

## WAHABIS JOIN DRUZE REBELLION AGAINST FRANCE

Strive to Acquire Damascus As Capital of Wahabi Empire; Rabbi Tager, Chief Rabbi of Damascus, Threatened by Rebels  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, Feb. 16.—Diplomatic advices from Syria say that 10,000 Wahabi soldiers, having crossed the desert of Transjordan, are now at the borders of Djebel Druze and have allied themselves with the Bedouins against the French.

The report says a large force of Wahabis are at Ouadi-Moussi, in Transjordan, practically on the border of Syria. These troops are in British controlled territory and if the report of the number and location is correct, the situation may well cause complications between the British and the French in Asia Minor.

Henri de Jouvenel, the French High Commissioner in Syria, who has been in Angora trying to induce the Turks to withdraw their support of the Druzes, is now hurrying back to Syria. His hopes of "Locarno pacts" between the Syrian tribes, apparently have failed.

If the Wahabis are to add to the Syrian troubles the situation may well become worse. The Wahabis after their Hedjaz victory and the capture of Mecca, wish to get Damascus as the capital of their Islam Empire. Beyond a doubt Ibn Saud has been supplying the Druzes with arms and ammunition.

Whether or not the British knew of their coming into Transjordan there is little doubt about their intentions.

The "Temps" said last night, "There are clouds to the north and clouds to the south, to say nothing of what may come from the east—in such a situation."  
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## ROUMANIAN KING ASKS FOR INFORMATION ON ANTI-SEMITIC RIOTS

Arrested Students Taken to Fortress

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Feb. 16.—The thirty-four Roumanian students arrested for participation in the anti-Semitic riots last Sunday, were brought to the Fortress Ilava.

The Chief of Police of Bucharest was instructed by the government to collect the necessary data for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of the damages to Jewish property in the riots.

According to a report which appeared yesterday in the "Lupta," King Ferdinand, disturbed by the excesses, asked the authorities to submit to him complete information concerning the anti-Semitic riots.

## EMERGENCY RELIEF IS FORMED IN WARSAW

Issues Appeal for Mutual Aid

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Feb. 16.—An emergency relief committee for the victims of the economic crisis was formed here yesterday.

The committee, which was created at the initiative of the Yiddish daily, "Neue Haint," elected an executive consisting of Professor Schoor, Rabbi Michelson and Deputy Wacław Wislicki. The committee is composed of representatives of all classes of the Jewish population, the Jewish press, the associations of the Jewish merchants, artisans, and writers and journalists. The committee decided to issue an appeal to the Jewish population of Warsaw, urging mutual aid.

## PRIVY COUNCIL, HIGHEST COURT IN ENGLAND, ANNULS RULING OF PALESTINE SUPREME COURT IN JERUSALEM WATER QUESTION

Declares That Court Misinterpreted Article II of Palestine Mandate

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Feb. 16.—The Privy Council, the highest court in England, annulled the judgment of the Palestine Supreme Court in the Jerusalem-Urtas water dispute.

Judgment, which was handed down by the judicial committee of the Privy Council, permitted the governor of Jerusalem to appeal against the Urtas water commission ruling by the Palestine Supreme Court. The Privy Council declared that an ordinance of the Palestine Supreme Council can set aside the ruling of the Supreme Court. The Urtas villagers' petition was dismissed and the respondents have to pay the cost of the proceedings, including the cost of the appeal.

The Lord Chancellor in handing down the judgment declared that the interpretation of the Palestine Supreme Court of Article II of the mandate is not justified. "If all civil rights of every inhabitant existing at the date of the mandate would be enforced, nothing in Palestine would be altered as long as the mandate is in force and effective legislation would be impossible," he declared.

The Jerusalem Urtas dispute arose out of the water shortage in Jerusalem last year, when the city government drew water from the Urtas wells. The Urtas villagers, at the instigation of the Palestine Arab Executive, protested against this order.

