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VIOLENCE FLARES IN CZESTOCHOWA PICKETING; DISTRICT OFFICIALS SNUB JEWS' PLEAS

WARSAW, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- THE JEWISH POPULATION OF CZESTOCHOWA, "HOLY CITY" IN WESTERN POLAND, WAS IN A STATE OF TERROR TODAY AS NATIONALIST MASS PICKETING OF JEWISH SHOPS FLARED INTO VIOLENCE AND THE DISTRICT AUTHORITIES REFUSED TO INTERVENE ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR CONSIDERED THE PICKETING LEGAL.

NATIONALIST PICKETS ATTACKED A NUMBER OF JEWS, STABBING A JEWISH WOMAN. ALL JEWISH SHOPS, MEANWHILE, CONTINUED CLOSED AS A RESULT OF THE PICKETING.

THE CITY HAS BEEN INVADDED BY LARGE NUMBERS OF ANTI-SEMITIC AGITATORS FROM OUTLYING DISTRICTS. THESE HAVE BEEN DIVIDED INTO GROUPS OF TWENTY, EACH GROUP BEING ASSIGNED TO PICKET ONE JEWISH STORE. A FIELD KITCHEN HAS BEEN ERRECTED IN THE CITY'S CENTRAL PARK AND IS PROVIDING FOOD FOR THE PICKETS. THOUSANDS OF ANTI-SEMITIC LEAFLETS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED.

A DELEGATION OF JEWISH LEADERS THAT CALLED UPON THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR WAS INFORMED HE COULD TAKE NO ACTION SINCE HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AND HAD BEEN TOLD THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR CONSIDERED THE PICKETING LEGAL. ANOTHER DELEGATION WAS DISPATCHED TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR AT KIELCE AND TO THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR AT WARSAW.

MEANWHILE, INTENSIFIED BOYCOTT ACTIVITIES WERE REPORTED FROM TOWNSHIPS IN THE CZESTOCHOWA DISTRICT AND FROM OTHER PROVINCIAL CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

NARAS SLAY YOUTH, BOMB TOWN'S LONE JEWISH SHOP

WARSAW, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- ANTI-SEMITES TODAY FATALLY SHOT A JEWISH YOUTH AND WITH A BOMB DESTROYED HIS FATHER'S SHOP, THE ONLY JEWISH STORE IN THE VILLAGE OF CZARNA, NEAR WARSAW. POLICE ARRESTED THREE MEMBERS OF THE OUTLAWED TERRORIST ANTI-SEMITIC NATIONAL RADICAL PARTY UPON IDENTIFICATION BY WITNESSES AS THE MURDERERS. THE BOY, WOLF MIEDZILEWSKI, 16, DIED OF HIS WOUNDS IN A HOSPITAL.

GERMAN SILESIA DEPORTING POLISH JEWS, SEIZING PROPERTY

WARSAW, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- DEPORTATION OF POLISH JEWS AND CONFISCATION OF THEIR PROPERTY BY GERMAN UPPER SILESIA WAS CHARGED TODAY BY SENATOR MOSES SCHORR, IN A MEMORANDUM ASKING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO INTERVENE.

DRIFT FROM PALESTINE NOTED; 9,000 JEWS EMIGRATED IN 22 MONTHS

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A MARKED MOVEMENT OF JEWISH POPULATION AWAY FROM PALESTINE, IN PROGRESS FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS, IS REVEALED BY ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENT MIGRATION STATISTICS BY THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY.

IN THE TWENTY-TWO MONTHS FROM THE BEGINNING OF 1936 TO THE END OF OCTOBER, 1937, 9,000 JEWISH RESIDENTS OF THE HOLY LAND LEFT FOR ABROAD AND DID NOT RETURN, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL FIGURES. THE TOTAL FROM THE BEGINNING OF 1935 THROUGH OCTOBER, 1937, WAS 11,157.

WHILE THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO STATISTICS AVAILABLE AS TO THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF THESE ABSENTEES, WHAT FACTS IT HAS AT HAND INDICATE THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS A FAVORED DESTINATION, THAT CONSIDERABLE NUMBERS HAVE GONE TO BRAZIL AND TO RUSSIA, AND THAT MANY HAVE RETURNED TO POLAND, RUMANIA AND EVEN GERMANY.

