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MUSSOLINI'S PAPER HITS SEMITISM AS 'VICIOUS, OBTRUSIVE'

ROME, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- An attack on the French Jews appearing in yesterday's *Popolo d'Italia* of Milan was aimed against France and did not foreshadow an anti-Semitic policy in Italy, it was believed today in informed political circles.

These circles professed surprise at the strong wording of the article in the personal organ of Premier Benito Mussolini.

Since the paper is regarded as *Il Duce's* principal mouthpiece, it was believed that the article might have been inspired. (The belief is strongly supported by the fact that censorship of Italian newspapers is so rigid that nothing not approved by the authorities is ever published.)

(The New York Times, in a dispatch from Milan, however, quoted well-informed circles in Rome as saying that the article was printed on the private initiative of the *Popolo d'Italia* and "can in no way be considered inspired.")

The article charged that the Jews themselves were to be blamed for the revival of anti-Semitism because they were "intrusive and vicious and push themselves too conspicuously."

Referring to Premier Leon Blum and other Jewish statesmen of France as examples, the article contended that Jews were only two per cent of the entire French population, yet the proportion of Jewish statesmen was greater, and this caused anti-Semitism there.

"The Jews themselves create and justify anti-Semitism," the article declared. "Anti-Semitism is inevitable in countries where Semitism is emphatically displayed by its viciousness and intrusiveness."

Previous anti-Semitic articles in other Italian newspapers, notably Regime Fascista, of which Roberto Farinacci is the editor, have been dismissed in official circles here as reflecting merely personal views rather than those of the Government.

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The United Press further quoted Popolo d'Italia as follows:

"It is clear in view of the ferocious exclusiveness of the (Jewish) tribe that Christians would be totally banned from public life and doomed to be slaves toiling in order to permit Jews to celebrate their Sabbath in complete rest.

"He who justifies anti-Semitism is always, everywhere the same person -- the Jew himself -- the Jew in his habit of exaggerating, a thing which he does often."

To Enforce Law Barring "Sabbath Closing"

ROME, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- It was officially announced here yesterday that the Jewish merchants in Tripoli's new quarter will be compelled to keep their stores open on the Sabbath. Failure to observe an ordinance ordering stores to be kept open led recently to the arrest of 214 Jews and the flogging of three others.

According to the announcement, the Governor of Tripoli permits the merchants to open at ten in the morning, later than the usual opening hour, to enable them to attend Sabbath services in the synagogues. It states he has also promised special privileges for Jews who will employ non-Jews for work on the Sabbath.

ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY PRINCIPLE HIT AS INCONSISTENT WITH MANDATE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Leonard Stein, legal adviser to the Jewish Agency for Palestine, emphasized that the principle of absorptive capacity was inconsistent with the League of Nations mandate in a long address last night before the Royal Commission of Inquiry.

Indicating that not even the principle of absorptive capacity was being carried out, he called for facilitation of Jewish immigration. He stressed that the mandate does not specify whether the Jewish national home does or does not mean a Jewish majority.

(The New York Times, in a Jerusalem dispatch, quoted Earl Peel, chairman of the commission, as saying after the conclusion of Mr. Stein's address: "Thank you for your very able exposition, which now makes the document (the mandate) more obscure to me than ever before.")

Wider use of Hebrew by the Government was demanded by David Yellin, well known Hebrew writer. He urged that use of the term Eretz Israel (land of Israel) be restored in place of the initials "A.I." (The initials have been used in radio broadcasts since Arabs protested use of Eretz Israel as opposed to their national aspirations.)

Showing interest in the subject, Lord Peel, asked whether use of the full name would not hurt Arab feelings and whether it did not constitute a departure from the mandate, where mention is made only of a Jewish national home.

Mr. Yellin denied the term had political implications, declaring he had no desire that the world call Palestine Eretz Israel but that the name be used only in Hebrew references to the country.