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## WRITINGS OF MOSES MENDELSON TO BE REPUBLISHED ON 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH

His Life Marked Beginning of New Epoch

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Feb. 16.—The writings of Moses Mendelssohn, the great German Jewish philosopher with whose life the epoch of enlightenment and emancipation in Jewry began, will be republished on the occasion of the two hundredth anniversary of his birth.

This decision was taken by a special committee established in the city of Berlin for the purpose of preparing a complete and critical edition of Mendelssohn's works. It is expected that the volumes will appear in 1929, when the two hundredth anniversary of his birth will be celebrated.

All persons who are in possession of Mendelssohn manuscripts, letters and first editions were urged to notify the committee.

Moses Mendelssohn was born in Dessau, September 6, 1729. He died in Berlin, January 4, 1786. Among his best known works are "Jerusalem," "Phaedon" and "Morgenstunden."

## HAKENKREUZLER DESECRATE MEMORIAL TO JEWISH WAR HEROES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Feb. 16.—The Jewish population in Karlsruhe was terrorized last Sunday night by a band of Hakenkreuzler, according to reports received here.

The Hakenkreuzler stormed Jewish houses and broke into the synagogue, where they demolished the memorial tablets to the Jewish soldiers in the German army who fell during the World War.

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### PERMANENT MANDATES COMMISSION HOLDS EXTRAORDINARY SESSION IN ROME TO CONSIDER SYRIAN SITUATION

Italy Aspires to Mandate Over Syria, It Is Stated  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Rome, Feb. 16.—An extraordinary session of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations was opened here this morning.

A detailed memorandum concerning the situation in Syria was submitted to the Commission by the French Colonial Office. A petition of the Syro-Palestine Committee was also submitted to the commission.

The petition of the Syro-Palestine Committee states the views of the Palestine Arabs and the Egyptians, demanding that France abandon its mandate over Syria. M. Decaix represents France on the commission. Dr. Victor Jacobson, political representative of the Zionist Executive, arrived here today.

Rome, Feb. 16.—The extraordinary session of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations was arranged to be held here at the special request of Premier Mussolini, the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here learns from authoritative sources. In well-informed political circles, it was stated today that Italy is greatly interested in the future of Syria, in connection with the opposition to the French mandate. In the event that France wishes to give up her mandate, Italy is inclined to accept the responsibility for Syria on the same conditions as France.

Rumors current here, although they remained unconfirmed, add that important members of the Council of the League of Nations are favorably inclined toward an Italian mandate over Syria.

### BRITISH GENDARMERIE IN PALESTINE DEMobilized, OFFICIAL ANNOUNCE- MENT STATES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 16.—The British gendarmery in Palestine will be demobilized, according to an official statement made known here.

The Palestine gendarmery will be reorganized. The Jewish members of it will be transferred to the police force, while the Arabs and Circassians will form the Palestine and Transjordanian frontier force. The Arabs will remain in the service in Palestine, while the Circassians will serve in Transjordanian.

### DAILY DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION ON JEWISH MATTERS

[The purpose of the Digest is informative: Preference is given to papers not generally accessible to our readers. Quotation does not indicate approval.—Editor.]

#### Criticizes the "Agudath Israel"

The Agudath Israel, the Jewish world orthodox organization, is characterized by B. Z. Goldberg in the "Day" of Feb. 16, as a menace to Jewish unity because of its recent activities, which have especially tended, he avers, to place obstacles in the way of Palestine reconstruction.

"The Agudath Israel," we are told by Mr. Goldberg "originated in Frankfort. There was a German rabbi named Samson Raphael Hirsch, who had received a thorough Jewish education as well as a classical German education. Ninety years ago he wrote a series of nineteen letters about Judaism in German, signed 'Ben Uziel.' That was a new combination in those days—classical German in a 'yarmulke' (skull cap), university training and extreme orthodoxy. He was a fighter against Reform." Rabbi Hirsch became rabbi of the orthodox congregation in Frankfort, which, the writer says, always sought to spread its influence.

"They (the Frankfort Jews) wanted to make connections with the Jewish world, and in the beginning of this century, in 1904, I think, the Agudath Israel was organized by Dr. Isaak Breuer, a son-in-law of S. R. Hirsch, with the assistance of a few Russian rabbis."

