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AGENCY SPURNS LABOR ENTRY SCHEDULE; QUILTS DISTRIBUTING ROLE

JERUSALEM, May 18. (JTA) -- Spurning an allocation of but 220 certificates to cover Jewish labor immigration for four months ending July 31, the Jewish Agency for Palestine today challenged the Palestine Government to a showdown on the issue.

In a dramatic public statement, the Agency announced its decision not to accept the allotment since it "chained" the Jewish immigration movement, virtually "limiting it to zero."

In rejecting the certificates proffered by the Government, part of a schedule totalling 770 certificates, the Agency resigned from its customary function of distributing them among all Palestine Jewish labor divisions on behalf of Jewry in forty countries of the world.

The action of the Agency, which is recognized by the League of Nations as world Jewry's representative in Palestine matters, is unprecedented in the eight years of its existence.

The Agency voiced confidence that the Jewish masses throughout the world would support its stand and demonstrate its determination not to compromise with the Government action at this "fateful hour to the future of their work of resurrection."

The Agency's statement also protested inclusion in the 770 schedule of a total of 400 certificates earmarked for immigration of German-Jewish colonists instead of the 700 requested for this purpose. The protest was based on the contention that absorption of these colonists was insured by a special fund created by the Council for German Jewry, of which Viscount Samuel and Felix M. Warburg are the joint chairmen. Another 150 certificates, making up the total of 770, were reserved for the Government Immigration Department to be applied to illegal immigrants.

For the first time, the Agency officially revealed that it had asked a schedule of 1,250 certificates to cover Jewish labor immigration for the six-month period from April to October. This request, it stated, was filed with the Government after long and accurate research in which Government representatives participated.

The quota of 220 labor certificates, the Agency charged, was a perversion of the labor immigration schedule. That number would have to cover all Jewish labor needs in Palestine during the ensuing four months, including agriculture, industry, building, transport, public works and other services.

100 HUNGER STRIKING ARABS FREED; HAIFA STRIKE BROKEN

HAIFA, May 17. (JTA) -- About a hundred of the 200 Arab prisoners for whose release Arabs have staged a general strike in Haifa, Acre and surrounding villages were freed from Acre prison today.

The release followed intervention with High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope by the Arab Supreme Committee. Arab leaders continued to press for release of the remaining convicts. All were arrested during recent disorders.

In Haifa, where the general strike, coinciding with inactivity of Jews because of the Shevuoth holiday, had virtually paralyzed the city, the strike began to crumble today. Arab youths seeking to compel shopkeepers to continue the strike were frustrated by other Arabs.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the Government has decided to grant £250 (about \$1,250) to the family of each person killed during last year's disturbances, except those slain in engagements with Government forces. Decision was postponed on compensation for property destroyed.

About 100 Jewish families and 50 Arab families are included in the Government list of those which will receive the grants.

TO BUILD 20 NEW POLICE STATIONS AT PALESTINE FRONTIERS

JERUSALEM, May 18. (JTA) -- Twenty new police stations will soon be established along Palestine's frontiers, particularly in the north, it was announced today by Roy G.B. Spicer, Inspector General of Police and Prisons.

Many acres of barley fields belonging to a Jewish colony in the Boisan area were destroyed last night by a fire believed to have been set by Arab marauders. The fire was put out by Jewish settlers. The authorities are investigating.

Police announced discovery of six sacks of explosives in the Arab village of Lifta, near Jerusalem. Six Arabs were arrested on suspicion of ownership.

BASEL TO BE SITE OF 20TH ZIONIST CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, May 18. (JTA) -- Basel, Switzerland, was officially announced today as the site of the twentieth biennial World Zionist Congress which opens August 3. The Swiss city was also the site of the first Congress in 1897.

17-YEAR INCOME OF KEREN HAYESOD PUT AT \$30,000,000

JERUSALEM, May 18. (JTA) -- The total income of the Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund), Zionist reconstruction agency, from its inception in 1920 until March 31, 1937, was £6,033,000 (about \$30,000,000), it was announced today.

BRZESC JEWS ASK RELIEF; SCATTERED ATTACKS CONTINUE

BRZESC, Poland, May 18. (JTA) -- The 25,000 Jews of this city, impoverished by riots in which their shops and goods were destroyed, appealed today to Warsaw for relief as scattered anti-Semitic attacks continued.

While victims of last week's riots were penniless and without food, anti-Jewish newspapers boasted that "Brzesc is now a debt-free town" because invoices, bills and records of Jewish storekeepers were destroyed in the disorders.

The first aid for the stricken Jews was brought by Dr. Henry Szoszkas, secretary of the Polish distributing committee of the Federation of Polish Jews in America. He contributed \$2,000 for local relief.

