

JEWISH POPULATION GREETES NEW ROUMANIAN HIGH COM- MISSIONER IN BESSARABIA

General Rischkanu Promises New Era
for National Minorities

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Kishineff, Jan. 29.—General Rischkanu, newly appointed Commissioner of Bessarabia and Bukovina, was given an official reception by the Kishineff population on his arrival here yesterday. Rabbi Zirelson, Chief Rabbi of Kishineff, and other Jewish leaders were present at the reception.

Replying to the addresses of welcome, General Rischkanu spoke in encouraging tones of the national minority populations of Roumania.

"The national minorities will find in me their greatest defender and supporter. I wish them to develop free and unrestricted in their cultural, economic and religious life. The only condition which I attach to this development is their loyalty to the Roumanian state. There will be no hindrance to the existence of national minority organizations. We must give the population liberty, equality, fraternity and above all show more humanity," he declared.

The appointment of General Rischkanu to this post was welcomed by the Jewish population in Bessarabia and Bukovina, previous dispatches stated, in view of the fact that he is known as a liberal minded man and friend of the minorities.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION ADVISES ABOLITION OF TITHE SYSTEM

Recommends Temporary Improvements in Taxation System

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 29.—Recommendations for improving the taxation system in Palestine are contained in a report of the government commission appointed to inquire into the advisability of abolishing the tithing system.

The report of the commission published today states that it was found advisable to abolish the tithing system. This, however, cannot be done until the Palestine land survey has been completed. In the meantime some improvements in the system are to be introduced.

The Commission recommends that instead of the present system, involving an over-estimation due to the damage and deterioration suffered by crops and to falling prices, a fixed estimate based on the average produce of six years be introduced. In addition, the farmers may be allowed to pay the tithing in money, instead of paying in produce. The price is to be assessed on the average selling price over four years.

ROUMANIAN MINISTER CONFERS WITH JEWISH LEADERS ON ROUMANIAN SITUATION

Cretziano Issues Statement to Jewish Telegraphic Agency Following Conference in New York

A conference between the Roumanian Minister at Washington and Jewish leaders was held on Friday at the Hotel Ambassador, New York, to discuss the situation of the Jewish population in Roumania.

Louis Marshall, president of the American Jewish Committee; Max D. Steuer, chairman of the Advisory Committee of the American Jewish Congress; W. Nelson Cromwell, president of the society, Friends of Roumania,

HIGH COMMISSIONER PLUMER ENTERTAINS FELIX WARBURG

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 29.—Felix M. Warburg, chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, who is now visiting Palestine on his world tour, was the guest of Lord Plumer, the High Commissioner, at a luncheon given at the Government House.

A reception in honor of the distinguished American visitor will be given Saturday night at the home of Dr. Judah L. Magnes, dean of the Hebrew University.

IBN SAUD DELEGATION IN JERUSALEM TO SETTLE FEUD

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 29.—Closer and more peaceful relations between the kingdom of the Wahabis and the Transjordanian tribes are expected to be the result of the work of a delegation which Ibn Saud has sent to Jerusalem.

The purpose of the delegation is to negotiate concerning the disputes between the Transjordanian Bedouin tribes and the neighboring tribes in the Hedjas territory.

IMMIGRATION OF LABORERS TO FRANCE IS RESTRICTED

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, Jan. 29.—Stricter control of immigration to France is the present policy of the government, as a result of the increasing unemployment.

Few foreign workmen are admitted by the authorities and the return of immigrants to their native countries is being encouraged.

ANTI-SEMITES SENTENCED FOR DESECRATING CEMETERY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Jan. 29.—Fritz Oberwollner, one of the Hakenkreuzler leaders of Salzburg, was sentenced to ten months imprisonment. The sentence was imposed on the charge that Oberwollner had desecrated a Jewish cemetery and had stolen tombstones.

and Edward Herbert, formerly an officer of the United Roumanian Jews of America, conferred with George Cretziano, the Roumanian Minister.

