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MR. NAHUM SOKOLOV TRIBUTED ON HIS SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY AT CLOSING MEETING OF ACTIONS COMMITTEE: ALL HIS LIFE BOUND UP WITH JEWISH NATIONAL HOME MR. SOKOLOV RESPONDS AND ALL OTHER THINGS BUT BY-PRODUCTS: NO OTHER WISH THAN TO WORK TILL VERY END FOR JEWISH NATIONAL HOME AND TO BE OF SERVICE TO JEWISH PEOPLE.

London, Jan. 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

He had hardly hoped for such a privilege, to close the session in such an elevated mood, Mr. H. Farbstein, who presided over the session of the Actions Committee of the Zionist World Organisation which has been meeting here during the last few days, said in closing the concluding meeting of the session this afternoon. He was referring to a motion put by Dr. Berthold Feiwel to express on behalf of the Actions Committee congratulations to Mr. Nahum Sokolov, the President of the Zionist Executive, on his seventieth birthday, which occurs on the 15th. day of Shebat, corresponding with January 23rd.

Mr. Sokolov was their teacher of Zionism, the Chairman said. And all those whom he taught remained firm in their Zionist faith.

It was a great honour that had been bestowed upon him, Dr. Feiwel said, to make a proposal which would be accorded complete unanimity - to express, on behalf of the General Council, congratulations to Mr. Nahum Sokolov, on his seventieth birthday.

All present rose from their places amid acclamation.

Seeing Mr. Sokolov in the Commissions and Sub-Commissions, taking note of every detail, alert and energetic, Dr. Feiwel went on, showed greatness by attending to small things. It was the greatness of a commander working like a soldier. They wanted to express their debt of gratitude to their master and teacher, who was a source of enrichment and enlightenment.

Dr. Feiwel referred to the all-embracing nature of Mr. Sokolov's literary work, to his wisdom, his intellectual powers and unequalled grace. It was a happy thought that he was there with them as their leader, their guide, their mentor, their friend and colleague. May he remain long with them, he said, in the service of the cause.

Mr. Sokolov, in acknowledgment, thanked Dr. Feiwel. He had no desire, he said, for the celebration of this event, but it was inescapable. There was no greater honour for him than to be President of the Zionist Executive. All his life was bound up with the Jewish National Home. That was the central point in his life's work. All other things were but by-products. He had no other wish than to work till the very end for the Jewish National Home and to be of service to the Jewish people.

The Central Executive of the Jewish National Fund in Great Britain at its last meeting just held here, under the chairmanship of Mr. C. J. Ross, adopted a motion moved by Mr. Leopold Sohen, the former President, who was welcomed back after his absence owing to ill-health, congratulating Mr. Sokolov on his attainment of his seventieth birthday. It was unanimously decided that a special Nahum Sokolov Tribute Fund be opened for the purpose of inscribing Mr. Sokolov's name in the Golden Book each year on his birthday.

ZIONIST CONGRESS NOT LATER THAN JUNE 15TH.: ACTIONS COMMITTEE DECISION; IN DEFERRING DATE OF CONGRESS MR. SOKOLOV SAYS THEY WERE GUIDED BY PRESENT FINANCIAL SITUATION REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION; POSTPONEMENT OF CONGRESS UNJUSTIFIED MR. GROSSMAN INSISTS; REVISIONISTS WILL DO DUTY BY FUNDS BUT WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT AGAINST EXECUTIVE; RABBI BERLIN ASSURES MEETING WITHDRAWAL OF MIZRACHI FROM EXECUTIVE WILL NOT MEAN WEAKENING IN THEIR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF WORK IN PALESTINE.

London, Jan. 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Zionist Congress is to be convened not later than June 15th., 1931, the Actions Committee decided last night.

Dr. F. Rosenblueth, in the name of the Executive, proposed that the Congress should take place by the end of May or the beginning of June. Deputy Gruenbaum demanded that the date fixed should be definitive, and the 15th. June, proposed by the Executive, was thereupon agreed to by an overwhelming majority.

The Executive was authorised to take the necessary measures in connection with the Congress elections, in view of the changed date of the convening of Congress.

