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Roumanian Government Says Reports of Students' Riots Have Been Exaggerated

**Official Statement Released Through
Legation in Washington; Guilty
Students Expelled**
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Roumanian Legation at Washington, D. C., just received the following statement from the Roumanian Government in connection with the latest news published in the American press with regard to the student riots in Roumania: "Mr. Landau, Jewish Member of Parliament, requested the Government not to authorize the Christian Students' Congress at Craiova, inasmuch as that meeting was intended to be turned into an anti-Semitic manifestation. Minister Costachescu replied that neither the Government nor the University authorities have any constitutional powers to prevent such meetings, but that all steps had been taken to maintain order in accord with the students' organizations who pledged their sincere collaboration. The fact that the Congress was held in perfect order fully justifies the attitude of the Government.

"The incidents at Cluj and Timisoara have not been provoked by the students."
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KISCH, RUTENBERG, HEXTER ON RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 18.—The Reconstruction Committee charged with the task of rehabilitating the Jewish colonies destroyed in the recent disturbances and in mitigating the sufferings of the refugees by disbursing the Palestine Emergency Relief Fund, is composed of Col. Frederick Kisch, Pinchas Rutenberg and Dr. Maurice Hexter.

Revisionists in Paris Condemn

Utterances of Dr. Judah Magnes
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, Dec. 18.—Hillel Zlatopolosky, Professor Koulischer and others spoke at a meeting convoked by Zionist Revisionist students here yesterday. A message was read from Isaac Naiditch, noted European Zionist leader, in which he protested against Dr. Magnes's breaking of academic and national traditions.

Prison Term for Blasphemers

In New Palestine Ordinance
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 18.—Anyone uttering a word or a sound calculated to outrage the religious feelings or beliefs of another is liable to one year in prison, according to the terms of the blasphemy ordinance just made public here.

ARAB MALCONTENTS WHO SEEK TO RID PALESTINE OF MANDATE BUT DARE NOT ATTACK BRITISH, USE JEWS AS SCAPEGOATS, VETERAN COLONIST SAYS

Ludwig Deniss He Favors Parliament in Palestine

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 18.—Emil Ludwig, the noted German author now visiting Palestine, categorically denied the statement attributed to him by the Arabic press that he favored a Palestine parliament. According to the story in the Arabic newspapers, Ludwig had declared himself in favor of a parliament in the course of a conversation with the Grand Mufti. The story had been reprinted in the American papers.

3,000 TAKE PART IN JEAN FISCHER'S FUNERAL

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Antwerp, Dec. 18.—A procession containing over 3,000 people took part in the funeral here yesterday of Jean Fischer, head of the Belgian Zionists, who died Friday night. The Diamond Exchange and the club to which he belonged lowered their flags at half mast.

The Zionist Organization was represented by Berthold Feivel, the Dutch Zionists by Nethermiche Delicne, the French Zionists by Mrs. Nordau and the German Zionists by Alfred Klee.

Nahum Tortzyner is expected to be named president of the Belgian Zionists.

General Strike Called by Jassy University Students

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Dec. 18.—Because of police intervention in yesterday's disturbances, the students at the University of Jassy have called a general strike. Professors at the University have subsequently discontinued their lectures. Street demonstrations and rallies of students took off quickly, because of strong precautionary measures taken by the police and the military force.

BENTWICH CANCELS ALL CASES INVOLVING POLICEMEN

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jaffa, Dec. 18.—The Arab paper, "Al Carmel," declares that attorney-general Norman Bentwich has ordered cancelled all of the cases against policemen arising from the riots. Shiek Muzafar has been ordered to deposit a \$2,500 guarantee for his good behavior. Another Jaffa agitator has been sentenced for failing to carry out a similar order.

Abraham Shapiro, Petach Tikvah Pioneer of 50 Years, Says 80 Percent of Arabs Want Peace

By GERSHON AGRONSKY

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Jerusalem, Dec. 18.—That Arab malcontents, desirous of getting rid of the Mandate, but not daring to attack the British, kill the Jews, was charged at today's session of the Inquiry Commission hearing by Abraham Shapiro, a prominent Jewish colonist at Petach Tikvah, one of the oldest Jewish colonies in Palestine, where he settled fifty years ago.

