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PACELLI'S ELECTION, OPPOSED BY NAZIS, SEEN HEAVY BLOW TO RACISM

VATICAN CITY, March 2. (JTA) -- A heavy blow was dealt to the forces of totalitarianism and racism today when Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Cardinal-Camerlengo and Papal Secretary of State under the late Pope Pius XI, was chosen as Pope in one of the quickest papal elections in history.

The 262nd Pope, whose election had been openly opposed by the German press as the "hope of the People's Front and the Jews," took the name of Pope Pius XII -- indicating that he would follow in the footsteps of the late Pontiff, who openly denounced persecution and racial doctrine.

Pope Pius XII is known to be even more hostile to Nazism than was his predecessor. Der Angriff, organ of Reichsminister of Propaganda Joseph Goebbels, warned on Feb. 22 that "Cardinal Pacelli's policy would lead to a crusade against the totalitarian states" and declared that if he was elected the anti-Nazi cardinals, Verdier of Paris and Mundelein of Chicago "will return home victorious."

The overwhelming sentiment for the Papal Secretary of State among the Cardinals was indicated by the facts that (1) he received the two-third majority on the third ballot, less than 24 hours after the conclave had opened, and (2) precedent was broken in electing, for the first time since the office of Secretary of State was created, the man who served as Secretary under the preceding Pope.

It is the general belief that Cardinal Pacelli, as Secretary of State, was largely responsible for the Vatican's strong attitude against Nazism and racialism. His views on current persecution were made clear in an address to the Eucharistic Congress in Budapest last year.

"Where now," he asked, "are Herod and Pilate and Nero and Diocletian and Julian the Apostate, first century persecutors all? Ashes and dust are these enemies of Christianity! Ashes and dust and all that they coveted, pursued and perhaps for a brief instant savored of earthly power and glory. The same inexorable law of human frailty that overtook them will hold good for their cognizant disciples and their incognizant emulators -- will lay them low and will reduce to dust everything that does not respect the law of fundamental harmony between the natural order of things and the supernatural order."

World Reaction to Election

LONDON, March 2. (JTA) -- The important effect that the election of Cardinal Pacelli as Pope may have on the conflict between totalitarianism and the anti-authoritarian forces was indicated by the first reactions to the election throughout Europe.

The German Press was expected to attack the election in violent terms. In a recent pamphlet issued by the official Nazi publishing house it was stated that Cardinal Pacelli had used his influence to favor "an implacable struggle against Nationalism Socialism." The pamphlet said that "Pacelli is responsible for the sharp attitude of the Vatican against the Rome-Berlin axis. He hopes to save his political system with the aid of the Western democracies."

In Italy, first comment was guarded. Giornale d'Italia said that the successful candidate was "the man of God whom Princes of the Church from 15 nations considered to be most worthy." Hungarian Catholics greeted the election with the hope that the event might not be without its effect on the Hungarian Parliament, which is now considering a sweeping anti-Jewish bill. It was recalled that last year, when Cardinal Pacelli presided over the Eucharistic Congress in Budapest, he made his opposition to pagan racism clear.

In France, a high churchman expressed the prevalent sentiment when he said: "Pius XI survives!" The election was seen in Paris as an energetic retort to the unbridled attacks made on the new Pontiff by the totalitarian press. In Geneva, a League of Nations spokesman commented that the Pope, in assuming the name of Pius, had given notice that he intended to continue the work of his predecessor in the same spirit of solicitude for harmony among peoples and maintenance of individual human dignity.

Jewish Organizations Voice Pleasure at Choice

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations here expressed pleasure at the choice of Cardinal Pacelli as Pope, seeing in his election assurance of continuance of his predecessor's noble and humanitarian religious policies.

Dr. David de Sola Pool issued the following statement on behalf of the Synagogue Council of America, of which he is president: "In the election of Cardinal Pacelli as Pope, the Synagogue Council of America sees an assurance that the noble, religious tradition of the Catholic Church so brilliantly exemplified by his beloved predecessor Pope Pius XI will be continued for the blessing not only of his Church but of all mankind."

Dr. Simon Greenberg, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, declared: "The Rabbinical Assembly of America extends its congratulations to the Catholics of the world on the splendid choice that was made by the Cardinals. There is every reason to believe that the newly elected Pope, who was so closely associated with his predecessor, will maintain with equal vigor the humanitarian and profoundly religious policies of the late Pope Pius XI."

MONTREAL, March 2. (JTA) -- On behalf of the Canadian Jewish Congress, President Samuel Bronfman today dispatched the following cable to Pope Pius XII: "Canadian Jewry sends you warmest greetings and felicitations and extends to you best wishes for a long life and health in the performance of the arduous duties of your exalted position of honor and responsibility."