No details were given out with regard to the conference, but on its conclusion, the Roumanian Minister issued the following statement to the representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

"The Roumanian Minister, Mr. Cretziano met last night at the Ambassador Hotel Mr. Louis Marshall, president of the American Jewish Committee, Mr. Max D. Steuer, who was the chairman at the American Jewish Congress, Mr. W. Nelson Cromwell, President of the Society 'Friends of Roumania,' and Mr. Edward Herbert.

"Mr. Cretziano was desirous to see the great Jewish leaders, in order to get first hand information regarding Jewish grievances. The conference lasted three hours and was carried on in a most cordial manner. It is hoped that much good will result from this conference to both the Jews and Roumania."

JEWISH LEADERS COMPLAIN TO FRENCH RESIDENT OF ANTI- JEWISH ATTACKS IN MOROCCO

Natives Repeat Attacks on Jews in Several Towns

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Jan. 29.—A report of anti-Jewish excesses in Morocco is cabled from Casa Blanca to the "Morgenzeitung."

The despatch relates that a Jewish delegation of Rabat, appeared before the French General Resident, submitting to him a memorandum in which anti-Jewish attacks in Uekouas are described. Several Jews were killed during the attacks, the despatch states.

Anti-Jewish attacks also took place in Rabat, where natives attacked a Jewish funeral procession, injuring the mourners. Similar attacks also took place in the town of Magador. The General Resident promised to institute an investigation of the matter.

"ARYAN THEATRE" OPENED IN VIENNA; JEWS BARRED

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Jan. 29.—The "Aryan Theatre," much talked of among Viennese anti-Semites, was finally opened here. The plan of the theatre is to produce only such plays that have been written by pure Aryans, excluding Jewish authors and Jewish themes. The audience is also to consist only of Aryans.

It is interesting to note that the "Aryan theatre" is situated in a district which is mainly populated by Jews.

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PROF. EINSTEIN RESIGNS FROM BOARD OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY, IS REPORT

Dispute Over Bible Instruction; Asks Magnes' Resignation

A report to the effect that Dr. Albert Einstein has informed the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem that he is resigning from the Board is published by "The Day" of Friday, January 28.

The Palestine correspondent of the newspaper states that the news of Dr. Einstein's resignation has been a matter of common discussion in Palestine, where it has attracted wide attention. The resignation is said to be due to Dr. Einstein's difference of opinion with Dr. Judah L. Magnes and was caused, it was stated, by a dispute over the question of how the Bible is to be presented in the Institute of Jewish Studies.

The immediate cause for Dr. Einstein's resignation is said to be that Dr. Z. H. Chajes, chief rabbi of Vienna, who was considered the most probable candidate for the chair of the Bible in the Institute of Jewish Studies, was not appointed to this post because of pressure exercised on the University authorities by Orthodox elements. The authorities consider Professor Chajes too liberal in his critical views of the Bible. The question of the instruction of the Bible in the Institute has been a source of difficulty to the University authorities and those circles in Jewry at large who are interested in the University.

The instruction of the Bible in the traditional manner would not be in keeping with the purposes of a scientific institution, it is declared, while the scientific interpretation of the Bible based on modern methods of Bible criticism, caused the strong opposition of the Orthodox elements. Until now, this matter has been disposed of by the Hebrew University authorities by omitting the Bible course from the University curriculum.

Dr. Einstein is said to be in favor of adopting the critical method in the instruction of the Bible. Several weeks

SPIRITUAL SITUATION OF JEW IN AMERICA CONSIDERED AT CONFERENCE OF MENORAH

The Menorah Conference on "The Spiritual Situation of the Jew in America," was opened Saturday night at Steinway Hall, New York City. The conference is being held under the auspices of the Intercollegiate Menorah Association.

Lewis Mumford, author of "The Golden Day," presented a paper on "The American Scene." Dr. Irwin Edman, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Columbia University discussed "The Thoughtful Jew's Problem." The subject of Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan's address was "Toward a Reconstruction of Judaism."

