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WARSAW REPORTS THAT LEADERS OF MINSK KEHILLAH TO BE SHOT EXAGGERATED; JEWS OF MINSK CALM: TWO RABBIS MAY BE FREED

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jewish community, including a number of rabbis, who were arrested last week by the Russian secret police on charges of counter-revolutionary activity, will be executed as it has been ex-tensively reported and rumored in the to a prominent lewish leader there.

As a matter of fact the government's has become, if anything, milder, and their relatives are permitted to see them by special appointment. The Jewish population in Minsk is less at tentive to the arrests and to what may come of them than the Jews abroad.

The reports from Warsaw that leaders of the Minsk Jewish community will be shot should be treated with a grain of salt because they are greatly exaggerated. The Jewish leader with whom the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's correspondent spoke was not controlled and he could tell the truth if the situation were really serious. He also said that Chief Rabbi Gluskin and Rabbi Kopelovitch may be released this week.

Moscow officialdom is laughing at the report that "twenty-five rabbis in Minsk have been executed." A high official told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's correspondent today that this story was prevaricated in Warsaw just as the Riga report a week ago that 500 naval officers had been shot was pre-varicated. He declared that both were absolutely false.

Moscow, Feb. 21-The correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns today that while a death sentences for the fourteen leaders of the Jewish community of Minsk, arrested last week for counter-revolutionary activity, is improbable, serious punishment for them is expected. Although no date has yet been set for their trial your correspondent is endeavoring to establish the date.

(Tewish Telegraphic Agency)

Washington, Feb. 21—Information obtained yesterday by Congressman Dickstein of New York and Congressman Sabath of Illinois appeared to confirm an earlier dispatch to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from Warsaw that

Moscow, Feb. 21-No one in Minsk, and Pevsner, who were arrested last Saturday by the Russian secret police not even the Jewish leaders, expects Saturday by the Russian secret police that the fourteen leaders of the Minsk on charges of counter-revolutionary activity, were to be shot by the Soviet. Immediately after obtaining the in-

formation Congressman Dickstein arranged a conference regarding the matter between Senator Borah, chairman of the Senate foreign relations com-mittee and Senators Copeland and Wagner. Congressman Sabath, alforeign press, the correspondent of the mittee and Senator Copeland and Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned after a long distance telephone call to Minsk from Moscow in which he spoke action taken.

It is learned that the purpose of this attitude towards those under arrest conference is to enlist Senator Borah's intercession and that Senator Borah was greatly aroused by the information conveyed to him and indicated that he would take such action as would prove feasible. It is also known that among the steps considered are the transmission of a cable by Senator Borah directly to the Soviets.

> (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Berlin, Feb. 21-The German rabbinate is planning a protest Sabbath

sermons in all the synagogues and to ecutive and refused to contribute anyissue a public appeal

Weizmann Repudiates Charge Jewish Land Purchases Are Contrary to Arab Interests (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

St. Louis, Feb. 21-Charges that the acquisition of land by the Jews in Palestine are contrary to Arab interests were repudiated by Dr. Chaim Weiz-mann, president of the World Zionist Organization, in a message to the Mid-Western convention of the Jewish National Fund which opens here Sunday. Dr. Weizmann declared that the most important Jewish land purchases were not from the poor fellaheen but from the large effendi landowners.

In his message Dr. Weizmann said, "the possession of the land reserves as the inalienable property of the Jewish people constitutes the most solid foundation of the Jewish National Home. Recent experiences have shown the force of Ussishkin's insistent demand for increased and vigorous action on (Continued on Page 3)

Arabs Decline to Contribute to London Delegation's Costs (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 21-Of the seventy Arab notables of Acre invited to a meeting to raise funds to defray the expenses of the Arab delegation to against religious persecutions in Rus-sia and intends to organize protest both the delegation and the Arab Ex-

