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NO TRUTH IN LORD PASSFIELD RESIGNATION RUMOUR AND NO TRUTH IN RUMOUR THAT CHANGE OF POLICY IN PALESTINE CONTEMPLATED: DEFINITE STATEMENT BY "DAILY HERALD" BRITISH LABOUR PARTY ORGAN: SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED IT SAYS WHICH SHOULD CLEAR AWAY LOT OF MISUNDERSTANDING CAUSED BY WHITE PAPER BUT NO QUESTION OF CHANGE OF POLICY.

London, Feb. 9th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

For the dozenth time since the present Government took office, the rumour has been running that Lord Passfield is resigning the Colonial Secretaryship, the "Daily Herald", the official organ of the British Labour Party, writes to-day.

There is, for the dozenth time, no truth in the rumour, the "Daily Herald" declares. Nor, it says, is there any truth in the rumour that a change of policy in Palestine is contemplated.

That part of the story, it says, is an unintelligent deduction from the fact that a Government Committee has been discussing with representatives of the Jewish Agency the famous White Paper on Palestine. A supplementary statement which should clear away a lot of misunderstanding will be issued as the result of those talks, the "Herald" concludes. But there is no question of a change of policy.

The "Times" and other papers carry a Press Association statement to-day that no reversal of policy is involved, but that amicable discussions have made it possible for various disputed points to be settled. There is no foundation, it is added, for the statement that the administration of the Mandate for Palestine would shortly be transferred from the Colonial Office to the Foreign Office. There is also no truth in the report that the resignation of Lord Passfield is imminent.

JEWS MUST CHANGE THEIR POLICY SAYS SHAUKAT ALI INDIAN MOSLEM LEADER VISITING JAFFA WITH GRAND MUFTI: DECLARES WHOLE MOSLEM WORLD STANDS BEHIND PALESTINE ARABS: SAW DR. WEIZMANN IN LONDON: BEFORE KNEW OF HATE TOWARDS JEWS BECAUSE OF THEIR POLICY: STATES GRAND MUFTI INTENDS MAKING JERUSALEM CENTRE OF MOSLEM WORLD.

London, Feb. 9th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Jews must change their policy, said Shaukat Ali, the Indian Moslem leader, who came to Palestine to attend the funeral of his brother, Mohamed Ali, who has been buried in the Mosque of Omar, when he addressed a meeting of the Moslem-Christian Association at Jaffa, where he is now on a visit accompanied by the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem. When he was in London, he said, he had seen Dr. Weizmann, because he was anxious to help in bringing about peace, but he had not known then the real situation in Palestine, nor the feeling of great hate towards the Jews as the result of their policy. The Moslem world stands behind you, Shaukat Ali said. The Grand Mufti, he added, intends to make Jerusalem the cultural centre of the Moslem world.

JEWISH LABOUR TROUBLE IN PALESTINE: ARRESTED NESS ZIONA WORKERS
RELEASED AGAINST THEIR WILL: LABOUR FEDERATION FURNISHES
SECURITY REQUIRED BY AUTHORITIES WHICH THEY REFUSED TO GIVE
ON GROUND THAT IT WOULD BE ADMISSION OF GUILT WHICH THEY DENY.

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

The thirteen Jewish workers who were recently arrested in connection with the Labour conflict in the orange groves of Ness Zionah and sentenced to eighteen days' imprisonment, have been released to-day against their own will, by the Palestine Labour Federation (Histadruth Haovdim) furnishing the security required by the authorities for their further good behaviour. The prisoners had refused to furnish the security on principle contending that by doing so they would have admitted that they were guilty, which they deny.

WHENEVER WE FIND PEOPLE WITHOUT VISAS WE DEPORT THEM HIGH PALESTINE
IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL TELLS J.T.A.: REFERENCE TO PALESTINE ARAB
PAPER'S REPORT OF DEPORTATION OF HUNDRED ARABS FROM HAURAN.

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

Whenever we find people without visas we deport them, a high immigration authority in Palestine said to the J.T.A. here to-day, with reference to an enquiry concerning a report in the Arab paper "Felestin", that 100 Arabs from the Hauran district have been expelled from the country. He declined, however, to state the number of deportees, but added that it was likely that there might be as many as a hundred over a certain period.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SETTLING LANDLESS ARABS FROM PALESTINE
IN TRANSJORDAN ON LINES OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS GREEK REFUGEE
COMMISSION SUGGESTED BY MR. USSISCHKIN AT AMERICAN JEWISH
NATIONAL FUND CONFERENCE: HIS PROPOSAL FOR FIVE YEAR PALESTINE
RECLAMATION PLAN ADOPTED.

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

The setting up of an International Commission on similar lines to that of the League of Nations entrusted with the settlement of the Greek Refugees from Turkey, for the purpose of settling landless Palestine Arabs in Transjordan, was proposed by Mr. M. M. Ussischkin, the head of the Jewish National Fund in an address to the American Jewish National Fund Conference now in session here.

