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Soviet Anti-Passover Drive Seen as Absurd Procedure By Some Communists

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Moscow, Apr. 1.—While the anti-Passover campaign has started in various parts of Russia many Jewish Communists consider it absurd because they point out that since the Jews will be unable to obtain matzoth the entire campaign becomes useless. While the campaign officially opened in Moscow a fortnight ago there are no indications that it is effective.

In White Russia plans call for the visiting of every Jewish home with a demand for the contribution of religious articles to the industrialization fund. Red wagons will go through every small town for the purpose of collecting candle sticks, praying shawls and phylacteries. Special stress will be laid on women and children in an effort to get them to contribute to the fund. All children will be required to attend school during Passover, while on the eve of the holiday the women will be invited to special anti-religious meetings.

In the meantime the Jewish Communists of Minsk are utilizing the recent arrest of the rabbis there in their own anti-Passover campaign. They are endeavoring to prove that "all rabbis are partners with contrabandists and Soviet enemies and hence no Jew should observe religious festivals because religion breeds counter-revolution."

Ramsay MacDonald Receives Arab Deputation in Commons

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Apr. 1.—Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald received today in the House of Commons the deputation of Palestine Arabs who arrived in London on the eve of the publication of the Inquiry Commission report. The deputation received by the Prime Minister was headed by Mouzza Kazim Pasha and Jamil Hussein who stated their views on the riots and discussed the future of the Palestine Mandate.

British Government to Make Statement on Report Tomorrow

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London Apr. 1.—Prime Minister MacDonald today told former Premier Baldwin in the House of Commons that he hoped to be in a position to make a preliminary statement on the Palestine Inquiry Commission's report on Thursday. He said that the government is now studying the report and is in consultation with the parties concerned.

J. T. A. Sets Record in Cable Report of Inquiry Commission

The longest cable on any one story of Jewish interest ever received in the United States, came into the office of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Monday afternoon, when it handled 11,500 words from its London office on the report of the Palestine Inquiry Commission. The report occupied more than two full pages in the Yiddish daily papers in New York, the forms of which were kept open for this purpose.

Arab Executive Asks Arab Delegation to Fight for Waiving of Death Sentences

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 1.—The Arab Executive here has cabled the Arab delegation now in London urging it to do everything possible to obtain the waiving of the death sentences meted out to Arabs for the murder of Jews during last summer's riots. The cable stresses that "the country is extremely excited because the appeal has been refused by the Privy Council." Last Friday the Privy Council turned down the appeal of Arabs sentenced to death.

ENGLISH PRESS DIFFERS ON REPORT BUT "NEWS" AND "TIMES" SEE COMMISSION AS OVERSTEPPING TERMS OF REFERENCE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Apr. 1.—Conflicting editorial views on the report of the Palestine Inquiry Commission are expressed today in the British press, with the "Daily News" and the "Times" taking the stand that the Commission overstepped its terms of reference in probing into matters of major policy, while the "Morning Post" is in general accord with the recommendations of the report and the "Daily Mail" goes a step further and declares that the commission had not the power "to advise the government to cut its losses and get out of Palestine before the trouble begins." "The Telegraph" devotes considerable space to the report editorially but does not take any definite stand, while curiously enough "The Herald", the organ of the Labor Party, does not mention the report at all.

Commenting on the report "The Daily News" says, "The not very impressive Commission appointed to investigate the immediate causes which led to the recent outbreak in Palestine, has taken a somewhat wide view of its reference and issued quite a bulky little volume, much of which is concerned with problems and events that certainly cannot be described as among 'the im-

"Doar Hayom" Sees Report as Summit of Anti-Zionism in Hostility to the Jews

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 1.—The "Doar Hayom," the only Hebrew paper here that has yet had time to comment on the Inquiry Commission's report, has published a special issue containing it and calls it "the summit of anti-Zionism. From the very first moment the majority of the Commissioners showed their enmity to the Jews and sympathy to the Arabs. The government actively supported this tendency. The Jews had a single way of defending the honor of Zionism, viz., to declare openly and comprehensively the aims of Zionism but this was not done by the Jewish witnesses."

Pointing out that the report exceeds all the pessimistic forecast, the "Doar Hayom" declares "If the report had been composed in the offices of the Arab Executive, 'The London Daily Mail,' or the Vatican, it could not be more hostile. All of the recommendations of the Commission tend to justify the Arabs and to throw responsibility on the Jews. The report suggests measures contradicting the Mandate. Snell's attitude is only a little consolation."

mediate' causes of the Arab attacks on Jews. There is no particular grounds to complain of the general conclusion, which is that the government should issue without delay a clear statement of their policy regarding Palestine and its government.

