

COURT OF INQUIRY BEGINS PROBE OF OPPOSITION CHARGES AGAINST Z.O.A.

Accusations of Personal Dishonesty Eliminated; Opposition Says Such Charges Never Made

Probing into the charges recently made by members of the opposition, particularly those who took a leading part in the Washington opposition conference held under the chairmanship of Judge Julian W. Mack, was begun on Sunday by the court of inquiry appointed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann before his departure at the suggestion of the Zionist administration.

The hearings which were held all day Sunday and continued on Monday evening at the Unity Club, Brooklyn, were presided over by Justice Edward Lazarsky, presiding Justice of the Appellate Division. The other members present were Supreme Court Justice Mitchell May, Federal Judge Grover M. Moscovitz, General Sessions Judge Otto A. Rozalsky, and Superior Court Judge Harry M. Fisher of Chicago. Superior Court Judge Samuel Kalisch of New Jersey did not attend.

Representatives of the three parties participating in the controversy, the opposition, the administration and the Hadassah, were present. The spokesmen for the administration were Morris Rottenberg and Louis Lipsky; for the opposition Abraham Tulin and Samuel J. Rosensohn.

The Hadassah representatives, Mrs. Robert Szold, Rose Halperin, Miss Susan Brandeis, and Mrs. Lefkowitz, did not participate in the hearing as a letter addressed to the committee on behalf of Hadassah declared that the charges made by Hadassah do not reflect upon the integrity of the administration and are

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MANDATES COMMISSION ENDS PALESTINE DISCUSSION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Geneva, June 18.—The discussion on the report of the Palestine administration, submitted by the British Government, was concluded at the session of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations.

Col. George S. Symes, former Civil Secretary, was asked many questions to which he replied. The petition of the Agudath Israel, Orthodox world organization, which is at variance with the Zionist Organization on the question of the internal organization of Palestine Jewry, was not considered by the Commission as the committee which submitted the memorandum requested a postponement until the next session.

84 JEWS INJURED BY BAND OF HOOLIGANS IN STREET ATTACK IN WARSAW SUBURB

Thirty Arrested, Declare Robbery as Motive

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, June 18.—Eighty-four Jews received injuries in a series of excesses which took place on Sunday in the municipal park and in the neighboring streets at Praga, a suburb of Warsaw.

Bands of hooligans attacked Jewish passersby, inflicting injuries on them. The police took immediate, energetic measures to end the riot. Thirty of the assailants were arrested. An investigation was instituted and it was declared later that the riots had no political character, the attackers seeking to rob their victims.

AGENCY COMMISSION COM- PLETES WORK THIS WEEK

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, June 18.—The work of the Non-Partisan Palestine Survey Commission will be concluded by the middle of this week, it was learned.

Dr. Oscar Wassermann is leaving London tomorrow. Felix M. Warburg will go to Paris on Wednesday and thence to Hamburg. He will sail for the United States on the steamer Deutschland on June 29. Dr. Lee K. Frankel will leave on Thursday.

At the meeting of the Commission today, Dr. Chaim Weizmann and Harry Sacher will present their observations based on the experts' report.

HAKOAH LOSES ITS CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, June 18.—The Hakoah, Vienna Jewish sport club, lost the soccer championship in a final match with another Vienna team played on Sunday.

It was declared after the match that the Hakoah will abandon its professional character and will return to amateur athletics.

HAMBURG SENATE REJECTS SCHECHITA PROHIBITION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Hamburg, June 18.—A resolution aiming to introduce prohibition of the schechita, Jewish religious method of slaughtering animals, in the city of Hamburg was defeated in the Senate by a majority vote.

The measure was sponsored by the anti-Semitic National Socialist Party.

FAR EASTERN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXTENDS BUREYA FRONTIER; ADDS LARGE AREA

Sholom Asch Says Splendid Achievements of Jews in Crimea Due to Soviet and Agrojoint

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, June 18.—By a decision of the Far Eastern Central Executive Committee, the Bureya region in Siberia allotted for Jewish colonization will be extended northward, making a total area of 3,895,000 hectares available for Jewish settlement.

The new area consists mainly of cedar forests and is watered by rivers.

Six hundred and forty pioneers arrived at Tichonkoye to settle on the new lands. One hundred and sixty proceeded immediately to Ekaterina-Nikolsk where they will work on the rice plantations.

Tractors and ploughs from America have begun to arrive. Cultivation will be started the end of June. It is planned to build large factories for cleaning the rice and extracting the oil.