It was not until the world war, Mr. Goldberg points out, that the Agudah acquired power in Jewish life. The German government, during the time of Germany's occupation of Poland, employed members of the Agudah for propaganda purposes, sending them among the Polish Jews to create sentiment for Germany. "The Agudah in Poland is a considerable party and has almost forty per cent representation in the Kehillah, but it must be borne in mind that in Poland, unlike in other countries, the Agudah goes with all other Jewish parties, even with the radical Bundists.

"Of course," the writer proceeds "the Agudah was thoroughly opposed to Zionism. It was assimilationist in all Jewish questions except religion. The Agudah fought against Zionism. It was only after the Balfour Declaration that the Agudah came to Zionism."

But even since that time, Mr. Goldberg says, the Agudah has been seeking to disrupt Zionist unity.

"In Palestine proper two of the Agudah leaders have been sadly famous," he says. "Rabbi Sonnenfeld, who holds that Jews must not work at all, but study, and DeHahn who actually informed on the Jews and went to the British administration against the interests of the new Jewish settlement."

"Now the Agudah delegation from Europe has come to America. The head of the delegation is Dr. Ehrmann, a grandson of S. R. Hirsch. They have come here to start a campaign for their 'Keren Ha'yishub.' They have intruded precisely when the United Palestine Appeal has been started."

The Agudah, we are told, wants to uphold the old Jewish settlement in Palestine which is based and subsists on charity, as against the new reconstructive settlement, and "this explains the reason why the Mizrachi as well as the Jabloner Rabbi and his followers are so opposed to the Agudah."

"I believe the Agudah question is more than a Zionist question. It is a general Jewish question. This is the first time in our history that we have before us a strong organization of Jewish clericals who are sufficiently bold as well as politically trained to cause considerable trouble."

"If they get the power, they will become a dark force in Jewry."

# CONFERENCE TO FORM INTERNATIONAL UNION OF LIBERAL JEWS WILL MEET IN LONDON JULY 10

Will Frame Constitution for International Body and Discuss Practice of Judaism in Modern Times

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Feb. 16.—The international conference of leaders of Reform Jewish congregations will take place here the second week of July, according to a report submitted to the Jewish Religious Union, the English body of Reform Jews, by the Hon. Lily Montagu, secretary of the Union.

Miss Montagu reported that the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the heads of the German Jewish liberal movement and members of the French liberals, were approached with a view to forming an international union of liberal Jewish congregations. Encouraging replies were received. Representatives of these bodies have promised to attend the conference.

A Jewish Religious Union has been formed in India and was invited to send delegates to the conference. Inquiries were also made in Scandinavia, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Central Europe, the secretary reported. With regard to the latter countries, it appears that while there are individual liberal Jewish teachers, there are no liberal congregations.

The Conference which will begin on July 10, will last three days and will consider the framing of a constitution for the international union, for the purpose of giving the various congregations an opportunity to cooperate with each other without interfering with their complete autonomy. It is planned that the agenda will include a discussion on "The Outlook for Judaism," "Judaism and the Bible" and "The Practice of Judaism in Modern Times."

# GERMAN JEWS WELCOME GERMANY'S DESIRE TO ENTER LEAGUE

Monarchistic Press Terms League "Jewish Creation"

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Feb. 16.—The application of the German Republic for admission to membership in the League of Nations was welcomed at a mass meeting arranged here last night by the Jewish People's Party.

Speakers at the meeting stressed the necessity of keeping the representatives of Germany in the Council of the League well posted concerning the Palestine mandate and the national minorities treaties.

A number of nationalistic German newspapers, including the "Deutsche Zeitung" and the "Schlesische Volksstimme" conduct propaganda against Germany's entry in the League. These papers, reporting a part of the address of Dr. Alfred Klee, in which he stated that the idea of the League of Nations had its origin with the Jewish prophets, declared that "Dr. Klee has divulged the secret that the League of Nations is a Jewish creation."