A five-year plan of Palestine Land Reclamation put to the Conference by Mr. Ussischkin has been adopted by the Conference.

The National Council of the Zionist Organisation of America has formed a Jewish National Fund League in connection with Mr. Ussischkin's five-year plan.

The Committee has given formal approval to the 2½ million dollar Palestine Campaign in America which has just been launched under the auspices of the Jewish Agency.

LATE REV. HEOHLER WAS ONCE CANDIDATE FOR POSITION OF BISHOP IN
JERUSALEM BUT WAS PASSED OVER IN FAVOUR OF BAPTISED JEW MR.
SOKOLOV REVEALS AT MEMORIAL MEETING HELD AT ZIONIST HEAD OFFICE.

London, Feb. 9th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The late Rev. Heohler, owing to the early interest that he took in Palestine, was once a candidate for the position of (Anglican) Bishop in Jerusalem, but was not elected, preference being shown to another English clergyman, who was a baptised Jew (Bishop Alexander, the first Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem). Mr. Nahum Sokolov said at a memorial meeting in honour of the late Rev. W. Heohler, formerly Chaplain to the British Embassy in Vienna, held to-day at the Central Office of the Zionist Organisation, Dr. Weizmann, Mr. L. Barth, Mr. S. Kaplansky, Mr. F. Rosenbluth, Dr.

Feiwei, and members of the staffs of the Zionist Organisation, the English Zionist Federation, the Women's International Zionist Organisation, and the Federation of Women Zionists being present.

Mr. Sokolov stressed the valuable political services that the Rev. Hechler had rendered to Dr. Herzl and the devotion to the Zionist cause that he displayed throughout his life. Mr. Hechler had introduced Herzl to the Grand Duke of Baden, and was thus instrumental in the introduction of the Zionist leader to the Kaiser. He had also been of great service in connection with Herzl's audiences with the Sultan of Turkey.

Even after Herzl's death, Mr. Sokolov said, Mr. Hechler remained in very close touch with the Zionist movement, and was present at several Congresses, as well as at many Zionist Conferences and meetings in London.

NO GEGENWARTSARBEIT AUSTRIAN ZIONIST CONFERENCE DECIDES AGAINST
OPPOSITION OF STRICKER RADICALS AND REVISIONISTS WHO DENOUNCE
GENERAL ZIONISTS AS NO ZIONISTS.

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

The elimination of Gegenwartsarbeit, the name given to the activity of Zionist groups as such in the political life of the country for the protection of Jewish interests, has been decided on at an extraordinary conference of the Austrian Zionist Party, which has agreed to confine itself to work on behalf of Palestine, except for matters relating to Jewish communal life in Austria, in which it will continue to participate.

The General Zionists, who voted for the resolution, were denounced as "no Zionists" by the Revisionists and the Stricker group of radicals, who strongly opposed the resolution and voted against it.

A resolution put by the Revisionists to debate the present position in world Zionism was defeated by the Conference.

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT PAYS TRIBUTE TO ICA WORK IN COUNTRY.

Paris, Feb. 6th. (J.T.A. Mail Service).

The new President of the Argentine Republic, General Uriburi, has received in audience M. Simon Weill, the Director in Buenos Aires of the Jewish Colonisation Association (Ica), and in the course of a very friendly conversation assured him that he was fully acquainted with the important work done by the Ica in the matter of Jewish colonisation in the Argentine, and that he appreciated the high value of this work. He expressed lively interest in the further plans of the Association, and his satisfaction with its projects for still further extending its activities. President Uriburi assured the representative of the Ica that the work of the Ica enjoys the fullest confidence of the Government.

The President was particularly interested in the information that a large number of agricultural families will be arriving shortly from Czecho-Slovakia, and expressed his regret that the Argentine Government had not acted up to the example of the Ica.

The general situation of the Jews of the Argentine was discussed, the President acknowledging the important part played by the Jews in the economic life of the country. General Uriburi asked M. Weill at the conclusion of the audience to transmit his best wishes to the General Direction of the Ica in Paris for the success of the future work of the Association.

INTENDING EMIGRANTS TO ARGENTINE SHOULD WAIT IN EUROPE FOR PAPERS
AND NOT ATTEMPT GOING TO URUGUAY IN BELIEF THEY CAN STAY THERE:
HICEM WARNING TO JEWISH IMMIGRANTS.

Paris, Feb. 6th. (J.T.A. Mail Service).

Following on the increase in fees for visas to the Argentine, says a statement given to the J.T.A. by the Hicem, a tendency has been noticed among some emigrants to stop in the Argentine on their way to Uruguay. Also, emigrants who have parents in the Argentine believe that they will be able to obtain more easily in Uruguay the entry permits (llamadas) which are indispensable for remaining in the country. This is not the case, however.

