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Jews Appeal to King Carol for His Protection; Borscha Jews Are Suffering Badly

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Bucharest, July 9.—An appeal to King Carol to take under his protection the Jews of Roumania was made in a telegram sent to the King by a meeting of Bucharest Jews under the auspices of the Jewish National Party, protesting against the anti-Semitic disturbances.

Pointing out that the Jews of Roumania are a peaceful and industrious element of the population, the telegram says that "in times of difficulty and crisis we demand an opportunity to assist with other parts of the population in the reconstruction of the country. Trusting to the high spirit of justice and humanity of Your Majesty we hope for your intervention."

Reports reaching the Bucharest papers indicate that the Jews of Borscha, where a fire last week left more than 3,000 homeless, are in a serious predicament. The newspaper "Adevărul" says that most of the victims are still without shelter and food, only children receiving meagre rations. The latest figures on the damage done by the fire is 500,000 lei.

While the ministry of finance has

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Catholics Deny Purchase of Moslem Shrine in Jerusalem

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 9.—The report that the Latin Patriarchate has acquired or is about to acquire the buildings and land adjoining the Nebi Daoud Mosque (King David's tomb according to Moslem belief) on Mount Zion, one of Jerusalem's four holy hills, is characterized as incorrect and immature by the highest Catholic authorities here.

The rumors have arisen as a result of private conversation regarding the possible purchase of the Mosque which according to Catholic tradition houses the room in which Jesus Christ and the Apostles partook of the Last Supper before the crucifixion. Nothing has materialized from these informal conversations.

While the Catholics claim legal ownership to the caenaculum or the site of the Last Supper they have on a number of occasions unsuccessfully tried to obtain possession of the shrine by paying a convenient sum to the de facto Moslem owners. The Mosque of Nebi Daoud was converted from a Franciscan monastery built in 1333 A. D. It became a Moslem shrine in 1547 when the Moslems conquered Jerusalem.

On the same site orthodox Jews, too, pray on the last day of the Jewish Pentecost, saying psalms to the memory of King David.

Soviet Appropriates 3,000,000 Roubles for Industrialization of Jews in Ukrainian Villages

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, July 9.—Three million roubles were today assigned by the Soviet government as a special fund for the establishment of industrial enterprises in fourteen Jewish villages of Ukraina. These undertakings will offer employment to the poor and declassified Jews in the villages selected. This sum does not include previous allotments for the industrialization of the declassified Jews in various parts of Ukraina.

Within the next year the Soviet government is determined to industrialize 150,000 unemployed Jews and to find means of supplying the necessary raw materials for Jewish artisans for the lack of which they are suffering greatly, the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency is officially informed.

In the meantime a special consultation has been held in Moscow between representatives of the Soviet government, the Ort, the Agro-Joint and

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New Soviet Iron Mines Mean Work for Jews

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, July 9.—The discovery of iron mines in the Mozir and Bobrosk regions that will net the Soviet government 5,000,000 tons of the metal, has been officially announced. The announcement points out that the mines will enrich the Soviet iron industry by 100,000 tons of iron annually, thus providing work for many years to come for the local population which is chiefly Jewish.

The working of these mines will enable the Jews in these regions to become miners, who are considered the highest type of labor in Soviet Russia.

Anti-Semitic Attitude of Austrian Heimwehr Revealed

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, July 9.—The anti-Semitic attitude of the Austrian Heimwehr, hitherto denied by its leaders and spokesmen, was today revealed by M. Heubers, one of its leaders in Salzburg, in the course of an address on the Jewish question at a church meeting. He said that the Heimwehr was not conducting anti-Semitic agitation in particular but was merely demanding that "the Austrians control the economic life of their own country instead of it being in the hands of the Jews."

Mandates Body Disagrees with Shaw Inquiry Freeing Palestine Administration of Riot Blame

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, July 9.—Disagreement with the findings of the Palestine Inquiry Commission in freeing the Palestine administration of all responsibility for last August's disturbances is expressed in the report of the Permanent Mandates Commission to the Council of the League of Nations on its recent extraordinary Palestine session, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns.

