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PREMIER DARANYI ASKS HALT IN JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO HUNGARY FROM EAST

SZEGED, Hungary, April 18. (JTA) -- Premier Koloman Daranyi today advocated a halt in Jewish immigration from the East into Hungary on "economic" grounds in an address before numerous officials and members of Parliament, the Havas News Agency reported.

"The Jewish question presents itself not on a racial, but on an economic basis," he declared. "The proportion of the Jewish population is without connection with the role played by Jews in the economy of the country."

"Consequently it is desirable to stop Jewish immigration from the East and to lead those established in the country to collaborate more liberally in national life. It is not by demonstrations and riots that the question may be solved."

Premier Daranyi asserted that "even if the Israelites did not exist, there would nevertheless be difficulties in Hungary, for our country is equipped with an agricultural organization and is without sufficient capital."

Declaring himself ready to collaborate politically with varied parties, the Premier said he was determined to maintain order against troublesome elements.

A warning that Hungary will not tolerate dictators was sounded in his speech. The address was in the nature of an answer to statements of policy made by opposition leaders last week.

Discussing foreign affairs, he specifically mentioned Austria and Italy as friends of Hungary, referring to Germany only in connection with commercial developments. Expressing satisfaction with the Italo-Yugoslav accord, he said Hungary will negotiate with the Little Entente (Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Rumania) if accorded equality of rights and guarantees as to the treatment of minorities.

"We are for liberty against dictatorship," Tibor Eckhardt, leader of the small landowners' party, said yesterday. "If the Premier takes a vigorous position against the extremists of the Right, we will support him willingly. In the contrary case we will combat him uncompromisingly."

"Hungary has no more need of dictatorships than of dictators," Daranyi said here, "because we can solve our problems within the framework of the Constitution, and we have a chief, the Regent" (Admiral Nicholas Horthy).

POLISH EXPEDITION LEAVES FOR MADAGASCAR TO SURVEY POSSIBILITIES

WARSAW, April 18. (JTA) -- A Polish Government expedition left today for the French island colony of Madagascar, off southeastern Africa, to investigate possibilities for Jewish settlement offered by the French Government.

The expedition includes Solomon Dyk and Leon Alter, Jewish colonization experts, who have made it clear they joined the commission in their private capacities, not as organizational representatives, and Major B. Lepecki of the Polish army, world traveler and author.

Mr. Dyk was, before Chancellor Hitler's accession, active in promoting Jewish agriculture in Germany. Mr. Alter is director in Poland of the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society of New York from which post he has taken a six-month leave of absence.

Rabbi Salman Gurarieh, head of the Lubawitcher Yeshiva of Warsaw, was attacked and beaten today in Otwock, a Warsaw suburb.

COLONISTS IN BEISAN AREA GET BAPTISM OF FIRE

JERUSALEM, April 18. (JTA) -- Colonists who ventured into the terrorist-ridden Beisan area to extend the outposts of Jewish settlement in north-western Palestine received their baptism of fire today.

The newly established settlements of Ein Hakore and Hasadeh were fired upon. The colonists returned the gunfire. No casualties were reported.

Three persons sentenced to imprisonment in connection with outbreaks at Tiberias three months ago received amnesty today from High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope.

The Arabic press has reported that the Palestine Government planned various amnesties in connection with the coronation of King George VI in London.

Those who received clemency today are Eliahu Shoshan and Joseph Abdu, who had been sentenced to two years, and Carsenti, sentenced to one year.

IRON GUARD ACCUSED OF PLOTTING TITULESCU'S DEATH

BUCHAREST, April 18. (JTA) -- The Iron Guard, Rumanian Fascist group, "planned to assassinate Nicolas Titulescu" (former Foreign Minister) a witness testified today at the trial of 10 members of the organization accused of killing a dissident party member, Michael Stelescu, last summer, the Havas News Agency reported.

The witness said Stelescu had been expelled from the party but later was notified that he would be "taken back as soon as he had killed Titulescu." Other declarations indicated Stelescu's alleged murder resulted from Stelescu's having formed a dissident group within the Iron Guard.

(Titulescu fell ill from toxic blood poisoning last year at St. Moritz, Switzerland. Unconfirmed rumors circulated for some time that he had been the victim of deliberate poisoning by political opponents.)

ANTI-SEMITES FAIL TO WIN SEAT IN BUCHAREST ELECTION

BUCHAREST, April 18. (JTA) -- Despite an intensive propaganda drive, anti-Semitic parties failed to win a single council seat in the municipal elections.

Of the 36 seats, 27 were won by the Liberals, 6 by the National Peasants Party and 3 by the Dissident Liberals. Order prevailed during and after the elections.

The results were regarded as significant forecasts of the general elections which will be held at the end of the Summer.

SYNAGOGUE WINDOWS BROKEN IN LONDON

LONDON, April 18. (JTA) -- Four unidentified men, believed by police to be Fascists, early today broke stained glass windows of the Leytonstone Synagogue with an axe and stones. They escaped before the police arrived. The police launched an investigation into the act of vandalism.

