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Parliament Learns Professors Stood By as Students Beat Jews at University of Jassy

Jewish Deputy Fischer Submits Photographs of Injured; Charges Police Knew Guilty but Did Nothing
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Dec. 24—Charging that professors stood by while Gentile students beat their Jewish fellow-students, barring the doors so they could not escape, Deputy Theodor Fischer yesterday in Parliament questioned the Minister of Interior regarding the disturbances which occurred at Jassy University on December 16. Stating that the Christian students had seriously injured a large number of the Jewish students and submitting photographs of some of the injured to substantiate his complaint, Fischer stated that complaints were made to the police and although the names of the attackers were known to them, they did not act to indict anyone. The professor, after whose lecture the riots occurred, Fischer stated, remained passive, while a laboratory assistant aided the Christian students in their attacks, Fischer charged.

For the sake of Roumania's good name, and to restore normal work at the University, Fischer suggested that all state officials who preach enmity between sections of the population should be subjected to disciplinary action, and be made to answer before court for the incitement against peace.

Gregore Junia, Minister of Justice, replied that the government condemns such incidents as occurred at the University.
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400 Zionists of All Parties Jailed in Odessa This Week

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Dec. 24—Nearly four hundred Zionists, of all parties were arrested this week and imprisoned in Odessa. A number of seventeen-year-old youths were among those arrested. They were members of Hashomer Hazayr (Zionist Youth Organization), Hachalutz (Palestine pioneers) were also included in the arrests which were made in the evening. It is understood that no one connected directly or indirectly with the Zionist movement now remains in Odessa.

Employees of Jewish Stores In Vilna Go on Strike

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vilna, Dec. 24—A number of strike-breakers were injured today during a strike of the employees of all the Jewish stores here. The strike was called because the employers refused economic demands made by their employees.

INQUIRY COMMISSION ENDS EVIDENCE BY SETTING RECORD OF HEARING 13 WITNESSES IN DAY AS MERRIMAN PREPARES TO SUM UP JEWISH CASE

All Sides Call Final Witnesses to Clear Up Outstanding Points; 76-Year-Old Jew Tells of Helping to Repair Wailing Wall 40 Years Ago

By GERSHON AGRONSKY
(Staff Correspondent, Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 24—By establishing a record of hearing eighteen witnesses in a single day, the Inquiry Commission now sitting in Palestine, yesterday heard the last of the evidence on the August riots, thus enabling Sir Lloyd Merriman, chief of the counsel for the Jews, to begin his final summing up before Christmas.

All sides called final witnesses yesterday in order to clear up the outstanding points. The witnesses for the Jews included Barshed, a hotel keeper and acting mayor of Safed. Early in August, he testified, Subhi Khadra came with a large party and toured the countryside intensively. Aryah Wagner was the next witness. By August 22nd he stated, Amman buzzed with rumors that Jews had killed Arabs in Jerusalem and testified that as a waiter at the officers' mess in the Transjordanian capital, he heard these rumors discussed freely.

That the Jews forty years ago had been allowed to repair the much-discussed pavement near the Wailing Wall, was brought out in yesterday's hearing of the Palestine Inquiry Commission, when 70-year old Yosef Kives testified that he himself had helped lay the stones following the Turkish Pasha's consent to the repairs.

The chief witness before the Commission, Abdul Kardus, district officer of Hebron, a Christian Arab, preceded two Jews both of whom had signed petitions to Sir John Chancellor High Commissioner, demanding Kardus's dismissal. Denying, under examination by Freely, government counsel, that he had neglected his duties, as charged, he told how he had faced a mob of 400 Arabs who were trying to break into the house of Rabbi Epstein, dean of Slabodka Yeshiva. Kardus stated that he told the mob he would be killed before he allowed them to raid the house. Freely introduced into the record a letter from the rabbi written in October in which he thanked Kardus for saving 20 lives. Kardus contended

that all the leaders had assured him nothing would occur in the way of disturbances.

