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## **PALESTINE JEWS GO ON GENERAL STRIKE THURSDAY** **AS PROTEST AGAINST SUSPENSION OF IMMIGRATION;** **RABBINATE JOINS IN PLEA; PROTESTS FLOOD Z. O.**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Tel Aviv, May 20—A general strike of the entire Jewish population of Palestine has been proclaimed for Thursday starting at noon and to continue until nightfall by the Vaad Leumi, the Jewish National Council, at a meeting here today. The strike will be a protest against the government's order suspending the immigration schedule pending the inquiry into land and immigration problems by Sir John Simpson.

### **Complete Stoppage Planned**

The strike plans include the closing of all places of amusement, a complete stoppage of all work in shops, stores, factories, while the offices of the Zionist Executive, the Jewish National Fund, the Hadassah and other Jewish organizations will be closed. There is also a possibility that none of the Hebrew or Jewish papers published in other languages will be issued Thursday.

The strike committee includes M. Dizengoff, mayor of Tel Aviv, the only Jewish city in the world, and Eliezer Kaplan.

### **First Strike of Kind**

The decision of the Vaad Leumi to call the entire Jewish population out on a general strike of protest is the first time that this weapon has been utilized by the Jewish leaders in Palestine. The Vaad Leumi's decision to call a general strike was taken after a long and heated debate in an atmosphere of great tension in which the speakers pointed to the grave consequences that would result from the suspension of the immigration schedule.

### **Rabbinate Joins in Strike Call**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 20—The Chief Rabbinate of the Jewish community of Pal-

## **Jassy and Kishinev Jews** **Demand Energetic Action** **Against Anti-Semites**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, May 20—Protests by the Jewish community of Jassy to the governor of Moldavia urging that immediate measures be taken to stop the nightly attacks on Jassy Jews and a similar protest to Prime Minister Maniu and the presidents of both houses of Parliament by the Jewish community of Kishinev are the latest developments in the matter of anti-Semitic excesses in Roumania.

The protest of the Jassy community was handed to the governor of Moldavia by a delegation headed by Elijah

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estine has joined in the call for a general strike of protest against the suspension of the immigration schedule. This is the first time that the spiritual leaders of the Jewish community here have called a political strike of the Jewish population.

The meeting of the Jewish National Council which issued the call for the strike was attended by all members of the Palestine Zionist Executive and by the world famous Hebrew poet, Chaim Bialik.

A meeting of the political committee of the Jewish Agency has been called for June 1 by Col. Frederick Kisch, president of the Palestine executive of the Agency. The meeting is expected to decide on what political measures will be taken to counteract the decision for the suspension of immigration.

### **Spirit of Determination Prevails**

A spirit of determination and intense excitement manifests itself among all parts of the Jewish population. The storm of indignation is sweeping over the country and reaching out into the most isolated Jewish settlement.

"Close ranks and break through the Galilean wilderness. We are crying out to you to come despite the ban." This is the text of a cablegram sent today by the Jewish pioneer settlement Yavneel to the chalutzim (pioneer Zionist group) in Warsaw and which is in-

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## **Jewish Population of Buchara** **Cut in Half by Economic** **Distress; Many Have Fled**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Old Buchara, Russia, May 20—The Jewish population of Old Buchara has been reduced to half of what it was before the Soviets came into power. This is shown by an investigation of the Moscow correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency now visiting the country for a study of the life and customs of the Bucharian Jews.

In Old Buchara itself where before the Revolution the Jews numbered 8,000 they are now reduced to 2,000. In the entire Samarkand district where the number of Jews was once very large there are now only 15,000 and in the Tashkent district but 3,000, while throughout Buchara there are 45,000 Jews left.

When the Soviet regime came into control of Russia it abolished all of the restrictions against the Jews of Buchara, restrictions which had existed for centuries. Under the Czar the Jews were compelled to wear rope belts over their clothes when in the

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## **Government Communique Says** **Immigration Ban Temporary** **Until Simpson Survey Ready**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 20—In an official communique of the Palestine government issued today with the approval of the British Colonial Office the suspension of immigration to Palestine is characterized as only a temporary measure invoked to protect the interests of the non-Jewish communities by making sure that during the period intervening the time when Sir John Simpson starts on his survey and the time when his report is completed immigration will not be such as to endanger the future of the country.

### **Will Not Imperil Non-Jewish Groups**

The communique also pointed out that the government is determined not to allow any policy to be pursued in Palestine that will imperil the future of the non-Jewish communities and it was on this account, and in view of the recommendations of the Shaw Commission that Sir John Simpson has been sent to make his investigation of land settlement and immigration problems in Palestine.

