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### ARABS REJECT CANTON PROPOSAL FOR PALESTINE, PRESS SAYS

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- The Arabs will never accept the partitioning or cantonization of Palestine, Arabic newspapers declared today in commenting on reports in London that the Royal Commission favored setting up Arab and Jewish divisions in the Holy Land.

Editorials denounced the plan as "a Jewish proposal" supported by "a small group among the English."

The Arabic newspapers quoted High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope as telling the Arab Supreme Committee during an interview last Thursday: "No man in the world, except the Royal Commission members, knows the content of the report."

Sir Arthur, according to the newspapers, thanked the Arab leaders for their recent manifesto urging peace, and he asked maintenance of peace during the holy Moslem month of Nebimussa.

The Arabs demanded demolition of the jetty erected at Tel Aviv, contending it was ruining the trade of the neighboring Jaffa port. The High Commissioner was quoted as replying that the Jews had been forced to build their own port, that the Palestine Government did not intend either to demolish the jetty or enlarge the Jaffa port, nor would it build a joint harbor for both cities.

The Palestine Post, in an editorial today, praised a memorandum submitted to the Royal Commission by the Jewish Agency for Palestine. The Post said the two fundamental principles of Jewish immigration are that it will be determined by the country's absorptive capacity and that the Jews are determined to live with the Arabs on terms of concord and mutual respect.

### Commission Seen Seeking 'Geographical Solution'

LONDON, April 4. (JTA) -- There is a growing belief in political circles here that the Royal Commission will seek a solution of Palestine problems in geographical rather than socio-political measures.

Reports that the Commission is now weighing a plan for partition of Palestine between Jews and Arabs, which have been appearing in British newspapers during the past week, were carried by the liberal News-Chronicle.

The paper's political correspondent points out that cantonization of the Holy Land is being considered as an alternative measure, but a majority of the Commission is opposing it on the grounds that it would permit racial strife "pockets" the country over.

Declaring that the critical stage has been reached in the Commission's deliberations, the correspondent asserts the work is still far from completion.

"The final, vital discussions, however, still have to take place," he declares, adding that the question is not only for the British Government but for the League of Nations as well to decide.

#### Iraq Arabs Urge Delegation to London

BAGHDAD, April 4. (JTA) -- Iraqi Nationalist circles are urging the Government to send a delegation to London to assist actively the cause of the Palestine Arabs, it was learned today.

They are pointing out that it was only because of Suleiman Khimhi Pasha's intervention with the British Government in London that the death sentences of six Palestine Arabs were commuted recently.

#### ARAB OFFICIAL STABS JEWESS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- The Jewish wife of an Armenian physician in Jerusalem was stabbed five times last night by an assailant, described by police as an Arab employee of the Government, who entered their home.

#### POLAND 'REGRETS' REVISIONIST DEMONSTRATION AT BRITISH EMBASSY

WARSAW, April 4. (JTA) -- The Polish Government today expressed regrets to the British Embassy over a demonstration against the British administration in Palestine staged before the Embassy on March 31 by 400 members of the right-wing Zionist organization, Brith Trumpeldor.

Four of ten youths arrested during the demonstration were jailed. One is Moshe Biegun, a leader of the Brith Trumpeldor.

#### POLISH MEDICAL BOARD REFUSES TO BAR JEWS FROM PARLEY

WARSAW, April 4. (JTA) -- Nationalist efforts to have Jews barred from the Medical Congress on April 16 were defeated today when the Board of the Medical Council of the Polish Republic announced its decision that all Polish citizens, regardless of nationality and creed, may participate in the congress.

ALGERIA MAPS LAW TO PREVENT DEFACTION OF RACIAL GROUPS

ALGIERS, April 4. (JTA) -- The Government is preparing a law to prohibit disrespectful or malicious expression of opinion regarding the religious convictions, honor, views and liberty of racial communities, it was disclosed today.

M. Lebeau, Governor-General of Algiers, expressed to a delegation from the Jewish Algerian Committee for Social Studies the hope that the new law would halt anti-Semitic defamation in certain Algerian newspapers. He asked members of the committee to bring to his attention any case of anti-Jewish defamation. ✓

GERMANY RECOGNIZES LUDENDORFF'S ANTI-SEMITIC 'RELIGION'

BERLIN, April 4. (JTA) -- Gen. Erich Ludendorff, Quartermaster General of the Imperial German Armies during the World War, today proclaimed an open battle against Christianity and the "caste of priests" as his Neopagan doctrines were given the official status of a religion by the Nazi regime, the Havas News Agency reported.