Shapiro, who if he were clothed in Arab attire, could easily pass for a Bedouin chief, lovingly described his pioneer settlement as the "mother of the colonies." His evidence confirmed the well-known fact that several days before August 23, some 600 Arab laborers had left the orange groves where they were working, when rumors reached them that all Arabs had been called to Jerusalem to protect the Holy Place threatened by the Jews. The same thing happened on the eve of the 1921 riots, declared Shapiro, who said when he heard of the rumor, he headed a delegation on August 25 to the friendly Arab villages with whom Petach Tikvah signed a peace pact in 1922.

During the parleys, he said, petty Arab officials arrived from other villages with the message that the streets of Jaffa were running with Moslem blood, and the people of Yahudiah must come and defend the Moslems. The villagers, remembering the friendliness of the Jews and the collective punishments they had to pay in 1921, disregarded the message, declared Shapiro. With Viscount Frleigh's assistance.

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Assimilationists Again Active in Fight on Jewish Schools

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Dec. 18.—The Jewish assimilationists here have again become active with the initiation of a fight against the Jewish schools. Isaac Wassser, the leader of the assimilationists, has arrived here from Lemberg to submit to President Moscicki a memorandum expressing opposition to separate Jewish schools and declaring that they are damaging to friendly relations between Jews and Poles.

The memorandum also asked that the government establish schools for the Jews and take steps for the complete emancipation of Jewish citizens of Poland.

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Form National Council of Jewish Social Agencies (Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The Council of National Jewish Social Agencies was formed here on Sunday by 150 delegates representing the Consumptive Relief Society of Los Angeles, four organizations in Denver, the Leo Levi Memorial Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

Dr. Phillip Hilkowitz of Denver was elected temporary chairman and William Schaeffer, also of Denver, was named secretary. The purpose of the preliminary conference held at the Standard Club was to discuss ways and means of working out more economical methods of raising funds for Jewish social organizations and to find means of preventing conflicts between campaigns. The first annual meeting will be held in Chicago in 1930 when a definite program will be worked out.

Palestine Government Not British. Will Compensate Victims of Riots (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 18.—Under-Secretary for the Colonies, Drummond Shields, declared today in the House of Commons in answer to a question by Col. Howard Barry, that the victims of the Palestine riots would be compensated by the Palestine government and not by the British government.

Palestine Government to Be Responsible for Tourists (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 18.—The Palestine government will undertake full responsibility for the safety of all tourists, Keith Roach, assistant British consular officer for the Palestine District, today informed a local shipping company.

Spokesmen of Three Religious Faiths Discuss Understanding Between All Denominations

A symposium on the subject of "Inter-denominational Understanding," was held at the Community Center of Congregation B'nai B'rith, last night, under the auspices of the Community Club. Prominent spokesmen of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish denominations presented their respective views on the subject of "Inter-denominational Understanding."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, Rabbi of the Congregation, who presided, said: "Inter-denominational understanding is not only desirable but it is indispensable to the successful working out of American nationhood. Our Republic has been founded upon the premise that different races and creeds can here become integrated into one great community. The test of civilized life is whether there can be differentiation among constituent elements within a larger binding unity. Among most of the European nations, religious equality has come to be recognized only after generations of struggle against inequality. Ours is the only great nation in which equality has been established from the very beginning of its national existence. Interdenominational understanding is, therefore, the very essence of Americanism. If Catholic, Protestant and Jew cannot live together successfully in America, then it is possible nowhere in the world."

The Protestant spokesman, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church, formerly President of the City Federation of Churches, said: "Right relationships between Jews, Catholics and Protestants begin with an appreciation of the common values of life, the simple acceptance of those institutions and experiences that we have, not because we are Jews, Catholics or Protestants, but because we are first of all men and women, fathers and mothers, and citizens."

The Catholic spokesman was Dr. James J. Walsh, Medical Director of the Fordham University School of Sociology. He declared: "If we but know anyone well enough, any human being, we shall find something about them that is estimable. What we need is to know the people themselves and not someone else's opinion of them which may be founded on nothing better than the printed opinion of someone who never really knew anything about them. With the will to believe, we accept anything. Let us have the will to believe only what is good and whenever we hear evil, find out before we go a step further."

The Jewish spokesman was Dr. Alexander Lyons, Rabbi of the Garfield Place Temple in Brooklyn. He said: "Cooperation between the different denominations is indispensable to our civilization. Our problems are too great and too many for any particular group to handle them by itself. Each one of us is the result of cooperation. We must be cooperative."

