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(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 19.—The Executive of the Jewish Agency has lodged a protest against the suspension of the immigration schedule with the High Commissioner of Palestine. The protest is based on the grounds that the suspension is political in its origin, the schedule having been approved by the Palestine government as economically justified. The announcement of the protest was made known after a meeting of the Executive had been held following the announcement of High Commissioner Chancellors that he had received instructions from the Colonial Office to suspend all immigration pending the inquiry by Sir John Simpson, who has been appointed to investigate land and immigration problems in Palestine.

At the close of its meeting the Executive of the Jewish Agency issued the following statement:

"The Executive of the Jewish Agency desires to acquaint the public with the facts regarding the current immigration schedule. On February 17 after representations had been made by its representatives, the Palestine government authorized the issuance of 950 immigration certificates as an advance on the schedule for the six months from April to September. On March 17 the Executive submitted in regular form its application for certificates for the half

year schedule amounting to 3,143. On April 5 the chief immigration officer officially informed the Executive that following consideration of their schedule by the High Commissioner and Executive Council, he had authorized the issuance of 3,300 certificates including the 950 already referred to.

"On May 14 Col. Frederick Kisch, a member of our Executive, was invited to call on the chief secretary of the Palestine government and at that time was informed the High Commissioner had directed that the certificates of immigration which he had approved on May 12 be suspended pending the results of Sir John Simpson's inquiry.

"Col. Kisch thereupon requested an interview with High Commissioner Chancellors and in the name of the Jewish Agency lodged an emphatic protest against the suspension on political grounds of an immigration schedule approved by the Palestine government as economically justified. Notice of the suspension of the immigration schedule has since been formally com-

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Spontaneous Protest Movements Rising in Palestine Against Suspension of Immigration

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 19.—Spontaneous protest movements against the government order suspending immigration pending Sir John Simpson's inquiry into land and immigration problems have arisen among the Jews in Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem and in the Emek Valley while the General Federation of Jewish Labor is organizing meetings in Afulah, Tiberias, Petach Tikvah, Hederah, Rehoboth, Nes Ziona, Rishon Le Zion, Kfar Saba and Herzliyah.

The Federation's executive will meet today to consider a general strike of Palestine Jewish labor and also steps to get the Socialist International to work in behalf of the Jewish working-men of Palestine.

A demand for an immediate extraordinary World Zionist Congress was today telegraphed to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency, by the world executive of the Mizrahi, orthodox Zionists. The demand declared "the new immigration ban reveals a new British government ten-

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Roumanian Jews Here Condemn Excesses in Roumania; Legation Denies Government Is Anti-Semitic; Promises Investigation

Condemnation of the anti-Semitic excesses in Roumania and a demand that the Maniu government afford full and complete protection of Jewish life and safeguards for Jewish property were voiced at a meeting of the United Roumanian Jews of America, Sunday, by Leo Wolfson, the president of the Union.

After recalling that when the Maniu government had come into power it had promised fair treatment to the Jews, Mr. Wolfson pointed out that this promise had not been kept. Declaring that he still wished the Maniu government well but that if the present excesses continued there was apparently no hope for a change for the better under the present regime, Mr. Wolfson demanded that the Roumanian government adopt the most effective measures to prevent a recurrence of the outrages.

Roumanian Minister Doubts Reports

Mr. Wolfson also told the meeting that during a recent discussion with Carol Davila, Roumanian minister to the United States, Mr. Davila had expressed some doubt as to the reports of anti-Semitic excesses in Roumania simply because only the Jewish press reported them. Mr. Davila asked, according to Mr. Wolfson, "if what you say is so how is it that the 'New York

Times,' the 'New York World' and other American newspapers who have Roumanian correspondents, do not report the excesses?"

Legation Denies Anti-Semitism

A strong denial that the Roumanian government has pursued an anti-Semitic policy and an appeal to American Jews not to "lend an ear to the exaggerated reports which are being circulated so freely abroad," was contained in a statement issued by the Roumanian Legation here. The statement when read at the meeting of the

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Attacks on Jews Continue

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, May 19.—Attacks on the Jews continue in the streets of Bucharest but thus far none of the attackers have been arrested. Chief Rabbi Neimorover, speaking in the Senate, protested vehemently against the attack last week on Rabbi Katz who was maltreated in broad daylight.

The newspaper "Adevărul" reports persistent attacks on the Jews of Galatz by the "Iron Guard," a youth organization. Many Jews have been injured and the Jewish cemetery at Beltz has been demolished according to the "Adevărul".