THE MOVEMENT REACHED SUCH PROPORTIONS THAT DURING APRIL, MAY AND JUNE OF THIS YEAR THE JEWISH POPULATION DIMINISHED BY 3,306. THIS LOSS HAS BEEN MADE UP SINCE BY THE INFUX OF THOSE RETURNING FROM SUMMER TRIPS ABROAD, BUT THE GOVERNMENT TOTAL FOR THE NUMBER OF JEWS IN PALESTINE INCREASED BY ONLY 114 FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1937, TO 389,504. THERE WAS THUS A SLIGHT DECLINE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF JEWS TO THE ENTIRE POPULATION, WHICH TOTALLED 1,356,518 IN 1936.

THE CAUSE OF THE OUTWARD DRIFT APPEARS TO LIE MAINLY IN THE ECONOMIC CRISIS WHICH HAS CONTINUED IN PALESTINE FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS, WITH THE ATTENDANT HARDSHIPS FOR THE JEWISH POPULATION, ALTHOUGH THE ARAB TERRORIST CAMPAIGN SEEMS TO HAVE HAD A SECONDARY EFFECT. THE MOVEMENT GAINED IMPETUS TO A MARKED DEGREE AFTER THE START OF THE ITALO-ETHIOPIAN WAR, WHICH CAUSED WITHDRAWAL OF LARGE AMOUNTS OF CAPITAL FROM PALESTINE, HAMPERED TRADE AND THUS INCREASED THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES.

THE NUMBER OF JEWISH RESIDENTS NOW ABSENT FROM PALESTINE DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE TOTAL FIGURES FOR JEWISH POPULATION BECAUSE IT IS COVERED BY THE FIGURES FOR IMMIGRATION AND NATURAL INCREASE (MARGIN OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS). IT IS TO BE OBSERVED, HOWEVER, BY COMPARING THE STATISTICS ON JEWISH RESIDENTS DEPARTING WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES ON THOSE RETURNING.

GOVERNMENT STATISTICS OF THIS TYPE ARE AVAILABLE FOR 1933, WHEN SEPARATE DATA WERE FIRST COMPILED ON JEWS, MOSLEMS AND CHRISTIANS. THE NUMBER OF JEWS GOING ABROAD THAT YEAR WAS 9,282, AND THE NUMBER RETURNING 10,236, SHOWING AN INCOMING BALANCE OF 954. IN 1934, 14,987 JEWISH RESIDENTS WENT ABROAD AND 14,052 RETURNED, LEAVING AN OUTGOING BALANCE OF 935. IN 1935 THE NUMBER DEPARTING WAS 25,207, AGAINST 23,050 RETURNING, AN OUTGOING BALANCE OF 2,157.

IN 1936 THE OUTGOING BALANCE ROSE TO 6,716 WITH 24,611 JEWISH RESIDENTS DEPARTING AGAINST 17,895 RETURNING. IN THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR THE OUTGOING BALANCE WAS 2,284, WITH 29,746 JEWS LEAVING FOR ABROAD AND 27,462 RETURNING.

THERE WERE THEREFORE, ACCORDING TO THOSE GOVERNMENT FIGURES, 11,157 JEWISH RESIDENTS WHO HAD LEFT PALESTINE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1935 AND HAD NOT RETURNED BY THE END OF OCTOBER, 1937, WHILE THE CORRESPONDING FIGURE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1936 WAS EXACTLY 9,000.

LATEST FIGURES MADE PUBLIC BY THE JEWISH AGENCY, WHICH INCLUDE NOVEMBER, ONE MONTH MORE THAN THE LATEST PUBLISHED GOVERNMENT FIGURES, WERE: JEWISH RESIDENTS DEPARTING DURING THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF 1937, 30,580, JEWISH RESIDENTS RETURNING, 29,000, LEAVING AN OUTGOING BALANCE OF 1,580.

THE AGENCY'S FIGURES WERE ANNOUNCED BY ELIAHU DOBKIN, HEAD OF THE AGENCY'S IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH HE RIDICULED "TALK OF A PANIC EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM PALESTINE."

