Anti-Zionist Press of London Opens Systematic Campaign to Influence Inquiry Commission

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 6—With an apparent desire of influencing the Palestine Inquiry Commission, whose members recently returned here, prior to the publication of its report, the anti-Zionist London press has begun a systematic attack on the Zionists. An attack on Zionism seems to be a daily feature in the “Daily Mail” while the notoriously anti-Semitic “Morning Post,” which has been rather silent of late, yesterday devoted a column editorial to the Palestine question and also an article asking by “what process of logic does Great Britain refuse Palestine self-government, something which it granted Egypt and is considering granting to India?"

"Is it more important to protect a foreign minority in Palestine than in India and Egypt? The policy of the Balfour Declaration is working mischief to both Jews and Arabs and is undoing the credit of the British name.

The “Daily Telegraph” devotes prominent position to an article by Rosa Forbes entitled “The Price of Peace in Palestine.” This article is significant in that not only in its construction but even in style and in an almost exact wording of speech it is like one recently delivered by Jamal Husseini, secretary of the Arab Executive, during a debate with the Rev. A. Perlezweig which seems to indicate that there is an organization behind the Arab propaganda in London.

First Jewish Museum in Italy Opens at Livorno

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Livorno, Italy, Jan. 6—The first Jewish museum in Italy was opened today. It contains many interesting documents of the Jews of Spain, Portugal and Italy and a wealth of Jewish works of art. The museum occupies the building of the ancient Rabbinical tribunal.

9TH POLISH ZIONIST CONFERENCE OPENS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Jan. 6—The ninth Polish Zionist Conference opened here yesterday with 420 delegates present, representing Eth Livnoth, Al Hamishma and Revisionists of equal numbers and 18 independent Zionists. The convention was opened by the chairman of the Polish Zionist Central Committee, Levite. Nahum Sokolow, in a speech discussed the Palestine situation.

Pope Blesses Jew for Building Church

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Budapest, Jan. 6—The Pope has sent his blessing to Eugen Vida, a member of the executive committee of the Budapest Jewish Community, and manager of a large coal mining company, because his company built a church for its workers. Archbishop Seredi, while on a visit to Rome, told the Pope about it, whereupon Cardinal Gaspari, the Papal secretary, wrote to Vida that "His Holiness rejoices in your action, bringing many of his children religious and moral benefaction. He prays that the Lord bless you and your family."

American Jewish Congress, Not A. J. C., Asked Judge Cayton for Retraction

It was the American Jewish Congress, and not the American Jewish Committee, as inadvertently reported by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, that sent a telegram to Judge Nathan Cayton of the municipal court of the District of Columbia, calling upon him for a retraction in connection with his recent charge of the existence of a "Jewish crime wave."

The telegram, signed by Bernard G. Richards, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, was sent on January 2, at the behest of the combined Hebrew Congregations of Washington.

In the same story sent out by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, there were statistics giving the percentage of Jews among the prison population of New York State. These figures were furnished by the American Jewish Committee, as correctly stated.

Polish Jewry Celebrates Gruenbaum's 50th Birthday

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Jan. 6—The fiftieth birthday of Isaac Gruenbaum, Jewish member of the Polish Sejm and well known Zionist, was celebrated yesterday at Conservatorium Hall. Speeches and greetings came from Nahum Sokolow, now visiting here; Levine, in the name of the Polish Zionist Committee; Dr. Farbstein, in the name of the Jewish community; Senator Davidson, for the Jewish Deputies Club, and Grossman for the Zionist Revisionists.

Greetings by wire came from Dashinsky, president of Parliament, the World Zionist Executive, and others.

Suspend "Jamie El Arabie" After Story About Alleged Plot Against Mufti's Life

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 6—Within several hours after the appearance of the Arab paper "Jamie El Arabie" containing the story of an alleged Jewish conspiracy against the Mufti's life, and within two hours after Harry Sacher, chairman of the Palestine Zionist Executive, had interviewed High Commissioner Chancellor, the government authorities suppressed the paper. Such prompt action taken against the paper closest to the Mufti is unprecedented here and is probably due to a decision to watch the press more closely before incitement. That was one of the recommendations made by Harry Sacher at the Commission's hearings. It is expected that the new press law will empower the district commissioners to suppress without notice, newspapers considered dangerous.

The English edition of the Arab paper, "Felestine," today refers to the "plot" against the Mufti by saying that it hopes "the government will spare no effort to trace the backers of detestable and dangerous conspiracies," arguing that the same action should be taken as was taken in connection with the attempt to assassinate Attorney-General Norman Bentwich. The "Felestine" declares that political assassination is a new danger to Palestine, and hints that the Jews introduced it, despite the known identity of Bentwich's assailant and the recent murder of an Arab opposed to the Mufti.

