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LORD ROTHSCHILD 63.

London, Feb. 8th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Lord Rothschild, the head of the English branch of the Rothschild family and eldest son of the first Lord Rothschild, the first Jew elevated to the British peerage, celebrates his 63rd. birthday to-day. Born in London on February 8th., 1868, Lord Rothschild is chiefly interested in scientific work. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society and a Trustee of the British Museum. He is a distinguished zoologist and founded the well-known Zoological Museum at Tring. He is the author of numerous studies on zoology and joint-editor of *Novitates Zoologicae*, published at the Zoological Museum at Tring.

From 1899 to 1910, as the Hon. Lionel Walter Rothschild, he sat in Parliament as a Conservative member. He has held a commission as Major in the Royal Bucks Yeomanry, and he is Lieutenant for the City of London. He is unmarried, and his heir is his nephew, Nathaniel Mayer Victor Rothschild, who will attain his majority on October 31st. of this year.

It was Lord Rothschild, that the late Lord Balfour, as Minister of Foreign Affairs, addressed the famous Balfour Declaration on November 2nd., 1917.

Speaking last October at the meeting of the Jewish Board of Deputies on the White Paper, Lord Rothschild said: It looks very strongly, I do not say it is, as if the Government were trying to upset the Mandate and the Balfour Declaration by roundabout methods.

In many directions, Lord Rothschild is active in Jewish communal affairs. He is Vice-President of the Board of Jewish Deputies, where he often presides in the absence of the President. He is Honorary President of the London Jewish Hospital and he is Trustee and Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Health Organisation of Great Britain. He is also President of the British O.R.T.-Oze Appeal and last October he took the chair at the big gathering held at the Savoy Hotel, in aid of the O.R.T.-Oze Appeal, addressed by Professor Einstein, Mr. George Bernard Shaw, Sir Herbert Samuel, the Chief Rabbi and others. He considered it his duty, he declared on that occasion, to help in the wonderful beneficent work done by the O.R.T.-Oze for the regeneration of the poorest of the poor among our brethren, to make them self-supporting and happier in their lot. I deserve no thanks, he said, for having come here. I am glad to have had this opportunity to be able to do as much as I can.

This week, as President of the Appeal, Lord Rothschild is a co-signatory to a letter in the Jewish press announcing a campaign of intensive propaganda in Great Britain for the O.R.T.-Oze, with Committees being set up all over the country, to help to overcome "the gravest crisis to Jewry of modern times", by enabling the Jew of Eastern Europe "to turn his energies to handicraft or to the land". "We cannot remain apathetic", the letter says. "We dare not evoke the present economic depression and stand by unmoved".

NOTHING KNOWN IN PALESTINE OF SIR JOHN CHANCELLOR'S IMMINENT RESIGNATION: COMING TO ENGLAND FOR DAUGHTER'S WEDDING BUT WILL RETURN TO JERUSALEM SAYS LOCAL REPORT: BUT TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES IN JUNE.

Jerusalem, Feb. 7th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Enquiries made at Government House here by the J.T.A. have elicited the reply that nothing is known there to support the announcement made in to-day's "Daily Telegraph" that "the resignation of Sir John Chancellor, the present High Commissioner for Palestine, within the next few months is regarded as certain".

Sir John Chancellor, according to local report, is proceeding to England in April to attend his daughter's wedding, and will then return to Jerusalem to resume his official duties.

Sir John's appointment is for three years only, however, the J.T.A. understands, and his term of office expires in June, when he will vacate his office, unless his term is extended. Sir Herbert Samuel's appointment was for four years, but it was extended for a fifth year, while Lord Plumer, who was appointed for three years, retired at the end of the term without any prolongation.

LORD PASSFIELD RESIGNATION REPORT DENIED: WILL NEW GOVERNMENT STATEMENT MEAN RESTORATION OF POLITICAL POSITION IN REGARD TO PALESTINE EXISTING BEFORE WHITE PAPER WAS ISSUED?

London, Feb. 8th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Lord Passfield's resignation from the Colonial Office was also hinted at in yesterday's "Daily Telegraph", which stated as follows:

After a number of formal and informal meetings negotiations have been completed between the British Government and the Jewish Agency on the interpretation of the White Paper. Dr. Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency, has definitely approved the draft of a letter containing the Government's new attitude towards the White Paper. Last Friday a sub-Committee meeting was held, at which there were present Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary; Lord Passfield, the Colonial Secretary; Mr. Tom Shaw, Secretary for War, and Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty. This meeting unanimously approved the letter drafted by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Craigie Aitchison, K.C.

Immediately following the decision of this sub-Committee a joint meeting was held between the Cabinet sub-Committee and Dr. Chaim Weizmann and his colleagues. As a result a draft letter was submitted to the Government on Wednesday and approved. It is understood that some very important concessions have been secured.

The letter, which is signed by the Foreign Secretary, seeks to destroy those points in the White Paper to which Zionists have taken such strong objection. The letter definitely restores the political position which existed with reference to Palestine before the White Paper was issued, but the Legislative Council proposal remains.

