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JEWISH AGENCY BARS GROSSMAN AS ROYAL COMMISSION WITNESS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The British Royal Commission, announcing in a communique that its hearings will shortly be concluded, invited individuals and organizations to present evidence. The invitation was interpreted as a last warning to the Arabs, who have boycotted the investigation.

It was reported that the commission has booked passage from Port Said to England for Jan. 24.

Falastin, Christian Arabic daily, said that rulers of neighboring Arab countries had intimated to Palestine's Arab Supreme Committee that the failure of the Arabs to appear before the commission would embarrass the kings later in diplomatic exchanges with the British Government. They expressed hope that the Arab boycott of the inquiry would soon end, the paper said.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine prohibited Meer Grossman, head of the Jewish State Party, from testifying before the Royal Commission, warning that his party would be excluded from the Zionist Organization if it did not observe the organization's discipline.

It was understood that Jacob Meir, chief rabbi of the Sephardic Jews; Moshe Avigdor Amiel, chief rabbi of Tel Aviv, and Rabbi Ben-Zion Uziel, might not testify before the commission because the Jewish Agency did not wish them to appear.

GOVERNMENT TO MOVE OFFICES, FEARING ARAB DISORDERS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- It was disclosed here today that the Government intends to transfer its offices from the Nablus Gate to the Palace Hotel in the center of the city in fear of renewed Arab attacks.

Troops were dispatched today to halt brigandage on the Jericho-Jerusalem road after a Jewish woman brought here in serious condition told of being held up and wounded.

The woman said that bands were robbing passing cars. She was found about midway between Jerusalem and Jericho by a member of the family of Grand Mufti Haj Amin el Husseini, head of the Arab Supreme Committee, who brought her to the city in his car.

British Police Recruited for Holy Land

LONDON, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Recruiting for the Palestine police force, which is to be reinforced in connection with continuing sporadic Arab disturbances, was started here yesterday. Recruits are being offered eleven pounds sterling (about \$55) monthly plus their keep.

It was reported that High Commissioner Wauchopé had appealed for additional police.

JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE FELL IN NOVEMBER

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Jewish immigration to Palestine in November totalled 938, the lowest for any month this year, the Official Gazette announced yesterday. The figure includes 138 who entered in the capitalist category, bringing with them a minimum of \$5,000 each.

The November immigration brought the total for eleven months to 27,524, including 2,322 in the capitalist category. In 1935, a total of 61,541 Jews entered the Holy Land, an all-time record.

PALESTINE TO LICENSE ONLY 30 DOCTORS IN 1937

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- No more than thirty physicians will be licensed by the Government during 1937, it was announced yesterday in the Official Gazette.

REBEL ORGAN BLAMES JEWS FOR SPAIN'S CIVIL WAR

SEVILLE, Spain, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The Rebel organ ABC yesterday coupled world Jewry and Soviet Russia as jointly responsible for the Spanish civil war. In an article captioned "When Israel Rules," the paper declared:

"The poor, illiterate Spaniards are being misled by the Levys or the Samuels of New York, London and Paris."

Charging that Spaniards were being slaughtered by Jews and their property destroyed by Jewish orders, the article continued:

"Spain is at the present time in a fight not only with Soviet Bolshevism, but also with world Jewry, which operates under instructions of

a secret Jewish committee. The Jews, having obtained Russia, wish also to take Spain. The newspapers abroad are helping them because they are all owned by Jews."

Histadruth Aids Spanish Loyalists

PARIS, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The Labor Unions International announced today receipt of \$1,000 (about \$5,000) for the Spanish Loyalist cause from the Palestine General Jewish Federation of Labor. A number of Palestinians have passed through France to join Madrid's international brigade, it was disclosed.

IL DUCE EXPECTED TO CHECK FASCIST ANTI-SEMITISM, BRITISH PRESS SAYS

LONDON, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Diplomatic circles in Rome expect Premier Mussolini to take action to check anti-Semitic bias, which threatens to become a part of the Fascist creed, British newspapers reported today.

