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### ENFORCE BALFOUR DECLARATION, BRITAIN URGED BY WARSAW PARLEY ON PALESTINE

WARSAW, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- A NATION-WIDE CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE URGED GREAT BRITAIN TODAY TO CARRY OUT THE BALFOUR DECLARATION AS THE ONLY MEANS OF RESTORING ORDER, AND DEMANDED EXTERMINATION OF TERRORISM IN THE HOLY LAND.

THE 2,000 DELEGATES, FROM ALL PARTS OF POLAND EXCEPT GALICIA, ADOPTED AN APPEAL TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT DESCRIBING THE JEWS' SELF-SACRIFICING WORK IN THE FACE OF THE PALEST-INE GOVERNMENT'S "VACILLATING POLICY" AND ASKING THAT THE JEWS BE GIVEN THE MEANS FOR SELF-DEFENSE.

URGING A STRONG HAND TO END "CHAOS AND INSECURITY," THE APPEAL SAID THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION WAS A MATTER OF HISTORIC JUSTICE AND THE ONLY MEANS OF BRINGING ORDER, PEACE AND THE RULE OF LAW TO PALESTINE.

THE CONFERENCE ALSO DEMANDED REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON JEWISH IMMIGRATION AND AUTHORIZED ITS PRESIDIUM TO SEND, IF NECESSARY, A DELEGATION TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO PRESENT POLISH JEWRY'S IMMIGRATION DEMANDS.

Before closing with the singing of "HATIKVAH," THE CONFERENCE SENT GREETINGS TO THE PALESTINE JEWS AND DECLARED THE FIGHT FOR PALESTINE WAS CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THE FIGHT FOR POLITICAL RIGHTS IN THE DIASPORA.

ISAAC BEN-ZVI, PRESIDENT OF THE PALESTINE JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL, DESCRIBED TO THE CONFERENCE THE "HEROIC BEHAVIOR" AND SELF-RESTRAINT OF THE PALESTINE JEWS. HE SAID NO FORCE ON EARTH COULD PREVENT CREATION OF A JEWISH STATE.

Other speakers were Rabbi Meir Berlin, Honorary president of the world Mizrachi Organization, and Joseph Sprinzak, Labor Leader, Both of whom ALSO CAME FROM PALESTINE.

A PRESS CONFERENCE ADDRESSED BY THE PALESTINE DELEGATES RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS TELEGRAM IN HEBREW WHICH SAID: "DEATH TO THE TRAITORS BEN-ZVI, BERLIN, SPRINZAK."

ZIONIST-REVISIONISTS, WHO WERE BARRED FROM THE CONFERENCE, DISTRIBUTED CIRCULARS ATT-ACKING THE BRITISH ADMINISTRATION IN PALESTINE AND ALSO THE JEWS' POLICY OF SELF-RESTRAINT IN DEALING WITH ARAB DISORDERS.

#### EDEN QUERIED ON PALESTINE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON, Nov. 22. (JTA) - FOREIGN SECRETARY ANTHONY EDEN TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER REGARDING ITALIAN ANTI-BRITISH PROPAGANDA.

THE STATEMENT WAS MADE IN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY R.T. FLETCHER, LABORITE, AND CAPT-EDEN DECLINED TO ANSWER A SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION ON WHETHER HIS ATTENTION HAD BEEN CALLED TO AN ARTICLE IN AN ITALIAN NEWSPAPER STATING THAT A REVOLT WAS IN PROGRESS IN PALESTINE AND THAT THE BRITISH WERE USING VIOLENT METHODS OF SUPPRESSION, INCLUDING POISON GAS.

ASKED BY ROBERT GIBSON WHETHER ARRESTED ARABS WOULD BE RELEASED FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATIONS, WILLIAM G.A. ORMSSY-GORE, COLONIAL SECRETARY, SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERTAKE THE RELEASE OF PERSONS UNDER DETENTION. IN REPLY TO MR. GIBSON'S QUESTION AS TO THE EVIDENCE WHICH CAUSED THE DECISION TO EXILE ARAB LEADERS, MR. ORMSBY-GORE SAID HE HAD NOTHING TO ADD TO THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT OF OCT. 1.

#### FOUR ARMED ARABS SEIZED; FACE DEATH IN FIRST MILITARY TRIAL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- THE FIRST TRIAL IN ONE OF THE NEWLY-ESTABLISHED MILITARY COURTS WILL OPEN WEDNESDAY WHEN SHEIKH FARHAN ESSADI AND THREE OTHER ARASS FACE DEATH SENT-ENCES IN HAIFA FOR POSSESSION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

THE FOUR WERE ARRESTED LAST NIGHT, AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAID, IN THE VILLAGE OF ALMAZAR NEAR JENIN WITH RIFLES, REVOLVERS AND 1,500 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN THEIR POSSESSION. SHEIKH FARHAN WAS SAID TO BE HIDING IN A CAVERN WHEN CAUGHT. HUNTED SINCE LAST YEAR'S PALESTINE DISORDERS, HE WAS TWICE WOUNDED WHILE RIDING AT THE HEAD OF MOUNTED BANDS.

