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MUFTI DEMANDS FREE ARAB STATE; SEES HOLY PLACES MENACED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Demands for national independence coupled with allegations that Jews had designs on Moslem holy places were voiced before the Royal Commission today as Haj Amin al Hussein, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and president of the Arab Supreme Committee, initiated presentation of the Arab case.

Failing independence, the Mufti indicated, the Arabs would have preferred to remain under Turkish rule.

With the entire membership of the Arab Supreme Committee in attendance, the Moslem religious leader outlined the committee's constitution and aims.

Declaring national independence to be the aim of Palestine Arabs, the Mufti pointed out that they had enjoyed full military and civil rights under the Ottoman constitution.

He said Palestine Arabs, to gain full independence, participated in the revolt against Turkey and entered the World War as allies of the Allied Powers. As a result, he emphasized, following the war the Arabs were made certain promises which are embodied in Article 20 of the League of Nations Covenant.

Asked by Lord Peel to specify the obligations under Article 20, the Mufti could make no direct reply. Pressing the point, Lord Peel stated the Balfour Declaration (which committed Great Britain to establish a Jewish national home in Palestine) was issued five years before the Covenant was ratified.

Continuing his testimony, the Mufti complained that the Palestine Government was endangering Arab national aims and that five Arab delegations to London had proved vain.

The Moslem leader, turning to the question of Jewish immigration, expressed fear that the Jews would greatly harm the Arabs were they to become a majority. Demanding that fullest freedom be guaranteed the Arabs, he asked that a treaty be concluded between them and the Mandatory Power, by which Palestine Arabs would achieve the same independent status accorded Iraq. Under such a status, he declared, the Arab Government would give Palestine Jews the same rights as Jews enjoy in Iraq.

The Jewish population, he complained, had multiplied eight times in the last two decades and Jewish land holdings fifteen times in the same period.

The Mufti charged the Jews planned to deprive the Moslems of their holy places and intended to restore Solomon's Temple.

Asked by Lord Peel to substantiate his charges, the Mufti promised to do so at a later date.

DILL, WITH 8 BATTALIONS, TO REMAIN IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Lieut.-Gen. John Greer Dill, commander-in-chief of the British expeditionary force in Palestine, will remain in the Holy Land with his staff until the beginning of next Summer, it was learned today.

Of the original force which had been mobilized to quell the 1936 Arab disorders, eight battalions still remain. These have been placed in strategic parts of the country in such a way as to make unnecessary additional reinforcements in the event of a renewal of disorders.

Should the disorders, which were terminated last October after six months, be renewed, it is confidently felt in informed quarters that martial law would be immediately imposed.

ENDEK BOMB WRECKS CAFE IN HEART OF WARSAW; 2 WOMEN HURT

WARSAW, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Two women, one of them a Christian, were wounded today when Nationalist terrorists bombed a Jewish cafe on Marshalkowska Street in the heart of this city.

The cafe, operated by the Hirschfield brothers, was partially destroyed by the blast, which wrecked the entire interior.

The bombing, the most daring in the Nationalist anti-Jewish campaign of terrorism that is sweeping Poland, marked the first time the campaign has been carried to Warsaw's business center.

WARSAW PRESS BITTER OVER SEJM EMIGRATION DEBATE

WARSAW, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Jewish newspapers commented bitterly today over last night's debate in Parliament during which Government leaders, including Foreign Minister Josef Beck, demanded wholesale emigration of Jews.

Particularly caustic comment greeted the statement by Vice-Marshall Miedzinsky, leader of the Government party, that there was room in Poland for only 50,000 Jews and that the remaining three millions must emigrate.

To Col. Beck, quoted as stating "There is no use in fooling, the Jews must emigrate," newspapers put the question:

"Where shall we emigrate, when doors everywhere are closed to us?"

SO. AFRICAN GOVERNMENT BILL AIMS TO CURB INFLUX OF JEWS

JOHANNESBURG, Union of So. Africa, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- New immigration restrictions, admittedly aimed to cut the influx of Jews, loomed today following introduction of two bills, one by the anti-Semitic Nationalist Party and the other by the Government.

Even the Government measure, it was admitted for the first time last night during a discussion in Parliament on the immigration question, is intended to keep Jews out of the country, although it restricts immigration of all nations except British-born.

The Government bill, it became clear during the debate, was introduced to calm the current anti-Semitic wave and to outmaneuver the Nationalists who have submitted a measure specifically discriminating against Jews.

Dr. D. Malan, leader of the Nationalist Party, who opened the discussion last night, is the author of the Nationalist immigration bill, which demands that Yiddish be deprived of its rank as a European language that can be offered by immigrants for literacy tests before landing. The bill also proposes that aliens already in South Africa be put on probation for three years; be compelled to reveal their original names, and not be permitted to engage in any occupation, trade or work without a special license.

