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LABOUR SECURES ALMOST HALF TOTAL VOTE IN PALESTINE JEWISH ASSEMBLY
ELECTIONS: REVISIONISTS HOLDING SECOND PLACE INCREASE VOTE
FROM 7 PER CENT. IN 1925 TO 20 PER CENT.

Jerusalem, Jan. 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Labour has obtained the largest number of votes, nearly half the total, in the elections to the Palestine Jewish Assembly, securing 22,336 out of the entire country-wide poll of 48,124, and will accordingly be the strongest party in the new Assembly. The Labour list obtained 46 per cent. of the total number of votes cast, compared with 43 per cent. in the 1925 elections.

The Revisionists, who will constitute the second largest Party in the Assembly, have, however, had the most striking increase, from 7 per cent. in 1925 to 20 per cent. now. The Revisionist vote, as far as is known up to the present, is 5,420, but the final figures will probably add to this total (20 per cent. of the poll is over 9,000). 48,124 votes were cast altogether in the elections this year, as compared with 33,845 in the 1925 elections. Of the other parties, as far as the results are already known, the Mizrahi have polled 2,221 votes, the General Zionists 1,421, the Women's List 1,178, the Left Poale Zion 602, and the Communists 316.

In Tel Aviv the final figures give 6,391 votes to Labour; 4,337 to the Revisionists; 568 to the Sephardim; 1,668 to the Mizrahi; 1,304 to the General Zionists; 578 to the Women's List; 775 to the Yemenites; 239 to the Left Poale Zion; 377 to the Right Poale Zion (Borochov list), and 189 to the Communists.

In Petach Tikvah Labour polled 1,258 votes, the Revisionists 548 votes and the Mizrahi 258.

The General Zionists have managed to return five of their leading candidates, headed by Mr. M. M. Ussischkin and Mr. Mayer Dizengoff. The Women's List has elected Miss Henrietta Szold, and there may be one or two other women elected. Not a single Communist has been elected.

The distribution of the votes cast for lists like those of the Communists and the artisans, which have failed to poll the requisite number to entitle them to representation, may have the effect of adding to the General Zionist representation.

ACTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING POSTPONED FOR TWO DAYS TO ENABLE PALESTINE MEMBERS TO ATTEND.

London, Jan. 7th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The meeting of the Actions Committee (General Council) of the Zionist World Organisation, which was to have opened here on Monday, the 12th. inst., has been postponed till Wednesday, the 14th. inst., the Zionist Organisation informs the J.T.A., in order to enable the Palestine members of the Actions Committee, who have been delayed by the elections to the Palestine Jewish Assembly, to arrive in time to take part in the proceedings.

REAL REASON FOR CALLING ACTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING IS WISH TO POSTPONE CONGRESS MR. RICHARD LICHTHEIM REVISIONIST VICE-PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF ACTIONS COMMITTEE WRITES TO ZIONIST EXECUTIVE: AS MEMBER AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF ACTIONS COMMITTEE HE SAYS I PROTEST AGAINST CONVOCATION WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH PRESIDUM.

London, Jan. 6th, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

I have received your intimation that the Actions Committee has been convened for January 14th. in London, says a letter addressed to the Zionist Executive by Mr. Richard Lichtheim, former member of the Zionist Executive, who is at present Vice-President of the Actions Committee and one of the Vice-Presidents of the World Union of Zionist Revisionists, the text of which was issued to-day by the Executive Committee here of the Zionist Revisionist World Union. The promised explanation has not yet reached me, Mr. Lichtheim proceeds, though I am well acquainted with your arguments. As a member and Vice-President of the Actions Committee, I protest against this convocation which has been effected without consultation with the Presidium.

There are no serious material reasons for this new convocation of the Actions Committee; for a meeting of the Actions Committee, spread over some three days in London, can in no way change the distressing financial situation. It would appear that you are anxious to call in the help of the Actions Committee against the decisions of the Finance Commission of the Jewish Agency in favour of retrenchment. You yourselves have robbed the Zionist Organisation and its authoritative bodies of its rights. You have transferred the political and financial leadership to the Mixed Jewish Agency. This course of yours however, - apart from the individual contributions of certain individuals whose sympathy and readiness to help you have exploited with a foolish rapacity - has revealed no new money sources, and no healthier financial methods. On the contrary, the monies have been swiftly dissipated by the inexperienced minions of the Jewish Agency, who have also assumed new obligations of an extent never before borne by us. All this has been done without consultation with the Actions Committee or the Directorate of the Keren Hayesod. How can the Actions Committee now help? Taking into account the financial and political collapse for which you are responsible, help can come only from a Congress which would completely remove the present leadership and rebuild the Organisation, shattered by you, under new control. It is evident, therefore, that the grave financial situation calls, not for the meeting of the Actions Committee, but for an expedited convocation of Congress.