German Zionists Criticize

Palestine Immigration Stoppage

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, May 19.—The stoppage of Jewish immigration to Palestine is thoroughly opposed to the spirit of the Mandate, according to a protest resolution adopted yesterday at a conference of the National Executive of the German Zionist Organization.

The resolution also points out that the decision of the British authorities to stop immigration to Palestine is contrary to the needs of the country. The fact that the Palestine government had already issued the immigration certificates which have now been rescinded, says the resolution, shows that Palestine is able to absorb more immigrants.

A proposal by a representative of the Revisionists that the German Zionist Executive demand the convocation of a special Zionist Congress was voted down.

At the meeting special committees were appointed for the purpose of fighting German anti-Semitism as well as for helping German Jewry in the present economic crisis.

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Suggests Boycott Against Jews of Every Arabic and Moslem Country

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Jerusalem, May 19—A proposal to make the Jews of all Arabic and Moslem countries pay, by means of an anti-Jewish boycott, for any losses the Palestine Arabs sustain through the alleged encroachment of the Jews in Palestine is contained in the Arab paper "Falastin" as part of its comment on the breakdown of the Arab delegation's negotiations in London.

The "Falastin" says, "The Jews lost an opportunity to arrive at an understanding with the Arabs owing to the Jews' obstinacy and blind loyalty to Great Britain. An understanding and co-operation might have followed an Anglo-Arab agreement when the constructive and spiritual programme of Magnes and Einstein might have been accepted. Now, however, a rapprochement is removed from heaven and earth.

"We must continue the war against Zionism not only in Palestine but in all Arabic and Moslem countries. The strongest weapon is a complete boycott on all Jewish products. There are Jews in Syria, Yemen, Egypt, Iraq, Hedjaz, Tunis and Algeria who should pay a high price for the damage done to the Palestine Arabs."

Jewish Workers' Alliance Reports Great Growth

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Montreal, May 19—The Jewish National Workers' Alliance has nearly 10,000 members with 132 branches in the United States and Canada and 25 women's clubs, it was reported by the general executive of the Alliance at the annual convention here, now in its second day. Plans for building one hundred workingmen's homes in Palestine and a report that the Alliance has a surplus of \$152,329, were discussed.

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tendency to disregard the principles of the Mandate despite the Premier's statement with the approval of the heads of the other parties. The tendency endangers the Zionist work."

The excitement over the immigration ban continues and the Jewish Agency and the Vaad Leumi, Jewish National Council, are meeting in joint session.

A signed editorial by Ben Gurion in today's number of the Hebrew daily, "Davar," asks, "you rulers of the mighty British Empire on which the sun never sets, are you designing to raise the executioner's axe upon the creative and resurrectionary effort of the small Jewish nation, powerless and long suffering, dispersed among all the nations?"

The Hebrew paper, "Doar Hayom," today publishes an unconfirmable report that the government intends to establish an immigration commission composed of one Moslem, one Christian, one Jew and one British subject.

Call Off Pilgrimage in Protest on Immigration Ban

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 19—As a protest against the suspension of immigration the traditional pilgrimage to the tomb of Simeon Ben Yohai, noted Jewish pietist and scholar, in connection with the Lag B'Omer celebration, was called off by the order of the rabbinate and the Jewish National Council.

Figures Show Growth of Ort Movement in Germany

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, May 14—The steady growth of the "Ort" movement in Germany during the past few years is shown by statistics which have just been issued. The "Ort" strives to rehabilitate East-European Jewry in industry and agriculture.

In 1926 there were in Germany only 9 local committees of the "Ort". In 1927 the number grew to 23. In 1928 there were 32 local committees, in 1929 there were 43, and today the number has risen to 54.

The membership of the "Ort" in Germany has risen to 2,000. The monies raised for various "Ort" activities together with the membership fees total 120,721 marks. In 1928 only four Kehillahs in Germany subsidized the "Ort", whereas in 1929 the number of Kehillahs supporting the "Ort" rose to 18.

Heads Southwestern Region of Junior Hadassah

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Kansas City, Mo., May 19—Pearl Sherman of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was elected president of the Southeastern region of the Junior Hadassah at the annual meeting here. Two hundred delegates present heard the address of Mendel Fischer, St. Louis executive director of the Jewish National Fund.

See Jews Ready for Palestine Limitations If Arabs Will Recognize Zionist Effort

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, May 19—"There is a growing sentiment that once the Arabs realize the inevitability of the Zionist effort in Palestine the Jews will be prepared to consent to such limitations of this effort as may be essential and just in the fair interests of the Palestine Arabs and will join forces in a policy serving the economic, cultural and political advantages of both sides." This is the conclusion of a long article from Jerusalem published in the "London Times," headed "Arab Hopes and Jewish Fears."