Russia to Spend Nearly 16,000,000 Roubles in 1930 for Jewish Colonization Work: Decisions of Communist Party Executive, and White Russian Land Commissar to Relieve Declassed Jews

will be spent by the Russian govern-ment for Jewish colonization projects through the Comzet, the government department for settling the Jews on the land, during the year 1930, Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, in charge of the work of the Agro-Joint in Russia, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency before he left for Russia yesterday on the "Bremen" to resume his work after a short stay in

The government's settlement gram, as outlined to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by Dr. Rosen, cludes provisions for a total of 12,140 Tewish families who will be settled according to the following divison; 4,500 in the Agro-Joint districts, 1,000 in the in the Agro-Joint districts, 1,000 in the Jewish Colonization Association dis-tricts, 240 in the Ort districts, 3,400 in Bira Bidjan including the Soviet grain farms, and 1,000 in White Russia, Uzbekistan and Daghestan.

the 14 leaders of the Jewish community spent on this program will be allo- Party which gives thousands of Jews of Minsk, including Rabbis Gluskin cated as follows, Dr. Rosen said: 7,000,- (Continued on Page 3)

は城市部間 A total of almost 16,000,000 roubles 1000 roubles from the Central government and Ukrainia for colonization in Ukrainia, 2,400,000 in Ukrainia for the settlements near Jewish towns, from the Central Government 500,000 for White Russia, 5,000,000 from the general government budget for Bira Bidjan grain farms and 250,000 for Jewish collective farms in various places. The ing 500,000 roubles and foreign organi-

Dr. Rosen also said that the Com-zet's industrialization program provides for 31,340 people to be placed in various industries and to get industrial training. Some 12,470 have already been sent to different factories.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Feb. 21-The expelling of ex-traders from the land collectives and the artisans co-operatives will be paralyzed by an important decision just adopted by the Executive Committee The sum of 19,150,000 roubles to be of the White Russian Communist

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No Action on Blease Bill to Register Aliens Until Hearings Are Arranged

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Washington, Feb. 21—Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York at today's immigration, succeeded in having action on the voluntary alien registration bill of Senator Blease of South Carolina deferred until he is able to communicate with the opponents of the bill in New York and elsewhere with regard to requesting hearings for them on the

It is understood that Senator Copeland is prepared to hear from those who desire to be heard on the bill. The bill of Senator Metcalf of Rhode Island to give preference within the quota to skilled laborers was discussed again but no action was taken on it

Cyrus Adler to Represent Agency at Wailing Wall Commission

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 21-It is learned here that Dr. Chaim Weizmann has asked Dr. Cyrus Adler to represent the Jewish Agency before the League of Nations Wailing Wall Commission to be appointed to settle Jewish and Moslem claims to the ancient structure.

Felix Warburg confirmed the dispatch that Dr. Adler has been asked to renresent the Jewish Agency before the Wailing Wall Commission. Mr. War-burg expressed satisfaction with the selection of Dr. Adler. Dr. Adler is president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, president of the American Jewish Committee and a non-Zionist member of the Council of the Tewish Agency

"Near East and India," Leading English Magazine, Appears to Have Turned Pro-Arah (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Feb. 21-"Near East and India," a magazine reported to be close to the British Colonial Office, and lately inclined to find all possible ex-Sylvain Birnbaum Secretary cuses for the Arabs, often doing this at the cost of running down Zionism, in an editorial in the current issue emphasizes "the considerable effect" the Arab boycott, and even goes by intimating and indirectly suggesting that the Arabs should continue the boycott at least until the Inquiry Commission has reported, thus showing that they "have accomplished some-WarsawUlica Aleje Jerozolimski Nr. 18 thing that many observers thought was

In a second editorial, "Near East and India," protects the Arab delegation coming to London against the recent charges by Sir Martin Conway who drew attention in a letter in the press to the feuds between the Palestine Arabs and suggested the impossibility of a correct representation of Arab opinion by the announced delegation. The editorial asks whether the words

spoken by Jamal Husseini against Mayor Nashishibi are worse than those of Zionists against non-Zionists on the Jewish Agency. "Neither the Arabs nor the Jews succeed in estab-

