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RESISTANCE TO INDEPENDENT STATE PLAN RISES AMONG PALESTINE JEWS

JERUSALEM, March 5. (JTA) -- An Arab state can only be imposed on Palestine with British bayonets, a prominent leader of the Histadruth, (Palestine Jewish federation of labor) warned today. Eliezer Liebenstein, in a leading editorial in the Hebrew laborite daily, Davar, asserted that the Jewish reply to Arab rule would be to use the transitional period contemplated before establishment of the state for training, arming, preparation and defense.

Authorities acted to deter Jews from listening to short-wave broadcasts of mysterious origin calling upon them to rise in resistance to the British plan for establishment of an Arab-controlled state in Palestine. Radio stores in Tel Aviv were forbidden to maintain loudspeakers in the streets.

Emergency regulations prohibiting the carrying of firearms were extended to prohibit Jewish children from having toy pistols, a traditional amusement of today's Purim festival. A special edition of the official Palestine Gazette announced that sale and possession of toy guns were illegal under the emergency regulations. It is a customary pastime on Purim for children to shoot the toy pistols at representations of Haman, traditional Persian enemy of the Jews.

A 65-year-old Jewish porter, Mordechai Shlomo Mizrachi, will be tried by the Jerusalem Military Court on March 7, it was announced today, on a charge of carrying a pistol. He was arrested on Feb. 28, after a burst of violence directed at Arabs.

The Senate of the Hebrew University issued a proclamation endorsing the manifesto adopted by a united front conference of Jewish organizations on March 1 pledging resistance to imposition of a state. The Jewish population does not desire to dominate the Arabs, but will never consent to be dominated, the statement said.

Nashashibi Relative Dies in Continuing Disorders

JERUSALEM, March 5. (JTA) -- Adnan Nashashibi, nephew of Ragheb Bey Nashashibi, moderate Arab delegate to the current London conferences, succumbed today to bullet wounds inflicted by a terrorist near Herod's gate yesterday. He was the second recent victim of his family in the feud between the moderate Nashashibi faction and the extremists led by the exiled Mufti of Jerusalem. Zuhdi Nashashibi, another member of the family was wounded by terrorists here on Feb. 22.

Meanwhile, another Jew was added to the death toll in Arab disorders. Yerachmiel Dominitz, whose mother and brother were killed in an Arab attack on their home in a village near Rehoboth on Feb. 27, died of his wounds. British troops, continuing operations against terrorists, discovered a cache of arms, explosives, uniforms and equipment in the Ballaa village in Samaria.

Five Jewish colonies successfully resisted attacks by Arab terrorist bands. The colonies are Ein Hashofet (named for Louis D. Brandeis) Ramat Yochanan, Kiryat Hachoshet, El Rei and Kfar Hassidim.

City Council Urges U.S. to Act

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- The City Council has adopted a resolution urging President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull, in view of proposals for establishment of an independent state in Palestine, to intercede with the British Government for maintenance of the Jewish homeland and uninterrupted immigration.

A quota of 200,000 shekels (certificates attesting support of the Zionist movement) was adopted today by a special conference of the Poale Zion-Zeire Zion called to prepare for the Twenty-First Zionist Congress. A declaration adopted by the approximately 700 delegates said the sale of the shekels would serve as evidence of labor Zionism's intention to continue the upbuilding in Palestine. House-to-house canvasses and other means of selling shekels are planned. Officers were elected, headed by Louis Segal, chairman. Speakers at today's session, at the Capitol Hotel, included Isaac Hamlin, Joseph Baratz, Baruch Zuckerman, Joseph Schlossberg and Dr. Saul Sokol of Vienna. American Jewry stands "shoulder to shoulder" in opposition to British proposals that would "reduce the Jewish people to a minority in Palestine," the conference was told last night by David Wertheim, executive secretary.

A telegram protesting the British plan was sent to Secretary Hull by the Jewish Labor Committee (non-Zionist). The Committee requested that Mr. Hull transmit the telegram to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

Revisionists Demonstrate in Warsaw

WARSAW, March 5. (JTA) -- Several scores of Zionist-Revisionists demonstrated before the British Consulate yesterday. They engaged in minor scuffles with Zionist opponents because of signs they carried reading "Down with Weizmann." A stench bomb was thrown into the offices of the Yiddish daily Haint, supposedly by Revisionists, because of an article attacking the Revisionists published in the paper on Friday.

427 JEWS EXPELLED FROM DANZIG

DANZIG, March 5. (JTA) -- In trucks, taxis and buses, 427 expelled Danzig Jews were today crossing Germany bound for an unknown destination. The Jews were piled into the vehicles Friday by Danzig police and driven across the border. Expulsion of the Jews had originally been slated for January and was postponed several times reportedly because arrangements for their transportation from an Italian port had fallen through.

Two British journalists, Miss Ruby Hobling of the Reuters News Agency and Vaughan Jones, Berlin correspondent of the Daily Express, were arrested while watching the loading but were later released.

