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## Oppositionists Will Control Polish Zionist Congress Election Returns Show

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Jan. 2—The Polish Zionist Conference to be held January 5 will be controlled by the oppositionists according to election returns for delegates now available. Those elected so far are 105 of the Al Hamishmar, 80 Eth Livnoth and 75 Revisionists.

The fourth Polish Revisionist Congress was opened here today by the Hebrew poet, I. Kahn, with 150 delegates present. M. Grossman spoke about the political situation of Zionism and of the Revisionist aims. He declared that an extraordinary Zionist congress should be called and a new Zionist Executive should be chosen.

In the name of the Al Hamishmar, Deputy Isaac Gruenbaum declared that although he had always fought Dr. Weizmann's policy he does not agree with Grossman that the Executive was responsible for the recent Palestine events, saying that other factors led to it. Gruenbaum opposed an extraordinary congress for fear of an internal war within the Zionist ranks. He also expressed a disbelief in England's conscientious Zionist policy.

Both Gruenbaum and Dr. Gottlieb, leader of the Eth Livnoth, tried to win the sympathy of the Revisionists, presumably having in mind the creation of a bloc with them for the Polish Zionist Congress where the votes of the Revisionists will be decisive.

## Arab Merchants Exploit Anti-Jewish Boycott to Raise Prices

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 2—Arab merchants are exploiting the anti-Jewish boycott to raise prices, in spite of all the efforts of the Moslem-Christian Union, according to Seraat Mustakin, leading member of the Association, who declares that the Association is powerless to control the merchants who render the success of the boycott problematical.

Abraham Dazouda, who has just been sentenced to half a year in prison for boycott agitation is now facing a perjury charge arising from the disturbances.

## Palestine Unemployment Less

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 2—The number of unemployed in Palestine during the month of October showed a decrease as compared with September, notwithstanding the fact that 800 workers entered the country during October, according to a statement released last night by the British Colonial Office.

## Eduard Bernstein Regrets He Left Jewish Faith

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Jan. 2—Eduard Bernstein, noted German Socialist and founder of the European Revisionist Socialists, who will celebrate his 80th birthday on January 16, declared today that although he had left the Jewish faith 50 years ago he was proud to remain a Jew.

"At that time I surrendered to the discipline of the Socialist Party which recommended that its members leave the churches. The Jewish Socialist also had to leave Jewish religious institutions, although this was very painful to me. Today I could not possibly leave the persecuted Jewish people. I have always fought for Jewish rights and have demanded a Jewish National Home in Palestine, but not a nationalistic state. I am a Poale Zionist and a true Jew."

## NAMED CHEMICAL AGENT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 2—Former district officer Krichevsky of Jerusalem has been appointed Imperial Chemical Agent in Syria at the office just opened in Beirut.

## Smuts Says Jewish National Home Will Be Built with Aid of League and Great Britain

That the Jewish National Home would be built in Palestine with the help of England and the League of Nations, both of whom are responsible for the realization of the Palestine Mandate, was the statement made by General Jan Christian Smuts, noted South African statesman, on his arrival in New York this week. General Smuts, who is here as the guest of the American League of Nations Society, will address a luncheon of the Zionist Organization of America on January 17.

"I am glad," General Smuts told a representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "to have an opportunity of addressing American Jews and of assuring them that Great Britain will live up to her promises and fulfill the Balfour Declaration. I see no reason why the Arabs and the Jews who have lived together peacefully for thousands of years should not cooperate amicably and build up Palestine. I am sure that sooner or later the Arabs will realize the benefit of Jewish immigration to Palestine."

