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### POLAND LAUNCHES 2 PROBES INTO BRZESC RIOTS AS ORDER RETURNS

WARSAW, May 16. (JTA) -- Two Government inquiries were launched today into the anti-Semitic outbreak last Thursday at Brzesc (formerly Brest-Litovsk) in which more than 50 Jews were injured.

One commission of investigation was dispatched to the Polesian town by the Interior Ministry while the authorities, in conjunction with the local school authorities, instituted an inquiry into participation of schoolchildren in the riots.

Several Jews were beaten in disorders at Grabow on May 8 and 9. (Reports in New York erroneously said the disorders occurred Saturday. The disturbances broke out after a Pole had been stabbed during a quarrel with a Jew. Some 300 window panes were broken in the rioting.

Complete order was restored in Brzesc yesterday. A contingent of Warsaw police, numbering 400 strong and equipped for any emergency, patrolled the riot-torn streets of the city.

Funeral rites for Stefan Kedziera, policeman whose fatal stabbing by a Jewish butcher he had sought to arrest led to the rioting, passed off without incident. The burial was held under heavy guard. All non-residents of the city were barred from participating in the services by order of the provincial governor.

The police reinforcements, who replaced local police when the latter failed to stem the disorders that began early Thursday morning and raged until two a.m. Friday, have been ordered to remain temporarily. Despite their presence, the 25,000 Jews of the town remained in a state of tension bordering on panic.

Deputy Emil Sommerstein returned from the town and informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the "worst is over." Jewish community leaders, he said, on his departure implored him tearfully to remain.

Deputy Sommerstein said the owner of the illegal Jewish slaughterhouse denied the stabbing of the Polish policeman. The slaughterhouse owner blamed his son for the attack on the policeman. Mr. Sommerstein described the butcher as an "underworld character".

Nationalist agitators attempted to use the tension at Brzesc to stir up anti-Jewish feeling in neighboring towns, Deputy Sommerstein said but police acted promptly to disperse the agitators and restore order.

A statement attributed to the governor of Brzesc as having been made to Mr. Sommerstein that "preservation of order depends on the Jews themselves, who should not commit acts of provocation" was denied. The governor assured the deputy that order would be preserved at all costs.

### BANKS LOANED \$28,000,000 TO AID EUROPEAN JEWS IN 9 MONTHS OF 1936

PARIS, May 16. (J. T. A.) -- The role of the cooperative credit system established by the American Jewish Joint Reconstruction Foundation in aiding some 500,000 Jews in eleven European countries by facilitating issuance of \$28,000,000 in credits in nine months was described today in a report of the foundation.

The report, covering activities in the first nine months of 1936, was made public by Dr. Bernhard Kahn and David J. Schweitzer, European director and vice-president, respectively, of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. They are leaving tomorrow for a tour of investigation in several Central and East European countries. They will spend a good deal of time in Poland.

The foundation conducts its activities through a chain of 762,000 cooperative loan banks in eleven countries, the report points out. These banks also render financial assistance to Jewish farmers and to Jews in all kinds of agricultural work. The banks are practically the only source of cheap business credit for Jews in Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Rumania, Turkey, Bulgaria and Germany. Of late the cooperative banks have also alleviated the distress of Jewish refugees from Germany.

The total membership of the loan banks at the end of September, 1936, was 192,386. Thus, a half million people were helped directly or indirectly by the foundation's activities. During the first nine months of 1936 the loan banks extended about 180,000 loans aggregating \$28,000,000, of which over \$12,000,000 was outstanding at the end of September, 1936. In addition to ordinary credits, the foundation continued to provide special credits for loans to Jewish artisans as well as to farmers and fruit and vegetable growers.

A number of loan banks were assisted by the foundation in meeting their operating expenses and were thus relieved of part of their

financial burden. Furthermore, realizing the important role played by loan banks in Jewish life, the foundation consented to heavy financial sacrifices in favor of the banks wherever such action appeared necessary and likely to be successful to consolidate and fortify existing institutions and to rescue those whose existence was endangered.

#### PALESTINE BELIEVED PLANNING TO FREE ARAB PRISONERS AS STRIKE SPREADS

JERUSALEM, May 16. (JTA) -- The authorities were believed planning to release 200 Arab prisoners from Acre jail today as a Moslem general strike in behalf of the captives, arrested during recent disorders, spread from Haifa and Acre to many villages in the surrounding area, the Havas News Agency reported.

The prisoners, who had refused to eat until freed, called off their hunger strike today on the advice of Arab leaders in Acre. Ten of the prisoners were severely ill from their prolonged fast.

Moslem delegations from Haifa, Ramleh and Acre called on Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, British High Commissioner for Palestine, to plead for liberation of the prisoners.

Ten of the hunger strikers, arrested following disorders at Acre, had become severely ill from their prolonged fast. Sir Arthur promised yesterday to consider a request for their freedom presented by Moslem leaders, but the hunger strike continued.

