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ITALIAN LEADER REJECTS RACE THEORY; SEES NO JEWISH PROBLEM

ROME, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The Nazi theory of racial purity was rejected as "entirely baseless today by Prof. Niccolo Castellino, prominent political leader and president of the Union of Italian Newspaper Publishers, in a special lecture at Florence.

A number of Italian statesmen and foreign diplomatic representatives heard Prof. Castellino discuss the question of whether Italy intended to follow Germany in accepting Nazi racial theories. In rejecting the race principle he declared:

"The idea of nationality is much wider, embracing all those who feel bound up with the traditions, aims and spiritual values of the nation, independent of 'race purity'."

Anti-Semitism will never be introduced in Italy since there exists no "Jewish problem," he asserted. He attacked the teachings of Joseph Gobineau, Houston Stuart Chamberlain and other racial theoreticians.

DR. LATTES NAMED CHIEF RABBI OF TRIPOLI

ROME, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Aldo Lattes, acting chief rabbi of Rome and former director of the Jewish Elementary School of Rome, has been appointed chief rabbi of Tripoli, it was announced today. He succeeds Rabbi Castel-Bolognesi, who was ousted by Governor Italo Balbo two years ago.

30 JEWS INJURED IN CUZIST ELECTION RIOT

BUCHAREST, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Thirty Jews, including several women, were seriously wounded by Cuzists yesterday in an outbreak of anti-Semitic violence attending municipal elections in Bacau, Moldavia. A number of the wounded were not expected to live.

Cuzist storm troops ranged through the city's streets, wrecking 35 Jewish shops. Entering homes, they beat up the inhabitants with ironclad clubs. Also among the victims of the attacks were several members of Rumanian democratic parties.

Troops, rushed to the city, succeeded in restoring order, but made no arrests. Because of the violence, Jews were kept from the polls.

LWOW JEWISH STUDENTS STRIKE AGAINST SEGREGATION

LWOW, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A thousand Jewish students massed in the Jewish Student Union building tonight for a 24-hour hunger strike against segregation of Jews being carried out by professors in laboratories and lecture rooms at Lwow University. The strike began at six o'clock.

4 HURT IN TUNIS ATTACKS

TUNIS, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Four persons were wounded yesterday in an outburst of anti-Jewish attacks which followed a conference addressed by Bernard Lechache, president of the League for Combating Anti-Semitism. Order was restored after half an hour by police and troops.

HAIFA SYNAGOGUE BOMBED; ARABS SEIZED IN LEHR MURDER

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A synagogue in Haifa was bombed today in a continuation of scattered violence. The blast smashed the door and broke windows. A water pipe was destroyed in another explosion near Saris.

Several Arab leaders and one tribal chieftain were arrested for complicity in the murder of Dr. Joseph Lehr, lone Jewish resident of Beisan, the Havas News Agency reported.

The roundup indicated that a secret terrorist band was behind the murder.

Shots were fired at a group of seven Jews, including three supernumerary policemen, as they left a railway station and walked toward Kfar Chassidim. One of the men was slightly wounded.

PALESTINE'S LOW GRANTS FOR JEWISH NEEDS DEcriED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Complaints that the Government was slashing its grants-in-aid for Jewish educational, health and religious courts requirements were voiced at a meeting of the Vaad Leumi. In a report on the council's financial position, Dr. Berl Katznelson declared the Government was contributing only \$225,000 towards the Vaad Leumi's education budget, which totals \$1,650,000.

For the council's health program the Government is granting a like amount, while the religious courts are being allotted only \$25,000, Dr. Katznelson asserted. He contrasted these allocations with an estimated Government expenditure in 1937 of \$1,000,000 for Arab schools.

PALESTINE JEWS CELEBRATE HADASSAH ANNIVERSARY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Palestine Jews today joined Hadassah, American women's Zionist organization, in celebrating its twenty-fifth birthday. Henrietta Szold, founder of the organization, and Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University, participated in an anniversary program of the Palestine Broadcasting Service.

ORT TO ENLARGE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR POLISH JEWS

WARSAW, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Outlining an enlarged program of vocational retraining, Dr. Leon Bramson, president of the International ORT Federation, warned the Polish Jews today against allowing themselves to be diverted by the political fight for equality from the reconstruction of the Jews' economic life.

