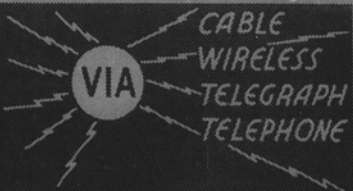


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WORK STOPPAGE, DEMONSTRATIONS GREET LAND ACT VOTE IN PALESTINE; CURFEW IMPOSED

JERUSALEM, March 7. (JTA) -- The Jews of Palestine stopped work at three o'clock this afternoon and joined in demonstrations against the British restrictions on Palestine land purchase, which were backed by the House of Commons last night by a 292-129 vote.

The call for a nation-wide work stoppage and peaceful demonstrations was issued by central Jewish organizations. Fifteen thousand persons paraded through the Jewish quarters of Jerusalem, and immediately afterward curfew was imposed on these sections.

The demonstrators, headed by Palestine's Chief Rabbis, leaders of the Jewish Agency and Jewish National Council, and the academic corps of the Hebrew University, carried placards bearing biblical verses referring to the Jews' rights to land in Palestine. The demonstration ended quietly and the Jews were then dispersed by the police.

Churchill, White Paper Foe, Absent From 'Melancholy' Debate

LONDON, March 7. (JTA) -- Fortified with the 163-vote majority rolled up in defeating the Laborite motion of censure last night, the British Government looked ahead confidently today to whatever obstacles still lay in the path of enforcing the Palestine land act.

The Government victory climaxed a debate aptly described by former Colonial Secretary Leopold S. Amery, Conservative, as "melancholy." The 292 Government supporters, mustered up by a three-line whip, trooped into the division lobby at 11 p.m. although hardly a handful were present during the debate.

Because of the reluctance of a number of Government supporters, regardless of the strength of their feelings on the Palestine issue, to do anything which might be considered as weakening the Government, the result was a foregone conclusion.

Only a few Conservatives, including Major Victor Cazalet and Amery, defied the whip and voted for the motion, which obtained 129 votes. First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill, who had bitterly attacked the White Paper policy on Palestine in the debate last May, was conspicuously absent, leaving the House immediately after question time.

Secure in its majority, the Government spokesmen made hardly any effort to refute the Opposition charges that the land regulations were discriminatory against the Jews,

were incompatible with the League Mandate, would be harmful to Palestine economically and otherwise, and that the Government procedure had flouted the League.

The House was moved by the speech of D.L. Lipson, Independent Conservative, who said that as a British Jew he could not but express repugnance for the regulations but was voting for the Government because it was the duty of Jews everywhere to support the British cause in the fight against Hitlerism.

Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite, assailed the Government for introducing Hitler's blood and soil principles in Palestine, while other speakers warned of the reaction in America and other neutral countries where the belief would be spread that Britain as well as Hitler sacrifices small nations and disregards obligations when convenient.

Winding up the attack, Sir William Jowitt offered to withdraw the motion if the Government agreed to ask the Hague Court or the Privy Council for an advisory ruling on whether the White Paper policy was compatible with the Mandate.

On behalf of the Government, Sir Donald Sommervell rejected the offer, declaring the Government was confident that the policy was consistent with the Mandate and was not prepared to take a step indicating doubt or hesitation.

Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, former Palestine High Commissioner, was among the spectators in the House during the early part of the debate.

PLUNDER 'NORMAL' TO NAZI ARMY IN POLAND, EYEWITNESS REPORTS

LONDON, March 7. (JTA) -- The Nazi army in Poland "seems to regard plunder as normal," it is asserted in an article signed "Eyewitness" in the current issue of the New Statesman and Nation.

The article describes anti-Jewish persecution in Warsaw and stresses the difference in methods and spirit between the old German army and the modern edition.

"The Nazi army," the writer states, "seems to regard plunder as normal. One could often see a German soldier entering a Jewish shop with a woman and leaving with bunches of gowns. Sometimes you can hear a Jewish saleswoman arguing, only to be brought to her senses by the fists of the plunderer, who puts the prize into a car and goes off with his companion.

"Sometimes German soldiers enter a shop and choose goods worth many hundreds of marks, leaving two or three marks on the counter. There have been cases where soldiers, frightened of a complaint to officers, returned the stolen goods. More often, the authorities merely maltreated people who complained."

The article cites exceptions where German soldiers went out of their way to aid Jews. In one instance, a soldier stopped a passing Jew and warned him not to go farther as a general anti-Jewish search was in progress in the neighborhood. In another instance, soldiers searched the apartment of a Warsaw Jewish lawyer, who had been an officer in the reserve. In handing over a revolver, the Jew forgot to give up the cartridges which lay in a desk and were found later. An hour later, the officer who conducted the search visited the frightened man and told him privately what to say to avoid difficulties.

EPIDEMICS REPORTED IN LWOW, AS FOOD, FUEL SHORTAGE GROWS

PARIS, March 7. (JTA) -- A special correspondent of Le Soir on the Rumanian-Soviet frontier reports that epidemics have begun making their appearance in Lwow, Soviet-occupied Poland, because of shortage of fuel, food and water. Shops are completely empty and a kilogram of black bread is priced at the equivalent of \$1, the correspondent said.

