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PALESTINE COLONISTS ACT TO SPUR RECRUITING; ARMY MEN TO SEE PALESTINE PRODUCTS

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) -- Palestine colonists, spurring the drive for army recruiting in response to a proclamation of the Jewish Agency and Jewish National Council, prepared today to invoke sanctions against men between the ages of 20 and 30 who refused to enlist.

A general meeting of settlers at Beer Tuvia empowered its local council to take measures against single men eligible for military service who "are not ashamed to avoid the call of Jewish institutions for enlistment."

Meanwhile, Douglas Harris, chairman of the Palestine War Supply Board, announced in a radio broadcast that the Palestine Government would shortly open an industrial exhibition in Cairo to enable the military authorities and private merchants to see how far their needs could be met from Palestine-manufactured products.

The Vaad Leumi (Jewish National Council) called a plenary session for next Tuesday, with representatives of local councils and prominent Jewish leaders participating, to consider the situation.

Yesterday's fast day was fully observed throughout the country, with intercessory prayers and reading of the Torah, concluding with blowing of the shofar in all synagogues. A procession of 15,000 persons, led by Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ben-Zion Usiel, visited the Wailing Wall and the holy graves.

Wise Pleads for Home Defense Corps

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- Creation of a home defense corps in Palestine in view of the threatening situation in the Near East was urged today by Dr. Stephen S. Wise at a press conference under the auspices of the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs.

"The time has come when the defense of Palestine requires the maximum utilization of the manpower of all its loyal inhabitants," Dr. Wise stated. "A Home Defense Corps for Palestine is an immediate necessity. The able-bodied men of Palestine are eager to enlist in such a force and are waiting to be organized, armed and drilled.

"The elementary right of self-defense should not be denied the Palestine Jewish community. As Jews deeply concerned for the fate of their co-religionists in this critical

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hour and as American citizens upholding the policy of our country to stem the tide of totalitarian aggression, we plead that the Jews of Palestine be given the chance to defend themselves and the products of six decades of pioneer toil and self-sacrifice."

An accompanying statement of the Emergency Committee denied that antagonism to Zionism was an important factor in the disaffection of parts of the Arab world and reiterated the demand for arming of the Palestine Jews, asserting that "it would be a great injustice to them to let them meet attacks with their bare hands or to compel them to an attitude of non-resistance and abject submission."

"Our information is to the effect that large British and Empire forces are being concentrated in Egypt and other points in the Middle East," the statement said. "We have complete confidence in the heroism and capacity of these armies and their commanders and see no ground for panic."

"But assuming the worst, even a temporary withdrawal from the eastern Mediterranean that does not spell the end of Zionism. The future of Zionism is bound up with the future of the democracies, in whose ultimate triumph we have the deepest and most unshakable faith. Even if Palestine should be invaded and part of what has been created be destroyed, we shall when the war is over, begin where we left off."

\$50,000 Cabled to Histadruth

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- The National Labor Committee for Palestine has cabled \$50,000 to the Histadruth in Palestine as an expression of solidarity with the labor federation's mobilization for Palestine defense, it was announced today.

NAZI COMMISSAR NAMED TO RULE WARSAW GHETTO

LONDON, May 6. (JTA) -- The German authorities in Poland have appointed a special commissar to supervise the Warsaw ghetto, where some 400,000 Jews have been segregated, Polish circles here reported today.

The presidency of the ghetto's Jewish Council, which handles problems of relations between the ghetto and the outside world, and the Migration Office now act under the commissar's supervision.

BULGARIAN JEWS BARRED FROM CHANGING NAMES

ZURICH, May 6. (JTA) -- The Bulgarian authorities have issued a decree forbidding Jews to "Bulgarize" their names, it was reported here today. The Bulgarian National Bank has ordered Jews to write their names in bank books as they appeared in their birth certificates, according to a Bulgarian-language broadcast from Zeesen.

STRICTER CURFEW FOR ANTWERP JEWS

STOCKHOLM, May 6. (JTA) -- The Jews of Antwerp are subject to stricter curfew regulations than those applies generally, it was reported here today. According to the Brusse-er Zeitung, Jews are forbidden on the streets between seven p.m. and seven a.m., while the general curfew begins at midnight.

