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### FORCED EMIGRATION OF JEWS DEMANDED IN POLISH PARLIAMENT DEBATE

WARSAW, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Declaring emigration to be Poland's "central problem," Foreign Minister Josef Beck today opened a debate on the subject in Parliament.

A majority of the speakers asserted that emigration was the only solution to the Jewish problem and demanded the Government take the initiative in regulating Jewish emigration, even to the extent of forcing Jews to emigrate.

Demands were also voiced for the ousting of Jews from the Polish export trade and the diplomatic service. Col. Beck pointed out that Jews constituted only 1.9 per cent of the total diplomatic corps. It was learned here in that connection that only thirteen Jews, including converts, serve in the diplomatic corps and these occupy minor positions.

### RIOTS MARK REOPENING OF WARSAW SCHOOLS

WARSAW, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Renewed anti-Jewish rioting marked the reopening today of the Warsaw University and other schools following long shutdowns resulting from efforts of Nationalists to enforce segregation of Jewish students in "ghetto" benches. Many Jewish students were wounded.

Nationalist students posted placards demanding Jews occupy seats at the left side of lecture halls. Jewish students found Nationalists barring the entrances to the main building of the university.

### Wilno Students Vote Against Segregation

A plebiscite at the medical school of Wilno University on the question of instituting "ghetto" benches resulted in a victory for the Jews when students in the higher classes voted against segregation.

Meanwhile, similar plebiscites were scheduled to be held by the liberal arts and medical schools of the Warsaw University, on order of the university's senate.

Jewish students protested against holding of the plebiscite on the ground it was tantamount to ordering institution of "ghetto" benches since there were only 500 Jewish students against 4,000 Christian students.

The rector dismissed the protest with the explanation that the plebiscite was not binding upon the university authorities, but was intended merely as an "orientation of votes."

#### SWIFT AID URGED FOR POLISH TOWN HIT BY POGROM

WARSAW, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Jewish newspapers published an appeal today for urgent relief of the Jewish population of Czyzew, town in the Bialystok district, which last week was subjected to a savage pogrom.

According to the papers, all Jewish storekeepers of the town have been "sentenced to destruction" by anti-Semitic elements.

A representative of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee returned from Czyzew this morning with a list of casualties, confirming that one Jew had been killed, eleven seriously wounded and many others slightly injured. Four of the wounded, three of them women, are in a grave condition in a Warsaw hospital.

High district authorities were still in Czyzew today investigating the pogrom. Three score police were reported wounded in the disorders.

#### NEW PALESTINE GROUP TO FINANCE COLONIZATION PROJECTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Establishment of the Palestine Agricultural Settlement Association, Ltd., with a capital stock of 50,000 pound sterling, was announced here today in a joint statement by the Jewish Agency for Palestine and Haavara, Palestine trustee office for administration of the transfer agreement with Germany by which German Jews emigrating to the Holy Land are enabled to take with them part of their capital in the form of merchandise.

The association will finance colonization projects, including irrigation, purchase of pipes and other materials from Germany through the Haavara.

The Government has granted the new association permission to issue debentures up to the sum of 200,000 pounds sterling, of which between 80,000 and 100,000 pounds will be issued at once.

The debentures will return four per cent interest and are to be redeemed in 25 years. Repayment of the principal begins in six years, while dividends start after the first year. The Anglo-Palestine Bank has guaranteed payment of dividends during the first five years.

MUFTI HEADS ARAB WITNESSES; TO PROJECT PAN-ARABIC VIEWS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The Pan-Arabic rather than the purely local Arab viewpoint will be projected before the Royal Commission of Inquiry when Arab leaders open presentation of testimony tomorrow, it was disclosed today.

This was assured when it was learned that extremists in the Arab Supreme Committee had overcome moderates, succeeding after a long fight in appointing the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el Hussein, as the leading Arab witness. Choice of the Grand Mufti, who is also president of the Arab Supreme Committee, means that his opponent, former Jerusalem mayor Ragheb bey Nashashibi, will be unable to present the local Arab case.

The Grand Mufti will be assisted by only a few members of the committee in presentation of testimony, it was decided.

The Arab hearings will be public and are expected to last between three and four days.

It is understood that the Royal Commission, while visiting Amman, capital of the Transjordan, tried to influence Palestine Arabs, through several channels, not to present extreme anti-mandate requests.

With the Arab case expected to open tomorrow with an address by the Grand Mufti, editorials in the Hebrew newspapers expressed wonder whether Arab witnesses would have as hard a time before the commission as had the Jewish witnesses.

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2 Jews Attacked by Arab Acid-Thrower

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- An Arab was under arrest today on charges of hurling acid at two Jews.

Ephraim Yeshuah David, 35, a merchant, is in a hospital as a result of the attack, his eyesight endangered. The second victim, Habib Shosani, was less seriously burned by the acid. Their assailant was caught by a Jewish passerby, who witnessed the attack.

U.S. JEWISH LABOR DELEGATION HAILED IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- A formal reception was accorded today by the Histadruth, Jewish federation of labor, to a delegation of American Jewish labor leaders who arrived last week for an investigative tour of Palestine.

Isadore Nagler, a member of the delegation, replying to greetings of Histadruth leaders, declared the group would return to the United States with an eye-witness story of Palestine Jewry's "marvelous achievements and heroism."

REPORT OF 200 CONVERSIONS IN RUMANIA BRANDED FALSE

BUCHAREST, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Curiercul Israelit, official organ of the Rumanian Jews, denied today a report published in Curentul, ecclesiastical paper, that 200 prominent Jews had sought conversion to the Greek Catholic faith and had offered to build a church.

