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LEADERS SEIZED, PARLEYS BANNED IN RUMANIAN ANTI-ZIONIST DRIVE

CZERNOWITZ, Rumania, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The measure prohibiting collection of Zionist funds without special permits, which to date have not been issued, is part of a general anti-Zionist drive, it was charged today by Jewish newspapers here.

In addition to confiscation of Zionist funds, the papers report arrests of Zionist leaders, prohibition of Zionist meetings and conferences, and arrests and beatings of chalutzim.

According to the Zionist press, this situation has been precipitated by the anti-Semitic newspapers Universul and Curentul, which have raised an alarm against "the heavy Rumanian cash that goes to Palestine."

The Zionist organ Unzer Zeit, in an editorial today, contends that Rumanian exports to Palestine are incomparably greater in value than the insignificant sums which the Zionists collect for Palestine.

"The real reason why Zionism is now persecuted," the paper charges, "is because the Zionists are Jews," adding that everything Jewish, irrespective of its legality, is open to persecution under the present anti-Jewish Rumanian policy.

Jews Warned to Quit Rumanian Towns

CZERNOWITZ, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Jews in the towns of Streza and Pratovit have received warnings by local anti-Semitic leaders to leave within the next few days, it was learned here today.

The threats have been followed by the smashing of windows in a number of Jewish houses. Some Jewish families of Streza, convinced that they cannot depend upon the police for protection, are moving from the town.

MANCHESTER JEWS FEED FASCIST FOES AT FREE SOUP KITCHEN

MANCHESTER, England, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A Jewish soup kitchen here revealed today that among its "clients" lately have been a number of Blackshirts.

The disclosure was made during an official visit to the kitchen by Manchester's Lord Mayor and Mayoress.

"Just because we are unfairly treated by the Fascists," explained Sydney Needoff, honorary secretary of the kitchen committee, "There's no reason why we should refuse them a meal when they apply for it."

Prof. Harold Laski, noted economist, voiced the hope that Sir Oswald Mosley, Fascist leader, would himself visit the kitchen when he comes to Manchester and taste the soup given his followers.

The London Evening Star, in an editorial on the subject, declares the story is "a New Testament parable translated into the language of the day."

TEL AVIV MAYOR'S TESTIMONY BRINGS HOSTILE REACTION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Complaints before the Royal Commission of Inquiry of insufficient Government grants to the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv drew from the commissioners today a hostile reaction.

Mayor Israel Rokach, advancing the city's claims, said Tel Aviv was being hampered in its development by lack of Government aid although the city paid huge sums into the Palestine treasury.

Prof. Reginald Coupland, a member of the commission, pointing out that Tel Aviv residents were enjoying a good deal, demanded to know: "What more do they want?"

Sir Harold Morris, another member of the six-man body, tartly declared: "Despite your half million (pounds) budget, you are demanding Government grants."

Further questions were even more antagonistic in tone, another commissioner suggesting that Tel Aviv wanted more money for movies.

Replying to questions on the new port being constructed at Tel Aviv, Mayor Rokach said it could be used for Jaffa as well. He said necessary alterations to make it suitable for common use by both neighboring cities could be financed by a Prudential loan to be repaid by the harbor commission.

The commission adjourned the session to meet in camera, hearing testimony by Edward Keith-Roach, Haifa District Commissioner, and Robert E. H. Crosbie, Southern District Commissioner.

Arab Leader Set to Testify Tomorrow

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The Arab boycott of the Royal Commission's inquiry was believed broken today when it was disclosed that Hassan Sidky el Dajani, leader of the Arab Defense Party, would testify at a session on Thursday.

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2 M.P.'s Sent to Probe Palestine Situation

LONDON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The Independent Labor Party announced today that it is sending two members of Parliament, John McGovern and Campbell Stephen, to Palestine to investigate the Arab-Jewish situation.

The men, who are scheduled to leave Thursday, are going at the invitation of the Left Poale-Zion, labor Zionist organization, and Arab Socialists.

MANY INJURED IN RIOT IN POLISH TOWN

WARSAW, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Many Jews were injured today in riots in Czyzew, Bialystok district. Selig Jelin, 36, and Israel Baron, 58, were seriously wounded and taken to a hospital here. Jewish shops were closed and tonight no Jews in the town were venturing out of their homes.

At the hospital it was stated Jelin was suffering from a fractured skull and was not expected to live. The disorders were believed to have been an act of revenge by Nationalists because two agitators in Czyzew had been placed in a concentration camp by the Government.

MEXICAN BRIDES NEEDED BY POLISH JEWS FOR ENTRY TO MEXICO

WARSAW, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A Mexican bride or possession of capital from 20,000 to 100,000 pesos is the newest qualification required of prospective immigrants to Mexico, it was disclosed here today. The Mexican consulate revealed it has been instructed not to issue visas unless one of the two conditions is met.