Paris, June 18.—Russian Jews owe the splendid achievement of Jewish colonization in the Crimea to the Agrojoint and the Soviet Government, declared Sholom Asch, American Jewish novelist, in an interview with the representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, following his return from Russia and a tour of the Jewish colonies.

The Russian Jews, especially the youth, are longing for land work, he stated. Bureya offers splendid prospects for rice planting and forestry.

Anti-Semitism is not rooted among the workers and the peasants and is to be found only among the dissatisfied intelligentsia. The Soviet Government is fighting vigorously against anti-Semitism.

Referring to the incident at the dinner giving him in Moscow, Mr. Asch declared that his encounter with Litva-

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CANNOT CHANGE TREATMENT OF PALESTINE PRISONERS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, June 18.—The demands of the Palestine Federation of Labor for the abolition of flogging in Palestinian prisons was rejected by the government in its reply to the memorandum submitted by the Federation's Executive Committee.

The establishment of a special regime for political prisoners cannot be sanctioned, the government stated.

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ENGLISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES TO SEND DELEGATES TO ZIONIST CONVENTION

Indicates Official Affiliation with
Zionist Movement

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, June 18. — The Board of Jewish Deputies, composed of representatives of Jewish organizations and congregations in the United Kingdom, will be officially represented at the forthcoming annual conference of the Federation of English Zionists.

A decision to this effect, marking the official affiliation of that representative body of Anglo-Jewry with the Zionist movement, was adopted at Sunday's session of the Board. The session was the first since the recent election of new delegates of the various bodies. In these elections the Zionists scored a considerable victory. It was also declared that the decision is to be viewed in connection with the forthcoming participation of Anglo-Jewish bodies and particularly the Board of Deputies in the extended Jewish Agency for Palestine. D'Avigdor Goldsmid was re-elected president of the Board.

Steps were also decided to be taken for the proper celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the existence of the Joint Foreign Committee, the agency of British Jewry which acts for the protection of Jewish rights abroad. The work of the Committee was started in 1878. A commission was appointed to arrange the details of the celebration.

SEEK TO PREVENT ILLEGAL APPLICATION OF NUMERUS CLAUSUS IN POLISH COLLEGES

No Numerus Clausus Law but Universities are Enforcing Limitations, Jewish Deputies Say

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, June 18.—A move to prevent the illegal practice of applying a numerus clausus to Jewish students in Polish colleges and universities was made today by the Jewish deputies in the Polish parliament.

In Poland there is no law imposing restrictions upon the number of Jewish students to be admitted to the universities. The limitation, however, is being enforced by the authorities of the respective colleges. The government has frequently declared that it is unable to intervene in such cases as caze, Carpatho-Russia, Czechoslovakia, ts.

An urgent motion was therefore introduced by the Jewish deputies, asking for the enactment of a law regulating the relations between the educational institutions and the government, defining the status of the college authorities. The bill would also limit the jurisdiction of the college authorities in such a manner as to prevent their practice of discrimination.

ORDER ADDITIONAL POLICE FOR JERUSALEM STREETS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, June 18.—Strict instructions for the re-establishment of security in the streets of Jerusalem was ordered by the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer, it became known today.

The order of the High Commissioner is the result of representations made by the Vaad Leumi, National Council of Palestine Jews, asking for protection of women and girls following numerous attacks made recently in the city and vicinity.

Muhammed Hussein Rizik one of the victims of the mysterious shooting in King George Avenue on Friday, June 8, died in hospital here. Ali Muhammed Abdullah who was with him at the time of the shooting died immediately after the shooting.

A gift of \$200,000 from James Speyer, New York banker, was announced by the Museum of the City of New York endowment fund.

This gift, and one of a like amount from John D. Rockefeller, Jr. complete the \$2,000,000 fund sought.

David P. Wohl, presented a check for \$10,000 to the St. Louis Y.M.H.A.-Y.W.H.A. for a summer camp.

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ORDER BRITH ABRAHAM ADOPTS FRATERNAL RATE SYSTEM AT CONVENTION 800 Delegates Attend Forty-second Annual Sessions at Saratoga

Springs

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Saratoga, Springs, N. Y., June 18.—Facing the task of revising the constitution and the elimination of certain constitutional limitations hitherto imposed upon one class of the Order's membership, 800 delegates representing 456 lodges of the Independent Order Brith Abraham opened the first day's session of its forty-second annual convention at the Hotel Waldman here yesterday.