After repeating the communique of the Colonial Office issued in London upon the abrogation of the negotiations

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## **Jew Gives \$300,000 Planetarium** **to Franklin Institute Museum**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Philadelphia, May 20—A planetarium to be erected on the Parkway at Logan Center at a cost of upwards of \$300,000 has been presented to the Franklin Institute Museum by Samuel S. Fels, millionaire philanthropist, it became known today. Mr. Fels' contribution is one of a number to the Benjamin Franklin Memorial and the Franklin Institute Museum to be erected at a cost of \$5,000,000.

This planetarium is to be a miniature cosmos. Observers will be able to sit beneath an artificial sky and not only will the heavens be revealed but also the spectacular marvels of the firmament and the obtruse facts of astronomy.

## **Jewish Students to Study** **Conditions in Small Towns**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, May 20—Forty Jewish students of the Moscow University left today for Ukraine and White Russia to make a full survey of the economic situation of the Jews in the small towns there. The students have been sent by the Comzet which will use the results of their survey as the basis of plans for furthering economic reconstruction in the small towns.

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### Lay Cornerstone for Hospital Donated by Morris Schinasi

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Constantinople, May 20—The cornerstone for the million dollar hospital at Magnesia, the funds for which were bequeathed by the late Morris Schinasi, American millionaire cigarette manufacturer, was laid here today by Mrs. Schinasi. The ceremonies were participated in by the mayor of the district of Vali and various municipal officials as well as the Turkish minister of health who later received Mrs. Schinasi at the government house in Angora and thanked her on behalf of the Turkish people.

Mrs. Schinasi, who died in New York September 10, 1928, was a native of Magnesia, a small town near Smyrna. He came to the United States as an immigrant and made a fortune in manufacturing cigarettes. In his will he left \$1,000,000 for the hospital in his native city.

### Seek Palestine Pavilion at Salonica Fair

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Salonica, May 20—In order to have a Palestine pavilion at the fifth International Fair here next September a delegation of Greek Jews, consisting of 29 leading members of the community, are going to Palestine to interest Jews there in the project.

### May Be Guilty But Not Sentenced to Death

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 20—"We do not say you are not guilty but we find the evidence insufficient to sentence you to death," said Judge Baker today on behalf of the Court in acquitting three Hebron Arabs charged with the murder of members of the Gershon family in Hebron.

## Jews Worst Sufferers in Most Serious Economic Depression in Eastern Europe in 5 Years; May Continue for Some Time

The present economic depression in Eastern Europe, bearing especially hard upon the Jewish populations, is worse than anything which has happened in the past five years, and will continue for some time, even if conditions the world over improve. Dr. Bernhard Kahn, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, declares in his report to the American office on the work for the first three months of 1930. Dr. Kahn's report was made public yesterday by David M. Bressler, one of the national chairmen of the Allied Jewish Campaign for \$6,000,000 of which \$3,500,000 will be used by the Joint Distribution Committee to help meet the conditions on which Dr. Kahn reports: \$2,500,000 will be administered by the Jewish Agency to carry out its program in Palestine.

**Textile Industry Depression**

Ninety percent of the Jewish workers in the textile industry of Poland are out of work, as are almost 70 percent of the Jews in the needle trades, Dr. Kahn says. The failure, thus far, of Poland, to enter into a commercial treaty with Germany, has aggravated the present situation, he states. Roumania, where each of the four districts has its peculiar economic problem, is affected adversely as a whole by the political conditions.

The burden of taxation, in Poland, Roumania, and other Eastern countries strikes the Jewish population, which is predominately commercial, hardest of all, declares Dr. Kahn.

"The prospects for Jews in Roumania look very dark," Dr. Kahn reports, "Representatives of Roumanian Jewry requested us to come to the aid of the credit cooperatives which are the only economic institutions on which the Jewish masses can still call, to support the Jewish merchant banks and to establish free loan institutions which would help the poorest classes. We must meet this extremely trying situation which affects a million Jews."

In view of the very serious economic situation which prevails also in Czechoslovakia and Hungary, Dr. Kahn declares the Joint Distribution Committee has done all it could with the means at its disposal to strengthen the credit institutions, and other cooperative organizations which would favorably affect the economic, physical and social welfare of the Jews.

**Governments' High Regard for J.D.C.**

Indicating the high regard in which the work of the Joint Distribution Committee is held by the governments abroad, Dr. Kahn declared that in the budget presented to the Sejm by the Polish ministry, there is a grant of 75,000 zlotys for the Gemiloth Chessed Kasses, and also 125,000 zlotys for the Jewish trade schools established or assisted by the Joint Distribution Committee.