TWO BOMBS EXPLODED TODAY NEAR THE GAZA RAILWAY STATION, CAUSING NO DAMAGE.

# MEXICO SETS FIRST IMMIGRATION QUOTA; EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES LIMITED TO 100 IMMIGRANTS YEARLY

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 22. (JTA-By Airmail).--President Lazaro Cardenas today approved an immigration quota for 1938, the first in Mexico's history, which makes no racial discrimination but Limits Poland, Rumania, Lithuania and other East European countries to 100 immigrants each per year.

OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING GERMANY, AUSTRIA, HUNGARY AND FRANCE ARE PERMITTED QUOTAS OF 5,000 YEARLY FOR EACH. NO LIMITS ARE SET ON IMMIGRATION FROM SPAIN AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

THE QUOTAS ARE RESTRICTED TO RELATIVES OF RESIDENTS, CAPITALISTS WHO CONFINE THEMSELVES TO THE EXPORT TRADE, AND A FEW OTHER SPECIFIED CATEGORIES.

## 64,000 CHILDREN IN EAST EUROPE GIVEN HEALTH AID IN 1936, OSE REPORTS

PARIS, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH WORK AIMING AT IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF JEWS IN EASTERN EUROPE IS STRESSED IN A BOOKLET PUBLISHED BY THE UNION OF OSE SOCIETIES, WHICH RENDERS HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICE TO POOR JEWS.

THE BOOKLET, WRITTEN BY L. GOURVITCH, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE UNION, IS ENTITLED "TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF OSE." IT POINTS OUT THAT DESPITE GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN THE LAST THREE

YEARS, THE OSE UNION SUCCEEDED IN MAINTAINING ITS NETWORK OF INSTITUTIONS AND OPENING

During 1936 Ose maintained 22,700 children in school hygiene centers, while Toz, ITS AFFILIATE IN POLAND, MAINTAINED 41,700 IN such centers. Ose Maintained 3,350 children AND Toz, 14,250 IN colonies. The Ose supported 250 milk stations.

### CHRISTIANS AT LOADON U. TO JOIN JEWS IN PROTESTING "GHETTO BENCHES" IN POLAND

LONDON, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- THE CHRISTIAN STUDENTS' ORGANIZATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON WILL JOIN THE JEWISH UNION SOCIETY IN HOLDING A PROTEST RALLY AGAINST "GHETTO BENCHES" IN POLISH UNIVERSITIES, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY AT A GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY.

THE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT "AUTHORIZATION OF A UNIVERSITY GHETTO IS NO LESS THAN THE OFFICIAL SANCTIONING OF THAT HOOLIGANISM WHICH HAS RECENTLY DRAGGED THE HONORABLE NAME OF THE FAMOUS POLISH UNIVERSITIES INTO THE DUST OF INFAMY."

ADDRESSING THE SOCIETY, TOM WILLIAMS, LABOR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, DEMANDED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT INFLUENCE THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS MANDATES COMMISSION TO OBTAIN REMOVAL OF THE NEGES REGION IN SOUTHERN PALESTINE ENTIRELY FROM ARAB HANDS. HE ALSO ASSERTED THAT JEWISH TRADES UNIONS HAD BEEN A TREMENDOUS FORCE FOR THE UNITING OF JEWS AND ARABS.

## LACK OF AID FORCES ISTANBUL HOSPITAL TO CUT SERVICE; FACES CLOSING

ISTAIBLE, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- THE OR HAGHAIM HOSPITAL, MODEL JEWISH INSTITUTION IN THE SUBURB OF BALAT ON THE GOLDEN HORN, HAS BEEN FORCED TO CLOSE ITS MATERNITY WARD AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BEDS BY 25 BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDS ATTRIBUTED TO INSUFFICIENT INTEREST ON THE PART OF THE WEALTHIER MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY. IF THIS APATHY PERSISTS, IT WAS STATED, THERE IS DANGER THAT THE HOSPITAL MAY BE FORCED TO CLOSE. THE HOSPITAL WAS LONG SUBSIDIZED BY SIR ELI KADOORIE AND HAS A WARD BEARING LADY KADOORIE'S NAME.

## \$125,000 ASKED OF U.S. JEWS TO AID COMMUNITIES IN CHINA

SHANGHAI, Oct. 29. (JTA -By Airmail).-- Jewish Leaders here have issued an appeal to American Jewry for \$125,000 to aid destitute Jews in Shanghai and other Chinese cities.

M. ASHKENAZI, CHIEF RABBI OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY HERE, GAVE A STATEMENT IN HEBREW TO THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY CORRESPONDENT IN WHICH HE APPEALED TO THE JEWS OF THE UNITED STATES TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR BRETHREN STRICKEN BY THE UNDECLARED WAR.