Conference of Liberal Jews Meets in London in July

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 6—The third international conference of Liberal Jews has been set for London in July. The governing body of the World Union of Progressive Judaism has been called to Berlin at the end of this month to complete preparations for the conference.

Commission Report May Be Finished by End of Month

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 6—Sir Henry Betterton, the Conservative member of the Palestine Inquiry Commission, told the press yesterday that it is possible that the Commission's report may be ready for presentation to Parliament at the end of this month. He said that further evidence was being taken in London and that the Commission was making all haste.
Critics and Defenders of Conciliatory Policy Toward Roumanian
Government Debate at Convention of United Roumanian Jews

A sharp conflict between critics and defenders of a conciliatory policy toward the Roumanian government occupied the attention of the delegates to the annual convention of the United Roumanian Jews of America held Sunday at the Spanish Temple Club.

Accusing the government of the organization of servility to Roumanian officials, Leo Wolfson, the newly elected president, told the convention that the present condition in Roumania required more than promises on the part of officials, and asserted that the Roumanian government was not doing enough to safeguard Jewish lives.

“I welcomed the coming of Manniu to power,” Mr. Wolfson said. “I believed that through him Roumanian democracy came into its own. I had hoped everything would be peaceful and Jewish lives safeguarded. The first ten months of his administration went smoothly and in a satisfactorily manner, but the last few months have been keenly disappointing. The government should maintain order, but not at the cost of Jewish lives.”

“I believe in friendly cooperation with the government in a dignified manner, but sweet words and promises cannot compensate for Jewish blood shed and property devastated. Whenever and wherever that happens, I will protest.”

Abraham Hirsh, newly elected vice-president, also spoke in the same vein, demanding that the organization cease being satisfied by promises made by Roumanian officials and seek to force the government to give the Jews their constitutional rights by influencing public opinion.

Bennett Siegelstein, retiring president of the organization, reported on the years activities and on the present condition in Roumania, saying:

“The situation of the Jews is greatly improved, although it is not yet perfect. We are hopeful for the future. Anti-Semitism is general throughout the country, but we cannot blame the government for that as long as the government is doing its best to remedy conditions. We feel that the Manniu government is sincerely doing its best for the Jews.”

Solomon Sufrin, former president and chairman of the Nominations Com-
mittee, also defended the Siegelstein administration and the Roumanian government.

“I feel we have in Carol Davila, the Roumanian minister in Washington, a man whose word we can take and who will see to it that his promises are fulfilled,” Mr. Sufrin said. “We feel that misfortunes and protests only result in antagonizing a government which, since it has come to power, has through its various ministers promised complete emancipation to the Jews.”

The entire anti-Semitic movement under the present government is not religious but economic,” he continued. “We are satisfied the constitutional rights of the Jews are not being officially denied by the government.”

Due to the injection of personalities into the debate, the meeting was frequently acrimonious, particularly in the discussion of the report of the Nominations Committee. Many attempts were made to settle existing differences, and Abraham Frutu proposed a compromise between the two factions. Mr. Siegelstein, the retiring president, was unanimously offered the honorary presidency of the organization, and Mr. Wolfson was elected unanimously to the presidency. Abraham Hirsh, Jacques Weiss, Bruno Burz, Jacques A. Goldstein, Samuel Kaplan, and Vetra Ver, who were elected vice-presidents. Herman Speier was reelected secretary, and H. Haimovitz, treasurer.

A resolution offered by Mr. Wolfson addressed to the Roumanian government was unanimously accepted. The resolution expresses the hope that in the process of democratizing Roumania, the interests of the Jews as citizens will be safeguarded, and declares these rights seriously affected at the present moment. The recent statement of Dr. Costache, minister of Education, in the Roumanian Parliament, casts unjust reflections on the Jews of Roumania and America, it asserts, and asks that the government of the National Peasant Party take adequate means to protect Jewish rights.

8th Congress of South African
Jewish Board of Deputies Opens

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Capetown, Jan. 6—The eighth congress of the South African Board of Deputies met here yesterday and today in the Zionist Hall. Rev. Lewis, mayor of Captown, welcomed the delegates and paid tribute to the contributions of the Jews to the progress of South Africa.

President Raphaely, in his presidential address, referred to the decrease in anti-Semitism, the smooth working of immigration, the hopeful outlook for a reduction in the nationalization fees, progress in the land settlement scheme, and the general information bureau in cooperation with all communities.
Pledge Over $100,000 for Jewish Education Work at Dinner of Association

Eight hundred guests were present at the eighth annual dinner of the Jewish Education Association, held Sunday evening at the Biltmore Hotel, where the speakers declared that the most pressing problem facing the Jews of America is the education of Jewish children in the Jewish faith and traditions. James Marshall, son of the late Louis Marshall, was toastmaster. He was introduced by David N. Moseley, chairman of the committee on arrangements. Mr. Marshall made a plea for the giving of every Jew an opportunity to partake of Jewish culture.

