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PARTITION OF PALESTINE STUDIED BY ROYAL COMMISSION, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, April 2. (JTA) -- Partition of Palestine into a self-governing Jewish dominion within the British Empire and an independent Arab State embracing Transjordan is being closely considered by the Royal Commission which recently completed an investigation into the Palestine situation, it was reported today by the Daily Herald.

Proposals to divide the Holy Land into Arab and Jewish cantons are also being studied by the six-man body, of which Lord Peel is chairman, according to the paper's special correspondent.

The correspondent declares the projected Jewish dominion would embrace the coastal plain, which has space for a population of 1,000,000, with Haifa, Jerusalem and other Christian religious shrines to be inter-nationalized under British mandate.

According to the writer, no decision has yet been reached on the matter, but one member of the Commission is known to be strongly in favor of the plan. The Commission's report, the correspondent states, will be completed by the end of April, but action on it is unlikely until after the coronation.

The Manchester Guardian, declaring the Government does not expect to receive the Royal Commission report for another month, reports the Government "wouldn't dream of publishing the report on the eve of the coronation." It adds the report is likely not to be published before June and, warning that the Palestine situation is touchy, asserts the Government ought not to be allowed to make the coronation an excuse for shelving many pressing problems.

AGENCY ISSUES SUMMARY OF MEMORANDUM TO ROYAL COMMISSION

LONDON, April 2. (JTA) -- Reiteration of the Zionist position that Great Britain has the duty not only to permit but to encourage Jewish settlement in Palestine was contained today in a press summary of a 300-page memorandum submitted by the Jewish Agency for Palestine to the Royal Commission in Jerusalem last Nov. 20.

The summary says:

"It is the duty of the Mandatory Power actively to facilitate the establishment of a Jewish national home and to use its best endeavor to facilitate Jewish immigration. The essence of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate is that the Jews be not merely permitted, but encouraged to settle in Palestine to the full extent of its capacity to absorb them.

"It is the duty of the Mandatory Power to make every effort to increase the absorptive capacity of Palestine by energetic development, economic use of land and resources, and by active encouragement of Palestinian industry.

"The development of self-governing institutions should proceed on lines appropriate to the conditions prevailing in Palestine and in conformity with the principle that between Jews and Arabs there will be no domination by either side. That principle once accepted, the Jewish Agency will be ready to discuss the means of establishing harmonious relations between the two races on the basis of common interest in the well-being of a common home."

REORGANIZATION OF JOINT FOREIGN COMMITTEE URGED

LONDON, April 2. (JTA) -- Drastic reorganization of the Joint Foreign Committee, comprising representatives of the Anglo-Jewish Association and the Board of Deputies of British Jews, was unanimously recommended today by a committee of enquiry.

The proposed reorganization entails the following:

- 1.--Reduction of the Committee's membership from nineteen to nine, with power to coopt three additional members;
- 2.--Empowering the Committee to act as the central authority in behalf of the Board in all Jewish foreign affairs, with full authority over policy, the Committee to issue reports of activity on broad general lines, giving where advisable a clear indication of policy;
- 3.--The agreement with the Anglo-Jewish Association to be amended to provide for the above.

In presenting its recommendations, the committee of enquiry emphasized its view that the Joint Foreign Committee at the present time is overly large, while the basis of near-equality between the Board and the Anglo-Jewish Association is no longer compatible with the Board's status.

The report declared that in recent years a system had arisen whereby complete control and authority was assumed by the joint chairmen of the Committee while the Committee to all intents and purposes ceased to function.

It criticized the "prevailing practice" of the joint chairmen in treating all communications with Jewish bodies in other countries and with governments as confidential and not to be divulged to the members of the Committee.

20 WOUNDED IN POLISH RIOTING

WARSAW, April 2. (JTA) -- More than 20 Jews were injured and more than 1,500 windows of houses broken during yesterday's riot in the town of Sokolow-Podlaski. The disorders continued for four hours before police succeeded in dispersing several hundred Nationalists.

