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U.S. CONSULATE IN WARSAW COMPILING POGROM DATA FOR HULL

WARSAW, May 21. (JTA) -- The American Consulate is compiling a dossier on the Brzesc pogrom of last Thursday for transmission to the State Department, it was reliably learned today.

The dossier, it is believed, will include photographs proving the contention of many Brzesc Jews that the city's police encouraged the rioters.

Action of the Consulate is attributed to a visit Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, made to Secretary of State Cordell Hull in Washington yesterday, in the course of which he is said to have discussed the possibilities of friendly representations by the United States to the Polish Government.

More than fifty Jews were wounded in the rioting which was precipitated by the fatal stabbing of a policeman as he sought to arrest the Jewish operator of an allegedly illegal abattoir. Property damage to scores of Jewish shops and homes is estimated at upwards of \$400,000.

Dr. Bernhard Kahn, European director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, announced he and David J. Schweitzer, vice-director, will go to Brzesc Monday to direct relief activities. About 22,000 of the city's 25,000 Jews are reported to have been impoverished by the rioting and thrown entirely on charity.

Dr. Kahn told a press conference this morning that the Joint Distribution Committee intends to spend \$100,000 in relieving the situation in Brzesc and \$30,000 in other pogrom areas.

Announcing that the American organization has trebled its activities in Poland in the last month, Dr. Kahn urged the establishment of a central advisory council to supervise all work it finances.

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Trials of Rioters Open; 2 Peasants Get Jail Terms

BRZESC, Poland, May 21. (JTA) -- The first of a series of trials arising from the pogrom here last week resulted today in sentencing of two peasants to jail terms of six months each. More than 100 persons are being held for trial for participation in the excesses, for looting or receiving stelen goods.

Both of those convicted admitted participating in the rioting explaining they had acted on receipt of printed slips of paper instructing them to "attack the Jews."

Apparently suffering shock as the result of the disorders, a Jewish woman named Sarah Reinman, recently returned from Palestine, committed suicide by drowning herself in the river.

The authorities, in an effort to prevent photographing of buildings destroyed during the pogrom, confiscated all film stocks.

Jewish merchants who suffered least in the disorders are contributing generously to the relief of some 22,000 Jews directly or indiractly effected.

Reports of Mass Flight From Polish Town Denied

WARSAW, May 21, (JTA) -- Reports published abroad that Jews "in droves" were descriing the town of Kamien-Kozyrski in fear of threat-ened pogroms were authoritatively stated today to be without foundation.

A delegation of Jews from the town, near Brzesc, scene of a pogrom last week, arrived here yesterday to report on recent disturbances there. Two Jewish traders were seriously wounded in a short-lived outbreak, following which a Zionist leader and a social worker were arrested for allegedly spreading "alarming reports about the security of the Jews."

JEWISH CONGRESS URGES EXTENSION OF UPPER SILESIAN MINORITIES PACT

GENEVA, May 21. (JTA) -- Measures to protect minorities in Upper Silesia after expiration of the Polish-German Minorities Convention on July 15 were asked today by the Executive of the World Jewish Congress in a memorandum to the nations guaranteeing the paot.

The congress asked Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan to invite Poland and Germany to continue the clauses of the convention dealing with minority rights. The convention was signed in 1922 under the auspices of the League of Nations.

Germany, fearing that Germans in the Polish section of the territory will be subjected to a "Polonization" campaign, has been reported ready to prolong the agreement, but Poland is regarded as unwilling.

The memorandum asked that minorities in Upper Silesia be given the right to carry on their present trades and professions, and that their property be protected against confiscation. The congress requested that the Hague Tribunal be asked to decide in cases of divergence of opinion.

The memorandum also asked that necessary steps be taken to avoid repressive measures against members of minorities who desire to exercise the right to petition the League where they feel their rights violated.

Finally, the memorandum asked that if insurmountable obstacles exist to a solution of the minority problem, the minorities be given a transition period to liquidate their business and emigrate, similar to that in the Saar when that territory was restored to Germany.

SWASTIKAS FLY AS ARABS MARK MOHAMMED'S BIRTHDAY

Mussolini were being displayed by many Arab shops in the Old City today in connection with the celebration of Mohammed's birthday.

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JERUSALEM, May 21. (JTA) -- Nazi flags and pictures of Hitler and

Arab children thronged the teeming section's narrow, winding streets, shouting: "Death to the High Commissioner (Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauch-ope); Death to the Jews\"

Booklets explaining Nazi methods of forcing Jews from the Reich are being distributed freely.

Arabs in Haifa and Jaffa prepared for the birthday celebrations, scheduled for today and tomorrow, by proclaiming a work stoppage and organizing demonstrations.

The Government Education Department issued orders prohibiting Arab pupils to participate in the demonstrations. Arab newspapers, however, are urging the pupils to disobey.

WAUCHOPE PROMISES TO PUSH \$5,000,000 LOAN TO TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, May 21, (JTA) -- Mayor Israel Rokach disclosed today at a Chamber of Commerce meeting that High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope has promised to accelerate the granting of a bl,000,000 (about \$5,000,000) loan by the Prudential Insurance Co. for public works, extension of the Ruttenberg Electric Works beyond the Yarkon River and seashore improvements.

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SIR DANIEL LEVY DIES; WAS AUSTRALIAN STATESMAN

SYDNEY, Australia, May 21. (JTA) -- Sir Daniel Levy, for many years Speaker of the New South Wales Parliament, died here yesterday at the age of 63.

A bachelor, Sir Daniel had been prominent in public life since 1919. From that year until his death he missed but four years in the post of Parliament Speaker. For two months in 1932, Sir Daniel also acted as Attorney General and Minister of Justice of New South Walss.