The article points out that when the Shaw Commission's report was published each side found its anticipation realized. "The Arab, ignoring the minor details of light and shade in the report does not hesitate to say he 'won his case,' not implying that the Commission uttered a verdict of justifiable homicide. The Arabs claim that they cannot any longer be deprived of a parliament except by nullifying the Commission's carefully considered findings."

On the other hand the "Times" article says "the Jew, in spite of the Commission's admitting that the disturbances took the form of a vicious attack of Arabs on Jews regards that he is given a severe scolding before the eyes of the entire world by the three commissioners, and threatened with the prospect of crippling restrictions to be imposed on future attempts of reviving Palestine."

Turning to the government aspect of the situation, the article declares that "MacDonald's statement took some of the edge off the Arab hopes and Jewish fears, neither side seeing the Commission's findings as a judgment against which there is no appeal. The after effects of August are still a feature in local life."

"The trials of murderers are still going on, ruined Jewish colonies still derelict and the boycott resulted in a general exodus of Jewish traders and residents from Arab centers. The secret arming which is going on among the Arabs and Jews is understandable as followed in Egypt among the British and other residents after the trouble of 1919."

"It indicates that fear is justified by the proved unreliability in the native police force. Meanwhile Transjordan remains an open market for arms trafficking, the bedouin population providing the middlemen."

"But a drop in the recriminations of the past year with its horrors and bitterness is beginning to be perceptible. A strong and clear statement of policy by the government will be welcomed on all sides."

Arabs Greet Arslan in Chicago

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, May 19—Several hundred Arabs gathered here to welcome Prince Adel Arslan. Prince Arslan addressed a mass meeting of Arabs at the Congress hotel.

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municated to the Jewish Agency Executive by a letter which also confirmed the issuance of the 950 certificates previously authorized and transmitted 485 certificates of that group the same day. The immigration of categories other than labor is unaffected."

Indignation in Jewish Quarters

Considerable indignation is voiced in all responsible Jewish quarters here for what is considered the most unjust blow ever struck at the movement for a Jewish national home by the British government since the stoppage of immigration in 1921 following the Jaffa riots, and the subsequent White paper. This latest blow from London is also considered to be a repudiation of those responsible for the Palestine administration, who have previously considered the schedule economically justified.

A prominent Jewish leader here today pointed out that however mildly the London order is interpreted, namely as a temporary suspension and not as a stoppage, and fully allowing for the continued immigration during the next few months on account of the previous quota, the embargo points to the "dangerous policy that the government is likely to pursue in the future in making political gestures to the Jews regarding the maintenance of the Mandate while granting substantial economic concessions to the Arabs at the expense of the Jews in deference to fanciful Arab disabilities."

Arabs Informed First

Jewish circles here see an additional indignity in that the suspension order was communicated by High Commissioner Chancellors to the Arabs before the Zionist Executive was officially notified. It is believed that the Palestine administration, and perhaps London as well, is anxious that the Zionist should not regard the order as an active stoppage of immigration but a mere acknowledgement of the fact that the question of the country's economic capacity is sub judice pending Sir John Simpson's inquiry, a course which the previous quota held in abeyance.

As another well-known Jewish leader here pointed out the order is "doubtless a concession to the Arabs for whatever Sir John's findings may be there is no question of the country's ability to absorb 3,300 Jewish immigrants within the next six months when there is an actual shortage of hands."

Only Labor Schedule Stopped

The government also appears to be anxious that it be understood that there is to be no suspension of immigrants of independent means but only of laborers coming under Zionist auspices on certificates distributed through the Zionist offices. Despite this, and the continued immigration under the quota previously approved, political considerations are seen as clearly dominating the British Government's action. Against this policy it is understood that

Zionist leadership will struggle with every resource at its command.

Hebrew Press Unit in Opposition (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 19—The Hebrew press here is a unit in protesting against the order suspending the labor immigration schedule into Palestine. The "Ha'Arezt" declares, "There is a limit to our loyalty and patience. The entire Jewish world will receive the stoppage order as a declaration of war. It strikes at the heart of the foundation of our national structure, at the soul of Zionism, and undermines its existence and imperils the future."

"The Balfour Declaration, Versailles, the San Remo declaration and resolutions, all the British government's decisions, decisions of the Labor Party, the speeches of MacDonald and the last statement of Parliament, all these are one terrible lie without immigration," explains the Hebrew daily "Davar." "Why did the Labor government interrupt labor immigration into Palestine at a time when labor is needed. Was there a foundation and justice? No. Only threats. Henceforth, every Arab 'notable' will say they must continue intimidation to secure their ends."

