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ZIONIST LEADERS SATISFIED WITH EXPLANATIONS OF WHITE PAPER FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH CABINET COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO INTERPRETATION OF CERTAIN PASSAGES PRIME MINISTER TELLS PARLIAMENT; EXPLANATIONS WILL BE EMBODIED IN LETTER TO DR. WEIZMANN WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED: WILL NOT BE LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT BECAUSE THAT WOULD GIVE IT STATUS IT IS VERY UNDESIRABLE IT SHOULD HAVE: I AM VERY UNWILLING EXPLANATIONS SHOULD HAVE SAME STATUS AS DOMINATING DOCUMENT MR. MACDONALD SAYS.

London, Feb. 11th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

I think when the letter is published you will find that is so, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, said in the House of Commons this afternoon, when after he had stated that "a Committee of the Cabinet has been exchanging views with Zionist leaders with regard to the interpretation of certain passages in the statement of policy presented in Parliament in October last" and that "it is proposed to embody the explanations which have been given in the form of a letter to Dr. Weizmann which will be published", Commander Kenworthy, who had raised the question by asking whether the Prime Minister had any further statement to make with regard to the policy in Palestine, enquired whether the Zionist leaders were now in agreement with the Cabinet Committee on this matter and whether they were satisfied.

I think, under the circumstances, it will be better to let it go as a letter which would be published and would be available for reference, the Prime Minister went on, in reply to a question by Sir Austen Chamberlain, former Foreign Secretary, who wanted to know whether the paper would be laid before Parliament.

If it were laid before Parliament, Mr. MacDonald said, I think - I am not at all sure Sir Austen would agree with me - it would give the paper a status which it is very undesirable it should have.

The Prime Minister does not suggest that an understanding will be given in the letter which would be of too binding a quality if presented as a Parliamentary paper? Sir Austen queried. My suggestion, he pursued, is really in the interests, or what are generally regarded as the interests of this House, and this House ought to be kept informed in matters of this material consequence.

I am perfectly willing to meet Sir Austen's views, the Premier answered. But the White Paper was published in October last as a White Paper declaring the policy of the Government. There were certain explanations asked for both in this House and outside regarding certain expressions and statements that on further examination were not perhaps quite so clear as they might have been. I am very unwilling to give them the same status as the dominating document. If it would meet Sir Austen I will have the letter published with the Votes, so that it will become official in that sense.

No Intention Of Transferring Supervision Of Palestine Affairs
From Colonial To Foreign Office Dr. Shiels States: Action On
Simpson Report Still Under Consideration.

There is no intention of transferring the supervision of the affairs of Palestine from the Colonial Office to the Foreign Office, Dr. Drummond Shiels, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, said in reply to questions by Colonel Howard-Bury, one of the leading members of the Pro-Arab group in the House of Commons, and Mr. Ormsby-Gore, former Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Seeing that the letter of agreement with Dr. Weizmann had been signed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and not by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, was the Mandate to be transferred to the Foreign Office from the Colonial Office, Colonel Howard-Bury's question ran.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore, in addition to asking whether it was proposed to transfer the supervision of Palestine affairs from the Colonial Office to the Foreign Office, wanted to know whether Dr. Shiels had any announcement to make regarding the further instructions issued to the High Commissioner in Palestine regarding the various questions raised in the Hope Simpson report.

The action to be taken on the various recommendations contained in the report of Sir John Hope Simpson, Dr. Shiels answered, is still under consideration.

The reply to that part of the questions dealing with the discussions between His Majesty's Government and the Zionist representatives will be given by the Prime Minister, Dr. Shiels said in reference to enquiries by both Colonel Howard-Bury and Mr. Ormsby-Gore as to whether the meetings between the Government and the Jewish Agency on the question of the Palestine White Paper had been concluded. Colonel Howard-Bury also wanted to know why the Government had adopted a policy different from that outlined in the White Paper.

NEW PALESTINE WHITE PAPER TO BE PUBLISHED THIS WEEK SAYS "DAILY
HERALD".

London, Feb. 11th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The new "White Paper on Palestine, which has been approved by the Cabinet, is to be published this week, the "Daily Herald", official organ of the Labour Party, wrote to-day (before the Prime Minister's statement in the House). It clears up, it said, to the complete satisfaction of the Zionist leaders, the many misunderstandings which followed the publication, last October, of the White Paper explaining the Palestine policy of the Government.

