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NEW GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON PALESTINE CANCELS OCTOBER WHITE PAPER
PALESTINE ARAB EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SAYS: SHOWS BRITISH
GOVERNMENT IS TOOL IN HANDS OF DR. WEIZMANN AND OTHER EURO-
PEAN JEWS: PALESTINE ARAB EXECUTIVE WILL ISSUE REPLY TO NEW
STATEMENT.

Jerusalem, Feb. 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The new Government statement on Palestine cancels the White Paper of last October, Moghanan Effendi, Secretary of the Palestine Arab Executive, declared to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here to-day.

The new statement grants additional new rights to the Jews, he went on, such as a due share in the public works carried out in Palestine, for which there was no previous provision.

The statement shows that the British Government is nothing but a tool in the hands of Dr. Weizmann and the other European Jews, Moghanan Effendi complained.

The differentiation made in the new statement between landless Arabs and displaced Arabs, he continued, with its emphasis on the point that assistance to settle on the land will be given by the Government only to such Arabs who can be shown to have been displaced in consequence of the lands which they occupied passing into Jewish hands, means the robbery of the Arab peasantry, who constitute 75 per cent. of the population of Palestine.

The Palestine Arab Executive will reply to the new statement, perhaps on Monday, Moghanan Effendi announced.

MR. MACDONALD'S LETTER PUTS SATISFACTORY END TO UNFORTUNATE MIS-
UNDERSTANDING: GIVES US EVERY SATISFACTION SAYS "OBSERVER".

London, Feb. 15th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. MacDonald's letter to Dr. Weizmann puts a satisfactory end to an unfortunate misunderstanding, the "Sunday Observer" comments editorially (the only Sunday paper, incidentally, making any reference to the subject).

The settlement reflects equal credit, it proceeds, upon the Prime Minister and the Zionist representative. Dr. Weizmann states that the basis for co-operation is now re-established. That is the best and the most anyone could wish. No progress can be made otherwise. With it Jewish and Arab hopes should secure all that they can reasonably desire. The settlement gives us every satisfaction.

White Paper Must Now Be Read In Light Of Prime Minister's Statement Says "Manchester Guardian": No Absolute Contradiction But Difference Is Startling: White Paper Confined To Considerations Limiting Jewish Development: Letter To Favourable Considerations: Both Sides Must No Doubt Be Expressed But Was Grave Blunder After 1929 Anti-Jewish Riots To Lay All Stress On Jewish Shortcomings.

The White Paper must now be read in the light of the Prime Minister's letter, the "Manchester Guardian" says in an editorial (the only Saturday paper writing editorially of the new development). Thus in the critical case of immigration, it remarks, Mr. MacDonald's letter states that "consideration will be given to anticipated labour requirements for works which, being dependent on Jewish or mainly Jewish capital, would not be or would not have been undertaken unless Jewish labour was made available". This principle is extended to the case of public works where the amount of taxation paid by Jews is to be a reason for the employment of a proportion of Jewish labourers. These principles must be contrasted with the statement in the White Paper that "account should be taken of Arab as well as Jewish unemployment in determining the rate at which immigration should be permitted" and the conclusion that a more exact application of this principle should be enforced in future.

It is clear, the "Manchester Guardian" continues, that there is no absolute contradiction here between the White Paper and the Prime Minister's letter, but the difference is startling. The White Paper is confined to considerations limiting Jewish development, the letter to favourable considerations. One corrects the other, and this is true not only in the case of immigration but in such other problems as land purchase and the position of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish Confederation of Labour. Both sides, no doubt, must be expressed, but it was a grave blunder in the first statement of policy after the anti-Jewish riots of 1929 to lay all the stress on Jewish shortcomings. Mr. MacDonald's letter makes tardy but welcome amends.

NEW YORK YIDDISH "DAY" FINDS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHITE PAPER AND MACDONALD LETTER A MATTER OF WORDS NOT CONTENTS.

New York, Feb. 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The difference between the Passfield White Paper and the MacDonald letter is a matter of words, not of contents, the New York Yiddish daily, the "Day", writes, commenting on the new Government statement interpreting British policy in Palestine. The "Day" says that it finds ambiguities in the statement, and adds that it will return to the matter again.

The other Yiddish papers in New York are so far silent on the subject.

The entire American general press, from the "New York Times" and the "New York Herald-Tribune" down, feature big reports of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's cable of the Prime Minister's letter to Dr. Weizmann, laying down the British Government's interpretation of the policy to be pursued in Palestine.

So far, no comments have been made, however, in any of the general papers.