Curiercul declared the report was absolutely false and emanated from sources which wished to cast a shadow on the "solidarity" of Rumanian Jewry. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent learned that apart from conversion of two more or less well known Jews there had been no recent conversions worth mentioning, also that expanding anti-Semitism in Rumania had had the opposite effect of making the Jews more conscious of their origin and religion.

BERNHARD-POLIAKOFF CASE PUT BEFORE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

GENEVA, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The controversy surrounding the alleged sale of the Pariser Tageblatt, Paris emigre anti-Nazi newspaper, to Nazi interests last June was placed before the executive of the World Jewish Congress today by the former publisher and former editor.

Vladimir Poliakoff, former owner of the paper, and Georg Bernhard, ex-editor, who is now managing the Pariser Tageszeitung, the paper founded by the former employes of the Tageblatt, submitted letters to the executive outlining their respective cases regarding charges of bad faith leveled against Poliakoff.

The ex-proprietor recalled that on June 11, 1936, two members of the Tageblatt staff, with the consent of Bernhard, who was then in New York accused him of having knowingly betrayed his people by selling the paper to the Gestapo (German secret police).

Denying this charge, Poliakoff declared that the Foreign Press Association of Paris had examined the accusation and found it entirely false, aimed at enabling illegal expropriation of the paper under a political pretext. He added that the accusation constituted "assassination of character" and demanded that the executive consider the matter at its next meeting.

Dr. Bernhard, who until the accession of the Nazis was a prominent journalist in Germany, in a letter to the executive repeated assertions that Poliakoff had associated with Dr. Schmolz, representative of the German Propaganda Ministry. He also accused the former proprietor of having requested the manager of the Tageblatt to adopt a more favorable attitude toward the Third Reich.

Dr. Bernhard founded the Tageblatt in 1933 and was editor until June 11, 1935, when he claimed he was discharged under the alleged sale to the Nazis. From New York he immediately negotiated with his co-employes to found the Tageszeitung.

SWISS COURT EXPLAINS FRANKFURTER VERDICT

GENEVA, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- In a published statement the Graubunden Cour' explained today its reasons for sentencing to 18 years in prison David Frankfurter, young Jewish medical student whom it convicted at Chur last Dec. 14 of having slain Wilhelm Gustloff, Swiss Nazi agent.

The statement establishes that the crime was premeditated by definitel. rejects the idea of a plot in which other persons were connected.

"Frankfurter's planning suicide," the court states, "shows he carried out the crime himself, without the participation of other people."

As extenuating circumstances the court lists the following:

Frankfurter's voluntary surrender to the police; the fact that he had never before been convicted of a crime; testimony by the mental experts that Frankfurter suffered from mental depression which led him to commit murder.

On the other hand, the court rejects the contention, offered by the defense counsel, that Jewish persecutions in Germany had influenced Frankfurter's act.

It also refuses to accept the allegation that Gustloff acted as a Nazi agent in Switzerland.

A revision of the verdict will be asked by Dr. Eugen Curti, defense counsel, it was learned here following publication of the statement.

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Frankfurter Pardon Move Launched in London

LONDON, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- A movement seeking a Swiss Government pardon for David Frankfurter, convicted slayer of Wilhelm Gustloff, Nazi agent in Switzerland, was launched here today by the World Union to Combat Racism.

The union, in a resolution adopted by its executive, decided to circulate a petition for the signatures of numerous noted personalities and organizations throughout the world. The petition will ask either a full pardon or revision of the 18-year term to which the young Yugoslavian Jewish medical student was sentenced.

LECTURES ON JEWISH LITERATURE SLATED AT AMSTERDAM U.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Amsterdam University announced today a series of lectures on Jewish literature of the fourteenth and seventeenth centuries.

HANNAH G. SOLOMON HONORED ON 79TH BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Simultaneous meetings were held today in about 200 communities in the United States and Canada and a radio broadcast from six countries to celebrate the 44th anniversary of the National Council of Jewish Women and the 79th birthday of its founder, Mrs. Hannah G. Solomon of Chicago.

"Women's Place in World Progress Today" was the theme of the "national birthday party." The broadcast, heard from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the blue network of NBC, included addresses by 17 women leaders in America and Europe.

The celebration climaxed a national drive to increase the council's membership from 40,000 to 48,000. A "birthday gift" of 5,000 new members will be given to Mrs. Solomon in Chicago on Jan. 31 at the annual board of directors' meeting, according to Mrs. Rebekah Kohut, who is directing the membership campaign.

Among those on the speakers' list for today's broadcast were Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt and Miss Nina Strandberg, from New York; Mrs. Maurice L. Goldman and Mrs. M.C. Sloss, from San Francisco; Mrs. Solomon, at a luncheon in her honor, and Mrs. Arthur Brin from Chicago, and distinguished speakers from England, France, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Sweden and Switzerland.

REVISION OF IMMIGRATION LAWS URGED

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Resolutions calling for easy naturalization and right of asylum in the United States, and opposing "reactionary" bills in Congress to restrict immigration and deportations that break up families were adopted yesterday by 355 delegates of 222 organizations attending a conference of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

Rep. Emanuel Celler, one of the speakers, warned of new bills in the present Congress, which would impose restrictions on foreigners. James Waterman Wise was elected chairman.

JANUARY ISSUE OF JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW OUT

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The January number of the Jewish Quarterly Review has been issued. Dr. Cyrus Adler, editor, announces, containing articles by Michael Foner, Dr. Cecil Roth, Dr. Israel Efros, Prof. Solomon Zeitlin, Dr. David de Sola Pool, Prof. Joseph Reider, Dr. Zelig S. Harris, Prof. Samuel A. B. Mercer and Dr. Israel Levinthal.