A new development scheme, which has been approved by Dr. Weizmann and has been formulated in response to Zionist requests, is also foreshadowed in the matter. Further, the Zionists' representations regarding the land and immigration have been generously responded to by the Government.

Although negotiations have been completed and an amicable arrangement reached as indicated, there was at one time a danger of a breakdown.

It is of special interest that the letter is not signed by Lord Passfield. This fact adds strength to the rumour which has been prevalent for some time that the Mandate may be transferred from the Colonial Office to the Foreign Office.

In Parliamentary circles there is a revival of the rumour that Lord Passfield will shortly resign and that he will be succeeded by Lord Noel-Buxton.

New Statement Will Be Largely Defence Of Government's White Paper Policy And Question Of Lord Passfield's Resignation Does Not Arise: No Foundation For Report That Mandate Will Be Transferred To Foreign Office.

I understand from a competent source, the Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Sunday Referee" writes to-day, however, that the rumour that Lord Passfield will resign from the Colonial Office, in consequence of the forthcoming Governmental statement on Palestine, is without foundation.

The Government, he proceeds, will shortly issue a document explanatory of the recent White Paper on Palestine. This will be largely in the nature of a defence of the Government's policy in connection with the White Paper, and the question of Lord Passfield resigning does not, I understand, arise. In the forthcoming Government document it will probably be found that some concessions will be made to the Zionist point of view in matters of detail, but there will be no divergence from the main lines of policy. The question of agriculture will, I understand, receive a considerable amount of attention.

There will, it is understood, be no reversal of policy, but amicable discussions have enabled various disputed points to be settled, the "Sunday Times" writes to-day in the same connection.

It was stated authoritatively yesterday, it says, that there is no foundation for the report that the Mandate for Palestine will shortly be transferred from the Colonial Office to the Foreign Office, nor is it true that the resignation of Lord Passfield is imminent.

DR. RUPPIN AND DR. HEXTER COMING TO LONDON FOR DEVELOPMENT SCHEME NEGOTIATIONS.

Jerusalem, Feb. 7th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Dr. Arthur Ruppin, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, is proceeding to London in connection, it is understood, with the discussions with regard to the new development scheme (as foreshadowed in the J.T.A. Bulletin of the 7th. inst.).

Dr. Maurice B. Hexter, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, who has just returned to Palestine, is expected to stay here only a very short time, going back to London in a fortnight.

£300,000 TO BE CUT FROM PALESTINE BUDGET SAYS PALESTINE REPORT: O'DONNELL COMMISSION'S FIRST STEP WILL BE TO AXE OFFICIAL SALARIES.

Jerusalem, Feb. 7th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The O'Donnell Financial Commission is aiming at effecting a cut of £300,000 in the Palestine budget. The first step will probably be to axe the "cost of living allowance" to Government officials, amounting to 10 per cent. on their salaries, it is said here.

PALESTINE FEAR OF COMMUNISTS?: WITNESSES AGAINST COMMUNIST PRISONERS GIVE EVIDENCE BEHIND SCREEN SO THEY SHOULD NOT BE SEEN: FIVE JEWS AND FOUR ARABS OUT OF 26 ROUNDED UP ON EVE OF MOHAMED ALI'S FUNERAL BOUND OVER IN SUBSTANTIAL SUMS TO KEEP PEACE AND BANISHED TO OUTLYING PLACES.

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

Several witnesses called for the prosecution in the case against the 26 Palestine Communists who were arrested on the eve of the funeral of Mohamed Ali, the Indian Moslem leader, to prevent Communist incitement of the Arab crowds who came into Jerusalem for the ceremony, were afraid to be seen testifying against them and gave their evidence concealed behind a screen.

The proceedings, which lasted for five days, came to an end this afternoon, Major Keith-Roach, the Governor of Jerusalem, sentencing nine of the 26 accused, five Jews and four Arabs, on the charge of "disseminating seditious matter likely to provoke violent disturbances".

The five Jews are Arieh Nahum, alias Leib Nesses, who has been ordered to provide a bond of £150 as guarantee of future good behaviour and has been banished for six months to Afuleh, where he will live under strict police surveillance; Zev Polani, who has been ordered to provide a bond of £240 and has been banished to Rosh Pineh; Abraham Schwartz, who stood as "Proletarian" candidate for the recent elections to the Palestine Jewish National Assembly, who has been ordered to provide a bond of £180, and has been banished to Tiberias; Chaim Fingelanter, alias Vozic, who has been ordered to deposit a bond of £180 and has been banished to Zichron Jacob; and Ephraim Benarieh who has been ordered to provide a bond of £5.

The four Arabs are Yussef Ahmed Chalef and Ibrahim Yunis, both trained at the Moscow School of Communist Propaganda, who have been banished to Nazareth, the first being ordered to provide a bond of £300, and the other of £50; Ahmed Hamdi Sidki, who has been ordered to provide a bond of £120 and has been banished to Beer-sheba; and Najib Ifranjeh, who has been ordered to provide a bond of £20, and is permitted to remain in Jerusalem, but on condition that he does not leave his home after dark.