"But we cannot help feeling that its eagerness to probe for the ultimate causes, which is the business of much higher authorities, has led to the Commission to take a rather too slighting view of its immediate mission. Whether Snell is right in laying a far greater degree of blame for the outbreak than his colleagues do on the Arabs and their leaders, may be a matter of opinion, but we are sure he is right in the graver view which he takes in the responsibility of the British officials.

"They are the persons responsible for the maintenance of order in Palestine. That is what they are there for, and from whatever cause, they failed. No purpose is served by glossing this fact or seeking other scapegoats. 'Don't you worry about responsibility,' Lord Plumer told the deputation; 'I'll take the responsibility. That's

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Chicago Hadassah Holds "Give or Get" Luncheon

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, Apr. 1—The Chicago chapter of Hadassah held its third annual \$50 "Give or Get" luncheon yesterday at the Stevens Hotel. One thousand women were present, each of whom contributed or raised \$50. In this manner the Chicago chapter raised its quota of \$50,000 for the Hadassah Medical Organization.

Mrs. Robert Szold, national president of Hadassah, gave an inspiring talk which will be the foundation of even more intensive work.

Jewess Named to High Legal Post in Ukraina

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Apr. 1—Chane Izraileva, a Jewess who was once a tailor, was today appointed by the Ukrainian Central Executive Committee as State Attorney General on Labor questions. She was formerly president of the All-Ukrainian Needle Trade Union and comes from a poor Jewish family.

Tel Aviv to Name Primary School for Lord Balfour

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Tel Aviv, Apr. 1—This, the only Jewish city in the world, today decided through its municipal government to establish a primary school named after the late Lord Balfour. The Zionist Executive will be asked to share the expenses.

Arab Gets 4-Year Sentence for Inciting Hebron Crowds

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 1—Sadik Altamimi, charged with inciting a crowd in Hebron to kill Police Inspector Cafferatta, was today sentenced to four years' imprisonment. A second charge against him, that of inciting Arabs to kill Jews, was dropped owing to a lack of evidence.

Yiddish Press Sees Report of Inquiry Commission as Politics and Designed to Satisfy Both Sides and Exonerate Britain

Both the "Jewish Morning Journal" and the "Day" of Tuesday, in editorials regard the report of the Palestine Inquiry Commission as animated by politics, endeavoring to satisfy both Jews and Arabs and to exonerate the Palestine government from all blame for the August riots, according to summaries prepared by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

"The Arabs are to blame for the riots—this is throwing a bone to the Jews. But the riots were not planned in advance, but represented an outburst of popular wrath—this is a bone for the Arabs. The Mandatory Power could not foresee that the popular revolt would come so suddenly—this is an excuse for the government of Palestine. The immigration to Palestine must be controlled even further—a concession to the Arabs. The land question must again be investigated and the government must see to it that the fellahen shall be able to remain on their soil—this is a concession to the Arabs again. The result is that the Commission, which is performing such acrobatic stunts trying to satisfy all sides, will not satisfy anyone, and least of all the Jewish side," says the "Day."

It is impossible for Jews to be satisfied with the declaration of the Commission that the riots were not planned in advance and that the Palestine government didn't know of these plans, the "Day" says further, pointing out that three days before the outbreak of the riots, the entire Hebrew press of Palestine was full of reports about Arab preparations for an armed outbreak.

"If there is justice in England, the report of the Palestine Inquiry Commission will not be tolerated for a minute," continues the "Day" editorial. "Already there are voices which cry out against this report. The Commission member who belongs to the Labor Party has come out against the conclusions of the majority in a separate minority report. Commander Kenworthy brands the report as partial and unjust. And these voices will grow in number and strength."

"Prime Minister MacDonald still has to say his word next Thursday in Parliament, and if we properly estimate this statesman, who himself has to thank his leadership to the sense of justice of the British people, will we hope, characterize the report of his Commission as it deserves."

"The first impression which one gets from the report of the Shaw Investigating Commission in Palestine is that it gives us the full disappointment that was predicted," says J. Fishman in the "Morning Journal," who believes that a new commission will now be appointed.

"Speaking of the notorious role that the Grand Mufti performed in the riots, the Commission does acrobatic stunts," says Mr. Fishman. "It admits that he organized Moslem socie-

ties to incite against Jews with regard to the Wailing Wall question, but that he didn't intend to cause riots. Nevertheless, the Commission says that since he and many others played upon the passions of the public, he must take upon himself part of the responsibility for the occurrences."

Even worse, continues Mr. Fishman, is the fact that the Commission absolves the Palestine government from all blame for the riots. The testimony of Acting High Commissioner Luke himself, before the Commission, he says, should have been enough to condemn him and some of the officials under him. Mr. Fishman also criticizes the Commission for its conclusions with regard to the land and immigration questions.

