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J.D.C. OFFICIALS IN WARSAW TO PUSH RELIEF FOR 22,000 BRZESC JEWS

WARSAW, May 19. (JTA) -- Two representatives of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Dr. Bernhard Kahn and David J. Schweitzer, arrived here today to organize relief for an estimated 22,000 Jews of the eastern city of Brzesc who are either direct or indirect sufferers of last Thursday's pogrom.

Acquainting themselves with details of the excesses, the officials dispatched first aid and cabled an appeal to the relief body's headquarters in New York, advising that a large sum was urgently needed to bring the situation in Brzesc back to normal.

The Haintiger Neues, Yiddish morning paper, was confiscated for estimating property damages at three million zlotys (about \$600,000). Other papers putting the damages at about \$400,000 were not molested.

The full extent of the pogrom's effects on the 25,000 Jews of the city, which under Russia's rule was named Brest-Litovsk, was revealed to the American officials.

It has been established that the disorders, precipitated by the fatal stabbing of a policeman who sought to arrest a Jewish butcher, lasted fully 16 hours.

It is estimated that 22,000 of the city's Jews are actual sufferers, although only 50 were wounded, and have been compelled to resort to charity since their property was almost entirely wiped out.

Worst feature of the riot's aftermath is the almost complete absence of bread, all 28 of the city's Jewish bakeries having been destroyed. Poles are assertedly refusing to supply bread to the Jews.

Another serious aspect of the situation is the lack of medical supplies, the only three Jewish chemist shops having been demolished by the rioters.

The 400 Warsaw police, in Brzesc since Friday, are still patrolling the city's streets which are otherwise virtually deserted.

Jewish newspapers here are publishing appeals for nation-wide fund drives to help restore normalcy in the stricken city. Warsaw Jewish merchants declared a moratorium on collection of debts from Brzesc customers, sending delegations to the city to study the situation.

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New Disorders in 4 Areas

WARSAW, May 19. (JTA) -- New anti-Jewish disorders were reported today in four towns in various parts of Poland while police in Brzesc thwarted attempts to set fire to a Jewish settlement house named for Felix M. Warburg, New York banker and philanthropist.

The Warburg house, built after the World War with the aid of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, houses homeless Jews.

Disorders broke out yesterday in Kamien-Koszyrski near Kovel, in the same district as Brzesc. Windows of Jewish homes were broken and several shops demolished. Destruction of the largest shop in the town, owned by Abraham Klerman, was prevented by the police chief, who dispersed anti-Semites with a drawn revolver.

The Jews of the town did not dare leave their homes today although the authorities gave assurances they would not permit a new outbreak. Reports published abroad that wholesale evacuation of Jews had occurred were ascertained to be unfounded.

Ten Jews were beaten by Nationalists in Baranowicz, near the Russian frontier. One of them, Mendel Goldberg, was seriously injured and removed to the hospital. Police restored order, making two arrests.

A Nationalist entered a drugstore in Pruszkow, near Warsaw, made a small purchase, and left a bomb which exploded and demolished the shop. The owner, Abraham Koss, was wounded.

Windows of several Jewish houses and a synagogue in Nowoswiciany, in the Wilno district, were broken last night by Nationalists.

Meanwhile, Moshe Lezerovich, correspondent of the Warsaw Yiddish daily Haint, who had been held under arrest for three days in Brzesc for photographing victims of the disorders, arrived in Warsaw in custody of police for trial on charges of "inciting the Jews of Brzesc to make a pogrom on the Poles."

Polish newspapers in the capital today ignored the tense situation in Brzesc, with the exception of the Socialist Robotnik, which

published an appeal to the Polish people by Stefania Stempelowska, well-known Polish nationalist campaigner during the Czarist regime.

"Filled with shame and sorrow I express the deepest sympathy for the victims of the barbarous disorders in Brzesc," she said. "In the belief that the Polish people will immediately organize relief for these victims, I subscribe twenty zlotys."

DOCTORS' BODY QUILTS UNION FOR BARRING JEWS

WARSAW, May 19. (JTA) -- The Union of Panel Doctors of Warsaw decided to leave the Polish Physicians' Union in protest against the introduction of the "Aryan paragraph" by the latter body. The panel doctors' group includes 500 physicians of whom only a small minority are Jews.