WHAT TYPE OF PERSONS ARE INCLUDED AMONG THE JEWISH ABSENTEES, WHERE THEY HAVE GONE, AND HOW MANY WILL REMAIN AWAY PERMANENTLY, ARE QUESTIONS AT PRESENT NOT DEFINITE. MOST OF THEM ARE IN THE CATEGORY OF RESIDENTS WHO, AT THE TIME OF DEPARTURE, DECLARED THEIR INTENTION OF RETURNING WITHIN A YEAR. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ONLY BEEN ANALYZING STATISTICS ON THIS TYPE OF MOVEMENT FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS, AND HAS NOT YET BEGUN A PARALLEL ANALYSIS OF THE STATISTICS ON RESIDENTS RETURNING.

THERE ARE, HOWEVER, OFFICIAL FIGURES ON THE DESTINATIONS OF THOSE WHO DEPARTED WITH THE INTENTION OF REMAINING AWAY MORE THAN A YEAR (CLASSIFIED AS "EMIGRANTS"), WHICH INFORMED OFFICIALS REGARD AS A FAIRLY GOOD INDEX. THIS RECORDED JEWISH EMIGRATION TOTALLED 773 IN 1936 AND 690 FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1937. IN THIS CLASSIFICATION, THE FAVORED DESTINATIONS DURING 1936, THE LAST PERIOD FOR WHICH GOVERNMENT STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE, WERE, IN ORDER, THE UNITED STATES, POLAND, RUMANIA, GERMANY, BRAZIL AND RUSSIA.

THAT THE UNITED STATES IS A FAVORED DESTINATION IS BORNE OUT BY THE INCREASE IN APPLICATIONS FOR VISAS AT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IN JERUSALEM. FOR SEVERAL MONTHS THE CONSULATE HAS BEEN ISSUING VISAS TO JEWS AT THE RATE OF 100 A MONTH, THREE TIMES AS MANY AS A YEAR AGO. THE MAJORITY WERE TAKEN BY POLISH JEWS, WITH GERMAN JEWS RANKING SECOND.

THE NATIONALITY OF THOSE INVOLVED IN THE JEWISH OUTWARD MOVEMENT IS LIKEWISE DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE FROM AVAILABLE STATISTICS. REFERRING AGAIN TO FIGURES ON THOSE DEPARTING FOR MORE THAN A YEAR, AS THE BEST INDEX, THESE SHOW THE LARGEST NUMBER OF EMIGRANTS WERE UNITED STATES CITIZENS, WITH CITIZENS OF POLAND, PALESTINE, RUMANIA AND GERMANY FOLLOWING IN THAT ORDER.

REPORTS OF BRITISH-ARAB BATTLE NEAR ACRE DENIED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- THE AUTHORITIES CATEGORICALLY DENIED TODAY REPORTS OF A BATTLE BETWEEN BRITISH TROOPS AND A BAND OF 600 ARABS IN THE HILLS NEAR ACRE. THERE WERE NO DISTURBANCES, IT WAS STATED.

JEWISH FARMERS ASK ARMS TO FIGHT ARAB TERRORISM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- REPRESENTATIVES OF JEWISH FARMERS' ASSOCIATIONS, CLOSING A CONFERENCE TODAY, ASKED THE GOVERNMENT FOR ARMS TO FIGHT INCREASING ARAB TERRORISM. RESOLUTIONS FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE JEWISH FARMERS' ASSOCIATION AND REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS OF PALESTINE JEWRY WERE ADOPTED. ANOTHER RESOLUTION EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE PALESTINE JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION.

WELIKOWSKY, SCIENTIST AND ZIONIST PIONEER, DEAD IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- SAMUEL Y. WELIKOWSKY, A NOTED SCIENTIST AND ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF ZIONISM, DIED TODAY AT THE AGE OF 78.

NAZIS ASK 5-YEAR TERM, HUGE FINE FOR ARNOLD BERNSTEIN

HAMBURG, Dec. 16. (Havas) -- A DEMAND THAT ARNOLD BERNSTEIN BE IMPRISONED FOR FIVE YEARS AND FINED 4,000,000 MARKS (ABOUT \$1,600,000) WAS LODGED BY THE PROSECUTION TODAY AT THE TRIAL OF THE GERMAN JEWISH SHIPPING MAGNATE.

