on the Jewish question flared in the Senate today when Senator Jakob Niemirower, chief rabbi of Bucharest, sharply assailed a description of the Jews as "a nation of thieves and murderers," by Prof. Alexander Cuza, leader of the anti-Semitic National Christian Party.

Senator Niemirower pleaded the high mission of the Jewish religion and stressed the loyalty of the Jews to Rumania, declaring they would not "lose faith in the Rumanian sense of justice."

When Senator Niemirower attempted to reply to a renewal of the attack by Prof. Cuza, he was shouted down with cries of, "Shut up! Speak in your synagogue."

#### LIBEL TRIAL OF FASCIST EDITORS RESUMED IN COPENHAGEN

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The trial of six Fascist editors for defamation of the Jews resumed here today after an adjournment of several weeks.

Defense counsel asked permission to cross examine Chief Rabbi Friediger, one of the objects of the alleged defamation, to establish the truth of certain quotations from the Bible and Talmud. Dr. Friediger's attorney asked the questions he submitted in writing, to which the court agreed.

#### POLISH JEW GETS 10-MONTH TERM FOR INSULT TO CHRISTIANITY

WARSAW, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Abraham Cyman has been sentenced by a Radom court to ten months' imprisonment, it was reported here today, for "insulting the Christian religion."

Ten persons will go on trial in Wilno within the next few days for "insulting the Polish nation," according to newspaper reports.

#### TRADERS' UNION PROTESTS YULE BOYCOTT DRIVE IN POLAND

WARSAW, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A delegation from the Jewish Traders' Union asked the Ministry of Interior today for protection against a campaign of anti-Jewish propaganda they said was being waged in connection with Christmas. The delegation was assured that the authorities would investigate the complaint.

#### PROBE DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-SEMITIC LEAFLETS AT PRAHA SCHOOL

PRAHA, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Minister of Education Franke today ordered a strict investigation into the spreading of anti-Semitic leaflets at the Praha German University.

Simultaneously, the police raided homes of a number of students to establish whether any of their typewriters had been used to type the stencil used for the leaflets.

#### MILITANT REVISIONIST GROUP LEGALIZED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAHA, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The authorities have legalized the Brith Hachayil, right-wing Zionist semi-military organization, it was announced today.

#### EUROPE'S PEACE HINGES ON SOLUTION OF COLONIAL PROBLEM, SCHACHT HOLDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- European peace depends upon settlement of Germany's colonial demands, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Reichs Economic Minister, declares in an article to be published tomorrow in the January issue of Foreign Affairs.

Aimed to enlist the sympathy and understanding of America for those demands, the article cites economic and moral reasons why the United States cannot be indifferent to them.

Dr. Schacht names two conditions which he regards as essential to the solution of Germany's raw material problem.

"First," he declares, "Germany must produce her raw materials on territory under her own management." Second, this colonial territory must form part of her own monetary system."

Concluding, Dr. Schacht states the German colonial problem is "simply and solely a problem of economic existence. Precisely for that reason the future of European peace depends upon it."

Midway in the article, Dr. Schacht in discussing the moral aspects of the problem affecting the United States, digresses to make what

is interpreted as a cautious apologetic for persecution of minorities in Germany.

"I know very well," he declares, "and I wish here to confess it openly that many things that are happening in Germany today are not approved of by a large section of the American people. But may I, just as frankly, ask Americans this question: What would they themselves do, after having lost a war which they fought in the conviction that it was for their existence, if they then were oppressed for twenty long years by an unjust peace imposed by the victors, and on top of that were deprived by their opponents of the necessities of life."

"FOREIGN AFFAIRS" ARTICLE REVIEWS SITUATION OF EAST EUROPE'S JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Concluding an article on the Jews of Eastern Europe in the January issue of Foreign Affairs, Desider Kiss, foreign editor of the Pester Lloyd of Budapest, sees anti-Semitism there "as incapable of destroying these Jewish masses as were the systematic persecutions they underwent in past centuries."

Mr. Kiss, presenting a statistical-descriptive view of East European Jewries, country by country, declares their situation, except in Russia, "must be painted in sombre colors."

Adverse effects upon Jews generally of the trend to cooperatives, which have deprived small Jewish retailers and middlemen of their livelihoods, and the policy in many countries of shifting tax burdens to commerce and industry in favor of the peasantry, are stressed by Mr. Kiss.

DR. ADLER, IN FIRST PRESS PARLEY, TELLS AIMS OF SEMINARY CELEBRATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The primary objective of the Jewish Theological Seminary's semi-centennial celebration is to bring about "a deeper realization of the true place of both Biblical and Rabbinical Judaism in human thought, Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the seminary, declared today in a statement at the first press conference he has ever given. The celebration opens tomorrow night with a meeting at which Gov. Lehman will be the principal speaker.