The principal issue before the delegates was brought in the annual message of Grand Master Max Silverstein, when he urged the repeal of the law preventing present members or suspended members of Class "A" since 1924 from entering Class "B" or Class "C."

Class "A" members, Mr. Silverstein explained, are insured under the post-mortem plan which has met with the disapproval of numerous state insurance departments. In order to comply with the requirements of insurance departments, Class "B" was established in 1926. The members of this class receive \$500 insurance and pay fixed rates. Class "C" members are known as associate members and neither seek nor receive benefits of insurance.

Pointing out that the order has lost 7,892 members by way of suspensions during the past year, Mr. Silverstein declared many of these would not have left the order, but would have transferred to either Class "B" or Class "C" if the present restrictions had been removed.

The presidential message also reviewed the accomplishments of the Order during the past year, placing special emphasis upon its activities in behalf of the persecuted Jews of Roumania, and its efforts to secure the enactment of a more humane immigration bill.

Supreme Court Justice Irving Goldsmith, representing the Mayor of Saratoga, welcomed the delegates. Fred Skoors, secretary of the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce also addressed the session.

Dr. S. Margoshes, editor "The Day", a speaker during the morning session dwelt on the problems confronting the Order and American Jewry and urged deliberate planning instead of drifting as a method of meeting these problems. He asked for more generous support of the American Jewish Congress and Jewish education.

The names of Max Silverstein and Nathan Turk were put forward for Grand Master by the nominating committee. Others nominated were Nat-

HEBRAISTS HOLD 10th**ANNUAL CONVENTION**
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Paterson, N. J., June 18.—One hundred delegates representing twelve cities in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut attended the tenth annual convention of the Histadruth Ivrit, held here Saturday night and all day Sunday.

The Hebrew movement is advancing both here and abroad, it was reported to the convention by Z. Scharfstein. Dr. Max Raisin welcomed the convention at its opening session.

The progress of the Hebrew schools in Poland, Lithuania, China and the Argentine was reported by Mr. Scharfstein. S. B. Maximon in his report stated that Hebrew culture is spreading in the United States. Fifty Hebrew books have been published during the past year, he declared, urging the extension of the Histadruth Publishing Company.

The convention authorized the Executive Committee to form a council representing the districts as an advisory body. A budget of \$48,000, including \$26,000 for the Hadoar, Hebrew weekly, was adopted. Reports were also submitted by Abe. Goldberg, William Z. Spiegelman, secretary, and A. Spiechandler treasurer. The treasurer reported a deficit of \$12,000.

Abraham Goldberg was elected president and Dr. P. Churgin, vice president. The Executive Committee chosen includes William Z. Spiegelman, chairman, Dr. S. Bernstein, Dr. S. Baron, Dr. M. Katz, Dr. H. M. Gordon, M. Ribalov, M. H. Talsner, Dr. M. Einhorn, I. Rivkind, P. Maze, A. Spiechandler, Z. Scharfstein, S. B. Maximon and B. Margolin.

CHASSIDIC RABBI ATTACKED**BY ADVERSARIES IN LEMBERG**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Lemberg, June 18.—Police intervention was necessary to protect Rabbi Shapiro, the Chassidic Rebbe of Muncacz, Carpatho-Russia, Czechoslovakia, who was on a visit here.

His adversaries, the followers of the Chassidic Rebbe of Belz, with whom he has been engaged in a long drawn out acrimonious controversy, learning of his whereabouts in the city, gathered before the house, throwing stones and shouting: "Rosh" (sinner). Police dispersed the mob and placed a guard at the house until his departure.

han D. Perlman, first deputy, Samuel Kalesky, second deputy, Samuel Blasenstein, third deputy and Max L. Hollender and Julius Feigel, Grand Secretary.

At a late session last night the proposal to permit members of Class "A" to enter Classes "B" and "C" was adopted by an overwhelming majority, ending a fight in the Order which had lasted five years.

J.D.B. NEWS LETTER**Good Issues Out of Evil Occurrences in Roumania**

(By our Bucharest Correspondent)

Bucharest, May 29.—"Good issues out of evil." When the riots at Oradeamare and Cluj broke out and students of Roumania destroyed synagogues and made mock of holy property, the Christian population was stirred, and in rage at the villainess of the vandals it berated them with startling epithets. The Jews, however, accustomed, hardened to these outbreaks, were silently bitter against the authorities, but they sensed the nature of the riot: they felt the devastations were great enough to reverberate, to have the necessary repercussions abroad, and they repeated, as they have always done, but with probably a little more assurance, their consoling phrase. "Good issues out of evil."