Police arrested a number of Poles and Jews. Moshe Lezerovich, correspondent of the Warsaw Yiddish daily Haint was arrested for photographing victims of the riots, but later released when the Union of Journalists intervened.

All Jewish shops in the town remained closed while two State attorneys arrived to investigate the riots. They also searched for goods pillaged from Jewish shops.

Jews thronged local synagogues for Shevuoth holiday services although most of the windows were broken.

Among the property destroyed in the disturbances, which broke out last Thursday after a policeman had been fatally wounded in a raid on an illegal Jewish slaughterhouse, was a school owned by the Miz-rachi, religious Zionist organization, an old religious school and a large photographic studio. The latter had been bombed.

Rioting which broke out yesterday in Klobuck, it was learned, resulted from agitation by a Nationalist named Alojzi Kedziora, brother of the slain Brzesc policeman. His mother and sister returned to Klobuck from Warsaw today in an attempt to incite further against the Jews, but a Nationalist meeting called for tonight was forbidden by the police.

FIRE RAZES JEWISH HOMES IN POLISH TOWN

WARSAW, May 18. (JTA) -- Fire of suspicious origin today destroyed many Jewish-owned houses in the township of Miari.

DANISH JEWS GIVE KING \$45,000 AS JUBILEE GIFT TO CREATE MODEL FARM

COPENHAGEN, May 18. (JTA) -- Denmark's Jewish population has presented King Christian X with 100,000 kroner (about \$45,000) as a gift in honor of his twenty-fifth jubilee as the Danish monarch, it was officially announced today.

The money, it was stated, is to be used to create a model farm to demonstrate to Danish farmers the most modern methods of transforming fallow land into thriving farms.

Special services were held Saturday in the Copenhagen Synagogue to mark the jubilee, with the country's most prominent Jews attending.

In his jubilee sermon, Chief Rabbi Friediger emphasized the freedom of religious conscience enjoyed by the citizens of Denmark. He also recalled the visit King Christian paid to the synagogue in 1933 on the occasion of its centenary celebration.

SEE WIDE EFFECTS OF MOVE TO OUST JEWS FROM RUMANIAN PROFESSIONS

BUCHAREST, May 18. (JTA) -- Concern was expressed in Jewish circles today over a resolution for elimination of Jews and members of national minorities from professions adopted by a conference of the Federation of Rumanian Free Professional Associations.

While the resolution adopted was of a general nature its consequence was expected to be far-reaching because the federation is an influential body and can execute the part of its program concerning Jews and members of minorities in an arbitrary manner.

The conference empowered the federation's council to carry out the program, which calls for revision of post-war naturalizations and nationalizing of capital invested in Rumania, as well as the application of the "ethnic principle" to professions.

Establishment of a special bureau to guide and help "pure-blooded Rumanians" in the professions was also decided upon at the conference.

University professors, teachers, physicians, architects and chemists are among the professionals represented in the federation.

SAYS TATARESCU ADMITTED ANARCHY WIDESPREAD IN RUMANIA

BUCHAREST, May 18. (JTA) -- Premier Georg Tatarescu recently admitted openly that a state of anarchy in Rumania was widespread, caused by Fascist agitation, Ion Mihalache, leader of the National Peasant Party, revealed in an address in his electoral district.

Mr. Mihalache said the Premier had made the statement in the presence of Vice Premier Ion Inculetz during a reception in Bucharest. Mr. Tatarescu declared that former Premier Alexander Vaida-Voevod was responsible for the anarchy because he tolerated the Fascist organizations that have produced such confusion in the country, the Peasant leader said.

UNTERMYER SEEKS U.S. DELEGATION TO PARIS ANTI-RACISM PARLEY

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- Samuel Untermyer, president of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, has invited American organizations to join in sending a delegation to the World Rally against Racism and Anti-Semitism to be held in Paris Sept. 10 under the auspices of the International Federation of Leagues against Racism and Anti-Semitism, it was announced today.

The object of the rally is "to fight by every means of reason and logic against the racial theories that threaten to contaminate these countries which have so far not fallen victims to authoritarian regimes." Jewish, Christian, non-sectarian and Negro organizations are among those invited to participate. The Anti-Nazi League is the American affiliate of the federation.

FESTIVAL AIDS PALESTINE "LIGHTHOUSE"

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- A Spring festival and musicale were held in the Hotel Pierre today to augment funds being raised to build a protective stone wall around the Palestine Lighthouse in Aid of the Blind in Jerusalem. Speakers included Dr. Will Durant, Maurice Hindus, Maurice Levin, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. David de Sola Pool.

CORRECTION

It was incorrectly stated in Monday's Paris report on the American Jewish Joint Reconstruction Foundation that the foundation conducts its activities through a chain of 762,000 cooperative loan banks in eleven countries. The figure should have read 672.