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### WEIZMANN EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN NON-ZIONIST CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE

Comments on Melchett Statements, Was Not Surprised

Upon his arrival in New York on the steamer Ile de France late Tuesday night, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, reiterated his confidence in the outcome of the Non-Zionist Conference on Palestine convoked by Mr. Louis Marshall for October 20, which he will address.

When asked by the representative of the Jewish Daily Bulletin concerning Lord Melchett's statements on the Jewish Agency, Dr. Weizmann admitted that he was aware of the publication of these statements, but added that he was not surprised. "It is true Lord Melchett has not yet been invited to join the Jewish Agency," the Zionist leader said, adding that he will confer with Melchett on the subject during his stay in New York.

Commenting on Lord Melchett's opinion that the Agency must confine itself to diplomatic work, Dr. Weizmann stated: "It is impossible. Diplomatic work in connection with Palestine must be carried out by one person. If one joins the Agency, one must undertake the entire work. The Agency must become the apparatus for all parts of the work which leads to the reconstruction of Palestine as the Jewish National Home. It is interesting that Lord Melchett's view is just the opposite of what is being de-

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### SOVIET EXTENDS CREDITS TO JEWISH COLONIES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Oct. 17.—The allocation of credits to the Jewish colonies for the year 1928-1929 was announced by the Soviet Government and the sum of 315,000 roubles appropriated for the first quarter. Of this sum, 182,000 roubles was appropriated for Biro-Bidjan.

The budget for 1928-1929 provides 125,000 roubles in unredeemable credits for the building of roads and schools and for medical aid; 190,000 in redeemable credits for houses, seed and livestock. In unredeemable credits, Biro-Bidjan will get 102,000 roubles, White Russia 10,000, Ukraine 7,000, Caucasus, Dagestan and Usbekistan 2,000 each; in redeemable credits 8,000 roubles will go to Biro-Bidjan, 25,000 to White Russia, 10,000 to Crimea, 30,000 to Cherson, 28,000 to Krivoy Rog and 7,000 each to Zaporozje and Mariupol.

### NEW YORK KOSHER BUTCHERS THREATEN TO CALL STRIKE BEGINNING FRIDAY

8,000 Meat Sellers Protest High Prices Imposed by Slaughter Houses

The Jewish population in Greater New York will be unable to obtain kosher meat beginning Friday, October 19, if the strike threatened by the Kosher butchers will go into effect. It was estimated that the kosher butchers in the metropolitan area number 8,000.

Several days ago the Kosher Butchers Organizations in Brooklyn and Harlem convoked meetings at which it was charged that the wholesale prices on Kosher meat have reached unparalleled heights and the owners of the slaughtering houses were responsible for the exorbitant prices. The butchers decided to call a strike. They plan to abstain from purchasing meat and will offer poultry to their customers. A meeting of the kosher butchers in the Bronx held Tuesday at Hunts Point Palace, Southern Boulevard and 163rd Street, they decided to join the action. From four to five hundred butchers were present. It was predicted that the strike will last about two weeks.

The existence of a meat trust was said by some to be the cause of the high prices.

### POLISH PRESIDENT GRANTS CLEMENCY TO RABBI

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Oct. 17.—A decree of executive clemency was signed by President Moscicki releasing Hirsch Frenkel, assistant rabbi of Tarnopol, from military imprisonment for refusing to obey the order of his superior officer in the Polish army to shave his beard and earlocks.

### START SABBATH OBSERVANCE DRIVE IN FINLAND

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Helsingfors, Oct. 17.—A Sabbath observance campaign has been inaugurated by Orthodox Jewish leaders here. Signatures are being obtained from Jewish merchants who undertake to close their shops on the Sabbath.

### FIRE DESTROYS JEWISH HOMES IN ROUMANIAN TOWN

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Oct. 17.—Thirteen Jewish homes were destroyed in the township Targu-neatz by a fire which broke out last night. The damage was estimated at 20,000,000 lei. The families, who were only partly insured, remained roofless.

