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2 JEWS SLAIN BY ARABS AS VIOLENCE CONTINUES IN HAIFA

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- Two Jews were shot dead today in continuing violence in the wake of Britain's decision to set up an independent state in which Jews would be fixed as a one-third minority.

An Arab mob halted a railway engine on the outskirts of Haifa and fatally shot Morris Schechtman, 35, the engineer. Earlier, Arab terrorists shot and killed Ernest Behar, 37, an immigrant from Germany, on the boundary of the Musrara quarter in Jerusalem.

Arab terrorists in Haifa fired on a truckload of Jewish workers. They were driven off by the Jews, who used licensed revolvers. Later an Arab mob surrounded and set fire to the truck, whose occupants were rescued by police.

BOMB WOUNDS TWO IN PRAGUE; POLICE DISPERSE FASCIST DEMONSTRATIONS

PRAGUE, May 26. (JTA) -- A bomb, believed planted by the Czech Fascist organization, wrecked a building and seriously injured two persons last night in Prague's old ghetto. The explosion occurred near the section's principal synagogue.

Czech police dispersed a group of young uniformed Fascists demonstrating in the center of the city for an "effective" solution of the Jewish question. Similar demonstrations were dispersed in Bruenn.

President Emil Hacha conferred with Reichsprotector Baron Konstantin von Neurath, reportedly to receive an analysis of Germany's suggestions for changes in the protectorate's proposed anti-Jewish law. Later Dr. Hacha met with the committee which is redrafting the measure. The next cabinet meeting is expected to adopt the new text, revised according to Reich demands.

Meanwhile, Jews were banned from acting as justices of the peace, jurors, court interpreters or guardians, under a decree listing persons "unable to hold office for reason of public order."

Of 251 Jewish lawyers registered with the Slovak Bar Association in Bratislava, only ten were permitted to continue in practice under the new Slovakian anti-Jewish law.

FRITZ KUHN HELD IN \$5,000 BAIL AS EMBEZZLER OF BUND FUNDS

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- Arrested yesterday in a Pennsylvania village, Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund, was placed in the New York police line-up today and arraigned in General Sessions Court on an indictment charging him with embezzling sums of money totaling \$14,548.59 from the Bund. He pleaded not guilty and was held by Judge Cornelius F. Collins in bail of \$5,000.

The indictment against Kuhn was handed up yesterday. Three New York detectives trailed him to Pennsylvania, where he was arrested and waived extradition. District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, who obtained the indictment, said "the indictment shows that Kuhn is just a common thief." He added that it looked very much as if Kuhn were in flight when arrested.

Fascists Here Held Hitler's "Ideological Offspring"

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- An exhaustive analysis of Fascist and Nazi organizations in the United States, together with personal descriptions of their leading spirits, is contained in the May 27 issue of the Saturday Evening Post in an article by Stanley High entitled "Star-Spangled Fascists."

"America's Fascists," Mr. High declares, "are the ideological offspring of Hitler and National Socialism. Some of them frankly acknowledge it. Many of them admit only to an affinity. Most of them deny that they aim for a Nazi state. But in all of them, regardless of how much or how little they concede, the Nazi family features are too plain to be missed."

The writer reports that the most authoritative study of the movement lists between 150 and 160 groups "whose Fascist leanings appear to be fairly clear, and which, by virtue of printing and mailing literature with some regularity, have a more than fly-by-night character."

Current Nazi-inspired anti-Semitic movements in this country are being promoted as the nucleus of a totalitarian movement, it is asserted in an enalysis of anti-Semitic activities by Norton Belth featuring the May-June issue of the Contemporary Jewish Record.

15 OF HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS BODY HOLD WHITE PAPER BREAKS ANGLO-AMERICAN PACT

WASHINGTON, May 26. (JTA) -- Fifteen members of the 25-man House Foreign Affairs Committee were on record today with a request to the State Department to protest the British White Paper on Palestine as a violation of the 1924 Anglo-American treaty under which Americans had invested more than \$100,000,000 in Palestine.

Headed by Representative Hamilton Fish (Rep., N.Y.), the members placed in the Congressional Record yesterday a statement declaring the British plan to restrict Jewish immigration to the Holy Land and fix the Jews as a permanent minority was "a clear repudiation of the convention between the United States and Great Britain with respect to Palestine, dated Dec. 3, 1924."