ARABS WEAK IN FACE OF ZIONIST IDEALISM, SAYS SIR RONALD STORRS

LONDON, April 18. (JTA) -- Sir Ronald Storrs, former Governor of Jerusalem, in an article in the Sunday Times on "Zionists in Jerusalem," emphasizes the weakness of the Arabs in the face of Zionist idealism.

"Zionism is a world movement," he declares. "Arabism does not exist. Arab merits, defects, rights and grievances are essentially local in character. The Palestine Arab therefore feels himself under an overwhelming inferiority in the presentation of his case to the conscience of the world.

"He is aware he has no ability, organization, and least of all, material resources or audience for effective propaganda. He is well aware that leading Moslems who have toured the East in his support have not succeeded in creating a favorable impression, even upon their coreligionists in Egypt, India or Arabia."

Sir Ronald praises the courage of the Jews, recalling that a British general commanding one of the detachments which took Jerusalem during the World War told of the reckless bravery shown by a young Jewish lance-corporal of a London regiment, who, mounting over a ridge into sudden sight of Jerusalem, "seemed to be transported and transformed." He stormed a Turkish machine-gun nest, killed the entire crew and captured the gun, Sir Ronald relates.

CONGRESS AGAINST RACE HATRED POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

VIENNA, April 18. (JTA) -- Mme. Irene Harand, head of the World Organization to Combat Race Hatred, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today the world congress against race hatred, which had been scheduled for the coming summer, has been postponed indefinitely.

AUSTRIAN JEWS URGED TO UNITE AGAINST NAZIS

VIENNA, April 18. (JTA) -- An appeal to Austrian Jewry to form a united front to defend their common interests against Nazi anti-Semitic attacks was made by the Jewish Front, organ of the Union of Austro-Jewish Front Soldiers, a veterans' organization.

DR. KLEIN, EYE SPECIALIST, DEAD AT 92

VIENNA, April 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Samuel Klein, noted eye specialist and author of several books on eye diseases, died yesterday at the age of 92. Formerly a professor at Vienna University, Dr. Klein was active until recently. A book on eye diseases, published in 1879, and another published in 1886, were long considered standard.

LITHUANIAN PRESIDENT VOICES SYMPATHY WITH ZIONISM

KAUNAS, April 18. (JTA) -- President Antona Smetona expressed sympathy with the movement for a Jewish homeland in Palestine in a long audience today with Leib Jaffe, director of the Palestine Foundation Fund.

Mr. Jaffe later visited Foreign Minister Stasys Lozoraitis.

SARGENT TO LEAD CORONATION CONCERTS OF PALESTINE ORCHESTRA

LONDON, April 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Harold M.W. Sargent, world-famed conductor, announced today he has accepted an invitation to conduct the Palestine Symphony Orchestra in a series of coronation concerts in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. He will leave for the Holy Land on May 6.

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dr. Sargent, who is music director of Dunelm and conductor-in-chief of the Royal Choral Society, declared: "I am very happy to be going to work with this orchestra, which has already made itself famous."

Because of the anticipated sell-outs and demands for repeat performances, Dr. Sargent expects to remain in Palestine until May 20.

LABORITES LAUNCH PRE-CONGRESS CAMPAIGN

TEL AVIV, April 18. (JTA) -- A pre-Zionist Congress campaign was launched by the laborite Zionist group with a meeting here today, David Ben-Gurion, laborite member of the World Zionist Executive, was the principal speaker.

BRITISH BOY SCOUTS GREETED BY TEL AVIV COMRADES

TEL AVIV, April 18. (JTA) -- British Boy Scouts visiting here received an enthusiastic reception today from the Jewish scouts' organization. The two groups paraded together through Tel Aviv's streets.

The head of the British scouts, replying to greetings, said they would tell the British scout movement when they returned home of Jewish achievements in Palestine. The municipality will hold a reception for them tomorrow.

RABBI SILVER HAILED ON 20 YEARS IN MINISTRY

CLEVELAND, April 18. (JTA) -- Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's twenty years with The Temple was marked tonight with a testimonial dinner at the Hotel Statler in connection with The Temple's 87th annual meeting.

Messages of congratulation were received from Jewish and non-Jewish leaders in many parts of the country, including one from President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt's message read:

"Yours has been a distinguished leadership, characterized by urbanity, charity and the spirit of good citizenship. I trust that you may long be spared in health and strength to continue the devoted labors which you have carried on so unremittingly and with such singular devotion to the well-being of your fellowmen. I send you my hearty congratulations and warmest personal greetings."

PALESTINE FUND SPENT \$2,649,000 IN 16 MONTHS

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- The sum of \$2,649,000 was spent by the Palestine Foundation Fund of the United Palestine Appeal during the sixteen months from October, 1935, to February, 1937, for the primary needs of 43,972 Jews who entered Palestine in that period, it was announced today by the United Palestine Appeal.