NO ANTI-SEMITISM IN ARGENTINA, FOREIGN MINISTER TELLS GOLDMANN

BUENOS AIRES, March 7. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Jose Maria Cantilo asserted today that with the exception of some merchants and professionals who were "envious of Jewish abilities" there was no anti-Semitism in the Argentine. The statement was made to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, leader of the World Jewish Congress who is here on a speaking tour, in the course of an audience.

VISA RACKETEERS WHO PREYED ON REFUGEES SEIZED IN URUGUAY

PARIS, March 7. (JTA) -- Members of a ring who obtained money from refugees by promising them visas to Uruguay have been arrested in Montevideo, the office of the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association here was informed today.

The organization was believed to have had agents in Europe who approached refugees offering them visas. The number of persons victimized by the ring's activities was thought to be high since it was ascertained that one "agency" alone was in contact with more than 100 people.

NEW ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA DRIVE REPORTED IN CHILE

SANTIAGO, Chile (JTA - Airmail) -- Chilean newspapers report a new wave of anti-Jewish propaganda is sweeping Chile.

The anti-Semitic weekly La Patria, which stopped publication last November for lack of funds, has reappeared on the streets. The paper, which calls itself the "organ of Chilean Fascism," attacks the Jews, praises Hitler and ridicules the Allies and the United States.

In South Chile, a violent anti-Semitic leaflet has been distributed attacking the Jews and asking for their deportation from Chile. Liberal newspapers report that the anti-Jewish propaganda in South Chile is financed by the German colony. At the same time, a German daily is publishing anti-Jewish articles in its Spanish edition. The paper has a large circulation, selling for half the price of other newspapers.

CHILEAN HEALTH POST GOES TO GERMAN-JEWISH CANCER SPECIALIST

SANTIAGO, Chile (JTA - Airmail) -- Prof. Alexander Lipschuetz, well-known German-Jewish cancer specialist who emigrated to Chile in 1926, has been appointed director of the Institute for Scientific Research, a Government agency connected with the Chilean Ministry of Health. He will continue his cancer research and study health conditions in Chile.

At the same time, the Government announced that it will appoint a well-known Jewish pediatrician to study the high rate of child mortality in Chile and recommend measures to counteract the causes.

ECONOMIC COMMITTEE LAUNCHES DRIVE TO SPUR PALESTINE IMPORTS HERE

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Pointing out the disparity between Palestine imports of \$5,000,000 from the United States in 1938 and exports of only \$500,000, the American Economic Committee for Palestine announced today the launching of a campaign to increase purchases of Palestinian goods in America.

The committee, which hitherto has functioned only as an economic information service, said its campaign would seek to educate the public and "straighten out the unfair proportion of imports and exports relative to Palestine and the United States; and it is hoped that the public will fulfill its duty by purchase of Palestine products whereby a normal trade exchange can occur."

FOUNDATION FUND REPORTS INCOME INCREASE IN 1939

JERUSALEM, March 7. (JTA) -- The Palestine Foundation Fund announced today that its net income in 1939 was L627,300 as compared to L477,386 in the previous year.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRUMPELDOR'S DEATH MARKED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, March 7. (JTA) -- The twentieth anniversary of the death of Joseph Trumpeldor and his nine comrades in the defense of Tel Hai is being observed this month. Tel Hai, in the Upper Galilee region of Palestine, has become a flourishing agricultural settlement where Jewish youths are being trained in farming.

A Tel Hai stamp will be circulated this month, the proceeds to be devoted to the agricultural training and education of Hanoar Haoved, a working youth organization some 300 members of which are now living in labor settlements.

BEGGARS ORGANIZE IN TEL AVIV; WILL 'WORK' CITY BY SECTIONS

TEL AVIV, March 7. (JTA) -- A professional beggars' association has been organized here, it was reported today by the newspaper Haboker, through whose columns the association appeals to the public for support.

Announcing that it would try to become a "model organization in Tel Aviv," the association said it had decided to divide Tel Aviv into sections, allotting one group of beggars to each. Beggars discovered to be owners of property or fortunes, the announcement said, will be pilloried.

BRITISH EMBASSY IN PARIS TO BUY ROTHSCHILD MANSION

PARIS, March 7. (JTA) -- The British Embassy was reported today to be negotiating the purchase of the late Baron Edmond de Rothschild's estate which adjoins its own property here.

BULLETIN43 Injured in Jerusalem Demonstrations

JERUSALEM, March 7. (JTA) -- Forty-three persons were injured in today's demonstrations in Jerusalem, four of them seriously enough to require removal to the hospital. Curfew from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. was imposed on Tel Aviv after a demonstration headed by Mayor Rokach, municipal councillors and leaders of the Histadruth. The parade followed an address by Mayor Rokach in which he declared: "Down with MacDonald! Do not imagine that you will win the world's trust by treachery against us."