The "Doar Hayom" says, "Unrestricted and unconditional immigration is our demand. Our title to Palestine is independent of any Simpsens. The Chaltuzim (pioneers) of Kishinev, Warsaw, Vienna, or Lemberg, are unconcerned with Simpson's findings." Criticizing the Zionist leadership the "Doar Hayom" calls for an extraordinary Zionist congress to "determine the fundamental question of the relations between the Jewish people and Great Britain."

Chaltuzim Wire Labor Party (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, May 19—"The World Zionist Executive must discontinue its quieting policy and issue an urgent call for a Zionist congress in order to enable the Jewish masses to protest against the endeavor to limit their recognized rights for the upbuilding of a Jewish national home," declares the Central committee of Polish Zionists in a statement sent to the Zionist Executive after hearing of the stoppage of immigration to Palestine.

The Chaltuzim (pioneers) Organization had telegraphed to the British Labor Party a protest against the immigration labor stoppage and is requesting help for the 30,000 chaltuzim, 4,500 of whom were all ready to go to Palestine and had severed relations with the Diaspora. The right Poale Zion also cable a protest to the British Labor Party.

Vienna Jewry Concerned (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, May 19—Discussion of the immigration stoppage to Palestine is

causing serious consternation among the Jews in Vienna and the matter is creating heated debates and protests. An editorial in the "Wiener Tag" concludes that if Jewish immigration to Palestine is prevented then there is no room in Palestine for England either.

Polish Zionists Protest Palestine Immigration Ban (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, May 19—At a joint meeting of the Polish members of the Zionist General Actions Committee and members of the Central Committee of the Polish Zionist Organization, it was decided to protest against the stoppage of Jewish immigration to Palestine by the British authorities. After a long debate it was decided to send the following cable to the Zionist Executive in London:

"In view of the violation of our recognized rights and of the latest political action, especially the stoppage of immigration, which has called forth the indignation of the Jewish masses, it was decided to issue a joint call for demonstrations and popular protests throughout the country and to send protest resolutions to the League of Nations and to the British government."

The cable is signed by the following Zionist leaders: Gruenbaum, Farbstein, Shmorak, Schwartzbard and Dobkin.

That England's troubles in India dictated its latest action in Palestine was the opinion expressed by Deputy Gruenbaum in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent. "We must protest against this with all our might," he declared. "The Executive must summon the Zionist Congress in order to decide what steps should be taken against the threatening danger."

Deputy Farbstein, another Polish Zionist leader, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent that British policies are absolutely opposed to the Mandate. "England is ready to sacrifice the Jews in order to win the Moslems of India to its side," he declared. "But we rely upon justice, in which lies our power. No special Congress is ready now. Now is the time to act, not to talk."

Weizmann Taking Necessary Steps in Immigration Ban (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, May 19—All steps possible are being taken by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, in regard to the immigration stoppage in Palestine, Dr. Avigdor Goldsmid told the Jewish Board of Deputies at its meeting here. The Board itself will not discuss the matter at this stage of the proceedings but will leave it in the hands of the Palestine committee. A special meeting of the Board will be called if necessary.

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United Roumanian Jews of America was criticized.

The full text of the statement issued by the Roumanian Legation follows:

Statement of Legation

"The Government of Roumania has never pursued an anti-Semitic policy. The Constitution has placed the Jews on a footing of complete equality with the Roumanians, both politically and economically. Some governments, in the past, although in no way pursuing an anti-Semitic policy, may have had, at times, a too lenient attitude towards the anti-Semites, either because they wanted to avoid antagonizing a part of the student body or for reasons of internal politics. The present government has made considerable progress in this respect, as it is firmly opposed to any anti-Semitic agitation.

"It should be remembered that the Jews of Transylvania and of the Old Kingdom reached an understanding to vote with the Government in the last elections, with the exception of the Union of Roumanian Jews which supported the Liberal Party. There are today in Parliament more Jews than in the previous Chambers. A considerable number of Jews are members of the new municipal councils, proportionately to the Jewish population, especially in Moldavia, Bessarabia, Bukovina and Transylvania where the Jews live in greater numbers.

Anti-Semites in Parliament

"There were eleven anti-Semitic members of the Chamber of Deputies under the Averescu Cabinet. Not one was elected in the General Elections of 1928. In the recent partial elections only one, Professor Cuza, was successful with the help of the Opposition at Roman. All that happened during the last year and a half can no longer be described as due to a policy of tolerance towards anti-Semitic elements. They were more in the nature of sporadic incidents which the Government punishes severely when they occur.