Even the late Eliczer Slonim, whom, the witness stated, he visited on the Thursday before the riots, reassured him. Those rumors which the Rabbin Slonim and Franko communicated to him were indefinite, he insisted.

Under cross-examination by Viscount Erleigh, for the Jews, the witnesses seemed somewhat uncertain and contradicted the former witness, Caferata's statement, that Kardus had not informed him of Jewish warnings.

The witness stated that the Saturday following the first riots leaders from various quarters of Hebron had promised to keep peace, at a meeting held in his office. "With what success we already know," remarked Erleigh.

Kardus also stated that he had no faith in the Moslem notables but had preferred to deal with responsible Mukhtars or headmen. His evidence lost much of its weight when Rabbi Meier Franko took the stand. He remembered much that Kardus forgot and stated that he and Rabbi Slonim had

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MacDonald Considering Balfour Plan for Palestine Commission

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 24—That the joint letter of Lord Balfour, Lloyd George and General Smuts calling for a new commission to investigate the workings of the Palestine Mandate is receiving the attention of Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald was revealed yesterday in the House of Commons.

In response to a question from Sir Archibald Sinclair whether a commission to inquire into questions of major policy affecting the future administration of the Palestine Mandate will be set inasmuch as such questions lie outside of the terms of reference of the present Shaw Commission, Premier MacDonald replied that he had seen the proposal in a letter under influential signatures which command his most careful attention, but that there are, however, important considerations which must be carefully weighed before deciding. The Prime Minister declared that the subject of a new commission is clearly outside of the terms of reference of the Shaw Commission and cannot be made part of its report.

Arab Editor Threatened for Using Rutenberg Electricity

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Jerusalem, Dec. 24—The editor of the Arab paper "Falestin" has received a letter threatening him with injury if he continues to use electricity from the Rutenberg Company's plant.

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**Warsaw City Council to Reject
Anti-Shechita Proposals for
Fear of Higher Meat Prices**
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Dec. 24.—It appears likely that the Warsaw City Council will reject the proposal, made at its session a few days ago, to concentrate the entire kosher killing of cattle in Warsaw as well as the sale of meats in the city abattoir under the supervision of the municipality. If this proposal were to be carried out, it would mean ruin for the Jewish meat dealers.

Aldermanic President Slominsky today informed the Jewish Aldermen that this proposal is not practical, since it would lead to higher meat prices for the Christian population. He therefore expressed his belief that the proposal will not be adopted.

According to the law, every enactment by the City Council would have to be approved by the Minister of the Interior before it becomes binding.

**Orthodox Rabbis of America
Hold Convention in Brooklyn**

The semi-annual convention of the United States and Canada was opened Monday at the Chovevei Torah Synagogue, Brooklyn. At the opening session, Rabbi Aron Teitelbaum, who returned last week from Palestine, gave a moving description of the August massacres there and told how Chief Rabbi Kook directly accused the Acting High Commissioner of responsibility for the massacres.

At yesterday's session, the Lubawitscher Rabbi was the guest of honor of the convention, which was also greeted by leaders of Orthodox Jewry in the United States and abroad. Rabbi Eleazar Silver of Springfield, Mass., presided at the sessions.

Catholic Writer in Jerusalem Tells of "Prominent Zionist's" Recent Appeal for Understanding Between Arabs and Jews

Dr. Alexander Mombelli, Jerusalem correspondent of the National Catholic Welfare Council News, reports in the latest issue of the N.C.W.C. news sheet that the police in Beirut, Syria, have arrested several Jews who are said to have been buying arms in large quantities in Syria and smuggling them into Palestine. According to his report, two Jews from Haifa were arrested by the police in Beirut and a machine gun, several hand grenades and 19 rifles were taken from them, and it is alleged that an organization in Palestine had provided them with a check for five thousand pounds for this purpose.

The correspondent further states that Emir Abdallah of Transjordan has sent to the British High Commissioner in Jerusalem a strong protest against the effort of the Zionists to make Palestine a battlefield and has announced that if the smuggling of arms into Palestine is not stopped at once he refuses to be responsible for what his tribes of desert people will do against the Jews.

