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### JEWISH VOTE IN LITHUANIA IS 100%.

KOWNO, May 18. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Ninety per cent of the Jews entitled to vote in Kowno, and fully 100% of those in the provinces, went to the polls in the new Parliamentary elections just concluded.

It is expected that the count will show six or seven Jewish deputies elected, in addition to three representatives of other minority nationalities. Leading Jews, while gratified over the heavy vote cast, fear a repetition of the election maneuver by means of which Jewish and other minority deputies elected to the last Sejm were disqualified by the General Board of Elections.

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### SOVIET COURT SENTENCES MALAMDIM, GABOYIM.

MOSCOW, May 18. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Tried before a tribunal where Yiddish was spoken exclusively, twelve orthodox teachers and synagogues trustees of Bobruisk were found guilty of acting contrary to the law prohibiting religious instruction. One "malamed" was sentenced to one year's hard labor, the remaining melamdin being freed on account of their old age. The trustees, however, were sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 each.

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### RUSSIA PREPARES WELCOME FOR REFUGEES.

MOSCOW, May 18. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Preparations for the welcoming of Jewish refugees, expelled from Poland since April 15, are being made along the White Russian boarder. It is learned. A large number of stations have been established in towns serving as transit points, and arrangements have been completed for the feeding and clothing of the refugees who will be given free transportation to their former homes.

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"During the cholera epidemic, the number of those cared for was enormous, hundreds being admitted daily during the worst period of epidemic. The physicians inform me that it was a veritable nightmare. The morgue during the winter when the ground was too hard to dig graves, frequently held over 1,000 cases of typhus deaths awaiting burial, while last summer, even, there were at times as many as 1,500 cholera corpses in a state of decomposition awaiting burial.

"The number of deaths in the city of Odessa for the first six months of 1922 was 37,715, or 10% of the total population. 12,257 of these were picked up dead of hunger in the streets".

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#### SOVIET EXPELLS JEWISH DIPLOMAT.

BERLIN, May 18, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) M. Rubinstein, a well-known Jewish leader of Lithuania, has been expelled from Moscow where he served as legal advisor to the Lithuanian Legation, according to advices received from Moscow today. "Political grounds" are alleged as the reason for the Jewish diplomat's expulsion from Russia.

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#### JOINT TO CONTINUE IN RUSSIA DESPITE ARA'S WITHDRAWAL.

Dr. Bogen Returning to Russia, Says Liquidation Is Unthinkable.

MOSCOW, May 18, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The approaching departure of the American Relief Administration from Russia does not affect the status or activities of the Joint Distribution Committee, the J.T.A. learns authoritatively here. The JDC is remaining in Russia in accordance with the agreement entered into with the Soviet Government.

It is probable that the Committee's activities will be concentrated hereafter on the reconstruction rather than on relief phases, although relief too will be continued in many districts in the Ukraine where the feeding is still necessary, it is announced.

Virtual confirmation of this report was obtained by the J.T.A., prior to the receipt of this dispatch, from Dr. Boris D. Bogen, the JDC's representative in Russia, who is leaving New York on Saturday to return to Moscow. "There can be no talk of liquidating the present program in Russia", Dr. Bogen stated, answering a question as to the JDC's future plans. He continued:

"The 'Joint's' independent program in Russia has proven highly successful. It must continue with the same temper. This program includes the care of dependent children, 50,000 of whom are in institutions supported by the JDC. It includes also the rehabilitation of the old medical institutions, as well as other Jewish institutions which have fallen into disuse, relief to families and individuals. In this work the JDC enjoys full cooperation of the Soviet Government's agencies and the leading Jewish organizations.

"Individual Jews in Russia and Ukraine cannot today get along without aid. Famine or no famine, a good crop or a poor one, the Jew who must adjust himself to new conditions, requires the continued aid of organizations and individuals."

**DEEDES DESCRIBES PALESTINE PROGRESS.**

LONDON, May 17, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Sir Wyndham Deedes, who has just resigned as the Civil Secretary of the Palestine Administration, last night addressed a meeting at the Grand Central Hotel called by the English Zionist Federation.

Declaring that he favored Zionism because by enabling Jews to return to Palestine the world was righting a wrong committed by Christians 2,000 years ago, Sir Wyndham said only lack of money was hampering Zionist progress in all directions. The former Civil Secretary referring to his own attitude towards the Palestine problem said he was naturally pro-British, and from that it followed that he was pro-Jewish as well as pro-Arab. If not for Zionism, England may not have come into possession of Palestine. Divinity, he said, was guiding the Zionist cause.

Sir Wyndham paid tribute to the Chaluzim whose number by the end of 1922, he said, was 27,000. He rejoiced that 95% of the Jews in Palestine were Hebrew-speaking.

Deploring the constant criticism of the Palestine Administration, the head of which, Sir Herbert Samuel, Deedes praised very highly, Deedes said that nothing gives the Arabs greater confidence in their opposition than the misrepresentation and exaggeration appearing in the British press. The Zionists, he said, were very keen about arriving at an understanding with the Arabs and the Palestine Executive branch of the Zionist Organization was doing everything to overcome Arab opposition.

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**STARVATION DOUBLED IN ODESSA SINCE ARA QUIT.****Jewish Relief Makes Hospitals Possible.**

GENEVA, May 4, (Jewish Correspondence Bureau) "Since the cessation of the work of the American Relief Administration, the number of starving in this territory has literally doubled", Dr. W.E. Haigh of the League of Nations Epidemics Commission reports to the Nansen Relief Mission here. The children are frequently clothed in rags dirty beyond description and, during their long wait in line at the food kitchens, disease is readily communicated from one to the others through lack of the means of cleanliness". The description continues:

"The food given at the Nansen food kitchens is varied and well prepared, and floors and tables are clean. In the poorest quarters, where cholera has spread into almost every house, there are generally about 800 people in line at the food kitchens, of whom 500 are women. At kitchen #3, 1,000 portions are served, including food for the neighboring hospital of the Red Cross. A number of those applying for food bore medical certificates saying that they were convalescents and were entitled therefore to take their food home with them.

"A plate of cereal or soup, half a pound of bread was all they could be given. The ARA reduced its portions for children and, save for Jewish relief, the most recent hospitals opened would have had to close down. The number of these hospitals is gradually falling off...

"The general hospital for contagious diseases, where all cholera cases were sent was in miserable condition and lack of linen only permitted one sheet per bed.