PALESTINE ORCHESTRA MEMBERS STONED NEAR NABLUS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Members of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra traveling to Haifa for a concert under the baton of Arturo Toscanini were stoned as they passed Nablus, it was reported here today. None was struck.

2 DEAD, 4 HURT IN PLANE CRASH NEAR NAZARETH

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Two persons were killed and four injured when an airplane belonging to the Iraq Petroleum Corporation crashed near Nazareth in northern Palestine, it was reported here.

One of the dead was a Jewish official of the I.P.C. named Popper. The other was British, but his name was not immediately learned here. The four injured are also Britons.

RABBI FISHMAN RECANTS RESIGNATION FROM JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Rabbi J. L. Fishman, who yesterday resigned his post as representative of the orthodox Mizrahi Organization on the Jewish Agency for Palestine, resumed his duties today after a controversy over Sabbath observance had been settled.

The Agency's Executive declined to accept the resignation and Moshe Shertok, head of its political department, sent a letter to the secretary of the Royal Commission of Inquiry amending a statement about Sabbath observance he had made orally on Tuesday.

The amendment, which apparently dispelled Mizrahi's objections, stressed that the Agency holds that Jews should not work on Saturday, but that this does not affect Jewish rights to public positions. His original statement, which caused the resignation, was in reply to a question at the commission hearing.

Lord Peel, chairman of the commission, had asked whether the Jews were ready to work on the Sabbath in public works positions. Mr. Shertok said that the Agency was eager to make it possible for the Jews to rest on the Sabbath, but if this were impossible, the Jews were ready to work, adding that the matter should be negotiated.

The Mizrahi Organization protested to the Jewish Agency on Wednesday concerning the testimony.

REPORT JAFFA PORT OFFICIALS SUSPECTED IN DYNAMITE THEFT

LONDON, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The Daily Herald reported from Jerusalem that Jaffa port officials were suspected in the disappearance of cases of dynamite from the customs house there. The paper said a search of Arab houses for the dynamite failed, but yielded a large haul of arms and ammunition. The owners of the houses were arrested.

MAYZEL TO BECOME WARSAW KEHILLAH COMMISSAR MONDAY

WARSAW, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Maurici Mayzel, Government-appointed commissar for Jewish communal affairs in Warsaw, will take up his duties Monday, it was announced today. The commissariat will be aided by an "advisory board" of twelve Jews appointed by the authorities.

Mr. Mayzel, formerly a member of the Jewish National Bloc, was appointed commissar after the Government had dissolved the elected communal council, thereby ending the autonomy of the largest Jewish community in Europe. All Jewish groups except the extreme orthodox Agudath Israel have decided to boycott the new "advisory board."

WARSAW MOHELIM JOIN SOCIALISTS IN FIGHT FOR LIVELIHOOD

WARSAW, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- An unusual situation was created here today when a body of religious functionaries decided to join the Polish Socialist Party.

This action was taken by the "mohelim," the men who perform the rite of circumcision required by Jewish law, on the ground that their appeals to the rabbinate to secure a livelihood for them had brought no results.

The religious functionaries had complained to the rabbis that two mohelim monopolized the birth clinics in Warsaw and the richer clients while the others were starving. Because the rabbinate has taken no action in their behalf, they expressed the belief that the Socialist Party would fight for them as proletarians when they joined the Socialist ranks.

JEWS WOUNDED IN DISORDERS IN POLISH TOWNS

WARSAW, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- A number of Jewish merchants were wounded and their market stalls demolished yesterday during an anti-Semitic outbreak in a town near Warsaw. Several Polish laborers defended the Jews from their assailants until the police arrived. Six stalls were wrecked and considerable merchandise was destroyed in the attack.

Several Jews were beaten and windows of a synagogue broken in anti-Semitic disorders in the township of Milatyn in the Lwow district and in Oswiecim, Krakow district, it was reported here today.

JEWS ASKED TO BAR NEW YEAR FETES BECAUSE OF SHECHITA LAW

WARSAW, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The law restricting kosher slaughter went into effect throughout Poland today.