### SETTLERS IN BUREYA DISAPPOINTED, PREFER CHARGES AGAINST OZET, SPONSOR

Moscow Communist Organ Publishes Denial

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Oct. 17.—Charges of mismanagement and brutality toward the Jewish settlers in Bureya, who went there under the auspices and with the encouragement of the Ozet, a society for the settlement of the Jews on the land in Russia, were made by the settlers at a meeting held in Chabarovsk on September 15, states a report in the Russian newspaper "Tichonkeyanskaya Zvezda."

Fifty-five percent of the settlers who preceded to Bureya and who were mainly the hardest workers were compelled to return, due to this condition. The new arrivals found in Bureya nothing prepared and were compelled to live in train cars, due to the lack of houses. The promises made to the prospective settlers that they would be able to earn five roubles a day on the rice plantations were proven false. They earned seventy-five and in some cases fifty Kopeks daily. The tracts of land given to them could not be worked because of the lack of livestock. The horses which were there died of the Sibirskaya Yazvo (Siberian pest) due to neglect, the settlers complained at the meeting. The charges of brutality were directed especially against the administrator in charge, Baskin, who refused to listen to the settlers' complaints and even resorted to physical violence in ejecting complainants from his office.

These charges were taken up today by the Moscow Communist Yiddish daily, "Emes." The newspaper, which sponsored the transmigration movement to Bureya, denies these allegations and as evidence cites a report of the same meeting received by the Mos-

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### HABIMAH MARKS TENTH ANNIVERSARY IN BERLIN

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Oct. 17.—The tenth anniversary of the founding of the Habimah, Hebrew theatre of Moscow, was celebrated at a gathering held at the Kaiserhof Hotel presided over by General Consul Landau.

Telegrams of greeting were received from the famous Russian Art Theatre director, Stanislawski, and Prof. Jessner of the Prussian State Theatre. Among the speakers were Arnold Zweig, Alfred Kerr and Herr Gronemann.

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**MARRIAGE OF KAISER'S SON TO  
JEWESS REPORTED AND DENIED**  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Oct. 17.—Eitel Friedrich, the second son of former Kaiser Wilhelm, was married to Mrs. Joseph Schwarz, the widow of the late Jewish opera singer, baritone of the Chicago Opera Company.

The bride of the ex-Kaiser's son is the daughter of Paul Eisenberg, a native of Brunswick, Germany. She was formerly married to Herman Silken, American millionaire coffee merchant. He has been married once before. On his death Joseph Schwartz left his widow an estate said to amount to \$5,000,000.

An Associated Press despatch from Baden-Baden, Germany states that Mrs. Stelchen-Schwarz of New York, at her chateau, Martin Hall, today denied with the same vigor as six months ago rumors that she had been married to or intended to become the bride of Prince Eitel Friedrich, second son of the former Kaiser. "It is terrible nonsense," she said, "and most annoying."

Julius S. Berg, whose statement in the New York press demanding further action in the Massena case was criticized by a reader in a letter to the editor published in the Jewish Daily Bulletin of October 9, declared in a communication to the Bulletin that he made the statement "not as an individual assuming authority to speak for American Jewry, but as Commander-in-Chief of the Jewish Veterans of the Wars of the Republic."

He added that he also acted in behalf of the Louis Fleischmann Benevolent Society, a Jewish organization of the Bronx which passed a resolution endorsing his opinion that the resignation of Mayor Hawes be demanded. The Anti-Defamation League, an organization of English Jews, passed a resolution at its last regular meeting of more than 110 men, endorsing my action thus far and asking me to continue to press for the resignation of Mayor Hawes." Mr. Berg wrote.

