

SOKOLOV HAS AUDIENCE WITH KING FERDINAND OF ROUMANIA

King, Queen and Crown Prince Show Sympathy With Rebuilding of Palestine.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Dec. 24.—Nachum Sokolov, Chairman of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization, was received today by King Ferdinand. Following his audience with the King, Mr. Sokolov was presented to Queen Marie. He lunched with the royal family and suite. After luncheon the King conversed with the Zionist leader for over two hours, inquiring about the rebuilding work in Palestine and the situation of the Zionist movement in general.

The King and Queen were greatly interested in the conversation and showed a very cordial and sympathetic attitude toward the problem.

Mr. Sokolov was also received by the Crown Prince.

PERCENTAGE OF JEWISH POPULATION RECORDED BY GERMAN STATISTICIAN

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Interesting figures with regard to the percentage of the Jewish population in various countries are contained in a new book by Dr. Julius Rotholz just issued under the title, "Deutschen Juden im Zahl und Bild."

According to the statistics given in the book, the Jews in France constitute .4% of the population; in Great Britain, .7%; in Belgium, .9%; in European Russia, 2.8%; in German Austria, 4.5%; in Turkey, 4.5%; in Hungary, 6.3%; in Poland, 12.5%. In Siberia they constitute .5% of the population, in Syria, 1%; in Palestine, 11%; in Argentina, 1.2%; in the United States, 3%; in Algeria, 1.3% in Morocco, 3%; in Australia, 3%; and in Germany less than 1%.

POLE, TRAVELLED FROM WARSAW TO PALESTINE BY AUTOMOBILE, KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR BETHLEHEM

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 24.—Eugenjusz Bielinski, a native Pole who covered 20,000 kilometers of Europe and Asia Minor, in a successful attempt to go by automobile from Warsaw to Jerusalem, died in the French hospital here from injuries received in an accident with his automobile.

The trip was successful all the way along. However, two days after arriving in Palestine, on the road to Bethlehem, he met with an accident in which all the occupants of the car, including the owner, were injured.

Members of the Polish colony attended services held in the chapel of the French hospital.

PALESTINE TEACHERS THREATEN STRIKE TO ENFORCE REGULAR PAYMENT OF SALARIES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 24.—The teachers of the Hebrew school system in Palestine will strike unless their salaries will be paid regularly, according to a resolution adopted today at a conference of Hebrew teachers.

The Hebrew Teachers Association of Palestine has recently taken an oppositional attitude toward the Board of Education and the Zionist Organization because at the last meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee the educational budget was considerably reduced.

PROPOSAL TO SHORTEN HOURS OF SERVICE IN GERMAN REFORM TEMPLES

Weihestunde to Substitute Gottesdienst

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 24.—A proposal for further change in the divine services of the reform temples of Germany was brought up for discussion in an anonymous article published in the organ of the Verband der Nationaldeutscher Juden. The proposal made in the article advocates the substitution of the divine services now called "Gottesdienst" by a "Weihestunde" which would result in limiting the services on all Jewish holidays, including Yom Kippur, to one hour and removing the standardized prayers.

In pleading for the acceptance of his proposal, the author appeals on behalf of the highly cultured Jews in Germany who lay greater stress on the quality than on the quantity of their prayers.

The author also urges the abolition of the stereotype sermon and asks for the introduction of a large number of oratoriums.

While the Verband der Nationaldeutscher Juden does not identify itself with all the points of the proposal, its organ says that the proposal is published in order to create further discussion.

IL HASSAN, ARAB LEADER, ARRESTED IN TRANSJORDANIA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 24.—Emir Bashir II Hassan, famous Arab leader and Chief of the Gazamiga tribe, was arrested in Il Gar by the Transjordanian Government, according to a report of the Secretary of the Moslem-Christian Association in Beisan, published in the Arab paper, "Alef-Ba". The Chief and his son were taken to Arbab.

"Emir Bashir was one of the leaders devoted to the Arab-Syrian Government in the days of King Feisal", the report states. "When Emir Abdullah arrived at Amman, the Emir preferred to be a subject of Transjordania rather than Palestine, despite his connections with Palestine, half of his property being here. He served the Transjordanian Government faithfully and devotedly. He refused to sell land to Zionists although they offered him large sums of money. He was a very active leader in opposing the Zionists in Il Gor and was elected member of the Executive Committee at the fifth Arab Congress", the report concludes.

