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OVERSEAS NEWS IN BRIEF

Tribute to a Great Musician

ANGLO-PALESTINE CLUB FETES HUBERMAN

London, February 4th.



Bronislaw Huberman

A great tribute was paid to the famous musician and founder of Palestine Symphony Orchestra, Bronislaw Huberman, when he was the guest of honour at a reception at the Anglo-Palestine Club here last night.

Sir Hugh Allen, Director of the Royal College of Music, presided, and the Czechoslovakian Minister, M. Jan Masaryk, and Count Michaelowski representing the Polish Ambassador, were also present.

M. Jan Masaryk said that he was proud to be able to take part in this tribute to a great musician, a great Jew and a great European. He had been told that Palestine was not part of Europe. Nevertheless, it possessed considerable part of European culture at its best in Huberman's orchestra. He felt that Europe at this stage needed people like Huberman who, through the purity of the conception of music and their humanitarian nature, were able to help to save Europe from a situation which was not very bright.

Count Michaelowsky said it was a great personal honour to represent the Polish Ambassador in paying homage to that great man, Huberman, who would claim a place among the distinguished band of representatives of the Jewish nation who had devoted their lives to art. "But," he continued, "Huberman is more than an artist because he has found time to devote a large part of his energies to the cause of humanity and place himself at the services of his own people."

Mr. Leonard Stein, on behalf of the Jewish Agency in Palestine, and Miss

Harriet Cohen, the famous pianist, also spoke.

In replying, Mr. Huberman said that Palestine itself was responsible for his idea to create the orchestra because he found there a public who could appreciate music. He paid homage to Signor Toscanini whom he described as the most generous person he knew. It had not taken more than two minutes to get his promise to come to Palestine to conduct the orchestra. Huberman also paid tribute to Herr Busch, the leader of the orchestra, who was a non-Jew and a German, and who had refused to continue his musical activities within the Nazi regime.

Finally, Bronislaw Huberman said that his one belief was that the creations of great minds should be acceptable to everybody without distinction of class or race.

"THE BRITISH NATION WILL HONOUR THE PALESTINE AGREEMENTS"

Professor Brodetsky Addresses Large Zionist Meeting

London, February 2nd.

CONFIDENCE was expressed that Great Britain will honour all its undertakings in Palestine in a speech by Professor Selig Brodetsky, a member of the World Zionist Executive, while addressing a large public meeting last night on the critical situation in Palestine.

He urged that the strength of the Jewish people ought to be mobilised, both for the constructive work in Palestine and for the great struggle that lay ahead. The most important weapon in that struggle, he declared, was the Yishuv, and their task was to see that that weapon should be strong and able to support them in the discussions that would ensue in the coming months.

Professor Brodetsky went on to refer to the sanctity of treaties. The peace of Europe depended on the way different powers honoured their signatures. The whole of British public opinion, the speaker said, felt that international life was only possible when agreements were honoured and it therefore seemed obvious to him that the British nation would honour the agreement entered into voluntarily and signed with so much enthusiasm only twenty years ago.

POLISH SOCIALISTS CONDEMN ANTI-SEMITISM

Warsaw, February 3rd.

THE opening session of the Congress of the Polish Socialist Party here emphasised that the main task of the party was to fight Fascism and anti-Semitism. Delegates representing the German Socialist Democratic Party in Poland also praised the conference and attacked the Government for permitting anti-Semitism to enter from Nazi countries.

THE QUESTION OF PARITY A Report in "The Times"

London, February 1st.

DISCUSSING the recent Arab disturbances in Palestine, the Jerusalem correspondent of the "Sunday Observer" is of the opinion that the Arabs may attempt to renew their outbreaks if their demands are not granted by the Royal Commission.

The Jerusalem correspondent of the "Times," in summing up the Arab evidence before the Royal Commission, is of the opinion that the Jewish offer of political parity will not prove acceptable to the Arabs. The "Times" goes on to say that the Arabs are not so much afraid of losing their hold on the backward peasantry; their real fear is directed at the influx of tens of thousands of Jews who proclaim the land as Eretz Israel and insist on a majority position for their protection. The paper says that even if the Jewish offer of political parity be accepted, there will be other things in which there is no parity possible.

DUE VIGILANCE IN PALESTINE

Assurance by Colonial Secretary

London, February 4th.

AN assurance that arrangements have been made in Palestine to enable disorders to be effectively dealt with should they break out again, was made by Mr. Ormsby-Gore, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in the House of Commons to-day in reply to a question by Col. Josiah Wedgwood.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore pointed out, however, that it was never possible for armed forces to be absolutely sure of preventing an outbreak of violence from taking place.

He refused to answer a supplementary question put by Col. Wedgwood, who stated that the policy of saying "please" to the Mufti and of sacrificing the Jews had failed and that the military in Palestine should be given an opportunity of restoring peace and preserving order in a manner more consonant with British traditions and interests.

Sir Hall Caine asked the Colonial Secretary whether any arrangements would be made by the Royal Commission to hear evidence in England from himself and other persons having special experience in connection with Palestinian Mandated territory. Mr. Ormsby-Gore replied that this matter was entirely one for the Royal Commission itself to decide.

BRITH TRUMPELDOR AND WARSAW PALESTINE OFFICE

Warsaw, February 3rd.

OVER a hundred members of the Brith Trumpeldor Organisation stormed the headquarters of the Palestine Office in Warsaw to-day.

The attack was due to the conflict between the Brith Trumpeldor Organisation and the Palestine Office in connection with the issue of Palestine Certificates.

The headquarters of the Brith Trumpeldor recently issued a statement accusing the Zionist Authorities of attempting to destroy the Betar movement by depriving it of its collective right to issue Palestine Certificates to its members. The Warsaw Palestine Office on the other hand issued a statement denying the report that it at any time refused to issue Palestine Immigration Certificates to the Brith Trumpeldor.

FRENCH LAW TO PREVENT RACE LIBEL

Paris, February 2nd.

A GOVERNMENT Press Bill has recently been passed by the French Chamber of Deputies. The Bill provides penalties for those committing libel and publishing false news in French newspapers.

The measure serves the purpose of providing a new weapon against anti-Semites, for it provides for an individual Jew or group of Jews to sue for libel when Jews as a whole are libelled.

GERMAN JEWRY: NAZI FIGURES

Berlin, February 1st.

THERE are to-day in Germany, 500,000 Jews, 200,000 half-Jews and 100,000 quarter-Jews," the Head of the Nazi Medical Department, Dr. Wagner, stated in a speech to-day.

"In the next generation," Dr. Wagner declared, "there would be no more half-Jews in Germany. Many of them will die without leaving any issue and the children of the others will become quarter-Jews, for whom special marriage permits will be required."

THE HEARST PRESS ON POLAND

New York, February 2nd.

MR. RANDOLPH HEARST'S "The New York American," to-day publishes an editorial dealing with anti-Semitism in Poland, which emphasises the role played by the United States in founding the Polish Republic, and questions whether Poland can afford to alienate America's sympathy by yielding to "barbarous agitation."

In conclusion, the paper warns the new republic of "its precarious position, which makes its own survival dependent on the sympathies of the world."

ANTI-SEMITIC CAMPAIGN SUPPRESSED

Kovno, February 1st.

ENERGETIC interference by the police resulted in an attempt to organise anti-Jewish excesses in the township of Krunois being frustrated. Those who were found guilty of incitement against the Jews were sentenced administratively to various terms of imprisonment.

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