In dispatches on the arrest of 214 Jews and flogging of three in Italian-ruled Tripoli for refusing to keep their shops open on Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, newspapers said it was not entirely clear whether the sudden appearance of anti-Semitism was due to the Italo-German rapprochement.

Pointing out that anti-Semitism was an innovation in Italy and that the Jews had never been persecuted there, the reports said that the Vatican had always discouraged Jew-baiting, adding that until recently Il Duce himself honored the Jews with high positions.

"Possibly the close friendship between Goering (Reich Air Minister) and Balbo has something to do with the present anti-Jewish outbursts in Italian North Africa, where Balbo is governor," one report stated.

ANTI-SEMITES URGES POLES TO "DEFEND CROSS AGAINST JEWS"

WARSAW, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Christmas in Warsaw gave anti-Semites an occasion to distribute leaflets in the streets urging Poles to "defend the cross against the Jews." They caricatured the Jew with a hammer trying to destroy the cross.

JEWS PAPERS SEIZED FOR REPORTS ON LOSS OF WARSAW KENILLAH'S FREEDOM

WARSAW, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Reports that the Jewish community of Warsaw, the largest in Europe, would lose its autonomy through replacement of the communal council by a Government-nominated commissar have been confirmed in a semi-official statement which says that the council will be dissolved because it constantly acted on matters "beyond its competence."

Jewish newspapers were officially warned not to criticize the forthcoming appointment of a commissar and a number of them were confiscated for printing reports and articles on the question.

U.S. ABSORBED 166,000 POLISH JEWS IN LAST 15 YEARS

WARSAW, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The United States absorbed 166,000 Polish Jews in the last fifteen years, the Jewish Emigration Aid Society announced at a press conference. In the last five years, however, only wives and children of the earlier immigrants were given American visas, totaling approximately 6,000.

The society said 95,000 Polish Jews went to Palestine in the 15-year period, 66,000 to South America and 35,000 to other countries.

In the last five years, the society declared South America absorbed only 16,000 Polish Jews while Palestine admitted 53,000, of whom 25,000 entered in 1935, Palestine's record immigration year.

The society announced that in view of the growing need, it would convoke a conference in February of leaders of Jewry in Poland to stimulate emigration.

2,000 JEWS TO LEAVE POLAND FOR SOUTH AMERICA

WARSAW, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 Jews will emigrate from Poland to South American countries in the first few weeks of 1937, it was announced here today. They will go on the Polish liners Pulaski and Kosciusko.

POLISH JEWS GET \$14,000 FROM U.S.

WARSAW, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Receipt from the Federation of Polish Jews in America of 70,000 zlotys (about \$14,000) to be used in cultural activities was announced here today.

11 SENTENCED IN LWOW FOR ANTI-JEWISH ATTACKS

LWOW, Poland, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Eleven students were sentenced here yesterday to six months' imprisonment as the ringleaders of a band of 100 who attacked Jewish students last March 16. Execution of the sentence was postponed for three years.

The Jewish students were attacked on the way to the Agricultural College of Lwow University, which is situated between Lwow and Dublani. Five Jews were injured and four policemen who arrived to disperse the attackers were hurt.

9 Naras Jailed in Lomza

LOMZA, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Nine members of the outlawed anti-Semitic Nara (National Radical) Party have been sentenced by a Lomza court to prison terms ranging from six to fifteen months for organizing anti-Jewish excesses at Mishonki last August. Two were sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment, three to ten months and four to six months. Eight others were acquitted.

FIRST JEWISH WOMEN'S MILITARY UNIT FORMED

KAUNAS, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The first Jewish women's military unit was organized today by the Brith Hachayil, a semi-military organization of the right-wing Zionist-Revisionists. The women will be trained in sanitation for Red Cross work.