The Present State of Jewish Self-Knowledge, was the subject of the second session on Sunday held at the Hotel Commodore. Among those who addressed this session were: Professor Harry A. Wolfson of Harvard University, Professor Edward Sapir of the University of Chicago, Professor Max L. Margolis of Dropsie College, Philadelphia, Dr. Paul Radin of the Institute of Psychology and Anthropology of Yale University, Professor I. L. Kandel of Teachers College, Columbia University, Professor Julian Obermann of the Jewish Institute of Religion, Professor Nathan Isaacs of Harvard University, Professor Selig Perlman of the University of Wisconsin, Adolph S. Oko of the Hebrew Union College Library, Professor J. Salwyn Schapiro of the College of the City of New York, Mortimer J. Adler of Columbia University, Dr. I. M. Rubinow of Philadelphia, Samuel A. Goldsmith of the Bureau of Jewish Research of New York, Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, Dr. Benjamin Ginzburg, Louis Lozowick and Dr. Abram L. Sachar of the University of Illinois.

Papers presented by Rabbi Samuel Schulman of Temple Beth-El, New York, and Professor Israel S. Wechsler of the College of Physicians and Surgeons Columbia University opened the Sunday afternoon discussion on the "Rabbis and the Intellectuals."

The discussion was led by Rabbi James G. Heller of Cincinnati and participated in by Professor Louis L. Silverman of Dartmouth College, Rabbi Louis A. Mischkind of Wilmington, Professor Isador Lubin of the Brookings Institute of Economics, Washington, D. C., Rabbi Joseph L. Fink of Buffalo, Irving Fineman of the University of Illinois, Rabbi Moses Hyamson, Jacob de Naas, Rabbi Maurice H. Harris, Dr. Benjamin Harrow of Columbia, Rabbi Moses Jung, Maurice

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ago, the correspondent reports, Dr. Einstein sent in his resignation from the University board, declaring that he will not withdraw his resignation unless Dr. Magnes' resigns and the University changes its policy.

Attempts at bringing about a reconciliation made by several Palestinian leaders, including Chaim Nachman Bialik, Hebrew poet, have been of no avail. Professor Einstein insists on his resignation from the Board.

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.]

Two Papers View Weizmann-Marshall Agreement

The Weizmann-Marshall agreement on the Jewish Agency ranks in importance next to the Balfour Declaration, in the opinion of the "Jewish Export" of Philadelphia. In its Jan. 28 issue the paper observes:

"Next to the Balfour Declaration, through which the nations of the world reaffirmed the historic right of the Jewish people to the land of their fathers, the agreement reached last week between Mr. Marshall, representing those who for the want of a more positive identification are styled non-Zionists, and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the recognized spokesman of the Zionist element in world-Jewry, will be regarded as one of the most significant documents in recent years. As in all generalizations these identifications are fallacious. It is unfair to Mr. Marshall, who has devoted his whole life to the welfare of his people, regardless of their geographic whereabouts, to suddenly limit the scope of his interests. Nor would the most orthodox Zionist, unless totally blind to the problems facing Palestine and to the worth of the man who has done so much for the rehabilitation of that country, claim that its political feature is the only aspect interesting Dr. Weizmann. Both men stand for considerably more than the superficial identification would imply. This, however, is correct: the two represent world-Jewry in all its varied and varying ramifications. This is why they were best suited for the task, and this, too, is one of the reasons so great an interest attaches itself to the document."

The "American Israelite" views the Weizmann-Marshall agreement and the implications in the newly created situation as follows:

"It must be admitted that Dr. Weizmann is the one man who can save the face of Zionism in the predicament into which its 'fool friends' have led it. After the convention in Buffalo last year it was plain to all who took the trouble to give the matter any thought that the American organization was not only riding for a fall, but that the so-called leaders had lost all sense of perspective and would have compromised the American Federation beyond all hope if left to pursue their narrow and outworn ideas. It is highly gratifying and most encouraging, therefore, when the two recognized leaders of American Jewry, David A. Brown and Louis Marshall, at this particular time come to an understanding with one another and with Dr. Weizmann in a manner that will permit the prosecution of the plans of the various bodies affected, in harmony and mutual respect among the various factions. This is the first move on the part of the Zionist leaders that holds out any promise whatever of an amic-