It is understood that the Mandates Commission, which at its recent Palestine session subjected the representatives of the British government to a thorough cross-examination on the events leading to the riots and the riots themselves, expresses the opinion that the Palestine administration lacked vigor in dealing with the riots. The Commission's report is said to point out that the Palestine Mandate imposes upon the mandatory power the double task of establishing the Jewish National Home and self-governing institutions.

On the other hand the Commission, it is learned, points out that the Arabs must realize that these two tasks are interconnected, it being impossible to develop self-ruling institutions without the recognition and development of the Jewish National Home.

MacDonald Says No Action Can Be Taken on Palestine Until Simon's Report Is Ready

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, July 9.—Until the receipt of Sir John Simon's report the British government must refrain from acting on the Palestine problem as far as possible, declared Premier MacDonald today in the House of Commons, replying to questions from Michael Marcus and J. Brown as to whether the government proposed to grant a full day or other facilities for a Parliamentary debate on the Palestine Inquiry Commission's report.

The Prime Minister said that the state of public business was such that it was difficult to find time for a debate of this kind but if it was desired he suggested that the most convenient arrangement would be to provide for the debate through the usual channels on one of the remaining supply days. Replying to Mr. Brown's question, whether he did not consider the suspension of immigration an event important enough to find a day for debate, the Prime Minister said that that question has already been answered by the department concerned.

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**Says Jewish Communities in
U. S. Should Stop Building of
New Synagogues for 5 Years**

American Jewish communities should refrain from building new synagogues for the next five years, according to Rabbi Nachman H. Ebin, president of the Rabbinical Association of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, an organization of young English-speaking orthodox rabbis who are graduates of the Yeshiva College, which has been holding its second annual convention at the Hotel Pennsylvania this week. In discussing the synagogue building activities of American Jews during recent years, Rabbi Ebin said:

"Since the financial crash communities have been overtaxed by the building of new and large synagogues. We have forgotten that the Jewish name was not made by towers and pyramids. We therefore call upon American Jewish communities to refrain from building enterprises for a period of five years. Let us turn to building Jewish consciousness here and a homeland in Palestine."

Rabbi Ebin also declared that while his organization regards the Agudath Ha'rabonim (the organization of older, Yiddish-speaking orthodox rabbis) as a supreme authority in the interpretation of Jewish law and is not competing with the latter organization, there are nevertheless problems of vital import which cannot always be discussed at their conventions. These problems, he said, affect particularly the younger rabbis, under whose influence are tens of thousands of children.

Among those who greeted the convention was the famous Lubawitscher Rebbe, who urged the younger orthodox rabbis to talk Yiddish everywhere and teach Yiddish to the younger American generation. "Without the Yiddish language," he stated, "you won't go very far in implanting Judaism in this country."

**Rabbis Urged to Bring Jewish Marriage and Divorce Laws Into
Harmony with Modern Life; Levinthal Heads Rabbinical Assembly**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Tannersville, N. Y., July 9.—An appeal for the reform of the Jewish law regarding marriage and divorce to bring them into conformity with the demands of modern life was made here today at the 13th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly by Rabbi Louis Epstein of Boston in presenting the report of the committee on the interpretation of Jewish law.

Terming the Jewish divorce law basically unsound and unfair to the woman and pointing out that the Beth Din or Rabbinical court has practically lost all power in the matter of marriage and divorce, Rabbi Epstein said it was unthinkable that a progressive and courageous rabbinat would not some day regulate the Jewish marriage and divorce problem in greater conformity with present day demands.

Would Amend Marriage Ritual

As a remedy for the present situation in which deserted Jewish wives and divorcees get a civil but not a religious divorce because they cannot wait for the latter which cannot be issued without the consent of delinquent husbands who often cannot be found, Rabbi Epstein suggested that on the basis of the existing Halacha or traditional law an amendment be introduced in the Jewish marriage ritual.