A delegation of Jewish leaders left for Warsaw to seek protection for the town's Jewish population. The riot was inspired by Nationalist agitators.

A Jew, Gershon Tauber, and his wife were murdered yesterday in the town of Sniatym near the Rumanian frontier. Police, blaming Nationalists, said robbery was the motive.

STUDENT POLITICAL GROUPS BANNED IN POLISH UNIVERSITIES

WARSAW, April 2. (JTA) -- As a result of new disorders in universities, the authorities today pressed a drive against student corporations engaged in politics, liquidating five at Warsaw University and the Warsaw Polytechnic Institute and one in Wilno.

The order prohibiting student corporations from participating in political activities is evidently designed to prevent the student groups from legally conducting anti-Semitic activities.

PERETZ CLUBS CLOSED IN POLAND

WARSAW, April 2. (JTA) -- Several Jewish cultural clubs named for J.L. Peretz, the Yiddish writer, have been closed by the authorities, including those in Lodz and Lwow. In addition, the Jewish Tailors' Union of Lwow and a Jewish library in the town of Gritzka were closed.

150 JEWISH FAMILIES FACE DEPORTATION IN BULGARIA

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 2. (JTA) -- Police today served notice on 150 Jewish families of Turkish nationality to leave the country unless they can present documents establishing their nationality.

The Turkish Consulate refuses to furnish the families certificates of citizenship or documents attesting the willingness of the Turkish Government to permit them to acquire Bulgarian citizenship.

If the latter documents were forthcoming, Bulgaria would accept the Jews as Bulgarian subjects. One of the Jews involved has addressed a personal plea to Mustapha Kemal Ataturk, president of Turkey, revealing the group's desperate position and urging his personal intervention.

RELIGIOUS BODIES IN POLITICS, RUMANIAN CABINET MEMBER CHARGES

JASSY, Rumania, April 2. (JTA) -- The current anti-Semitic campaign in Rumania was denounced here last night by Minister of Culture Victor Jamandi, addressing a conference of the Liberal Party.

Charging religious institutions had become political and pastors were acting as political agents, M. Jamandi declared:

"The Liberal Party must end this state of affairs if it wishes to remain true to democracy."

FIRST JEWISH COMMUNITY REGISTERED IN ALBANIA

TIRANA, Albania, April 2. (JTA) -- The first Jewish community in Albania was officially recognized by the Government today. It comprises ten Jewish families in Valona -- the largest number of any place in the country.

The entire Jewish population of Albania is 35 families.

After the community had been officially registered, construction was begun in Valona of the first synagogue to be built in the country following the collection of 350 gold napoleons.

TETUAN RABBI RELEASED, PARIS HEARS

PARIS, April 2. (JTA) -- It was reliably learned here today that Rabbi Jalfon, president of the Tetuan Jewish Tribunal, was released by the Franco Government after a short detention. He was reported by the London Daily Mail yesterday as among those arrested as anti-Franco plotters.

TEL AVIV PORT HANDLED 44,238 CARGO TONS IN 8 MONTHS

TEL AVIV, Palestine, April 2. (JTA) -- In the eight months of its existence until February, 1937, the Tel Aviv seaport handled 44,238 tons of cargo, according to figures just issued here.

A record for one day's unloadings was established on March 1 with 11,238 tons of merchandise taken off ships at sea and brought to the jetty in lighters. The port is also being increasingly used for citrus export, 195,874 cases having been loaded to date from Tel Aviv.

POTTERY OF BRONZE AGE UNEARTHED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA) -- Discovery of pottery belonging to the Chalcolithic age (prehistoric age when copper and bronze were used, preceding the use of iron) was reported today at Affuloh in the Jezreel Valley. Pottery of the first, second and third bronze ages was also unearthed. The excavations are being continued.

VIENNA, April 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Loewenherz was today elected president of the Vienna Jewish Community. He had been vice-president of the central Jewish body since 1924.