Mr. Sokolov said that he wanted to stress what he had said at the beginning of the meeting, that in deferring the date of Congress they were guided by the present financial situation which required immediate attention. This was the main purpose for which the present meeting had been convened, and he appealed to the members to explain the circumstances to the Zionist public and impress upon them the need of doing their utmost to relieve the present situation. He hoped that party considerations would be overlooked at this juncture.

Mr. Naiditch, in an appeal for unity, proposed that the General Council should decline to accept the resignation of the Mizrahi members from the Executive. This proposal was unanimously agreed upon.

Rabbi Berlin assured the Council that the withdrawal of the Mizrahi members from the Executive would not mean a weakening in their efforts on behalf of all the work in Palestine. The Mizrahi was dictated by principle, but would continue to co-operate wholeheartedly in the work.

Mr. Grossman said that he was sorry to introduce a note of disharmony, but the proceedings of the Council had in no way affected a change of attitude on the part of the Revisionists towards the Executive. The meeting of the Council was not justified, and as Mr. Lichtheim, a Vice-President of the Council, was not consulted before it was convened, he had authorised him, the speaker, to announce his resignation from the Presidium of the Council. The acceptance of the political resolution by the General Council was unwarranted, and the postponement of the Congress was unjustified. While the Revisionists would do their duty by the Funds, they would continue to fight against the Executive.

Dr. A. Goldstein urged the members of the Council to do their utmost to raise the sale of Shekolim to the figure of a million.

Despite Economic Depression Much Could Be Achieved In Palestine Through Whipping Up Energy And Enthusiasm Mr. Sprinzak Believes: Need Of Jewish Concentration And Reliance On Their Own Powers Urged By Mr. Ben Gurion.

On Dr. Rosenblueth's motion it was agreed unanimously that the Special Political Committee appointed at the last meeting of the General Council to co-operate with the Executive in the negotiations with the Government be requested to continue their co-operation, and that the Vaad Leumi and the Zionist Organisation of America be urged to send their representatives. A further

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proposal submitted on behalf of the Executive to grant the request by the Polish Zionist Organisation to be equally represented on the Special Political Committee was also adopted unanimously.

Mr. Harzfeld appealed for more Zionist concentration on actual work in Palestine. Mr. Sprinzak said that the time had arrived for the mobilisation of all Jewish forces, Jewish women and Jewish youth, for active work in the furtherance of Jewish colonisation work in Palestine. Despite the economic depression, much could be achieved through whipping up the energy and enthusiasm of all the elements.

Dr. Goldmann, referring to the plan formulated by Mr. Sprinzak regarding the mobilisation of Jewish forces, said that some fuller details would have to be elaborated before they could give the necessary consideration to it.

Mr. Ben Gurion, reviewing the situation in Palestine, emphasised the need of Jewish concentration and reliance on their own powers. It was essential to think more of the inward Jewish forces and potentialities than of external sympathies and support, however valuable and important they might be.

NOTHING IN MY LIFE HAS AFFECTED ME LIKE SET-BACK TO PALESTINE  
BECAUSE OF WHITE PAPER SAYS MR. FELIX M. WARBURG.

New York, Jan. 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Nothing in my life has affected me physically and morally so deeply as the set-back which Palestine has suffered because of the White Paper, Mr. Felix M. Warburg says in a message which he has sent to be read out to the National Conference for Palestine which is opening here on January 25th. to plan the first independent fund-raising campaign in America for the Jewish Agency for Palestine. But I am not without hope that our protests will bear fruit, Mr. Warburg concludes his message.

NATHAN STRAUS MEMORIAL MEETING IN JERUSALEM: "FATHER OF PUBLIC  
HYGIENE IN PALESTINE" MR. DIZENGOFF SAYS.

Jerusalem, Jan. 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Nathan Straus's visit to Palestine in 1911 was recalled by Dr. J. L. Magnes, the Chancellor of the Hebrew University, when he presided to-day at the Nathan Straus memorial meeting held here at the Straus Health Centre at the expiration of the seven days of mourning. The auditorium was thronged with people.

It was at that time, Dr. Magnes said, that Mr. Straus had opened his first Health Station at Hederah, and his first soup kitchen in Jerusalem. Dr. Magnes also recalled that Mr. Straus had bought a plot of land at Talpioth as a site for the Hebrew University.