The Rabbinical Assembly this morning elected its new officers with Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal of Brooklyn as president; Rabbi Jacob Kohn of New York, vice-president; Rabbi Benjamin Birnbaum of Chicago, treasurer; Rabbi Leon Laugh of Newark, recording secretary and Rabbi Simon Greenberg of Philadelphia corresponding secretary.

Jewish College Students Safe

That Jewish life on the campuses of the American colleges is being furthered by the various Jewish agencies now active in the colleges was the thesis of a paper read by Rabbi Leon Spitz of Hoboken. He pointed out that Jewish parents need no longer fear that their sons and daughters are being alienated from Jewish life during their college years for the Jewish undergraduate of the present day does not find it necessary or possible to conceal his racial identity and finds adequate opportunity to express himself Jewishly at college.

A suggestion that the Rabbinical Assembly send a commission to Palestine to study how best to reestablish the spiritual bond between Palestine and America was made by Rabbi Morris Schushenn of Brooklyn, who recently returned from a tour of Palestine, during the symposium on "The Future of Palestine Work." Rabbi Max Kadushin of Chicago declared that the future of Palestine work in America rests with the modern rabbis who should foster a Palestine atmosphere in this country.

Urges United Synagogue Cooperation

Rabbi Samuel Cohen, executive director of the United Synagogue of America, advised joint committees with the Rabbinical Assembly, while Nathan

Levy, president of the United Synagogue, urged intimate cooperation with the Assembly. Dr. Julius Greenstone of Philadelphia, chairman of the committee on cooperation, in his report, stressed the need of joint educational action but said that the interpretation of Jewish law should be retained by the Assembly.

The short term engagements of rabbis which make fruitful work in a community impossible were deplored by Rabbi Philip Laugh of Chelsea. He said that a three-year contract means a two years' notice to begin looking for another job. The eulogy for Professor Israel Freedlander was delivered by Rabbi Solomon Goldman of Chicago.

At Tuesday night's banquet Dr. Elias Margolies was the toastmaster and the speakers were Professor Jacob Hosehander and Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, Israel Goldstein, Israel H. Levinthal, Benjamin Birnbaum, A. A. Newman and Milton Steinberg.

**Nathan Bijur, Supreme Court
Justice 20 Years, Dead at 68**

Funeral services will be held this morning in Temple B'nai Jeshurun with Rabbi Israel Goldstein and Rabbi Jacob Schwartz officiating, for the late Supreme Court Justice Nathan Bijur, who died on Tuesday afternoon. Burial will be in Betholom Field, Cypress Hills, Queens. Justice Bijur was born in New York City in 1862. In 1886 he married Lilly Promich of Galveston, Texas, who, together with a son, survives him.

As a lawyer Justice Bijur specialized in corporation law and took part in the reorganization of several railroads. He was first elected to a fourteen-year term as Supreme Court Justice in 1910, and when this term expired he was re-elected without opposition. Because of his ability as a Supreme Court Justice, he was chosen by the Appellate Division to sit most frequently as one of the three members of the Appellate Term, which hears appeals from municipal courts.

Justice Bijur took an active interest in philanthropic organizations, and in 1905 he was elected president of the New York Conference of Charities. He was a trustee of the Baron de Hirsch Fund and of the Hebrew Free Trade School and a member of the Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. Among the many other organizations with which he was affiliated were the American Jewish Committee of which he was a founder, Legal Aid Society, Ethical Culture Society, Educational Alliance and the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies. Among the philanthropies which he aided were the National Farm School, National Jewish Hospital, National Jewish Historical Society, National Conference of Jewish Social Service, Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society and Young Men's Hebrew Association.

Jewish Immigration to Palestine Not Stopped, Only Temporarily Postponed, Lord Passfield Says; Tells Jews to Remember They Were Promised Homeland in Palestine and Not Jewish State

The present government of Great Britain is not hostile to the idea of a Jewish Homeland in Palestine; Jewish immigration into Palestine has not been stopped, but only "temporarily postponed"; Great Britain intends to carry out the terms of the Palestine Mandate to the letter, but Jews should remember that what has been promised them in the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate is not a Jewish State, but a Jewish Homeland, in Palestine, and that according to the Mandate Great Britain must protect the civil and religious rights of non-Jews in Palestine too.

