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COMMISSION OPENS HEARINGS IN LONDON; WEDGWOOD, JABOTINSKY TESTIFY

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- At its first session since returning from a two-month inquiry into Palestine troubles, the Royal Commission today heard charges that certain sections of the Palestine Government were anti-Jewish and pro-Arab, and demands for immigration of 1,500,000 Jews into the Holy Land in ten years.

The charges were voiced by Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite Member of Parliament who has long been a protagonist of Zionism.

Addressing the six-man body, of which Lord Peel is chairman, at a public hearing held in the committee room of the House of Lords, Col. Wedgwood also charged the Palestine judiciary with being unfair to Jews, particularly in cases involving land disputes.

Col. Wedgwood voiced caustic criticism of the entire administrative setup in Palestine. The Holy Land, he declared, had more officials per square mile, most of them Arabs, than any other British territory.

The demand for extensive immigration into Palestine and facilitation of creation of a Jewish majority headed a series of demands presented by Vladimir Jabotinsky, world leader of the right-wing New Zionist Organization and organizer of the Jewish Legion which helped in the British conquest of the Holy Land.

Mr. Jabotinsky strongly criticized the British Government for what he described as its "muddling through" policy in Palestine affairs.

He advanced, also, the possibility of an "alternative mandatory" should Great Britain feel itself unable to fulfill the purpose of the mandate which he said was to facilitate "a Jewish majority without hardship to the Arab minority."

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If the Mandatory Power could not fulfill that purpose, he declared, "it is their duty to see that security for Jews be not prejudiced pending an agreement for an alternative Mandatory."

Asks Special Body to Place Disorders' Guilt

Mr. Jabotinsky demanded appointment of a special independent commission to establish who were guilty of causing the Palestine disturbances. He rejected compromises like cantonization, parity between Arabs and Jews, and a legislative council. "None of them is practical and they would lead to even more dangerous trouble," he said.

The Palestine troubles, he asserted, are due to the "Mandatory Power's failure to produce a planned policy, clear to all concerned and laying down beyond cavil the principle of a Jewish majority and the essentials of a regime necessary to create such a majority without hardships to anyone."

Asserting that this failure affected the Palestine Government's personnel and fostered the conviction among the Arabs that violence could kill Zionism, he suggested the following remedial program:

- 1- Reform of the civil service and budget.
- 2- Agrarian reform.
- 3- Opening of Transjordan to the Jews.
- 4- Assuring security by establishing a Jewish contingent in the British garrison, Jewish police units and legalized self-defence units.
- 5- Adoption of Mr. Jabotinsky's ten-year plan for admitting 1,500,000 Jews into Palestine "which would reduce Jewish distress in the diaspora, ensuring at the same time a Jewish majority."

"We deny all allegations that carrying out such a scheme would meet formidable obstacles within or outside Palestine," he declared. "On the contrary, once the resolve is made clear to all parties concerned its execution will take a normal course."

He added significantly: "If Britain is unable to do this, then they should give back their mandate and do it in a way which would not harm Jewish safety and the Zionist future."

Concluding, he pointed out that this was his party's view, adding that he believed such a time would not come because he had faith in Great Britain.

WAUCHOPE ARRIVES IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Palestine High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope arrived here today by plane from Jerusalem for what was officially described as a leave of absence to last several weeks.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF JEWISH MAYOR OF TIBERIAS FAILS

TIBERIAS, Palestine, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Arab terrorists failed today in an attempt to kill this city's Jewish mayor, Zakiel Khadiv. Shots aimed at Mayor Khadiv went wide of the mark.

WILNO JEWISH STUDENTS TO COMBAT SEGREGATION EFFORTS

WILNO, Poland, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Five-hundred Jewish students at Wilno University, following a 24-hour hunger-strike protesting the authorities' "indifference" to anti-Semitic attacks, decided today to combat any attempt to segregate them in lecture rooms.

They were greeted by a crowd of Jews as they left the Student Union home after their strike. Representatives of the Progressive Polish Students' organization expressed solidarity with their protest action.

