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ARABS, EUROPEANS AND JEWS TO BE EMPLOYED IN HAIFA HARBOR CONSTRUCTION

Assurance Given by Major Ormsby-Gore

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, July 17.—Arabs, Europeans and Jews will be given employment in the Haifa Harbor construction work, was the assurance given the House of Commons by Major Ormsby-Gore, Under-Secretary of the Colonial Office.

In reply to a question raised by Col. Bury as to whether the work will be confined to Europeans or whether Arabs will be included, Major Ormsby-Gore stated that "some Arabs, some Europeans and some Jews" will be employed.

In reply to a question by Colonel Wedgwood as to whether provisions will be made in the contracts that fair wages be paid and that Jews be employed at the Haifa Harbor construction, Major Ormsby-Gore stated that the detailed conditions of labor will be arranged when the terms of the tender are discussed.

LORD BALFOUR TO ATTAIN 80th BIRTHDAY JULY 25

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, July 17.—Lord Balfour will celebrate his 80th birthday on July 25. It became known today that a group of members of the House of Commons and of the House of Lords are raising a fund to present Lord Balfour with an appropriate gift on this occasion.

Winston Churchill and Lord Derby are taking a leading part in raising the fund. It was stated that a motor car will in all probability be the gift determined upon.

COLONISTS UNION CONTENT WITH AGENCY REPORT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 17.—Satisfaction with the recommendations of the Jewish Agency Commission concerning the program of consolidation and subsequent expansion of the agricultural settlement was expressed by the Colonists Union.

In a cable addressed to Dr. Weizmann, Louis Marshall and Lord Melchett, the Union welcomes the recommendations of the Jewish Agency Commission and expresses its hope that means will be found to carry out the program as outlined.

URGE WORLD PEACE CONGRESS TO PROTEST AGAINST ANTI- SEMITIC PROPOGANDA

Ask Appointment of Committee to Formulate Program of Combating Prejudice

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Geneva, July 17.—A petition urging the World Peace Congress which is in session in Warsaw "to protest against the propagation of anti-Semitism" in European countries, was submitted to the General Secretary of the International Peace Bureau here.

The move was made by the Jewish Women's League, the body which was largely responsible for the adoption by the World Peace Congress at its 26th annual session held in 1926 in Geneva, of a resolution condemning the anti-Semitic movement and particularly the anti-Semitic outbreaks and practices in the European universities and colleges. The Women's League urged the World Peace Congress not only to reaffirm the resolution adopted in 1926, but also to elect a committee of ten leading European personages who are active in the international peace movement to formulate a program of combating anti-Semitism in behalf of the peace movement. The Women's League pointed out in its memorandum that since 1926 many anti-Semitic outbreaks occurred in various countries, particularly in Roumania.

The General Secretary of the International Peace Bureau informed the Women's League that the Committee on Current Questions of the World Peace Congress will give its consideration to the proposal.

LOST JEWISH MEMBER OF "ITALIA," LUZATTI'S GRANDSON

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Rome, July 17.—Aldo Pontremoli, the lost Jewish member of the Italia crew who participated in Noble's expedition for the purpose of carrying on scientific observations, is a grandson of the late Italian Jewish statesman Luigi Luzatti. Pontremoli's mother was the daughter of the late Italian Prime Minister.

Pontremoli studied at Cambridge under the great physicist Prof. Sir Ernest Rutherford. Prof. Albert Einstein was also acquainted with Pontremoli's scientific work, which he admired, it was stated here.

YIDDISH CHAIR AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY MAY BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN A YEAR

Authorities Seek Suitable Candidate to Undertake Course

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 17.—The Yiddish chair at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, for which David Shapiro, publisher of the New York Yiddish daily "The Day" has undertaken to provide a fund of \$100,000 and to which opposition was raised in Hebraist circles, may be set up and begin to function within a year, it was learned following the return here from London of Dr. Judah L. Magnes, Chancellor of the Hebrew University.

