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U.S. INTERCESSION SEEN IN REPORTED CHANGES IN ROYAL COMMISSION FINDING

LONDON, June 25. (JTA) -- Reports that the Royal Commission on Palestine had made eleventh-hour changes in its findings to appease the Jews aroused speculation today over the possibility that the United States Government had interceded with Great Britain.

The Daily Star discussed what effects appeals of the American Jews to Washington regarding the forthcoming announcement of the new British policy on the Holy Land had exercised in influencing the British Government.

"Washington has no legal grounds for intervening officially," the Star said, "but President Roosevelt, in an unofficial capacity, might recall the assurances given to the American delegates to the Peace Conference about the opening up of the Palestine area to Jewish immigrants."

The changes in the findings, according to the Star, are embodied in the partition plans. In the north of Palestine, a large area will be set aside for the contemplated independent Jewish State, the report said, and Jerusalem and the neighboring holy places will not be completely separated from the Jewish State, as originally intended.

PEN CONGRESS HITS PERSECUTION OF JEWS

PARIS, June 24. (JTA) -- The fifteenth Congress of PEN Clubs, at its closing session yesterday, adopted a unanimous resolution strongly condemning anti-Jewish persecution and legislation in Central and Eastern European countries.

The congress urged its branches in various countries to combat anti-Semitism. The Polish delegates abstained from voting on the resolution. The resolution had been offered by the Jewish delegates to the congress.

MELCHETT WOULD REPRESENT POLAND AT ZIONIST CONGRESS

WARSAW, June 25. (JTA) -- Lord Melchett, British industrialist and Jewish leader, has asked to be permitted to run as candidate for delegate to the World Zionist Congress from Poland, it was announced today, to express his sympathy with the sufferings of the Polish Jews.

A cable from Lord Melchett with the request was made public by the Central Committee of the Polish Zionist Organization, in whose list he expressed a wish to be entered.

Zionist groups in Western Galicia and Polish Silesia decided to hold no contest for election of delegates in view of the crisis facing the Zionist movement. No agreement was reached with Zionist organizations in other parts of Poland, however, and an election will be held July 11.

The twentieth biennial world Zionist Congress will be held in Zurich, Switzerland, beginning Aug. 3.

SOVIET COUNCIL APPROVES FIRST PART OF BIRO-BIDJAN FIVE-YEAR PLAN

MOSCOW, June 25. (JTA) -- The Council of People's Commissars today announced ratification of the first installment of a new five-year plan to develop Biro-Bidjan industrially and agriculturally and increase the population of the Jewish autonomous region by 100,000.

An order signed by Viacheslav Molotoff, president of the council, provides that the Comzet, Government commission for Jewish land settlement, colonize 2,160 families and 1,620 individuals in Biro-Bidjan in 1937.

The council assigned 9,000,000 rubles for settlement of immigrants in the far-eastern Soviet region, of which 5,398,000 rubles will be spent for providing housing accommodations.

CZECH JEWS, ADOPTING NEW CONSTITUTION, LAUD BENES

PRAHA, June 25. (JTA) -- President Edouard Benes was lauded today as embodying the "ideals of justice and humanity which form the foundation of the Czechoslovakian state" in a telegram sent by the Supreme Council of the Union of Jewish Communities.

A plenary session of the council decided to send the message on the occasion of adoption of the new constitution for Jewish communities in accordance with a recent law. The constitution will be submitted to Parliament for ratification.

"The Supreme Council of the Union of Jewish Religious Communities remembers you, Mr. President," the telegram said, "at the moment when it adopts its constitution with loyal gratitude, for in your personality and work are incorporated those ideals of justice and humanity which form the foundation of the Czechoslovakian State and the guarantee for its future."

ITALIAN JEWS SAFE, MUSSOLINI TELLS N.Y. PUBLISHER

NEW YORK, June 25. (JTA) -- Premier Mussolini was quoted today as declaring that "Jews will never be persecuted in Italy so long as they obey the laws as do other Italian citizens."

Generoso Pope, publisher of Italian-American newspapers, who was decorated in Rome by King Victor Emmanuel, spoke of Il Duce's attitude toward the Jews after his return on the Rex yesterday.

Mr. Pope, who interviewed the Premier, quoted him as follows:

"Jews will never be persecuted in Italy so long as they obey the laws as do other Italian citizens. You can tell their brethren in America that Jews in Italy will always be given the same consideration and treatment as other Italian citizens."

He said the Premier was "never more emphatic."

PARTITION HELD CERTAIN; ABDULLAH SEEN SUPPORTING PLAN

NEW YORK, June 25. (JTA) -- A dispatch from Jerusalem to the New York Times today declared that its correspondent had learned authoritatively that the British Government intends to partition Palestine between the Jews and Arabs, on the basis of the Royal Commission's report, not yet published.

Well informed Jerusalem circles, the dispatch added, are convinced that although Emir Abdullah of Transjordan is spreading the idea that the Royal Commission has rejected partition, he himself, standing to gain much, strongly favors it.

If Palestine Arabs are dissatisfied with the report, the dispatch said, the Emir will be able to disclaim all knowledge of it, and he also hopes the rumors that partition has been abandoned will divert the propaganda against it carried on by the Grand Mufti, Haj Amin el Husseini, president of the Arab Supreme Committee.

The report is the leading topic of conversation in Jerusalem, the Times stated, with lively betting on the outcome, at odds of two to one for partition.

...campaign will follow
publication of the report, the dispatch declared, though experienced
observers do not expect mass riots.

