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NAZI METHODS IN HUNGARY WOULD BRING ECONOMIC COLLAPSE, BETHLEN WARNS

BUDAPEST, May 13. (JTA) -- Government supporters weighed today a warning of ex-Prime Minister Stephen Bethlen that introduction of "Nazi methods" of treating Jews might result in Hungary's economic collapse.

"As a consequence of a policy of aping Hitler the nation would be exposed to a world boycott which might bring about the collapse of the whole country in a very short time by bringing the whole industrial life to a standstill," Count Bethlen declared.

He addressed the House of Deputies yesterday on what he called the disproportionately large number of Jews in Hungary's industrial life. While urging the Government to work out a program to correct this disparity, he counseled it to suppress anti-Semitic agitation with a strong hand for the Jewish problem will never be solved by disorders." (Briefly reported in JTA NEWS of May 13).

Praising Jewish contributions to economic life of Hungary, he said the predominance of Jews in industry in this country was caused by the fact that for centuries they have been barred in many countries from any occupation but commerce and industry.

He cautioned against extra-legal discrimination against Jews and said that all Hungarian economic and social evils were "sometimes erroneously ascribed to Jews."

Count Bethlen recalled that Jewish immigrants from Galicia had arrived here 60 or 70 years ago and had established important industrial and commercial enterprises by perseverance, intelligence and industry.

"There is nothing strange about that," he said, "since the Jews are a people with a culture going back 5,000 years who were not allowed

in most countries to pursue other professions than trade. Hungary must be grateful to the Jews for creating a new industrial life."

"But the fact remains," declared the former Prime Minister, "that Jews and Jewish youth occupy most of the positions in Hungarian industries. This is provoking dissatisfaction among the Christian population, which considers its position insecure, while to Christian youth particularly industrial life is practically terra incognita (an unexplored field)."

"Nazi methods, however, will not bring any advantages to Hungary, which has only 2,000,000 people, seeing that a nation of 70,000,000 is unable to afford such a policy without serious consequences. As a consequence of a policy of aping Hitler the nation would be exposed to a world boycott which might bring about the collapse of the whole country in a very short time by bringing the whole internal industrial life to a standstill."

PALESTINE JEWS ASK KING NOT TO INFRINGE "PROMISE TO ISRAEL"

JERUSALEM, May 13. (JTA) -- A coronation message for the Jews of Palestine asking that Great Britain not infringe on her "promise to Israel" has been cabled to King George VI by the municipality of Tel Aviv.

The message states:

"The Jewish people will eternally remember the glorious George V. Like Cyrus the Great, he gave Jewry a third emancipation act. (The liberation from Egypt and the action of Cyrus, king of Persia, in aiding the return of the Jews to Palestine are regarded as the first two emancipations, while the Balfour Jewish homeland declaration, issued in 1917, is sometimes called the third emancipation.)

"It is our hope and belief that every emperor on the British throne will regard it his privilege and honor to follow his true and just path and not infringe on the promise to Israel, realizing in their own lifetime Israel's resurrection in the historic land and within the historic boundaries."

The message was read by Mayor Israel Rokach at an illuminated coronation festival in the Garden of Prophets last night. Troops, police and 800 leading Jews attended the fete.

An observance was held earlier in the day in the Great Synagogue of Tel Aviv. In the all-Jewish city, war veterans paraded through flag-festooned streets to Sir Horbert Samuel Square where they were reviewed by Mayor Israel Rokach and Rabbi Levin, formerly of the Australian army.

Numerous Arabs poured into Tel Aviv for the coronation spectacle, since the neighboring Arab city of Jaffa had no celebration. In Jaffa, only over Government buildings were flags raised, and many were torn down. A Jewish flag floating above the Anglo-Palestine Bank in Jaffa was removed on request of District Commissioner Crossbie after Arab youths had demonstrated.

In Jerusalem, too, the Arab quarter snubbed the coronation. Only Christian Arabs in this quarter joined in the festivities which were in full swing in other parts of the Holy City.

A celebration was held in the Yeshurun Synagogue in Jerusalem. Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog delivered a sermon in the presence of Government officials and Jewish leaders.

WAUCHOPE BARS AMNESTY FOR JEWS SENTENCED IN 1936 DISORDERS

JERUSALEM, May 13. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Palestine announced today that last February it asked of High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope amnesty for seven Jews sentenced to prison terms totalling about 40 years during last year's disorders.

The Government's reply, just made public, said that in the interim two of the prisoners had been released on a judge's recommendation, the sentence of another was commuted to one year, and in the cases of the rest Sir Arthur was not prepared to use the amnesty privilege.