Dr. Mombelli tells of an appeal for an understanding between Jews and Arabs which has recently been issued by a "prominent Zionist" in Palestine and which reads in part as follows:

"Two years ago when the Arab leaders sought our help in connection with the strife for the establishment of a Legislative Council, they gave us to understand, in various ways, that they were prepared to negotiate with us. We did not take advantage of that opportunity. On July 28, 1922, the Zionist Executive stated that the Zionist policy would be conducted in accordance with the policy laid down in the White Book. The Zionist Executive further stated that this policy, loyally accepted by all parties, would mark the beginning of a new era of peaceful progress. In making this statement the Zionist Executive accepted the only official interpretation, extant of the Balfour Declaration. This official interpretation could have been an instrument of peace in Palestine, but we have to admit that certain Zionist sections only accepted the White Book under protest and continued to plead for a Maximalist policy. This attitude has contributed towards the creation of an atmosphere of distrust. The Zionist leaders must speak such words and do such deeds as will convince ourselves and the Arabs that the Zionist program is to be carried through in full cooperation with the Arabs in Palestine."

The Catholic correspondent quotes the anti-Zionist views of Vincent Sheehan, representative of the North American press association, who is now in Palestine, as follows:

"In the first six weeks or two months that I was here, as the result of my conversations and contacts with Zionists, I came to the conclusion that their attitude is aggressive, dangerous and unjust. They ignored the existing

population here. When I asked what was being done looking towards an agreement with the Arabs, their answers were always flippant.

"There were also additional facts. An examination of government papers shows that in all the negotiations with the Arabs concerning a parliament, the only reason that nothing had been done about the proportional representative government was that it is opposed to the Zionist idea of a National Home. The comments of the Zionists on the subject were generally cynical and did not show a proper appreciation of the fact that the Arabs are an overwhelming majority. 'We can buy any Arab in Palestine,' I heard over and over again. I have heard them call the Arabs 'Red Indians.' What made a deep impression on me was the fact that even before the troubles began, children were being educated in separate schools to hate one another. So, by August 14, when I was told by Zionist friends that they didn't care if bloodshed resulted that day, my Zionist sympathies had vanished."

**Revisionists Condemn Preedy;
Seek Braude's Resignation**

Resolutions condemning the statement of Kenelm Preedy, counsel for the Palestine Administration at the Inquiry Commission, that Zionist aspirations were responsible for the Palestine massacres, were adopted at a mass meeting called by the Zionist Revisionists last Saturday at the Hiis Building.

The meeting also protested against Dr. Chaim Weizmann's statement that the British Government's policy in Palestine was in general in accord with the Mandate and satisfactory to the Zionist aims.

It was decided to demand that Vladimir Jabotinsky, leader of the Revisionists, be invited to give evidence before the Commission of Inquiry and to demand the resignation of Joshua Braude, a member of the temporary Palestine Zionist Executive during the disturbances, for his statement that a Jewish state in Palestine is a dream.

**Pittsburgh Jewry to Mark
17th Annual Federation Day**
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Pittsburgh, Dec. 24.—Local Jewry will observe its seventeenth annual Federation Day when a program detailing the work of the organization and reporting accomplishments of the past year is held in the Morris Kaufmann Memorial auditorium of the Young Men's and Women's Hebrew Association Sunday evening, February 16.

Dr. Ludwig B. Bernstein, executive director, will make his annual report, and Irvin F. Lehman, president, will preside.

The Federation supports seventeen affiliated organizations.

Alliance Israelite Universelle Refutes Claim It Is Indifferent to Palestine by Pointing to Its Trade and Primary Schools

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Paris, December 6—The Central Committee of the Alliance Israelite Universelle has just published its annual report, some of the salient features of which are given below.

Answering the claim that the Alliance has been indifferent to Eretz Yisrael, the report says:

"We need only point to our chain of primary schools, of trade schools, and to our agricultural school, from whom have gone forth several generations of pupils who have been trained and re-educated and who are the living testimony of the value of our work of emancipation and fraternity there."