**LEADING NON-ZIONISTS  
EMPHASIZE SIGNIFICANCE OF  
FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE**

"Palestine deserves the support of Jews all over the world," is the view of James Marshall, son of Louis Marshall, who has taken an active interest in the movement to promote a united front among the Jews of America in connection with the proposed enlarged Jewish Agency. Mr. Marshall, in a special statement issued on the eve of the Non-Zionist Conference, to be held at the Hotel Biltmore on October 20-21, defines his attitude toward Palestine as follows:

"Although for a long time I doubted the wisdom of the entire Palestinian project and its possibility of attaining success, after visiting the country a year and a half ago and spending a month there and in the vicinity, I have no hesitancy in saying that Palestine deserves the support of Jews all over the world.

"Anyone who has come in contact with the people now in Palestine and seen the results of their heroic efforts and been witness to the vitality of their Judaism, cannot question the importance of this movement as a rejuvenating influence in the lives of the Jewish people in the Diaspora. While the land is too small to affect to any appreciable extent relief of the economic position of Jewry of Eastern Europe, the freedom of the Jews of Palestine from political and economic oppression will afford them the opportunity of developing new and broader aspects of their relations to other peoples and give new impetus to their intellectual and spiritual lives.

"The historic background afforded by Palestine presents an element which is not present in any other land. The people there are conscious of this. Our support of their efforts will yield richly to us in greater self-respect and pride in the recuperative powers of our old traditions.

"The most important Jewish gathering ever held in this country," is the manner in which David A. Brown, national chairman of the United Jewish Campaign, characterized the forthcoming Non-Zionist Conference.

"Since the inception of Zionism thirty years ago, since the inauguration of the first Jewish colonies in Palestine forty-five years ago, no step taken within Jewry has been so fraught with fruitful possibilities as the calling of the Non-Zionist Conference.

"During the entire course of the modern Palestinian movement there has never been such a scientific study of the country as the one completed by the Joint Palestine Survey Commission. Never has the rapprochement on the subject of Palestine between the opposing Jewish sections been so

**COLONEL WEDGWOOD  
EXPLAINS HIS SEVENTH  
DOMINION IDEA**  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Oct. 17.—Col. Josiah Wedgwood, British Labor M. P. and staunch supporter of the Zionist movement, gave detailed explanations of his idea that Palestine become the Seventh Dominion with the British Empire, advocated in his book, "The Seventh Dominion," published recently.

Col. Wedgwood attended a meeting of the party committee of the League of Zionist Revisionists held at the home of Richard Lichtheim, one of the group leaders. In his explanation, Col. Wedgwood stated that the Seventh Dominion idea would become applicable after the expiration of the Mandate period, when Palestine should become a full-fledged Jewish dominion within the Empire.

In the discussion which followed, it is reported, it became clear that Wedgwood's idea is closely related to the demands of the Zionist Revisionists and it was decided to submit the matter for final endorsement at a forthcoming Revisionist Conference to be held in Vienna.

"near as at this moment. I regard the Non-Zionist Conference as the most important Jewish gathering ever held in this country, and perhaps the most important held in the world for a generation.

"The differences between the Zionist and non-Zionist Jews are, to my mind, as deep-seated as the differences between the Catholics and the Protestants. Any movement to bring the last two together would certainly be an historic event. To unite the Jews of the world upon the problem of Palestine would have seemed impossible but ten years ago. That this possibility has now become a probability and may in the near future become a reality is of surpassing import," concluded Mr. Brown.

Ben Selling, leading philanthropist in the northwest, answering a series of questions submitted to him with regard to the Non-Zionist Conference, expressed his attitude on the problems facing the Conference as follows:

"I favor the cooperation of all Jewry to assist in the economic development of Palestine.

"I believe that the Jews in the America should participate in the proposed Agency, the American Jews to control the Agency.

"I favor the cultural and spiritual development of Palestine as a center to which all Jews turn.

"I doubt if Palestine can in any way solve the economic problems of Eastern European Jewry.

"The upbuilding of Palestine is the concern of all Jewry and should not be delegated to any one organization."