The proposal to accept the publisher's offer for the establishment of the Yiddish chair was accepted a year ago by Dr. Magnes during his visit to New York. Hebraist opponents of the plan argued that the creation of a chair for the instruction of the Yiddish language and literature at the Hebrew University at this time, before other departments are fully established and equipped, would be premature.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns that these objections have been overcome by the decision of the University authorities to proceed with the establishment of the Yiddish chair slowly, preceding it by solving the problems of the chairs for Philosophy, History, Bible and Semitic Philology. Under this plan the Yiddish chair may begin to function within a year.

The Hebrew University is now in search in the United States and Europe of a suitable candidate as an incumbent of the chair. A meeting of the Board of the Institute of Jewish Studies, of which the Yiddish chair will be a part, will be held at the end of August. If a suitable candidate is found and the recommendation is accepted by the Board, the professor of Yiddish might be invited to come to Jerusalem in about a year.

LIQUIDATION OF POALE ZION EVOKES PROTESTS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, July 17.—A series of mass meetings to protest against the action of the Soviet Government in liquidating the Zionist Labor party Left Poale Zion in Russia were called here.

At the first meeting held last night the adherents of the party charged the Soviet Government with unjustified action in suppressing the Left Poale Zion.

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JEWISH MEMBERS OF GERMAN SPORT SOCIETY FIGHT IN COURT AGAINST EXCLUSION Decision Reserved in Case; Central Europe Followed Legal Battle

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Berlin, July 2.—Jewish lovers of sport in Central Europe are following closely the legal battle which is being fought in the German courts between Jewish members of the German-Austrian Alpenverein, a sport organization, and the Alpenverein.

The case developed when seven Jewish members of the Berlin branch of the German-Austrian Alpenverein were excluded by the organization's board. The reason for the exclusion was the action taken by the Jewish members to establish a new Alpenverein society known as Alpenverein-Berlin E.V. The separate society was established, the Jewish members explained, because of the anti-Semitic tendencies displayed by the general Alpenverein board. The excluded members brought the case to court, which decided that the board had no authority to exclude these members because it was not properly elected. The Berlin branch of the Alps society then appealed to a higher court against the decision. The case came up on June 20th before the Kammergericht, with Judge Rackert as presiding officer.

Dr. Fleiss, the attorney representing the Jewish excluded members, submitted proof to show that the board of the Berlin branch had not been elected legally and therefore its decision to exclude the Jewish members is invalid. The subsequent action by the membership in endorsing the board's decision did not

J.D.B. NEWS LETTER

Golf Club Discrimination in Milwaukee Brought to Court

(By our Milwaukee Correspondent)

Milwaukee, Wis., July 15.—Judge Otto H. Breidenbach of the Circuit Court Wednesday overruled the demurrers in the suit of Max Polacheck against the Michiwankee Golf club, thereby giving the plaintiff and several other members of the organization a right to sue directors for conspiring tooust them because they are of the Jewish faith.

The suit instituted in May was the result of eight Jewish members of the club receiving notices from its officers requesting their resignations.

The other actions against the club and the Michiwankee Golf Club Land company are brought by Joseph M. Dribben and Charles and Adolph Polacheck.

The court, in deciding there was a cause of action, said, "The complaint in effect charges a conspiracy on the part of the defendants to harm and injure this group of members for whom they are trustees. In so acting, it is alleged, that defendants abused their trust and are guilty of gross misconduct. It is conceded that the plaintiff having obtained membership could not be arbitrarily expelled. The statement therefore in the complaint charging a conspiracy to bring about a result which could not be accomplished directly, coupled with the statement that such attempt was without just cause or provocation, sufficiently alleges bad faith on the part of the defendants."

The defendants, in filing their demurrer, admitted ousting the plaintiff, but alleged such action on their part did not produce a cause of action against them.