The true ground for your calling the Actions Committee, Mr. Lichtheim asserts, is clearly your wish to postpone the Congress. After this question was decided upon, following protracted debate by an Actions Committee meeting called specially for that purpose, you have no right again to put forward this question for discussion. No new arguments exist for postponement.

The fact that the Americans could not be strongly represented at Congress in February, was quite well known at the last meeting of the Actions Committee. In spite of that knowledge the Actions Committee decided for an early Congress, because the internal Zionist situation demanded clarification. A small American delegation will in any case be present in February.

That the negotiations with the Government would not produce any satisfactory result by the end of February, was also quite clear. The present negotiations are aimless and, indeed, harmful. This, too, calls for speedy convocation of Congress, so that a new leadership and new political methods may be sought. Should you persist in endeavouring to hinder the execution of the clearly-expressed decision by the last meeting of the Actions Committee for the convocation of Congress, it will be possible to interpret your efforts only as an attempt to prevent the necessary cleansing of the atmosphere of the Zionist Organisation, and to delay the necessary public judgment upon your work until a time which you may consider more favourable to yourselves.

RABBI MAYER BERLIN RESIGNS FROM ZIONIST EXECUTIVE: PROTEST AGAINST METHODS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT: SPECIAL EXECUTIVE MEETING SEEKING WAY OF INDUCING RABBI BERLIN TO REMAIN.

London, Jan. 7th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Rabbi Mayer Berlin, the leader of the Mizrahi Organisation and a member of the Executive of the Zionist Executive, has tendered his resignation from the Executive, as a protest against the methods in which Dr. Weizmann is conducting the negotiations on behalf of the Jewish Agency with the British Government.

The resignation is being discussed at a special Executive meeting to-day (Wednesday), the J.T.A. is informed, in an attempt to straighten out matters and to make it possible for Rabbi Berlin to remain in the Executive.

RADICAL REPRESENTATIVE ON ZIONIST POLITICAL COMMISSION CALLED UPON TO LEAVE: RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY AL HAMISHMAR CONFERENCE IN WARSAW: NO POSTPONEMENT OF CONGRESS RESOLUTION SAYS.

Warsaw, Jan. 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A resolution demanding the recall of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, the representative of the Radical Zionists on the Political Commission appointed at the last meeting of the Actions Committee to have equal powers with the Zionist Executive in joining it in the negotiations with the British Government, has been adopted at the Conference held here of the Al Hamishmar Party, the Polish section of the Radical Zionist Opposition, which is headed by Deputy Gruenbaum.

The Conference has also adopted a resolution demanding that there should be no postponement of the Zionist Congress arranged for February.

LEADING INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS PROTEST AGAINST LABOUR GOVERNMENT'S PALESTINE WHITE PAPER: WILL MEMBERS OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT ALSO BE ASKED TO SIGN PROTEST?

Brussels. Jan. 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A resolution of protest against the Palestine White Paper issued by the British Labour Government has been drawn up by the Bureau of the International Socialist and Labour Committee for a Labour Palestine, which was formed in 1928 in connection with the Socialist and Labour International, following its meeting which has just been held here under the chairmanship of M. Emile Vandervelde, the Chairman of the Socialist and Labour International, after his return from his tour of the last four months in Russia and China.

The resolution will be submitted for signature to all leading members of the Socialist and Labour International, probably including the British Socialist and Labour leaders, some of whom, like Mr. Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, are closely associated with the work of the Socialist and Labour International. Among those who have already signed the protest are M. Emile Vandervelde, the Chairman of the Socialist and Labour International; the German members of the Committee, Herr Eduard Bernstein, Herr Paul Loebe, President of the Reichstag, and Dr. Oscar Cohn; the French members of the Committee, Deputy Leon Blum, M. Jean Longuet, the grandson of Karl Marx, and M. Pierre Renaudel; the Belgian members, Senator Louis de Brouckere, M. Louis Pierard, and M. Leon Trechet; the veteran Italian Socialist, Signor Philippe Turati, and the President of the Czecho-Slovakian Senate, M. Franz Soukup.