POLISH PAST GOVERNMENTS AND PARLIAMENTS ACCUSED BY DEPUTY ROSMARIN OF BEING RESPONSIBLE BY THEIR INDIFFERENCE FOR TRAGEDY OF JEWISH SITUATION IN POLAND: DOES PRESENT GOVERNMENT HE ASKS INTEND BY ITS CAMPAIGN FOR LOWER PRICES TO DEPRIVE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWISH SOULS OF THEIR LIVELIHOOD: POINTS OUT SYNDICATES AND MONOPOLIES DO NOT EMPLOY JEWS: IMPOVERISHED JEWS CANNOT SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEM FOREIGN JEWISH AID CEASING AND WHAT ARE THESE UNFORTUNATES TO DO HE ENQUIRES.

Warsaw, Feb. 7th: (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Polish Governments and Parliaments of the past were accused of being responsible by their indifference for the present tragedy of the Jewish situation in Poland in a speech which Deputy Dr. Rosmarin, the Vice-President of the Club of Jewish Deputies, delivered to-day in the Sejm in the debate on the budget for social welfare work, drawing attention to the widespread and catastrophic pauperisation of the Jewish population.

We are all in favour of social reform, Deputy Rosmarin said, but why should the Jewish population be compelled to be idle two days in the week because of the Compulsory Sunday Closing Law? What does the Government intend with its new campaign for the compulsory reduction of prices? Deputy Rosmarin went on. The entire campaign, he said, seems to be aimed at eliminating the middle-man. We know the old song about reducing prices in the interests of the consumer, but we want to know what is behind that. We demand a clear answer to a clear question: Does the Government seek to declare war against the trading world, and to deprive hundreds of thousands of Jewish souls of their only means of livelihood? The first thing that the syndicates and the monopolies do, as we know from past experience, is to throw Jews out of employment. The impoverished Jewish population of Poland, cannot solve their own problem, Dr. Rosmarin said, and the assistance which the Jewries abroad have provided is now coming to an end. What are these unfortunates to do? Dr. Rosmarin asked.

NUMERUS NULLUS DEMAND AT GERMAN HIGH SCHOOL: NO JEWS AT ALL SAYS
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY STUDENTS: HESSEN PARLIAMENT CALLS ON
GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST GIESSEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
FOR DEMANDING NUMERUS CLAUSUS WHICH IN CONFLICT WITH CONSTITU-
TION.

Berlin, Feb. 7th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The numerus nullus demand, "No Jews at all" has been put for the first time at a German High School, with the adoption of a resolution embodying this demand by a plenary meeting of the students attending the Weimar School of Engineering.

The Diet of the State of Hessen has decided to demand of the State Government that it should dissolve the Student Committee of the University of Giessen, in Hessen, if it does not withdraw the resolution adopted by it last month, demanding the enforcement of a numerus clausus against Jewish students at the University, since such a demand, the Diet points out, is in contradiction to the principles of the Constitution.

DEATH OF GERSON SIMON FORMER PRESIDENT OF BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY.

Berlin, Feb. 7th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Commercial Councillor Gerson Simon, former President of the Berlin Jewish Community, and Vice-President of the present Community Board, has died at the age of 72. He was one of the leaders of the Centre Party and a prominent industrialist, heading one of the biggest lace factories in the country.

PIONEER OF JEWISH WELFARE WORK IN GERMANY DIES.

Berlin, Feb. 7th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The death has taken place here in his 68th. year of Eugen Caspary, President of the Welfare and Juvenile Aid Department of the Berlin Jewish Community, and founder of the Central Welfare Office of the German Jews.

He was only 27 when he started his campaign to provide honest employment for released juvenile offenders, and when two or three years later the Welfare Department of the Berlin Jewish Community came into existence he took over its direction as an honorary worker. He did a great deal for the relief of the large numbers of East European Jewish immigrants who came into Germany after the war or passed through the country on their way overseas. He was also at the head of the movement for providing assistance for the impoverished Jewish middle-class population of Berlin, establishing loan-banks, training workshops, kitchens and homes. He founded the Central Welfare Office of the German Jews in 1917, directing its work till 1926. Of late he was particularly interested in orphanage work.

PROFESSOR HOROWITZ OF FRANKFURT AND JERUSALEM UNIVERSITIES DROPS
DEAD IN FRANKFURT STREET.

Berlin, Feb. 7th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

While walking in a Frankfurt Street on his way to the University, Professor Joseph Horowitz had a heart attack and died. Professor Horowitz, who was 57 years of age, was born at Lauenburg, in Pomerania, where his father was Rabbi. From 1906 to 1914 he was Professor of Arabic at the Moslem Anglo-Oriental College at Aligarh, in British India. He was called in 1914 to the newly-founded Frankfurt University as Professor of Semitic Philology. He was a member of the Curatorium of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Visiting Director of its School of Oriental Studies.