The Mufti of Jerusalem and another Moslem chief called on the High Commissioner yesterday to present the petition. They also took the opportunity to protest against the latest quota set for Jews seeking admission to Palestine.

In Haifa, the strike virtually paralyzed the city since Jews were inactive because of Sabbath yesterday and the Shevuoth holiday today. Arab pupils participated in the strike.

#### GERMAN ZIONISTS PROTEST PALESTINE SCHEDULE AS "INSULT"

BERLIN, May 16. (JTA) -- The Zionists of Germany, to whom Palestine remains almost the last refuge in the face of Nazi persecution, protested today against the new low Palestine immigration quota as an "insult" to the Reich Jews.

The German Zionist Federation, in connection with the labor immigration schedule of 770 certificates for the four months ending July 31, cabled the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Jerusalem:

"Germany's Jews regard the allocated number of certificates as an insult to their position and trust the Executive will continue to fight against infringement on our rights and for an increase in the number of certificates."

The Juedische Rundschau, official Zionist organ, pointed out that the fact the schedule covers four instead of the customary six months indicated that a new era was beginning in July. The fact that William G.A. Ormsby-Gore, British Colonial Secretary, will personally defend the new British policy at Geneva proves that a decisive change in policy is contemplated by the British Government, the weekly asserted.

#### Polish Zionists Ask Rejection of Quota

WARSAW, May 16. (JTA) -- The Zionist Coordinating Committee, representing all Zionist organizations in Poland, today cabled the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Jerusalem demanding rejection of the new Palestine immigration schedule as insufficient.

#### HUNGARY SEEKS REICH FRIENDSHIP BUT REJECTS HER "STATE FORMS"

BUDAPEST, May 16. (JTA) -- The "state forms of Germany" can have no influence on Hungary, declared Premier Koloman Daranyi in a speech before Parliament here in which he stressed the necessity for continuation of German-Hungarian friendship, the Havas News Agency reported today.

Speaking during a discussion of the budget, Daranyi said the Government wished to maintain this amity with Germany and was convinced that Germany felt the same. With this aim Hungary desired the elimination of all risk of "pernicious agitation" which might trouble relations between the countries, he continued.

"The prosperity and security of great nations is attained only by heroic work on the part of those charged with direction of their countries," he said, "and it is not acceptable that this work be meddled with even in a critical form."

"It is incontestable," he added, "that the state forms of Germany are without significance in our national life."

#### JEWISH SCIENTISTS HIT AS SELF-SEEKING AT ANTI-SEMITIC CONGRESS

MUNICH, Germany, May 16. (JTA) -- Attacks on Jewish scientists and philosophers were delivered today before the Second Congress of the Research Department on the Jewish Question of the Institute for the History of the New Germany.

Prof. Johannes Stark, lecturing on "The Jewish Spirit in Natural Sciences," asserted that Jewish scientists were merely seeking self-glorification. Prof. Max Wundt, of Tuebingen University said, in speaking on "Jews in Philosophy," that Jewish philosophers were anxious only to destroy what other nations deemed sacred.

Spinoza justified the revolution of sub-humans and threw a "Talmudic net" over "Aryan" philosophers, said Prof. Hans Grunsky, of Munich University.

The congress was opened by Prof. Wilhelm Grau, head of the department, in the presence of many Nazi professors. Prominent among those attending was Julius Streicher, high priest of German anti-Semitism.

Prof. Grau announced that the next undertaking of the department would concern "historical statistics of Jewish conversions and mixed marriages of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries" and a complete bibliography of the history of the Jewish question from 1750 to 1848, the most important period of Jewish emancipation in Western Europe.

The Havas News Agency said a vast library of supposedly "documentary evidence" to convince the world of the Jews' racial, physical and intellectual inferiority was placed in preparation here. The official German "archives on the Jewish question" will be assembled by the department.

The work of this department is avowedly aimed at justifying Germany's anti-Semitic program in the eyes of the world and in winning converts wherever possible. Its "scientific conferences and tracts" will seek to prove world Jewry is responsible for all ills afflicting humanity, highlighting the race's alleged financial irresponsibility and general inferiority.

The "archives" will be assembled in one library, where the world's savants will be invited to come and be convinced.

#### SOVIET ALLOTS 20 MILLION RUBLES FOR BIRO-BIDJAN DEVELOPMENT

MOSCOW, May 16. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government has allocated 19,758,000 rubles from its 1937 budget for development of Biro-Bidjan, autonomous Jewish territory in the Soviet Far East, it was announced today.

The region is expected to produce more than 28,000,000 rubles worth of goods during the current year. Products of artisans alone are expected to have a total value of 17,500,000 rubles. Timber is expected to bring an income of 8,000,000 rubles, with industrial products estimated at 2,750,000 rubles.