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PALESTINE PROBLEMS AIRED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATE

LONDON, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Palestine's trade, finances and disturbances were the subject of considerable attention in the House of Commons today.

Prominent in the discussion was the question of empowering the Palestine Government to impose tariffs to curb dumping by Japan and Germany. Raising the question, Herbert G. Williams, Conservative, demanded a further inquiry into the constitutional relationship of Palestine to England.

Such an inquiry, Mr. Williams contended, was necessary since the Colonial Office, by extending to Palestine treaty benefits between England and foreign countries, recognized her as a part of the British Empire, while on the other hand the Treasury, by declining to extend to Palestine imperial preference, treated her fiscally as a foreign country.

Replying, Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore pointed out that commercial treaties between Britain and foreign countries were applied to Palestine with the concurrence of the Palestine Government since, under the mandate, England was entrusted with control of foreign relations of that territory. "This circumstance, however, does not affect the juridical difficulty standing in the way of extending to Palestine the benefits of imperial preference," he added.

Initiating a debate on the cost of sending the British forces to Palestine last year, the Colonial Secretary stated the country's financial position justified the Government in asking Palestine to pay the difference between maintaining the troops in England and the cost of their maintenance in the Holy Land.

The expedition to suppress the 1936 disorders cost Great Britain approximately \$5,525,000, Mr. Ormsby-Gore informed Commons.

Discussing the Royal Commission which recently completed an inquiry into the disturbances, the Colonial Secretary declared its recommendations were bound to effect the financial as well as the political situation in Palestine.

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The level of our cultural life as well as our regard for law and order are too high to approve acts of violence and brutal anti-Jewish excesses. To the contrary, the instinct of self-defence compels Poles to strive for economic self-sufficiency.

"We fully appreciate the differences between minorities and ourselves, and intend to respect them as long as they do not harm the State and refrain from erecting a Chinese wall of hate amid the population."

On the question of religion Col. Koc said that the Catholics were in the overwhelming majority and consequently were one of the pillars of the State. He added: "As far as other religions are concerned, we adhere to the Constitution conforming with traditional Polish tolerance."

His proposed solution for the rural problem caused concern in Jewish circles. Col. Koc expressed the belief that peasants would be transferred to the cities where trade and industries would develop to strengthen the middle classes. Chief among those who would be adversely affected, it was said, would be the Jews, who have the highest percentage of urban dwellers of any people in Poland.

Promising to promote Polish character, sciences and arts, Col. Koc declared that the founders of the party extended their hands without discrimination to all agreeing with the principles of his declaration.

4 WRITERS INTERNED IN POLISH CONCENTRATION CAMP

WARSAW, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- For allegedly participating in subversive activities, four Jewish literary men were today interned in the Government concentration camp at Kartuz-Bereza. The Jewish Literary Union intervened on behalf of one of them, Mark Rakowski, asking that he be released because he is ill. Another of the interned writers is Leon Pasternak, a well-known poet.

13 ENDEKS JAILED, 7 FREED IN DISORDERS LAST FALL

LOMZA, Poland, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Thirteen Nationalists have been sentenced by the District Court to prison terms varying from six to ten months for participation in disorders in the town of Wysokie Mazowiecki last Sept. 14 in which 50 Jews were injured. Seven other defendants were acquitted. The court stated that the sentences were mild because none of the defendants had any previous conviction and because of the "general anti-Semitic atmosphere."

5 ITALIAN ANTI-SEMITIC LEADERS ENTERTAINED 10 DAYS IN REICH

LONDON, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Newspapers here published reports from Berlin today disclosing that five of Italy's leading anti-Semites had spent ten days in Germany as honored guests of the Reich.

At a send-off given them Thursday at Nuremberg by Julius Streicher, Germany's Number One anti-Semite, one of the Italians is quoted as having said:

"Italy, too, will manage to subdue the Jews."

The speaker was described as Signor Cianetti, Mussolini's Labor Chief for Industries. His statement was made in reply to an address by Streicher, in which he reportedly said that "the Jewish question must come to Italy, too."

The Rome correspondent of the Morning Post, in a dispatch on the reported Cianetti declaration, said it found no echo in Rome. He added that, although a minority anti-Semitic movement exists in North Italy, it never formed part of Mussolini's policy.

MANY NAZIS SEIZED IN VIENNA DISORDERS AS BERLIN ENVOY ARRIVES

VIENNA, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Hundreds of Nazi sympathizers were arrested in disorders tonight as German Foreign Minister Constantin Von Neurath urged Austrian statesmen to negotiate with him on a pledge that "Austria recognizes itself as a German state," the Havas News Agency reported.

"Let us continue to deal in a friendly spirit with common questions," he said at a luncheon given in his honor by Guido Schmidt, Austrian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, after more than 200 Hitlerites were jailed for shouting "Heil Hitler!" on his arrival from Berlin this morning.

Other hundreds were arrested yesterday for distributing Nazi pamphlets. Half of those arrested today were released.

