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HAIFA'S ARAB POLICE HEAD SLAIN AS TERRORISM MOUNTS

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- An Arab police official and his bodyguard were slain in Haifa today as evidence of mounting Arab terrorism was reported from various parts of the country.

Halim Basta, Haifa's senior Arab police officer, and his bodyguard were shot dead in a Haifa street by terrorists. Basta, wounded in a similar attack several months ago, had been many times threatened for his anti-terrorist activities.

A transport of Palestine Potash Company trucks en route north from the Dead Sea was fired on from ambush. Wireless calls for aid, sent out by the truck drivers, brought military reinforcements to the spot. There were no casualties.

Eighteen of Jaffa's most prominent Arab merchants have received threatening "Black Hand" letters demanding contributions to finance a renewal of disturbances, it was revealed today. Among the recipients, it was reported, was the mayor of Jaffa.

A number of supernumeraries were assigned to Beth Joseph, new Jewish colony in the dangerous Beisan area, following a visit by District Officer Andrews.

Collective fines of £100 each have been imposed on the Druze villages of Yarka and Bukeia for aiding terrorist bands. Thirty-seven Druzes (Syrian Arabs) were bound over under bonds of £100 each.

SIMCHA JAKOBSEN, RISHON-LE-ZION FOUNDER, DEAD AT 78

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- Simcha Jakobsen, one of the founders of Rishon-le-Zion, second Jewish colony established in Palestine, died today at the age of 78. Together with a group of other Russian Zionists, Mr. Jakobsen founded the colony in 1882. With a population of 3,000, the colony is now one of the largest and most flourishing in the Holy Land. It was founded with the aid of funds supplied by the late Baron Edmond de Rothschild, father of Jewish colonization.

\$32,500,000 SURPLUS FOR PALESTINE TREASURY

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- The official Gazette reported today that the Government surplus at the end of February was £6,500,000 (approximately \$32,500,000).

ENGLISH BISHOP HOLDS CANTONIZATION NO SOLUTION

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- The Bishop of Portsmouth, England, who is visiting here, declared during a discussion with Rabbis Joseph Dushinsky and Moshe Blau today that cantonization was not a practical solution of the problems of Arab-Jewish relations.

PLAN TO FILM "SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM" IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- A motion picture is being filmed here of the book "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" by the late Col. T.E. Shaw (Lawrence of Arabia). It is believed Emir Abdullah of Transjordan will consent to appear in several sequences.

Preparations are now being made for one of the outstanding scenes, a battle in which the Abu Lisan tribe of Bedouins participates. The scene will show hordes of shrieking cameloers and horsemen racing across the desert to annihilate a division of Turkish troops. British troops are expected to cooperate in filming the scene.

5 JEWS SEIZED IN LONDON CLASH WITH FASCISTS

LONDON, April 15. (JTA) -- Five Jews, including a young woman, were freed, under pledge to maintain good behavior, in Thamos Police Court today following their arrest in Whitechapel last night during disturbances which resulted from a parade of 100 Fascists.

The Fascists, parading through the East End, hurled flaming torches into Jewish shops. Later, the Fascists clashed with Communists and several persons were injured. Police reinforcements restored order.

In court today, the defendants, accused of using insulting words and behavior during the torchlight procession, said they had seen a commotion and merely went over to see what was happening. The magistrate told the young woman she had acted foolishly and bound her over for twelve months.

"DEFINITELY ANTI-JEWISH," NEW BRITISH FASCIST BODY STATES

LONDON, April 15. (JTA) -- The newly-formed National Socialist League, an offshoot of Sir Oswald Mosley's British Union of Fascists, announced today it was "definitely anti-Jewish."

William Joyce, formerly one of Mosley's chief aides, who founded the new organization with John Beckett, said in an interview with the London Jewish Chronicle:

"Our attitude towards the Jew is definitely anti-Jewish. We regard Communism as a medium whereby the Jewish financier seduces the proletariat from national ideals and prepares them for an international state of which the Communist demagogues will be leaders, but the Jewish financiers the veritable rulers."

The Jewish weekly commented that, difficult though it was to believe, "this claptrap was Joyce's actual statement."

ILYA ILF, SOVIET'S MARK TWAIN, DEAD AT 40

MOSCOW, April 15. (JTA) -- Ilya Ilf, known as the "Mark Twain of Soviet literature," died yesterday at the age of 40. He had been suffering from tuberculosis and had spent considerable of his time in recent months in a sanitarium.

He was best known to English readers through his "Little Golden Calf," written in conjunction with Eugene Petrov, his inseparable collaborator, and published in the United States. "Twelve Chairs" was among the others of their works. They wrote satirically in a serious-comic vein.

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With Mr. Petrov, Mr. Ilf made a motor trip through the United States in the early part of 1936 gathering material for a novel on America. During this trip he visited the former Hartford home of Samuel L. Clemens, America's Mark Twain.

WARSAW PEN CLUB AWARDS TRANSLATION PRIZES

WARSAW, April 15. (JTA) -- A jury of the Yiddish PEN CLUB today awarded prizes for Yiddish translation to Schlomo Scheinberg for his version of Michael Sholochov's "Quiet Flows the Don" and to M. Prechenik for his translation of Homer's Odyssey.