J.N.F. DOUBLED POSSESSIONS IN 3 YEARS, REPORT SHOWS

South African Jewry Heads List of Per Capita Contributions

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Jerusalem, Jan. 30.—In 1914 the Jewish National Fund owned 10.8% of its present possessions, a statement issued by the Jewish National Fund Headquarters here declares. In 1920 it owned 12.6% while in 1921 the figure rose to 17%, in 1923 to 51%, in 1924 to 74%, and in 1925 to 92%.

It took twenty-two years for the Fund to acquire the first 100,000 dunam; in the following three years it doubled its previous possessions.

The headquarters of the Jewish National Fund has received the first payment on account of the bequest of £4,000 made by the late Louis Rosenblum of Brighton, in England. The total value of the legacy, which consisted of all the wealth of the testator subject to certain provisions in the interest of his widow, was £25,000. Members of the donor's family are to be settled on the land of the Fund in Palestine.

The headquarters also publishes a statement showing the per capita amount given by each country to the Fund during the past year.

South Africa leads the list of per capita of the Jewish population contributions to the Jewish National Fund in the past year with 25.6 piastres. Switzerland with 12.8 piastres per head comes next, and Belgium follows with 9 piastres. Great Britain is fourth with 6.6 piastres, Yugoslavia fifth with 5.7 piastres, and Canada sixth with 5.6 piastres.

The per capita contribution of the Jewish population of the United States was 2.8 piastres.

The Debating Team of the B'nai B'rith Hill Foundation at Ohio State University will journey to Madison, Wisconsin, next month to debate with the Wisconsin Foundation on the question, Resolved: That a national Jewish chest be established for the support of philanthropic and educational projects of national and international appeal. Martin Ornstein captains the Ohio State squad which is made up of the following students: Roy Stone, Helen Ackerman, Issar Muskat, Philip Millstone, and Albert Adelstein.

able adjustment of opinion and a resulting opportunity to coordinate the work by sidetracking the little fellows and putting real leaders in their places.

In the same issue the "American Israelite" urges the Zionist leaders to issue a statement on "what Zionism of today stands for" for the information of the non-Zionists who will cooperate in the Palestine work. The paper explains thus:

"Since Palestine became a British mandate conditions there have changed and the aims of the Zionists have been very much modified. The world Jewry would therefore very much welcome a clear statement of what Zionism of today stands for, so that they may be understood, especially by the non-Zionists and anti-Zionists who are willing to contribute to making Palestine a home for as many refugee Jews as possible, but have no interest in giving dominance to a Jewish minority."

OUR DAILY NEWS LETTER

Pogroms or Excesses?

Rabbi Ebner Issues Statement on Attitude of Rumanian Jews

(By Our Czernowitz Correspondent)

Czernowitz, Jan. 9.—What can be regarded as a statement of the position of Jews in Roumania on the reports published by the press abroad on the anti-Jewish excesses is contained in today's issue of the "Ostjuedische Zeitung," Jewish organ of Czernowitz, which is under the editorship of Rabbi Meyer Ebner, noted Rumanian Jewish leader. The statement of the "Ostjuedische Zeitung," headed "The Anti-Semitic Excesses in the Light of the Truth," is a result of the demands of the "Indreptarea," organ of the Rumanian government, of the "Vitorul" and other papers that the Jews of Roumania deny the reports published abroad regarding the excesses. The "Ostjuedische Zeitung" declares:

"As a Jewish organ which always represents the view that the interests of Rumanian Jewry are closely bound up with the interests of the Rumanian state we have declared on a number of occasions—the first time on Sept. 2, 1924, in our issue Number 256—that the foreign papers, chiefly the American press, greatly exaggerated the reports regarding developments in Roumania. During the recent weeks we have again declared our attitude on the excesses in Roumania. In our leading articles, "Conventionelle Luegen," "Weises Versteher" and "Wahren Feinde," we clearly and plainly declared that the exaggerations are not in our interests, and we categorically denounced them.