General Smuts, who with Lord Balfour and Lloyd George, members of the British war-time cabinet respon-

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## GREAT BRITAIN OPPOSED TO ARABIC EMPIRE, SAYS LOUIS LIPSKY; SEES NEED FOR CHALUTZIM FROM UNITED STATES

"The Arabs and their few reactionary anti-Semitic friends have miscalculated the impression their peculiar propaganda would have upon fair-minded Englishmen," declared Louis Lipsky, president of the Zionist Organization of America, upon his return last Tuesday from London, where he had been called for a series of conferences of the World Zionist Executive of which he is a member. "Their sweeping claims to an immense Arabic Empire, which they would have no means to maintain and for which there is no effective, unified support even among the Arabs; their distorted allegations of injustice done to them in Palestine, bolstered up as they are by half-truths and shameless prevarications; their threats of violence and the arousing of the Islamic world; their utter disregard of the facts so far as the economic development of Palestine is concerned—have produced a strong reaction against their so-called claims, and a better understanding of the peaceful and cooperative spirit which has in fact animated the Jewish world in the sacrifices it has made for the redemption of Palestine.

"Even so prejudiced an organ as the London 'Daily Mail' now admits that the leaders of the Palestine Arabs fear

most not the political 'oppression' of the Jews, which is the keynote of their Western propaganda, but the economic development of Palestine for which Jews are responsible and which threatens the supremacy of the Arab Effendis who for generations have kept the fellahen in economic subjection. When Parliament will consider in March the report of the Inquiry Commission whose labors in Palestine came to an end last week, it will find a more truly representative British public opinion organized to defend the honor of the British Empire which is involved in the undertaking to assume under the mandate responsibility for the establishment of the Jewish National Home with all due regard for the legitimate rights of all the inhabitants of the land."

With regard to Dr. Magnes's recent utterances about peace between Jews and Arabs, Mr. Lipsky said:

"Without touching upon the wrong done by Dr. Magnes toward the Jews of Palestine and the Zionist Organization by making it appear as if they were animated by ill will toward Arab interests and that he alone was free from prejudice and filled with good feeling toward the Arabs, I am in a

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### Jewish Women Give Up Candle Blessing Ritual

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Moscow, Jan. 2—"Submit your Sabbath candlesticks for Soviet industrialization," is the latest appeal of the Jewish Communists in their war on religion. Reports from White Russia state that many Jewish women are voluntarily bringing in their candlesticks and marriage rings for the industrialization fund.

At a meeting of the Jewish women of Kapulie, a resolution was adopted declaring that "we resign from the ceremony of candle blessing and we donate our candlesticks for Soviet industrial upbuilding." In yesterday's "Oktaibre," a full page is devoted to the anti-religious campaign. It is declared that the synagogues in Likoln have been used for illegal meetings and that from the Slutsk synagogues anti-Soviet rumors emanate, and that therefore they should be converted.

### Tel Aviv to Have Surplus for First Time; Budget Up

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Tel Aviv, Jan. 2—Municipal revenue of Tel Aviv for November and December has exceeded the expenditures and will be large enough to cover the deficit of September and October, created before the city recovered from the atmosphere of the disturbances.

Perhaps for the first time, Tel Aviv closed the fiscal year with a small surplus. Total revenue was \$410,000 and the city repaid \$130,000 in debts and interest. The proposed budget for 1930 is \$450,000 which the government is expected to approve while the budget of Jaffa has been reduced to \$150,000, owing to many Jews leaving there for Tel Aviv since the riots. Tel Aviv has 10,000 taxpayers as compared with 8,000 in Jaffa.

### New Soviet Income Tax Law Severe Blow to Jewish Artisans, Former Traders

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Jan. 2—A new blow for the thousands of Jewish declassed in Russia is seen in the announcement that the Soviet government will collect from ex-traders all taxes due since the Revolution and confiscate the property of those unable to pay. A special commission has been appointed by the Finance Minister to revise the income tax accounts due, and if they are too small, to increase them.

Many former traders, who for many years have been engaged in productive work as artisans, now face the danger of confiscation of all their property, including household goods. Raids have been organized throughout the Soviet Union by income tax inspectors during the night, confiscating and sealing everything, thus over night turning productive artisans into beggars, and leaving them only their machines, if they are able to prove that they received them through the Ort. They will then be immune from confiscation according to a government agreement with the Ort.