STEIGER ILL IN PRISON; DATE OF TRIAL NOT DETERMINED

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Lemberg, Dec. 24.—Stanislaw Steiger, who is still in prison on the accusation of having thrown a bomb at the Polish President, Wojciechowski, is seriously ill. The prison authorities have refused to release him on bail, in spite of his illness.

It was at first expected that the second trial would take place in February. However, District Attorney Lutke declared that it is not yet known when his trial will be called.

ONE HUNDRED HOUSES CONSTRUCTED MONTHLY IN TEL AVIV

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Tel Aviv, Dec. 24.—The building boom continues unabated in Tel Aviv, where an average of 70 to 100 houses a month are being constructed. The unprecedented demand for bricks compelled the Silicate factory in Tel Aviv to try to double its output of bricks by working on day and night shifts.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO RECEIVE COPY OF GREAT BRITAIN'S REPORTS ON PALESTINE ADMINIS- TRATION

Details of Anglo-American Negotiations on Mandate Given

(Jewish Daily Bulletin Mail Service)

London, Dec. 18.—The terms of the convention signed in London on Dec. 3 between Great Britain and the United States, with reference to the protection of American rights and interests in Palestine have not yet been published. It is understood, however, that it confers on citizens of the United States the same rights in Palestine that they would have possessed had the United States been a member of the League of Nations.

The history of negotiations leading up to this treaty, which has been sent to Washington for ratification, goes back to the period immediately following the submission of the draft mandates for the former Ottoman territories to the Council of the League of Nations at the end of 1920. The American Government stipulated that neither these nor other mandates, whether for former Turkish or former German territory, should take effect until the United States had been consulted.

The League Council invited the American Government to take part in its proceedings, so far as they related to the terms of the various mandates. This invitation, however, was declined. The United States stood firmly by the view that, though remaining outside the League of Nations, they had, nevertheless, a right to be consulted by their associates in the war as to the fixture of the detached territories, and the American Government accordingly entered into direct negotiations with the various mandatory powers.

So far as Palestine was concerned, these negotiations were not brought to a head until May, 1922, when the British and American governments reached an agreement satisfactory to both parties—an agreement based upon the general theory, that the United States should have all the rights in mandated territories which they would have had had they entered the League of Nations.

In the case of the Palestine mandate, for example, it is provided that the commerce and navigation of all the state members of the League shall be on as favorable a footing in Palestine as those of the mandatory. The American Government was naturally anxious that American abstention from the League should not put the United States at any disadvantage in these respects.

It was at first suggested that American interests should be expressly safeguarded in the mandate itself. It was, however, eventually decided that the better course would be for appropriate assurances to be given by Great Britain to the United States, with a view to their eventual incorporation in a treaty to be concluded between the two

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DAILY DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION ON JEWISH MATTERS

Gompers Embarrasses "Dearborn Independent"

The "Dearborn Independent", of Dec. 27, writing about the late Samuel Gompers, finds itself in a predicament. Gompers seems to be one Jew whom Ford's mouthpiece cannot find fault with, but it finds itself hard put to it to discover the proper words for praising a Jew, the result being a number of incoherent statements. In its attempt to eulogize Gompers the "Dearborn Independent" tries to distinguish him from other Jews by calling all other Jews "half-breeds", the meaning of which is known to Mr. Ford alone.

"Samuel Gompers was a Jew who did not seem to have inherited certain traits which the influx of Asiatic Jews have given the public to consider as characteristically Jewish", says Ford's paper. "He was English-born and was probably a purer type than the half-breed hordes which swarm this country. His ethical strain was strong and enduring. He mingled a strong idealism with a very practical ability. He maintained his leadership, not by strong-arm methods, but by the steadfastness of his character.

"Mr. Gompers' influence prevented in large degree the American trades union movement being deceived or outwitted by the Russian Jewish faction. It is to be hoped that his successors will be as wise. In Russia, at the Red International of Labor Unions, held last November, one of the streamers across the convention hall read—"THE TRADES UNIONS ARE THE SCHOOLS FOR COMMUNISM." It reads like the statement of a fact, but it is not a fact; it is the expression of the Red Russian Jewish program. Directly it becomes a fact, American trades unionism is dead. Samuel Gompers saw this most clearly, and doubtless he has left disciples who will keep the vision alive."