"In view of the serious economic situation in all countries covered by the activities of the American Recon-

struction Foundation," Dr. Kahn declares, "there seems to be no other means of helping the situation except by strengthening the credit kasses and other cooperative institutions."

At present there are 712 credit cooperatives with a membership of 308,750 under the supervision of the Foundation in thirteen countries and districts of Eastern Europe.

### Warburg to Be Honored at "Town Meeting," Tuesday, Opening N. Y. Allied Drive

The idea of the "town meeting" which played so important a part in the development of the early history of the United States is being revived by leaders of New York Jewry for the purpose of paying a tribute next Tuesday evening to Felix M. Warburg, chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and chairman of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. In keeping with the idea of the "town meeting," in which the entire community will join, the meeting will be held at Town Hall, on West 43rd Street between Sixth Avenue and Broadway. The call which has been sent out for the "town meeting" to honor Mr. Warburg has gone to representatives of all elements of the citizenry of New York, including every race, color and creed. The same idea has been adhered to in the invitations that have gone out to public men to speak at Town Hall next Tuesday night.

A special feature will be the presentation to Mr. Warburg, by James N. Rosenberg, chairman of the New York Allied Jewish Campaign, of an artistically prepared volume in vellum and parchment containing original letters from President Hoover, former president Coolidge and other distinguished American as well as European statesmen, expressing their appreciation and admiration for the many beneficent deeds of Mr. Warburg in the fields of altruism, philanthropic and civic responsibility. The second part of the volume will contain the autographed signatures of many who have worked side by side with him in many Jewish and non-sectarian altruistic movements, and who, to signify their cooperation with him in his efforts to ameliorate the condition of his coreligionists in whatever part of the world they are in need, have made contributions of \$1,000 and over to the New York Allied Jewish Campaign, in advance of next week's opening of the "drive." Absolutely no contributions will be asked for, nor will any be accepted at Tuesday night's meeting, Mr. Rosenberg said.

The "town meeting" tribute to Mr. Warburg will signalize the opening of the \$2,500,000 drive in this city for the \$6,000,000 Allied Jewish Campaign of which Mr. Warburg is an honorary chairman. Nathan Straus and Acting Governor Lehman are the other na-

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indicative of the spirit prevailing among the Zionist colonists.

## Egyptian Labor Enters Freely

The Hebrew daily "Ha'Aretz" reveals today that the Palestine immigration department while suspending Jewish immigration is permitting Egyptian labor to enter Palestine freely. Bitterly criticizing the government, the "Ha'Aretz" declares that it is now no longer inconceivable that the constitutional reforms contemplated by the government will be adverse to Jewish interests. "Don't let the Colonial Office speculate," the paper says, "on the moderates among the Zionists. Constitutional changes will be possible only if Zionism is liquidated."

Huge meetings are planned for tonight in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

## Protests Flood Z. O. Headquarters

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, May 20—Zionist headquarters here have been inundated with cablegrams of protest received from all parts of the world expressing indignation against the suspension of the Jewish immigration schedule to Palestine pending the inquiry to be made by Sir John Simpson.

From Vienna, Warsaw, Berlin, Kovno, Paris, Antwerp, Buenos Aires, and a large number of other centers of Jewish population, protests are pouring in. The messages characterize the suspension order as a severe blow to the Jewish National Home movement and urge the Zionist Executive to take immediate measures to obtain the abolition of the order.

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with the Arab delegation, the statement continues:

"Since the effect of meeting the wishes of the Arab delegation with regard to a democratic government would render it impossible for the government to carry out in full its responsibilities as a mandatory power and since despite the explanations and assurances by the ministers the delegation could not see its way to modify its attitude it became evident that this matter could not be usefully pursued any further.

## Will Guard Non-Jewish Interests

"The conversations throughout were frank and friendly and accordingly ended, with the intimation, however, that having taken note of the Arab views the government would apply itself in the light of the first hand information obtained from these conversations to the problem of safeguarding in every way compatible with the mandatory obligations the interests of the non-Jewish communities in Palestine.

"In order that the non-Jewish interests be not prejudiced by the delay

which must necessarily occur before a definite decision can be taken in light of Sir John Simpson's report special measures are now under examination with a view to early action for the protection of the interests of the agricultural population and temporary measures have been taken with a view to ensure that immigration in the intervening period shall not be such as to endanger the economic future of the country.

"Fears which have been expressed in some quarters that His Majesty's Government's policy is likely to endanger the existence of the Arab community in Palestine are not justified. It is important that it should be widely known, in the general interests of the people of Palestine, that attempts on the part of misguided persons of whatever race or community to disseminate misleading information regarding the government's intentions and to prejudice law and order in Palestine will be severely punished.