ROOSEVELT HITS RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION; ASSERTS U.S. CAN'T BE PASSIVE

WASHINGTON, March 5. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt yesterday renewed his attack on oppression abroad with an assertion that the United States would contend "with every peaceful means" for religious freedom, now denied in some countries, and "the other freedoms of the Bill of Rights." He addressed members of all branches of the Government, foreign diplomats and distinguished visitors at the 150th celebration of the first Congress under the Constitution.

"Today, with other many democracies, the United States will give no encouragement to the belief that our processes are outworn or that we shall approvingly watch the return of forms of government which for 2,000 years have proved their tyranny and their instability alike," the President declared.

Speaking of freedom of religion, he asserted: "Freedom of religion -- that essential of the rights of mankind everywhere -- goes back also to the origin of representative government. Where democracy is snuffed out, where it is curtailed, there, too, the right to worship God in one's own way is circumscribed or abrogated. Shall we by our passiveness, by our silence, by assuming the attitude of the Levite who pulled his skirts together and passed by on the other side, shall we thus lend encouragement to those who today persecute religion or deny it? The answer to that is 'No.' Today, just as in the days of the first Congress of the United States it was also 'No.' Not for freedom of religion alone does this nation contend by every peaceful means. We believe in the other freedoms of the Bill of Rights, the other freedoms that are inherent in the rights of free choice by free men and women."

Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes of the Supreme Court, in a plea for unity to maintain democracy, warned against passion and prejudice. He said: "Our guarantee of fair trials, of due process in the protection of life, liberty and property -- which stands between the citizen and arbitrary power -- our guarantees of religious freedom, of free speech, free press and free assembly -- these are the safeguards which have been erected against the abuses threatened by gusts of passion and prejudice which in misguided zeal would destroy the very basic interests of democracy."

STEINHARDT NAMED AMBASSADOR TO U.S.S.R.

WASHINGTON, March 5. (JTA) -- Laurence A. Steinhardt, Ambassador to Peru, has been named Ambassador to the U.S.S.R. Mr. Steinhardt, who is 46, was formerly Minister to Sweden, and before his entry into diplomatic service in 1933 he was a lawyer and economist, serving for some time in the Army. He has been prominent in Jewish activities.

GEN. MOSELEY URGES ORGANIZATION OF VIGILANTES; HITS FRANKFURTER

BOSTON, March 5. (JTA) -- Major-General George van Horn Moseley, retired army officer, yesterday called for organization of vigilante groups to be mobilized "at all critical points" on a moment's notice to quell any Communist uprising. General Moseley, addressing 400 members of the Sentinels of the Republic, also denounced the appointment of Prof. Felix Frankfurter to the Supreme Court as positive evidence of the present administration's leaning to Communism.

REICH MODIFIES RULE ON JEWS' JEWELRY

BERLIN, March 5. (Havas) -- Two categories of "Jews" were exempt by special ordinance today from the recent ruling forcing all German Jews to turn in their precious gems, pearls and jewelry. For technical reasons, the deadline set for this conversion was postponed until March 31. According to the new ordinance members of a mixed marriage will be exempt if their children are not considered Jewish. A childless Jewish wife of an "Aryan" also will be permitted to keep her valuables.

ENVOYS CONCERNED OVER JEWISH NATIONALS IN ITALY; U.S. EMBASSY PROTESTS

ROME, March 5. (JTA) -- Increasing concern over the fate of their Jewish nationals in Italy is being shown by foreign legations here with the approach of March 12, by which date all foreign Jews must have emigrated from Italy or be subject to expulsion under the terms of an edict issued last September. Some 15,000 Jews who entered Italy after 1919 are affected by the decree.

Concern has been sharpened by the Government's failure to furnish several legations, including the American, with clarification of the status of their Jewish nationals. The United States Embassy is understood to have filed several protests on alleged discrimination against American Jews, but so far has received no reply. Ambassador William Phillips is reported to be seeking an interview with Foreign Minister Galeazzo Ciano within the next few days to present those protests personally. Among the cases in which the Embassy is intervening is one in which an American Jew has been ordered to leave Italy before March 12. Another case concerns Jacob Sumter, well-known figure in racing circles, who has been living in Italy for the last 20 years. Sumter is married to an Italian citizen and is therefore not affected by the expulsion decree, but he has been deprived of his trainer's license as a "non-Aryan."

It was reliably learned that foreign Jews found to be in a position to leave Italy by March 12 but failing to do so will be fined 5,000 lire (about \$1,000) and summarily expelled. All foreign Jews possessing valid visas to any country will be regarded as belonging to this category.

It was reported here that some 3,000 Jews have obtained Chinese visas. The American Consul-General at Naples has sent letters to all persons approved for emigration to the United States who are awaiting "vacancies," and many applicants are expected to receive prolongation of their stay in Italy on the strength of these letters. Refugee organizations are approaching the British authorities for temporary resident permits for prospective emigrants to America who are awaiting their turn.