The bad taste of this editorial, which compares the centuries-old blood feuds between Arab families which have often taken on the character of and non-Zionists, has caused resentment and disappointment in Zionist circles here with a paper that they considered fair and impartial, if not

Jews and Arabs Watching Palestine Police Changes (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 21-Insecurity will continue as long as Great Britain pursues a Zionist policy necessitating the concentration of police forces in the towns for the protection of the Jews, Arab notables from Nablus told In-spector-General Dowbiggin, now en-gaged in reorganizing the Palestine police force

Victor Kohen, a representative of the Palestine Colonization Association, described to Inspector-General Dowbiggin, whom he met in Haifa, the inse-curity of the Pica colonies in Gallilee and proposed measures to improve conditions.

Discussing the approaching reorganization of the police, M. Glickson, editor of the Hebrew paper "Ha'Eretz", says that "it is insufficient merely to correct the proportion of Jews to non-Jews but it is necessary to remove the Arab police from their present surroundings and it is essential to ruthlessly eliminate all who failed in their duty during the riots and it is important to eradicate those elements from Jerusalem, about 70 in Hebron and the police force who witnessed without more than a score in Safeti.

Weizmann Repudiates Charge Jewish Land Purchases Are Contrary to Arab Interests

(Continued from Page 1) behalf of the Jewish National Fund. It is suggested in quarters hostile to Zionism that the acquisition of Jewish land is contrary to the interests of the

"Anyone with the slightest regard for the truth can easily be convinced that the charge is without foundation. We have paid dearly for every inch of land. Our conscience is clear in respect to the land question as in all our other efforts to make in Palestine the Jewish National Home and to transform it into a fit country for all its

The call for the Jewish National Fund Convention was issued by Professor Gustave Klausner, Max Shul-man, H. Steinberg, Judge Hugo Pam, Judge Harry Fisher and Miss Pearl Franklin.

Revisionists Fete Jabotinsky as He Leaves for South Africa (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Feb. 21-The English Zionist Revisionists gave a reception tonight to Vladimir Jabotinsky, leader of the World Zionist Revisionists, on the eve of his departure for South Africa. Speaking of Jabotinsky's personality, Meer Grossman said that he led the way to realities in Zionist politics and that Revisionism is the only movement during the last few years that has

Jabotinsky spoke of his South African mission. He said that South Africa if wisely influenced and correctly informed would prove a tremendous factor in the future of Zionist tactics and policy. He repeated the demand for the seventeenth Zionist Congress

Rabbi Protests Mogen David at Meeting of B'nai B'rith (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Seattle, Feb. 21-That the blue and white flag with the Star of David, that hung beside the Stars and Stripes at a meeting of the Seattle lodge of the B'nai B'rith, was out of place at a B'nai B'rith meeting, was the contention of Rabbi Samuel Kosch, first Grand Vice-president of Grand Lodge District No. 4. The flag, he claimed, was the emblem of political Zionism, and while he said he agreed with the and while he said he agreed with the concepts of the Jewish Agency, he did not favor Palestine as a Jewish State and felt that many B'nai B'rith members agreed with him that the blue and white flag stands for a dual allegiance. Having it there before him at the meeting, Rabbi Koch thought, was entirely at variance with the subject of his talk "The Iew and Patriotism."

Council of Italian Ministers Confirms Law Recognizing Juridical Russia to Spend Nearly Rights of Jewish Religion and Communities in Italy

(Tewish Telegraphic Agency)

duced in the Italian Chamber of Deputies last May by the Minister of Justice, Signor Rocco, providing for the recognition of the juridical rights of non-Catholic cults, a law made neces-sary by the Treaty and Concordat between the Holy See and Italian state by which Catholicism became the state religion. The law defines the regulations in connection with the legalization of the Iewish and Protestant communities, their supervision by the government and the appointments of religious heads.