In addition to removing the misunderstandings caused last October, the "Herald" further states, the White Paper will also give information as to the new Palestine Development Scheme. That information was to have been included in the October paper, was, in fact, included in the draft, but was omitted.

PALESTINE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO BE SET UP WITH BRITISH CHAIRMAN
AND ONE JEWISH AND ONE ARAB MEMBER SATS JERUSALEM REPORT.

Jerusalem, Feb. 10th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The British Government has agreed to set up a Palestine Development Council, the J.T.A. learns, with a British chairman and two members, one Jewish and one Arab, to be appointed by their respective communities.

ARAB-JEWISH ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE AND EQUAL ARAB AND JEWISH PARTICIPATION IN PALESTINE GOVERNMENT MAY BE DEMANDS OF PALESTINE JEWISH ASSEMBLY IF LABOUR MAJORITY CARRIES DAY: PALESTINE LABOUR FEDERATION PUBLISHES RESOLUTIONS OF ITS LAST CONFERENCE APPROVING NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT BUT DECLARING AGAINST A LEGISLATURE WHICH WOULD HAVE ARAB MAJORITY: SPOKESMAN THREATENS REVISIONISTS WILL LEAVE ASSEMBLY IF IT APPROVES NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT: BEN-GURION CHAIRMAN OF ASSEMBLY TAUNTS REVISIONISTS WITH JABOTINSKY SIGNING 1922 WHITE PAPER: SAYS BI-NATIONALISM CONTRADICTORY TO ZIONISM BUT IF JEWISH STATE MEANS JEWS DOMINATING ARABS LABOUR REJECTS IT.

Jerusalem, Feb. 10th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

An Arab-Jewish Round Table Conference and administrative changes to secure equal Arab and Jewish participation in the Palestine Government, are likely to be the principal demands which will be made by the new Palestine Jewish Assembly (Assefath Hanivcharim) now in session, if the Labour majority, holding 32 of the total number of 71 seats, carries the day against the Revisionist opposition, which to-day incidentally increased its representation from 15 to 16 seats, Dr. David Yellin, former President of the Vaad Leumi, and one of the veterans of the Palestine Yishub, losing his seat as one of the General Zionist representatives, the Revisionists successfully contesting the award of a fifth seat to the General Zionists, which had been given to him, claiming in their favour a balance of 178 votes. Mr. Gepstein, a leading Revisionist, replaces Dr. Yellin, and the General Zionists are left now with only four representatives, Mr. M. M. Ussischkin, Mr. Mayer Dizenhoff, Dr. Benzion Mossinsohn, and Mr. Eliahu Berlin.

The Council of the Palestine Labour Federation, Histruth Haovdim, published to-day the resolutions of its last conference, approving the Jewish Agency negotiations with the British Government, demanding that the Yishub should participate in the Political Commission of the Jewish Agency, declaring itself in favour of an Arab-Jewish Round Table Conference, and for a greater share of responsibility in the Government by the inhabitants of Palestine, while denouncing, however, a Legislature in which the Arabs would be in a majority as against the Jews.

There was a seven-hour debate on an address delivered by Rabbi Ostrowsky to the Assefah on the relations between the Vaad Leumi and the Rabbinical Council. The debate became heated when the question of clericalism was dragged in, the Mizrahi insisting that the Vaad Leumi must guard against the infringement of religious sentiment. Labour representatives of all shades and also the women contended that liberty of conscience is as sacred as religion. The Revisionists took a middle course in the debate, which passed without incident.

The Revisionist spokesman, Mr. Weinstein, speaking last night in the Assembly, concluded his speech with a threat that the Revisionists would leave the Assefah if it approves the negotiations of the Jewish Agency with the British Government.

At the continued meeting this morning, Mr. Ben-Gurion replied that the Jews are not in a position in the present indescribably difficult situation to boycott the Government. Mr. Ben-Gurion went on to taunt the Revisionist hecklers by recalling that Mr. Jabotinsky as a member of the Executive had in 1922 signed the Churchill White Paper and that he had signed the instructions to all Zionist organisations to express confidence in Sir Herbert Samuel after the pogrom of 1921.

The Zionist objective, Mr. Ben-Gurion said, is not merely a Jewish majority in Palestine, but to bring in every Jew who wishes to embrace Palestine. Bi-nationalism is contradictory to Zionism, he declared, but if the Jewish State means Jews dominating Arabs we reject it.

The spokesman of the Left Poale Zion, Mr. Abramovitch, pleaded for a united Arab-Jewish Labour movement, asserting that Arab workers had fallen in defending Jews during the riots of August 1929.