Meanwhile, 18 Arabs were released from the Acre prison, where they had been serving terms in connection with the disorders, through an administrative order issued by District Commissioner Edward Keith-Roach.

HISTADRUTH SIGNS PACT WITH REVISIONIST UNION

JERUSALEM, May 13. (JTA) -- An agreement between the Histadruth (Palestine Jewish labor federation) and the Jewish National Labor Organization was announced today to end rivalry between the opposition labor groups.

The agreement covers allotment of jobs in public works and building activities, but does not embrace industry and agriculture. It goes into effect first in Tel Aviv, then in Jerusalem and finally in Haifa.

Both the Socialistic Histadruth, the predominant group, and the right-wing organization undertake to include in the agreement other labor organizations.

"PALESTINE ONLY PRACTICAL SOLUTION," LORD MELCHETT HOLDS ON ARRIVAL

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- Lord Melchett, prominent leader of British Jewry, industrialist and author, arrived here today on the Western Prince from South America where he spent six weeks in a tour combining business with efforts on behalf of Palestine upbuilding work. He is accompanied by Lady Melchett.

Addressing a luncheon at the Lawyers' Club, shortly after his arrival, Lord Melchett declared:

"Palestine is the only practical and reasonable solution of the Jewish problem. Palestine is not a sentimental nor a wild ideal. There is no use moving Jews from countries of oppression today to other countries where they may be subject to persecution in the future. There's only one direction in which we can usefully work. We have our own historic home under the Balfour Declaration where we have rights which have been defined and accepted by the nations of the world."

Referring to the present situation in the Holy Land, Lord Melchett said:

"We will have far more trouble getting in other countries rights for Jews which they now have in Palestine. Surely, the Jewish people will not permit it to be said, in returning to their historic homeland, they met difficulties and ran away. We have got to triumph not only for the sake of the Jews in Palestine but for the sake of all Jewry. We are on trial in the face of humanity."

Lord Melchett, earlier voiced enthusiasm on progress of the Zionist movement in South America, particularly the Argentine. During his three-week stay in Buenos Aires, Lord Melchett organized an Argentine section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, of whose Council he is chairman, and addressed several important Zionist gatherings.

He was met at Quarantine by a representative of Mayor LaGuardia, First Deputy Police Inspector Harold Fowler, newspaper men and a group of Zionist leaders headed by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

During his stay, Lord Melchett will, in addition to attending to business interests, speak in behalf of the United Palestine Appeal. He is to be guest of honor Thursday, May 20, at a dinner marking completion of the first four months of the Greater New York campaign of the United Palestine Appeal.

Lord Melchett, one of England's younger statesmen, is a director of the Imperial Chemical Industries and other British enterprises. Recently he wrote "Thy Neighbour," a book summarizing the Jewish position and enthusiastically endorsing Palestine as the only constructive solution of religious discrimination against Jews in various parts of Europe. The book, published here by H.C. Kinsey & Co., was well received by the critics.

PATRIOTIC GROUPS BACK BILLS TO CURB ALIENS

WASHINGTON, May 13. (JTA) -- Patriotic organizations, testifying before the House Immigration Committee, today urged passage of the four Starnes bills to drastically cut immigration and restrict aliens.

The bills were supported by John B. Trevor, president of the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, and representatives of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The hearing continues next Thursday.

TO CONDUCT HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CAMPAIGN IN SHEKEL DRIVE

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- As a concluding effort in its campaign to enroll 500,000 shekel purchasers in the 1937 annual Roll Call of the American Zionists, the Central Shekel Board has designated May 23 as National Shekel Day. Local and regional Zionist organizations of all parties will conduct house to house campaigns and other special efforts in an effort to complete the 1937 enrollment.

RABBI POOL SEES JEWS SURVIVING PERSECUTIONS

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- The Jews of Europe will survive the persecutions now visited on them, declared Rabbi David De Sola Pool, of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, concluding the Shevuoth Broadcast tonight of the Joint Distribution Committee over the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting Company.

GERMAN TRADE WITH U.S. SEEN WANING

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- Despite the general spurt in trade between the United States and the rest of the world in 1936, German trade with this country, amounting to only 3.2 per cent of the total American foreign trade, reached a new low, according to the annual report of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

The statements based on a study of German trade with the United States since 1932, the last pre-Hitler year. That year imports from Germany amounted to 281,202,000 Reichmarks, dropping to 245,852,000 Reichmarks in 1933 the year Hitler assumed power, and finally falling to 172,001,000 Reichsmarks in 1936.

German imports to this country amounted in 1932 to 5.6 per cent of our total imports, rapidly declining in 1933 to 5.4 per cent; in 1934 to 4.2 per cent, in 1935 to 3.8 per cent, and in 1936 to 3.2 per cent.