The complaint filed by Mr. Polacheck alleges that the purpose of the defendant Golf Club is to conduct the club for the "best interests of the members thereof," that in the organization of the said corporation a large number of men of Jewish faith were invited to, and did become original members; "that without cause or provocation, the directors . . . determined to request and did request by letter . . . the resignation of eight Jewish members of said corporation; that the plaintiff is informed and believes that the action of directors and officers in requesting the resignation of said members was but one step in a plan and conspiracy to cause the withdrawal from

change the situation materially, and besides, the act of exclusion in itself is unfair and contrary to usage, he contended. The court reserved decision on the case.

MUNICIPALITIES GRANTED TAXATION RIGHTS FOR EDUCATION BUDGET Elementary Education in Palestine Now Direct Concern of Local Populace (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 17. — Elementary education in Palestine will from now on become the direct concern of the local population working through its municipal or village government, according to an educational ordinance promulgated today by the government.

The ordinance recognizes every municipal or local council as the authority responsible for the public schools in the town or village. The municipalities are granted the right to impose special education taxes upon the population, to provide buildings and teachers for the schools, etc.

membership of the corporation of all members who were of Jewish faith;" that by said letter, the directors and officers "conspired together for the purpose of causing said eight members of Jewish faith, including this plaintiff, to whom was sent such a letter . . . to resign as members of said corporation and . . . cause other members of said corporation of Jewish faith to resign on account of the fact that they would naturally feel that they were undesirable and not wanted as members of said corporation, solely because of the fact of their Jewish faith;" "that in so conspiring and so acting the defendants individually named abused their trust and were guilty of gross misconduct."

Mr. Polacheck is also a member of the Michiwankee Golf Land company, which owns 120 acres of land in Fox Point now leased by the club. He refused to resign because the notice did not set forth the reason.

Judge Breidenbach signed an order for the examination of all the officers of the Michiwankee Golf club under the suits brought by Max Polacheck and others. The hearings were adjourned for a later date.

Ground was broken last Friday for the new Brynwood Country club golf links, located about five miles north of the city on Good Hope road, and about one-half mile west of the Tripoli Country club.

President Morris Stern, turned up the first earth in the presence of a number of charter members of the club.

Officers of the new club are Morris Stern, president; Dr. Louis Koppel, vice-president; I. G. Strauss, secretary, and Edward D. Fryer, treasurer. Directors are Ben Lewensauer, Nate Franklin, Michael Levin, Herman R. Blink, A. J. Bricker, Louis Rosenberg, William Zitron, Barney Rasansky, and E. P. Yolles.

JEWISH PRESS IN THE U. S. DISCUSSES OUTCOME OF ZIONIST CONVENTION

Editorial Comments Praise Sentiment but Show Concern Over Further Course in Zionist Affairs

The Jewish press in the United States and Canada devotes much space and attention to a consideration of the results of the Zionist convention in Pittsburgh and its possible effect on the fate of the movement in this country. Although the action of the majority of delegates, vindicating their leader and displaying a high measure of loyalty, is generally praised, both the administration and the opposition are taken to task in the press comments.

The *American Israelite*, Cincinnati: Rabbi Max Heller, writing in the *Israelite* sums up as follows.

"Will Zionism prestige suffer from a decision which puts us on the defensive? It has been, largely, though not all the way through, a division between the classes and the masses; the masses have won, it will be said, because they were swept away by their emotions. To this it may be reported that emotions, sometimes, well from instincts, and that intuitions have often proved wiser than cold reason.

"But there were not a few of us who had no personal ties to be swayed by who were untouched by animosities, remote from all selfish interests, calm and sober, on the whole, in the midst of the storm. The arguments which guided us were these: The irreplaceableness of Lipsky, conceded universally, even by his enemies, from first to last; his preeminent ability as a speaker and writer, his enormous prestige with the great masses, his invaluable experience; his great services to the cause in the course of thirty years; of modest, forceful, eminently successful leadership; his steadfast co-operation with Weizmann and all of the world leaders in the promotion of a Zionist policy which must not suffer interruption.