# RISHON L'ZION GIVES FREEDOM OF TOWNSHIP TO REUBEN BRAININ

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 16.—Reuben Brainin, well known Hebrew writer of America, was given the freedom of the township of Rishon L'Zion, one of the oldest Jewish colonies in Palestine, at a public reception accorded the guest on his visit here.

The municipality offered Mr. Brainin a building lot, in order that he might settle in Rishon L'Zion.

Mr. Herman Strauss of St. Louis, Mo., contributed \$10,000 for the construction of a chapel at the Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital in memory of his brother, G. Strauss, who was the chairman of the Board of Managers of the Hospital and one of the leading citizens of Hot Springs, Ark.

# JOSEPH VASZONY, MEMBER OF HUNGARIAN LIBERAL OPPOSITION, ATTACKED ON WAY TO PARLIAMENT

Assailants Members of Anti-Semitic Organization, Awakening Magyars.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Budapest, Feb. 16.—Deputy Joseph Vaszony, former cabinet member and leader of the liberal opposition, noted for his stand against the Bethlen government in the counterfeiting plot, was attacked today on his way to parliament.

He was hit over the head and seriously injured. His assailants, who were arrested, are members of the anti-Semitic organization, the Awakening Magyars, it was stated. They had in their possession firearms which they would have used had they not been prevented from doing so by passers-by who disarmed them.

A stormy meeting took place in parliament, where the opposition introduced an interpellation concerning the matter. Count Bethlen, the Prime Minister, promised to take measures immediately to punish Vaszony's assailants.

# PALESTINE OCCUPIES FIRST PLACE AS COUNTRY OF LARGEST JEWISH IMMIGRATION, FIGURES SHOW

Has Largest Percentage of Jewish Population

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 16.—Palestine occupies the first place as a center for Jewish immigration, according to figures published by the Zionist Executive here.

Palestine today has the highest percentage of Jewish population of any country.

Palestine is also, according to these figures, the fourteenth largest Jewish center in the world.

During the last fiscal year, ending June, 1925, 10,392 Jews were admitted into the United States, as compared with 29,142 Jews admitted into Palestine in the same period. During this same year 7,800 Jews were admitted to Argentina and 4,200 to Canada.

The Jewish population of Palestine is 16.5 per cent of the total population, a percentage larger than that of the Jewish population in Poland, where the Jews constitute only 12.9 per cent. Poland, which formerly had the largest Jewish percentage, has thus become second.

# WARSAW KEHILLAH ELECTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Seven Agudists and Six Zionists Chosen

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Feb. 16.—An executive committee to administer the affairs of the Jewish community of Warsaw was elected by the Kehillah Council at its meeting here yesterday.

The committee consists of 15 members, 7 representatives of the Agudath Israel, 6 of the Zionist Group, 1 of the Volkspartei and 1 of the labor party, Bund. The members for the Agudah are Isaac M. Levin, Rosenbaum, Nachum Rosenfeld, Klein, Isaac Stueckgold, Ephraim Rundo and Welt; for the Zionists, Moses Feldstein, Halbstain, Elenberg, Seideman, Katzenelenbogen and Joshua Rosenberg; N. Finkelstein for the Volkists and B. Michlewicz for the Bund.

# Privy Council Annuls Ruling of Palestine Supreme Court

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dinance, on the grounds that this was a violation of Article II of the mandate, which provides that the civil and religious rights of all the inhabitants irrespective of race and religion are to be safeguarded. The Palestine Supreme Court ruled that the governor's ordinance was a violation of Article II of the mandate.

**I. O. B. B. TO BUILD NEW SANATORIUM**

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(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 16.—The establishment of a tuberculosis sanitarium in Nashville, N. C., was decided upon at the fifty-first convention of District Lodge Five of the Independent Order B'nai B'rith, concluded here today.

Eleven thousand dollars was pledged by the Asheville lodge and \$5,000 by the Jacksonville lodge toward the proposed sanitarium.

The convention endorsed the Order Aleph Zadi Aleph, the junior organization of the B'nai B'rith, and recommended the establishment of a kosher kitchen at the Orphan's Home in Atlanta, Ga., when practical.

