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NAZIS NOT INFLUENCING POLAND ON JEWS, EDEN TELLS COMMONS

LONDON, June 2. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today discounted reports of Nazi incitement in Poland by declaring in Commons he had no reason to suppose anti-Jewish demonstrations in Poland were "caused by foreign influence in Polish affairs."

Capt. Eden's statement was made in reply to Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite, who asked whether the influence of the British Government was being used to check "increasing persecution of Jews in Poland" and counteract German influence.

When Geoffrey Mander, Liberal, asked if an opportunity would be given for these "persecuted Jews" to emigrate to Palestine, no reply was given.

The question of Jewish immigration also came up when William G. A. Ormsby-Gore, the Colonial Secretary, took the occasion of a question by Col. Wedgwood to deny reports in Jerusalem that Emir Abdullah of Transjordan was negotiating with the Colonial Office concerning admission of Jewish immigrants to the British-mandated territory.

NO JEWISH ATTEMPT ON MUFTI'S LIFE, COMMONS IS ASSURED

LONDON, June 2. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government is satisfied that there was no Jewish attempt on the life of Grand Mufti Haj Amin el Husseini, it was reported to Commons today, and a police communique has been issued "to avoid extravagant rumors leading to outrages and difficulties."

The statement was made by William G.A. Ormsby-Gore, the Colonial Secretary, in reply to a question by Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite, concerning the incident in Jerusalem last Saturday night when shots were said to have been fired across the road just before the Mufti passed.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore stated:

"A telegraphic report from High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope received yesterday states that the evidence regarding this incident is conflicting and cannot as yet be reconciled, but the facts appear as follows:

"The Mufti was returning via Wadijoz to St. Stephen's Gate at eight p.m. Saturday when he noticed a car containing Jews standing in the road. The Mufti states his companions reported to him that one of the Jews had a revolver.

"The Mufti, fearing an attempt on his life, instructed his servants to investigate, but it was not established whether any of the Jews had been in actual possession of a revolver. There was not a fracas and no one was injured. The respective parties of the Jews and Arabs made their complaints to different stations and interrogation is being continued.

"In a later telegram Wauchope reports the police are fully satisfied the occupants of the car had no intention of attacking anyone."

Asked by Col. Wodgwood if it was necessary for the Mufti to have a bodyguard, the Colonial Secretary said it was "probably very necessary for the Mufti to have a bodyguard and he has had one for some time."

"A police communique was issued to avoid extravagant rumors leading to outrages and difficulties," Mr. Ormsby-Gore added.

LONDON THEATRE GROUP WARNED NOT TO PRODUCE ANTI-NAZI PLAY

LONDON, June 2. (JTA) -- Swastika-signed threats were received today by the Repertory Players of Bermondsey, warning them to withdraw the scheduled production of Friedrich Wolf's anti-Nazi play "Professor Mamlock." The play is having a successful WPA run in New York.

The anonymous letter said:

"Keep your lying Jewish propaganda out of Bermondsey. Don't stage Prof. Mamlock if you want to keep out of trouble."

Posters advertising the play in Bermondsey, a London suburb, were torn down and marked with swastikas.

CAROL TO SIGN RUMANIAN LABOR LAW JUNE 8

BUCHAREST, June 2. (JTA) -- Commerce Minister Valerius Pop announced today that a law "for the protection of national labor" will be submitted to King Carol June 8 for his signature.

The law, long awaited, will permit members of national minorities to share in trade according to their numerical proportion in the population, M. Pop declared.

Purported text of the law was recently published in Bucharest papers, but its accuracy was officially denied at the time. According to the reports, the law would give the Ministry of Industries the right to take arbitrary measures in connection with employment in all public or private enterprises. The Government would have the right to dismiss all foreign personnel employed in any enterprise. Failure to turn over necessary information on personnel would be punished by confiscation of the enterprise.

Even right-wing newspapers commented that the law, if in accord with the purported text, was "unconstitutional and even communistic."

"It remains to be seen," one paper said, "whether M. Pop will succeed in putting it through."

Actual text of the law as signed by King Carol will be published in the Official Gazette following the formality of signing.

BULGARIAN NAZI MISSION GOES TO BERLIN TO STUDY ANTI-SEMITIC METHODS

SOFIA, Bulgaria, June 2. (JTA) -- One of two anti-Semitic organizations here has dispatched a special delegation to Berlin to study Nazi anti-Jewish propaganda methods, it was revealed today.

Activities of the two organizations, recently founded despite a ban on political parties and organizations, are causing grave concern among Bulgarian Jewry.

Both groups hold conferences openly, without interference by the authorities. The J.T.A. correspondent was barred from attending a meeting being addressed by the leader of one of the groups. He was informed "Jews and dogs are not admitted."

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Few Criminals Among Bulgarian Jews, Report Shows

SOFIA, June 2. (JTA) -- Official criminal statistics made public here today reveal that Jews constituted the smallest percentage of criminals.

A statement accompanying the statistics declared:

"Jews are a law-abiding element occupied solely with commerce, showing no interest in political and social strife."

ANTI-JEWISH DEMONSTRATIONS MARK ANNIVERSARY OF MINSK-MAZOWIEC RIOTS

WARSAW, June 2. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish demonstrations were organized by Nationalists in Minsk-Mazowiec yesterday on the anniversary of the slaying of a Polish sergeant by a Jew which led to serious riots a year ago in which more than 40 Jews were injured and great property toll wrought by arson.

The demonstrations were organized in connection with a Catholic memorial service for the sergeant, named Bujak. Nationalists harangued crowds along the line of march to a memorial erected on the spot where Bujak was killed.

Meanwhile the slayer of the sergeant, certified as insane by the authorities, was to go on trial today in Warsaw. His name is Judah Leib Chatzkelewic. Eighty witnesses were called in the case.

