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PARTITION SEEN AS CERTAINTY IN LONDON REPORT FROM JERUSALEM

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- The Daily Herald reported from Jerusalem today that partition of Palestine between Arabs and Jews was now a certainty.

Five years will elapse between the time the British Government announces its decision and the actual splitting up of the Holy Land, the report said. The delay is designed to give Arabs and Jews a last opportunity to arrive at an alternative solution of their own.

The Palestine Government has already informed London of its preference for outright partition rather than division into Arab and Jewish cantons, the Herald said, although the paper added that this had been officially donied in Jorusalem.

Jews Get Two-Thirds of Land, Vienna Hears

VIENNA, June 15. (JTA) -- The Wiener Morgen today quoted Prof. Rappard, vice-president of the League of Nations Mandates Commission, as stating that partition of Palestine has definitely been decided upon as the solution of Arab-Jewish difficulties and that two-thirds of Palestine will be embodied in a Jewish republic.

A partition scheme will be presented to the commission at the end of July, Prof. Rappard reputedly stated, and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, has been invited to Geneva.

Wauchope Calls Partition Reports Premature

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- High Commissioner Sir Arthur Wauchope told a delegation of Arab leaders today that discussion of reports that the Royal Commission would recommend partition of Palestine was premature since nobody knew the contents of the Commission's report.

The delegation, representing the Arab Supreme Committee, was headed by the Grand Mufti, Haj Amin al Husseini, and Auni Bey Abdul Hadi, leader of the Palestine Independence Party.

Emir Abdullah Says Plan Abandoned

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Because of the strong opposition by both Arabs and Jews the plan to partition Palestine has been definitely abandoned, according to an interview of Emir Abdullah of Transjordan in Jorusalem with Joseph M. Levy, New York Times correspondent, published today.

The Emir, who roturned to Jorusalom from London, personally strongly opposed the scheme, it was stated, and he was quoted as saying that except for the fact that a partition was no longer under consideration no one know what the Royal Commission would recommend.

In a convorsation Abdullah had with Colonial Socretary William Ormsby-Gore the latter said everything published in the press concerning the commission's recommendations was unfounded. The British Government, it was said, was entirely ignorant of what the recommendations will be and has not itself decided what it will do when the report is submitted.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore was definite on one point -- that the Arab-Jewish question in Palestine must be solved soon, once and for all.

Roosevelt Petitioned to Oppose Change in Mandate

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- A petition asking American intercession against modification of the Falestine mandate was presented to President Roosevelt today by a delegation representing the Pro-Palestine Federation of America, which comprises non-Jews.

The delegation included William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; Senator Robert F. Wagner, of New York; Representative John J. O'Connor, of New York and Jeremiah T. Mahoney, former New York Supreme Court Justice and president of the Ameteur Athlotic Union.

The petition to the President points out that under a treaty between the United States and Great Britain, the American Government has an interest in the present situation in Palestine and that no modification of the mandate should be put into effect without the approval of the U.S. The document calls attention to the fact that "a incredible reactionary wave of anti-Semitism is sweeping the Old World, threatening the destruction of the lives of millions of innocent human beings solely on account of race and creed."

BUTCHER'S SON PLEADS GUILTY TO MURDER OF POLISH POLICEMAN

BRZESC, Poland, June 15. (JTA) -- Wolf Szcerbowski, 18-year-old son of a Jewish butcher, pleaded guilty today to the fatal stabbing of a Pelish policeman, Stofan Kedziora, in this city May 13 which led to serious anti-Javish riots.

The public prosecutor was to address the court this evening and a verdict was expected late tonight or early tomorrow morning.

The trial opened in the Brzesc District Court while great tension prevailed throughout the city. Strong police reinforcements patrolled the streets.

Isaac Szcorbowski, father of the defendant, whose butcher shop was being raided for illegally slaughtered meat when the slaying occurred, but who has been exenerated of complicity in the crime, left the city for an unknown destination, fearing an attempt on his life.

To avoid identifying the Jewish population of Poland with the erime, Joseph Czernichow, well-known Wilne Jowish leader and atterney, decided not to conduct the defense, and Szeerbowski was defended by two Warsaw Jewish atterneys, Max Rosenthal and Ignaci Levin.

The court decided to allow a civil action by Kedziera's family against the defendant for damages since he had just turned 18, which makes him liable to civil prescoution. The family was represented by Kowalski, anti-Semitic Nationalist attorney, and Niebudek.

ENDEK LEADER ON TRIAL FOR ANTI-JEWISH RAID ON MYSLENICE YEAR AGO

CRACOW, June 15. (JTA) -- Trial of Adam Doboszyński, president of the Gracow district Endek Party, on charges of leading a band of marauders in a midnight anti-Semitic raid on the nearby town of Myslenice last June, opened here today before a crowded courtroom.

Deboszynski, conducting his own defense, said the raid had been motivated by what he termed the "Judaising" of Poland and the murder of Sergeant Bujak in the town of Minsk-Mazowiec, the crime for which a Jew has just been sentenced to death by a Warsaw district court,

The defendant's demand that Jewish newspaper men covering the trial be removed from the courtroom was rejected.

POLISH PAPER SEES JEWS IN "INTERNATIONAL ATTACK" ON POLAND

WARSAW, June 15. (JTA) -- ABC, organ of the anti-Semitic National Radical Party, today charged a Jewish "international attack" on Poland to induce foreign intervention in Poland's internal affairs. The charge is based in part on a conference of Jewish organizations in New York last week.

The attack was printed under the heading "New York, London, Warsaw--Jewish Offensive Against Poland," It also discussed attacks on treatment of Jews in Poland voiced in England and in Poland itself.