The officers elected were: Sidney J. Stern of Greensboro, N. C., president; Joseph A. Wilner of Washington, D. C., first vice-president; Marcus Eudel of Jacksonville, Fla., second vice-president; Edwin L. Levy of Richmond, Va., secretary; Sigmond Steruherger of Greensboro, N. C., treasurer. The general committee comprises the officers and William Goodhart of Baltimore, Md., Julius Reis of Washington, D. C., Alvin B. Hutzler of Richmond, Va., Marcus W. Jacobi of Wilmington, N. C., and E. H. Abrahams of Savannah, Ga.

The Constitution Grand Lodge was represented by Alfred M. Cohen, president, and Dr. Boris D. Bogen, secretary.

(Jewish Daily Bulletin Mail Service)

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 13.—A meeting of the Aleph Zadi Aleph Commission, appointed by President Alfred Cohen of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith was held here. Those present were Archibald Hillman of Worcester, Mass., Julius J. Cohn of Chattanooga, Tenn., Milton Schayer of Denver, Colo., and Sam Beber of Omaha, Neb.

In pursuance to a resolution of the constitution Grand Lodge of the I. O. B. B. at its last convention at Atlantic City which recognized the A. Z. A. as the official junior organization, the commission adopted a ritual and constitution for the A. Z. A. and outlined a constructive program for its future activities. The plan calls for a direct sponsorship of the A. Z. A. by the B'nai B'rith.

The A. Z. A. Fraternity is composed of Jewish boys between the ages of 16 and 21. It has twenty chapters throughout the country. The purpose is to train boys to become future Jewish leaders and workers in their respective communities.

The campaign for Youngstown's (Ohio) quota of \$25,000 for the United Palestine Appeal was launched Sunday night with a banquet at which \$8,000 was raised.

A public mass meeting was held last night. Rabbi James G. Heller of Cincinnati, Rabbi Jacob Sonderling of New York, Rabbi Joseph Landon, B. H. Birnbaum, Irving Miller and I. E. Philo of Youngstown, addressed the gathering. Oscar H. Altshuler is chairman of the campaign.

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**NON-ZIONISTS JOIN IN UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL CAMPAIGN IN ST. LOUIS**

**Community Raises \$45,000**

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 16.—Valuable assistance was offered the Palestine cause by representative citizens heretofore unaffiliated with the Zionist movement following Dr. Stephen S. Wise's appeal at the mass meeting of the United Palestine Appeal held here. Aaron S. Rauh, Sidney I. Rothschild, David Eisman, Louis Monheimer and Wallace Renard volunteered to assist the local committee to raise St. Louis's quota of \$75,000.

Forty-five thousand dollars has been raised to date. The audience promised Dr. Wise they would secure the balance.

"I am here not to beg but to take counsel with my fellow Jews," Dr. Wise said.

"Through circumstances I presume that I have faced more Americans than any living Jew and I have never met a real American who did not say 'God speed you' in your work for a Jewish Palestine.' It was that great American President Woodrow Wilson, the son of a Christian minister, who with tears in his eyes thanked God that he had something to do with the rebuilding of Palestine. His comment is typical of the real American attitude," Dr. Wise declared.

"Only a handful of Jews went to Zion centuries ago. Yet from this small number came the two great religions of the world, Judaism and Christianity. The present-day handful of Jews, for the third time will show the world that the spiritual genius of Israel is inexhaustible. The Jews in Palestine are going to prove to the peoples of all the nations that the Jews can live according to the Hebrew prophets."

**Wahabis Join Druze Rebellion**

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tion is Syria as the League Commission meets at Rome to review the working of the French mandate. We do not doubt that the representatives of the powers gathered at Rome will approve the mandatory power and its program of action."

Jerusalem, Feb. 16.—Rabbi Tager, Chief Rabbi of Damascus, was threatened with being kidnapped and held for ransom by the leaders of the Syrian rebels.

In a letter addressed to the Rabbi, the rebels demanded that the rabbi pay the sum of five hundred gold pounds.

The rebels attacked a train four kilometers south of Damascus. Two passengers were killed.

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