The branch of the Polish Physicians' Union in Drohobiez, East Galicia, adopted a resolution opposing exclusion of Jews.

TEL AVIV MARKS HARBOR'S FIRST YEAR

TEL AVIV, Palestine, May 18. (JTA) -- This city today celebrated the first anniversary of its harbor, born of the 1936 Arab disorders which made the neighboring port of Jaffa inaccessible to Jewish merchants.

Thousands of Tel Aviveans thronged a jubilee meeting addressed by Palestine notables who hailed the new port as a success and expressed the hope that a Jewish steamship line would soon be established to ply between Trieste and Tel Aviv. The speakers appealed to world Jewry to support the Hebrew Sea League, which aims to promote development of sea industries in Palestine.

Speakers included Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine; Siegfried Hoofien, director of the Anglo-Palestine Bank; Rabbi Eliahu Berligne, member of the Jewish National Council; David Remez, labor leader and Dr. M. Soloweitshik, Consul General for Lithuania.

HUNGARIAN JEW SHOT IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, May 19. (JTA) -- A Hungarian Jew named Paul Horwath, 35, was shot and seriously wounded by an unidentified person today on one of the city's main thoroughfares. He was taken to Hadassah Hospital.

ROME ASKS SYMPATHY OF ARABS BEYOND EMPIRE LIMITS

ROME, May 18. (JTA) -- Italy's colonial aspirations are satisfied and its present government policy is not based on "hidden motives," Minister for Colonies Alessandro Lessona told the Italian Chamber here today, the Havas News Agency reported.

He emphasized the Government's policy of "cooperation and elevations" with the Moslem population of the Italian colonies in Africa and appealed for the sympathetic support of Arabs outside the new Italian Empire.

JULIUS HOLLANDER, 58, DIES IN AMSTERDAM; FORMER REICH BANKER

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands, May 19. (JTA) -- Julius Hollander, banker and Jewish leader, died here suddenly on Sunday, it was learned today. He was 58 years old.

Formerly a resident of Frankfurt-am-Main, Mr. Hollander was a member of the executive of Agudath Israel, Jewish religious organization. His body is being shipped by plane to Copenhagen, where funeral services will be held tomorrow.

LONDON'S JEWISH SHERIFF IS KNIGHTED

LONDON, May 19. (JTA) -- King George today knighted Sherif F.J.C. Pollitzer, whose shrievalty is the mile-square city of London, the nub of Greater London. The ceremony took place following the traditional Lord Mayor's banquet to the royal couple at Guildhall.

FRANCE PREPARES TO ACT ON RISING ANTI-SEMITISM IN ALGERIA

PARIS (JTA) -- The French Government will take up officially the situation of the Jews in Algeria and the increasing anti-Semitism there as the result of a report submitted to the Cabinet by a Government commission which has returned from a tour of investigation.

The report on the Jews was announced as important, but no details were disclosed and it is not expected the report will be made public.

The French Government is especially interested in the position of the Jews in Algeria in view of anti-Semitic propaganda being spread by Nazi agents among the Moslems. A number of French papers have published articles reporting agitators urging the population "to throw the Jews and the French into the sea."

The agitation is assuming a serious character, it is said, not only for the 100,000 Jews, but for the 1,000,000 Frenchmen in the French territory in North Africa.

2 FRENCH TOWNS NAME STREETS FOR DREYFUS

PARIS (JTA) -- Two French municipalities have just decided to name streets after Lt.-Col. Alfred Dreyfus -- the famous Captain Dreyfus of the trial which rocked France at the end of the last century -- who died July 12, 1935.

The Municipality of Mulhouse, one of the largest cities in Alsace, has invited Premier Leon Blum to preside at the ceremony when one of its principal streets is renamed for the Jewish army officer. The date of the ceremony has not been fixed.

Grosnes is the other town which decided to honor Dreyfus.

SO. AFRICA BARS ENTRANTS WITH "ONE-WAY" PASSPORTS

CAPE TOWN (JTA) -- A new regulation has passed Parliament barring from the country aliens with the so-called "one-way papers" as passports. This will have the effect of halting immigration of Jews who have been deprived of their nationality.