The new law has tremendously alarmed and depressed the Jewish artisans, who feel themselves to be unsafe.

### Arabs Sending Delegations to England and America

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 2—A delegation of Arabs headed by Emir Adel Arslam will leave Friday for the United States to persuade Arabs who have achieved success there to return to Palestine and to employ their money and their Western training and experience in building up an Arab nation, according to a Jerusalem despatch to the London "Daily Mail."

A second delegation will leave for England shortly in order to impress the English public with the justice of the Arab case against Zionist "domination" of Palestine. The duty of the delegates will be not only to inform Parliament and the public of the true state of affairs in Palestine and of the Arabs' national aspirations but also to counteract Jewish propaganda. The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem will head the delegation.

### Seek 200 Men for Special Palestine Constabulary

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 2—A request to the Crown Agents for the Colonies for the enrollment of another 200 men for special constabulary service has been made by the Palestine authorities, according to information obtained by the "Daily Express." It has been decided to raise the new force of men who will be recruited in London and dispatched to Palestine within the next fortnight or three weeks.

### Expresses Hope that Jews and Arabs Will Make Honest Attempt to Work Together

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 2—The hope that there would be a finality of conferences and that there would soon be an honest attempt on both sides of the Palestine situation to come to know each other and to work together for the common good of the country by Jew and Arab alike, was expressed yesterday by Prof. Hermann Gollancz, rabbi, writer, and historian, in discussing the New Year in the "Times."

Many conferences and too much legislation, said Professor Gollancz, "often only confuse the issue and things may be worse for not being allowed to follow their natural evolution. For centuries under the Turks Jewish-Arab relations have been amicable and peaceful. Why this confusing ill-will that ravaged Palestine? Is it the work of a handful of mischief-makers and vile disturbers with certain ends in view?"

Appealing for peace between the children of the brothers Ishmael and Isaac, Professor Gollancz concluded by saying, "Heaven speed the day when the clarion notes of conscience and faith will awaken men to a sense of duty and righteousness."

### Find Ruins of City That May Be Ancient Sodom

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 2—The ruins of a city believed to be the ancient Biblical Sodom, have been discovered near the center of the Eastern Plain of the Jordan five miles north of the Dead Sea. The discovery was made by researchers from the Pontifical Biblical Institute of Jerusalem, whose operations are being directed by Father Alexis Smallon, assisted by M. Neuville, the French vice-consul. The findings show that the city was built in the early Bronze Age and was possessed of an advanced type of civilization and prove that it was destroyed by fire in the early dawn of history, remaining uninhabited ever since.

### Britain Considering Inquiry Into Working of Mandate

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 2—The "Daily Mail's" political writers are authority for the statement that the British government is considering the proposal that an inquiry be made into the working of the British Mandate in Palestine, following the suggestion of Lord Balfour, Lloyd George and General Smuts. It is urged that questions of policy and administrative machine may be necessary. The Shaw Commissioners are due in London Saturday and their report is expected to be of assistance to the government in coming to a decision on the new commission.

## Roumanian Students Threaten Nation-wide General Strike If Leaders Are Punished

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Jan. 2—A threat of a general strike in all the universities of Roumania has been made by the Roumanian students if the authorities at Jassy University insist on punishing the students involved in the recent disturbances. The threat was contained in a memorandum issued by the students at Jassy after the minister of education, M. Costachescu, had visited Jassy and approved the punishments meted out by the university senate.

The minister has ordered all the universities to continue their lectures. Jewish students at Jassy University have appealed to their Jewish colleagues at the other universities to call a congress of Jewish students to consider the serious situation. The newspaper "Cuvantul" reports that certain opposition politicians are supporting financially the student agitators.