The Committee of the Hicem in Montevideo, the statement says, points out that the increase on the visa from three dollars to 33 dollars is equally applicable to emigrants stopping in Uruguay who wish to proceed further to the Argentine. The Argentine Consul in Uruguay, like those in the European countries, issues visas only to emigrants in possession of entry permits (llamadas). That is why the emigrants have only the advantage of staying in Uruguay until their families in the Argentine have carried out all the formalities required for their admission. On the other hand, this method of procedure gravely prejudices those interested, exposing them to risks resulting in the loss of time and money.

It is therefore necessary that intending emigrants to the Argentine should wait in Europe until they receive the necessary papers. This advice, the Hicem says, applies particularly to women going out to join their husbands in the Argentine, for they run the risk of not being allowed to disembark at Montevideo, where the authorities are extremely severe in the case of women travelling alone.

ALLIANCE ISRAELITE SENDS CONTRIBUTION TO AID DISTRESSED POLISH JEWS.

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

Greatly moved by the news of the economic distress of Polish Jewry, the Alliance Israelite Universelle has sent a sum of 100,000 francs for their immediate aid, says an official communique which the Alliance headquarters here has given the J.T.A. here.

POLAND DECIDES FOR CALENDAR REFORM: REPRESENTATIVES OF JEWISH
COMMUNITIES AND MERCHANTS' ORGANISATIONS PUT UP UNAVAILING
RESISTANCE.

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

The first conference on the projected calendar reform project which has been held in Poland, called together on the initiative of the Government, with representatives attending from all the Ministries, all the religious communities and scientific and economic institutions, has decided by a majority of votes in favour of calendar reform, against the vehement opposition of the representatives of the Jewish communities and the Jewish Merchants' Organisations.

FREIDORFF JEWISH AUTONOMOUS REGION IN CRIMEA HAS NO CONVENIENCES FOR ITS OWN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTITUTIONS SAYS "EMESS": HAVE TO BE LODGED IN ADJOINING TWO SETTLEMENTS: PLANS MADE FOR JOINING ALL THREE TOGETHER INTO ONE REGION DURING PRESENT YEAR IT SAYS.

Moscow, Feb. 4th. (J.T.A. Mail Service):

The centre of the new Freidorff Jewish autonomous region set up recently in the Crimea is not situated in Freidorff itself, but in the old German section of the Tatar-German village Montanei, about a kilometre and a half away from Freidorff, and others of the Freidorff administrative institutions are housed at Dzelal, a German village about three kilometres away, the Yiddish Communist organ "Emess" writes. That, it says, is because Freidorff is a small scattered settlement which has no conveniences for housing the administrative machinery of the region. Montanei, too, it says, is congested, without proper breathing room. Several old houses and even some stables have been pressed into service for housing the regional institutions. A few new houses have been built, but on the whole the settlement is only just beginning to grow, to be able to meet the increasing demands of a regional centre. It is planned, the paper concludes, to join together all three settlements, Freidorff, Montanei and Dzelal, and make of them one large regional centre, and action along these lines will be taken during the course of the present year.

PALESTINIAN ADVOCATE APPOINTED LECTURER AT GENEVA UNIVERSITY.

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

Dr. Nathan Feinberg, a Palestine advocate, who has been living for some years in Geneva, working on international law, has been appointed lecturer in International Law at the Faculty of Law of Geneva University. His thesis submitted to the Faculty, which will shortly appear in print, deals with the minorities question, and is entitled "The Jurisdiction of the Permanent Court of Justice in the System of the International Protection of Minorities". Dr. Feinberg is the author of a number of other works, including "The Minorities Question at the Peace Conference of 1919-1920", "The Jewish Work on Behalf of the International Protection of Minorities" and "The Jurisdiction of the Permanent Court of International Justice in the System of Mandates".

YOUNG JEWISH COMPOSER WHO WAS CHOIRMASTER FOR SOME YEARS IN LONDON SYNAGOGUE DIES SUDDENLY IN NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 8th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Yechiel Meyer Posner, the well-known composer, has died here suddenly at the age of 40. Posner was born in Pkotsk, his parents removing to Lodz when he was six years of age. He studied in Lodz under the famous Rabbi Meizel, who looked upon him as one of his most promising pupils. When he was 15 his parents emigrated to London; on the advice of Rabbi Meizel, since he was too young to take his Rabbinate, he learned to be a shochet so that he should be able to obtain a position in London as Cantor and Shochet. He taught Hebrew for a time, and at 18 he became choir-master in a London synagogue. He was also conductor of the Yiddish Song Society "Hazimir". He studied for a time at the Guildhall School of Music. In 1913 he was appointed choir-master of the Manor-Park Synagogue and in 1916 at the Great Synagogue.

He was invited to America in 1919 by the Workers' Circle to become conductor of their choir. In America he did a great deal to popularise Yiddish folk songs, and in 1920 arranged the first Yiddish folk song concert at Carnegie Hall. He also wrote extensively in the Yiddish Press on musical subjects. He adapted many Yiddish folk songs and wrote a great many synagogue compositions.

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