Orthodox Synagogue to Have Services Held in English (Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Indianapolis, Dec. 18.—Rabbi Benjamin Cohen, of Louisville, Ky., recently elected to the pulpit of the Knesses Israel Synagogue, which has been without a rabbi for some time, has assumed his duties as spiritual leader of this congregation. Rabbi Cohen is inaugurating services in English, the first attempt of its kind in any orthodox synagogue of Indianapolis. The purpose of these English services is to attract the younger members of the congregation.

13 ARABS EXAMINED ON MASSACRES IN HEBRON (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 18.—Ten of thirteen Arabs examined by a judge yesterday charged with attacking a house in Hebron and murdering five Jewish students were discharged. The other three have been summoned to court.

George Antonius Named Official In Department of Education (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 18.—George Antonius, the Arab government official, has been appointed assistant director of education. Before that he was an assistant secretary in charge of Arab affairs in the Secretariat. When the Arab side of the Inquiry Commission hearings was being heard he was called as a witness.

Judge Says Movement Should End Epidemic of False Testimony (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 18.—The authorities should take strong measures against the false evidence "which is flooding the courts of Palestine," declared a judge at the end of his decision acquitting two Jews in the suburbs of Mekor Hayim of wounding an Arab in a near-by village.

HONORED IN UTICA (Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Morace Freedman, former president of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, has just been appointed assistant corporation counsel of the City of Utica, effective Jan. 1, for a period of two years.

\$96,925 FOR KEREN HAYESOD (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 18.—The Keren Hayesod collected a total of \$96,925 during the month of November. Of this sum \$17,560 came from the United States.

31st Z. B. T. Convention in New Orleans December 29

The Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, a national college fraternity, with chapters in thirty-two universities of the United States and Canada, will hold its thirty-first annual convocation in the city of New Orleans, December 29, 30, 31, and January 1. Approximately five hundred delegates will attend.

From an Eye-Witness to Hakenkreuzer Convention

To the Editor:

In your issue of Dec. 12th you gave considerable publicity to the fact that the vice-president of the Central Association of German Hebrew Citizens—the anti-Hitler association of Germany—is now here in America. I did not know that such an organization existed and I found your article very enlightening and I believe it is the only publication giving this information.

If the statement of an eye-witness to the biennial convention of the Hakenkreuzer of Nuremberg this August is worth anything, then I wish to state that such an organization as that which Mr. Ernst Wallach sponsors is a more important one than anyone outside of Germany can realize. I trust that he will be given every encouragement in spreading publicity.

Judging from the support that the Hakenkreuzer received in Nuremberg they are a real menace to Jews all over the world.

Mrs. Israel Davidson.

Shapiro, Pioneer, Says 80% of Arabs Want Peace with Jews

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ance, Shapiro elaborated on the 1922 peace covenant with the Arab villages.

Speaking of the covenant he said "we have had perfect peace since, and I hope that no man will ever be able to disturb it." Criminal offenders must be punished, insisted Shapiro, in replying to a question from Silley, Arab counsel, whether he recommends collective punishments as the best way of keeping peace. Shapiro, like Smilansky yesterday, contested the conclusion of the 1921 Haycraft Commission which declared that the hostility of the Arabs to the Jews was due to political and economic reasons and on account of Jewish immigration.

Silley asked in his attempt to make Shapiro admit that the Jewish farmers favored Jewish labor exclusively. It is true, said the witness, that the Jews are being increasingly employed, but they receive only a shilling more than the Arab laborers, whose wages have more than doubled since the War. Government counsel Preedy tried to get an admission from Shapiro that there had been disputes between the Jewish and Arab laborers at Petach Tikvah, and he also suggested that a number of Arab laborers had left the colony because they feared the Jews would attack them. In this connection Preedy recalled that the Haycraft Commission had reported that a rumor to the effect that the Jews intended to attack the Arab villages had been circulated in 1921.

It never happened that the Jews attacked anyone," declared Shapiro. In reply to a question by Commissioner Hopkins, he said that the Arabs were mistaking the purpose of the Balfour Declaration, which gives the Jews the right to settle in Palestine and to acquire land legally if the owners wish to sell.

