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EDELSTEIN DIES AFTER CLASH WITH RANKIN IN HOUSE OVER ANTI-JEWISH SPEECH

WASHINGTON, June 4. (JTA)-- A heated debate on the House floor over charges by Rep. John A. Rankin that the Jews were seeking to drag the United States into war had a tragic climax early this afternoon when Rep. H. Michael Edelstein died of a heart attack a few minutes after giving a fervent reply to the accusation.

The debate began when Rankin (Dem. Mo.) loudly charged that "Wall Street bankers and international Jews" were dragging the country into war. The speech threw the House into turmoil. Edelstein (Dem., N.Y.) who was 55 years old and had been suffering from an ailing heart for some time, managed to get the floor and received unanimous consent to answer Rankin. When Edelstein finished speaking, he was cheered. He left the House Chamber, collapsed in a chair in the Speaker's lobby and died.

The New York Congressman's last words in the House were: "Mr. Speaker--Hitler started out by speaking about 'Jewish brethren.' It is becoming the play and work of those people who want to demagogue to speak about their 'Jewish brethren' and 'international bankers.'"

"The last speaker (Rankin), speaking about international bankers, coupled them with 'their Jewish brethren.' The fact of the matter is that the number of Jewish bankers in the United States is infinitesimal. It is also a fact that the meeting which took place yesterday on the steps of the Sub-Treasury was entirely controlled by persons other than Jewish bankers.

"I deplore the idea that any time anything happens, whether it be for a war policy or against a war policy, men in this House and outside this House attempt to use the Jews as their scapegoat. I say it is unfair and I say it is un-American. As a member of this House I deplore the allegations because we are living in a democracy. All men are created equal regardless of race, creed or color. Whether a man be a Jew or a Gentile he may think what he deems fit."

Edelstein's speech was in reply to the following statement by Rankin, who obtained permission to "revise and extend" his remarks just after the House had convened:

"Mr. Speaker--Wall Street and a little group of our international Jewish brethren are still attempting to harass the President of the United States into plunging us into the European war, and at the same time Communist elements throughout the country are fomenting strikes, harassing industry and blowing down the defense program.

"The international bankers are so afraid of this peace movement now going on in England--this peace movement now going on behind the lines might take root and this catastrophe brought to a close before they can get us into it--that on yesterday they held a rally in Wall Street and Wall Street bankers made a plea to that effect.

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"If Great Britain gets terms of peace that will leave her empire and navy intact, we ought not to stand in her way. We ought to let the world know now, we ought to let the British people know now that we are not going to plunge into this war and send an army to fight on European soil."

Rankin refused to release the stenographer's text of his remarks for use by the press until after he had "revised" it. He did not give any outward evidence of being perturbed by Edelstein's death.

The House adjourned a few minutes after Edelstein's death.

Edelstein was elected to the 76th Congress to fill the unexpired term of the late William I. Strovich, his lifelong friend, and was reelected to the 77th Congress last November. He was a bachelor and resided with his mother in Washington.

Born in New York, he attended the public schools and Cooper Union College and received a law degree from Brooklyn Law School in 1909. He was admitted to the bar in 1910 and was subsequently admitted to practice in all New York courts and the U.S. Supreme Court. He was a member of various social, religious and fraternal organizations.

Pelley Organ Hits Roosevelt Emergency Declaration

WASHINGTON, June 4. (JTA)-- President Roosevelt's declaration of an unlimited national emergency is attacked in The Roll Call, new organ of William Dudley Pelley, anti-Semitic agitator, copies of which were distributed this morning on Capitol Hill and to newspaper correspondents.

Congressmen entering their offices found copies of the paper stuffed under their doors. Newspaper correspondents found a stack of them in the National Press Club. They were also being circulated free in every Government department.

The Roll Call couples the names of Pelley, Father Coughlin, Gen. George van Horn Moseley and other anti-Semites with those of Charles A. Lindbergh and Senators Wheeler and Nye.

Praising Hitler as "a personage who has successfully driven from his land a racial element that, wherever lodged, has worked its moral depredations," the paper declares that "Hitler has won again in the eastern Mediterranean and by the time the forces of anti-isolationism have pushed to control of the Congress, the British Empire may be all over but the shouting."

PORTUGAL PROTESTS AS BRAZIL BARS VISAS TO JEWS

LISBON, June 4. (JTA)-- The Portuguese authorities have lodged a protest with the Brazilian Government against instructions issued to the Brazilian consulate in Lisbon to discontinue issuance of visas to Jews, even when they are citizens of Portugal, it was learned today.

In their protest, the Portuguese authorities emphasize that Jews in Portugal enjoy equal rights and thus the Brazilian order must be considered as discrimination against Portuguese citizens. The press in Lisbon also criticizes the Brazilian Government for the anti-Jewish instructions. While refusing visas to Jews, the Brazilian consulate in Lisbon is issuing visas to German Nazis without any restrictions. As pretext for the anti-Jewish restrictions, the consulate asserts that "the quota for the admission of Jews to Brazil has been exhausted."

BEN GURION ASKS PALESTINE YOUTH FOR 'SACRIFICES'; 6,400 SETTLERS AWAIT LAND

JERUSALEM, June 4. (JTA)-- David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, yesterday called on Palestine Jewish youth to make "the utmost efforts and sacrifices" to defend Palestine. He declared before the seventh annual conference of Jewish youth organizations: "What can Jewish youth give to Zionism? Life. What can Zionism give to Jewish youth? An ideal."