## Will Carry Out Mandate Duties

"It is the government's intention, as the Premier announced in the House of Commons April 3, to apply all the resources at its command to carry out the duties imposed by the Palestine Mandate."

## French Zionists Condemn Immigration Suspension

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, May 20—Indignation at the violation of "solemn obligations confirmed by all the nations and the making of the proper execution of the Palestine Mandate illusory" is expressed in a resolution adopted today by the French Zionist Federation as a protest against the suspension of immigration to Palestine. The resolution adopted after a meeting of all Zionist societies in Paris was cabled to the Zionist Executive in Jerusalem.

## Sir John Simpson Arrives in Palestine

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 20—Sir John Simpson, appointed by the British government to investigate land settlement, immigration and development problems in Palestine, arrived here today. Sir John is a former Indian civil service official and helped reestablish the Greek refugees. Pending the survey he is to make, all Jewish immigration into Palestine has been suspended.

## Weizmann Protests Against Ban on Immigration to MacDonald

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, May 20—Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, has lodged a protest against the suspension of Jewish immigration to Palestine with the British government, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today on reliable authority.

## Ex-Colonial Minister Assures Jews England Will Maintain Declaration and Mandate

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, May 20—Assurance of the unshakable maintenance of the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate by Great Britain was given by Leopold Amery, Conservative M.P. and former Colonial Minister, at a reception in his honor here by the German pro-Palestine Committee. Mr. Amery was greeted by Prof. M. Soberheim, Jewish representative in the foreign office, as "an outstanding statesman and friend of the peaceful upbuilding of Palestine."

Commenting on the appointment of Sir John Simpson to investigate land and immigration problems and the suspension of the immigration schedule pending Sir John's inquiry, Mr. Amery said that Sir John's mission "calls for confidence to create the possibilities for work. Perhaps the previous immigration was too rapid and a more patient tempo is now necessary which will lead to the super aims." He expressed confidence that the forthcoming parliamentary debate on Palestine would clear up the matter favorably.

In an interview with the correspondent of the Warsaw "Moment" Mr. Amery said that the "suspension of the immigration schedule is without consequences for the future."

## Optimistic as to Future of Jewish Immigration in Canada

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Montreal, May 20—Optimism as to the possibility of Jewish immigration to Canada was expressed here today by S. W. Jacobs and A. A. Heaps, the two Jewish members of the Federal Parliament. They pointed out that while the Canadian government is copying the immigration policy of Washington it is doing its utmost not to lessen the number of Jews arriving in Canada annually.

Mr. Heaps and Mr. Jacobs expressed hope that the situation would change and the Canadian government would adopt a more liberal immigration policy. Neither of them believe in the success of the contemplated plan to transfer immigration control to the provinces.

The Jewish members of Parliament were thanked for their efforts on behalf of immigration at the annual meeting of the Canadian Jewish Immigrant Aid Society.

## U.S. Consul Noting Effects of Immigration Ban in Palestine

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 20—The correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today that the United States state department had instructed its consul here to report fully on the suspension of immigration as well as on the activities of Sir John Simpson, who will investigate land and immigration problems. The consul was also asked to convey to Washington an indication of the atmosphere here since the suspension order was made public.

## Jassy and Kishinev Jews Demand Energetic Action Against Anti-Semites

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Mendelson and Senator Botez, who demanded not only measures to end the attacks on Jews but the liberation of the arrested Jews of Targuromos. The governor promised to look into the matter.

The Kishinev community protested against the attack on Targuromos and "the criminal attitude of the authorities who instead of arresting the Cuzist pogromists turned the few unfortunate Jews into the scapegoats. Such unjust treatment is reminiscent of the darkest Czarist days and merely encourages the anti-Semites to continue their hooliganism. We demand that the government take energetic measures against the growing Cuzist movement, punish those who are guilty and release the victims."

A private inquiry of four non-Jewish members of Parliament is reported to have shown that the arrested Jews of Targuromos have been chained, their hair cut, photographed with sticks in their hands and in general treated like criminals.

"It is necessary to help ourselves," points out the Czernowitz "Ost Juedische Zeitung," in commenting on the situation. "Either the government is with the anti-Semites or it must fight them," declares the paper which feels that the government is trying to carry water on both shoulders with little success.

It points out that "if the government had courage, strength and good-will it could finish the student excesses just as it is able to deal with the Communists. Towards the Cuzists the government adopts an attitude of benevolent neutrality."