POLISH ENGINEERS BAR JEWS AS MEMBERS

WARSAW, April 15. (JTA) -- The union of Polish Engineers, by a vote of 89 to 11, adopted a proposal today introducing the "Aryan" requirement for membership.

"FALSE" REPORTS ABOUT REICH HELD BEHIND NEW CURBS ON JEWS

BERLIN, April 15. (JTA) -- A Propaganda Ministry statement today explained the sixty-day ban imposed yesterday on all Jewish meetings as punishment for false reports about Germany allegedly published abroad and especially in America. The statement said the ban will be lifted when such reports cease, indicating that the specified sixty-day period may be either shortened or extended as circumstances dictate.

WASHINGTON, April 15. (JTA) -- The assertion that the Eastern seaboard is "teeming" with anti-Semitism was made today by Rep. John E. Rankin (Dem., Miss.) during a debate on the Gavaghan Anti-Lynching Bill in the House of Representatives.

Protesting against the bill, Mr. Rankin declared it did not protect the innocent Jew from lynching or mobbing.

"Innocent Jews, like innocent Negroes, are not protected under this bill, no matter how they may be lynched or mobbed," he asserted. "I never knew until I came to Congress that any real anti-Semitism existed. There is none in the South. It is teeming on the Eastern seaboard."

Rankin's statement followed an address by Rep. Emanuel Celler (Dem., N.Y.) supporting the bill.

THOMAS MANN ATTACKS HITLER FOR 'PHILOSOPHY OF FALSEHOOD'

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- Without once mentioning him by name, Thomas Mann, the author, tonight delivered a bitter attack on the Chancellor Hitler who proscribed his books in Germany and stripped him of German citizenship.

Addressing 500 persons at a dinner at Sherry's concluding the fourth anniversary celebration of the Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science (The University in Exile) of the New School for Social Research, he declared:

"A task for courage -- that is how this problem of truth is regarded by the decent, tolerably God-fearing mind of man. But today, ladies and gentlemen, a new kind of man has arisen, and has, here and there, attained absolute power.

"With this great idea of truth, which is related to all other great ideas, he perpetrates the most odious falsehoods. He denies it, proclaims the lie as the sole begetter of life, the sole power directing history. He has made it his philosophy to recognize no distinction between truth and falsehood. He has set up in the world a shameful pragmatism which denies the spirit itself in the name of utility. Without scruple, he commits or approves crimes, provided they serve his advantage, or what he calls his advantage. He has no dread of falsehood, but reckons falsehood as high as truth, provided only that it is useful in his sense of the word."

NEW PALESTINE MARITIME BODY NAMES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- The Labor Maritime Company organized by the Histadruth, Palestine Jewish labor federation, has been officially registered under the name Nachshon, Ltd., with a capitalization of £50,000, according to a cable received by Mrs. Goldie Myerson from David Remez, secretary of the Histadruth.

The first directors are: David Ben-Gurion, member of the Zionist Executive; Isaac Brudni, director of the Workers' Bank; J. Finkelstein, director of the Unemployment Fund; Aba Chushi, secretary of the Histadruth in Haifa; Dov Hos, deputy mayor of Tel Aviv; Berl Katznelson, editor of Davar, and Mr. Remez.

DRESDEN ESPERANTO CENTER DISSOLVED

DRESDEN, Germany, April 15. (JTA) -- The Esperanto Union's Dresden center has been ordered dissolved by the authorities. The international language was devised by Ludovic Zamenhoff, a Polish Jew.

DR. BLANK NAMED HEAD OF ORIENTAL SOCIETY BRANCH

CINCINNATI, April 15 (JTA) -- The American Oriental Society has announced the election of Dr. Sheldon H. Blank, professor of Bible at the Hebrew Union College, as president of its midwest branch.

YIDDISH BOOK SOCIETY FORMED HERE

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- A "Yiddish Buch Gezelshaft, Inc." has been organized by the Workmen's Circle, the Jewish National Workers' Alliance, the Jewish Writers' Club and the Yiddish Culture Society to make Yiddish literary works available at nominal prices. David Pinski is the president. The organization plans book exhibitions in various parts of the United States and Canada.

CHILE PUTS CURBS ON NAZI MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, April 15 (JTA) -- The Chilean Government's intention of curbing the rapid spread of the Nazi movement has been evidenced by an Interior Ministry ban on mass meetings, uniforms, insignia, badges and other emblems revealing group activities, the New York Times reports from Santiago.

LONDON FIRM TO WITHHOLD SALE OF FURS BECAUSE OF BOYCOTT

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- South African furs valued at \$250,000 purchased recently at the Leipzig Fair will be withheld from sale, according to a communication received from the Hudson's Bay Company, London, by the Fur Trade Boycott Committee of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

The British Company's action followed their receipt of a letter from Samuel Untermyer, president of the league, through the Fur Trade Boycott Committee in which he declared the sale of the furs would be in violation of the anti-Nazi boycott. Purchased at the last Leipzig Fair in Nazi Germany by three American firms through their London agents, the furs were never shipped to America because of the boycott against all Nazi goods.