This is the gist of opinions expressed on the Palestine situation by Lord Passfield, British Secretary for the Colonies, in an interview which he gave to J. I. Fine, London correspondent of the New York-Chicago "Jewish Daily Forward" and which appears in Tuesday's issue of the New York "Forward."

Mass Immigration Harmful Now

"The government has decided for the present, taking all the circumstances into consideration, that it would benefit neither Jewish nor Zionist interests to have a mass immigration into Palestine today," declares the British Colonial Secretary. "We, as a government which is obligated not only to Jews, but to the entire world as well, through the Palestine Mandate and the Balfour Declaration, have very carefully considered the unavoidable necessity created by political and economic circumstances in Palestine, of seeing to it that Jewish immigration should, for the time being, trickle, not stream."

"Can it really be said that we have stopped immigration at a time when not one single permit which was issued has been withdrawn? Does this justify the Jews becoming panic-stricken and crying everywhere that the British government, especially a Labor government, has betrayed the Jews and is not carrying out the Mandate? Do we, the present government, really deserve the suspicion of the Jews that we are with another party and against them? Should Jews put a weapon into the hands of their internal and external enemies by spreading all sorts of unfounded reports and rumors against the government? In a panic one loses all sense of proportion, and this is unfortunately now the case with the Jews."

Denigrates Unfounded Rumors

Accusing Dr. Weizmann of allowing these "unfounded rumors" to spread, Lord Passfield stated to the "Forward" correspondent:

"I have known Dr. Weizmann for the past ten years and I have never seen him as nervous as he is today. He has allowed the spreading of certain irresponsible rumors and statements about me personally, as Colonial Minister, and about the government. I am not saying that he himself has spread them. But I do say that he should have denied, or cor-

rected them so that they might be nearer to the truth."

The British Colonial Secretary branded as "stupid" a report which appeared in the Jewish press, quoting Prime Minister MacDonald as saying that he knew nothing about the action of the Colonial Office in stopping Jewish immigration into Palestine. What MacDonald really did say to Zionist representatives, according to Lord Passfield, was that he knew nothing about any stoppage of immigration into Palestine in general.

Denies Misleading Weizmann

With regard to the accusation that he, Lord Passfield, had purposely misled Dr. Weizmann by not keeping his promise to allow the Zionist leader to confer with Sir John Simpson before the latter's departure from Palestine to investigate the land question, Lord Passfield says:

"When Dr. Weizmann expressed a wish to see Sir John Simpson before the latter's departure for Palestine and asked me whether it was possible for me to arrange an interview, I told him that I saw no reason why he shouldn't confer with Sir John, for as far as I knew of Sir John's plans I was certain that he would remain in London several days and Dr. Weizmann would be able to see him. But it so happened that Sir John returned from Geneva on a Friday night. The next morning he departed for Liverpool to see his daughter. He returned to London Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning he immediately left for Palestine."

"Bear in mind that I did not give Dr. Weizmann a definite promise that he would be able to see Sir John. I said that I thought it might be possible for him to see him, and that I saw no reason for his not seeing him. But since it so happened that Sir John changed his private plans and didn't remain as long as I thought he would, am I responsible? Then why should such false reports, as that I have personally misled Dr. Weizmann, be spread? Who is responsible for that and what is the purpose behind it?"

Must Avoid Creating Landless Class

With regard to the land question, Lord Passfield had this to say to the "Forward" correspondent:

"The government cannot allow a condition in which a new workless and landless class may be created in Palestine. The Arab who loses his land cannot adjust himself to different kinds of labor, according to the circumstances, like an Englishman or an American. When he loses his small parcel of land and his goat he imagines, and perhaps justifiably so, that he has lost all his means of support. And when such a class is created and keeps growing larger, it must become dangerous. The government must find means of averting this."