Only 57 immigrants entered the Union of South Africa between Nov. 1, 1936 and Feb. 1, 1937, according to an announcement by Acting Interior Minister J.H. Hofmeyer, and after Feb. 1 the number of immigrants was even smaller.

3 JEWS NAMED TO CHILEAN PARLIAMENT

SANTIAGO, Chile (JTA) -- For the first time in Chile's history three Jews have been elected to Parliament. All were returned on the Popular Front ticket. They are Angel Faivovitch of this city, formerly president of the Circula Israelita; Dr. Natalio Berman of Concepcion, formerly president of the Chilean Zionist Federation, and Marcos Chamudez, Valparaiso journalist.

NAZIS DEMAND VATICAN REPUDIATE CARDINAL MUNDELEIN FOR ANTI-HITLER TALK

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- An attack on Nazi Germany and Chancellor Hitler by George Cardinal Mundelein, Catholic archbishop of Chicago, stirred the Government-controlled press in Berlin today to demand that the Vatican publicly repudiate the prelate.

Addressing 500 priests at a quarterly diocesan conference in Chicago last night, the Cardinal called Hitler "an Austrian paperhanger and a poor one at that." He accused Nazi officials of fostering "malicious propaganda against the church."

In Berlin, the United Press quoted the Nachtausgabe as saying "the supreme authority of the church owes the German people a public reckoning which can consist only in repudiation of the Archbishop of Chicago." Der Angriff described the Cardinal's speech as a "declaration of war."

HARRY LIEBOVITZ NAMED HEAD OF JEWISH EDUCATION BODY

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- Harry H. Liebovitz, a merchant, was elected president of the Jewish Education Association at a meeting of its members and those of Ivriah, the women's division, at the Hotel Piorro tonight. Mr. Liebovitz succeeds the late Judge Otto A. Rosalsky. He was formerly treasurer of the association.

Speakers included Mark Eisner, chairman of the Board of Higher Education; Stanley Howe, representing Mayor LaGuardia, and Jonah J. Goldstein, who presided. Reports were submitted by Bernard Semel, honorary secretary of the J.E.A., and Mrs. Gabriel Hamburger, president of Ivriah.

James Marshall, vice-president of the Board of Education, officiated during the installation of officers. They included, besides Mr. Liebovitz: Mr. Goldstein and Samuel Rottenberg, vice-presidents; Mr. Semel, honorary secretary; Nathan Fluegelman, treasurer; J.M. Wachman, assistant treasurer; Dr. David de Sola Pool, secretary to the board of directors, and Mrs. Hamburger, president of Ivriah.

CONGRESS SHELVES BILL TO STAY DEPORTATION OF 15 ILLEGAL ENTRANTS

WASHINGTON, May 19. (JTA) -- An omnibus immigration bill to relieve from deportation 15 aliens alleged to have entered the country by fraud went over as unfinished business when the House adjourned before completing consideration of the bill. It cannot be brought up for another month without unanimous consent.

The bill, offered by the Immigration Committee, was attacked by several Southern Democrats and a few Republicans as encouraging illegal entrance of aliens. All fifteen named in the bill obtained entry through the connivance of an employe of the United States Consulate in Berlin, Rep. McCormack said. None was a citizen of Germany but they had gone there to enter under the German quota.

J.D.C. GIVES \$50,000 FOR RIOT AID IN POLAND

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- An emergency appropriation of \$50,000 has been made by the Joint Distribution Committee to meet situations such as created by the recent rioting in Brzesc and other towns in Poland, it was announced today by Alexander Kahn, chairman of the Committee on Poland of the J.D.C.

This sum is in addition to the regular appropriations made by the J.D.C. for relief and rehabilitation work in Poland. Of the \$50,000 allotted \$20,000 will be used immediately for emergency relief measures in Brzesc.

The appropriation was made on the recommendation of J.D.C. representatives who have gone to the scene of the rioting.

"The Joint Distribution Committee contribution will be supplemented by collections in the Jewish communities in Warsaw and other Polish cities; these funds will be used to provide immediate relief and later for constructive efforts of rehabilitating the large Jewish population of Brzesc," Mr. Kahn said.