Jewish newspapers here published appeals to the Jews of Poland not to celebrate the New Year because it was a tragedy for 20,000 Jewish meat dealers, who will lose their livelihood as a result of the restrictions.

Danzig Loses Source of Kosher Meat

FREE CITY OF DANZIG, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Restrictions on kosher slaughtering which went into effect throughout Poland today served to cut off the last supply of meat for those in Danzig who observe Jewish dietary laws.

Danzig is sandwiched between Poland, where so little kosher slaughter is permitted that no export supplies are expected, and Germany, where Jewish ritual slaughter is entirely forbidden. The Nazi-controlled Senate of the Free City recently prohibited kosher slaughter here.

Rumania Seeks Data on Shechita

BUCHAREST, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Health yesterday dispatched an inquiry to all municipalities for information on shechita, Jewish ritual method of slaughtering animals for human consumption. The inquiry is the result of a memorandum submitted by a Rumanian group demanding prohibition of the method.

Lith Anti-Semites Ask Shechita Curb

KAUNAS, Lithuania, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic groups submitted a memorandum to the Government yesterday demanding curbs on Jewish ritual slaughter of animals similar to those which went into effect in Poland today.

Ireland Permits Ritual Slaughter

DUBLIN, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The official Gazette announced that starting today humane slaughtering of cattle by use of specially approved instruments will be enforced. Exemptions are provided for Jews, who practice shechita, ritual method of slaughtering animals which experts have conceded to be humane.

45 JEWISH YOUTHS ARRESTED IN RUMANIA AS "PLOTTERS"

BUCHAREST, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Forty-five Jewish boys and girls have been arrested in Kishinau on charges of plotting against the safety of the state. It was understood eight would be held for court martial and the rest released for lack of evidence.

All 45 are members of Hashomer Hatzair, labor Zionist scout organization, which trains youths for pioneer work in Palestine.

BUCHAREST, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The Government today confiscated all collection boxes of the Jewish National Fund, Zionist land-buying agency, after issuing an order restricting collection of funds for Palestine causes.

The order issued by Minister of Interior Demeter Juca provides that Zionist funds may only be collected with Government permits.

Funds Taken in Raids on Offices

CZERNOWITZ, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Police today raided headquarters of the Jewish National Fund, the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Zionist Organization in connection with an order restricting Zionist fund collections. They seized ledgers, books and funds.

Esther Kaplan, a delegate of the Jewish National Fund from Palestine, was ordered to leave Rumania, within 24 hours.

POLAND RELEASES FUNDS FOR HEBREW UNIVERSITY

WARSAW, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The Polish Government has given permission, it was announced today, to send to Palestine £9,000 (about \$45,000) collected in Poland for the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, which had been tied up by restrictions on currency transfer.

The permission was granted after Senator Justin Godart, president of the French Palestine Union, had intervened with the authorities.

NAZIS LIQUIDATE JEWISH EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

BERLIN, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Employment exchange offices of all Jewish communities in Germany were liquidated under an order by the authorities requiring them to cease functioning by today.

The order seriously hampers Jewish unemployed in efforts to get placed and at the same time makes Jewish firms dependent on the State Labor Exchange offices, which send only "Aryan" help.

CUBAN PAPERS CAUTIOUS IN COMMENT ON SIROVICH PLAN

HAVANA, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Newspapers here commented cautiously on Congressman William Sirovich's project to settle between 25,000 and 40,000 German Jewish refugees on Cuban soil within five years. In contrast to the reaction following announcement of the project several months ago, when the press bitterly attacked it, editorials neither criticized nor lauded it.

KAUNAS RABBIS BAR CONVERSION OF CHRISTIANS SEEKING TO WED JEWESES

KAUNAS, Lithuania, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The local rabbinate announced today that it will no longer convert to Judaism Christians who wish to marry Jewish girls. The announcement revealed that many Christians have applied recently for conversion giving as the reason desire to wed Jewesses.