"But don't you think, my lord, that

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Charges Protocols of Elders of Zion Part of Text Book for Austrian Police and Officials

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, July 9.—The long exploded and legendary Protocols of the Elders of Zion has again made its appearance, this time as part of an official textbook which is being used as a book on general history for Austrian gendarmes, guards, police, and government officials, according to a story in the Vienna "Arbeiter Zeitung," the organ of the Social-Democratic party.

Inquiries at the headquarters of the police department by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency brought a statement that the textbook is not used in Vienna and is entirely unknown there. The government offices assured the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the textbook is not officially used in any of the officers' schools nor in the training schools for the gendarmes and the guards. In official circles the anti-Semitic book is considered a private work without official approbation.

Remarking that the book was printed at the state publishing house of the Austrian province of Styria in Graz, the "Arbeiter Zeitung" gives the following astounding quotations from the so-called history textbook: "Jewry is the only European profiteer . . . until the 18th century it was confined in Eastern Europe to dirty quarters but lately it grew powerful living on the income from other peoples . . . Jewish capital rules the victorious and conquered nations alike and controls the world press and the most important means of communication like bloody vampires at the throats of cultural nations."

The Elders of Zion for centuries prepared for the World War against the Central Powers . . . Clemenceau, Lloyd George and the others are either Jews or related to Jews or belong to Masonic lodges under Jewish influence . . . the revolutions in Russia, Hungary and Bavaria were directed against Aryans while Jewish capital remained intact and the same thing will happen when the world revolution comes . . ."

Boston Jewish Community Preparing for Charity Drive

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Boston, July 9.—The charitable needs of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies of Boston will be met in a campaign which begins October 19th but for which plans are now being laid. At a dinner given by Louis E. Kirstein, President of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies, the chairman of the fall campaign was announced to be Henry Penn. The various details of the campaign are being planned now so that by October 19th the force will be fully prepared to obtain the quota necessary to support the twenty-one affiliated institutions of the Associated.

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the government ought to give preference to those who can develop a parcel of land, upon which one Arab's goat is now grazing, so that it could sustain a family of three or four? And wouldn't the entire country, even the government and the Arabs themselves, benefit if the use of the land by diligent Jewish colonists rather than by Arab goats were facilitated?" asked the "Forward" correspondent.

"No one denies that," was Lord Passfield's reply. "We appreciate the very fruitful and productive accomplishments of the Jews in Palestine and we shall take all the steps necessary to make it possible for the Jews to continue their good work with even more success. But do not forget that we, the British government, have only a mandate over Palestine, nothing more. We have no crown lands there, as is the case in England or in British colonies. Every inch of land in Palestine belongs to someone. And no matter how much the government might wish to help develop the land in the best possible manner, it must also at the same time bear in mind those who are losing their ownership of the land. We must do it for the very reason that we wish to carry out every letter of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate.

Jewish Home, Not State, Promised

"What does the Balfour Declaration state? It states that His Majesty's Government will use its best endeavors to facilitate the establishment of a Jewish Homeland in Palestine—a *Home-land*, not a *State*. And in the same breath, the Declaration also states, 'it being clearly understood that nothing should be done to prejudice the existing civil or religious rights of the non-Jewish inhabitants of Palestine.' If Dr. Weizmann has said that Palestine must be to the Jews what England is to the English, it is only Dr. Weizmann's interpretation, not the interpretation of the British government, not the pledge of the Balfour Declaration. Neither is it in consonance with Article 2 of the Mandate which states:

"The Mandatory shall be responsible for placing the country under such political, administrative and economic conditions as will secure the establishment of the Jewish National Home, as laid down in the preamble, and the development of self-governing institutions, and also for safeguarding the civil and religious rights of all the inhabitants of Palestine, irrespective of race and religion."

"We, the present government," continued Lord Passfield, "will not touch a single letter of the Mandate, and even the succeeding governments in Great Britain will not do it. We shall help create a Jewish Homeland in Palestine but we cannot create a Jewish State. But as a Jewish Home one cannot expect to settle there twelve or fourteen millions of Jews. Even in a home there are times when not all the members

composing the home can establish themselves immediately. Immigration to Palestine must be regulated in accordance with the economic possibilities.