"The world outside of Zionism (and a small section within Zionism) may condemn us for clinging to a leader to whose shortcomings and errors we cannot be blind; it may denounce, with special emphasis, the many rabbis who are following the leadership of a man who has committed no personal dishonesty, but a number of grave irregularities, both financial and political; and we are willing to follow an imperfect leader; our trust in his supreme fitness has not been shaken materially; and we are tired of the suicidal practice which rewards heroic self-sacrifice with the thorn-crown of tragic martyrdom."

The *Detroit Jewish Chronicle*: "There was only one elevating period at the convention, and that was when Mr.

Lipsky read his excellent and beautiful message. But it ended right there. In his message Mr. Lipsky rose above controversy. He was guided by his love for Zion and his anxiety to see Palestine speedily redeemed. But he failed to keep the convention on the high plane he set for it in his message: except for the personal issues, not a single problem affecting Palestine was brought to the attention of the convention, until its closing moments. As a result, Mr. Lipsky was the victor but not Zionism.

"Both administration and opposition forces failed to lift an ideal above the narrowness of a personal conflict. Blame, therefore, for the turbulence and mob-rule of the meetings are attributable to both factions. The leaders of the two opposing groups have as a result lost in prestige. They came as giant champions of a giant cause, and they emerged as pygmies.

"Behold, how the mighty have fallen!"

The *Canadian Jewish Chronicle*, Montreal: "The Opposition have had their opportunity to force the spotlight on all the acts of the Administration and to air their grievances that had been accumulating for many years. Now that it has all been fought out in the open, there is no reason why all controversy over these matters should not now become a thing of the past and forgotten.

"For years we have been doing out utmost to bring the non-Zionist forces of America into alliance for the benefit of Palestine. After much arduous intrigue tangible results were achieved when the Commissioners on behalf of the Jewish Agency recently met in London and committed themselves to work for the restoration of Palestine.

"It would be nothing sort of tragic now if the Zionist forces themselves should waste their strength in internal dissensions. The Convention has voted confidence in Mr. Lipsky and his Executive. Their good deeds have outweighed their errors. From now on the controversial issues must be relegated to the scrapheap, and all must settle down again to the main business of Zionism."

The *Jewish Criterion*, Pittsburgh, writing on the "Case of Mr. Lipsky, concludes: "Mr. Lipsky is too valuable to the Zionist movement to in any way undermine his morale or to deprive itself of his services. It may be that as president the Organization requires a different type of mind exactly as some universities require a business man, a money-raiser, a hand-shaker and a politician all combined

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ARAB LEADERS TO UNITE IN DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT BY PALESTINE PARLIAMENT

Call Conference at Nablus to Formulate Stand

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 17. — The demand for creating in Palestine a representative government, calling into existence a Palestine parliament, may have the support of various Arab leaders.

An attempt to back these demands will be made during the coming weekend at Nablus, where a conference of Arab members of the municipal governments in Palestine towns and villages was called. The conference will be asked to endorse the resolutions adopted recently by the Arab Congress.

PROFESSOR A. A. MICHELSON UNDERGOES OPERATION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Chicago, July 17. — Successfully undergoing an operation on his bladder, Prof. Alfred A. Michelson, physicist and winner of the Nobel prize, was resting easily last night.

Professor Michelson, although in his seventy-fifth year, is in rugged health generally and an early recovery is expected. As soon as he regains sufficient strength he intends to proceed to California to further his experiments in studying the speed of light which made him famous and led to Einstein's theory of relativity.

The professor is head of the Physics Department of the University of Chicago.