The 72-year-old warrior, who recently became reconciled with Chancellor Adolf Hitler after a coolness of several years, thus climaxes a State-church conflict which reached a serious crisis in recent weeks.

Gen. Ludendorff and his wife, Dr. Matilda von Kemnitz founded the Neopagan, anti-Semitic religion in 1926. The doctrine has never had the official sanction of the Nazi government, but today the World War leader announced to all his followers that his religion of "German understanding of God" has been granted full and equal status with Catholicism and Protestantism in the Reich.

OLD TESTAMENT HELD WORK OF MIXED EUROPEAN-SEMITIC GROUP

BERLIN, April 4. (JTA) -- The suggestion that the Old Testament was the work of a mixed race of Europeans and Semites was advanced today by Prof. Anton Jirku, of Bonn University, writing in the periodical "Forschungen und Fortschritte."

"The later Stone-Age Europeans wandered to Palestine, where we are at present rediscovering their traces through ancient pottery," said Dr. Jirku. "This fact is of far-reaching importance for religious history and research in Palestine. The people whom we must thank for the Old Testament were a mixed race of Europeans and Semites."

RUMANIAN CITIZENSHIP RESTRICTIONS HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL

LONDON, April 4. (JTA) -- Commenting on Geneva advices that Rumania is drafting a new measure aimed against its national minorities, the Manchester Guardian warns today it would constitute violation both of a treaty to which Rumania is a signatory and the country's own constitution.

The 1937 Rumanian "Citizenship Law" recently dropped, which would deprive nationals in territories annexed after the World War of their citizenship. According to information obtained in Geneva, the measure is being drafted under the extraordinary legislative powers recently granted by Parliament.

The Manchester Guardian declares:

"It is clear that this bill is a flagrant violation both of the treaty for protection of minorities signed by Rumania with the principal allied powers on December 9, 1919, and of the Rumanian constitution itself."

The proposal is termed inexcusable in the light of the economic state of the country where, despite the depression, there is almost no unemployment. According to the Guardian, protests on behalf of the threatened minorities will be made to the great powers. No appeal to the League of Nations is possible, it is pointed out, until the measure becomes law.

#### GERMANY REPORTED PLANNING PROTEST ON SOUTH AFRICAN DECREE

BERLIN, April 4. (JTA) -- New tension was added to Anglo-Reich relations tonight with the report that Germany plans to protest as an illegal blow at Nazism the recent Pretoria decree barring all non-Britons from political activity in the Union of South Africa, the Havas News Agency reported.

The protest, to be lodged at the dominion capital this week, will assail the measure as outright discrimination against the German population in what was formerly German Southwest Africa, informed sources said.

(The Pretoria decree prohibited non-Britons from engaging in political activity or swearing fidelity to the orders of any foreign Government.)

The scheduled protest was, as is usual, heralded by a concerted press attack against the decree as "an unfortunate precedent which the Reich is not disposed to accept."

#### BIRNBAUM, PROTAGONIST OF NATIONALISM, DEAD AT 72

AMSTERDAM, April 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Nathan Birnbaum, writer, scholar and a leader and theorist of several important Jewish nationalist and cultural movements, died last night in Scheveningen following a long illness. He would have been 73 years old April 25.

He founded a movement which became the backbone of Dr. Theodor Herzl's Zionism and served the Zionist movement for some twenty years. In 1903 he left the Zionist ranks because of a difference of policy and started a movement for Jewish national autonomy in Galicia, a practical application of Simeon Dubnow's "Diaspora nationalism."



To each of the movements he contributed a term. It was he who first used the word "Zionism" in its modern connotation, and he is credited with having devised the term "Ostjuden," or Eastern European Jews, to cover the Polish, Russian, Rumanian and other Jews in that portion of Europe.

Finally, dissatisfied and saddened by the World War, Dr. Birnbaum became intensely religious and for a time acted as secretary of the extreme orthodox Agudath Israel. He adopted the pseudonym, "Mathias Acher."