JEWS PROTEST PALESTINE PLAN TO CHAMBERLAIN; MAY OFFER ALTERNATIVE TODAY

LONDON, March 2. (JTA) -- The Jews' objections to the British proposals for establishment of an independent Palestine state were presented to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain today by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, head of the Jewish delegation to the Palestine conferences. After the interview a further informal meeting between the British and Jewish representatives was announced for tomorrow afternoon. It is expected that the Jews may propose as a basis for discussion alternative proposals to the British plan, which they have categorically rejected.

With the conference deadlocked by the Jews' demand for a new basis of discussion and the British failure thus far to make any modifications in their plan, the principal British negotiators, Foreign Undersecretary Richard A. Butler and Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald, today consulted Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax, who has been kept away from the discussions by influenza.

Jewish Agency circles denied emphatically reports published abroad that Britain was making new proposals to the Jews involving political parity in the suggested independent state, which would give them an equal voice in the government despite their numerical inferiority.

Meanwhile, the Anglo-Arab discussions went forward with a 90-minute discussion between small negotiating groups on each side, after which the talks were adjourned to Saturday morning. The principal subject of today's discussion was the British plan, which has not been modified to meet the objections of the Arabs, as well as those of the Jews.

The Arab objections, as presented at yesterday's session, were reliably understood today to be aimed (1) against the system of nomination of the members of the proposed Palestine legislative council for the interim period before establishment of a state, and (2) against the proposal for a round-table conference in the Autumn to draft a constitution.

The Palestine Arabs, it was learned, presented counter-proposals providing for immediate election of a legislative assembly, with Jews participating, which would choose a government and draw up a constitution. The Palestine Arabs would agree to come to London to negotiate a treaty with Britain. Pending the assembly elections, the Palestine Arabs would not object to the carrying on of the British administration. The Arabs also referred to their original demands for immediate cessation of Jewish immigration and land purchase.

These alternative proposals were drafted at a meeting of representatives of all Arab delegations -- the five Arab states attending the conference as well as the Palestine Arabs -- which was held at the Egyptian Embassy on Monday. The proposals were read at yesterday's session at the St. James Palace by Jamal el Hussein, leader of the Palestine extremist delegation.

Capt. Victor Cazalet, Conservative M.P., told an Old Boys Club meeting in East London last night that he viewed the Palestine conference with "terrible apprehension" but could assure the Jews that neither party loyalty nor anything else would deter him from expressing his views in Commons if Great Britain failed to live up to her promises to the Jews.

Arab Press Cool to British Plan

JERUSALEM, March 2. (JTA) -- The Arabic press today evidenced coolness to the British plan for establishment of an Arab-controlled independent Palestine state, as a British constable died and four Jews were injured in continuing disorders. Arab newspapers warned the Arab public not to be over-optimistic. They referred to Britain as "our enemy" and spoke of British policy as "cunning."

Holds Palestine Was Not Included in Proposed Arab Federation

PARIS, March 2. (JTA) -- Palestine was never considered as a part of the proposed Arab federation in the Anglo-French wartime negotiations, it was stated today by Georges Picot, French High Commissioner for Syria during the World War, who negotiated the Sykes-Picot Agreement on Palestine.

J.N.F. Gets New Galilee Acreage

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund announced receipt today of a cable from Mendel M. Ussishkin, world president of the fund, disclosing that deeds to land totalling 11,500 dunams (about 2,600 acres) have just been received by him in London. The land, in parcels of 5,000 and 6,500 dunams, is located in Northern Galilee.

"GHETTO REPRESENTATION" IN PARLIAMENT PLANNED FOR ROMANIAN JEWS

BUCHAREST, March 2. (JTA) -- A member of the Cabinet told this correspondent today that the Government planned to establish "ghetto representation" for Rumania's 900,000 Jews as a substitute for the political rights of which they have been deprived, including the right to elect or be elected to Parliament. This right is now accorded only to members of the National Regeneration Party, into which the Jews are the only minority group not admitted. He said the Government will soon start negotiations with Jewish leaders designed to give the Jewish population an opportunity of actively participating in all measures concerning solution of the Jewish problem as well as in defining the legal rights of Jews who are recognized as Rumanian citizens.

Whether the Jewish leaders will accept such representation, which would relegate Jews to the category of second-class citizens, is a question involving much negotiation between the Jews and the Government.

