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### PALESTINE TO GIVE DEFENSE PRIORITY IN FUNDS ALLOTMENT, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Because of continued unrest in the Holy Land, the Palestine administration will give priority to defense expenditures, the House of Commons was told today by Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore.

Replying to a question by Capt. W. F. Strickland, Conservative, on whether construction of the Jaffa-Haifa road was to be speeded to completion, Mr. Ormsby-Gore said:

"Priority will be given by the Palestine Government to defense expenditures. Due to the Palestine troubles, Labor money henceforth is to be devoted first to security services. Further progress of the road depends on Palestine's general financial position."

### SEJM HECKLES JEWISH DEPUTY'S PLEA AGAINST TERRORISM.

WARSAW, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Jewish deputies pleading in Parliament last night against anti-Semitic terrorism were interrupted by shouts of "Go to Palestine," followed by an anti-Jewish attack by a Nationalist deputy that drew long applause from the chamber.

"We are going to Palestine," replied Deputy Emil Sommerstein, "but we also intend to remain here. The Jews have lived in Poland 900 years and do not intend to move."

The discussion arose in connection with the Government's so-called "investment plan," which aims at improvement of general economic conditions. Deputy Sommerstein demanded the equal rights for all citizens.

Deputy Joshua Gottlieb held that anti-Semitism was undermining Poland's economic system. He said that "it is impossible to dream

of a better future and at the same time throw bombs at Rabbi Rubenstein's door." (The home of Deputy Isaac Rubenstein, chief rabbi of Wilno, was bombed on Monday.)

Government intervention to check continued student anti-Jewish rioting in Polish universities was demanded by Deputy Gottlieb, who submitted a list of injured students, including his son, Chaim, an undergraduate at Warsaw University.

Anti-Jewish terror is forcing Jews to quit their homes in several villages of the Podlansk district, the anti-Semitic paper ABC reported today. Six members of the outlawed National Radical Party were reported arrested as ringleaders.

In one village unknown persons poured acid on Jewish houses and demolished others, the report said. In another village Jews were driven out of their homes despite freezing temperatures prevailing.

In Warsaw, students escorted by 15 National Radicals armed with sticks invaded a Jewish-owned button factory and demanded replacement of the Jewish workers by non-union Christian laborers despite the opposition of Polish union workers employed in the factory.

#### THREATENS POLICE ACTION TO HALT WILNO UNIVERSITY RIOTING

WILNO, Poland, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The District Governor threatened today to disregard university autonomy and send police into Wilno University on the first repetition of anti-Jewish attacks which resulted Monday in injuries to 20 students.

Police surrounded the university outside the grounds while several hundred Jewish students occupied the Student Union home in a 24-hour strike protesting what they called the indifference of the authorities to anti-Jewish outbreaks.

The rector, meanwhile, closed the first year law faculty as a result of Monday's disturbances.

The governor's promise to send police into the university was made to Deputy Isaac Rubenstein. He visited the governor in connection with the recurrent anti-Jewish attacks.

#### KOSHER MEAT QUOTA HALVED TO CURB MEAT SALE TO NON-JEWS IN POLAND

WARSAW, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Agriculture today issued an order, under the law curbing practice of shechita, Jewish ritual slaughter of animals, decreasing by approximately 50 per cent the kosher meat quota allowed Jewish butchers.

Illustrative of the many complications arising from enforcement of the law, the order is the result of sale by Jewish butchers to Christians of the cattle's hind quarters, which are proscribed for Jews.

The order, it is understood, aims to compel the Jewish butchers to "porg" the hind quarters, thus making them kosher in a way permitted by the dietary laws. Rabbis, however, are opposed to the idea, declaring it is impossible for the time being. (Deputy Joshua Gottlieb, Jewish member of the Sejm, recently asked rabbis not to prohibit "porging.")

Issuance of the order followed a demand by non-Jewish butchers, who complain of the competition resulting from the sale of the non-kosher parts to Christians, that the shechita law be amended so as to make the sale impossible.

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According to the Jewish Encyclopedia, many Jewish communities have, since the 17th century, not used the lower part or sirloin of the animal, the butcher selling that part to non-Jewish customers. In the Orient, however, and in several cities such as Wilno, Poland, and Kaunas, Lithuania, where non-Jewish consumers of meat were few, the sirloin is "porged" and sold to Jews. "Porging," a complicated process, is believed to have been discarded largely as a result of the scarcity of competent operators.

#### POLISH SWIMMING UNION REFUSES TO EXPEL JEWISH CLUBS

WARSAW, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Union of Polish Swimming Clubs rejected today a proposal by Poznan delegates to the convention here for expulsion of all Jewish clubs in the union. The convention elected a Jew, Aron Raskin, as chairman of the disciplinary committee.

#### 3 JEWS JAILED FOR ANTI-NATIONALIST PLACARDS

LODZ, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- A court today fined and sentenced three Jews to prison terms of one month each for displaying anti-Nationalist placards.