The Socialist Committee for a Labour Palestine, the resolution says, places it on record that the White Paper, both in spirit and in the letter, by means of the measures contemplated and the restrictions upon Jewish immigration and Jewish colonisation in Palestine imposes almost insuperable obstacles in the way of the development of this work. The Committee notes with satisfaction that the British Government intends to work out a programme in agreement with the Jewish Agency which will be in accord with the terms of the Palestine Mandate and the lines laid down by the League of Nations Mandates Commission, and the resolution of the British Labour Party itself. This resolution, which was adopted at the British Labour Party Conference of October 1930, pledges the British Labour Government to endeavour by all the means within its power to carry through the policy of the Mandate, that is to say, to develop all the economic opportunities in the country entrusted to it under the Mandate and to promote Jewish immigration and colonisation there insofar as the absorptive capacity of the country permits.

The Committee wishes to draw particular attention to Articles 2 and 6 of the Palestine Mandate, which make clear the policy intended to be pursued by the Mandatory in 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 safeguarding the civil and religious rights of all the inhabitants of Palestine, irrespective of race and religion, and while ensuring that the rights and position of other sections of the population are not prejudiced, to facilitate Jewish immigration under suitable conditions, and encourage in co-operation with the Jewish Agency close settlement by Jews on the land, including State lands and waste lands not required for public purposes.

The task entrusted by the League of Nations to the Mandatory Power is to assist actively and with all the means within its power in promoting a large and intensive immigration and Jewish colonisation movement aiming at the effecting of the Jewish Homeland as speedily as possible, while at the same time helping the Arab population and raising their economic, political and cultural level. The work done by the Jewish organisations should in no way harm the Arab interests, but on the contrary, all inhabitants of the country should derive benefit from its development. The Committee places it on record with satisfaction that the Jewish upbuilding work in Palestine is proceeding peacefully, without prejudice to other groups of the population living in the country. If mistakes have been committed, they are such as can be easily rectified, since it is the determined will of the Jewish population in Palestine, in spite of what has occurred, to continue a policy of understanding and collaboration with the Arab people.

The Committee is of the opinion that the terms of the Mandate providing for the creation of the Jewish Homeland can be realised in the following way: (a) immigration and settlement of Jews on a wide basis; (b) allocating all unoccupied and uncultivated land on both sides of the Jordan for Jewish and Arab settlement, taking into account Article 11 of the Mandate, providing that the Mandatory Power shall promote the close settlement and intensive cultivation of the land; and (c) the promotion of collaboration between Jews and Arabs through the medium of the Palestinian Administration.

The Committee, the resolution concludes, sends its fraternal greetings to the Jewish Labour Organisations in Palestine, to the Jewish Labour Party in Palestine, and to the General Jewish Labour Organisation in Palestine (Histadruth), who are conducting a hard struggle for the creation of a national Jewish homeland, bearing high the banner of international Socialism and seeking peace with the Arab working class.

UNEMPLOYMENT DANGER FACING STAATENLOSE IN POLAND: THOUSANDS OF JEWS
MAY BE AFFECTED BY ORDER CALLING FOR DISMISSAL OF PERSONS WHO
HAVE NO POLISH CITIZENSHIP: EMPLOYERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM
EMPLOYING ANY BUT POLISH CITIZENS SAYS REPORT: AT SAME TIME
POLISH-JEWISH GOODWILL CONFERENCES BEING HELD TO DRAW UP SCHEME
FOR FRIENDLY COLLABORATION.

Warsaw, Jan. 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Thousands of Staatenlose, including large number of Jews, who have not been able to acquire Polish citizenship, are in danger of being thrown out of employment in many branches of Polish commerce and industry, it is reported to-day, the authorities having decided in order to combat unemployment, to refuse to grant any prolongations of certificates of residence to persons who are not Polish citizens. The decision, which may, in addition, result in their expulsion from the country, will affect for the most part Jews from the districts of Vilna, Bialystock, and Volhynia, where large sections of the Jewish population are Staatenlose, having lost their Russian citizenship without acquiring Polish citizenship.