Felix M. Warburg praised the work of the Association and pledged his continuing support. Mr. Warburg, resident, told of the work the Association was doing to spread Jewish education. Bernard Semel, honorary secretary, summarized the work of the organization since its inception eight years ago.

Over $100,000 was raised at the dinner, among the larger contributions being $15,000 from the estate of Israel Miller and $10,000 by Felix Warburg. Gifts of $5,000 were made by Mortimer Schiff, Joseph Leblang, Israel Unterberg, and Arthur M. Lamport.

Papal Secretary's Resignation Recalls His Delay on Mandate

(Royal Telegraph Agency)

Rome, Jan. 6—Cardinal Gaspari, the Papal Secretary, has submitted his resignation in the Vatican's objections to the Palestine Mandate, objections which were instrumental in delaying its ratification by the powers. In the meantime, the situation in Jerusalem and the Holy Land has changed. Chaim Weizmann and Nahum Sokolow endeavored to convince him that Zionism did not conflict with the Christian holy places in Jerusalem.

Gaspari was the author of the note presented to the League of Nations in 1922 complaining about the Zionist activities in Palestine. This note resulted in the British White Paper accepted by the Zionist Organization June 18, 1922, wherein, in addition to including Article 4 regulating the holy places it was declared that the status of all citizens of Palestine was that of Palestinians. Under Article 4 the Zionist Organization possessed no administrative functions and seeks no share in the administration.

Jewish Organizations Get $87,500,000 from $6,000,000 in Conrad Hubert's Will

The thirty-four institutions which are most worthy of aid in the country, in the opinion of former President Coolidge, former Governor Alfred E. Smith and Julius Rosenwald, the Chicago philanthropist, were made public recently. The three men served as a committee to select the beneficiaries of the estate of the late Conrad Hubert, pioneer Jewish manufacturer of electric flashlights.

The bequests have been divided into three classifications: institutions which will receive immediate amounts from cash on hand, those which will share in the first $1,000,000 realized from the unliquidated parts of the estate, and those which will share in the remainder as the estate when it is finally liquidated.

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Conflicting News Current About Darwish's Forces

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 6—Conflicting news from the desert regarding the destination of the remnant of Feisal Darwish's army, which was supposedly encamped near Nedi, on the Iraq frontier, after violent clashes and operations against the rebel force, continues to be reported. Previous reports said that Iraq would not grant the rebels a sanctuary while a telegram from Cairo yesterday declared that Iraq forces had crossed the frontier and elicited a firm note from Ibn Saud demanding their extradition.

In the meantime the rebels are awaiting a reply to their request for a permit to enter Syrian territory. Seventy Druse refugees, fugitives from French Syria, have been ordered to leave Transjordan territory, says a telegram from Amman, giving the recent hold-up of automobiles by roving Druses as the reason.

Jerusalem, Jan. 6—Owing to the strict watch being maintained on the Iraq frontier, Feisal Darwish's followers are reported as becoming disheartened and to be deserting him. Reports reaching here confirm earlier news that Darwish has applied for a sanctuary in Syria. If it is not granted Darwish and the remnant of his forces will become desert roammers without a country.

GREAT FUNERAL GIVEN TO DR. AARON MAZIA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 6—The Vaad Leumi, the Vaad Ha'ir, the Jewish Medical Society, the Hebrew Language Academy, the Authors' Association, the Jerusalem lodge of the B'hai Brit, the Birkur Holim Hospital, the Yeshurun Synagogue, the Jewish Archæological Society, the Hadassah and the Teachers' Organization, were among the groups that participated in the funeral of Dr. Aaron Mazia, Jewish physician, planter and scholar, who died here suddenly Friday at midnight.

Dr. Mazia, who was well past 70, settled in Jerusalem 50 years ago. He was mentioned in Theodor Herzl's diaries and for many years was an editor on a dictionary of Hebrew medical terms. With Chaim Bialik, the poet, and others, he was a member of the Hebrew Language Academy and a sometime owner of a successful orange grove, Rachel.

In view of the prominence of the deceased the Rabbis granted a special dispensation for a public day-time funeral instead of the customary Saturday night burial. The procession formed at 11 yesterday morning and continued with the police keeping order, until after 3 P.M.

Twenty-three Jewish Nurses Pass

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 6—Twenty-three Jewish nurses who completed the course at the Hadassah Training School have passed the government examination.

Habimah Registered in Palestine

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 6—The Habimah Theatre Cooperative Society, Ltd., has been registered in the Official Gazette to continue the existence in Palestine of the Moscowite Theatre Habimah, founded in Moscow in 1917.