#### REICH JEWISH GROUPS TO CELEBRATE ABRAVANEL ANNIVERSARY

BERLIN, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations announced plans today to celebrate the quinqucentenary of the birth of Don Isaac Abravanel, Portuguese Jew who gained fame as a statesman, exogote and mystic. The Berlin Jewish Community will commemorate the occasion by issuing a special medal, to be presented to it by Dr. Heinrich Stahl, president.

The Federation of Jewish Communities of Prussia issued an appeal to all communities to devote the week of Passover to celebration of the birthday, which will be marked by Jews throughout the world.

### NAZIS LIFT BAN ON JEWISH PARLEYS TO PERMIT MIZRACHI CONFERENCE

BERLIN, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- A ban on Jewish conferences, in effect several weeks, has been lifted by the authorities to permit a convention next Sunday of the Mizrachi, orthodox Zionist organization. The convention had been originally scheduled for last December.

### ARABS START CAMPAIGN FOR AIR FLEET

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Arab Nationalists today opened a determined campaign to build an air fleet, the Havas News Agency reported. Donations were solicited toward purchase of three planes in Iraq, Hedjaz and Syria, to be used in the Holy Land.

### CATALAN REGIME WOULD SEND GROUP HERE TO AIR FASCIST BIAS

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The autonomous Catalan government has offered to send a commission of "two or three Catalan and Jewish persons" to America to give information about "the anti-Semitism of the Spanish Fascists and about the attitude of the legal Government in this question."

In a letter received here from Barcelona, the Commissariat of Propaganda said its offer was prompted by receipt of several inquiries from Jewish organizations and persons on the situation of the Jews in the civil war. Cooperation was asked in covering the expenses of the delegation.

### POLISH JEWS OPPOSED TO EVACUATION, TIMES OBSERVER HOLDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of Poland does not feel itself superfluous and does not wish to be evacuated, Otto D. Tolischus said today in the fourth of a series of Warsaw dispatches to the New York Times. Accordingly they offer two solutions to the Jewish problem.

These solutions, the report said, are: first, restoration of the equal rights guaranteed them in the minorities treaties, which Poland has suspended, and second, land reform to take care of the rural population.

Jews cite figures that there is plenty of room for all in supporting the first solution. As to the second, Jewish spokesmen see the land-hungry peasant population looking menacingly toward the big estates to save which, Jewish spokesmen charge, their owners seek to divert the peasants by inciting them against the Jews.

"Either the big estates will go or the Jews will perish," one Jewish spokesman was quoted as saying.

The article paid tribute to Jewish charity, specifically to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, in "a valiant, if almost hopeless struggle against human misery."



TEL AVIV, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Resolutions protesting Government assistance to the Arab Supreme Committee and restrictions on Jewish participation in defence against disorders were adopted today at the closing session of the thirty-fourth annual convention of the Histadruth, Jewish general federation of Labor in Palestine.

The conference asserted that the Arab committee, which directed the six-month general strike against the Government and the Jews, was responsible for the disturbances last year.

Another resolution urged the Jewish community to stand up against hard times and appealed to the world to assist in the upbuilding of the Jewish national home.

#### NEW YORK BANK SEEKS RELEASE OF ARNOLD BERNSTEIN

BERLIN, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Leonard Ingram, director of the London branch of the Chemical Bank and Trust Co. of New York, left here for Hamburg today to intervene with authorities there in an attempt to secure freedom for Arnold Bernstein, Red Star Line shipping magnate arrested recently for illegal stock activities, the Havas News Agency reported.

Bernstein's arrest was only announced officially by police authorities today, the Deutsches Nachrichten Bureau reporting that Bernstein and two business associates had been placed under "preventive arrest."

#### RELIGIOUS ISSUE UNIMPORTANT IN ANTI-SEMITISM, NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA SAYS

LISBON (JTA) -- The Portuguese and Brazilian Encyclopedia, just published here, contains an outspoken article on anti-Semitism by the well-known Portuguese historian Dr. Antonio Sergio, former Minister of Education.

Anti-Semitism, the article declares, aims to exclude the Jews from posts of political and social importance. In its extreme form, it may bring about the actual expulsion of the Jews from their native countries on the excuse of their exercising a pernicious influence on the social order. The modern aspect of anti-Semitism is eminently social and economic and the religious issue plays a very unimportant role.

Dr. Sergio reviews the development of anti-Semitism in Germany since 1880 when Stocker, Treitschke and Dühring unsuccessfully tried to make the Reichstag vote restrictions against the Jews, up to its present-day "racist" form. Turning to France, he shows how anti-Semitic propaganda was started in that country about 1882 by Edward Drummond, editor of La Libre Parole, and assumed its most alarming proportions during the Dreyfus trial.

He describes the appalling conditions under which Jews lived in pre-war Russia and ends with a vivid description of the Kishinev pogrom of 1905, and those of 1905 and 1906.