In parliament at Bucharest following the wreckage, Dr. Filderman, Senator and Vice-President of the Jewish Community, severely criticised the government for leniency toward the students, for its refusal to take immediate measures to quell the rioters, and courageously demanded a reply. He got one, and an apology too, from Mr. Duca, Minister of the Interior.

What little prestige the Liberal Government had abroad was shattered by this unexpected disastrous finality of the students' congress. The stilted aristocracy of Duca came down a peg and he excused himself in the name of the government. It was a victory for the Jews; the first time in fifty years that a Minister had publicly made an apology for a Jewish outbreak.

Unbelievable things were happening. Mr. Lapadatu, the Minister of Religions, came back from a visit to Oradeamare and Cluj, and he was touched sufficiently to have voted in Parliament the sum of \$150,000 as a first compensation to rebuild the destroyed synagogues. Such a consideration was never expected. The state to date has paid about \$200,000 to synagogues and individuals. More is to be paid.

The students returning to Bucharest from Oradeamare and Cluj were preparing to hold a celebration. Four days after they had scandalized the world with their gruesome behavior and their mad devastations, they dared to foist upon the memory of the citizens of Roumania, most of whom are too indifferent to be anti-Semitic or anti anything, the fact that five years ago they initiated their utterly idiotic demands for numerous clausus, that Jewish students of Jewish cadavers, that scholarships be withdrawn from Jewish students studying abroad, etc.

The hope of a loan abroad for the stabilization of its currency, which it had been seeking so many years and which was then just faintly glimmering, quick-

ENGLISH INSURANCE BROKERS CALL JEWS RECKLESS DRIVERS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, June 18.—The one day insurance policies issued on hired motor cars are not to be granted to Jews, actors and bookmakers, according to instructions issued by insurance brokers here, the "Sunday Express" stated yesterday.

Garage owners were notified to this effect by the brokers. The paper states that in explaining these instructions the brokers charged: "The Jews when hiring cars, pack them with families and children and drive off for a joyous outing irresponsibly, without caring about the car because it is insured. A very high number of claims have been received from Jews. Therefore the companies must be careful."

ly faded out again. Titulesco, Minister for Foreign Affairs, who had so ably and so faithfully represented his country abroad and at Geneva, threatened to resign if steps were not taken to punish the offenders and to make amends, openly asserting that all his good work to make a place for Roumania among the great nations of the world had been destroyed.

The heel of the government crushes so lightly whatever is disagreeable or detrimental to its welfare. It began by making wholesale arrests of students and civilians, by discharging police officials and removing prefects, by holding meetings of the university authorities, and by issuing new instructions and age-old promises to stamp down rioting. "The Government can keep the peace," it reminded her political enemies.

The Jews were no mere predictors. They know their people abroad, and in spite of what the Roumanian Government or its mouthpiece said, it did the Jews in Roumania no harm that the foreign press protested in their behalf. The Government did see fit to begin a severe campaign to set the Christian students in their proper place; but the students refused to be set; they protested and demonstrated, on their own behalf and on behalf of their fellow students who were lingering in prison longer than they had enthusiastically and heroically expected. The authorities, tired of cuddling an unruly and misguided youth, proceeded further and dissolved their organizations. The students protested again, with a masked and not very sturdy display of bravado as they were wont, and they were forthwith reminded that it were better to withdraw silently, for some of the authorities of the State are anxious to do away with scholarships and canteens and boarding houses: "Students eager to learn a profession should pay for their studies," one of them said.

And now the Jews are legally recognized by the State, with definite privileges to function and be supported. So it looks as if some good has issued out of that evil at Oradeamare on December 6, 1927.

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not of such a nature that could be taken up for review by the court of inquiry. The Zionist convention can decide on the matter. Others who represented the opposition were Lawrence Berenson, Robert Szold, Jacob de Haas and M. A. Zeldin. Others who represented the administration were Philip Wattenburg, Dr. A. J. Kalisky, Judge William M. Lewis of Philadelphia, Jacob Fishman, Nelson Ruttenberg, Mr. Medinitz, Bernard Rosenblatt and Meyer W. Weisgal.

Investigation of charges of personal dishonesty in financial matters was eliminated after the preliminary proceedings brought out the fact that such charges are not involved. At the opening of the session, Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, speaking in behalf of the Citizens Committee on Peace and Reconstruction, pleaded that the court of inquiry postpone its work in view of the efforts of the Committee to bring about peace between the warring groups. Dr. Kaplan quoted statements by Samuel J. Rosensohn and Jacob de Haas made at a conference of the Committee on June 14 at the house of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism to the effect that the word "dishonesty" employed in a pamphlet describing the proceedings of the Washington conference did not imply the charge against the administration members of personal dishonesty in financial matters.