## CROWDS VIEW EXHIBIT OF ZISCHO SCHOOLS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Jan. 2—A great exhibition of the work of the Jewish secular schools, Zischo, opened here today with 150 schools from 60 cities participating. Thousands of exhibits of great value were viewed by large crowds of visitors. At the opening Joseph Leshtinsky, president of the Zischo, spoke. Greetings were brought in the name of the Bundists by Noah, in the name of the Poale Zion by Dr. Maler and from many other institutions. Representatives of Polish cultural societies and of the city attended the opening which was viewed by 3,000 visitors.

## Communists Want to Replace Hebrew Alphabet with Latin

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Jan. 2—A plan to replace the Yiddish alphabet by the Latin is now being discussed by leading Jewish Communists here. Those who favor the plan emphasize the fact that the Hebrew characters create difficulties in mass education, especially now when the Russian alphabet is also to be replaced by the Latin.

Those opposing the change point out that only a small percentage of the Jews in Russia know the Latin characters and that therefore substituting the Hebrew alphabet by the Latin would mean that most Jews would be deprived of the possibility of reading and writing.

## Hindenburg Sues Hitlerer

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Jan. 2—President von Hindenburg has sued the National Socialist Deputy Goebels because the latter had written an article in a Hitlerer paper that Hindenburg had supported the Young Plan because he does whatever the Jews advise him to do.

## New Russian Commission to Build Up Bira-Bidjan

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Jan. 2—The work of colonizing Bira-Bidjan, Far Eastern Republic, and also building it up industrially, will henceforth be conducted by a specially created government commission, according to the decision of the Comzet, the government agency for settling the Jews on the land.

A session of the Comzet in which the executive of the Ozet participated, decided, after a lengthy discussion, to reorganize the management of Bira-Bidjan and to organize immediately an independent government organization to conduct the actual work in Bira-Bidjan under instructions from the Comzet.

Ozet is to have representation in this newly created organization. Comzet also decided that it was necessary, as early as possible, to proclaim Bira-Bidjan an independent region of the Far Eastern district.

## Two Criminal Assizes to Clear Up Capital Cases

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 2—Evidently in order to clear up capital cases, two criminal assizes will soon sit in Jerusalem, one under the Chief Justice and the other under the British Senior Judge Corrie.

Hebron and Jerusalem suspects due for trial include eleven—Jews, four each from Sanhedria and Meashearim and three from Baitvegan. All are accused of premeditated murder, although defending themselves during the riots.

## JEWES INCLUDED IN NEW YEAR'S HONORS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 2—The New Year's honors list includes Louis Baron, son of the late Bernard Baron, for social and philanthropic service; Rose Rosenberg, for service as the personal secretary of Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, and Leonard Lionel Cohen. The Palestine honors this year went only to the Armenian patriarch of Jerusalem, Leisec Turian, who received an honorary K.B.E.

## Arab Villagers Refuse to Support Arab Executive

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 2—Abdul Darwish, a leading member of the Arab Executive, has just visited Bettir, a mountainous village, near Jerusalem, supposedly to appeal for financial support for the Arab Executive which the villagers refused.

Darwish was the principal organizer of the farewell demonstrations at the train of the Inquiry Commission last Sunday. The train stopped longer than usual to receive Arab deputations. At one of the stops Darwish harangued the Commission. "We helped conquer Palestine. In the name of Mohammed and Christ do not forsake us."

## "Emes" Threatens J. T. A. Correspondent for Inquiring About Status of Hebrew

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

London, Dec. 14—Because Boris Smolar, correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, approached the Soviet Commissar of Education, Andrei Bubnov, on the question of his attitude towards the teaching of the Hebrew language in Russia, the Moscow Yiddish Communist daily "Emes," in an article in its issue of December 8, furiously attacks Smolar and gives an undisguised hint to the effect that the proper course for the Soviet government is to prohibit Smolar from continuing his work in Russia.