In a press statement urging the necessity of Jewish vocational re-orientation to enable the Jewish masses to continue their existence in Poland, he said the ORT intended to expand its network of training schools, which now serves 50,000 Jews.

The opening of new workshops and schools is planned, he said, and extension of the curriculum to include not only "Jewish trades" such as tailoring, carpentry and weaving, but also courses in motor driving, radio technique, electro-dynamics and agriculture.

POLISH REVISIONISTS DISTURB ZIONIST PARLEY

WARSAW, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Zionist-Revisionists used pigeons and a stench bomb, as well as their voices, to disturb a conference of the Polish Zionist Organization today with protests against what they called discrimination in allotment of Palestine immigration certificates.

The disturbances occurred while Isaac Gruenbaum, member of the World Zionist Executive, was addressing the 400 delegates on the Zionist situation in Palestine. The Revisionists shouted, "Give us certificates!" distributing leaflets, releasing pigeons and throwing the stench bomb.

After they had been removed from the hall, Mr. Gruenbaum said that the Palestine Jewish community had emerged from the disorders of 1936 stronger both economically and politically. He greeted the parley in the name of the Zionist Executive.

POLISH SOCIALISTS PLEDGE AID IN FIGHT ON ANTI-SEMITISM

WARSAW, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Polish Socialist leaders pledged cooperation in fighting anti-Semitism tonight at a farewell banquet for Joseph Schlossberg, secretary of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union of America, leaving for home after conferences on the Jewish question.

ion. Mr. Starszynsky, leader of the Polish Socialist Party, asked Mr. Schlössberg not to exaggerate current anti-Jewish agitation and excesses.

UPPER SILESIA TO DEFER SHECHITA CURB UNTIL MINORITY PACT EXPIRES

KATOWICE, Upper Silesia, Poland, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The Upper Silesian Sejm has decided to postpone introduction of legislation restricting kosher slaughter until after expiration of the Upper Silesian minorities convention on July 15.

HUNGARIAN UNIVERSITY CLOSED AFTER DISORDERS

BUDAPEST, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Education Minister Valentin Homan today ordered the closing of Pecs University for an indefinite period following anti-Semitic disorders. Emmerich Kemery Nagy, chief of the anti-Jewish students, was sentenced to 600 pengos' fine or sixty days' imprisonment for participating in the riot.

NEWSPAPERS HIT ANTI-SEMITIC SPEECH IN DUTCH PARLIAMENT

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Newspapers commented indignantly today over an anti-Semitic speech delivered in the Upper House of the States General, believed to be the first time such an address has been made in that section of the Parliament.

The speech was made by the Nazi deputy Graaf de Marchant et Donsembourg, who charged that all Jews were Marxists and asserted that Jewish citizens were not 100 per cent Dutchmen.

A Jewish deputy, Dr. Mendels, well-known Amsterdam attorney, drew loud applause with a reply to the charges, in which he declared: "Although I am a Marxist, I feel myself a 100 per cent Dutchman."

LITH JEWS BARRED FROM PASSING THROUGH REICH TO FRANCE

KAUNAS, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The German Embassy here yesterday refused a Lithuanian travel agency's application for collective transit visas for Jews intending to visit the Paris International Exposition. The Lithuanian Tourist Union decided to chart special steamers for the Jews, which will sail from the Memel district direct to Franco.

300 STATELESS JEWS IN BULGARIA FACE DEPORTATION

SOFIA, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Three hundred Jews, formerly Turkish citizens but no longer recognized as such by the Turkish Government, petitioned the League of Nations yesterday to save them from becoming men without a country. Not holding Bulgarian citizenship, the Jews have been notified that they will be deported.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION U.S. JEWRY'S GREATEST NEED, WOMEN'S PARLEY HEARS

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Declaring that a well defined program of religious education is the outstanding need of American Jewry today, Mrs. Samuel Spiegel, president of the Women's League of the United Synagogue, said today that the problem of religious education is peculiarly that of women.

In the opening address to 200 delegates to the league's three-day nineteenth annual convention at the Hotel Schenley, she said that if the "reverence for the spirit of Judaism dies, even our successful money-raising drives will die. Carelessness or indifference to what has united us as Jews will lead to assimilation," Mrs. Spiegel declared. "We must not be perfunctory about religious education. And we must not let it end at the age of thirteen."

