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### ZIONIST FUNDS BAN STILL IN FORCE IN RUMANIA

BUCHAREST, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Government's virtual ban on Zionist fund collections is still in force throughout the country, it was reliably learned today, despite reports in some newspapers that it had been lifted.

Zionist leaders have been notified that the prohibition of fund collections without special permits, which to date have not been issued to anyone, is still valid and that collection efforts remain illegal.

The ban chiefly affects the provinces of Transylvania, Bukovina and Bessarabia. In the city of Czernowitz alone, where the heaviest Jewish population in Rumania is concentrated, about 1,000,000 lei (about \$10,000) is impounded in the banks.

The authorities claim that authorization for Jewish National Fund, Palestine Foundation Fund and other Zionist collections was formally withdrawn by the Rumanian Cabinet two years ago and has never been re-issued.

Zionist leaders, however, contend that no such action ever was taken and point out that, on the contrary, an agreement exists between exporters and the Government National Bank which provides that a certain percentage of the entire export to Palestine may be transferred in the form of Zionist funds.

### PALESTINE QUIET BUT TENSE, COMMONS IS TOLD

LONDON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Quiet prevails in Palestine although general tension still exists, the House of Commons was told today by Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore. Isolated cases of violence, he declared were due to criminal rather than political motives.

The Colonial Secretary said he had heard nothing of further Italian anti-British radio broadcasts to Palestine.

(A special clause in the new Anglo-Italian Mediterranean accord is said to contain promises by Italy not to engage in anti-British propaganda in the Near East.)

#### Arab Moderates to Submit Own Demands to Commission

LONDON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Daily Herald reported today that a group of prominent Arabs of the moderate faction has planned to present the Royal Commission, before it leaves Jerusalem, with a memorandum diametrically opposed to the extremist Arab demands as presented by the Grand Mufti on behalf of the Arab Supreme Committee.

According to the Herald, the memorandum makes the following demands:

- 1.-Institution of a legislative council for Palestine, with the rights of both Arabs and Jews protected;
- 2.-Appointment of a permanent commission of Arabs, Jews and Britons to regulate immigration;
- 3.-Introduction of effective security measures against lawlessness;
- 4.-Retention of the British mandate.

#### Auni Bey Would Consent to Talks on New Zionist Basis

LONDON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Another version was published here today of what Auni Bey Abdul Hadi, militant Arab Nationalist leader, said to the Royal Commission in Jerusalem about round-table talks on the Arab-Jewish problem.

The Times reported that in correcting the original reports of his testimony, Auni Bey yesterday declared he had wished to say the Arabs had been ready to compromise, but while stoutly opposed to recognition of Zionism they were prepared to sit down with the Jews on a non-Zionist basis and recognize their share as a minority.

Auni Bey had alleged mistranslation of his original testimony in which he was quoted as rejecting all compromise and round table talks.

#### Impressed by Gravity of Palestine Problem

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Royal Commission, its long investigation into Palestine troubles completed, is returning home with the conviction that certain aspects of the Arab-Jewish problem are more serious than it imagined before it came to Palestine.

This feeling was conveyed today by Lord Peel, chairman, and Sir Horace Rumbold, in an interview with the local correspondent of The Times of London, it was learned.

The belief that Great Britain does not fully appreciate the special difficulties of the Palestine problem was also expressed.

#### SINCLAIR LEWIS, MANN BANNED BY HUNGARIAN FASCIST YOUTH

BUDAPEST, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Sinclair Lewis, America's Nobel Prize novelist, today came under the ban of the Hungarian Fascist Youth in a revival of pro-Nazi activity by a section of the Hungarian press, the Havas News Agency reported.

The novels of H.G. Wells and Thomas Mann, British and German authors, were condemned along with those of Lewis for their "democratic spirit."

"It is absolutely essential to gag all liberal and democratic literature," the rightist newspaper Uj Magyarasag declared. It added that certain books by Sinclair Lewis and Thomas Mann "are in complete contradiction to the thousand-year-old Hungarian constitution."

#### AUSTRIAN JEWS FEAR REPORTED CABINET SHIFT TO INCLUDE NAZIS

VIENNA, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Austrian Jewish circles were agitated today by rumors of an impending shuffle in the Government to include Nazi elements.

The Cabinet will be reorganized, it was reported, as a result of pressure by Franz von Papen, German minister here, who was said to be demanding full amnesty for imprisoned Nazis and legalization of Nazi organizations in Austria as the price for conclusion of an Austro-German trade agreement.

Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg, addressing a conference of Fatherland Front leaders, insisted that his Government would not permit any political activities outside the Fatherland Front. However, Interior Minister Glaiss-Horstensau attended an inaugural meeting of the "Ostmaerkische Volksvereinigung," whose outspokenly Nazi program includes repudiation of Hapsburg restoration and promotion of "Aryan" ideology.

#### INTERVENTION SEEN NEEDED TO BAR NATURALIZATION ACTION BY RUMANIA

GENEVA, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- League circles today expressed the belief that intervention by signatories to the St. Germain and Trianon treaties may be necessary to prevent Rumania from depriving of their citizenship persons who automatically acquired it when their native territories were annexed under the treaties following the war.

A bill demanding revision of such naturalizations, aimed chiefly against 600,000 Jews residing in those territories, has been put before the Rumanian Parliament.

DANISH FASCISTS WRECK SYNAGOGUE IN COPENHAGEN

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A gang of vandals, believed by police to be Fascists, today wrecked the interior of a synagogue here, smashing pews, tearing a valuable scroll, and painting swastikas on the walls.

The same gang is believed responsible for the recent raid on a Jewish immigrants' home, during which walls were disfigured with swastikas and numerous documents stolen. Police have failed to find a trace of the vandals.