"If bigger people have been rapped over their knuckles, what will happen to the dollar correspondent Smolar?" the concluding sentence in the article reads.

The "Emes" accuses Smolar of interfering in the internal Soviet affairs. It also attacks him for making an issue in the foreign press some months ago of the fact that it was intended to have Jewish colonists work on Yom Kippur, which would have been a "Collectivization Day" were it not for Smolar's intercession with Vice-President Smidovitch, who had the "Collectivization Day" postponed. "Now," says the "Emes," "the Soviet correspondent takes the liberty to draw the attention of the government to the persecutions of the Hebrew language and Hebrew schools."

The article is from the pen of a prominent Yevsekzia leader who hides under a pseudonym. Among the list of sins of which the article accuses Smolar is that of visiting on Yom Kippur, synagogues in Moscow in the company of other foreign correspondents to see the effect of the anti-religious campaign, and also that Smolar visited the Jewish colonies to acquaint himself on the spot with the situation there.

Smolar, however, aroused the greatest indignation among Jewish Communists because of his approaching Bubnov on the question of the persecution of the Hebrew language, the Yevsekzia being afraid that the correspondent may succeed in enlightening the Commissar of Education on the injustice of the Yevsekzia's persecution of Hebrew. The "Emes" is afraid that Bubnov's declaration may disclose that not the Soviet government, but certain members of the Yevsekzia persecute the Hebrew language and the teachers of it.

## RABBI SCHONFELD DIES IN LONDON

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 2—Rabbi Victor Schonfeld, popular in London Orthodox circles, died here yesterday. Rabbi Schonfeld was an active worker in the Agudath Israel, World Orthodox Organization. From 1920 to 1922 he was director of the Orthodox Jewish Schools in Palestine. He was the spiritual leader of the Adath Yisroel Synagogue.

### Lipsky Says Britain Opposes Arabic Empire; Asks U. S. Jewish Youth Cooperation

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position to say that his negotiations with Mr. St. John Phillip were undertaken without authority and without first having consulted the representation of the Jewish Agency responsible for the conduct of Jewish political affairs. In fact, he acted against the express disapproval of the Jewish Agency of such negotiations at a time when a Parliamentary Commission was engaged in an investigation of an attack made by Arabs against Jewish life and property, and with a negotiator who represented neither the British government nor the Arabs of Palestine. Dr. Magnes' acceptance or rejection of hypothetical plans and policies for better cooperation between Jews and Arabs have no significance or value. When the time comes for discussion, there will be a discussion with no intermediaries between the responsible representatives of the Jewish people and the responsible leaders of the Palestinian Arabs, if such can be identified."

Mr. Lipsky denied rumors that Dr. Weizmann's health is bad, declaring that Weizmann is in the best of health now. "I have never seen him so eager, so hopeful, so full of energy as now," he said.

"As always, the success of the Palestine enterprise depends largely upon the backing of the Jews of America," declared Mr. Lipsky. "The backing that is now required is not only of a financial nature. We mean also the moral and intellectual support of American Jewry. Especially now after the August events, it is of the utmost importance that the American Jewish youth be tied up as a group with the pioneer work in Palestine. A movement to bring the American Jewish youth into the pioneering work would have an unsurpassable moral value."

### 620 Jews Came and 204 Left Palestine During November

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 2.—During the month of November 620 Jews entered and 204 left Palestine; 102 Christians arrived and 102 left; 8 Moslems arrived and 47 left. These figures include 104 Jewish, 50 Christian and 5 Moslem tourists who were allowed to become settlers and 16 immigrants who were not allowed to land because they did not comply with the regulations.

### THIRD ARAB EDITOR FACING PRISON TERM

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Haifa, Jan. 2.—Najib Nassar, editor of the Arab paper "Carmel," in Haifa, is the third Arab editor facing a prison sentence for offensive anti-Jewish articles. Sheik Farrouky, author of a pamphlet of the Pan-Islamic Union that has been translated into English, is being closely watched by the district commissioner.