NBC NETWORK TO BROADCAST HALF OF PALESTINE CONCERT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The second half of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra's first concert on Dec. 30, under the baton of Arturo Toscanini, will be broadcast to America, it was announced here yesterday by Bronislaw Huberman, well known violinist and founder of the orchestra, which comprises 65 refugee musicians from Germany.

Mr. Huberman told newspapermen that the noted maestro, who arrived last week by plane from Italy to conduct the first four concerts, was highly pleased with the orchestra's achievements to date. Toscanini was quoted as being particularly gratified at the subscription list of 7,000 in Tel Aviv, which he said would be equivalent to 420,000 subscribers in New York.

Thanking the world press for its support of the orchestra, Mr. Huberman announced he would make no concert appearances at present since he did not wish in any way to interfere with the unique event of Toscanini's appearance.

Mr. Huberman said Toscanini was deeply moved and impressed with the Jewish upbuilding of Palestine and particularly with the spirit prevailing in the Jewish colonies.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The National Broadcasting Co. informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that it was intending to broadcast the second half of the concert from Jerusalem, although it was stated that final word from NBC's Jerusalem representative had not yet been received.

JEWS NAMED TO GERMAN UNIVERSITY IN PRAHA

PRAHA, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The Cabinet yesterday announced appointment of a number of Jews, including Doctors Karl Ascher, Wilhelm Jaroschy and Arnold Lowenstein, to the medical faculty of the German University here. The appointments were submitted to President Eduard Benes for ratification.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT AIDS IMPORTATION OF GOODS FROM GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The Treasury Department has announced arrangements to facilitate trade relations with Germany. After placing countervailing duties on certain German products because of subsidization, the Treasury relaxed some of the restrictions.

Americans with credits frozen in Germany can, under the new plan, use them to buy German goods for importation to the United States. Americans selling goods in Germany can use the frozen credit they receive in payment to buy German goods for their own accounts.

Boycott Group Protests Arrangement

NEW YORK, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The Joint Boycott Council has telegraphed Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., it was announced today, in protest against the negotiations conducted by the Treasury Department with Germany.

The protest, signed by Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum and B.C. Vladeck, co-chairmen of the council, charged that the pact violated the anti-dumping section of the Tariff Act and said it will be deplored by every liberal-minded American citizen."

JUNIOR HADASSAH URGED TO EXPAND PALESTINE WORK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Expansion of Junior Hadassah work in America and Palestine was urged today by Mildred F. Murnick, of Philadelphia, national president, as the first session of its four-day thirteenth annual convention got under way with 1,000 delegates from 40 states attending.

She said the organization had succeeded in meeting all commitments to Palestine last year, adding: "That we have decided to accept the challenge to Jewish rights in Palestine and are already making plans for the enlargement of Meior Shfeyah (Junior Hadassah's children's home at Tel Aviv) gives the answer to the whole world." She also urged expansion of the Henrietta Szold Nursing School.

Shulamith Schwartz, former president of Junior Hadassah, who has been teaching in Palestine, drew a parallel between the Irish struggle for freedom and the Zionist movement. Rabbi Isadore Breslaw, president of the Washington Zionist District, addressed a Sabbath eve dinner tonight.

SHALOM ALEICHEM PLAY ACCLAIMED IN VIENNA

VIENNA, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Jewish critics today acclaimed "Schwer zu Sein a Yid," (It is Hard to be a Jew), a play by the late Shalom Aleichem, the "Mark Twain of Yiddish literature," which had its premiere last night in German translation at the Kultur Theatre. Leading Jews and several foreigners attended the performance.

SALONICA TO GET TWO NEW JEWISH SCHOOLS

SALONICA, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- It was officially announced today that two new Jewish schools will be established in Jewish-populated sections of the city. Jewish circles expressed satisfaction over the announcement, interpreting it as a new sign of the Government's friendship.