Reporting on Jewish conditions in Poland, Hungary and Roumania, the report finds that they have during the past year been bad in an extreme degree. The report notes that special taxes are levied upon certain groups in such manner as to particularly affect the Jew, that Jewish students are shut out from the technical schools and colleges and that government positions are systematically closed to them. The Alliance has interceded several times with the League of Nations on behalf of these Jews, but because of delicate political matters involved such action has seldom borne fruit.

The Alliance has aided Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe who have come to France. Numerous organizations have been formed to help the newcomers. An employment committee is being subsidized by the Alliance in Paris, as well as courses in French for adult immigrants.

The Alliance has aided Jewish colonization in Russia and has at the same time protested against religious persecutions there. After the August massacres in Palestine it helped raise two and one-half million francs in France for relief purposes. Together with other Jewish organizations of Europe it collected funds to aid the Jews of Bessarabia, who were suffering from famine.

In Morocco new schools have been

Zionists to Sponsor Reception to Gen. Smuts, Friend of Israel

The Jews of New York will pay honor to General Jan Smuts, noted soldier and statesman, at a reception on January 17, according to an announcement made by Meyer W. Weisgal, secretary of the Zionist Organization of America, under whose auspices the reception will be held.

General Smuts, who is expected here about the first of this year, was one of those who helped draw up the Mandate under which Palestine is now administered. Long known as a friend of the Zionist movement, General Smuts last week joined with Lloyd George and Lord Balfour in demanding that a searching investigation be made of the administration of the British Mandate in the Holy Land.

opened by the Alliance in places in the interior with large Jewish population who had never had any contact with modern civilization. In this work it has been aided by the government authorities there.

In Palestine the Alliance now has a trade school with six shops, a boys' school with 910 pupils and a girls' school with 400 pupils. In Jaffa it has just completed arrangements that will bring the school population up to 1,300 pupils; at Haifa, thanks to the donation of a generous friend, it is this year putting up a school center to house from 800 to 900 pupils. It is contracting missionary activities in Palestine by taking special care of Jewish children who have attended missionary schools. The Alliance Agricultural School at Haifa is a model institution.

Social and Labor Laws Unenforced in Palestine

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Amsterdam, Dec. 6—It is a well known fact that social legislation in Palestine is only in its infancy, declares the International Federation of Trade Unions. "Among the few regulations existing in this sphere are those dealing with the employment of women and children. 'Davar,' the organ of the Palestine trade union centre, points out in its last number, however, that even the few regulations which exist are by no means applied. The passage in question runs as follows:

"It decrees an eight hour day for boys and girls under 16, no night labour for women and children, and a weekly day of rest. But it fixes the age limit for children at 12, while usually it is 14. Moreover, it covers only industrial undertakings, affording no protection whatsoever to children employed in agriculture, in house and shop service, in road making, etc. And these are legion. There is no reason why they should not be brought in, at least gradually. (The fact that children are employed on road construction by government contractors is a crying shame.) Still less is there a reason why such abuses as have been pronounced illegal should not be actually prevented. Yet from the outside the Government seems to have missed the lesson taught by the history of factory legislation, that it is more than useless to legislate unless there is efficient inspection to enforce the measures prescribed. The Jerusalem Workers' Council had again and again to draw official attention to the wholesale violation of the law. Even after certain officials were saddled with the office of factory inspector in addition to their regular duties, no appreciable change was noticeable."

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J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

New Orleans Looking Forward to 75th Birthday of Children's Home

By Our New Orleans Correspondent
New Orleans, Dec. 23—The Jewish Community of New Orleans is preparing for two important January events. On January 10, 11, 12 will be held the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Jewish Children's Home. This institution cares for about 160 children sent from seven Southern States which comprise District No. 7 of the Independent Order B'nai B'rith. At Touro Synagogue, on Friday evening, January 10, a Community Service will be held, sponsored by the three Reform Congregations: Touro Synagogue, Temple Sinai, and The Gates of Prayer. The services will be participated in by Rabbis Binstock, Silber, and Leipzig, the spiritual leaders of the congregations mentioned.