Born in London in 1873, he was educated in Sydney schools and received his law degree from Sydney University, entering the bar in 1895. He was active in literary, educational and philanthropic fields, having been editor of the Australasian Hebrew, director of the New South Wales Benevolent Society and a fellow of the Senate of Sydney University. Among his writings have been numerous articles on law reform.

REPORT ON PALESTINE NOT EXPECTED UNTIL MID-JUNE

LONDON, May 21. (JTA) -- The Royal Commission on Palestine appointed to investigate the causes of the disorders in the Holy Land and recommend a new Government program to further the peaceful development of the country, will not submit its report to the British Cabinet until the middle of next month, it was reliably learned today.

The commission, under the chairmanship of Lord Feel, is believed to have depided to recommend the division of Palestine into an independent Arab state including Transjordan and a Jewish Dominion within the British Empire. It is understood that the commission, after lengthy consideration, has dropped schemes for the division of the country into Arab and Jewish cantons on the Swiss model.

Reports that the commission intends to recommend division of the country have aroused strong protest among both Arabs and Jews and have also been sharply criticized in British Farliamentary circles. An effort by Liberal and Labour M.P.'s to secure assurances from the Government that the House of Commons would be given an opportunity to discuss the Commission's report before the Cabinet acted upon it recently met with Premier Baldwin's blunt refusal to commit himself to this course.

Immediately on publication of the Royal Commission's report a special session of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations will be convened at Geneva to consider the report and recommendations as well as the report of the British Government on the carrying out of its mandate for Palestine and Transjordan during 1936.

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J.C. HYMAN URGES COORDINATION IN ANTI-PERSECUTION EFFORTS

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21. (JTA) -- Dangers of over-organization and over-expension of agencies opposing persecution abroad were pointed out today by Joseph C. Hyman, executive director of the Joint Distribution Committee, addressing the thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Conference of Jewish Social Welfare.

Mr. Hyman said that progress was achieved through coordinating movements motivated by differing philosophies rather than by enforced uniformity. He hailed the establishment of the Joint Consultative Council of the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress and Binai Birith as an example of the benefits of coordination.

"When the whole framework of civilization is being torn asunder by mallgnant forces, those responsible for leadership of Jewish organizational life have the inescapable obligation to consult and advise and, wherever possible, to collaborate, Mr. Hyman said.

Describing the coordination of Jewish relief, he said that "almost in every country where emigrants from Germany have found a rofuge there has evolved after much trial and error a central committee, or at least a recognized committee on refugee aid, training, settlement and immigration service."

The second day of the conference was devoted primarily to trend integrating national Jewish action groups with the community and center programs, and the tendencies toward coordination of the overseas relief programs.

Morris D. Waldman, secretary of the American Jewish Committee, urged Jews to resist efforts from without and within to "blind us with emotions and confuse us with demagogic slogans." He condemned Fascism and other anti-Semitic manifestations here and abroad, and counselled maintenance of a rational perspective.

"The noisy symptoms of anti-Semitism need concern us less than the larger task of immunizing the public mind and building up resistance to the virus of group hatred," Mr. Waldman said.

Rabbi Milton Steinberg, of New York, urged utilization of any land open to Jewish immigration, but saw Palestine as offering the most complete solution to social problems for the Jew entering there. "Palestine is the one land open to relatively large scale immigration," he said.

Rabbi Stoinberg declared that Palestine offered a richor Judaism even for the American Jows of "positive action and program radically different from the moral tenes, philanthropy and negativism of self-defense."

wher sessions were contented with the timetron and lessans to research in community planning, institutional child care and care of the aged trends, and development of leadership in the centers! group work. At general sessions this afternoon Solomon Lowenstein, of New York, presided, while Harry Greenstein, director of the Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore, presided in the evening.

NAZI RESS RENEWS ATTACKS ON MUNDELEIN, LAGUARDIA, JENS AND CATHOLICS

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- The controlled Nazi press today renewed its breadsides against Jews and Catholics and demanded that the Vatican "call to order" George Cardinal Mundelein, of Chicago, for attacks on Chancellor Hitler, the Associated Press reported from Berlin.

The outbursts were extended to include not only the Cardinal, but Mayor LaGuardia and Catholics and Jews in general. The official news agency distributed a dispatch blaming "Jew LaGuardia" for alleged immorality in New Yorks. Schools.

Mayor LaGuardia struckbackby declaring: "Statements such as those can be referred to Deputy Sanitation Commissioner Binger, who has charge of sewage disposal in New York City. No decent person can answer or even comment on such filth."

Reached in San: Fancisco, where he is attending the National Conference of Mayors, Mr. LaGuardia said:

"This is the natural reaction from the lashing given them by Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago a few nights ago. Cardinal Mundelein told the truth about the Nazi Government. And it must be remembered that every time the truth is told about them they descend to new all-time levels of filth and vilification."

LITHUANIAN LOTTERY AIDS JEWISH INSTITUTIONS

KAUNAS (JTA) -- The Cabinet has decided to spend part of the income derived from the Lithuanian Government lottery on a number of Jewish social and philanthropic institutions.

100,000 JEWISH JOBLESS IN GERMANY NEED ALD

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- latest estimates place the number of refugees from Germany at present in European countries at approximately 55,500, according to a report of the Distribution Committee made public today. Of this number about 29,000 are Jowish and 6,500 "Aryan" or "non-Aryan" Christians. According to the Nazi interpretation all Germans with one Jewish grandparent are considered "non-Aryan."

The J.D.C. is also informed that about 100,000 Jews in Germany, of the less than 400,000 total Jewish population, are jobless and in need of aid. Owing to the continued emigration of those able to support Jewish community enterprises in Germany and the exclusion of Jews from jobs and professions, the situation of those remaining is rapidly becoming worse, the report states.