NEW PALESTINE STATEMENT AT BOARD OF DEPUTIES MEETING: BOARD SHOULD NOT PASS RESOLUTION "WITHOUT FULL AND ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION BY ITS PALESTINE COMMITTEE MR. D'AVIGDOR GOLDSMID SAYS: SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD "WILL BE CALLED IF PALESTINE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS IT DESIRABLE: BOARD "SHOULD VOICE DISAPPOINTMENT AND INDIGNATION "WITH EACDONALD LETTER" MEMBER SUGGESTS.

London, Feb. 15th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

In the event of the Palestine Committee considering it desirable to call a special meeting of the Board in regard to the Prime Minister's letter to Dr. Weizmann on the White Paper, a special meeting will be called, Mr. O. E. d'Avigdor Goldsmid, the President of the Jewish Board of Deputies, said at to-day's meeting of the Board.

I shall instruct the Chairman of the Palestine Committee, he added, to call his Committee together promptly.

There was no Palestine report circulated at to-day's meeting, but at the commencement of the proceedings, Mr. Michael Levy (of the Association of Jewish Friendly Societies) asked whether he could raise the matter of the Prime Minister's letter "so that the Board could voice its disappointment and indignation with the letter".

The President ruled that any reference to the letter could be made on "other business" at the end of the Agenda.

At that stage, Mr. Levy asked the President to assure the Board that the Palestine Committee will meet immediately, and that a special meeting of the Board will be convened to deal with the letter.

After Mr. Morris Myer had expressed the hope that he would have liked to have had a statement from the President, Mr. Goldsmid said:

I should have taken it on myself if any resolution had been passed not to accept it, because I don't think the Board should pass a resolution without full and adequate consideration by the Palestine Committee. The Palestine Committee considered the White Paper when it was issued, and it should consider this letter, and I shall ask the Chairman of that Committee to call his Committee together and submit a resolution to the Board at its next meeting.

This was agreed to.

A TRIUMPH FOR DR. WEIZMANN'S POLICY SAYS RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT ANNUAL MEETING OF EAST LONDON ZIONISTS.

London, Feb. 15th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The East London Zionists assembled at the annual meeting of the "Zion" Association, send their hearty congratulations to our great leader, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, for bringing to successful fruition the negotiations between the representatives of the Government and the Jewish Agency for Palestine, says a resolution adopted last night at the annual meeting of the "Zion" Association of East London Zionists, moved by Mr. Morris Myer, editor of the "Jewish Times" and Vice-President of the English Zionist Federation.

They consider the letter of the Prime Minister to Dr. Weizmann as satisfactory, the resolution proceeds, and as a triumph for the policy of Dr. Weizmann. They hope and trust that the work for the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home will now be renewed with greater vigour. The new declaration of the Government is a reassurance that we are building on a sound basis. We promise to do our utmost to contribute to the speedy realisation of the Jewish National Ideal.

LATE LORD MELCHETT'S PALESTINE ESTATE LEFT TO HIS DAUGHTER
VISCOUNTESS ERLEIGH WHO IS GOING TO PALESTINE SPORTLY WITH
DR. WEIZMANN "SUNDAY EXPRESS" REPORTS: SAYS LORD MELCHETT
LEFT HALF A MILLION.

London, Feb. 15th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Since the death of Lord Melchett, the head of Imperial Chemical Industries, on December 27th., there has been considerable speculation in the City concerning the amount of the fortune he left, the "Sunday Express" writes to-day, adding that it understands that he left rather more than £500,000, which will be distributed among his family.

The new Lord Melchett, formerly Mr. Henry Mond, will have more than half the estate as his share. The Dowager Lady Melchett will be amply provided for, but the extent to which she will benefit is not exactly known, as life and reversionary interests figure in the bequest. The late Lord Melchett's other three children, Lady Erleigh, the Hon. Mrs. C. W. Hordern, and the Hon. Mrs. F. J. Buckland, are also legatees. Melchett Court, the beautiful home of the family at Romsey, Hants, will go to the new peer.

The estate on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias in Palestine, the "Express" reports, will go to Lady Erleigh. She is shortly to pay it a visit, accompanied by Dr. Weizmann, the Zionist leader.

There will not, it is understood, the paper states, be any new charitable bequests in the will, as Lord Melchett made extensive bequests during his lifetime. Melchett Court, the family seat, near Romsey, Hants, is to be closed for a period of three years. The late Lord Melchett's famous collection of orchids is to be sold early in March.