COMMUNICATION TO the EDITOR

Sir: In the passing of Rabbi Solomon Polachek, the Jewish world has lost not only one of its outstanding scholars, but also one of its most saintly characters. He was one of those men, who by their beauty of soul, make intellectual power meaningful and inspiring. It always seemed to me that his rare and sensitive spirit found something wanting in our American life, which even in its intellectual expression tends to be coarse and gross. It may not be generally known that he looked forward to an old age, when he might retire to a small, quiet, rural locality, to spend his last years in communion with God, Nature and the Torah. This hope was not destined to be fulfilled, and here he died among us, little knowing how widespread was the affection and reverence in which he was held.

There is of course nothing that we can do that will in any way add to the sacredness in which his memory will be held by all those who came under his influence. It is my hope, however, that the Jewish community will rise to the occasion and provide, in accordance with its own wealth and ability, for the family whom he has left behind. I trust that something has already been toward undertaking such a project, and if so I wish to offer those who are in charge of it, whatever aid I am capable of giving.

Very sincerely yours,

Louis Finkelstein,

Rabbi, Congregation Kehilath Israel, Bronx, New York, July 15, 1928.

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in their president. Then they have a dean. It is regrettable that this matter could not have been threshed out in secret; as there is nothing that is of value to the general public except to give it the opportunity for gossip and unfavorable comment, all of which does the Zionist movement no good.

"That wash line that was displayed in the public's front yard could just as well have been hung out in the back yard of the Zionists and the same result could have been achieved."

Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle, Milwaukee: "The Pittsburgh convention did the Zionist movement no good, but we don't think it did it any harm. It would be sad reflection on the soundness of the movement itself that a personal squabble of its leaders could affect it for good or evil. There was no principle or fundamental issue involved. Whether the Zionist Organization of America be governed by a President with or without administrative power, or by a committee, cabinet, praesidium or council of seven is of little moment to the ultimate success of the Palestine project.

"It was a beautiful tribute the delegates paid to Louis Lipsky by reflecting him to leadership in recognition of his thirty years of labor for the movement. To have ousted Lipsky under personal fire at this time would have been the height of ingratitude and disloyalty to a man who has practically sacrificed his life to the cause. But the vociferous shouts of exultation and victory of his partisan followers and their derisive jibes at his losing opponents may become doleful dirges if Louis Lipsky is to be such an issue as to threaten an irreparable division in the organization. Be it to the credit and glory of Louis Lipsky that he sensed such an "issue" in his own personality and decided before the convention to withdraw from leadership in the interest of peace and harmony. But charges were openly made against his personal honesty at the convention and he was forced to compromise his word to save his honor by standing for re-election. He acted logically and rightly. The charges against him were withdrawn

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JEWISH ARBITRATION COURT CREATED IN PHILADELPHIA

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Philadelphia, July 17.—The Jewish Court of Arbitration, an organization with the purpose of settling differences between individuals outside of the legal courts, held its first session last week. The court consisted of Judge William M. Lewis, Jacob Ginsburg, and Abraham Berkowitz, an assistant District Attorney.

The court is conducted under the auspices of the Kehillah. The membership of the court will be changed in order to include men who are particularly fitted to judge the merits of the case to be heard. In each case, however, the court is to consist of a Judge, a business man and a lawyer.

JEWISH SCHOLAR GETS WARSAW UNIVERSITY POST

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, July 17.—Dr. Meir Balaban, well-known Polish Jewish scholar, was appointed by the Minister of Education to fill the post of instructor in the chair for Jewish history and literature at the University of Warsaw.

The chair was established recently. A special feature of the course will be research in the history of Polish Jewry.

by those who uttered them and there is now a deplorable side-issue fight among the "opposition" leaders themselves as to who was responsible for the unfortunate accusations. This miserable dispute and all personal quarreling must cease, and if the personal leadership of Louis Lipsky is to persist as on "issue" to the detriment of the movement, then Mr. Lipsky should be permitted to withdraw. No movement worth while is entirely dependent on one man, and no one man is indispensable to any worth while movement. If Zionism is a democratic ideal it cannot afford to hero-worship any individual.

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