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Gen. Smuts Denounces Greyshirts, Lauds Jews

JOHANNESBURG (JTA) -- Justice Minister Gen. Jan Smuts, denouncing the "mischief-making" Nazi Greyshirts, has warned that if the movement is permitted to grow "we shall have in this country impossible conditions with racial persecution."

In a recent address at Standerton he denounced attempts to create anti-Jewish feeling and lauded the role of the Jews in the economic development of South Africa. General Smuts declared:

"Some have been more successful than we have, but that is not their fault. If the Jew has a greater trade sense than the Afrikaner that is not his fault. We cannot get past the fact that the Afrikaner has not, as a race, a high business ability, but the business of South Africa has to be done."

Praising the Jews for sharing "the bitter and the sweet" in the development of the country, he declared:

"I know you very earnestly not to allow this movement to go too far," he declared. "So far it is only a small movement, and perhaps I regard it in too serious a light, but one must take early steps if one recognizes an evil, even if it is still small.

"If it is allowed to grow we shall have in this country impossible conditions, with racial and religious persecution. Let me appeal to you to treat the Jews fairly. There are bad Jews, but there are bad Afrikanders too. We have been taught in a great school and we who know what the Jews have contributed to the world in a religious sense must recognize their achievements in a small nation.

"We who follow old faiths and are not yet uprooted from our old conviction, and believe in and still hold by the great things of the past -- it is not for us to forget what the Jews' contribution is to the well-being of the world and of the people of the world."

BISHOP OF LONDON WOULD DEPORT ANTI-SEMITIC AGITATORS

LONDON, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Deportation of anti-Semitic agitators was demanded today by the Bishop of London, in a statement declaring he found Jews thrifty, sober and fond of children.

PREDICTS NO HALF-JEWS LEFT IN REICH WITHIN GENERATION

BERLIN, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Gerhard Wagner, Reich medical leader, in a public address here announced that there were still 500,000 Jews living in Germany.

He said there were also 200,000 half-Jews and 100,000 quarter Jews, but that the former group would be completely eliminated within the next generation. This prediction, he said, was based on the fact that many of the half-Jews are dying childless and the remainder leave behind them children who automatically become quarter-Jews and hence are eligible to intermarry with "Aryans."

WEIZMANN DELAY DEFERS PALESTINE PARLEY IN WASHINGTON TO FEB. 6

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Inability of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, to arrive in time for the scheduled opening in Washington of the third annual National Conference for Palestine, has caused postponement of the conference to Feb. 6 and 7, it was announced today. The meeting was originally scheduled for Jan. 24.

It was learned from Jerusalem yesterday that Dr. Weizmann, who will be the principal speaker at the Washington conference, will leave Palestine on January 23.

DR. STAHL RE-ELECTED HEAD OF BERLIN KHEILLA COUNCIL

BERLIN, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Heinrich Stahl was today re-elected president of the Jewish Community Council at that newly constituted body's

first meeting. (Elections to the council had been held last November under supervision of the Gestapo, which virtually dictated its membership by rejecting prominent Zionist nominees and ordering them replaced by others less well known.)

The following executive was elected: Dr. Alfred Klee, Georg Kareski, Karl Fuchs, Moritz Rosenthal, Adolph Schoyer and D.P. Sulzberger.

Five of the council's 41 members were absent from today's meeting.

Dr. Stahl in an address pointed out that the Berlin Jewish community was the center of the entire Jewish communal life in Germany and was helping in emigration, charity and readjustment of Jews to new professions.

KING DECORATES J.T.A. CORRESPONDENT IN ROME

ROME, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- King Vittorio Emanuele III today decorated David Kleinlerer, correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, with the order Cavalier Ufficiale of the Italian Crown. The ceremony was held at the Pallacio Chigi, the king's residence.

ANTI-JEWISH LAWS URGED ON SEJM: EQUALITY CALLED "ILLUSION"

WARSAW, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Demands for special anti-Jewish laws on the ground that "equality before the law is a dangerous illusion created by the French Revolution" were made in Parliament today with the support of several deputies.

One of the bills, barring Jews from military service, will be introduced when Ministry of War budget estimates come up, Deputy Bakol announced, declaring that "Jews are bad soldiers" and "special laws are required for Jews, adapted to the Jewish mentality."

In a debate on the Ministry of Justice estimates in Parliament, Mr. Bakol asserted that "compulsory exemption" of Jews from military service would greatly benefit the Polish state. Nationalist deputies supported his proposals.

A Polish deputy named Jablonski, however, retorted that "in Poland there must be one law for all."

BULLETIN

Arab Demands Summarized by Commission

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Arab demands presented before the Royal Commission today were summed up as follows in an official communique issued by the commission this evening:

Immediate abandonment of the Jewish national home project for Palestine; immediate and complete stoppage of all immigration; complete prohibition of land sales; and termination of the League of Nations mandate, with a treaty to be concluded between Great Britain and Palestine providing for an independent, constitutional, national Government.