Berlin, Jan. 6—Berthold Bernstein, participating in the opening of the German Poale Zion Conference, again declared his sympathy with the Jewish National Home in Palestine and his opposition to Karl Kautsky's anti-nationalist arguments. Before Bern-stein's speech, Dr. Oscar Cohen hailed him in the name of the Jewish workers on the occasion of his eightieth birthday.

Berl Katzenelson spoke about the labor policy of the Palestine workers, emphasizing the moral and financial achievements of the American workers and pointing out with great optimism the many possibilities in Palestine. Karl Kautsky and Emil Vandervelde, the Belgian Socialist, sent greetings to Bernstein in the name of the Socialist International. The German press was full of articles devoted to celebrating Bernstein's 80th birthday.
Prepare Standardized Tests on Jewish History for Use in Jewish Religious Schools  
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)
Cincinnati, Jan. 6—In response to a request by rabbis and principals of Jewish religious schools for standardized tests for Jewish history, Rabbi George Zegin, director of the Department of Synagogue and School Extension, of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has announced the first of such a series prepared by Dr. Julius B. Maller, of New York City, and Rabbi Jacob B. Pollok, of Brooklyn.
Dr. Maller is director of research for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Rabbi Pollok is assistant director for the New York Committee for School Extension of the Union.

Franco-American Oil Interests Opposing British in Mosul  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
Jerusalem, Jan. 6—Should British oil interests insist on a pipeline from the Mosul oil fields through Haifa, French and American interests in the Turkish Petroleum Company will lay a separate pipeline to a Syrian port, according to Syrian papers containing reports of Franco-American negotiations for a contemplated railway line extension from Damascus to Mosul in order to nullify the proposed Bagdad-Haifa line.

Order of to End Attacks on Moscow Yevesektzia  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
Moscow, Jan. 6—An order to discontinue the publication of open letters in which Moscow leaders of the Yevesektzia are criticized, was issued today by the Central Yevesektzia at Moscow to the newspapers, "Shtern" and "Oktyabr." At the same time the editor of the "Emes" resolved to ask higher Communist party authorities to intervene against the systematic attacks conducted by the White Russian Jewish Communist leaders against Litvakov, editor of the "Emes," questioning his leadership. The fight between the Moscow and White Russian Yevesektzia is so serious that it is learned that either Litvakov or some of the White Russian leaders may be compelled to quit.

Hearings on Safed Collective Punishments Start January 8  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
Safed, Jan. 6—Hearings on the collective punishments for Safed are scheduled to begin January 8 with District Commissioner Colville of Haifa presiding. The hearings will determine the guilt of the Arabs and the amount they will have to pay for the destruction of the Jewish quarter of Safed. Arab sources here report that the Mufti of Safed is touring the neighboring villages to collect money for the "Fatah." It is rumored here that he is actually organizing resistance to the collective punishments.

Will Consider Reform of Jewish Divorce Laws to Give Women Equal Rights  
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)
Cincinnati, Jan. 6—Among the problems that will be considered by the governing body of the World Union for Progressive Judaism at its meeting in Berlin, Germany, on Jan. 28, will be the question of reform. Jewish divorce laws shall be fundamentally reformed so as to give women the same rights as men.

The executive committee of the Union has recommended that such reforms be instituted and it is indicated that such action will be taken.

Rabbi David Lefkowitz of Dallas is the chairman of the American delegation on the governing board of the Union. The Hon. Lily H. Montagu of London is the honorary secretary.

ESTABLISH POLICE POSTS NEAR SAFED  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
Jerusalem, Jan. 6—A number of police posts have been established in the vicinity of Safed in consequence of the recent raid by brigands on Faradian. British troops are being used almost exclusively, and a mounted detachment of the Transjordanian defense force is cooperating.

Jewish Clerks’ Strike Over  
(Vilna, Jan. 6)—The strike of the Jewish clerks in the stores and shops of Vilna which has been in progress for almost two weeks has been ended by a government labor inspector after a compromise.

Tarbut Teachers Strike  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
Warsaw, Jan. 6—The teachers in the Tarbut (Hebrew academies) seminaries of Warsaw and Vilna have gone on strike because they have not been receiving their salaries.

Omaha Welfare Society Is Celebrating 25th Year of Service  
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)
Omaha, Jan. 6—The 25th anniversary of the Jewish Women's Welfare organization will be celebrated Tuesday. This organization was the pioneer Jewish social work organization in the city and now aids and complements the professional service.

The celebration will include a luncheon followed by a program and tea at the Jewish Community Centre. Mrs. Louis Richards of San Jose, Cal., the first president, will be the guest of honor. Mrs. A. A. Greenberg is the president.

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