"We see in the description of these anti-Jewish excesses as 'pogroms' an exaggeration, because since the pogroms in Russia which created the horrible word, the expression is used to signify the massacring of large numbers of Jews by organized bands. Such massacres (pogroms) have not taken place in Roumania.

"What has taken place recently in Roumania is sad enough, and it was also reported by all unprejudiced papers in Roumania. There has been—aside from a number of individual incidents, as in the case of Falik-Totu, which took a tragic turn—a systematic bloody mistreatment of Jewish students in the Bucharest University, the mistreatment of Jews in Kishineff and Kalaras by the students returning from their congress in Jassy, the organized attack on a Jewish ball in Clausenberg, and also the attacks on Jewish passengers in moving trains and at various stations, especially in Marasesti, the attacks on Jewish passersby in the streets of Bucharest on Dec. 10 and on the following days, the pillaging and ruining of Jewish property in Bucharest and other places, etc.

"The fact is that the government officials did not take sufficient measures to protect those attacked and that those who perpetrated the excesses, even when they were arrested were immediately released without any punishment, so that in the minds of a cer-

DR. GEORG HALPERIN SAILS FOR EUROPE

Praised for Securing Credit for Palestine

Dr. Georg Halperin, managing director of the Jewish Colonial Trust, returned to Europe on Saturday.

Prior to Dr. Halperin's departure, a luncheon was given in his honor, at which Louis Lipsky, president of the Zionist Organization of America, presided.

A number of prominent Zionists attended the luncheon. Mr. Lipsky, as well as the other speakers, paid tribute to Dr. Halperin for having succeeded in obtaining credits in this country for financial institutions in Palestine and especially for his cooperation for the reorganization of the Zion Commonwealth and Palestine Securities, Inc.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS EXECUTIVE WILL MEET FEB. 6

The Executive Committee of the American Jewish Congress will hold its next meeting on Sunday, February 6th, at the Hotel Astor. There will be two sessions, one at 2:30 in the afternoon and the other at night.

This meeting will receive a report of the recent activities of the Congress and will consider and pass upon the program of the next Congress session which will be held in Washington, D. C., beginning February 20th.

William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, in an address at the United Mine Workers' convention in Indianapolis, declared that the federation would no longer be content merely to defend itself from the attacks of Communists, but would "reverse the order and carry the battle to them until they are beaten to their knees."

Mr. Green advocated the five-day week in all industries.

Twenty-four garment workers, members of unions in the garment trade, were arraigned in General Sessions Court in New York City on Friday for sentence for acts of violence committed during the strike. Judge Otto Rosinsky sentenced fourteen to various terms of imprisonment, suspended sentence on three, and postponed sentence on seven.

A granite shaft erected at the grave of the late Dr. Kohler, Hebrew scholar, by the congregation of Temple Beth-El in the Beth-El Cemeteries, Brooklyn, N. Y., was dedicated yesterday. Dr. Kohler was rabbi of the temple from 1879 to 1903. The dedication address was delivered by Dr. Samuel Schulman, rabbi of the temple.

tain part of the student body the opinion was created that Jews could be attacked with impunity.

"All the liberal minded papers in Roumania have condemned this magnanimity on the part of the government toward the perpetrators of the excesses and demanded that energetic measures be taken against all violators of the law. The papers also declare that so long as the government will not take the necessary steps to punish the criminals, they regard the promises of the government to maintain peace and order as insufficient and demand further that the government should at last take the excesses seriously.

"This is the true situation, without exaggerations and without sparing anyone," the "Ostjuedische Zeitung" states.

NEW ARAB PARTY FOR PALESTINE BEING URGED

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Jerusalem, Jan. 1.—The formation of a new neutral Arab Party in Palestine is called for in an editorial published today in the "Felasin," the organ of the Palestine Arab Executive. "The important problems in Palestine are being overlooked of late," the paper writes, "and nobody is speaking any longer of Zionism, the Balfour Declaration, deprivation of Arab rights and the rest. The Arab population of Palestine is divided into numerous small parties, each with its own special aims. Private interests are being placed above the national interests. The only way out of the difficulty is to form a new independent Arab Party which shall stand above all the existing parties and unite all who are interested in the Fatherland."