"Fortunately," he continues, "the influence of the Commission has been discounted from the very beginning. Besides, there is a minority report from Harry Snell, the Labor member, which does not agree with the extreme conclusions of the other members. And in spite of the fact that Snell is a minority in the committee, his party is the majority party in Parliament."

"The scene now shifts from the Commission to Parliament and the government," concludes Mr. Fishman. "The debate in Parliament and the declarations of the Ministers will show whether England will carry out the Mandate or not."

Samuel Goldsmith to Head Chicago Jewish Charities

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Chicago, Apr. 1—Samuel Goldsmith, executive director of the Bureau of Social Research in New York, has been named director of the Chicago Federation of Jewish Charities, to succeed Louis M. Cahn. Mr. Goldsmith, who is 38, was a former general secretary of the council of Y. M. H. A.'s and organizing secretary of the Jewish Welfare Board for welfare work in the United States Army and Navy. He was also secretary of the National Council of Jewish Social Service.

Herman Bernstein Honored By Dinner at Astor

Herman Bernstein, well-known journalist and author, was the guest of honor last night at a dinner at the Hotel Astor to commemorate his appointment by President Hoover as Minister to Albania. Many notable Jews prominent in philanthropic, communal and civic organizations were present. Judge Otto A. Rosalsky officiated as chairman and toastmaster, and James W. Gerard, former Ambassador to Germany, headed the list of speakers. Speakers and guests included many representatives of both the Jewish and English daily press, among whom were Adolph S. Ochs, Louis W. Fehr, and Dr. S. Margoshes.

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my affair.' That's the proper spirit and it was lamentably little in evidence in August, 1929."

"The Times" writes, "It may seem regrettable, from some points of view, that the Commissioners should so far exceed their terms of reference and reopen the whole question of the interpretation of the Mandate." "The Times" devotes two columns on its editorial page chiefly to a summary of the report, although the report itself is more than fairly completely reproduced in more than five columns on the front page.

The editorial also points out one omission in the list of recommendations "which surprised those acquainted with Palestine conditions, viz., that the disarmament of the country is notoriously incomplete and the unlicensed possession of fire arms and explosives has not been visited with sufficiently severe penalties and fines, which should be imposed collectively on villages where hidden stores and weapons are detected. The fact that the Palestine frontier is not easily closed against smuggling makes it the more necessary to deal rigorously with gun runners and their clients.

"To sum up the contents in a phrase the report makes a strong case for a definition of the practical limits of Zionist colonization in Palestine, if it is not to result in 'a poor Arab' problem, but it also suggests that the first and most obvious duty of the Mandatary is to leave no doubt whatever in the mind of either race that this country intends to retain the Mandate with which the League of Nations has entrusted it, and to maintain law and order throughout the country.

"So long as that is clearly understood there is everything to be said for a clear restatement of the terms of the Mandate and of the policy by which it is to be carried out in practice, but it would be a most profound misfortune if any delay in discovering and interpretation or in working out a formula were to arouse the slightest suspicion that the retention of the Mandate itself was at all uncertain."

"The Morning Post" says it "can hardly think it wise in the Zionists to rest their policy on the support of British bayonets. It is not a good precedent for people to be placed, as their people are placed, either in Palestine or elsewhere. If they are to establish themselves in the country, it must be with the good will of the local inhabitants, nor can they contest in logic or in justice the demands of the Arabs for a certain measure of self-government. Can as Jews, who everywhere claim to be in the van of liberal and democratic movements, resist the principle of majority rule in this special case.

"The Commission asks of the government a declaration of policy which will help remove these Arab apprehensions. There should be some assurance on these points, in particular that the rights of non-Jewish communities

would be safe-guarded, that immigration should not be forced, and that the peasantry should not be dispossessed. The Zionists may be tempted to oppose these reasonable requests, but before they commit themselves let them well consider the alternative. They may force their people upon Palestine but they cannot keep them there nor can they protect them against the animosity of a turbulent and powerful race which has its main strength outside the borders of the country. The only way to success is to reduce their ideas to the level of what is reasonable and possible and to base their hopes upon the goodwill of those who must be their neighbors."

Urging that the only way out of the business is to clear out of Palestine now and without delay, the "Daily Mail" says, "The Commission had not the power to advise the government to cut its losses and get out of Palestine before trouble begins, but it almost plaintively urges the government to make up its mind to supplement that policy."

Felix Warburg, in Cablegram, Summarizes Achievements of Agency Meeting and Pleads for Continuation of Work of J. D. C.