The conditions are a new blow to the hopes of Jews who have been planning to emigrate to that country, since for the majority of them they are practically impossible to meet.

HAYESOD DIRECTOR NAMED WARSAW KEHILLA HEAD BY GOVERNMENT

WARSAW, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Appointment of Maurici Maizel, director of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) in Poland, as commissar for Warsaw Jewish communal affairs, replacing the dissolved elected council, was announced today by the Government.

The announcement said he would be assisted by an advisory council of ten, including representatives of the extreme orthodox Agudath Israel, Jewish war veterans and persons unaffiliated with Jewish parties. All other Jewish groups are boycotting the council.

Hostility of Jewish groups to the appointment of a commissar, which means the ending of the autonomy of the largest Jewish community in Europe, prompted the Jewish National Bloc, on whose slate Maizel had been elected member of the community council, to expel him from membership.

MOST GERMAN JEWISH EMIGRANTS UNDER 40

BERLIN, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The large majority of Jewish emigrants between July and September, 1936, were under forty years of age, it was revealed today in a report of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Prussia.

The report said that 3,268 Jews emigrated abroad during the period while 2,043 migrated from their native small towns into larger German cities.

JEWISH AGENCY SPENT \$2,500,000 FOR PALESTINE IN YEAR

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Palestine expended \$2,500,000 for its settlement activities in the fiscal year ending Oct. 1, 1936, it was disclosed today. A total of 30,000 Jews immigrated to Palestine in 1936, bringing the Jewish population to an estimated 410,000, according to a report issued by the Palestine Foundation Fund.

The report states the Jewish Agency spent \$1,148,920 for agricultural colonization, \$290,000 for immigration and immigrant-training, \$255,000 for housing and public works, \$211,000 for maintenance of national institutions and provision of security during the recent disturbances, \$175,000 additional by the Foundation Fund for settlement of German Jews, \$140,000 for educational and cultural activities and \$105,000 for trade and industry.

The largest part of the Jewish Agency's budget is provided by the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), which received its greatest income from the United States, with South Africa, Great Britain and Palestine following in order.

In addition to funds directly collected by the Jewish Agency through subsidiaries in various countries, it used \$425,000 received from the Council for German Jewry to settle 990 German Jewish immigrants in 38 colonies, most of them previously established by the Keren Hayesod.

The Keren Hayesod also expended \$108,000 in the Palestine Drainage and Amelioration Co., engaged in draining 15,000 acres of marsh land near Lake Huleh, thereby bringing its investment in that enterprise to \$166,500. Investments in various companies doing work such as housing and irrigation were cited.

Established individual-holdings colonies were consolidated and new colonization initiated during the year. Sums were spent to consolidate cooperate settlements, for building, irrigation, maintenance of girls' agricultural training farms, aid to middle-class colonization and maintenance of agricultural service.

This service included instructors, surveys, water borings, geological research, research in cattle disease and experimental fields. More than \$100,000 was spent on the Agricultural Research Experimentation Station at Rehoboth.

In addition to financing immigration, colonization and education, the fund seeks to increase "the economic absorptive capacity of the land." It extended loans for workers' dwellings and road-building and improvement. The total number of schools is now 343 with 39,701 teachers and 1,217 pupils.

HIAS-ICA TO EXTEND IMMIGRANT AID IN 1937

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The immigrant aid service of the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association will be considerably extended in 1937, it was announced today by HIAS, because of increasing economic discrimination and political oppression in Eastern and Central Europe with a consequent greater need for emigration.

John L. Bernstein, chairman of HIAS' committee on work in foreign countries said that Poland, where the emigration association maintains offices in nine principal centers, occupies first place in increased allotments, with larger subventions also budgeted for Czechoslovakia and Rumania.

New offices have been opened in Colombia and Ecuador. The "transportation fund" established at the Jewish Migration Conference in Paris in 1936 is continued in the 1937 budget of HIAS with an increased allotment. The fund is used to enable Eastern European Jews to join their families overseas where immigration laws permit.

LADY HOUSTON REPORTED TO HAVE GIVEN LARGE SUMS TO BLACKSHIRTS

LONDON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Lady Houston, eccentric millionairess, was reported to have contributed large sums to the "war chest" of the British Union of Fascists before her death last week, the Havas News Agency said today.

It was stated that the organization plans to increase its number of candidates at the next general election. The number was previously set at about 100.

NAZI ANTHEM TO BE HEARD AT ROYAL WEDDING

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Dutch authorities have changed their plans to include a few strains of the Nazi Horst Wessel Lied in the forthcoming royal wedding to soothe German feelings, the Associated Press reported today from The Hague. Two verses of the song will be played.