According to the law Iewish clericals conducting marriage ceremonies and those exercising their duties chiefly among Italians must be Italian citizens, which means that a person who is not an Italian citizen cannot exercise the functions of a rabbi. The Protestant clergy are not restricted as to Italian citizenship because they func-tion chiefly among non-Italians. While Italian Jewry is dissatisfied with the regulations governing marriage, div-orce and education, they realize that the law which compels membership in the Tewish community will be a strong preventative against assimilation,

As a result of this new law and the Concordat, Italy is today the only country in the world where the Jews find it more difficult to obtain a divorce, or rather an annulment, than a Catholic. Whereas annulment effected by the ecclesiastical court is valid, the the marriage of a Jew, even on similar grounds. A Jew is able to obtain annulment of marriage only from a civil tribunal which is much harsher. This creates not merely a difference in jurisdiction, but a difference in the treat-ment of Catholics and of Jews, the canonic law sanctioning annulment in such cases which the civil law does not admit.

Italy under the Concordat recognizes as valid a marriage ceremony per-formed by a Catholic priest, officiating on behalf of the Catholic Church and deriving his authority from the Canon law. A rabbi, however, performs the representing the state, carrying out this function in accordance with the civil code. This difference in status makes itself evident when the question of divorce or annulment arises. As the legal situation stands today, neither the Canon nor the civil law allow divorce. The only way open for dissolution of marriage is annulment.

In order to mitigate the situation. the rabbinate approached the government in order to determine whether the canonic law could not be applied to the Jewish community. This step, unpre-cedented in Jewish history, met with a negative response. In this direction it is pertinent to note that Catholic newspapers and spokesmen repeatedly pointed out that the change in the Jewish community to grant a subsidy

Rome, Feb. 21-The Council of Min-1 status of the Tewish community from isters has confirmed the law intro- that of a "tolerated" to a "recognized" community makes little difference, indicating that the position of the Jewish religion in Italy has not been essentially improved.

Much more difficult is the situation with regard to education. Prior to the adoption of the Concordat the state schools were secular and the Iewish children were therefore able to attend them without involving a religious question. Even before the Concordat, Professor Gentile, Fascist Min-ister of Education, had carried out in 1923 an education reform law that transformed the schools into Catholic confessional institutions. Article III of the Gentile law states that the teaching of Christian doctrine according to the Catholic religion should be the basis and aim of elementary educational stages.

Article 36 of the Concordat creates even greater difficulties for the Jews.
It reads that "Italy considers the teaching of Christian doctrine, according to the form handed down by Catholic tradition, as the foundation and cap-stone of public education. Therefore, Italy agrees that the religious instruction now given in the public elemen-tary school shall be further developed in the secondary schools according to

a program to be agreed upon by the Holy See and the State. This instruc-tion is to be given by teachers and professors who are priests or religious apwho will be aided by lay teachers and professors holding for this purpose proper certificates of fitness and capacity, these certificates to be issued by

the diocesan Bishop."

As a result of this article Jewish parents, by sending their children to state schools, lend their hand to proselytization for the problem has not been changed by the exemption of the Iewish children from periods of religious study as the entire school system is saturated with Catholicism.

The situation in Italy is of historic significance. Whereas only a decade ago the question of establishing Jewish schools in Italy would have been regarded as absurd, today the Jewish Community has officially and repeatedly approached the government on this matter. The Jewish community feels that unless Jewish schools are estab-lished the Jewish children will be driven to conversion

Establishing Jewish schools has dif-ferent meaning in Italy from that in Poland or Lithuania where the question of the Jewish language is the main basis for such a demand. Jewish schools in Italy mean Italian schools but with Jewish religious instruction. Repeated efforts have been made by the Jewish community to obtain from the government measures which would remedy the situation, but they have met with no success. The government

16,000,000 Roubles for Jewish Colonization Work (Continued from Page 1)

in White Russia an opportunity to enter the collectives and cooperatives notwithstanding the fact that they have no voting rights.