Replying to ABC, the Volkszeitung, organ of the Bund (Jewish labor party) declared that the protests abroad were not directed against Foland or the Polish people, but against dissemination of "anti-Semitic poison" and those spreading anti-Semitism.

ENDEKS FREED IN KAMIEN-KOSZYRSKI DISORDERS

WARSAW, June 15. (JTA) -- A number of anti-Semitic Nationalists arrested in connection with anti-Jewish disorders in Kamien-Koszyrski last month were released today.

Polish publishers of school books decided today not to sell to Jewish booksellers.

150 FAMILIES MADE HOMELESS BY FIRES IN POLISH TOWNS

WARSAW, June 15. (JTA) -- A hundred and fifty Jowish families were made homeless today by fires in Nowydwer and Domlin in the Gredne district of Bialystek. A hundred houses and a synagogue were dostroyed in Nowydwer and fifty houses in Domlin.

PREPARATIONS BEGUN FOR WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

ZURICH, Switzerland, June 15. (JTA) -- A Zionist Congress Bureau has started active preparations for the twentieth biennial concleve of the Jewish homeland movement which will be held in this city beginning Aug. 3. The directors of the bureau are Dr. Franz Kahn and Dr. Fritz Ullman.

The congress opening has been fixed for the evening of Aug. 3 in a large hall in Zurich. Sessions from Aug. 3 to Aug. 16 will be held in the State Theatre and sessions from Aug. 17 to Aug. 21 in the Corot Theatre.

Palestine Gets 124 Delegates

JERUSALEM, June 15, (JTA) -- Zionist authorities announced today that Palestine is entitled to send 124 delegates to the twentieth biennial World Zionist Congress which will open at Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 3.

12 to Represent Czechoslovakia

PRAHA, June 15. (JTA) -- Zionist organizations in Czechoslovakia will send 12 delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, it was announced today.

"NATIONAL ASSEMBLY" URGED IN LONDON TO UNITE ZIONISTS

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- Formation of a Jewish National Assembly to unite the Zionist movement was proposed last night at a meeting of Zionist-Revisionists in Whitechapel. Dr. M. Schwartzman, Revisionist leader, proposed convocation of a round-table conference between leaders of Zionist groups as a preliminary step.

NEW 5-YEAR PLAN FOR BIRO-BIDJAN WINS OFFICIAL APPROVAL

MOSCOW, June 15. (JTA) -- A new five-year plan for settling 100,000 Jews, or 25,000 families, in the autonomous Jewish region of Biro-Bidjan was formally approved today by the Comzet, Government commission for settling Jews on the land, with M. Chutzkayev presiding.

Details of the plan announced in the Comzet resolution, in addition to particulars made public last week by Boris Troitsky, vice-president of the commission, reveal that it calls for:

Settlement in collective farms of 6,500 families.

Organization of artisans' cooperatives with independent vegetable and dairy farms.

Establishment in the collective farm zones of artisans! cooperatives to produce the implements necessary for the farmers.

Building of railway rolling stock and the repairing of a factory for new rails.

Greater utilization of roads for the development of settlements in the region.

Organization of builders' cooperatives and transfer of workers from building industries outside the region to Biro-Bidjan to enable 5,000 Jewish artisans' families to settle there during the five years of the plan.

BRITH SHOLOM APPEALS FOR U.S. INTERCESSION WITH POLAND ON JEWS

ATLANTIC CITY, June 15. (JTA) -- The thirty-second annual convention of Independent Order Brith Sholom closed here this afternoon, re-electing A. Sigmund Kanongciser as Grandmaster, Jacob Ginsburg, treasurer, and Martin O. Lovy, secretary.

The convention appealed to Fresident Roosevelt and Secretary of State
Hull for friendly intercession with Poland to halt pogrous and ostracism of the Jews. The convention pledged to support fund-raising
causes for alleviation of hunger and distress among the Polish Jews.

The 385 delegates from 105 cities opposed partition of relestine and restriction of Jewish immigration into the Holy Land, declaring that Falestine was the land of all Jowry. The convention re-affirmed a pledge to support the Zionist program and the fortherming World Zionist Congress.

Other resolutions were adopted for continued support of the anti-Nazi boycott, to support further. Jewish education, approving a \$250 appropriation for scholarships at Yeshivah College and support of the HIAS and Jewish community councils.

CHARGES OF BIAS DROPPED IN ARAB BROADCAST OVER WNYC

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- An explanation by officials of WNYC, municipal radio station, of the Arab broadcast June 5, donying that . it included any slights to the Jows and defending the program on the ground of free speech, was accepted today by the Beard of Aldermon.

Commissioner of Plant and Structures Frederick J.H. Kracke, under whose department the station operates, and Dr. Seymour Siegel, its director, called before the aldermen, denied that the Arab speaker, Ameen Rihani, had called on young Arabs in this country to form a military organization, or had sarcastically recommended the State of Texas as a refuge for Jows.

He cited Dr. Stephon S. Wiso's statement defending the station in permitting the Arab breadcast, and presented letters to the same effect from Felix Warburg, Sol M. Stroock, the National Council of Jowish Women, B'nai B'rith, Representative Samuel Dickstein and the New York Civil Liberties Committee.

GERMAN WHO THOUGHT ONLY ONE OF WIFE'S PARENTS JEWISH GETS DIVORCE

BERLIN June 15. (JTA) -- A court decision granting a divorce to an "Aryan" on the ground he married a "full-blooded Jowess" under the impression she was only of part-Jewish ancestry was published today in Doutsche Justiz, organ of the Ministry of Justice.

The court held, however, that the husband was liable for alimony.

"The divorce action of the petitioner must be granted," the ruling stated, "because on contracting marriage the wife held the mistaken opinion her father alone was a Jow whereas her husband would not have married her if he had known her mother was also a Jewess."