## AMENDMENT OF THE NATURALIZATION LAW URGED BY LABOR DEPARTMENT to Facilitate Completion of Records and Issuance of Citizenship Certificates

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, October 17.—Amendment of the naturalization laws whereby certificates of citizenship will be issued to the children of fathers who become naturalized during the minority of the children, is among a number of proposed changes in the naturalization laws suggested by Arthur E. Cook, secretary to the Secretary of Labor, in an address made public by the Department of Labor here.

"For years citizenship has been conferred upon a large number of foreign born persons without any action on their part whatsoever," Mr. Cook stated in his address.

They have derived their citizenship through their fathers who were naturalized or through their husbands at the time that the citizenship of the wife followed that of her husband.

No certificates of citizenship have ever been issued or authorized by Congress to these citizens. They find themselves in great difficulties because of their inability to prove their claim to American citizenship. Projected legislation provides that such individuals may apply for certificates of citizenship and, after proving their claim, to receive certificates attesting to their American citizenship.

In discussing various other desirable amendments to the naturalization laws, Mr. Cook said that Secretary Davis has repeatedly recommended that this law be amended so that those who entered the United States prior to the quota law of 1924 may have the record of entry into the United States amended or created so as to permit the issuance of the necessary certificate from such record.

As the result of repeated recommendations, agitation, and number of bills presented to Congress, the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization reported a bill to the House of Representatives, to enable those desiring aliens to perfect the record of their entry so that they may complete their applications for citizenship. It is hoped that this bill will pass both Houses of Congress at the coming session.

Another provision of the law may be referred to by way of illustration more readily than otherwise. We will consider three immigrants who landed in New York City something over five years ago and took out their first papers shortly thereafter. In two years two of them moved to Buffalo and at the end of another two years one of them moved to Jersey City. They recently applied for naturalization.

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## J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

### Community Work Among Jewish Student Groups

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Austin, Texas, Oct. 16.—With the opening of the current school session, the Patrons League for the Jewish Students of the University of Texas began its second year of existence by announcing a program which includes lectures by distinguished speakers, the first by Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

When the Jewish student-body of the University of Texas, located here, passed the 200 mark last year it was felt that the occasional and irregular attempts which had been previously made to care for the intellectual, moral, social and physical welfare of these students would no longer suffice, and the Patrons' League, a statewide organization, permanent in nature, was brought into being. During the past year the organization enrolled 105 members, consisting of former students, parents of students, and other friends of the university.

Among the league's accomplishments during the past year are: Supplementing the funds of Congregation Beth Israel of Austin so that the rabbi would be able to function for the student-body as well as the community; providing funds for the traveling expenses of rabbis and laymen who come to Austin to address the Jewish students, furnishing prayer-books at Temple Beth Israel for use by students; providing an opportunity for the students' presence at Passover Seders.

Dr. Hyman J. Ettlinger, professor of pure mathematics, who was recently named director of university athletics, is executive secretary of the Patrons' League and Rabbi Henry Cohen of Galveston is general chairman.

Pittsburgh, Pa., October 17.—Phi Sigma Sigma, national Jewish fraternity, will hold its annual convention in Pittsburgh this year, December 24th, 25th and 26th. Convention headquarters will be established at the Wilkerson Penna Hotel, where the Pittsburgh chapter, headed by Miss Helen Lelkowitz and assisted by Miss Margaret Segal, president of the Pittsburgh group, will act as host to visiting delegates.

The Pittsburgh chapter was recently named as being the leader in scholastic attainment from among a list of eighteen non-Jewish as well as Jewish fraternities on the University of Pittsburgh campus.

Aiming towards a union in their work at a conference recently held by the rabbis and presidents of Pittsburgh's three Conservative congregations, the Tree of Life, B'nai Israel, and Beth Shalom, it was decided to call together the various groups in these congregations several times during the season for the purpose of presenting common problems. Taking

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## PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ISSUES OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON WAILING WALL INCIDENT Deplores Shock to Worshipers; Points to Need for Consultation with Government

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Jerusalem, Sept. 26.—The Government attitude with regard to the incident which occurred on Yom Kippur at the Wailing Wall is set forth in an official statement, the text of which follows.