To a suggestion made by the Government that the Jews organize an emigration council to sponsor organized emigration, Jewish leaders are understood to have replied that they were prepared to agree only if the Government accepted the following conditions: (1) The Government's demand for an annual emigration in the next three years of 50,000 Jews be reduced to 7,500 to balance the birth rate; 2) the Government contribute 350,000,000 lei (about \$3,500,000) to a fund to assist the emigrants; 3) free transportation on Rumanian trains and steamers for the emigrants; 4) the Government assist in training prospective emigrants; 5) restoration of citizenship withdrawn from wounded and decorated war veterans, widows and orphans of war dead, as well as others whose families have resided in Rumania two and three centuries; 6) cooperation of the Rumanian National Bank in facilitating transfer of emigrants' capital.

Should the above conditions be accepted, the Jewish leaders would then agree to establish a council composed of Zionists, non-Zionists and representatives of foreign Jewish organizations interested in regulating Jewish migration. It is understood the leaders would devise a scheme under which Rumanian experts to Palestine would be greatly increased.

It was learned from Government sources that while not all the conditions are acceptable to the Government, the principle of sharing the costs of emigration is recognized as justified. The Government is likely also to meet the demand for free transportation and will consider what part of emigrants' property may be transferred without injuring the country's finances.

Meanwhile, revocation of liquor licenses held by Jewish restaurants, cafes and bars continues unabated, the official gazette daily publishing new lists. It is estimated that, to date 1,500 licenses held by Jews have been cancelled. All establishments whose licenses have been revoked must be liquidated within a fortnight. The licenses of 20 Jewish wholesalers were restored following intervention by a delegation of Rumanian vineyard owners with the authorities. Considerable bitterness exists among the Jews over the fact that while Jews who are Rumanian citizens have been deprived of their licenses, Greeks, Armenians and other aliens have not been interfered with, indicating that the measures are directed solely against the Jews.

CITY PROBES SALES OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS BY BUND; SUBPOENA OUT FOR KUHN

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- Sale of books and pamphlets by the German-American Bund is being investigated by Commissioner of Investigation William B. Herlands to ascertain whether sales and business taxes have been paid to the city, it was learned today. Fritz Kuhn, national leader, and other Bund officials have been ordered brought in to testify. James Wheeler-Hill, national secretary, has already been questioned but has failed to give satisfactory replies, it was learned.

Congress Gets Bills to Ban Uniforms

WASHINGTON, March 2. (JTA) -- Bills to prevent the wearing of uniforms by the German-American Bund and similar groups have been introduced by Representatives Joseph A. Gavan and Hamilton Fish of New York. The Gavan bill would bring the Bund under the jurisdiction of the Federal Corrupt Practices Act and provide a \$1,000 fine and a maximum of a year's imprisonment for violation. The Fish bill, for which he says he has been promised a hearing before the House Military Committee, would prohibit the formation and activities of private military organizations.

ROOSEVELT BODY SENDS MISSION TO PROBE DOMINICAN COLONIZATION PROSPECTS

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- An experts' commission sponsored by the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees sailed today on the steamship Berinquen to investigate colonization possibilities in the Dominican Republic which have been offered to the Inter-governmental Refugee Committee. The commission is headed by Dr. H.D. Barker of the Federal Bureau of Plant and Industry.

STATE BILL TO BAR REDS FROM CIVIL SERVICE SLATED FOR PASSAGE; BAN ON NAZIS REJECTED

ALBANY, March 2. (JTA) -- Senator John J. McNaboe's bill to bar from the civil service and teaching system any person advocating the overthrow of the Government has been advanced to order of final passage. An amendment which would have made the bill cover Nazism and Fascism as well as Communism was overwhelmingly defeated. In the course of a two-and-a-half hour bitter debate on the bill, Senator Thomas C. Desmond quoted Governor Lehman's message inveigling the same measure last year and declared that its passage "would be an opening wedge toward discrimination of all sorts....a blow against freedom of thought and expression."

WERTHEIM TO DIRECT FUND APPEAL FOR EXPANDED A.J. COMMITTEE PROGRAM

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- Maurice Wertheim has accepted the chairmanship of the Finance Committee of the American Jewish Committee, President Cyrus Adler announced today. Under Mr. Wertheim's leadership, the Committee will seek increased sums needed for its widely expanded program. "In order not to interfere with the various local efforts now being made in this country on behalf of philanthropic and educational needs, as well as for relief and overseas aid for Jewish, Protestant and Catholic refugees, the Committee will make no general appeal, but will endeavor to secure the support of interested individuals in the various communities," Dr. Adler said.

BULLETIN

LONDON, March 2. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Chamberlain told the delegation of Jewish leaders today that the international situation makes necessary a speedy solution of the Palestine question and unless an agreed solution is reached the British Government will have to impose its own plan, it was reliably learned tonight.