At the same time, the "Meraat el Sherk" publishes an editorial in which it complains that all the best posts in Palestine are held by British officials and urges that an appeal against this British monopoly of the official positions in the country should be addressed to the League of Nations. It advises the Arabs and the Jews of Palestine to draw up a memorandum on the question and submit it to the League of Nations.

Bernard Shulgasser, a student at Butler College, Indianapolis, who was ordered deported last week and was brought to Ellis Island, was given a stay of one year yesterday by order of Assistant Secretary Husband of the Labor Department.

Shulgasser was threatened with deportation because he earned money during his studies at Butler College, notwithstanding the provisions of the immigration law prohibiting a student to engage in remunerative work while in the United States on a student's visa.

Names of the donors of the \$50,000 Woodrow Wilson prizes were given Tuesday by Norman H. Davis, President of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. Among the ten donors are Bernard M. Baruch and Henry Morgenthau.

A dinner was given in honor of Attorney General Albert Ottinger at the National Republican Club on Friday night. Mr. Ottinger was the only Republican elected in the recent state elections.

Julian M. Bamberger has filed a petition in Salt Lake City, Utah, for letters of administration of the estate of the late Simon Bamberger, first non-Mormon Governor of Utah from 1916 to 1920. The filing shows personal property valued at \$9,000 and real estate having no rental value or income.

A. L. Aronoff, founder of the "Daily Food Magazine" and the Jewish Grocers' Association of Greater New York, died last Friday at the age of 41.

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SPIRITUAL SITUATION OF JEW IN AMERICA CONSIDERED AT CONFERENCE OF MENORAH

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Samuel, Rabbi Israel Goldstein, Johan J. Smertenko and Henry M. Rosenthal. The conference will conclude its sessions at a banquet at the Hotel Commodore tonight.

Among the addresses will be "The Living Spirit of Spinoza: After a Quarter-Millennium," by S. Baruch, American Officer of the Societas Spinozana; "The Significance of the Hebrew University for the Spiritual Life of the Jew in America," by Dr. Chaim Weizmann; "The Jew in American Civilization," by Carl Van Doren; "The Man of Letters in Judaism," by Philip Guedalla; "Jewish Culture: A Common Ground for All Israel," by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise.

"The Conference serves as a clearing house of ideas, ideas that spring from a genuine and passionate desire to see a finer and more creative Judaism prevail in America," Henry Hurwitz, Chancellor of the Menorah Association and editor of "The Menorah Journal," stated.

"Concretely, in this Conference, we hope to evolve ideas and plans, that will help to a reconstruction of Judaism in America. We hope to develop a program for recapturing and disseminating the historical, religious and philosophic wisdom of the Jewish race; for the enrichment of our modern life," he declared.

The results of the recent prize play contest of the Brnai Brith Hill Foundation at Ohio State University, Columbus, were announced. The winners were: "The Big Idea" by Geoffrey H. Levy and "Herring" by Harry L. Loser. Both authors are undergraduates of the university.

The new building of the Home of the Daughters of Israel was opened yesterday at Fifth Avenue and 107th Street, New York City, and about two hundred aged men and women were moved from their present quarters to the new building. It has a capacity of about 400.

The building was erected at a cost of \$1,000,000. Jacob Siegel is president of the Home.

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JOHNSON RESOLUTION SEEKS IMMIGRATION COMMISSION

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Reputing his previous proposal to bring some measure of relief to the separated families of declarants, Chairman Johnson of the House Immigration Committee proposed in a resolution in the House that a commission to study the immigration and naturalization laws be created. This commission, according to the resolution, would be composed of members of Congress who have been elected to serve in the Seventieth Congress, and would be designated by the Chairmen of the respective committees of the House and the Senate.

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