"On the evening of the 23d of September, the eve of the Day of Atonement," it says, "a complaint was made to the Deputy District Commissioner, Jerusalem, by the Mutawali of the Abu Madiun Waqi, in which the pavement and the whole area around the Western or Wailing Wall is vested, to the effect that a dividing screen had been affixed to the pavement adjoining the Wall, and that other innovations had been made in the established practice, such as the introduction of additional petrol lamps, a number of mats and a tabernacle or ark much larger than was customary. The Deputy District Commissioner visited the Wall during the evening service, and, acting in accordance with the practice established by Government, decided that the screen would have to be removed before the service on the following day. He gave instructions accordingly to the beadle in charge of the arrangements for the conduct of the services, at the Wall, reserving his decision in the matter of the lamps, the mats and the ark. The beadle undertook to remove the screen and the Deputy District Commissioner gave him until early the following morning to do so. The Deputy District Commissioner accepted the beadle's assurance that his instructions would be carried out, at the same time informing the British Police Officer on duty that in the event of the beadle not complying with his undertaking the screen was to be removed.

"On the following morning the Police Officer visited the Wall and, finding that the screen had not been removed, asked members of the congregation present to take it away; they replied that they were unable to move it because of the holiness of the day. The Police therefore removed the screen themselves. The worshippers in general, unaware of the circumstances that had gone before and seeing only the police in the act of removing the screen which had been used to separate the men and the women, became excited and some of them endeavored by force to prevent the screen being taken away. Ultimately the screen was removed. The importation of the screen and its attachment to the pavement constituted an infraction of the status quo, which the Government was unable to permit. At the same time the Government deeply deplores the shock that was caused to large numbers of religious people on a day so holy to Jews. The Government understands the beadle re-

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manded by the various oppositional groups, including the Jabotinsky group. These groups are opposed to the Agency just because of their unwillingness to intrust the political work of the Zionist movement to non-Zionist elements and insist, therefore, that the Agency must confine itself to economic work."

The results of the Non-Zionist Conference will be acted upon by the General Council of the Zionist Organization which will meet in Berlin on or about December 10, when the final word concerning the Jewish Agency will be said.

Questioned with regard to the Wailing Wall incident, the Zionist leader stated that it was a painful event and that he had protested to the League of Nations and to the British Government. "I am of the opinion that a change in the Wailing Wall question must be brought about during this year," he declared.

When asked what he thinks of the Zionist Opposition in the United States, Dr. Weizmann replied, "Nothing."

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part in the conference were Rabbi Herman Halperin, Tree of Life, Rabbi B. A. Licher, B'nai Israel, and Rabbi Goodman A. Rose, Beth Shalom, as well as Emanuel Dym, Saul Schein, and M. L. Averb, presidents, respectively, of the three congregations.

Among the combined activities planned are a get-together for the junior societies of the three congregations, a combined Union Thanksgiving Service, November 28th, a meeting of the three Men's Clubs with Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan, of New York, the speaker, a meeting of the three sisterhoods, and a dinner on June 10th in the Schenley Hotel.

The thirty-seventh anniversary of Founders' Day was celebrated at the J. M. Guskay Hebrew Orphanage and Home. A. L. Solomon, president of the orphanage, presided. Dr. Samuel H. Goldenson, of the Rodef Shalom Temple, Judge Josiah Cohen, of the Allegheny County Court of Appeals, first president of the home and now president emeritus, Arnold Deustelbaum, superintendent, and Dr. L. B. Bernstein, executive director of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Pittsburgh, were the speakers. The annual presentation of scholarships was made by Louis Caplan, secretary of the home.