COMMISSION TOLD EFFENDI DEFAULDED ARABS IN LAND DEAL AS PIONEER JEWISH FARMER DENIES JEWISH AGRICULTURISTS IMPOVERISH MOSLEMS

Smilansky Proves Arab Villages Adjacent to Jewish Colonies More Prosperous Than Those Elsewhere Because Copying Jewish Methods

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 18—Evidence tending to show that instead of the Jews driving the Arabs off the land, as had been charged by Arab counsel and witnesses, that Arabs themselves had been exploiting and defrauding the Arab landowners was presented at yesterday's session of the Inquiry Commission's hearing by Charles Passman, former general manager of the American Zion Commonwealth.

While Maughanham, the Arab counsel brought down upon himself the rebuke of the Commission for his attempts to get Passman to admit that the American Zion Commonwealth had inadequately compensated Arab tenants in driving them off their paternal lands, Sir Boyd Merriam, counsel for the Jews, "stuck a pin into the oft-repeated rhetoric about the poor Arabs" by getting Passman to show that the Bedouins of Jedrow had been prevented from getting off their land by an agreement they signed in 1925 with the Arab Dagani of Jaffa. By the agreement Dagani promised to obtain for them land rights at Domney if they would give him fifty per cent commission and the Bedouins also agreed to forfeit \$1,500 each if they dealt directly with the Jewish land company. Having obtained this agreement, Dagani then tried to sell it to Passman.

Calls It Fraud

Hearing this bit of testimony, Commissioner Hopkins declared "Why, that is fraud." Maughanham then pointed out that these same Arabs for driving off Jewish ploughmen in 1925 had been arrested and imprisoned and remarked "that is how the Jews get their pound of flesh by force." He declared that the jail sentences had been upheld since the Bedouins had been unable to prove their rights to the land.

When Maughanham bewailed the fact that the Jews had driven the Arabs of Afuleh from the houses of their forefathers, Passman amused the court by proving that the entire village of Afuleh had been wiped out in 1915 by cholera and typhus and that in 1917 the Arabs had built mud huts. The Arab counsel charged that the influence of the Zionists in the government land department was responsible for changing the land laws so that in land transactions the Arab fellahs had no protection.

This appeared to annoy Commissioner Betterton, who said, "damn it all, he has already shown us that the government had full knowledge of all land deals." Maughanham went on to ask why the Jews were not cultivating with modern machinery the surplus lands that had been offered to the

Arabs, to which Passman replied "we are now."

The Arab attorney presented complicated figures in an attempt to show that the terms offered by the Jews to Arab land-owners were so harsh that the Arabs could not accept them and therefore took cash instead. Chairman Shaw then inquired: "Why was this not brought up in the land court at the proper time?" Commissioner Betterton discounted Maughanham's reference to the financial difficulties of the American Zion Commonwealth by saying "there is no need of pursuing domestic affairs."

Arabs Denounce Drainage

Discussing the drainage project at Acor, Maughanham said that it had not helped get rid of malaria and that in drying up the swamps it was depriving the Bedouins of their pasture lands. A bit piqued at this, Commissioner Snell remarked, "really, I grow daily more amazed at my patience."

The evidence offered by Arab land experts that an Arab family requires one fedan (1¼ acres) of land, was countered by Merriam with Passman's figures about Afuleh, where 52 tenants occupied only 94 fedans. Viscount Erleigh, Merriam's aide, then began a brief examination of Smilansky, one of the oldest Jewish farmers in Palestine. He declared that on August 19 the Arabs returned from the weekly market at Lud where they had heard speeches inciting them to go to Jerusalem on the following Friday and attack the Jewish villages. Smilansky said that the Arabs were told that the government was with them and that Jews planned to rebuild the Temple

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Meier Steinbrink Leader of Republican Party in Brooklyn

Meier Steinbrink, Brooklyn lawyer, was formally designated as spokesman of the Republican party of his borough at a meeting of the executive committee held Monday at the Kings County Republican Committee headquarters, Brooklyn. Mr. Steinbrink replaces Jacob Livingston, former Republican leader, by unanimous vote of the committee.

Mr. Steinbrink, who was admitted to the Bar in 1901, was associated with Charles E. Hughes in the aircraft investigation of 1918 and was the first president of the United Jewish Aid Society. He is a director of the Brooklyn Federation of Charities, a trustee of the Brooklyn Hebrew Orphan Asylum, president of Congregation Beth Elohim, and a member of the Brooklyn Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association.