Late in the month of January, the Jewish Federation will celebrate its annual meeting by a Community Supper given at the Athenaeum, the imposing auditorium of New Orleans's beautiful Young Men's Hebrew Association building. There will be an outstanding message from a prominent Jew not yet chosen and there will be significant statements of the work and progress of the various agencies which comprise the Federation by a representative of each.

"Man Hunt" On for Jews Who Deserted Wives in Poland

Chicago, Dec. 24—One of the most strange "man hunts" in history is under way today in Chicago and throughout the United States.

It is a search for husbands—1,000 of them, who deserted their wives and families in Poland many years ago.

Of this number, 125 are believed to be in the United States, and orthodox rabbis of Chicago and leaders of the local Jewish community are engaged in the search.

The search is being directed by Rabbi Eliehu Lifshitz, delegate of the Polish Rabbinate, alderman, president of the community of Griz, Poland, and prominent social worker, who has come here for that purpose.

The rabbi hopes to force either the husbands to re-unite with their families or divorce their wives, since a Jewish wife, according to the orthodox law, may not divorce her husband on grounds of desertion unless she knows what became of him.

MARK SECOND ISSUE OF "HAROFEH HOIBRI"

A celebration was held last Thursday on the occasion of the appearance of the second issue of the "Harofeh Hoibri" (Hebrew Physician), edited by Dr. Moses Einhorn and Dr. L. M. Herbert. More than 100 physicians and Hebraists were present.

Inquiry Commission Ends Evidence by Setting Record of Hearing 18 Witnesses in Day as Merriman Prepares to Sum Up for Jews

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told the former witness that the Yeshiva was endangered by rowdies who were spying on it. Rabbi Slonim testified that they communicated with the district officer, giving specific reports about incitement, including a rumored letter from the Mufti calling Hebrew Arabs to come to Jerusalem.

In cross examination, Silley, for the Arabs, tried to make the patriarch say he was not a Zionist but Rabbi Slonim insisted that "we all are Zionists, in our prayers twice daily we mention Zion and its rebuilding."

Haim Bajayo, Sephardic teacher of the Mizrahi School and whose family has lived in Palestine for 400 years, gave evidence regarding the incitement. He stated that the sheiks told the mobs of Arabs on August 16th not to touch the Jews that day but to wait until the following Friday.

The former beadle of a burial society, Yosef Kives, added much circumstantial detail to his story of the repairs made by Jews to the Walling Wall pavement forty years ago. This had been allowed, he said, because the municipality had dug a sewage canal in the centre of the pavement. This statement was used to refute the Moslem's claim to the pavement as sanctified and having no Jewish claim.

Kalman Greenfield and Baruch Cohen, Safed chauffeurs, gave detailed stories of their trips a fortnight before the outbreak in Safed when Subhi Khadra and other Arab agitators journeyed to many northern villages. Meetings were held and the chauffeurs, the witnesses stated, were forced to remain a few hundred yards away from the villages while these occurred, even though formerly they were guests in the house.

To fix the time when the first Jewish dead were brought to hospitals in Jerusalem, the Jewish counsel called the head nurse of the Hadassah hospital, Miss Sherowitzky, and Dr. Agyiss, interne at the Rotschild hospital. Dr. Sternberg, of the government hospital also testified, the evidence of the three contradicting that of Arab witnesses who stated that the first casualty was an Arab. It was brought out by Joseph Wingrad, orderly at the Government hospital that the first Arab was not brought in until one forty-five and that Jewish dead preceded him.

Preedy stated that the government health department, denied having on the eve of the riots, ordered the Hadassah hospital to prepare extra beds. Merriman then offered to bring Dr. Levantin of that hospital to testify to the contrary if the Commission accepted this statement.

Maughanham, for the Jews, tried to blacken the reputation of Kawar, Arab witness for the Jews who disappeared during the testimony giving. He did not, however, contradict that witness's statement that the Jewish cultivation of the land in Emek and other places was superior to the Arab.