Calls Dr. Eliot's Theory Brash

Contrary to the general approval given Dr. Charles Eliot by the Jewish press, some of the non-Jewish papers have taken him to task for opposing inter-marriage and saying that this country needs "a number of races, with various gifts, etc". Thus, the "Fall River (Mass.) News" of Dec. 16, taking an attitude similar to that of Rabbi Schulman, calls Dr. Eliot's theory "brash and altogether wrong". This paper says:

"What this country needs, we maintain, is one people, with common ideals, a common background, a common tradition. If this country does produce at last, not one people but many intensely racially conscious groups, this country will fail to achieve its destiny.

"This country cannot exist, one-twentieth American and nineteen-twentieths foreign, or one per cent American and ninety-nine per cent foreign.

"You cannot be a good American and still devote any large part of your thought to the land of your ancestors. No man can serve two masters," was said two thousand years ago. It is as true today as then. 'A house divided against itself cannot stand', is another wise saying.

"Dr. Eliot has given aid and comfort to a good many who will grab at his sayings. In the interests of true Americanism, in the best interests of our fellow citizens of foreign ancestry, it had better been left unsaid."

DR. WEIZMANN WILL COME TO UNITED STATES IN JANUARY

Announcement was made that Dr. Chaim Weizmann will again visit this country next January with the object of furthering the completion of the American branch of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

OUR DAILY NEWS LETTER

The Dispute Over the "Thirteen Points"

(By Our Jerusalem Correspondent)

Jerusalem, Dec. 5.—The "thirteen points" which were dwelt upon by the High Commissioner in his statement of correction to the League of Nations' Council on the matter of the Mandates Commission's report on Palestine have become a subject of dispute between the High Commissioner and the Arab Executive, which has sent a reply to His Excellency attempting to show that every one of his "points" is "either mistaken, one-sided or contrary to facts."

Briefly the outstanding statements made in the reply of the Arab Executive are:

Your Excellency's statement that the Supreme Moslem Council was established not after strong representations being made by the Moslem inhabitants of Palestine but on the initiative of the Government is mistaken. Practically every Arab paper in Palestine has published long articles in this connection exposing the urgent demand of the people for such establishment since the year 1919.

Your Excellency denies that the Turkish Mahul Land Law and its enforcement have driven any proprietor to sell his land. It is observed that those who sell their lands do not mention the causes of their action to the Government. It is, therefore, unsafe to deny that fact with a sweeping statement, and without making a real investigation. As a matter of fact, a great many specific instances could be cited, etc.

"Your Excellency writes in contradiction to this Committee's statement that during the latter part of the year 1923, 'only 100 immigrants were admitted for the purpose of entering the labor market, the small number of other immigrants, who came in, were either members of the families of persons already in the country or individuals possessing means of their own.' But it is a broadly known fact that during that year a great number of immigrants smuggled themselves in from the Syrian countries. The several acts and attempts of suicide among Jewish immigrants of the second category mentioned above because of humiliating poverty, show that a great part of them must have never possessed independent means. The Labor and Immigration Departments being both more or less in Jewish hands, immigration restrictions imposed by Your Excellency have had only a slight effect."

"Your Excellency's contradiction to the statement that police distribution was inefficient and followed political requirements is unjustified. A reference to the police registers will show the disgraceful insecurity of the trunk high roads all over Palestine, owing to their unguarded condition, while the main bodies of the Police forces were lying in Jerusalem, Sarafand, Jaffa and Haifa to do little but await political strikes."

"Taxation per head is said to be £1,750 instead of £3,500 as quoted in this Committee's report. It seems that Your Excellency has made your calculation from the reduced budget of last year. It was made clear in the Committee's report that the two middle years of 1922 and 1923 were taken as an average for the four years which that report covers, viz: from 1920-1924. Hence Your Excellency's error."