Mr. Mayer Dizengoff, the Mayor of Tel Aviv, speaking on behalf of the All-Jewish town, paid a tribute to Mr. Straus as the father of public hygiene in Palestine.

Mr. David Yellin, on behalf of the Vaad Leumi, enumerated Mr. Straus's many philanthropies, emphasising particularly his financing of the Nathania colony of farmers' sons, who are perpetuating the name of their benefactor.

MORE JEWISH LABOUR TROUBLE IN PALESTINE ORANGE GROVES: NINE WORKERS  
ARRESTED.

Jerusalem, Jan. 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Nine Jewish labourers have been arrested at Tel Aviv, being allowed out on a bail of £20 each, following a dispute with an orange-grower employing non-union labour.

PALESTINE ARABS CHARGED WITH COMMUNIST ACTIVITY.

Jerusalem, Jan. 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Two Jaffa Arabs, Darwish Al Feshaar and Aaref Al Azouni, who are being charged with conducting Communist propoganda among the Arab workers in Palestine, have been ordered to deposit sums of £50 and £40 respectively, in addition to two sums of £100 each provided by friends as a guarantee of future good behaviour. Both have been tried under the Prevention of Crimes Ordinance. Aaref Al Azouni is the Jaffa correspondent of the Palestine Arab paper "Al Fayat".

The Arab delegates for the first time equalled the Jewish in numbers at the last Congress of the Palestine Communist Party held in December, the Moscow "Pravda" recently claimed, declaring that this Congress had pushed forward the Arabisation of the Central Committee. The Congress was an "important turning-point in the Communist movement in the Arab countries", the "Pravda" wrote.

Declaring that Zionist Chauvinism represents the main danger within the ranks of Palestine Communists, the "Pravda" indicated a future development of Communist activity in Palestine by the following comment: "The sharpening of the struggle with Imperialism and Zionism in Palestine raises the question of the Palestine Communist party".

LAUNCHING ATTACK ON ZIONISTS AS TOOLS OF BRITISH IMPERIALISM AGAINST ARAB REVOLUTIONARIES JEWISH COMMUNIST LEADER MERESZIN TELLS ALL-RUSSIAN CENTRAL EXECUTIVE MEETING HOW JEWISH LIFE IN SOVIET UNION HAS BECOME TRANSFORMED IN LAST TWO YEARS: FORMERLY JEWS WERE CONCENTRATED IN CLOTHING AND SHOEMAKING TRADES BUT NOW NUMBER OF JEWISH WORKERS IN METAL TRADES EXCEEDS NUMBER IN ALL OTHER TRADES: 43 PER CENT. OF TOTAL JEWISH PROLETARIAT IN SOVIET UNION ENGAGED IN HEAVY INDUSTRIES.

Moscow, Jan. 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Dr. Weizmann and the Zionists are being used only as tools by Britain against the Arab revolutionary movement, Mr. Mereszin, one of the Jewish Communist leaders, argued in the course of a speech which he delivered to-day at the meeting of the All-Russian Central Executive Committee, accusing the foreign Jewish bourgeoisie of having joined with other Imperialists in preparing for war against the Soviet Union.

The economic position of the Jews in the Soviet Union has been completely revolutionised in the past two years, Mr. Mereszin went on. Formerly the needle trades and the leather trades were the two occupations in which the Jews were engaged, but now the number of Jews working in the Soviet metal industries exceeds the number of Jews in all other trades.

Of the total Jewish proletariat, he said, 43 per cent. is connected with the large industries, while the Jewish artisans number now only 25 per cent. In one single metal factory at Dnepro-Petrovsk there are 5,000 Jewish workers. A large number of Jewish workers are also employed in the metallurgic industries in the Urals, and in the mines of the Don Basin. Jewish girls are entering the textile works in the Ivanov region in immense numbers.

Tolerance Of Soviet Regime To National Minorities Contrasted By  
Mr. Dimantstein With Antisemitism In Poland And Roumania;  
Says Replacement Of Latin Script For Arabic And Hebrew  
Characters Is Sign Of Progress Of Eastern Peoples Living  
Under Soviet Flag.