The signatories included seven Republicans and eight Democrats: Republicans -- Fish, N.Y.; Tinkham, Mass; Rogers, Mass.; Barton, N.Y.; Corbett, Penn.; Vorys, Ohio; Schiffler, W.Va. Democrats -- Bloom, N.Y.; Luther A. Johnson, Texas; Kee, W.Va.; Richards, So. Car; Robert G. Allen, Penn; Burgin, No. Car.

Their statement declared that the 1924 convention provided that nothing in it should be affected by any modification of the League mandate on Palestine unless previously assented to by the United States. Declaring the United States had not been consulted on the new policy, the statement continued:

"We desire to point out to the members of the House and to call to the attention of the State Department that Americans have invested over \$100,000,000 in Palestine, relying upon the treaty between Great Britain and our Government, and upon which treaty they had the right to rely. It is the duty of the American Government to protect these rights by proper protest and to see to it that the treaty is carried out in good faith. As members of the Foreign Affairs Committee, we respectfully request the State Department to advise the British Government that the contemplated action, if carried out, will be regarded as a violation of the British-American convention and will be viewed with disfavor by the American people."

5,000 At Uruguay Protest Rally

MONTEVIDEO, May 26. (JTA) -- A protest meeting attended by 5,000 last night heard speakers denounce the British White Paper on Palestine, took the Biblical oath not to forget Jerusalem and sent off cables to the British Government, the Jewish Agency for Palestine and President Roosevelt.

LABOR LEADER, SOCIAL WORKER BACK WAGNER-ROGERS BILL AT HEARING

WASHINGTON, May 26. (JTA) -- John Brophy, national director of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, told the House Immigration Committee yesterday that organized labor had no fears of an undue influx of refugees resulting from the Wagner-Rogers bill for admission of 20,000 refugee children. Approval of the bill is only a small token of the CIO's opposition to what is going on in the Reich, Mr. Brophy said.

Gaynell Hawkins, of Dallas, president of the Texas Social Welfare Association, endorsed the legislation, saying that an "amazing decline" in this country's birthrate necessitated bringing more children here.

Wedgwood Asks British Entry Laws Be Relaxed

LONDON, May 26. (JTA) -- Relaxation of immigration restrictions on refugees was urged in an open letter to Home Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare today by Laborite Col. Josiah Wedgwood.

Col. Wedgwood asked the Government not to insist on re-emigration of children and other refugees who are being retrained at camps here for future occupations abroad. He urged that labor restrictions on refugees be removed in order to absolve the Jewish community of its maintenance pledge.

The auction sale of art objects at the Christie salesrooms realized about \$75,000 for the Baldwin Refugee Fund, it was revealed today.

25 SENATORS, 6 ENVOYS ATTEND LUNCHEON BY SENATOR MEAD TO HONOR DETESSAN

MASHINGTON, May 26. (JTA) -- Senator James M. Mead was host at a luncheon today in honor of Francois de Tessan, French deputy and member of the French ORT Parliamentary Committee. Other guests included 25 Senators, ambassadors of Poland, France, Russia and the ministers of Rumania, Latvia and Lithuania. Senator Mead described the ORT as not a "charity," but a "humanitarian social service to aid those who through no fault of their own are denied home and peace."

ARGENTINE POLICE BAN DISPLAY OF ZIONIST FLAG ON NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

BUENOS AIRES, May 26. (JTA) -- The police, acting under a Government decree of 1933, today prohibited display of the blue-white Zionist emblem on the grounds that it does not represent a state. Most Jewish merchants had been in the habit of displaying the flag together with the Argentine emblem on national holidays.

HINDU NATIONALIST PAPER SNUBS NAZI EFFORTS TO BACK ANTI-BRITISH MOVE

NEW DELHI, India, May 26. (Havas) -- Freedom for India from British rule must be secured by her own strength and not with the help of such "dubious friends" as Germany, the Hindustan Times (Nationalist) said today in an outspokenly critical editorial on Nazi methods. The son of Mohandas K. Gandhi is closely connected with the newspaper.