Montreal, October 15.—Practically all the leading members of the Jewish community of Montreal attended the dedication and formal opening of the Montreal

### AMENDMENT OF THE NATURALIZATION LAW URGED BY LABOR DEPARTMENT

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New York City has been made a citizen of the United States. The one who went to Buffalo and remained cannot secure his citizenship although he is wholly desirable as a citizen. He cannot find two citizens of the United States who have known him for the full five years he has resided in this country because of his removal from New York City to Buffalo. The law will not permit him to use two witnesses for the New York City residence and two for the Buffalo residence.

The one who went to Jersey City has secured his citizenship, for the law permits him to prove by depositions his residence outside of New Jersey. While the law does not permit the resident of Buffalo to prove his residence in the State in any other way than by two personal witnesses who have known him for five years, it will permit his brother who went to Jersey City to prove residence in New York City by one set of depositions and his residence in Buffalo by another set of depositions. This wholly unnecessary rigidity in the law has also been recommended repeatedly by Secretary Davis for modification.

Hebrew Old People's and Sheltering Home Sunday afternoon. The Hon. Athanasius David, Provincial Secretary, formally declared the Home open and was presented with a souvenir key from H. M. Levinoc, the president of the Home. Alderman Fortin represented Mayor Houde of Montreal and congratulated the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies for the fine work they are doing in looking after the Jewish needy in Montreal. Michael Hirsch, honorary president of the Federation, acted as chairman. Solomon Levinson, well-known communal worker, laid the final stone marking the completion of the building.

The building, which cost approximately \$150,000, was made possible first through the generous grant of \$50,000 from the Provincial Government. A grant of \$25,000 from Elijah and Isaac Silverstone, and their sisters the Misses Annie and Flora Silverstone, was also announced.

Among the speakers were Peter Bercovitch, K.C., M.L.A., who also stressed the need of a Jewish hospital in Montreal and predicted that it would not be long before those present would be gathered together to celebrate the opening of such a hospital.

The Jewish school question in Montreal was touched upon by Lyon Cohen, who stated that Montreal Jews were now contemplating erecting a system of schools in the city of Montreal and hoped that the taxes on the proposed Jewish schools would be remitted as they are now on the Protestant and Catholic schools.

### SETTLERS IN BUREYA DIS- APPOINTED, PREFER CHARGES AGAINST OZET, SPONSOR

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cow headquarters of the Comzet, governmental department for Jewish land settlement. This report shows that the meeting was convoked by the Ozet and there were present at the meeting the Ozet representatives, Robinson and Kashkes, who asked the settlers to voice their complaints. The report further shows, states the "Emes," that some of the settlers made the charges as quoted in the Tichonkoye paper but others defended the Ozet and directed their accusation only against the administrator, Baskin.

The "Emes" emphasizes that the transmigrants have not complained against Biro-Bidjan as such but against the Ozet management. The newspaper further quotes the remarks made at the meeting by Mr. Robinson who, after hearing the settlers' complaints, condemned what he termed the exaggerations and admitted that the apparatus of the Ozet for handling the colonization work was badly prepared. Some of the administrators were unfit; the flood and the appearance of the Siberian pest, as well as the annoyance of the mosquitoes were unexpected. He also admitted that the settlers' earnings were much smaller than the Ozet anticipated.

### PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ISSUES OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON WALLING WALL INCIDENT

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possible for the innovation which caused the incident has been dealt with by the Jewish authorities, and on their side have impressed the Jewish authorities with the need, manifested in connection with the incidents at the Wall in 1922 and 1925 and again on this occasion, for prior consultation with the proper officers of Government as to the arrangements for the services at the Wall on the principal Jewish holidays.

"No Jewish Police Officer was present at the Wall on the occasion in question owing to all Jewish officers in Jerusalem being excused from duty for the Day of Atonement. The Government will, however, consider the desirability of a responsible Jewish Officer being included in future among the officers detailed for duty at the Wall on solemn Jewish holy days.

"In conclusion, the Government considers that the removal of the screen was necessary, but regrets all the circumstances attending that removal."

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