The tolerance of the Soviet regime towards the national minorities was contrasted by Mr. Dimantstein, who since the dissolution of the Jewish Communist Sections is in charge of Jewish affairs, with the wave of antisemitism, which, he said, is sweeping fascist Poland and nobility-ridden Roumania. Persecution and discrimination in these countries against the Jews, he said, takes the inhuman form of boycotts, which are driving the Jewish population to starvation and despair.

All Eastern peoples living under the Soviet flag have discarded the Arabic characters in which their literature was formerly printed, Mr. Dimantstein went on, and have adopted the Latin script, which automatically means the development and progress of the culture of these peoples. The educational organs of the Soviet Government, Mr. Dimantstein said, are consequently faced with the colossal task of writing new books and re-editing others in Latinised script for the use of these nationalities.

FOURTH JEWISH REGION OPENED IN SOVIET UNION: FREIDORF IN CRIMEA.

Moscow, Jan. 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Freidorf, the fourth Jewish autonomous region in the Soviet Union, which is situated in the Crimea, has been inaugurated.

The opening of the Freidorf Jewish Region follows on the establishment of the Jewish Regions in Kalinindorf, in Zaporozhie, and in Krivoyrog. This takes no account of Bureya, in Siberia, which is also spoken of as a Jewish Region in process, but which has not been proclaimed as such because the work of Jewish settlement has not proceeded as rapidly as was intended.

The population of Freidorf is given as about 26,000 souls, with a total area of 264,000 hectares, or 2,460 square kilometres. Under the present scale of settlement, the area should be settled by 6,450 families, or about 32,000 souls. The Jewish population in the Region at present is only about 9,000.

The recent allocation of new tracts of land and improvements in the partition of the old tracts has given a possibility of building large villages and collective farms, and there is to be an intensification of agriculture which will bring with it an increase of the village population. At present, it is stated, agriculture in the Freidorf region is still at a low level. According to the 1930 report of the Tax Department, only 97,682 hectares were sown out of the total area of 246,000 hectares in the Region. A movement has been started already, however, to increase considerably the area of land under cultivation, and to intensify the cattle-breeding activity. Sheep-breeding is said to offer particularly large scope in the Region. There are now in the Region 11,042 horses, 3,959 cattle, 2,524 pigs, and 47,983 sheep, of which the collective farms have 3,614 horses, 584 cattle, 9,352 sheep, and 99 pigs. Dairy-farming and sheep-breeding are believed to provide the best opportunities of development in the Freidorf Region, and there are also excellent prospects for vegetable gardening and for plantations.

The proclamation of Jewish regions in the Crimea, similar to the Jewish regions in the Ukraine became possible in July 1929, it was foreshadowed in the J.T.A. Bulletin at the time, in consequence of a decision adopted then by the Crimean Commissariat of Lands, granting the Government Commission for Jewish Land Settlement (Comzet) the right to exchange land with the Government agricultural farm settlements situated between the Jewish colonies. Previously, the

establishment of Jewish Regions in the Crimea had been impossible, because the colonies were split up by other land lying between them. The new decision opened up the road to a process of linking the colonies into continuous stretches, which can become self-administrating Jewish Regions. The measure was long urged on the Crimean Government by the Comzet. The new grant of 95,000 hectares of land for Jewish colonisation made in February 1929 provided for the first time sufficient territory for the purpose of exchange.

OVER 20,000 PEOPLE FOLLOW FUNERAL OF CHIEF RABBI KATZENELLENBOGEN IN LENINGRAD: SOVIET AUTHORITIES GIVE PERMISSION FOR RABBI TO DELIVER GRAVESIDE ADDRESS.

Riga, Jan. 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Over 20,000 people, including many non-Jews, followed the funeral of the 80 year old Rabbi Tobiah Katzenellenbogen of Leningrad, who died there a few days ago, visitors from Leningrad who have arrived here to-day report. The Soviet authorities, they say, made an exception from the usual practice by permitting a Rabbi to speak at the open grave.

ARCHANGEL IN ARCTIC REGION GETS LARGE JEWISH POPULATION THROUGH GROWING NUMBER OF SOVIET EXILES: NO POLITICAL OFFENDERS: ALL EX-TRADERS UNABLE TO PAY HEAVY TAXATION.