Pioneer Jewish Farmer Tells Commission Jews Have Made Palestine a Land "Flowing with Milk and Honey"

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on the dome rock. He told of meeting leaders of the Jewish colonies on Thursday and drawing up a proclamation to the Arabs which read "we will live together in peace in this land. The government desires peace. We are brothers and offspring of Father Abraham." The Committee, he said, saw Crosby, the district officer, on the Friday morning. He held up the proclamation and assured them that nothing would happen.

Villages Near Jewish Colonies Prosper

That the difference between the Arab villages near the Jewish colonies and other Arab villages was like the difference between day and night was a statement by Smilansky. He named a dozen villages near the Jewish colonies where the Arabs had sunk wells, used modern fertilizing methods, and raised oranges. The Arabs owe their prosperity, he declared, to direct earnings from the Jewish colonists, from emulation of Jewish methods and from money obtained in land sales to the Jews. The Arabs living in villages far from the Jewish colonies are as backward as they were forty years ago, he pointed out. Smilansky then gave some interesting figures on the prices paid for land by the Jews and how they increased the productivity of the land.

Smilansky Gives Figures

At the present, he said, the Arabs cultivate 45,000 dunams of orange lands and the Jews cultivate 60,000. Of the orange lands cultivated by the Arabs, fellahen work 20,000 dunams. The Arab groves yield on an average of 70 boxes of oranges per dunam, while the Jewish groves net 110 boxes per dunam. Viscount Erleigh then asked the veteran farmer, who under the pen name of Hawaja Moussa has written a number of tales about fellahen life and customs, about the price levied on land cultivated by fellahen but owned by effendis. The witness replied, "twenty percent of the crop and but for the agitators our relations between the Arabs would improve yearly."

Commissioner Bettorot, asked Smilansky what measures he would recommend to prevent further disturbances. Smilansky pointed out that the city youth were genuinely patriotic, but they misunderstood economics and do not realize that with the aid of the Jews the country can be reconstructed. He also advocated education of the Arabs, which, he said, was a duty of the government and of the Jews, and for the government to be firm and not allow mischief-makers to come between the people.

Made Land Flow with Honey

Replying to a question from Chaïman Shaw whether the Jews have harmed the Arabs, Smilansky replied, "God forbid." And to Shaw's further question, "how about the new immigrants," Smilansky said that they were predominantly zealous men who were

determined to reconstruct a derelict country. Answering the questions of Silley, Arab counsel, Smilansky affirmed "we have come for our own benefit to the country where we created this Book," pointing to the Bible. "We found the land primitive and savage, but through our efforts the land will flow with milk and honey." Silley suggested that the milk and honey had recently been mixed with blood. To this Smilansky replied, "Yes, unfortunately, thanks to a handful of agitators whom the government failed to control." He refused to accept the conclusions of the 1921 Haycraft Commission that the agitators were only one of the numerous causes of Arab unrest.

Smilansky asserted that he had "viewed Arab psychology for 40 years, while the Haycraft Commission studied it for only a few weeks. It is my profound conviction that Jewish immigration is a blessing."

For a while the Commission hearing was turned into a sort of parliament, with the Commissioners debating with the witness the advantages of Jewish-Arab autonomy under the British administration. Smilansky admitted that he was considered a moderate Zionist, and declared that the Jews themselves should be allowed to control immigration within the country's economic capacity.

Arab Acquitted of Murder

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jaffa, Dec. 18—An examining judge here yesterday discharged Hussein Abdul Hamid who had been charged with the murder of Goldberg and his companions.

Reports of Student Riots

Exaggerated Says Roumania

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dents' organizations. At Cluj, a number of students tried to enter the offices of the Magyar newspaper "Elenzek," because this paper refused to deny certain injurious attacks made on the students in connection with the Craiova Congress, and several windows were broken. For similar reasons the offices of the Magyar newspaper, "Temesvary Hirlap," at Timisoara, were attacked. Here, also, the students' organizations had nothing to do with the individual actions of some students.

"The Temple of the 'Grand Orient' Free Masons had not been devastated, as it has been exaggerated in reports published in the foreign press. A few students, excited by misleading information, forced their entrance into the Temple during a sitting and attempted to seize the archives in the belief that the Masons were plotting against the safety of the State. The Government, through the voice of Mr. Joanitzescu, Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of the Interior, has declared that the university authorities have taken severe measures and have expelled the students found guilty of excesses.

"All the students' organizations, through their authorized representatives, have informed the Minister of Interior that they do not associate themselves with those who discredit their country and the Roumanian culture."

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