The decision says "those admitted to the land collectives or cooperatives should also be the impoverished Jews who have no voting rights. They may have been engaged in labor and they may have been doing small trading but if they have not exploited labor and quit trading not less than a year ago they can join the collectives or cooperatives now."

The White Russian Communist party's decision besides being tremen-dous relief for the declassed Jews of the small towns is also a great victory for those Jewish Communists of White Russia who bitterly opposed the latest swing to the extreme Left measures in the Ozet's ranks.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Feb. 21-Jews without voting rights will be given the right to vote after they have worked in the land collectives for a certain period of time it was assured today by land commissary M. Ratshitsky, addressing the White Russian Ozet convention at Minsk. Ratshitsky said that "due to the incorrect action of the White Russian Ozet, many undesirables were settled in the Jewish collectives. However, now when a cleaning is going on in the collectives, we must be very careful with expulsion."

Continuing, the land commissar said: "There are such ultra-Left revolutionaries who expel during a cleaning all those who have no election rights. This is absolutely incorrect. We must differentiate between Nepmen and those who are compelled to do small trading but who never exploited hired labor. The last have the full right to remain in the collectives even though they have no election rights. will receive these rights later."

Ratshitsky told the convention that there are now 9,101 Jewish families in the land collectives of White Russia and he added that the situation of the Iews in the small towns is becoming more complicated now that the total collectivization is conducted. He also said the government will assist those affected by settling part of them in neighboring collectives and helping the rest to migrate to an industrial region like the Ural or Leningrad or to go to Crimea or Bira Bidjan.

to Jewish schools. There is, for example a Jewish school in Rome which has been established by the commu-nity and which follows the ordinary educational program prescribed by the government but substitutes Jewish re-ligious instruction for Catholic.

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PALESTINE PARLIAMENT PROS AND CONS SEEN BY LUDWIG AND JABOTINSKY

in Palestine have been discussed releader of the Zionist Revisionists, in a speech which he delivered before a large gathering in Tel Aviv, Palestine, and by Emil Ludwig, eminent German writer, in an article in the New York "Times." Jabotinsky opposes a par-liament in Palestine, while Ludwig sees it as inevitable.

Doubting that a parliament in Palestine will bring peace to the country, labotinsky declared in his speech:

"On the contrary, I believe that it will lead to war, to a new war that will be even worse than the present All who have given ear to the proposal for a parliament say that we must demand that it approve of the Balfour Declaration, But everyone understands today that one can even get from an anti-Semite a statement in fa-vor of the Balfour Declaration. But the important thing is who does the interpreting. These are two possibilities inherent in a parliament. One of them is that it should consist of an Arab majority which can control our immigration and stop it when it wishes. Or, as the English propose, neither the Arabs nor the Jews should have a majority, but the Arabs together with the English should constitute a majority, and the Jews, together with the English, should constitute a majority. "Perhaps this method is good, but

will it bring peace to the country? If a proposal will be adopted in parliament against the votes of the Arabs, they will say: 'The Jews are leaning on a third power and are forcing us to say that we are against it.' Will that bring peace to the country? And if the Arabs and the English should accidentally pass a law barring immigra-tion and we come out with speeches and protests, the government will say to us: 'Go and listen to the speeches of the Arabs in parliament.' Will that bring peace to the country? Such a parliament will become a platform of race-hatred, a means of making ever sharper and stronger the differences

Guard Mufti to Strengthen Tale of Fake Jewish Plot

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 21-Four armed men are constantly guarding the Grand Mufti it is learned here, while Subhi Khadra, manager of the Arab Executive's office is touring the villages circulating the story of the fake Jewish plot against the Mufti's life and collecting signatures for a petition to High Commissioner Chancellor protesting against the alleged Zionists' plot Special guards have been employed to show that the Mufti's life is endan-

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The pros and cons of a parliament | between the two nationalities, and will | matter of a parliament is necessary for not be a way leading to peace.