"With the utmost harmony and mutual understanding we have concluded sessions of the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, united and restrengthened in our resolutions," begins a cable received from Felix M. Warburg by the United Jewish Campaign. "With a firm insistence on our just rights, and with an equally strong determination so to build that all the peoples of Palestine may live together in amity and accord, we proceed to our concrete tasks, the strengthening of colonization, the promotion of industry, the furtherance of adequate measures for health and education, the encouragement of immigration within the economic capacities of the land. This program deserves the loyal support of all Jews and builds a road towards the development of a self-dependent community living on the soil of our ancestors, who will once again produce spiritual values of benefit to all mankind.

"To give strength to our organization, we have added to the Palestine Executive of the Jewish Agency, Dr. Maurice Hexter, formerly secretary of the Boston Federation of Jewish Charities, splendid student of social economic affairs and able administrator; Dr. Werner Senator, who for years rendered distinguished service to the Joint Distribution Committee; and we have the promise of Julius Simon of New York, whose knowledge of Palestine is most valuable, to join our executive. Pinchas Rutenberg, head of the Palestine Electric Corporation, will associate himself with the problems and program of the Executive as a volunteer consultant, thus assuring coordination with the viewpoint of the Palestinian Jewish population. Oscar Was-

Texas Jews in Drive for \$100,000 for Palestine Colony

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

San Antonio, Apr. 1.—A \$100,000 campaign to establish a Texas colony in Palestine was opened here last night with an address by Dr. Henry Raphael Gold of Congregation Shaareth Israel, Dallas, honorary president of the Texas Zionist Organization, at Congregation Agudas Achem, this city. More than two hundred of the two thousand shares to be issued were taken up at the meeting, at which Dr. J. Berg, president of the San Antonio Zionists, presided.

The appeal will continue until completed, Dr. Gold declared. It was decided on at last year's Silver Jubilee Convention of the organization to mark twenty-five years of Zionist work in Texas.

W. Z. E. Denies Report of \$5,000,000 Loan Issue

The World Zionist Executive has denied the report that the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency, in its recent session in London, had planned a \$5,000,000 loan issue, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns.

sermann, chairman of our budget and finance committee, has invited Dr. Bernard Kahn, European Director of the Joint Distribution Committee, to associate himself with the committee as vice-chairman. Dr. Cyrus Adler of Philadelphia was unanimously elected Joint Chairman of the Council of the Agency.

"We conferred with many leaders from the countries of Eastern and Central Europe, who plead that we continue with unabated zeal and devotion to develop our program of reconstruction and aid for our brethren especially in Poland, Russia, Lithuania, Roumania and other States where millions of our people are struggling for self-support in the face of great difficulties.

"Combining the call for Palestine and for the needs of our brethren in these East European countries, the Allied Jewish Campaign has the right to expect the loyal support of every Jew who wishes to help his brethren wherever they may be."

Jewish Museum in Leghorn, Italy, Officially Inaugurated

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Leghorn, Italy, Apr. 1.—The Jewish Museum at Leghorn was opened yesterday in the presence of all town authorities. Rabbi Toaff delivered the principal address and the Mayor of Leghorn gave the official news of the opening in the public square before the synagogue. This square will be named after Elias Benamo Zegh, noted rabbi, scholar and philosopher, and the author of "Morale Juive et Morale Caretienne."

Wise Assails Organizers of the Wall Street Synagogue

Assailing the organizers of the new Wall Street Synagogue for seeking the support of Christians and accusing the backers of personal ambitions, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise in his sermon on Sunday before the Free Synagogue, characterized the activities of the sponsors of the congregation as "brazen vulgarity" and declared that their activities constituted a degradation of Jewish life in New York.

"Jewish life today and the Jewish spirit are often hurt very much more by the poisoning and degradation that come from the ghetto of wealth than

from the ghettos of poverty," declared Dr. Wise. "I do not blame those well-meaning Christian gentlemen who have been lured into this vulgarity. I have nothing but contempt for Jews base enough to drag non-Jews into the sponsorship of a synagogue, which in the end is bound to mean the securing of either Christian support for the maintenance of the synagogue or else Christian support for personal ambitions of those who have founded it."

Benjamin E. Greenspan, former assistant corporation counsel and founder of the synagogue, in a letter made public, denied Dr. Wise's accusations and demanded an immediate retraction from him.

Shaare Zedek Celebrates Its 92nd Anniversary

Congregation Shaare Zedek held its 92nd annual dinner in its Assembly Hall, Sunday. Music, entertainment, songs by Cantor D. Roitman and an address by Rabbi Dr. Elias L. Solomon were the features of the evening.

Shaare Zedek is one of the oldest Jewish Congregations in the city, having been organized in 1837. Downtown it was known as the Henry Street "Schule" and was the most fashionable synagogue on the East Side. For 20 years its home was in West 118th Street and its present synagogue was erected eight years ago.

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