HOUSE GETS MEASURE TO PROBE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES; PASSAGE EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, April 2. (JTA) -- The House Rules Committee yesterday unanimously reported Congressman Dickstein's resolution creating a special committee to investigate subversive groups and un-American activities in the United States.

The measure now goes to the House, which is expected to adopt the resolution and name the committee in short order. When the committee is organized, it will hold hearings similar to those held three years ago under the chairmanship of Congressman John W. McCormack of Massachusetts.

The measure goes further than the last act creating an investigating committee. In addition to setting up a committee to probe un-American activities, the new Dickstein measure looks toward remedial postal legislation to prevent the use of the mails for subversive propaganda.

The Dickstein resolution authorizes the investigation of organizations created "for the purpose of diffusing within the United States of slanderous or libelous un-American propaganda of religious, racial or subversive prejudice which tends to incite to use of force and violence."

Under the terms of the bill, the committee would have the power to look into the "character, objectives, extent of operations, roster of membership and officers, sources of revenue and contribution of finances" of the organizations in question.

PLAN TO PUT KERR ALIENS BILL BEFORE HOUSE AGAIN

WASHINGTON, April 2. (JTA) -- Reintroduction of the Kerr bill permitting large groups of aliens to remain in this country was considered at a conference between Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins and Congressional leaders, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

The bill, introduced unsuccessfully two years ago by Rep. John H. Kerr (Dem., North Carolina), would guard against the separation of aliens of "non-criminal classes" from their families, and provides for legalizing the residence of certain classes of aliens.

Among those who attended the conference with Secretary Perkins, it was learned, were Mr. Kerr, Chairman Samuel Dickstein of the House Immigration and Naturalization Committee and Chairman Russell of the Senate Immigration Committee.

The discussion involved a plan of action in re-introducing the measure and the question of hearings. Under the terms of the bill, residence would be legalized for aliens living here for not less than ten years who have not been convicted of crimes, and for those having families here.

SEMINARY LIBRARY RECEIVES WALLACH COLLECTION

NEW YORK, April 2, (JTA) -- Announcement was made today by Dr. Alexander Marx, director of the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, of the acquisition by gift of the library of the late Don Zevi Wallach. The library, some four hundred volumes, was the gift of Mrs. Bertha Wallach and family.

SOUTH AFRICA CURBS NAZI ACTIVITIES

PRETORIA, April 2, (JTA) -- Persons not of British nationality today were strictly forbidden to engage in any organized political or public activity in the Union of South Africa, by an executive decree designed to curb Naziism, the Havas News Agency reported.

British nationals were forbidden to take an oath of fidelity to, or obey the orders of, the sovereign or chief of any state outside the British commonwealth of nations.

Violators of the latter provision will be liable to fines of £100 (about \$490) or one year in prison.

NAZI GOVERNMENT PLANS TO ALTER CONCEPT OF PROPERTY RIGHTS

NEW YORK, April 2, (JTA) -- The Nazi Government is preparing to give the German people a new conception of property rights in which the right of the State is to take precedence over private interests, according to Roland Freisler, State Secretary in the Prussian Ministry of Justice, quoted by the Associated Press.

Writing in a law magazine, German Common and Economic Law, Freisler states that new civil laws are in the process of codification and in them "there will be no need and no room" for "abstract rights of property" -- especially with respect to land.

The new laws, he says, in many respects already are in full operation, as exemplified by the hereditary farm laws, labor laws and racial laws which place Jews on a different status from other Germans with regard to property rights.

GERMAN TEXTBOOK CALLS JEWS 'ENEMIES OF NATION'

NEW YORK, April 2, (JTA) -- Jews are described as enemies of the German nation and swindlers in a new elementary German history text recommended by periodicals of the Nazi Teacher Association to all elementary school teachers in the Reich, the Herald Tribune reports from Berlin.

Some of the subheadings in the book are: "Jews-- Enemies of the Nation," "Jews Destroy German Nature," "The Jew -- The Great Swindler," and "The Jewish Lust for Power -- a Danger to Germany."