"It may be that when the Arabs will get a parliament, they will be very happy over it, and this happiness will last a couple of months. During the first month they will be so happy that they will forget all about us, and quiet and peace will reign. The leaders will come and say: 'Here you have peace.' But we have learned that one mustn't look only at the first half-year, and looking ahead we can see that this way won't lead us to peace.

"Only a minority among us believes that through compromises we can atity has put the question to itself and has come to the conclusion that in that manner we will not attain peace. And even if the minority should agree to the compromises as a means of attaining peace, I cannot, however, forget that there is in the Yishub a partand it is the majority-which thinks passing to assure peace as long as we here as executors of a great part of do not renounce our most fundamental the conscience of the world, the British demand—free immigration. The whole must also shoulden the constitution of the world.

our neighbors, in order that they may be able to stop immigration altogether. A parliament will sooner or later be established in Palestine, believes Emil

Ludwig, and the Palestine Jews, even Ludwig, and the Faiestine Jews, even though they may have only a third of the votes in that parliament, will be "neither lords nor vassals." At the end of his article in the "New York Times," Mr. Ludwig says:

"Only by mutual understanding can the Arabs and the Jews live together in this country, which both races pos-sess by virtue of tradition and by virtue of promises given in recognition of their conduct during the World War. No prudent Zionist speaks any longer of the Jewish State of Palestine, but all speak of a home in Palestine. The first would be as senseless as the published assertion of the Arabs that Sir Alfred Mond and Einstein wanted to erect again the Temple of David. De-

Emil Ludwig Sees Parliament Inevitable in Palestine, and When Established Jews Will Be "Neither Vassals Nor Lords"

At the beginning of his article Mr. I Ludwig notes the racial similarity between Jews and Arabs. Though the Arabs in Palestine are superior in numbers to the Jews there, they are, says Ludwig, "confronted by one of the cleverest of all races, a race which by virtue of its intelligence and tenacity has maintained itself better than any other during the last 2,000 years. These qualities, it is true, do not make men more handsome, but they make them more successful."

Palestine, according to Ludwig, "is the international land par excellence because of its being sacred to three religions. Though only one percent of the Jews of the world live today in Palestine, only 4 percent of all the Arabs of the world live there. Because the Jews "are united by a culture which is closely linked with Christianity and hence is of greater concern to half a billion people than all the treasures of Arabian wisdom," the back to this remarkable race a kind of

center such as it long ago lost.' When Ludwig asked the Jerusalem Mufti what Balfour had in mind during the war when he made promises to both Jews and Arabs, the Mufti re-plied: "He had England in mind."

The Arab cry that "the Jews are dispossessing us" isn't true, says Ludwig, who believes that the whole Arab resentment against the Jew is moti-vated by the Jews' greater enterprise and success in agriculture and industry. Zionists and Arabs, as well as the British in Palestine, have made mis-takes, feels Ludwig. The Zionists have and have made too much noise, and "it was likewise a mistake to carry the

events at the Wailing Wall from the sphere of religion over into that of nationalism," that is, for the Zionists to take over a religious problem "which did not directly concern them." The thought the world would not be aroused by the August massacres. greatest mistake of the British was that "nearly all their officials, with the exception of the half-dozen highest, have constantly found themselves in more or less silent opposition of the Jews." Ludwig mentions the fact that during the Arab disturbances of 1921, when the disturbances were not checked at the start, "because the execution of many orders was handicapped by the resistance of the officials."

Ludwig quotes an Arab fellah as say-

ing to him:
"If they kill a thousand Jews, millions more will come to avenge their brothers. If they kill a thousand Arabs, there are millions of others to avenge them too. Then why do they kill each other?'

Commenting upon this, Ludwig says: "Even to the cadence in which it was spoken, this observation of the Arabian peasant resembled the answer of a Iewish scribe. This poor fellah came nearer to the solution of the question than all the politicians among the three interested peoples with whom I talked in Jerusalem.

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