"Your Excellency's letter rejects the fact that salaries of Government servants were fixed four years ago when cost of living was three times as much as it is now. If we take wheat, the staple element of food, the price of which is usually followed by prices of almost all other local products we find that the decrease was more than three times the original value; for wheat prices fell in 1920-1921, thanks to the Government's land policy from P. 95-120 to P. 25-32 for the Tabba. The fall in prices of nearly all imported elements of food and clothing in this period reached less than one half their previous value, etc."

"In contradiction to the statement that the Governor's Office in Jerusalem occupies a building which would have been capacious enough to hold all the departments of the ex-Government, Your Excellency states that the building in question is also accommodating the offices of the High Com-

POGROM ATMOSPHERE STOPS JEWISH BACK TO LAND MOVEMENT IN RUSSIA. IS REPORT

Cossacks, Ukrainians and Tartars Against Jewish Settlement

The "Back to Land Movement" of Jews in Soviet Russia is now greatly hampered, owing to the severe opposition and even pogrom atmosphere which is prevalent among the peasants in the neighborhoods where Jewish settlements were started, according to a despatch from Leningrad to the "Jewish Morning Journal" today.

This state made itself particularly apparent in Kuban, the district of the Cossack settlements. The Cossacks are indignant at the attempt of the Jews to settle on the land and term this a "Jewish invasion," according to the despatch. The Land Settlement Commission of the Government, as a result of this, stopped sending Jewish settlers to the Kuban District.

The state of affairs in White Russia and Ukraine is hardly better with regard to the Jewish settlement movement. In one locality in the government of Ekaterinaslav, 274 Jewish settlers from Raskhoff, Government of Podol, who went to settle there with the permission of the government, were driven away by the Ukrainian population. The "Emess", the organ of the Yevseksia, the Jewish section of the Communist Party, which is mainly responsible for the land settlement movement, published a protest against the hostile attitude of the peasants.

The Jewish Colonization work in Crimea was stopped in view of the fact that a great number of Tartar refugees, who lately returned from Turkey, are now receiving land on which to settle.

PALESTINE ORANGE SHIPPERS SECURE LOW FREIGHT RATE

(Jewish Daily Bulletin Mail Service)

Jaffa, Dec. 4.—Negotiations for the formation of a representative Committee to Control the Export Trade for the present season have been brought to a successful conclusion and an agreement has now been signed between the Committee and the Agents of the "Liners", the British Shipping Companies, whereby oranges for the United Kingdom will be shipped at a freight cost of two shillings net per case. The first direct steamer for the United Kingdom left Jaffa on the 11th of November.

missioner, Secretariat, etc. Your Excellency will admit the fact that the departments mentioned have removed to this building only recently. During the greater part of the four years under review these departments occupied a huge building known as the Government House which Your Excellency now occupies as private residence. The present Governor of Jerusalem had during the greater part of these four years no less than five assistants each occupying a room, etc.

"Your Excellency has misunderstood the statement that Hebrew is spoken by no more than one half per cent of the population. The statement means that inhabitants, who usually and in their homes speak Hebrew as their mother tongue, are only one-half per cent of the population. As a matter of fact, it is believed that even less than 'four thousand' Jews in Palestine treat the Hebrew language as above described. This Committee admits that a greater percentage of the Jews know the Hebrew language, but in their homes and business, the overwhelming majority speak Jargon, German, Spanish, Arabic, etc., but not Hebrew."

"Your Excellency treats as contrary to fact the statement that all new road and railway extensions built by your administration were to or from Jewish Colonies. But in naming these extensions Your Excellency has endorsed this Committee's statement, noting that the road mentioned between Nazareth, Tiberias, Safad, Afulah, Nazareth, Haifa and Tulkerem-Kalkilia were only repaired thus not falling within the scope of our argument. All other roads mentioned in your letter were to or from Jewish colonies besides those of Beit Nabala and Sarafand which were constructed for Military purposes."

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HEBREW SCHOOL SYSTEM IN PALESTINE EXPANDS TO MEET GROWING NEEDS

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Jerusalem, Dec. 3.—Six new schools have been added to the chain of Hebrew schools under the Palestine Zionist Executive. Twelve new teachers have been engaged and the enrollment in the schools shows an increase of 666 pupils. The schools which opened in October this year numbered 128, as compared with 122 last year, 450 to the 430 teachers last year, and 12,200 to the 11,524 pupils of last year.