Referring to the recent speech at Madras by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former head of the Reichsbank who is now touring India, the editorial said:

"Nazism is based on the exploitation of weaker peoples for the benefit of Germany. The Indian does not want freedom from British imperialism merely to become the victim of Nazi tyranny. The fate of the German Jews should warn us of what will befall us in the event of our establishing friendly relations with Germany."

Nazis Seek Racial Data in Turkey

LONDON, May 26. (JTA) -- The Daily Herald reported from Istanbul today that a German commercial intelligence organization has been discovered gathering racial information concerning merchants engaged in foreign trade. German firms are being forced to dismiss Jewish representatives.

FEW JEWS TO VOTE IN HUNGARIAN ELECTIONS; NAZI PARTY ACTIVE

EUDAPEST, May 26. (JTA) -- Of 75,000 Hungarian Jewish citizens in Budapest who are entitled to vote under the new anti-Jewish law, only 19,000 have so far obtained certification, it was revealed today. The reason ascribed for the lag is the fact that only between 1,200 and 1,400 Jews are able to register daily. It is estimated that only 25,000 Jews will participate in the general elections, opening Sunday.

A strong propaganda campaign, apparently heavily subsidized from abroad, is being carried on by the anti-Tewish Arrow Cross party after inactivity in the initial stages of the election. The party is expected to obtain between 15 and 30 seats in the new Parliament. The Government party, while putting obstacles in the way of Jewish voters in Budapest, is encouraging the Jewish vote in provincial constituencies where the Nazis are strong.

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BRUNO SCHACENER, REFUGEE BODY AIDE, NAMED FEDERAL ATTORNEY

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- Bruno Schachner has resigned as secretary of the Refugee Economic Corporation and of the Emigre Charitable Fund, Inc., to become Assistant United States Attorney, it was announced today by the corporation.

DOROTHY THOMPSON GETS GOTTHEIL MEDAL FOR SERVICE TO DEMOCRACY

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- Dorothy Thompson, the writer, has been awarded the Richard J.H. Gottheil Medal of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity. The medal is awarded annually, on the basis of a poll of Anglo-Jewish editors, for aid to the Jews'and democracy. Presentation was made at a luncheon Wednesday by Harold Riegelman, former executive of the fraternity, who praised Miss Thompson's "instinct for freedom," her "indomitable courage and selfless devotion."

ABRAHAMS, ZIONIST LEADER IN SO. AFRICA, DEAD AT 75

JOHANNESBURG, May 26. (JTA) -- Abraham Mark Abrahams, life president of the South African Zionist Federation, is dead at the age of 75. After 20 years as active president of the Federation, he retired in 1931. He participated in the Federation's recent conference at Blomfoentein.

MOTHER OF JEWISH OFFICER SLAIN IN SPANISH WAR GETS MUSSOLINI MEDAL

ROME, May 26. (JTA) -- The mother of the Jewish Lieutenant-Colonel George Morpurgo, who was killed in battle in the last days of the Spanish war, was among the 16 mothers and widows of Italian dead who recently received gold medals from Premier Benito Mussolini personally.

CREDIT COOPERATIVES LEND \$50,000,000 A YEAR TO JEWS IN 15 COUNTRIES

PARIS (JTA) -- More than \$50,000,000 a year is being granted in loans to Jewish traders, artisans, agriculturists and others in various European countries by the Credit Cooperatives supported by the American Joint Reconstruction Foundation, which was established in 1924, by the Distribution Committee and the Jewish Colonization Association.

This was stated in connection with the fifteenth anniversary of the creation of the Foundation. The Foundation is functioning for the purpose of organizing constructive relief for the needy Jewish population, chiefly in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Sir Osmond E. d'Avigdor Goldsmid is president. Directors are Dr. Bernhard Kahn, Louis Oungre and David J. Schweitzer. Noel Aronovici has been secretary-general since its inception.

Operating in fifteen countries, the Foundation has established credit cooperatives for the Jewish population or strengthened the institutions already existing, so that the entire Jewish middle class can now find assistance for whatever purpose needed. A network of over 700 credit establishments is now under the control of the Foundation. In Poland a third of the entire Jewish population -- more than a million people -- are benefiting directly or indirectly from about 500 credit cooperatives which the Foundation is maintaining there.