COUGHLIN HOPES NEW POPE WILL CONTINUE TO COMBAT PERSECUTION

DETROIT, March 5. (JTA) -- Father Charles E. Coughlin said today in his weekly radio talk that the world hoped Pope Pius XII would continue to fight persecution, as his predecessor had done. Catholics, Protestants and Jews rejoice in Cardinal Pacelli's election as Pope, the priest declared.

Lansbury Asks Pontiff to Call Parley of Religions

LONDON, March 5. (JTA) -- George Lansbury, laborite leader and peace advocate, today wrote to Pope Pius XII urging him to call religious leaders of the world, "including the leaders of Judaism," to a conference in Jerusalem at Easter to discuss how to bring pressure on the statesmen of the world to end the present "insane march of destruction."

Belgian Jews Eulogize Pius XI

BRUSSELS, March 5. (JTA) -- A crowded meeting devoted to the memory of Pope Pius XI and his attitude toward the Jews was addressed here by Rabbi Berman, Marcel Grigoire, director of the Catholic paper "La Cite Chretienne," Socialist Deputy Louis Pierard, president of the Belgian PEN Club, and others. All speakers emphasized the late Pope's opposition to racialism, stressing his statement to a group of Belgian Catholics that "spiritually we are all Semites."

5,000 SUDETEN REFUGEES TO SETTLE IN CANADA AS FARMERS

OTTAWA, March 5. (JTA) -- Immigration Minister Thomas Crerar has confirmed reports that approximately 3,000 Sudeten German refugees will be permitted to enter Canada to become farmers. The refugees include both Christians and Jews. In an interview, Mr. Crerar said he could not state definitely the number who would be allowed entry. He added, however, that of 1,200 families involved, he did not consider that more than 750 families would qualify as agriculturists.

Mr. Crerar revealed that each family would have a minimum of \$1,500 in cash with which to establish itself on the land. This money, he said, is being provided by the Czecho-Slovakian Government to a total of \$2,000,000, as part of a loan made by the British and French Governments following the Munich agreement. The families are now located in camps in Czecho-Slovakia. Canadian immigration inspectors stationed in Poland and Germany, Mr. Crerar said, will pass upon them before they leave for Canada. Mr. Crerar declared he did not believe that locations had yet been chosen for the families in Canada.

BAN ON BARTER WITH GERMANY ASKED BY BOYCOTT CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- A conference of 950 delegates representing more than 700 organizations in the metropolitan area under the auspices of the Joint Boycott Council at the Hotel Astor today recorded its opposition to "any barter or exchange scheme that may be projected to facilitate a flood of Nazi-made merchandise into this country." It also called upon the Government to abrogate the cotton barter scheme "perpetrated by the Nazis in contravention of section 305 of the Tariff Act" and to impose countervailing duties on all such subsidized merchandise which "has and is being dumped on our shores by the Nazi government."

The conference backed the council's plan to extend the boycott into Latin America in order to meet the Nazi trade menace in those countries. It also went on record as opposing "any plan which would violate the Nazi boycott and would make of the refugees export agents for the Nazi regime." Speakers included Dr. William Jay Schieffelin, chairman of the Volunteer Christian Committee to Boycott Nazi Germany; Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, chairman of the Council; Freda Kirchweg, editor of The Nation; Judge Nathan D. Perlman, acting president of the American Jewish Congress; Dr. Frank Bohn, Abraham Miller, Rabbi Louis I. Newman and Dr. Robert S. Marcus, who presided.

4 HUNGARIAN VETERAN GROUPS OUSTED FOR AIDING JEWS

BUDAPEST, March 5. (JTA) -- Four district groups of the National Union of War Veterans were dissolved by the union's national executive committee today for indulging in what was described as "propaganda friendly to Jews." Writing in the newspaper Esti Kurir, former Secretary of State Wagner, leader of one of the dissolved groups, declared that the action was illegal since only the Interior Minister had the right to dissolve branches of the union. Dr. Wagner, who recently addressed an open letter to Premier Paul Teleki demanding full rights for Jewish war veterans, asserted that front fighters who defended the interests of all war veterans without religious distinctions would not be influenced by threats.

PLAN DRIVE TO INCREASE SALE OF PALESTINE GOODS IN U.S.

JERUSALEM, March 5. (JTA) -- A plan to increase sale of Palestinian products in the United States was outlined today at a conference of the Jewish Agency, Zionist fund-raising bodies and various economic organizations. Dr. Emil Schmorak, head of the Jewish Agency's Trade Department, said it was intended to (1) establish an information bureau at the Palestine Pavilion of the New York World's Fair, (2) found a "Tozereth Haaretz" (Palestine products) organization in the United States, and (3) establish a permanent traveling exhibition of Palestinian goods in the United States.