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Polish Scientist Urges Formation of Students Self-Defense Units

WARSAW (JTA) -- If Nationalist students succeed in segregating Jews in universities in "ghetto benches" their next move will be to force Jews to use separate entrances, according to Prof. Tadeusz Kotarbinski, famous Polish scientist, of Warsaw University.

Accordingly, writing in the semi-official Kurjer Poranny, he urged creation of a self-defense organization to prevent Nationalists from "carrying out their acts of provocation." He said that "where the self-defense is stronger than the attackers, order will reign."

"Every time I enter the university," he wrote, "I am overcome by a feeling of bitterness. One of my pupils, a middle-aged lecturer, has had his skull fractured with an iron rod. Once, during my lecture, an Endek band rushed into the room and began attacking the Jewish students. Work at the university is being carried on in a haphazard way and every day there are many injured among the students.

"I admire the Jewish students who come to the lectures. Particularly some of them who have the courage to occupy seats on the right side of the lecture rooms deserve to be honored. Even foreign students who attend Warsaw University for special research purposes are in danger of being attacked. A few days ago Endek criminals wished to force a Jewish scholar from Belgium to occupy a seat in the left side of the lecture room."

GERMANY REPORTED SEEKING ECONOMIC Foothold IN ECUADOR

BERLIN, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Germany is negotiating with Ecuador for a part in the economic exploitation of that country's resources, it was reported here today, according to the Havas News Agency. German efforts to get a foothold in Ecuador are already far advanced, it was said.

German experts are in the country studying plans for modernizing the port facilities at San Lorenzo and cooperation in exploiting the rich oil fields of Santa Elena is being discussed, it was said.

According to the Berlin account, Germany has even advanced a proposal for the cession of an Ecuadorian port to the Reich. This project was not taken seriously in diplomatic circles here.

German sources insisted, however, that Ecuador has evinced a readiness to facilitate German expansion in that country. They pointed out that a Swiss firm has already been favored with a contract for a railway from Ibara to San Lorenzo.

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"Fairy Tales," Ecuador President Says

QUITO, Ecuador, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Berlin reports that Germany is negotiating for a part in the economic exploitation of Ecuador's resources were described today by President Frederico Paez as "fairy tales invented by newspapermen lacking real news," the Havas News Agency reported.

"There have been talks between Berlin and Quito regarding concessions to facilitate payments on purchases made from Germany, but "oil field concessions were never mentioned," the President declared. He added that a number of German companies were interested in the purchase of the Ecuador oil fields purely as an ordinary business transaction in accordance with the laws of the Latin American nation.

MORE DRASTIC REVISION OF DANZIG CHARTER BY NAZIS SEEN

DANZIG, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- New and even more drastic revision of the Danzig Constitution may be rammed through the Free City Volkstag before a new League High Commissioner, still unappointed, arrives opposition circles feared today, according to the Havas News Agency.

Already holding 45 out of 72 seats in the Volkstag, just short of the legally required two-thirds majority, the Danzig Nazis can make up the difference by arresting a few more opposition deputies. They already control the senate.

MUFTI LEAVES FOR MECCA; "MAJOR POLITICAL RESULTS" SEEN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Haj Amin el Hussein, Grand Mufti of Palestine, left here today for Mecca, where he will attend a congress of Arab leaders from all parts of the Near East, the Havas News Agency reported.

He was accompanied by the leaders of the Palestine "Wakfs" (Moslem religious organizations) and will travel by way of Egypt.

Arab circles here predicted that the Grand Mufti would present a "great personal contribution" to the solution of the Arab problem in the Near East, and that the congress would have important political results.

ANTI-JEWISH SENTIMENT IN SPAIN STIRS TENSION IN BUCHAREST

BUCHAREST, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Tension was aroused among Jews here when 20,000 members of the anti-Semitic Iron Guard held funeral services for two of the organization killed while serving as volunteers in the Spanish rebel army. Apart from the molesting of Jewish pedestrians, no disturbances were reported.

MIGRATION OF 50,000 TO AUSTRALIA TO BE DISCUSSED AT FREILAND PARTY

VIENNA (JTA) -- Plans to settle 50,000 Jews in Australia in the near future will be discussed at the first international conference here of Freiland, Jewish organization, to promote colonization, scheduled for March 10 to 16.