Several Jews were attacked in Warsaw yesterday. No arrests were made. Nationalists also attacked Jewish pedestrians in Cracow, dragging Jews out of cafes. Police restored order there.

The Bialystok City Council rejected a proposal of Jewish members to protest against the May 13 anti-Jewish riots in Brzosc, but approved a resolution offered by Nationalist councillors to honor the memory of Kodziora, the policeman whose fatal wounding led to the excesses.

Jacob Wilenker was sentenced by a Wilno court to 18 months' imprisonment for thrashing one of a band of anti-Semites which had attacked him.

"POLONISM," NOT HITLERISM HELD TO BE KOC PARTY'S GOAL

WARSAW, June 2. (JTA) -- Col. Adam Koc's Camp for National Unity will not follow "the paths of Hitlerism, Fascism or corporativism, but of Polonism," Col. Jan Kowalewski, chief of staff of the new Government party, declared today.

Col. Kowalewski reported on "the efficient working" of the party at a press conference at which the Jewish press was not represented. The party will work with existing social, political and professional organizations, he said.

Talks are going on to unite the "national youth" of Poland under Government supervision, Education Minister Swietoslawski revealed in the Sejm (lower Parliamentary house) today. He declared efforts were being made under the patronage of Marshal Edward Smigly-Rydz to inspire the youth with nationalistic feeling.

BIDDLE ASSUMES DUTIES AS U.S. ENVOY IN WARSAW

WARSAW, June 2. (JTA) -- Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., new United States Ambassador to Poland, presented his credentials today to Ignacy Moscicki, president of the Polish republic, Biddle, former United States Minister to Norway, succeeds John Cudahy in the post.

REICH FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT CAPITALS OF 3 NATIONS

BERLIN, June 2. (JTA) -- Reports that Baron Constantin von Neurath, Reich Foreign Minister, will leave next week for visits to Budapest, Sofia and Belgrade, were officially confirmed today, the Havas News Agency reported.

TEL AVIV POLICE SEIZE 3 JAFFA REFUGEES IN DEMONSTRATION

TEL AVIV, June 2. (JTA) -- Three arrests were made today as police dispersed Jewish refugees from last year's riots in Jaffa, temporarily quartered at Rishon-le-Zion, who demonstrated and tried to break into City Hall to demand a permanent arrangement in their behalf.

DISSOLUTION OF JEWISH GROUPS URGED BY ITALIAN PAPER

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- Dissolution or radical transformation of "Jewish settlements" in Italy on the ground they were harmful to Fascism and too sympathetic with Great Britain was demanded today by the Turin newspaper, La Stampa, the United Press reported from Rome.

The Italian Jews are using their religious freedom to create Jewish "racism" through "subtle means, thereby endeavoring to estrange themselves into a national bloc," declared a writer using the pen name of Victor.

This "racism," he wrote, was flourishing particularly in young men's and young women's institutions, which were supposed to have a religious character only.

MEDIEVAL HEBREW POETRY SEEN AS POSSIBLE ARAB-JEWISH BOND

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- If the common background of Arab and Jew "were realized by the people at large greater amity would be shown by the Arabs of Palestine towards the Jews," Dr. Israel Davidson, Professor of Medieval Hebrew Literature, declared tonight at the Jewish Theological Seminary's Institute of Post-Biblical Literature.

Dr. Davidson deplored the fact that the Arabs and Jews did not look to their common background of medieval Hebrew poetry as an inspiration for harmonious relationships. He called the present a golden age of Hebrew poetry on a level, if not higher, than the golden age in Spain. His topic was "Hebrew Poetry Since the Bible."

OPPOSING VIEWS ON ZIONISM GIVEN BY ORGAN OF "NEW HISTORY SOCIETY"

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- Statements on the Arab-Jewish problem from both sides, written by H.I. Katibah, Syrian-born Arab author, and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, feature the June issue of Now History, a monthly published by the New History Foundation.

Mr. Katibah declares that the Arabs would come to terms with cultural Zionism; but not with political Zionism, while Dr. Weizmann stresses that the Zionists wish neither to dominate nor to be dominated.

"We oppose the nationalistic interpretation of Zionism because it is the source of all evils in the Zionist movement -- not only to the Arabs but to the Jews as well," declares the Arab writer, adding that "this injection of a new nationalism in the East...is a source of grave troubles."

Dr. Weizmann asserts:

"We say to the Arabs, taking full responsibility for our words: today we are a minority, tomorrow we may be the majority; today you are the majority, tomorrow you may be a minority. Whatever may happen in Palestine, we do not want to dominate or be dominated. We want to be there as equals."

The New History Foundation, also called the New History Society, is based on the principles of the Bahais movement, which seeks a universal religion and cooperation among all peoples. Mirza Ahmad Schrab, editor of the monthly, said the society urges the Jews to give up the idea of a majority in Palestine.

LAWYER WHO STARTED "DESPAIR MARCH" FROM POLAND TO VISIT U.S.

WARSAW, June 2. (JTA) -- Wilhelm Ryppele, who led an abortive "march of despair" to Palestine last Fall, will visit the United States, it was disclosed today.

The right-wing Zionist attorney has received official sanction for a motorcycle tour of the world with a hundred comrades. He intends to go to America to present the Jews with a memorandum stressing the necessity of emigration of Polish Jews to Palestine,

Ryppele still faces charges of conducting an illegal parade arising from the march he organized.

LITHUANIA TO ADMIT VACATIONING JEWISH CHILDREN FROM REICH

KAUNAS, June 2. (JTA) -- The Lithuanian Government has decided to permit Jewish children from Germany to enter this country to spend their summer vacations. The OZE and Yawne, active in aiding Jewish children, are undertaking to place the children in resorts and with private persons.