THE LATEST BLOW TO THE COMMUNITY CAME WHEN A MATZOH FACTORY IN YANGZEPOO, BOUGHT BY THE COMMUNITY FOR \$3,000, WAS BLOWN UP BY THE JAPANESE, TOGETHER WITH ITS TEMPORARY BAKERY.

### WIDOW OF 1.L. PERETZ DEAD IN POLAND AT 80

WARSAW, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- Mrs. Helena Peretz, 80, widow of the noted Yiddish writer, I.L. Peretz, died here today. Peretz died in 1915.

#### ECONOMIC LOT OF ESTONIA'S 5,000 JEWS SEEN MUCH IMPROVED

TALLINN, ESTONIA (JTA) -- IMPROVED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE MARKEDLY REFLECTED IN THE POSITION OF THE 5,000 JEWS IN THE LAND. WITH THE ROUTING OF THE ESTONIAN FASCIST MOVEMENT - THE SO-CALLED "FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM" - ANTI-SEMITIC AGITATION, WHICH FOR A SHORT PERIOD LAST YEAR CAUSED DEEP CONCERN TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, HAS, TO ALL INTENTS, CEASED AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY THEREFORE ENJOYS A STATE OF SECURITY NOT SHARED BY THE JEWS IN THE OTHER BALTIC STATES.

ECONOMICALLY, THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITIONS NOTED HERE HAS ALSO BENEFITTED THE JEWISH POPULATION. THE GREAT LACK OF OPENINGS FOR PROFESSIONALS, WHICH IS FELT WITH ESPECIAL SEVERITY BY THE JEWS, IS ONE LARGELY SHARED BY THE GERMAN MINORITY AND THE ESTON-IAN MAJORITY AS WELL.

Because of this "over-production" of intellectual elements, the universities this Autumn introduced competitive entrance examinations and took other measures - such as reduction of the number of student unions - to decrease the number of "intellectuals."

Some fears were felt in this connection that a numerus clausus for Jewish Stldents might be introduced undeficially by the examiners. These fears turned out to be groundless. Jewish youths took the examiners and were admitted to the universities and the principal Jewish Student organizations will remain.

A FACTOR IN THE POLITICO-ECONOMIC SPHERE STANDS OUT - THERE IS NO SEMI-OFFICIAL ANTI-SEMITISM IN THIS COUNTRY AS THERE IS IN CERTAIN NEIGHBOURING STATES, AND THERE IS NO GOVERN-MENT POLICY OF SEEKING TO ELIMINATE JEWS FROM CERTAIN ECONOMIC FIELDS.

THE ESTONIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ADOPTED A LIBERAL POLICY WITH REGARD TO THE TWO CULTURAL MINORITIES IN THE COUNTRY - THE GERMAN AND THE JEWISH - ALLOWING THEM CONSIDERABLE LEEWAY AND AUTONOMY IN THE CONDUCT OF THEIR COMMUNICAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOLS. UNDER A RECENT AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, THE TWO COMMUNITIES ALTERNATE IN HAVING A REPRESENTATIVE IN THE PARLIAMENT. THE JEWS HAVE THE REPRESENTATION AT PRESENT.

CULTURALLY, ESTONIAN JEWS ARE NOT TOO HAPPY ABOUT THEIR POSITION. OWING TO THE LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES HERE, MANY OF THE BETTER ELEMENTS ENIGRATE. DESPITE THEIR CULTURAL AUTONOMY AND A JEWISH SCHOOL SYSTEM, A GREAT NUMBER OF ESTONIAN JEWISH CHILDREN ATTEND THE ESTONIAN SCHOOLS AS IN TIMES PAST THEY ATTENDED THE RUSSIAN AND GEMMAN SCHOOLS. JEWISH COMMUNAL LIFE IS GREATLY RESTRICTED - THERE ARE FEW JEWISH COMMUNAL ENDEAVORS, NO JEWISH NEWSPAPERS AND LITTLE DEVELOPMENT OF PURELY JEWISH CULTURE. A GREAT MANY JEWS - PERHAPS A MAJORITY - USE ESTONIAN AS THEIR PRINCIPAL LANGUAGE.

INTERMARRIAGE IS HIGH. ACCORDING TO THE LATEST FIGURES, THE PERCENTAGE OF MIXED MARRIAGES IS HIGH - 12.7 PER THOUSAND. THIS IS IN SHARP CONTRAST WITH THE CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN THE OTHER BALTIC STATES.

# \$3,275,000 TOTAL SEEN IN J.D.C. DRIVE BY END OF YEAR

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 22. (JTA) -- BY THE END OF THE YEAR THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE WILL HAVE RAISED \$3,275,000, COMPARED WITH \$2,665,000 LAST YEAR, ISIDOR COONS, CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR, REPORTED YESTERDAY AT THE REGIONAL J.D.C. CONFERENCE. SOME 1,500 COMMUNITIES WILL HAVE CONTRIBUTED.