"For instance, at the end of December 1929, the Government closed the University and the student-homes at Jassy, expelled by armed forces and committed for trial those of the students who were found guilty of causing disturbances. Similar action was taken at Cluj and Bucharest. At Cluj and Timisoara the police intervened every time disorders occurred.

Taking Disciplinary Measures

"Hand in hand with legal action, the authorities have taken disciplinary measures in every case. The last incidents at Targul Frumos were of an electoral character and were provoked by the presence of Mr. Cuza. The judicial inquiry is now proceedings and those found guilty will be punished. In Bucharest special patrols have been detailed to prevent any aggressions by students.

"The attitude which the president of the Chamber, Cicco Pop, and all the members of the Chamber took against

Mr. Cuza at a recent session when the anti-Semitic deputy uttered disparaging words against the Mosaic religion, is worthy of notice. In the midst of general applause, Cicco Pop said that such language could not be tolerated in the Roumanian Parliament. The authorities have taken energetic steps in connection with the incidents of Maramures and the Government has ordered an inquiry.

"No one can state in good faith that the Government does not take all necessary measures for the punishment of those guilty of violence, the responsibility for which falls on a few agitators. The large mass of the population and the peasantry have never associated themselves with such violence. American Jews should not lend an ear to the exaggerated stories which are being circulated so freely abroad. There is no cause for alarm on their part."

Professor Davidson Honored on His Sixtieth Birthday

A testimonial dinner in honor of Professor Israel Davidson of the Jewish Theological Seminary was given by the Rabbinical Assembly of the seminary last night, not only to celebrate his sixtieth birthday, but also to commemorate his services on the faculty for twenty-five years.

Professor Davidson has translated considerable mediaeval Jewish literature.

Wise Attacks Anti-Semitism of the Passion Play

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise chose as the text of his sermon on Sunday at the Free Synagogue at Carnegie Hall the anti-Semitic implications of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, and referred to it as a "play that is like a poisonous influence on the hundreds of thousands of Christians who use it, bringing the confirmation of every prejudice, the deepening of every bitterness and the justification of every manner of ill-will against the Jews. . . ."

"Only when Christians cease teaching that the Jews killed Jesus, and teach instead that Jesus and His disciples were all Jews, will true good-will be obtained among Gentile and Jew."

Five Schochtim Exiled

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, May 19.—Five schochtim from Rogatchov who had been arrested and spent fourteen weeks in prison, have been exiled to Solovki for three years.

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Jewish Leaders Abroad Urged to Consider Project for Peruvian Jewish Colonization

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, May 19.—At the initiative of the "Emigdirekt", Jewish leaders here held a conference regarding the project for Jewish colonization in Peru. Among those who participated in the conference were Franz Oppenheimer, chairman of the Jewish Kehillah Council, Geheimerat Stern, representatives of the "Ort", "Hilfsverein" and others.

On behalf of the "Emigdirekt", Dr. Oscar Cohen and Dr. Bruzuck declared that this international Jewish immigrant aid organization has nothing to do with the Peru project, but wants to give Jewish leaders an opportunity to hear the many projects regarding Jewish colonization in Peru.

Among the speakers at the meeting was Herr von Maltzan, a nephew of the late Baron von Maltzan, who was German ambassador to the United States. He stated that the Baron as well as Foreign Minister Stresemann were interested that Germans together with Jews should colonize Eastern Peru. He also declared that the American Department of Commerce is sympathetic to the project of settling Jews in Peru.

A letter was read from Professor Albert Einstein, in which the famous scientist states that in view of the great need of the Jewish masses of Eastern Europe for countries of immigration, Jewish leaders should give the new Peru project thorough consideration.

Dr. Kirschberg, a Jewish lawyer who is himself very interested in the Peru project, described the great possibilities of Eastern Peru, where according to him there are chances to obtain wealth in a short time.

Some Jewish leaders who were present at the meeting and who were not convinced of the feasibility of this colonization project wished to know who was behind the project and if the government of Peru is in favor of Jewish colonization. To this von Maltzan replied that a Bolivian concern had received a concession from the Peruvian government for five million hectares of land. Out of this a million hectares have been bought by a Galician concern of land owners, 80,000 hectares were leased by a German concern. He suggested that for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of Peru, Jewish circles should contribute equally with the German and Polish companies who are interested in the project.

After von Maltzan's explanations, some of the audience still wanted to know why this project was put forward to the Jews by unknown Christians. The meeting finally decided not to consider the project at the present, but to be ready to accept any further information which may better enlighten them as to the true character of this plan for transporting settlers to Eastern Peru.

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