Delegates from America, England, France, Holland and Poland (where the organization was recently legalized) are expected to attend. Among the delegates will be Leopold Kessler, leader of the expedition sent by Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of political Zionism, to the Sinai Peninsula to investigate Jewish settlement possibilities.

It was recalled here that the first conference of the Jewish Territorialist Organization was held in Vienna 25 years ago under the chairmanship of Israel Zangwill, famous novelist.

VIENNESE CONDUCTOR HEADS JAPANESE NATIONAL ORCHESTRA

VIENNA (JTA) -- Announcement has been made here of the appointment of Josef Rosenstock, noted conductor, as music director of the Japanese National Orchestra in Tokyo. Mr. Rosenstock for a time was active in the Jewish Culture League in Germany.

Two other Jews, it was learned, are employed in the Japanese Music Conservatory in Tokyo -- A. Pollack of Austria, and Leo Sirota of Poland.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS TO BOYCOTT SCHMELING EXHIBITIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Pressing further the campaign which resulted in the cancellation of the proposed Max Schmeling - James Braddock championship bout, the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. announced today a boycott against the German boxer's proposed exhibitions in the United States.

Commander-in-chief Harry Schaffer, of Pittsburgh, terming the German heavyweight boxer a "symbol of Nazism," issued orders to post commanders in the 22 cities where exhibitions have been arranged to boycott the bouts.

PALESTINE CITRUS PUT ON SALE IN CANADA

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Palestinian oranges and grapefruit grown in Jewish-owned groves are being placed on sale in large quantities

in Canada through Yakhin, Palestine agricultural association, according to information from Tel Aviv made public by the Yakhin office here.

The Yakhin, a branch of the Histadruth, Jewish general federation of labor, also announced that the largest insurance companies in Palestine had joined it in insuring orange groves since many English companies were refusing to write policies as a result of recent disorders.

NAZI PROPAGANDA FILM DISTRIBUTED IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The Joint Boycott Council said today a Nazi propaganda film, "Hans Westman," based on the life of Horst Wessel and directed by Ernst Hanfstaengl, was being distributed in this country by Peaslee and Brigham, a law firm at 501 Fifth Avenue.

JEWISH TEACHERS' SEMINARY REGISTRATION STARTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Registration for a series of Jewish cultural courses, carrying full college credit, was announced today by the Jewish Teachers' Seminary for the term beginning Feb. 15. They include Palestine, its resources and absorptive capacity; Jewish history, economic problems of modern Jewry, Hebrew language and literature, Yiddish language and literature.

NAZIS TAKE OVER CONTROL OF BERNSTEIN LINES; JEWISH SHIPPER FACES TRIAL

BERLIN, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The only shipping companies in Germany under Jewish control -- the Arnold Bernstein and Red Star -- were being operated by a Nazi-appointed trustee today while Mr. Bernstein faced trial on charges of breaches of the foreign exchange laws.

Before the trustee was appointed, consent was obtained from creditors, representing chiefly American interests, although the prosecuting attorney explained that such consent was not essential under German law.

No details of the indictment against Mr. Bernstein were published. He remained in prison with two associates. Under the economic treason act he could be sentenced to execution for the crime of which he is accused. It was expected that in any case Mr. Bernstein would be eliminated from further control of the lines.

5 JEWS, 3 DEFENDING THEM HURT IN WARSAW UNIVERSITY DISORDERS

WARSAW, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Five Jewish students, and three Polish Progressive students defending the Jews were injured today in anti-Semitic clashes at Warsaw University.

Jewish students were lauded as "martyrs leaving for the university in the morning, not knowing whether they will return alive in the evening," said Deputy Emil Sommerstein, addressing Parliament. He expressed regret that only Polish workers, but not Polish democracy, protested anti-Semitism. He rebuked statements of Premier Skladkowski and Foreign Minister Beck that the Jewish problem was acute for economic reasons, declaring anti-Semitism was political, since the system ruined Jewish stores and replaced them with newly-opened non-Jewish stores.