"I want to disclaim it and I want to say that I am fully familiar with what has happened and I have never known any case where any person did actually do a business act for the purpose of a personal profit," Mr. Rosensohn was quoted by Dr. Kaplan.

"As far as I know, no one ever charged or thought of charging dishonesty in the sense of taking money or property for his or their personal gain, money or property belonging to the Z.O.A., the U.P.A., or any other body against any member of the administration," Mr. de Haas was quoted by Dr. Kaplan.

Preliminary statements were made with regard to this aspect by Abraham Ruttenberg for the opposition and Morris Rozensberg for the administration, the administration contending that the general public was given the impression, due to the charges made at the Washington conference and due to oral and written statements by opposition spokesmen, that the administration was accused of personal dishonesty.

Following a recess of ten minutes, during which the Judges conferred on the subject, Judge Lazansky declared that the court of inquiry does not find it necessary to probe charges of a personal nature in view of the fact that such charges have never been made. He hopes a statement to this

effect will be issued. The committee will go into the general charges formulated by the opposition in so far as they will not involve the entire volume of the administration business. Judge Lazansky limited the inquiry to the following three points: (1) American Zion Commonwealth; (2) Palestine Securities, Inc.; (3) The allocation of funds for the Zionist publications, "The New Palestine" and "Dos Yiddishe Folk."

With regard to the Zion Commonwealth the salient point of the proceedings was the charge made by the opposition that Mr. Lipsky had on December 14, 1926, issued a guarantee to the Central Mercantile Bank in the amount of \$180,000, covering a debt incurred by the American Zion Commonwealth some time previous. Mr. Tulin, who presented the case of the opposition, charged that Mr. Lipsky issued the guarantee without having been authorized by the Administrative Committee and having denied the issuance after the charge was made at the Washington conference.

Morris Rothenberg and Mr. Lipsky in presenting the case of the administration, told of the close relation that existed between the Zion Commonwealth and the Zionist Organization and of the moral responsibility which the Zionist Organization has always had for the Zion Commonwealth, involving a vital interest of the Zionist movement both in the United States and in Palestine. The guarantee was issued by Mr. Lipsky on December 14, 1926 following the adoption of a resolution on December 7, 1926, by the United Palestine Appeal to secure a credit not exceeding half a million dollars to save the affairs of the Zion Commonwealth. The denial was issued in reply to the charge made by Mr. Berenson that Mr. Lipsky had signed notes in the amount of \$285,000. The existence of the guarantee of \$180,000 was not remembered by Mr. Lipsky at the time.

Judge Julian W. Mack, who was also invited to be present, in a letter to Judge Rozalsky declared that his engagements would have made it impossible for him to be present even if he had evidence to present. The letter stated further that Judge Mack personally made no charges of specific facts. He was satisfied to advise others who declared to him that they have such proof to appear before the committee.

A more detailed report of the proceedings will be given in a subsequent issue of the Bulletin.

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kov, editor of the "Emes" was purely personal. "The Ozet and the Communist party apologized to me for his tactlessness and I replied that I was sorry for Litvakov's provocation. I never apologized to Litvakov, as was reported.

"The Jewish writers in Russia fear Litvakov, but the Russian writers do not and they greeted me warmly. I never said I am against a class struggle, but against a class tendency in literature," he stated.

Mr. Asch said he will go to London where he will present his impressions on the Russian colonies to Felix M. Warburg and Louis Marshall.

ROUMANIAN JEWISH GROUPS UNITE FOR JEWISH ACTION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, June 18.—Representatives of Jewish organizations in the Old Kingdom, Transylvania and Bukovina, have decided to act in unison in all internal matters affecting Jewish rights in the country.

The new situation was brought about at a conference of organization representatives which took place here and in which Dr. William Filderman, president of the Union of Rumanian Jews, Dr. Niemerover, member of the Senate, Senator Horiah Carp and Dr. Meyer Ebner of Bukovina, participated. Leon Fischer, vice-president of the United Rumanian Jews of America was also present.

The conference decided to create a central committee to coordinate the activities of the participant organizations and to plan joint action in all Rumanian Jewish questions. It will be the purpose of this committee to hasten the proper organization of the Jewish communities in Bessarabia which is now a part of Roumania.

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