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The major portion of today's sessions was given over to a consideration of "The Challenge of the World Crisis to Religious Leadership," with Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr presenting the Christian viewpoint and Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Jewish viewpoint. Last night, Dr. Max Kadushin, Madison, Wis., presented a paper on "The Concept of the Chosen People in Rabbinic Literature" and Prof. Louis Ginzberg, New York, delivered a learned address.

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He stressed the need of "rallying the cooperative strength of American Jewry to make of Judaism an elevating and dynamic force in the lives of our people in our American scene." To this end he proposed appointment of a commission to edit a standard American Jewish prayer book, a commission on Jewish family living and a new concerted effort to study and implement the extension of Sabbath observance in American Jewish life.

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Dr. Alexander M. Dushkin pointed out that the Jewish child is given simplified versions of the great moral and religious lessons of history, but because of lack of continuity in his training carries his immature conceptions into adult life, while the adult Jew must relearn the lessons of his elementary years in the light of his mature understanding. Dr. Mordecai Kaplan said a program of adult Jewish studies should be mainly concerned with making Judaism relevant and vital to the present realities of American Jewish life. Prof. Harry A. Overstreet also spoke.

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ANTI-NAZI EDITOR FATALLY INJURED IN MYSTERIOUS WASHINGTON ATTACK

WASHINGTON, May 6. (JTA) -- Heinrich Simon, famous anti-Nazi former editor of the Frankfurter Zeitung, co-founder of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra and fugitive from Hitler's Germany, was brutally and mysteriously beaten on the way to his home here early today and died before noon in Garfield Hospital.

Police were unable to determine immediately whether he had been slain by robbers or whether his death was linked to his zealous anti-Nazi activities. But examination showed not only had his skull been fractured, but the killer or killers had smashed his face, kicked in his ribs and inflicted other terrible injuries.

The 61-year-old journalist and lecturer on musicology went for his usual walk at 10 o'clock last night. At three a.m. he staggered into his apartment at the Concord, blood streaming from a gash in his head.

Mrs Irma Simon, his wife, told police her husband was in a daze when he walked into their suite, but somehow he had managed to climb the stairs to their apartment. All he could tell his wife was that he had been attacked "in a little dark street or an alley" and he insisted that he would be all right after some sleep. When Mrs. Simon attempted to awaken him this morning he was semi-conscious and she called physicians.

Dr. Simon had been in this country since March 31, 1939, on a temporary visitor's permit but last Feb. 25 he took the first step toward naturalization. Mrs. Simon and Josepha, his 7-year-old daughter, came here in May, 1940 from England, where the family had gone after the advent of the Nazi regime.

Dr. Simon was a grandson of the founder of the Frankfurter Zeitung and was a member of a family powerful in Germany before the advent of Hitler. Mrs. Simon's family was equally prominent and wealthy, but her parents disinherited her when she married the journalist.

In the days before Hitler the Simons' palatial home in Frankfurt was a rendezvous of great musicians from all over the world. Since they had been in Washington they had been hosts at many brilliant musicals.

Since he left Germany, in 1934, Dr. Simon had been devoted solely to music. Even during his Zeitung days he was known in Germany as a concert pianist and wrote and lectured on the subject. His first exile period was spent in London, where he lectured at the Academy of London and founded a music appreciation institute. Then he was called to Palestine to help Bronislaw Huberman found the Palestine Symphony. He stayed there two years as manager.

FLORIDA BISHOP HITS ISOLATIONISTS' USE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., May 6. (JTA) -- Bishop Joseph P. Hurley has declared he questions the credentials of some of the men now seeking peace because the same men have been inciting to racial war in the United States. "The most serious and insidious attack upon our national spirit" is being made by "certain men who, after a series of public defeats, have now taken refuge in the sanctuary of peace," Bishop Hurley told the Florida division of the National Council of Catholic Women last week.

Declaring he questioned the credentials of some of the men now seeking peace because "a few months back they were inciting our people to the worst kind of war--civil war," the prelate said: "I refer to the men who were responsible for that vulgar, hate-inspired campaign against our Jewish fellow-citizens which eventuated in attempts at racial discrimination and mob violence. It has been said that liberty is the last refuge of the scoundrel. Peace, as I have described it, may well be the last refuge in this country of the Nazi propagandist."