ZIONIST CONVENTION TO AROUSE SENTIMENT AGAINST PARTITION

NEW YORK, June 25. (JTA) -- Convening amid a welter of rumors about the forthcoming report of the Royal Commission on Palestine and dispatches indicating growing tension in the Holy Land, the fortieth annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America was to open here Saturday night as a "mass demonstration" against any violation of the Balfour Declaration.

Factional disputes within the Zionist movement which have disturbed conventions in other years were laid aside as 1,000 delegates from 330 cities prepared to convene at the Hotel Roosevelt, to voice unified demands.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the organization, issued a statement declaring a critical situation had arisen as a result of the reported recommendation by the Royal Commission for partitioning Palestine between Jews and Arabs. This, Dr. Wise said, will be the principal matter before the convention.

The meeting, originally scheduled for Buffalo, was shifted to New York to enlist the large Jewish community here in a protest against any such proposal.

The convention was to open with an executive session of the administrative committee. Sunday morning a delegation of 100 is to visit the Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island to pay tribute to Emma Lazarus, poetess of the statue and pioneer Zionist. A wreath is to be placed beneath the tablet bearing Miss Lazarus' poem to the statue.

The first public session was slated for Sunday afternoon, and the convention will end Tuesday night with a public meeting at Carnegie Hall.

BAN URGED ON TREATIES WITH NATIONS PERSECUTING MINORITIES

NEW YORK, June 25. (JTA) -- A ban by the United States Government against making any treaties with nations that persecute or refuse to protect minorities was urged by former Supreme Court Justice Jeremiah T. Mahoney, president of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States.

Addressing 1,000 persons at a dinner in honor of Municipal Court Justice Leopold Prince at the Hotel Astor, Mr. Mahoney said he was informed representatives of several foreign powers were in Washington negotiating treaties, and that this provided an opportunity to exert pressure in behalf of the oppressed in other nations.

DETROIT, June 25. (JTA) -- Isidore Sobeloff of New York has been named executive director of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit, succeeding Kurt Peiser, who resigned to take over similar duties in Philadelphia. Mr. Sobeloff has been a social worker for 16 years, and before that was a newspaper man.

STEINHARDT WINS SWEDES' PRAISE ON EVE OF LEAVING FOR PERU POST

STOCKHOLM, June 25. (JTA) -- American Minister Lawrence A. Steinhardt, who leaves here tomorrow to become Ambassador to Peru, has brought Swedish-American relations to the greatest possible degree of friendliness; Swedish newspapers agreed today, the Havas News Agency reported.

Calling attention to the fact that during his service here the first Swedish-American commercial treaty in 108 years was signed, the Svenska Dagbladet praised the American diplomat for his efforts to increase knowledge of the United States in Sweden and of Sweden in America.

ALLIANCE URGED BETWEEN JEWS AND UKRAINIANS IN POLAND

WARSAW, June 25. (JTA) -- A political alliance between the Jews and Ukrainians in Poland, representing a third of the population, to combat discrimination was proposed today by the Dilo of Lwow, the largest Ukrainian newspaper.

In an editorial, the newspaper expressed sympathy with "our Jewish fellow citizens" in connection with recent anti-Semitic disorders.

"We Ukrainians are, for the time being, in a better position than the Jews," the paper declared, "but tomorrow the same thing may happen to us. We ought to form an alliance. Our policy will then represent the policy of a third of the population of the Polish State. We will then be able to go our own independent way."

KEHILLIAH PRESIDENT WOUNDED IN ATTACK IN POLISH TOWN

WARSAW, June 25. (JTA) -- Moses Gurenstein, 82-year-old president of the Jewish Community of Ordzywol, in the Radom district, suffered serious head injuries today when he was attacked at Ordzywol. He was removed to the hospital. His assailants escaped.

Many Jewish tradesmen were beaten in disorders in Chozow, Upper Silesia. Police restored order.

An 18-year-old Jewess, Regina Wyburska, was murdered in Rakow, suburb of Czeszochowa, the scene of serious anti-Jewish riots this week. Police did not immediately establish the motive for the slaying, which was charged to a Pole.

FRENCH JEWS AID CZESTOCHOWA VICTIMS

PARIS, June 25. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Societies here voted 10,000 francs today as a donation for the Jewish victims of the pogrom in Czeszochowa, Poland.

GERMAN FIRMS IN KAUNAS RE-HIRE JEWS AFTER BUSINESS DROPS

KAUNAS, June 25. (JTA) -- German industries were reported today to have re-employed their former Jewish agents here after discovering that exports from Germany to Lithuania fell off rapidly after the Jews were discharged.

Jewish agents for German automobile, metallurgical, dye and other manufacturers had been replaced by "Aryans." The "Aryans" failed to maintain contact with Jewish trading circles here, and as a result business slumped badly. To save their market, the German firms rehired the Jews.

SEPHARDIC SEMINARY IN AMSTERDAM MARKS ANNIVERSARY

AMSTERDAM, June 25. (JTA) -- The Sephardic rabbinical seminary of Etz-Chaim, founded by Spanish Jews who found refuge from the Inquisition in Holland, will celebrate its three hundredth anniversary July 5. The seminary library, the "Livraria Montezinos," is world-famous for its collection of Judaica, Hebraica and ancient manuscripts.

BERLIN JEWS CELEBRATE ABRABANEL ANNIVERSARY

BERLIN (JTA) -- The 500th anniversary of the birth of Isaac Abrabanel, Jewish Biblical commentator, is being celebrated with an exhibition at the Jewish Museum here.

Descendants of Abrabanel now living in Berlin attended the opening of the exhibition, which includes first editions of his works, one of them an incunabulum, illustrated manuscripts of the Bible and prayer books with his commentaries, pages from illuminated manuscripts, portraits of him and his contemporaries, and related artistic and religious objects.