Born in Vienna, he received a Jewish education and attended the gymnasium. Entering the University of Vienna he first concentrated on oriental languages, but later turned to law and was graduated in 1887 with the degree Doctor of Jurisprudence. He practiced law for four years and then dropped it to devote himself to social and political work.

In 1883 Birnbaum founded the Vienna "Kadimah," starting among university students a new and belligerent Jewish nationalism. When Dr. Herzl became the leader of the movement for re-establishment of the Jewish homeland in Palestine, he found in the Kadimah a nucleus for his organization.

In the advancement of his nationalistic theories, Dr. Birnbaum began publication in 1884 of "Self-Emancipation," a bi-weekly periodical, later edited a monthly publication, "Zion," in Berlin and in 1896 published a book, "National Rebirth." He was elected secretary of the first Zionist Actions Committee in 1897.

### Opposed Negation of Diaspora

Around the turn of the century, however, he began to become critical of Zionist policy, particularly of Dr. Herzl's international "diplomacy" in behalf of the movement. He opposed the absolute negation of the "Galuth," or Diaspora, which was then a part of the Zionist program.

Finally, in 1903, he left the Zionist ranks and started a movement for Jewish national autonomy in Galicia, then a part of Austro-Hungary. He was a candidate in 1907 for the Reichsrat on his Jewish National Program in the Buczac district, but failed of election.

Dr. Birnbaum, in espousing the movement for Jewish autonomy, put into practical effect some of Dubnow's philosophy of "Diaspora nationalism," and became the prime advocate of Yiddish among East European Jewish peoples. This agitation has had a marked influence on Jewish thought everywhere.

Dr. Birnbaum visited the United States twice. In 1908 he went there in support of the movement for greater use of Yiddish and to obtain aid for the Yiddish language conference held in Czernowitz, Rumania, in that year. He visited the United States again in 1921 in behalf of the Agudath Israel.

TURIN, Italy, April 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Ernesto Lattes, noted Italian-Jewish publisher, died here yesterday of a heart attack while motor-ing in a Turin park. He was 51 years old.

Dr. Lattes had succeeded his father as head of one of the leading publishing concerns in the country. The Lattes family, one of the oldest Jewish families in Italy, has given a number of distinguished persons to the country.

#### YEHUDA LEIB CAHAN, COLLECTOR OF FOLK-LORE, DEAD AT 56

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- Yehuda Leib Cahan, well-known collector and writer of Jewish folk-lore, died here of heart disease yesterday following a two-day illness. He was 56 years old.

Born in Wilno, he came to the United States from London in 1904. By occupation he was a watch-maker and later a jeweler; but by avocation he was a collector of folk-songs and legend, traveling widely in pur-suit of his hobby. He published several books on the subject. He was a leader of the American section of the Yiddish Scientific Instit-ute of Wilno.

#### SMYRNA JEWS REPORTED DROPPING PUBLIC USE OF LADINO

SALONICA, April 4. (JTA) -- It was reported today from Mizmir, Turkish Smyrna, that public assemblies of Jews were held in all synagogues of the city at which it was decided that henceforth all Smyrna Jews would speak only Turkish publicly. The meetings followed a press campaign against public use of non-Turkish languages. Turkish Jews chiefly speak Ladino, a Spanish-Hebrew dialect.

#### ITALIAN KING RECEIVES JEWISH LEADERS

ROME, April 4. (JTA) -- King Vittorio Emanuele yesterday received Dr. David Prato, new chief rabbi of Rome, and Engineer Recanats, head of the Rome Jewish Community, in a private half-hour audience.

The King asked many questions of Dr. Prato concerning the Jewish community's organization and general problems in which the community is interested. He also displayed keen interest in the Falashas, Ethiopian Jews, asking many questions about them.

#### NAZIS PUBLISH FRANKFURTER "LETTERS"

GENEVA, April 4. (JTA) -- Under the title "A Jew Has Shot," a Nazi group here has published a pamphlet containing what purport to be letters received in jail by David Frankfurter, slayer of Wilhelm Gust-loff, Swiss Nazi leader.

#### USSISHKIN PROCLAIMS HULEH CAMPAIGN

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- Menachem Mendel Ussishkin, president of the Jewish National Fund, proclaimed tonight a campaign in Tel Aviv and the Upper Galilee for redeeming land near Lake Huleh.