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RESIGNATIONS PALESTINE OFFICIALS HAVE NO POLITICAL BASIS, SAYS THOMAS

London, March 12 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The question as to whether the resignations of Government officials in Palestine have any political basis was raised today in the House of Commons by Col. Howard Bury. Colonial Minister Thomas replied that these resignations, four in Palestine and one in Transjordan, have no political basis. The resignation in Transjordan occurred on account of the abolishment of that particular office, and those in Palestine were for purely personal reasons. Minister Thomas expressed his appreciation of the work of the Palestinian officials and declared that the resignations had nothing to do with the rumored dissatisfaction of the resigning officials with the Arab policy of Sir Herbert Samuel's administration.

RABBI KOOK SAILS TODAY FOR AMERICA

Paris, March 12 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The chief Jewish religious officer of Palestine, Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, has arrived here on his way to the United States. He will depart today on the Olympic from Cherbourg. While in the United States he will tour the country for the purpose of securing funds for the maintenance of schools and institutions in Palestine. Chief Rabbi Kook will be extensively entertained by the Central Relief Committee for Jewish War Sufferers and by various Jewish organizations.

FLOODS IMPEDE RAILWAY IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, March 12 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The floods which have been inundating this region have finally broken down the rail service between Egypt and Palestine, with the result that many American tourists are unable to pursue their travels.

NEW COMMANDER OF PALESTINE FORCES

London, March 12 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Air Commodore Gerrard of Palestine has been appointed head of the Palestine forces to replace General Tudor who recently resigned.

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PALESTINE GOVERNMENT SELF-SUSTAINING

Jerusalem, March 12 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency Correspondence). The astonishing fact that the Palestine Government is self-sustaining is brought out in a report issued by the office of the Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government. For the fiscal year 1921-22, the revenue was 1,997,000 pounds and the expenditure 1,881,000 pounds. During the year 1922-23, the revenue fell, showing a deficit of 73,000 pounds. It was, therefore, necessary to enforce the most rigid economies; and the revenue for 1923-24 is estimated at 1,780,000 pounds, with an expenditure of equal amount so that the year may end without a deficit.

The financial difficulties of the Government are due in a measure to the increase in the growth of tobacco in Palestine and the consequent decrease in the amount imported, the immediate effect being a great loss of revenue to the Government. In the long run, however, the development of tobacco cultivation which will assist the agriculturists will add to the wealth of the country. Other reasons for the decline in revenue are the withdrawal of the greater part of the garrison and the consequent reduction in military traffic for the railways; and the fall in the redemption prices upon which the land tithes are based. The cultivators pay their taxes in the form of tithes.

Economies have been effected in almost all the Departments of the Government in order to prevent a repetition of the deficit of last year. As the Palestinian officials are being trained to the efficient performance of their duties, it becomes possible to dispense with the services of a large number of the British officials. The financial situation of Palestine is now regarded very hopefully.

"PAYES" BANNED IN ROUMANIAN SCHOOLS

Bucharest, March 12 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Much indignation has been aroused among the Jewish population of Irunyos, a town in the province of Satu Mare, by the order of the Chief District Supervisor, Darius Pop, forbidding the wearing of "payes" in the schools, and placing a penalty of seventy lei a day for any infraction of this rule.

Supervisor Pop visited each of the local schools and going from class to class forcibly clipped the payes of the Jewish pupils. A deputation of Jews headed by the town Rabbi filed a vigorous protest with the Supervisor, and have also requested the Agudat Israel to protest to the Government.

NEW EMIGRANT AID LEGALIZED

Warsaw, March 12 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The Minister of the Interior has issued a decree legalizing the Central Jewish Emigration Committee. This new committee will continue the activities of the

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Hebrew Aid and Sheltering Society in Poland.

DR. JOSEPH SILVERMAN RETURNS FROM PALESTINE

Satisfied with Conditions.

New York, March 12 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Dr. Joseph Silverman, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanuel, arrived yesterday on the Acquitania with Mrs. Silverman after a six months trip to Palestine, Egypt and Europe. Dr. Silverman visited Palestine with the purpose of determining whether the claims made for the restoration of the country were justified by the facts, and he says that he has come back satisfied with the conditions as he found them.

"I visited forty Jewish colonies out of sixty," said Dr. Silverman, "and found the colonists working amicably with their neighbors. The reports of disturbances between the Jewish immigrants in Palestine and the Arabs exist chiefly in the London newspapers and are due to a small political clique in that city who are against the Balfour mandate. The sixty colonies are self-supporting and form the nucleus of a great farming and horticultural industry. Palestine has already become again a land of milk and honey, for on every side one sees cows and bees."

New York, March 12 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). At a public reception given in honor of Dr. Silverman by the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), marking the official launching of the 1924 campaign to raise \$3,000,000 for constructive enterprises in Palestine, Dr. Silverman said: "Judaism is doomed to destruction unless Palestine is built up as the great spiritual center of the Jewish people."