Kingsley Heath, police officer and

British constable Kelly refuted Jewish evidence of brutality during the baton charging which occurred at the Mizrahi boy's funeral. Two Arab policemen flatly denied telling the people of Gedud Avodah about the Mufti's call for Arabs to come to Jerusalem.

Subhi Khadra, who insisted that his itinerary for his vacation included the places where he was said to have been engaged in riot-inciting, attempted to show the commissioners that his activities throughout were no more subversive than plaiting daisies would have been.

That Arabs ploughed and sowed the cemetery at Hebron just near the place where Jewish martyrs lay buried was the testimony given by the Jewish side, closing their case. Hebron refugees wept when they learned of it and informed the Zionist Executive which made complaints to the Government.

Campaign Against Jew-Hate Immediate Need in Germany

A demand that German Jewish organizations begin immediately an active campaign among the German people to counteract the growing influence of the "Hakenkreuz" and other anti-Semitic parties in the country, is made in an article by Willibald Roth of Berlin in the Vienna Jewish paper, "Die Wahrheit." He says:

"Until now we have been calling upon the policeman and the prosecutor to stop the shameful deeds of the 'true-German' rascals and cowards. Why? Did it ever bring us any relief? Why doesn't Jewry as a whole adopt the means of enlightenment among the German populace? Tell our fellow-citizens what we are, how we live and what we want! We wish to work and to be left in peace by those who calumniate our people.

"Jewry must see to it that Christian ministers and teachers be made to regard it as their duty to teach the truth, and only the truth. Adult Christians must also be shown, by means of educational pamphlets that are to be distributed en masse, the real character of Jewry.

"At the recent elections in Berlin and other places, the Hakenkreuzler showed a tremendous growth, a growth not only in numbers but also in sentiment. It is a sad mark of the moral degradation of a cultured people, about whom one will soon have to say that they have become a barbarous people.

"We shall, however, hope and wait! But what must be done immediately in order to stem the tide of ever-growing vituperation from the Hakenkreuz is to set up against it another tide—a stream of truth and enlightenment."

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versity, if Fischer's report were accurate, and feels that the students should exclude politics and attend to their work at the University. However, he said, anti-Semitic activity, in so far as it is confined to a conflict of ideas, enjoys liberty of assembly and of the press similar to other movements. This does not mean, he stated, that anti-Semitism is allowed in the universities, nor that the government permits violence to occur in or out of the universities. He is convinced, he stated, that measures have already been taken against the aggressors. If the accusations against the faculty members were true, the University will undoubtedly take steps.

Fischer then demanded a reply from the Minister of Education, saying it seemed that the government justified anti-Semitism to a certain extent. This provoked considerable tumult, Madgearu angrily saying that Fischer misrepresented his words and that the government cannot prevent citizens from holding any views no matter how deplorable. The government, he said, condemns violence and if the Jassy incident were as described they would be condemned with all possible energy. It was necessary to wait, however, for the report of the inquiry which the Minister of Education is conducting before the Government could act.

The following statement was received by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from the Roumanian Legation: "From information so far gathered in connection with incidents which occurred at the University of Jassy (Jassy) in the class of Prof. Smuleanu, it seems that there were injured, among the Jewish as well as among the Christian students.

"The intervention of the authorities and the arrest of the heads (leaders) of the movement have brought the incidents to a stop. The University has been closed and a drastic investigation begun by the prosecuting attorney and the University authorities. In reply to a question put in the House by Congressman Fischer, Ministers Madgearu and Costachescu answered that the government is doing its utmost to suppress the movement and is taking strong measures for ascertaining who is responsible for it and to punish the guilty."

Sons of Confederate Veterans Plan Memorial to Benjamin (Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Richmond, Va., Dec. 24—A monument to Judah P. Benjamin, Secretary of state and war in the Confederate cabinet, and known as the brains of the Confederacy, will be erected in this city, the former Confederate capital, if Stonewall Jackson Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, have their way. This group is sponsoring the proposed monument to Benjamin, for whom it is proposed to build a \$50,000 memorial on one of the city's main streets.