Meanwhile, one "youth" who has answered the call for enlistment is 65-year-old Dr. Abraham Schwadron, owner of the biggest collection of photographs and autographs in Palestine, who has just joined the army.

The Thuva cooperative society announced its banana crop totalled 2,700 tons. A first shipment to Russia of 220 tons has been sent and further exports are expected shortly.

A total of 6,400 agricultural laborers who are qualified candidates for settlement are awaiting their turn to obtain land. Their full settlement requires about 160,000 dunams, while the Jewish National Fund's total reserve is 5,700 dunams, of which a substantial portion requires amelioration to render it fit for immediate settlement. This year's drop in JNF receipts is restricting the fund's activities, despite otherwise favorable conditions, it was said.

With £130,000 transmitted by the British Central Council for Jewish Refugees in recent years the J.N.F. has acquired 15,000 dunams of land for German Jewish settlement of various types, enabling about 1,200 persons to settle on the land. A further £24,000 awaiting transmission will be used to expand the program.

An illustrated booklet in Polish on Jewish achievements in Palestine issued by the Representation of Polish Jewry for Polish troops in Palestine has proved a great success among the thousands of Polish officers and men in the Holy Land. The preface expresses hope that the Polish soldiers will return to Poland with happy memories of their stay in Palestine and will help create cordial relations between Jews and Poles in the future Poland.

BRITISH ZIONIST SURVIVOR OF TORPEDOED SHIP, REACHES HERE

NEW YORK, June 4. (JTA) Phineas Horowitz, vice-president of the British Zionist Federation and chairman of the Anglo-Palestine Club, arrived in New York today en route to South America. The steamer on which Horowitz sailed from England to Halifax was torpedoed by a Nazi submarine. Horowitz, after swimming for over twenty minutes in a stormy sea, was picked up by a lifeboat and was transferred to a liner which reached Halifax under a convoy.

Meanwhile, Leib Jaffe, director of the Palestine Foundation Fund, arrived here by Clipper after a stay in England.

\$10,000 SENT TO PALESTINE FOR WAR TRAINING OF WOMEN

NEW YORK, June 4. (JTA)-- At an all-day conference and luncheon of the Women's League for Palestine today at the Hotel Riverside Plaza, Mrs. William Prince, president, announced that \$10,000 was being sent to Palestine in answer to an urgent request for funds to train nurses, women cooks and drivers for war service in the centers of the League in Haifa and Tel Aviv.

EX-KAISER DEAD AT 82, TURNED ANTI-SEMITIC AFTER GERMANY'S DEFEAT

ZURICH, June 4. (JTA)-- While having many Jewish friends before the World War, ex-Kaiser Wilhelm II turned completely anti-Jewish after the war when he lost his throne and was compelled to live in exile in Doorn, Holland, it was recalled here today in connection with the death of the ex-ruler of Germany at the age of 82.

The ex-Kaiser blamed the Jews for his defeat. "I shall not leave the throne to please a couple of hundred Jews and several thousand workers," he was reported to have said to Dr. Drews, German Minister of Interior who conveyed to him on Nov. 5, 1918, the request of the German Government that he abdicate.

Prior to his abdication he had among his personal friends such German Jews as Walter Rathenau, Albert Ballin and Maximilian Harden. He received Dr. Theodor Herzl in 1898 for a full hour during which he expressed himself as convinced that the Jews would embark on colonization of Palestine if they knew that he would take them under his protection. Dr. Herzl, at that audience, asked the Emperor to intervene with the Sultan of Turkey for a Jewish Palestine as "a Chartered Company, under German protection." The Kaiser explained to Dr. Herzl why the Zionist movement attracted him. The considerations, as Dr. Herzl immediately observed, were essentially anti-Semitic.

Kaiser Wilhelm visited Palestine during the same year and met Dr. Herzl at the Jewish settlement, Mikveh Israel. "Your movement is based on a sound idea," the Kaiser told Dr. Herzl when receiving him as head of a Jewish delegation in Palestine on Nov. 2, the exact date on which the Balfour Declaration was issued nineteen years later.

When Hitler came to power in Germany, the Kaiser praised Hitler's work as "marvelous" in an interview with the London Daily Mail given to Randolph Churchill, son of the present Prime Minister of England. He was reported to have disapproved of Hitler's anti-Jewish outrages, but his wife denied it. In a statement to the Rev. J. Lloyd Thomas of London she stated in Doorn that the ex-Kaiser approved of Hitler's treatment of the German Jews. "Before the war, my husband had no anti-Jewish feelings, but the Jews did him mischief during the war and he has not now a good word for them," she said.

JEM PRESIDES OVER POLISH PARLIAMENT FOR FIRST TIME

LONDON, June 4. (JTA)-- A Polish parliament was presided over by a Jew for the first time today when Dr. Herman Lieberman, leader of the Socialist fraction, was elected acting chairman of the Polish National Council, the Polish Parliament-in-exile.

The decisive part which the United States is expected to play in the economic reconstruction of Europe is bound to preclude Jewish mass emigration from the Continent for decades, Ignacy Schwartzbart, Jewish member of the Polish National Council, declared before a meeting of the Nahum Sokolow Society of Polish Zionists in Britain. Denouncing propaganda for Jewish evacuation as a capitulation and incompatible with the ideal of justice "upon which the new democratic Europe is to be based," he asserted that there would be no need for mass emigration from post-war Europe, even for economic reasons, since the reconstruction of Europe could be carried out with the help of the United States.