Sees Jews Lacking in Unity

"The Zionist movement should have helped us make our task easier. Unfortunately it is making our task more difficult by spreading a lack of confidence in the British government among the Jewish people. Instead of creating a storm Jews should rather try to create unity among themselves. Imagine the present situation in which the Poale-Zionists want a wholly Socialist country, the Revisionists probably want a militaristic country and the Zionist Executive wants a Jewish State, and one faction is in disagreement with the other. But the government says that Palestine shall and will be a Jewish Homeland, in accordance with the Balfour Declaration and in accordance with the Mandate, as agreed upon by the League of Nations."

The Secretary for the Colonies flatly denied that his government facilitates the purchase of Palestine land by the Roman Catholic Church, while making land purchase there difficult for the Jews. With regard to the mission of Sir John Simpson, he declared:

"Please note that we have not sent Sir John Simpson to bring us a report, but rather to bring us information about important points, and that the government will arrive at a decision in accordance with his information, and not his recommendations.

"We expect him back in three or four months. It naturally depends on the circumstances, but I believe that it will not require more than three months. Meanwhile the Jews may calm down and not look with suspicion and mistrust upon the government of Great Britain. Great Britain will not break its promise and will fulfill its duty towards the Jews, in accordance with the letter and the spirit of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate."

Says Comradeship of Jews

With Arab Workers Would Assure Palestine's Future (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Stockholm, July 9.—The future of Palestine would be assured by an effort on the part of the Jewish people for comradeship with the Jewish and Arab workers in Palestine and the sympathy of British and international labor, declared Salman Rubashov, a leader of the General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine, speaking today before the International Federation of Trade Unions' Congress. The other Palestine delegate was David Ben Gurion, president of the General Federation of Jewish Labor.

Mr. Rubashov expressed the fear that the awakening of the Arab masses by the Arab effendis might cause disturbances. He said that the hope in

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assigned 600,000 lei for the sufferers, an inadequate sum according to Jewish opinion, police prefects Yuga and Dan and prosecuting attorney Kindrisha and Captain Spetia have begun an investigation into the causes of the fire. In the meantime a telegram from the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency quoting the newspaper "Dimineata" on the details of the fire has been confiscated by the authorities.

Under-secretary of the Interior Angelescu has wired Dr. Valer Moldovanu, district director, to proceed immediately to Borscha, the scene of last week's fire that caused 50,000,000 lei damage and left thousands of Jews homeless, to make an inquiry as to the causes of the fire, the situation of the sufferers and what measures of relief are needed.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, July 9.—The Rumanian press is demanding a strict inquiry against the Rumanian authorities in Borscha for sending false information to the government and abroad regarding the causes of the fire, the Hungarian Telegraphic Agency reports. The Rumanian press, according to the same source, says that the fire was set by anti-Semites and that this has been confirmed by eye-witnesses.

Soviet Appropriates 3,000,000 Roubles for Industrialization of Jews in Ukrainian Villages

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The Comzet, the government department for settling the Jews on the land, at which it was pointed out that all the organizations engaged in relief work for the Jews suffer from the lack of a united plan and are consequently unable to effectively concentrate their work. In this connection it is learned that a commission to be appointed within the next ten days to work out a plan for the industrialization of the Jews will receive from the Soviet government the means necessary for carrying out its plans speedily.

Third Jewish Region in Ukraina Named Stalindorf (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, July 9.—The newly proclaimed third autonomous Jewish region centering around Islatchista in Ukraina was today officially named the Stalindorf Region. The Jewish administration for the region was elected at a regional Soviet conference addressed by A. Merezhin, leader of the Comzet, government department for settling the Jews on the land. He pointed out that 63 percent of the region's population are Jews, 35 percent Ukrainians and the rest Russians and Germans.

The Labor government of England had not been fulfilled, the Colonial officials not being marked by a spirit of labor.