SCANDINAVIAN RABBIS MOVE TO UNIFY REFUGEE AID

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The second Scandinavian Conference of Rabbis, constituting itself as a permanent organization, has decided to unify activities on the peninsula for assistance to Jewish refugees from Germany and elsewhere.

In addition, it will authorize experiments in stunning animals before slaughter for human consumption in accordance with Jewish ritual.

NEW BOMBINGS IN WARSAW, WILNO

WARSAW, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A bomb thrown from an automobile at a Jewish shop on Krucza Street today destroyed considerable merchandise and injured several Polish passersby.

Another bomb exploded on the premises of the Jewish newspaper Wilner Tog in Wilno, breaking hundreds of windows in the vicinity.

WARSAW'S OLDEST RABBI DEAD AT 82

WARSAW, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Rabbi Aron Scheingross, the oldest member of the Warsaw rabbinate, died here today at the age of 82.

PRUSSIAN KEMILLAS ASSIGN HALF OF BUDGET TO RELIGIOUS NEEDS

BERLIN, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A 1937 budget of 545,000 marks was adopted today by the Federation of Jewish Communities of Prussia, about half of the sum to be allocated to communities for maintenance of synagogues, cemeteries and other religious needs.

JEWISH SCULPTOR WINS HOLLAND'S "PRIX DE ROME"

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A Jewish sculptor, W. Couzyn of Amsterdam, was awarded today the Prix de Rome. He was the first recipient of the Netherlands Government's prize to enable young Dutch artists to travel in Italy, France and other art centers. Couzyn is a student of the Dutch Royal Academy of Plastic Arts.



NEWS OF SANTO DOMINGO REFUGEE PLAN HIT AS "PREMATURE"

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A tentative plan for settlement of 1,000,-000 Jews in Santo Domingo, divulged by Dr. Howard Blake, a New York Jewish dentist, who said he represented Dr. Stephen S. Wise in negotiations with President Rafael Leonarides Trujillo, today drew from Dr. Wise a statement deploring the "premature" and "unauthorized" disclosure as perhaps jeopardizing whatever immigration possibilities might exist there.

Dr. Wise, denying that Dr. Blake represented the American Jewish Congress or World Jewish Congress, said he had gone to the West Indian island in a "private capacity" and was to report to Dr. Wise privately on whether colonization possibilities merited a full investigation. He declared also that announcement of the plan might divert public attention from oppression of Jews in Germany, Poland and elsewhere.

The plan, announced by Dr. Blake, who returned with a letter from President Trujillo to Dr. Wise inviting Jewish settlement, foresees settlement of 1,000,000 Jews from Germany, Poland and Rumania on large tracts of rich land in 25 years, each settler to receive 30 acres tax-free for five years with the World Jewish Congress to support them until they become self-supporting. Emigration of 1,000 settlers in the near future is envisioned, for whose transportation about \$1,000,-000 would be required, to be raised in the United States.

"When the communication from President Trujillo is received," Dr. Wise said, "the American Jewish Congress will be glad to submit it for careful consideration to the World Jewish Congress, which is committed by resolutions adopted in Geneva to seek possibilities for Jewish migration and settlement."

He added, however, that "the efforts of the Jews of the world should be directed to bringing about such moral and political pressure upon Poland and other European countries as to prevent outlawry of Jews from lands where they have been settled for centuries."

President Trujillo's letter, as quoted by Dr. Blake, expressed sympathy with a proposal for immigration of Jewish agriculturists "to dedicate themselves to the land and development of industrial enterprises" and said the Government was ready to receive as soon as possible a special commission to study "the most satisfactory plan for carrying out that project."

At Dr. Blake's office it was stated that he was expecting to see Dr. Wise tomorrow.

"I feel especially deeply about the matter," Dr. Wise said in his statement, "because I have for some time been gravely concerned with reports from Cuba which indicate that the publication of Congressman Sirovich's scheme for Jewish settlement in Cuba has availed chiefly to evoke bitter anti-Semitic outbursts on the part of certain groups in Cuba, possibly under Nazi inspiration."

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REFORM GROUP URGES SUPPORT OF HOMELAND; GOLDMAN NAMED PRESIDENT

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The 35th council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations closed here today after electing Robert F. Goldman, Cincinnati, president, and urging its constituents to support the Jewish homeland in Palestine.

A resolution on Palestine expressed satisfaction with progress made by the Jewish Agency for Palestine, pointing out that a large portion of Jewry was desperately in need of friendly shelter, a spiritual and cultural center.

"The time has come for all Jews to unite in activities leading to the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine," the resolution said. "We urge our constituents to give financial and moral support to the work of rebuilding Palestine."

Other officers elected besides Mr. Goldman, whose election was praised in a telegram from Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of the New York Times, are: Jacob W. Mack, Cincinnati, first vice-president and Harry Gottlieb, Chicago, second vice-president.

At a banquet Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, New York, said that Judaism was not a secular life-salvaging program but a soul-building enterprise, adding that the cry of assimilation was "all rot."

LEONARD STEIN INCORRECTLY QUOTED ON ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Through an error in cable transmission, Leonard Stein, adviser to the Jewish Agency for Palestine, was incorrectly quoted in the dispatches of Jan. 2 as telling the Royal Commission in Jerusalem that the principle of absorptive capacity was inconsistent with the League of Nations mandate.

An account of the session, received by mail from Jerusalem, says in part:

"In regard to the absorptive capacity principle in immigration, he (Mr. Stein) was certain that it was not inconsistent with Article 6 of the Mandate, but on the contrary was a positive obligation under that article; that the word used was 'to facilitate,' which was more far-reaching than merely to 'permit' immigration, and that the rights and position of the non-Jews could not be exercised in respect of the absorptive capacity in such a way as to prevent the Jews from becoming a majority."