Riga, Jan. 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Archangel, the famous port on the White Sea, which is frozen over for about five to six months in the year, had before the war about 10,000 inhabitants. To-day the population has risen to over 100,000, a prominent Jewish merchant in Riga, who has just returned from a business visit to Archangel, said in a talk with the J.T.A. representative here. The increase in population, he said, has meant also the growth of a large Jewish settlement in Archangel, numbering now about 5,000.

It is not because of the attractions of Archangel, or because of its opportunities for business, that it has grown to be such an important centre, he went on. These thousands of new people are not in Archangel voluntarily, but by compulsion. They are all exiles who are in this way made to expiate their offences against the Soviet regime. There are two kinds of exiles: those who are kept in the concentration camp, and those who are allowed to go about at liberty.

That the figure of 5,000 Jews is not exaggerated can be seen from the fact, he proceeded, that in the last Jewish High Holy Days when the Jewish exiles were allowed to organise services about 2,000 attended. The building provided for the purpose could hold only about 500, so the rest stood outside, taking part in the services in the open. It must be remembered that practically all those who attended the services were the older people. The younger folk did not come. Judging by this fact, 5,000 does not seem at all an exaggerated figure for the present number of Jewish exiles in Archangel.

It is interesting to note, he said, that while the Christian exiles are practically all political offenders there are no political offenders among the Jews. They are all Lishonzys, that is to say, former traders whose crime is that they were not able to pay the heavy taxation imposed upon them.

Some of the exiles have been able to arrange their affairs quite satisfactorily. There is a good deal of traffic in the town, so many of them have become drivers. Others trade in the market place. The intellectuals work in the Administrative Department of the Concentration Camp. The well known Jewish Advocate Dubnitzki and the Moscow Engineer Shalman have both obtained work in this Department.

Rabbi Lazarov Of Leningrad In Concentration Camp: Also Uncle Of Poale Zion Leader Rubashov Among Archangel Exiles.

Rabbi Lazarov of Leningrad is among the prisoners in the concentration camp. It is difficult to recognise him, because he was compelled to cut off his beard. He has to take parcels from the prisoners for posting.

The well known Poale Zion leader, Zalman Rubashov, has an uncle among the Archangel exiles.

The position of the older prisoners is very distressing. The food provided is, of course, not kosher, so they live practically on dry bread. Those who have a rouble or two to spare, buy food for it, but this is rare. Some of them, particularly the intelligentsia have been joined by their families.

KING CAROL'S ALLEGED INTERVIEW ON ROUMANIAN JEWS: WHAT HE SAID NOT CORRECTLY REPRODUCED GOVERNMENT STATEMENT SAYS: INTERVIEW NOT DENIED.

Bucharest, Jan. 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A number of newspapers in Germany claiming to have had their information from the Hanover Kirchrode Press Bureau have published the text of an interview given by His Majesty King Carol to an American journalist, says an official statement issued by the Government Directorate, and signed by the Secretary-General, Mr. A. Crudu. The Czernowitz papers reproduced the text of this statement from the German newspapers, the statement proceeds, adding that in consequence there was a good deal of comment aroused in the country. The Government Presidium, on being informed of this publication, the statement proceeds, authorises us to notify the local press that the interview given by His Majesty the King is far from being correctly reproduced. It is regrettable, the statement concludes, that this misunderstood reproduction has also found a place in the Roumanian press.

MISS LILY MONTAGU ADDRESSING CONFERENCE OF UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS: THE FUTURE OF REFORM JUDAISM.

New York, Jan. 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Miss Lily H. Montagu, of London, the Honorary Secretary of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, will be one of the principal speakers at the 32nd. biennial conference of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations opening in Philadelphia this evening, with about 1,500 delegates from all parts of the country present.

Leaders of Reform Judaism in America will speak during the session which is to continue for five days, one of the chief features being a symposium on "The Synagogue, Its Relation To Modern Thought and Life".

"JEWISH DAILY FORWARDS" OF NEW YORK DISCONTINUES ENGLISH SECTION.

New York, Jan. 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The "Jewish Daily Forwards", the largest Yiddish daily in the world and at the same time the largest Socialist daily in any language, announces that it is discontinuing the two-page English section in its Sunday issues. Certain problems have arisen in connection with the section, which make it necessary to suspend publication, only temporarily, we hope, the announcement says. The English section of the "Forwards" was started about five years back, consisting at first of four pages, afterwards reduced to two.