"Judaism lives in Palestine as it does no place else in the world," Dr. Silverman concluded. "In Tel-Aviv - that 100 percent Jewish city of 15,000 - which fifteen years ago was nothing but a barren sand waste, I saw a Sabbath such as I have never seen anywhere. Not a store was opened, not a wheel turned, as the entire city observed the Sabbath day. Tel-Aviv on a Sabbath shows the meaning of Palestine to the Jewish religion."

RABBI'S INJURIES FATAL

Philadelphia, March 12th (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Rabbi Alexander Gross, cantor emeritus of the Congregation Adath Jesurun, died yesterday from injuries received when he was struck by a motor car last night. Rabbi Gross came here from Easton, Pa. He was born in Germany, and is survived by a widow, two sons and a daughter.

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JEWISH REPRESENTATIVES AT INTERNATIONAL EMIGRATION CONFERENCE

Geneva, March 12 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The Emigration Conference called by the International Labor Bureau of the League of Nations opened here today. Representatives of twelve central emigration organizations are participating, including the Jewish Colonization Association represented by Mr. Janowsky and the Jewish Emigration Directorate represented by S. Tiomkin and Z. Aberson. The representatives of the Jewish organizations have brought considerable data with them of the deplorable conditions of the Jewish refugees in Eastern Europe and in various parts of Western Europe, which they have placed before the Conference. The reports have made a deep impression upon the international conference, and it is expected that constructive measures will be taken.

WILL DEFEAT GOVERNMENT IF JEW REMAINS IN OFFICE

Berlin, March 12 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The anti-Semitic faction of the Thuringer Diet demanded that the provincial government dismiss the president of the State Bank, Loeb, a Jew. In case the government does not comply with this demand, the leaders of the anti-Semitic faction threaten to vote a lack of confidence, which with the present alignment of parties in the Diet, would compel the government to resign.

SCHIEDEMANN DENOUNCES LUDENDORFF AND ANTI-SEMITES

Berlin, March 12 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Phillip Schiedemann, the leader of the Moderate Socialists, during his speech yesterday in the German Parliament, denounced in strong terms General Ludendorff, saying that he was mainly responsible for the defeat of Germany. He also called the anti-Semitic faction cowardly, saying that while the Jewish Socialist Frank and others like him had voluntarily joined the German Army and given their lives on the battlefield, anti-Semites of the Ludendorff type are still alive, having managed to stay away from danger, and busying themselves with anti-Semitic propaganda.

NEW FEDERATION PRESIDENT HONORED

Joseph L. Buttenweiser says \$5,000,000 a year should be raised.

New York, March 12 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Percy S. Straus, Associate Chairman of the Business Men's Council, presided at the luncheon given yesterday by the council at the Hotel Pennsylvania in honor of Joseph L. Buttenweiser, the new President of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies. Two hundred merchants were present.

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A deficit of \$1,250,000 faces the federation for the support of the ninety-one institutions, according to Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, executive director, who told of the needs of various institutions. Z. D. Bernstein outlined several plans by which the council, which is the money collecting machine of the federation, would attempt to raise this money, and asked for increasing support.

Mr. Bittenweiser said: "In a period of such great prosperity in the United States as exists at the present time, there was no excuse for the Jews not being able to raise approximately five million dollars a year for the institutions."

DROPSIE COLLEGE CELEBRATES FOUNDERS DAY

Memorial proposed to Judge Sulzberger.

Philadelphia, March 12 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Founder's Day was celebrated at the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning on the evening of March 10th. The prayer was made by Rabbi Abram J. Levy and there was music as well as addresses by Dr. Cyrus Adler and Dr. Solomon Solis Cohen.

Dr. Adler in his address referred to the death of Judge Sulzberger, saying: "It does not comfort us to feel that our sorrow was shared by the entire City of Philadelphia and by the world of students and scholars, for in a way he was peculiarly our son. His life and that of our Founder were closely intertwined. Moses A. Dropsie was the master and teacher of Mayer Sulzberger and not only in the law. Mr. Dropsie was the President of the Board of Trustees of Maimonides College and Judge Sulzberger its Secretary over sixty years ago and in after years these two men labored together most earnestly in this City for the cause of Jewish learning. . . . On the roll of honor of the College, the name of Mayer Sulzberger will always be associated with that of the Founder, and that of Mrs. Elizabeth Lazarus, our Benefactor, to which list Mayer Sulzberger's name is to be added by reason of the generous benefactions contained in his will."

"I look forward with full confidence to the strengthening and enlarging of the Dropsie College even if I may not be granted the happiness of seeing it in my own day. Those who study the past and thereby obtain a true perspective are never discouraged by the present for they always feel secure of the future. Institutions of learning wisely builded and faithfully administered are the surest guarantee for the future of civilization."

Dr. Solomon Solis Cohen, in his address, proposed that a national memorial be created in honor of Judge Sulzberger, in the shape of a fund of \$150,000 to publish a popular Jewish commentary on the Bible
