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EMPIRE'S JEWRIES MARK CORONATION; ARABS BOYCOTT FETES

LONDON, May 12. (JTA) -- Scattered throughout the British Commonwealth of Nations, Jews took part today in the rejoicing over the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

In Palestine, special festivities were held. Sir Harold Sargent, the noted British conductor, led the Palestine Symphony Orchestra in a Coronation concert.

Special prayers for the occasion were drawn up by Chief Rabbi Joseph H. Hertz and were said at services in synagogues throughout the Empire.

Jerusalem Festive; Arabs in "Mourning" Over Entry Schedule

JERUSALEM, May 12. (JTA) -- Despite an official Arab boycott of the coronation celebrations, this city today presented a gala appearance in honor of King George's crowning.

Main streets of both the new and old quarters of the city were brilliantly illumined by flood lights. Official buildings and synagogues were lavishly decorated with bunting and flags. A giant Mogen David covered the front of the headquarters of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

The Arab Supreme Committee yesterday declared a "state of mourning" in connection with the coronation as a protest against the Government's grant of 770 labor immigration certificates for the four-months ending July 31. Privately, however, Arab leaders were understood to be pleased at the low immigration schedule, the smallest in many years.

The committee cabled Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, announcing its decision to declare a "state of mourning" and reiterating assertions

that nothing short of complete stoppage of Jewish immigration would satisfy the Arabs.

The Jewish Agency, in deference to the coronation celebrations, deferred issuing a statement on the schedule.

TEL AVIV CROWD BURNS SWASTIKA HOISTED OVER GERMAN BANK

TEL AVIV, Palestine, May 12. (JTA) -- Raising of a swastika flag over the German Templar Bank today precipitated a disturbance that necessitated police action to end.

A large crowd, stung to fury at the unexpected sight of the Nazi banner unfurled in the heart of the all-Jewish city, rushed the building, hauled down the flag, trampled and burned it. Police rushed and dispersed the demonstrators.

BETHLEN URGES HUNGARY ACT TO OBTAIN ANTI-SEMITISM

BUDAPEST, May 12. (JTA) -- Count Stephen Bethlen, former Prime Minister, told the House of Deputies today that it is the Government's duty to take strong measures to obviate anti-Semitism in Hungary.

Cautioning against extra-legal discrimination against Jews, he asserted that all Hungarian economic and social evils were "sometimes erroneously ascribed to Jews."

"It is not to be wondered at," Count Bethlen said, "that the Jews with their 5,000-year-old culture should be successful in Hungary."

CHAIM ELAZAR SHAPIRO, MUNKACZER "WONDER RABBI," DIES AT 68

MUKACEVO, Czechoslovakia, May 12. (JTA) -- Chaim Elazar Shapiro, known throughout Jewry as the Munkaczer "wonder rabbi," died today after an illness of more than a year. He was 68 years old.

Rabbi Shapiro, spiritual leader of a Chassidic sect numbering thousands of followers here and abroad, was the stormy petrel of religious life spanning several central and east European countries.

He recently concluded peace with another sect known as the Belzer Chassidim, terminating a feud that lasted twenty years. He was at odds with the Agudath Israel, orthodox Jewish organization, the Miz-rachi, Zionist religious body, and Zionism in general.

During his illness, the rabbi received from 12,000 Jews the world over symbolic donations of one day from each of their lives.

Rabbi Shapiro's dynastic successor has already been chosen, in the person of Baruch Rabinowitz, his 20-year-old son-in-law. His succession was decided by the Mukacevo Jewish Community with the approval of Rabbi Shapiro.

POLISH JUSTICE MINISTER GREETED IN BERLIN BY HITLER, GOEBBELS

WARSAW, May 12. (JTA) -- It was reported here from Berlin today that Justice Minister Grabowski was received by Chancellor Hitler and Propaganda Minister Goebbels at a luncheon in his honor.

The Polish minister is quoted as having said at the luncheon: "Fortunate are those whom Providence has gifted with a leader."

80,000 ATTENDED PALESTINE ORCHESTRA CONCERTS

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Eighty thousand persons have attended the 48 concerts given by the Palestine Symphony Orchestra this season, according to Mr. Levertov, general secretary of the orchestra association. Special courses in Hebrew have been arranged for members of the orchestra because only 17 of the 70 members are Palestinians.

The figures show that of 7,000 subscribers to the regular concerts, only 2,426 members of the association and 1,500 of these members live in Tel Aviv. The other 900 members are scattered over the rest of the country.

Plans for the coming season have been outlined by Dr. Simon, who stated that the best way of assuring the orchestra's income was by following Bronislaw Huberman's advice of turning the casual concert-goer into a subscriber and a subscriber into a full member of the association.

BILL WOULD CUT IMMIGRATION 90 PER CENT

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- Speaking in defense of his four bills for restrictions on aliens, Rep. Joe Starnes, (Dem., Alabama), demanded before the House Immigration Committee today a 90 per cent cut in immigration and removal of the Labor Department's discretionary powers in deportation.

The Starnes bills call for a 90 per cent slash in immigration, registration of all aliens and deportation of all aliens on relief.

Samuel Dickstein (Dem., N.Y.), chairman of the committee, pointed out that cutting immigration 90 per cent would prevent the re-uniting of separated families. Mr. Starnes retorted: "They could be re-united by going back to their families."

Mr. Starnes said there were too many aliens on relief and that this was a "hardship on American citizens." He was supported by H. L. Chaillaux, an official of the American Legion, who held that alien labor provided unfair competition to Americans.

The hearings will continue tomorrow.

RECLASSIFIES NAMES OF PALESTINE TOWNS TO AID ARCHAEOLOGISTS

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- A book reclassifying names of Palestine sites mentioned in Biblical and post-Biblical literature is published today to overcome the confusion to archaeologists and map-makers caused by frequent changes in names of towns and cities.

The book is "Onomasticon of Palestine" by Dr. Paul Romanoff, curator of the Jewish Theological Seminary Museum. It is based on a study of the entire post-Biblical literature of the first thirteen centuries and comprises the first volume of the compilation.

Dr. Romanoff points out that some names changed so much through translation from early Hebrew into Latin and Greek and through carelessness of scribes that archaeologists have, in some cases, been looking for Biblical references about sites which references have already been discovered. The village of Kefar Kos, for example, has no less than 70 variants in the Talmud, Dr. Romanoff says.

LITTAUER FOUNDATION GIVES \$100,000 TO UNIVERSITY IN EXILE

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- The Lucius N. Littauer Foundation, Inc., established by the Jewish philanthropist, has granted \$100,000 to the permanent endowment of the Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science of the New School for Social Research, known as the University in Exile, according to an announcement by Dr. Alvin Johnson, director of the school.

BERGMANN'S VISIT TO AMERICA STIRRED INTEREST IN HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- The visit to the America of Dr. Hugo Bergmann, rector of the Hebrew University, resulted in greatly increased interest in the university, higher allocations for the institution in several places and formation of three new chapters of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, it was stated today by Samuel B. Finkel, executive secretary of the Friends.

Dr. Bergmann sailed for Palestine Saturday on the Rex after a visit of about six weeks during which he spoke in 14 cities. The new chapters were formed in Toronto, Montreal and Providence. Before leaving, Dr. Bergmann expressed gratification over the interest in the university evinced in the United States among Jews and non-Jews.