Mr. Yaari, of the Shomer Hazair, said that they oppose Communism as they oppose Fascism. We aim at working in Palestine through Socialism, he said.

Dr. von Weisl, speaking for the Revisionists, said: Revisionists fight Labour because we are against Dr. Weizmann, whom Labour is upholding. Dr. Weizmann, he said, does not believe in the Jewish State, and he never believed in it, except perhaps between 1917-1919 under the pressure of Judge Brandeis. England, Dr. von Weisl argued, is aiming at establishing a Pan-Islamic Union with Jerusalem as its centre.

Mr. Jabotinsky at the 1927 Zionist Congress at Basle made a personal statement in reply to Dr. Weizmann's question why he, Mr. Jabotinsky, had signed the White Paper of 1922. In his reply to the general debate Dr. Weizmann had said: When Jabotinsky was put before the grave trial, a grave trial for us all, of signing the White Paper, he did not deliver the speech which he has delivered here, but he signed. He could not have done otherwise. However, difficult it might have been. And we shall have to work for a long time until the White Paper becomes a Blue-White Paper.

Mr. Jabotinsky in his explanation said: I had just returned from America and found the ultimatum waiting to be signed. I had to accept Dr. Weizmann's assurance that the battle was lost. Out of loyalty to Dr. Weizmann I decided as a member of the Executive to bear the responsibility together with my colleagues. I regret, Mr. Jabotinsky concluded, that my undeserved loyalty has been so misused.

HITLER'S "BATTLE OF THE MARNE": GERMAN DEMOCRATIC PRESS REJOICES AFTER COMBINED HITLERISTS AND HUGENBERG NATIONALISTS POLL ONLY 160 VOTES IN REICHSTAG AGAINST 300 CARRYING INTO FORCE NEW PROCEDURE WHICH HITLERISTS COMPLAIN WILL MUZZLE THEM: WALK OUT OF REICHSTAG DECLARING THEY WILL NOT RETURN: THREATEN TO BOYCOTT PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITY AND CONCENTRATE ON PROPAGANDA OUTSIDE: "TO ARMS!" THEY SHOUT MARCHING OUT OF REICHSTAG.

Berlin, Feb. 10th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Hitler's Battle of the Marne and Hitler's Retreat from the Marne is the way the Democratic and Social Democratic Press describe to-day the heavy defeat sustained in the early hours of this morning by the combined Hitlerists, Hugenberg German Nationals and Communists, who were able to put up only 160 votes in the Reichstag against the new Parliamentary procedure introduced by the Government to put a stop to the obstructionist tactics of these Parties, and carried by 300 votes.

The Hitlerist Vice-President of the Reichstag, Deputy Stoehr, read out a declaration in the name of his Party that they would no longer take part in the sittings because the majority had muzzled them.

The Hitlerists then rose in a body and left the Reichstag, shouting "To Arms", and the Nationals led by Hugenberg, followed them. The Nationals are coming back, however, but the Hitlerists, according to Herr Stoehr's declaration, intend to stay away permanently, boycotting Parliament and concentrating on outside propaganda.

In some quarters it is feared that their action may mean preparations for a Putsch, which would result in Civil war, but the general belief is that Hitlerism has reached its peak, and that the withdrawal from Parliament is an acknowledgement of defeat, and of their inability to achieve anything.

The new rules of procedure which have been adopted by the Reichstag provide also for the withdrawal of Parliamentary immunity in certain cases, enabling the authorities to prosecute for inditement and violence about 60 Hitlerists and Communists who were previously immune by virtue of the fact that they are Deputies.

HITLERISTS CAPTURE AUSTRIAN HIGH SCHOOLS EVEN VIENNA UNIVERSITY: SEND TELEGRAM TO HITLER ANNOUNCING VICTORY IN STUDENT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS: DETERMINED NUMERUS CLAUSUS FIGHT AHEAD.

Vienna, Feb. 10th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

The Nazis (Hitlerists) are dominant in all the High Schools of Austria, as a result of the elections to the committees of the German student organisations, securing a majority everywhere, even at Vienna University.

Telegrams have been sent to Hitler announcing the Nazi victory in Austria. A determined numerus clausus campaign against Jewish students and Jewish lecturers is feared now.