THE PROSECUTOR, WHO ASKED THE SENTENCE BE COUPLED WITH FIVE YEARS' LOSS OF CIVIL RIGHTS, ALSO CALLED FOR SEVERE SENTENCES FOR OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE RED STAR LINE, OF WHICH BERNSTEIN IS THE NOMINAL HEAD.

THE SPECIAL COURT WHICH HAS BEEN TRYING BERNSTEIN SINCE NOV. 15 IS EXPECTED TO PASS JUDGMENT ON DEC. 23.

FILDERMAN'S SON ACQUITTED OF ILLEGALLY PRACTICING LAW

BUCHAREST, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- THE BUCHAREST TRIBUNAL TODAY ACQUITTED RONETTI FILDERMAN, SON OF THE RUMANIAN JEWISH LEADER, OF CHARGES OF PRACTICING LAW ILLEGALLY, BROUGHT BY THE RUMANIAN BAR ASSOCIATION. THE DEFENDANT WAS REPRESENTED BY HIS FATHER, DR. WILHELM FILDERMAN, AN ATTORNEY AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF RUMANIAN JEWS. ISTRATE MICESCU, PRESIDENT OF THE BAR COUNCIL AND A WELL-KNOWN ANTI-SEMITIC LEADER, WAS PROSECUTOR.

CHARGES AGAINST FILDERMAN WERE BASED ON THE FACT THAT HE HAD BEEN SEEN LAST OCTOBER IN THE PRECINCTS OF THE LAW COURTS, WHERE HE HAD COME TO MAKE AN INQUIRY IN A PRIVATE CAPACITY. HE WAS SET UPON BY ANTI-SEMITIC ATTORNEYS, BEATEN AND THEN TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE WHO HELD HIM UNDER ARREST FOR SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE RELEASING HIM.

SOCIALIST LEADER SEIZED BY RUMANIAN POLITICAL POLICE

BUCHAREST, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- THE POLITICAL POLICE TODAY ARRESTED DR. JOSEPH KRUK, LEADER OF THE JEWISH INDEPENDENT SOCIALISTS.

HUBERMAN HANDS FOUND HEALED BY ITALIAN SURGEON

MILAN, ITALY, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- BRONISLAW HUBERMAN, NOTED VIOLINIST WHO SUFFERED FRACTURED HANDS IN AN AIRPLANE CRASH, WILL BE ABLE TO PLAY AS WELL AS EVER, AN ITALIAN SURGEON DECLARED TODAY. THE SURGEON, PROF. DONNATI, SAID AN OPERATION WAS NOT NECESSARY.

BISHOP MANNING TELLS NAZI LEADERS TO ABANDON RACE POLICY FOR REICH'S SAKE

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- BISHOP WILLIAM T. MANNING, OF THE NEW YORK PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL DIOCESE, EXPRESSED THE HOPE TODAY THAT "FOR THE SAKE OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE" THE NAZI LEADERS "WILL SOON COME TO THEIR SENSES" REGARDING THEIR ANTI-SEMITIC POLICY. REPLYING IN A STATEMENT TO AN ATTACK ON HIM BY DER STUERMER, NUREMBERG ANTI-SEMITIC WEEKLY, FOR HIS DENUNCIATION OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN AN ADDRESS AT THE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR RELIGIOUS AND WELFARE RECOVERY, BISHOP MANNING SAID THAT "RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION WAS "CONTRARY TO ALL CIVILIZED IDEALS AND TO EVERY PRINCIPLE OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION."

NO FEAR FOR GROWTH OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN U.S., JUSTICE LEHMAN HOLDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- JUSTICE IRVING LEHMAN, ADDRESSING A CONSTITUTION COMMEMORATION MEETING OF THE NEW YORK SOCIETY OF THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, SAID TONIGHT HE FEARED NO MOVEMENT FOR DICTATORSHIP AND GROWTH OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN THIS COUNTRY, BECAUSE OF THE INFLUENCE OF RELIGION, WHICH HE HELD TO BE IN "IRRECONCILABLE CONFLICT" WITH THE TOTALITARIAN STATE.