It is expected that orders will be issued demanding the dismissal of Staatenlose from their employment and prohibiting employers from employing in future any but Polish citizens.

The Jewish press fears that thousands of Jews will lose all means of livelihood, if the order is actually issued, and urges immediate intervention with the authorities to prevent such a catastrophe.

At the same time, it is announced to-day, that a number of prominent Government officials have started goodwill conferences with Jewish representatives, on the initiative of the Institute for investigating national minority problems. The officials, it is explained, are taking part in these conferences as private individuals and not as representatives of the Government. Deputy Gruenbaum has not been invited to the conferences, but ex-Deputy Joseph Schipper and ex-Senator Noah Davidsohn are taking part in them.

Contemplated action of a similar kind, the dismissal of all alien employees and workers and the engaging of citizens in their stead, was reported a week or two ago from Lithuania, where, too, the Jewish press fears that it will affect large numbers of Staatenlose, among whom there are many Jews. In view of the anxiety that has been aroused as to the meaning placed by the Government on the term "alien", the "Yiddische Stimme" of Kovno said, We have made enquiries in competent quarters and we are informed that the scheme affects all persons who are not in possession of Lithuanian citizenship, that is to say, not only people who are citizens of other countries, but also those permanent residents who are not citizens of any other country, and who, too, will find themselves dismissed from their employment and replaced by Lithuanian citizens.

This is an unexpected blow, the "Yiddische Stimme" commented, affecting hundreds of thousands of people. All those unfortunate Staatenlose who have no other home but Lithuania, and who cannot go elsewhere will suddenly find themselves deprived of every means of earning their livelihood and reduced to starvation.

Such a measure, it added, is understandable and can be justified. Every State tries to protect the interests of its citizens. But what about these so-called Staatenlose who have no firm ground under their feet, although they are deeply rooted in the soil of the country. Their only crime is that they cannot produce sufficient formal evidence to prove that they are entitled to citizenship.

Preparations to set up a Polish-Jewish Goodwill Committee to promote good feeling and co-operation between Jewish and non-Jewish citizens were reported last July, the initiative being taken at the time by the Polish Consul-General in New York, Dr. Marchlewski, who was then on a visit in Poland. He had seen the heads of the Polish State, he said at the time, and had acquainted them with the wishes and the state of feeling existing among the American Jews of Polish origin with regard to the situation of their brethren in Poland.

EAST EUROPEAN JEWS IN GERMANY HOLD CONFERENCE: WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT TILL THEY GET EQUAL RIGHTS IN JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN GERMANY THEY SAY: CLAIM THEY ARE A REVIVING ELEMENT IN GERMAN JEWISH LIFE AND JEWISH COMMUNITIES CAN ONLY GAIN FROM THEIR COLLABORATION.

Berlin, Jan. 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The past year was a particularly hard one, the elections to the Federation of Prussian Jewish Communities and to the Berlin Jewish Community having been a severe trial of strength, says the report presented to the Sixth Conference of the Federation of Organisations of East European Jews in Germany, just opened at Hanover, with delegates present from Berlin, Breslau, Hamburg, Hanover, Mayence, Munich, Stuttgart, Brunswick, and many other places.

The Federation emerged successfully from the test, however, the report presented by Herr Fett on behalf of the Presidium goes on. The Federation had an opportunity during the year, he said, to demonstrate that the East European Jews are a not inestimable cultural factor in Jewish life in Germany.

The Federation had also grown during the year, both in numbers and influence, and also contribution, he said.

In the Rhineland and Westphalia, the Federation now comprises about 90 per cent. of all the East European Jews living in the Rhineland. In spite of the economic distress, the local groups had raised 800,000 Marks during the year. These funds were used for social, humanitarian, cultural and religious purposes.

One of the most important points in the programme of the Federation, Herr Fett declared, is the fight which it is conducting to obtain equal rights for the East European Jews in the Jewish Communities in Germany. This fight, he said, will go on until the theoretical recognition of our demand for equal rights is granted in actual practice by the great proportion of the Liberal Jews. It is a recognised fact, Herr Fett asserted, that the Jewish Communities stand only to gain from the collaboration of the East European Jews, who act as a reviving element in the life of the Jewish community.

400,000 ALIENS RESIDENT ILLEGALLY IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND 100,000 ARE DEPORTABLE UNDER IMMIGRATION LAW: STATEMENT BY NEW U.S. SECRETARY OF LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION TO SENATE.