NUMERUS CLAUSUS PRACTISED IN POLISH UNIVERSITIES SPOKESMAN FOR CLUB OF JEWISH DEPUTIES DECLARES IN PARLIAMENT: JEWISH PARTICIPATION AT LEMBERG MEDICAL FACULTY BROUGHT DOWN FROM 35% TO 14% AND IN WARSAW TO 8%; IDENTICAL CONDITIONS AT POLYTECHNICS: COMPLAINS GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES FOR JEWISH SCHOOLS AND RELIGIOUS REQUIREMENTS RIDICULOUSLY SMALL: OBJECTS TO GOVERNMENT MAKING JEWISH COMMUNITIES RELIGIOUS BODIES: AGUDIST MEMBER OF GOVERNMENT PARTY RETORTS ORTHODOX JEWS SATISFIED WITH ELIMINATION OF ANTI-RELIGIOUS ELEMENTS WHO CONVERT JEWISH COMMUNITIES INTO MOSCOW CELLS OF IRRELIGION: AGREES GOVERNMENT AID FOR JEWISH RELIGIOUS NEEDS INADEQUATE BUT SEES STATE HAS NO FUNDS FOR MORE.

Warsaw, Feb. 10th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

The numerus clausus enforced against Jewish students at the High Schools of Lemberg University has brought down the Jewish proportion at the Medical Faculty from 35% to 14% and in Warsaw it has brought it down to 8 per cent., and almost identical conditions prevail at the polytechnics, Deputy Sommerstein said in the Sejm today speaking on behalf of the Club of Jewish Deputies in the debate on the Budget of the Ministry of Education and Public Worship.

Deputy Sommerstein complained that the Government was withholding all rights from the Jewish schools system, and was giving no financial aid to the Jewish schools, not even to the Jewish vocational schools, which could train large numbers of Jews in industry and artisanship, while at the same time the Jews for whom these schools could not find room because of lack of funds were being reproached for engaging in excessive numbers in trade.

Deputy Sommerstein registered a protest against the new Government regulations for organising the Jewish Communities on a religious basis. He described the Government allocation of 120,000 zlotys for Jewish religious requirements as ridiculously small, and demanded that it should be increased to 860,000 zlotys.

Deputy Minzberg, one of the Jewish members of the Government Party, who is a leader of the Agudath Israel and President of the Lodz Jewish Community, rose to declare that the Orthodox Jews are satisfied with the new Jewish Communities regulations, which, he said, aim at eliminating the anti-religious elements, who are misusing the Jewish communities for political propaganda, and converting them into Moscow cells of irreligion.

Deputy Minzberg agreed that the Government subsidy for Jewish religious needs is indeed very small, but the State, he said, has no money. He urged the Government, in conclusion, to make a grant to the Lublin Yeshiba, the great stronghold of Jewish religious teaching in Poland.

SAVING JEWISH CO-OPERATIVE BANKING SYSTEM IN POLAND: JOINT-ICA FOUNDATION ALLOCATES 100,000 DOLLARS TO MEET ANY RUN ON BANKS DUE TO ECONOMIC CRISIS.

Warsaw, Feb. 10th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

The Joint-Ica Foundation, which recently held its meeting in London, has transmitted a sum of 100,000 dollars to the Jewish Co-operative Banks for use by the Jewish People's Banks to meet any demands made on them in case of a run on these banks by the depositors, due to the existing economic crisis.

A few days ago, the oldest Jewish banking firm in Poland, the Szereszewski Bank, headed by ex-Senator Raphael Szereszewski, a member of the Council of the Foundation, and his brother Michael Szereszewski, withstood a panic-stricken rush of its clients, who, alarmed by rumours spread to the effect that the Bank was in difficulties, besieged the Bank and demanded their deposits back. The Bank mobilised its entire staff in the Deposits Department, extended the hours, and paid out everything in full, restoring complete confidence, many of the deposits being since paid back into the Bank.

The Joint-Ica Foundation annually since its establishment, regularly allocates sums in the neighbourhood of 100,000 dollars for the further development of the Jewish co-operative banks in Poland, to enable them to provide credit loans for Jewish traders and artisans.

UNITED STATES BANK CRASH: INDICTMENT AGAINST BERNARD MARCUS BANK PRESIDENT AND SIX DIRECTORS.

New York, Feb. 10th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Indictments have been issued by the grand jury investigating the United States Bank collapse against the President of the Bank, Mr. Bernard Marcus and six other Directors, including Mr. Isidor Kresel, former Assistant Public Prosecutor.

The grand jury investigations into the affairs of the Bank have been conducted under the supervision of Mr. Max D. Stener, the famous Jewish Attorney, who was appointed by the Depositors' Committee. About 95% of the 450,000 depositors are Jews.