In reporting these figures the Treasurer of the Palestine Zionist Executive notes with satisfaction that the Tel-Aviv Municipality increased their participation in the Hebrew School budget from £1,200 last year to £3,500 this year. The Jewish Community of Jaffa also voted a subvention, while Petach Tikvah for the first time decided to contribute £300 towards the Education Budget of the Zionist Organization.

In order to cope with the great number of children who have come with the new immigration stream, the Education Department of the Zionist Executive decided to open twelve new classes in Jaffa, two in Haifa, in addition to new schools in Beth-Shaan, Neve Shaanan, Haifa, Ruchama, Hittin, Gideon and Bnei Brak. The cost of these schools totals £3,500.

OSCAR S. STRAUS CONGRATULATED ON 74TH BIRTHDAY

Oscar S. Straus, former Ambassador to Turkey, was 74 years old on Dec. 23. His birthday was celebrated quietly at his residence, 5 West Seventy-sixth Street, New York, by an informal gathering of his relatives and intimate friends during the afternoon and a family dinner last night. Congratulatory messages were received by Mr. Straus during the day from many parts of the world. He is now enjoying very good health, having recovered from the serious operation of last Fall.

JEWISH COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES

The Talmud Torah society of Cincinnati, Ohio, composed of 900 members, has purchased the Avondale synagogue.

The Avondale synagogue congregation has purchased property and will erect a synagogue at a cost of more than a quarter of a million dollars.

Louis Marshall will be the chief speaker this Sunday afternoon, December 28, at the Stuyvesant High School, 15th Street and First Avenue, on the occasion of the graduation exercises of the Florence Marshall Schools and Hebrew High School, which are conducted by the Bureau of Jewish Education of New York, of which Dr. Samson Benderly is the director. One hundred and twenty-four graduates from various sections of the city will receive their diplomas.

A \$75,000 synagogue was dedicated at Park Boulevard and Bellevue Avenue, Camden, N. J., by Congregation Beth-El.

BREVITIES

A book on the Americanizing influence of the Yiddish Press written by Dr. Mordecai Soltes, is being published by Columbia University.

Professor Snedden, of Columbia University, leading American authority on Educational Sociology, declared it to be the best book on the educational functions of the newspaper.

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VIENNA JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST LEAVES ENTIRE ESTATE TO CHARITY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Dec. 24.—A sum ranging from fifteen to twenty billion kronen (approximately \$300,000), constituting the entire estate of the late Jewish leather manufacturer, Albert Katscher, who died recently at the age of 87, was left for Jewish welfare purposes.

The Jewish Women's League for Protection in Old Age, the Jewish Institute for the Blind, the Jewish Institute for the Deaf and Dumb and the Jewish Society for the Support of Orphans were the beneficiaries.

TOBACCO INDUSTRY GIVES EMPLOYMENT TO MORE CHALUZIM

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Jerusalem, Dec. 3.—Cultivation of tobacco on Jewish estates in Palestine continues to be one of the greatest employment providers and a shortage of workers in baling the leaf is as noticeable as it was during the planting and packing seasons. The Treasurer of the Palestine Zionist Executive, in his October report, pointed out that the baling of tobacco which was soon to commence would require 1,000 Jewish workers. As this number was not available the Palestine Zionist Executive decided to bring 700 Chaluzim to Palestine immediately.

U. S. Government to Receive Copy of Great Britain's Reports on Palestine Administration

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powers. The assurances given were as follows:

The United States were to have the full benefit of all engagements contracted by Great Britain under the Palestine mandate. American citizens were to have the right to be tried by courts containing a majority of British judges, or, in trivial cases, the right to appeal to such courts. Should the mandate at any time be terminated, the rights enjoyed by the United States under the Turkish capitulations would at once be revived unimpaired. American citizens and companies were to be guaranteed freedom from discrimination, equality of commercial opportunity, and the full enjoyment of their existing legal rights.

On this point, it may be explained that certain oil concessions in Palestine had been obtained before the war by the Standard Oil Company, and bulked large in the Anglo-American negotiations. American missionaries were to be free to pursue their lawful activities. Finally, no alteration was to be made in the terms of the mandate without the consent of the United States, and the American Government was to be furnished with a duplicate of the annual report on the administration of Palestine to be presented by the British Government to the League of Nations.

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