Nazi demonstrations were widespread, but centered in the section of the Ringstrasse near the Hotel Imperial, where Von Neurath has a princely suite reserved by the Austrian Government.

Reports from Berlin said orders were sent to Austria for Nazi demonstrations there to coincide with the arrival of Von Neurath.

NAZI PROPAGANDA HELD SUCCESSFUL IN POLAND, RUMANIA

LONDON, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The German Government is seeking to spread racial and anti-Jewish propaganda throughout Europe, Leonard Montefiore, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, charged yesterday at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Introducing the report of the Joint Foreign Committee, he said that Nazi propaganda attempts were successful in Rumania and Poland, but not so successful in Holland and Scandinavia. He described the distribution of German trade tracts, which he termed Nazi propaganda.

Referring to Poland, Mr. Montefiore said that when one considered the recent jail sentences imposed on Jews it was impossible to avoid the impression that justice in Poland was far from being even-handed.

Nazi Membership Drops in Holland

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The membership of the Nazi Party in the Netherlands has dropped from 78,000 to 30,000 and is still falling, a former Nazi official has declared in an interview with the Utrecht Nieuwsblad. He indicated the leadership itself was losing faith in the movement.

INCREASED SOCIAL WELFARE AID ASKED OF PALESTINE REGIME

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A resolution demanding that the Palestine Government increase its contribution for social service work in Jewish localities was adopted here at the annual Congress of Social Workers.

The conference also decided to appeal to the Jewish National Council of Palestine to permit its social service department to institute control over fund-raising campaigns conducted in the Holy Land.

TRADE PACT WITH PALESTINE GIVES IRAQ SEA OUTLET AT HAIFA

BEIRUT, Syria, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A commercial agreement between Iraq and Palestine was negotiated here today, according Iraq a valuable outlet to the sea by establishment of a free zone in the port of Haifa, the Havas News Agency reported. The zone will be under the control of Iraq customs officials.

HEXTER HERE FOR HULEH PARLEYS; MARKS SEES WIDER POLISH AID

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Maurice Hexter, non-Zionist member of the Jewish Agency for Palestine Executive, arrived today on the Queen Mary to confer with Felix M. Warburg, Bernard Flexner, chairman of the Palestine Economic Corporation, and Charles Liebman, head of the Refugee Settlement Corporation, on development of the Huleh drainage and colonization project in the Holy Land. He will return to London with Mr. Warburg on March 10.

Development of the Huleh concession, Dr. Hexter told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, will begin within a year but not until after the Royal Commission's report is issued. Palestine Jewry is awaiting the report "like the verdict of a court," he asserted.

"The Jews mean to carry on their work within the framework of the report of the Royal Commission as finally accepted by the British Government and the League of Nations," he declared.

Another passenger was Simon Marks, vice-president of the British Zionist Federation, here with his wife and daughter for a holiday of from four to five weeks. He indicated that discussion was going on among Jewish leaders in London looking toward some form of enlarged aid for the Polish Jews.

What form such aid might take could not be specified, he said, before careful study, but he emphasized his personal opinion that the Polish

Jews must be helped to earn a living and to develop "the hachshara spirit -- the spirit of self-reliance."

Mr. Marks, who is a member of the executive of the Council for German Jewry and served as a member of the delegation to the United States last year whose negotiations resulted in the formation of the Council, praised the cooperation of the various Jewish organizations participating in the council.

"The cooperation is very good," he said. "It is the first time in Jewish history that all organizations are working in cooperation and in agreement." He specified the Joint Distribution Committee, HIAS-ICA Emigration Ass'n, HIAS, the Palestine Office and the Reichsvertertung der Juden in Deutschland.

The Council's emigration plan, he reported, has so far been successful. About three quarters of a million pounds have already been raised in England with the prospects that the £1,000,000 mark will be reached. The goal of 25,000 annual emigration has so far been maintained.

The Jewish population of Germany has fallen from 530,000 to no more than 380,000, Mr. Marks said. The percentage of Jews in the categories over 45 years of age has increased markedly owing to the emigration of youths.

SOUTH AFRICA PLANS TO BAN POLITICAL UNIFORMS

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The South African Government is considering a measure banning various political uniforms, it was learned today. The measure will probably not be introduced at this session of Parliament since the Government is awaiting the results of a similar law which went into effect recently in England.

Dr. Conradie, administrator for Southwest Africa, is discussing with the Union Government the steps necessary to prevent alien interference in Southwest internal politics, it was reported. It is expected that a ban on political uniforms will soon be introduced in Southwest Africa by proclamation.

Newspapers predicted that an additional measure to prevent aliens from becoming members of any political organizations in Southwest Africa would be introduced.

FEDERAL PROBE OF RECRUITING AD SOUGHT BY CONGRESSMAN CITRON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A Government investigation of a recruiting advertisement placed by a New York National Guard unit in the pro-Nazi Deutsche Weckruf und Beobachter seeking German recruits, was asked today by Representative William Citron, of Connecticut, in a letter to Secretary of War Woodring.