He told Jewish newspapermen at a luncheon in his seminary office that in arranging the semi-centennial he had in mind "the use of this institution as a means for the promotion of traditional Judaism in the United States and for dispelling the widespread ignorance about Judaism, primarily among our own people but also among others."

Dr. Adler declared that "the most important task that faces us and every other section of the American people is that of building up the character of our young people." He added that "no group of people can afford to overlook this problem of the character education of its children, but least of all the Jews can do so, for our whole significance in human life depends on our ethical standards."



LUTHERAN CONFERENCE URGES PASTORS TO HIT ANTI-SEMITISM HERE

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- An appeal to Lutheran pastors and church leaders from representatives of the five synods of the American Lutheran Conference to "take a firm stand against slander and falsehood" being disseminated against the Jews in America was made public today by the signers.

It deplored "anti-Semitism in whatever form it may take as incompatible with the doctrines of the Bible and hostile to the confession and teaching of the Lutheran church as well as inconsistent with our heritage of liberty and fair play.

"We express our full appreciation of and profound sympathy in the stand taken on this question by the pastors and members of the Confessional Synod in Germany," the appeal said. "We further declare that every attempt to use the Scriptures as an excuse for anti-Semitic attitudes is irreconcilable with the life and spirit and teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ."

The statement called attention to the "persistent campaign of Jew hatred" carried on by foreign agencies, augmented by so-called Fundamentalist leaders and fed by thousands of pamphlets, books, periodicals and radio addresses.

Signers of the appeal are Reverends S. L. Tallakson, Gideon Olson, C.M. Videbeck, A. W. Walck and J.R.Gronseth.

ORT TO SEEK \$250,000 IN DRIVE HERE, DR. LVOVITCH STATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. David Lvovitch, vice-president of the ORT, said today following his arrival here from Poland, that the organization has adopted a quota of \$750,000 in its fund-raising campaign for 1937, of which \$250,000 will be sought in the United States.

FORD TOLD "INTERNATIONAL JEW" IS BEING SOLD HERE

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Samuel Untermyer, president of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, today telegraphed Henry Ford calling his attention to the fact that his repudiated book, "The International Jew," is being sold in New York in a 1936 edition under a Berlin imprint.

Mr. Untermyer asked "unqualified disavowal of any knowledge or authority on your part for the publication and distribution of this present German book."

GERMAN CHALUTZI TO BUILD SETTLEMENT FOR HENRIETTA SZOLD

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Jewish pioneer workers from Germany will begin construction soon of a new colony on Jewish National Fund land near Gedera in honor of Henrietta Szold, 75-year-old American Zionist leader.

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Part of the land has been purchased with money collected in Germany for that purpose. Miss Szold, who was born in Baltimore and founded Hadassah, organization of American women Zionists, is directing the work of emigration of Jewish youths from Germany to Palestine.

Other projects planned by the Jewish National Fund, according to a recent statement, include establishment of a seaside resort. Sand dunes were levelled between the railway line in the Zebulun Valley and the sea during recent disorders and a wide road is planned to connect the Kiriat Chaim colony with the sea.

In Kiriat Bialik 140 new houses are being erected. Communal houses for employes of the Rutenberg Electrical Station in Haifa are to be built shortly at Kiriat Chaim near the Haifa-Acre road, as well as houses for a new Jewish quarter near Kiriat Motzkin to be called Kiriat Samuel, after the late Samuel Chaim Landau.

#### PLAN CELEBRATION OF 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF ABARBANEL'S BIRTH

LISBON (JTA) -- An ambitious program to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Isaac Abarbanel, famous Jewish philosopher and financier, is being planned by a committee headed by Prof. Moses Amzalak, vice-rector of the Lisbon Technical University.

Abarbanel, born in 1437, was the treasurer of King Alfonso V. He was exiled by King John II and his large fortune was confiscated. He died in Venice in 1508.

The observances will include addresses by Prof. Amzalak on "The Life of Abarbanel," Dr. Augusto d'Esaguy on "Abarbanel the Writer," Dr. S. D. Sequerra on "A Great Statesman," M. Diesendruck on "Abarbanel, Philosopher and Theologian," and Dr. Adolfo Benarus on "The Abarbanel Family and Judaism."

#### COMPETITION FORCES LINER "TEL AVIV" OUT OF SERVICE

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Efforts are being made to re-establish the Haifa-Trieste shipping service formerly maintained by the first all-Jewish liner, Tel Aviv, which ceased operation last month because of competition of foreign lines.

So little preference was accorded the Tel Aviv that the Jewish enterprise was finally forced to give way to competitors, although 1,250,000 tons of merchandise were imported last year, mainly by Jews, and 7,000,000 cases of citrus fruit shipped abroad by Jews.

A similar situation prevailed in the passenger service, with the Tel Aviv not getting enough passengers to continue service although more than 100,000 immigrants and tourists entered the country at an estimated cost of \$10,000,000.

Two new 25-ton boats, of Jewish construction, equipment and labor, were launched at Tel Aviv recently.