She also urged relieving rabbis of the burden of congregational finances and the adoption of a social security plan for rabbis along the lines of the federal social security and old-age pension laws. A message was read from President Roosevelt trusting "that the deliberations to be undertaken will promote and encourage the exemplifications of the highest teachings of traditional Judaism."

Two symposiums were held this afternoon and this evening. Mrs. Edward Kolsky, Philadelphia, presided at a discussion of "The Sisterhood as an Educational Agency," and Dr. Simon Greenberg, Philadelphia, was chairman during a panel discussion on "Trends in Present Day Religious Observance."

\$2,000,000 TO BE SPENT ON CRIMEAN, UKRAINIAN COLONIES THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Ten million rubles (about \$2,000,000) will be spent during 1937 for the further development of the Ukrainian and Crimean Jewish colonies established with the aid of American funds, it was revealed by Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, director of the Agro-Joint, who sailed for Europe on the Manhattan.

The current budget, Dr. Rosen declared, will be spent largely on electrification, irrigation and industrial projects and will continue the colonization work begun by the Agro-Joint in 1924. Since then 250,000 Jews have been settled on 3,000,000 acres of land and tens of thousands more have been absorbed into Russian industry as a result of the stimulus of Agro-Joint activity.

The 1937 expenditures, which it is hoped will not only improve conditions among those already settled on the land but will also enable the colonies to absorb additional families, will be met jointly by the Government, the Agro-Joint and the colonies, themselves, he said. In addition, the Government Agricultural Bank will make credits of 5,400,000 rubles available to the colonies to finance the settlement on farms of 500 new Jewish families during the coming year.

KAUKAJI STILL IN IRAQ, PALESTINE GOVERNMENT SAYS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Regarding reports abroad that Arab Nationalist leaders expected the return of Fawzi Bey el Kaukaji, "Public Enemy No. 1" during the 1936 riots, by next April to resume guerilla warfare, the Palestine Government informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that as far as was officially known Kaukaji was still at Kirkur, Iraq.

ROME, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Fortchille, famous Jewish scientist and authority on marine plants, is dead at the age of 60. He left his whole fortune of 15,000,000 lire to his native city of Verona, including 16,000 lire to the Verona Jewish Charitable Society.

HEBREW TEACHERS' SEMINARY TO BE FOUNDED IN BULGARIA

SOFIA, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The Central Consistory of Bulgarian Jews, at its second session yesterday, decided to open a seminary for training of Hebrew teachers. Other decisions were to publish books on Jewish lore, to approve subsidies for Hebrew schools operated by the Tarbut Association, to promote religious education of Jewish youth and to establish a committee for combating anti-Semitism.

JEWISH AGENCY ISSUES REPORT ON 1936 DISORDERS

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Eighty-two Jews were murdered and 369 wounded in 1,996 Arab attacks between April and October, 1936, according to figures by the political department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. Property damage included 200,000 trees destroyed and 17,000 dunams of fields under grain razed by fire.

Besides the attacks on Jews, the figures listed 795 Arab attacks on police, the military and Government representatives, 380 raids on railways, buses and other means of transport and 305 assaults by Arabs on other Arabs.

Arabs used 1,369 bombs, mines and infernal machines during the period of violence, the statistics said, and 263 bombs were confiscated by the police. The authorities arrested 3,111 Arabs for taking part in the disturbances, in addition to Arab leaders detained in concentration camps.

The 82 Jews killed included 46 murdered on the spot and 36 who died later of wounds. Eight of the dead were women. Nine other Jews died for other reasons connected with the disorders.

The 369 Jews injured included 42 women. Of the total, 110 were seriously injured and 36 of these later died of their wounds. Another 172 were able to return home after receiving first-aid and 233 were detained in various hospitals.

Thirty-six of the murdered and 202 of the wounded were attacked en route to or from their places of work. Eight were killed and 30 wounded in defence against attacks; 11 were killed and 24 wounded by Arabs who attacked their homes; 17 were killed and 123 wounded on their way home; 26 were wounded in attacks on the railway.

Among the killed were two young girls and three boys under ten years of age, and four boys and three girls between the ages of ten and twenty.