New York, Jan. 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

There are 400,000 aliens living in the United States without legal right to do so, and 100,000 of them are deportable under the immigration law, Mr. Doak, the new Secretary of Labour and Immigration, declared in reply to questions put to him in the Senate as to what suggestions he might make for changes in the Immigration Law to facilitate the deportation of undesirable aliens.

The Immigration Committee of the House of Representatives has appointed a Sub-Committee to work out a new Bill in place of the Johnson immigration restriction bill, to conform with the proposal made by Mr. Stinson, the Secretary of State, to admit only one-tenth of the present immigration quota into the country, maintaining at the same time the recently introduced national origins principle.

JEW NOMINATED AS U.S. FEDERAL ATTORNEY FOR NEW YORK.

Washington, Jan. 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. G. Z. Medalie, a Jewish lawyer, has been nominated as United States Federal Attorney for New York State in succession to Federal Attorney Tuttle. The nomination will probably come before the Senate on Thursday and no opposition is expected. Mr. Medalie, who was born in New York, is 47 years of age and is active in Jewish social work and is a member of the American Jewish Congress.

BIALIK LECTURING AT LONDON UNIVERSITY ON TALMUD: DR. WEIZMANN IN CHAIR.

London, Jan. 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Chaim Nuchman Bialik, the Hebrew poet laureate, will lecture on Wednesday, the 14th, inst. at 8.30 p.m. at the School of Oriental Studies, London University, on the "Scientific Study of the Talmud".

Dr. Ch. Weizmann will be in the chair.

MR. LUCIEN WOLF'S DIARY OF PEACE CONFERENCE NEGOTIATIONS FOR MINORITY TREATIES BEQUEATHED TO JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND. ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO HIS CORRESPONDENCE FOR JOINT FOREIGN COMMITTEE AND ICA LEFT TO THESE SOCIETIES.

London, Jan. 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Lucien Wolf's copy of his diary of the Peace Conference of 1919, in which he conducted negotiations with various Governments to obtain the minority treaties to secure the rights of the Jewish populations of their countries, is bequeathed in his will, which has just been made public, to the Jewish Historical Society of England, of which he was President. Various other papers, all his Jewish books, MSS., newspaper cuttings and prints are also left to the Jewish Historical Society of England.

To the Jewish Colonisation Association (Ica) and the Joint Foreign Committee, Mr. Wolf has left all documents or correspondence relating to those societies. r.

Mr. Wolf left estate of the gross value of £4,412, with net personality £4,081.

To his wife he left £1,000 3½ per cent. Conversion Loan and £50 cash "as a small token of my love for my wife and my gratitude to her for the care she has taken of me and the great happiness she has given to me", and saying of her "who has all my confidence as well as all my love and gratitude". All his other property he left upon trust for his wife, his four daughters, his four sons, and his grandson George.

MARTIN GOTTLIEB MEMBER OF FAMOUS TRIO OF JEWISH ARTIST-BROTHERS DIES IN VIENNA.

Vienna, Jan. 6th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Martin Gottlieb, one of the three brothers Gottlieb, all well known painters, has died here suddenly at the age of 63. Gottlieb was well known also in America, where several of his pictures were bought, notably "Pogrom" and "The Wailing Wall".

The most famous of the three brothers was the eldest, Moritz Gottlieb, who died in 1879 at the age of 23, a genius cut off at the beginning of his career.

The youngest brother, Leopold Gottlieb, who is 48 years of age, is now living in Paris. He was at one time a teacher at the Bezalal School of Art in Jerusalem, and his paintings include portraits of several famous personalities, among them Marshal Pilsudski, Gino Pascin and Shalom Ash.

DREYFUS TALKIE ALREADY STARTED: JEWISH ACTOR IN TITLE ROLE.

London, Jan. 7th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Dreyfus talkie, which the British International Studios announced recently, has already been taken in hand at Elstree. The film is being directed by Mr. Milton Rosmer and Mr. P. W. Kraemer. One of the principal scenes in the film will be the reading of the famous "J'Accuse" letter by Zola, in which he names the different people who caused Dreyfus being wrongfully convicted of espionage. Mr. Alexander Sarnier, himself a Jew, is playing the part of Dreyfus.

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