### Ukraine Commissariats Rebuked for Ignoring Small Town Jews

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Jan. 2.—The Commissariats of trade, labor and railway, as well as the central cooperative of the Ukraine, have been officially reprimanded by the Ukrainian government for not assisting the Jews of the small towns as instructed by the Sovnarkom. A special government investigating commission established that in a number of townships the Jews were not only not helped but were ruined by high taxes collected unjustly.

The Commission also established that no fund was organized to cooperate with the impoverished Jews, despite instructions from the Sovnarkom to create such a fund. It was also found that nothing had been done to place Jewish youth in heavy industries and railways, and nothing accomplished toward teaching the kustars qualified professions.

In Lugansk the commission found 44 Jewish young men working instead of the 2,000 assigned by the Sovnarkom. In reprimanding the said commissariats and naming the guilty officials, the Central Ukrainian government repeats its decision to seriously conduct relief work for the Jews in the small towns by getting the needy Jews into productive work.

### Counsel for Arabs Says Jewish Witnesses Aided Arabs' Case

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 2.—The Inquiry Commission demonstrated that the Arabs are a peaceful people striving for independence, said Yakub Farraj, vice-chairman of the Arab Executive, at a dinner given here in honor of William Henry Stoker and Silley, counsel for the Arabs at the Commission hearings. "The Arabs respect the government, and the government respects our rights and we obey the laws which spell our happiness," continued Farraj, contrasting the Arabs to the "heterogeneous" Jewish community from the West.

The Jews undoubtedly think that the presentation of their case was the best, said Stoker, but as a matter of fact, "the counsel for the Jews and his witnesses helped the Arab case." Silley remarked that it was fortunate that the Arabs had not boycotted the Commission.

### PLANES SEARCHING FOR POLICE POST ATTACKERS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 2.—Four aeroplanes were seen flying in the direction of Safed yesterday. It is believed that they are scouring the countryside in search of the Faradiah brigands who raided the police post. In the Metullah district everything is tranquil in spite of increased apprehensions caused by the attack on Dr. Berkowitz. The Rosh Pinah and Metullah road, the scene of the crime, is still considered unsafe and incitement is reported in the Huleh district by Bedouin agitators.

### Smuts Says League and Britain Will Aid Building of Jewish National Home

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sible for the Balfour Declaration, recently issued a joint letter asking the British government to create a commission to investigate Palestine conditions with a view to carrying out the basic conditions of the Mandate, assured the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's representative of his friendship toward the Jews and of his desire to help as much as possible to create a Jewish National Home in Palestine.

### Palestine Anxious, Awaiting Inquiry Commission's Report

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 2.—The time between the present and the day when the Inquiry Commission presents its report will be an anxious one, for the Jews and Arabs are still making war-like preparations, declares the "Daily Mail's" Jerusalem correspondent. The dispatch says that the police searching for arms smuggled into the country have found small local factories run by ex-armourers of the Turkish army. The position Great Britain faces is that of a country in which an imminent outbreak may be averted only by wise statesmanship or suppressed at tremendous cost.

### DIRECTORS OF RELIEF FUND TOUR COUNTRY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 2.—Col. Frederick Kisch and Dr. Maurice Hexter, two of the triumvirate charged with the administration of the Relief Fund, are touring the North, inspecting the devastated quarters of Safed and other places. Charles Passman, of the Relief Fund, has commenced work on behalf of the triumvirate.

### PHILIP HALSMANN MAY OBTAIN NEW TRIAL

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Jan. 2.—The supreme court here has set aside January 21 as the day for taking up the matter of a new trial for Philip Halsmann who was sentenced to four years in prison on a charge of patricide.

### Merriman and Erleigh Home

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 2.—Sir Boyd Merriman and Viscount Erleigh, the counsel for the Jews at the recently concluded sessions of the Palestine Inquiry Commission, arrived in London last night.

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