## Comzet Rejects Request of Ozet to Liquidate Ort

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, May 20—The request of the White Russian and Ukrainian Ozets, societies for settling the Jews on the land, that the All-Soviet Ort, society for promoting technical trades and agriculture among the Jews, be liquidated and its activities be transferred to the Ozet, was rejected today by the Comzet, government department for settling the Jews on the land.

The rejection of these requests puts an end to the campaign against the Ort conducted by the Ozet leaders all of last year. By the terms of today's Comzet decision the Ort will continue its work as in the past independent of the Ozet.

## Rosenberg Guest of Honor at Luncheon Given by Rothenberg

Morris Rothenberg, prominent Zionist leader and one of the national co-chairmen of the Allied Jewish Campaign, will be the host at a luncheon today at the Hotel Biltmore to James N. Rosenberg, chairman of the New York Allied Jewish Campaign.

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tional honorary chairmen of the campaign.

Although Mr. Warburg is intensely interested in movements for the welfare of Jews the world over, Mr. Rosenberg said yesterday, he is equally interested in altruistic efforts for the weal of humanity in general. He is a vice-president of the Charity Organization Society, and a director of trustees of a large number of philanthropic societies including the American Foundation for the Blind, the New York Association for the Blind, the White Plains Hospital, the Babies' Hospital, the Tuberculosis Sanitarium for Children, the Betty and Solomon Loeb Home for Convalescents, the Henry Street Settlement, the Institute of Musical Art, Nathan Hofheimer Foundation, Teachers' College and American Museum of Natural History. He is vice-president of the Jewish Welfare Board and of the New York Foundation. He was the first president of the New York Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, and is still one of its directors.

## Sees Yiddish Waning as Tongue of Jewish Masses

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Montreal, May 20—English is rapidly becoming the language of the Jewish masses for Yiddish is losing its hold and Hebrew cannot become their language, it was pointed out by Chaim Greenberg in an address today on cultural problems of American Jewry at the convention of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance. Pointing out that Yiddish cannot remain the language of the Jewish masses he concluded that English must become the spoken tongue of the Jewish people and Hebrew the mother tongue in order to strengthen the hold of the Jews on their national treasures.

## Rabbi Rubenovitz Gets Year's Leave of Absence

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Boston, May 20—On the occasion of his completing twenty years of service as Rabbi for Temple Mishkan Tefila, the congregation has granted Rabbi H. H. Rubenovitz a year's leave of absence with full salary. This will afford the Rabbi and his wife the opportunity to fulfill a long cherished wish to visit Palestine and to study conditions there.

Rabbi Rubenovitz came to Congregation Mishkan Tefila twenty years ago as a young man under thirty years of age. He was graduated from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and belongs to the Conservative School of Jewish Theology. During his ministry the congregation grew from a small organization numbering less than one hundred members to the rank of the largest Jewish congregation in New England with a membership of eight hundred.

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streets, were prohibited from riding within the towns and were segregated in separate quarters.

While the Jewish population is now satisfied with the political and human emancipation that the Soviets brought the difficult economic situation has seriously affected them. The majority of the Jews, once wealthy traders, are now ruined by the abolition of private trade. Although the bulk of the Buchara Jews fled to Persia and Afghanistan after the Revolution the poorest of them have remained.

Most of them lead a hand to mouth existence, earning less than the minimum necessary which is estimated at forty roubles a month. Their occupations are chiefly hatters, tailors and silk weavers, trades that offer small opportunities for earning.

## J.N.F. Shows Large Increase in Income

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 20—A positive reaction from last August's riots is responsible for the increase in the income of the Jewish National Fund for the six months ending with March, according to a statement issued today at Fund headquarters. It reports an increase of 32 percent over the similar period last year. The total income for the six months ending March was \$606,180 as compared with \$460,085 for the same period a year ago.

## Vienna Police Hunt Smugglers of Arms Into Palestine

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, May 20—The Viennese police have received a request from the Palestine government to investigate the alleged smuggling of ammunition into Palestine in fireproof cases constructed in Austria. Press reports say that the police investigation has thus far been fruitless but no mention is made whether Arabs or Jews are the smugglers.

## Jews of Columbus Are Three Per Cent of Total Population

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Columbus, O., May 20—Jews in Columbus constitute three percent of the general population of this city. According to the official figures on religious membership in the United States in 1926, there are now 8,500 Jews in Columbus.

There are five synagogues now in Columbus and two Sunday schools, with 21 teachers and 400 pupils.

In the whole state of Ohio Jews constitute two and a half percent of the general population, as compared with 3 percent in Columbus. In Akron, too, the Jewish population constitutes 3 percent of the general population of that city. In the entire state of Ohio there are now 165,000 Jews.