GENERAL QUESTION OF STAATENLOSE CAUSING CONSIDERABLE ANXIETY MR.
D'AVIGDOR GOLDSMID TELLS BOARD OF DEPUTIES: FULL REPORT TO
BE MADE JOINT FOREIGN COMMITTEE STATES: QUESTION OF LITHUAN-
IAN ORDER ON ALIEN EMPLOYMENT NOT ENTIRELY JEWISH QUESTION
MR. GOLDSMID EXPLAINS AND WELLS I CAN UNDERSTAND A COUNTRY
PROTECTING ITS OWN CITIZENS I DON'T THINK METHOD IN THIS CASE
WILL COMMENT ITSELF TO BOARD OR PUBLIC OPINION THROUGHOUT
WORLD.

London, Feb. 15th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The general question of Staatenlose is causing considerable anxiety, and we hope that a considered report will be able to be made in due course, Mr. O. E. d'Avigdor Goldsmid, the President of the Jewish Board of Deputies, said at to-day's meeting of the Board, when Mr. Julius Jung, the Secretary of the Federation of Synagogues, asked to which country the Staatenlose of Czecho-Slovakia were recently deported, and whether the Committee had made any enquiries.

Enquiries have been made, Mr. Goldsmid said, but no information is yet to hand.

Mr. H. A. Goodman, the Secretary of the Agudath Israel World Organisation, called attention to the situation in Lithuania in regard to the order dismissing alien employees. The action of the subordinate police officials in carrying out the order, he said, was creating a serious situation and the general effect of the order might result in some 50,000 or 60,000 Jews starving because of the deprivation of work. The Lithuanian order was a dangerous example to other countries.

Economic pressure, Mr. Goldsmid answered, is inducing many countries to do what they can to protect their own citizens. The question of the Lithuanian order is not entirely a Jewish question, but it must inflict serious hardship on a number of aliens who are Jews in Lithuania today. While I can understand that a country should protect its own citizens, I don't think that the method in this case will commend itself to the Board or to public opinion throughout the world, and I hope that some opportunity will be given of making necessary representations to the Lithuanian Government before the order comes into effect.

The Committee is giving renewed consideration to the problem caused by the large numbers of persons without nationality, of whom, in consequence of the complications of the Peace Treaties, there are still many thousands in the Succession States of the late Austrian Empire, the Report presented by the Joint Foreign Committee to the Board says. The hardships of these unfortunate persons will be aggravated, the Report continues, if, in consequence of the world economic crisis, legislation is generally adopted, on the model of that proposed in Lithuania, Poland, and elsewhere, to exclude aliens from employment in the countries in which they are resident.

A full report on this subject, it is added, will be presented in due course.

PEOPLE FROM OCCUPIED PARTS OF LITHUANIA WILL BE REGARDED AS LITHUANIAN CITIZENS AND HOLDERS OF NANSEN PASSPORTS WILL NOT BE DEPRIVED OF RIGHT TO WORK HEAD OF LITHUANIAN CITIZENS' PROTECTION DEPARTMENT ASSURES J.T.A.

Kovno, Feb. 13th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

In view of the fact that reports continue to arrive from the provincial parts of the country that the local authorities there are collecting signatures from alien residents pledging themselves not to take up any employment in Lithuania next year, the J.T.A. representative here has had an interview with M. Novakas, head of the Citizens' Protection Department of the Ministry of the Interior, who has authorised him to state that he will issue an order instructing the police that they must not demand such undertakings.

Alien residents coming from occupied districts of Lithuania (Vilna district, etc.) will be recognised as Lithuanian citizens, M. Novakas further declared, and in addition Staatenlosé who hold Nansen passports will not be deprived of the right to work.

The Ezra Society in Kovno in calling a big conference during the next few days in order to consider the situation.

PROPOSED JEWISH CENSUS IN ENGLAND MOST DANGEROUS PROPOSITION MR. PALDIN CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF DEPUTIES LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE SAYS.

London, Feb. 15th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

In view of the need for accurate statistical data concerning the Jewish population of this country the Law, Parliamentary and General Purposes Committee should be instructed to consider and report upon the desirability of the Board setting up a Statistical Committee including representatives of other communal bodies willing to co-operate in the work of preparing and collating such data, Mr. Harry Samuels moved at to-day's meeting of the Board of Deputies.

The proposal was dropped after Mr. F. H. Haldin, K.C., the Chairman of the Law and Parliamentary Committee, had described the proposal as the most dangerous brought before the Board since he was a member. In the first place, he said, if the number of Jews is large, there are some who would say: look at the big number of Jews in this country. If the number is small, they would remark: look at the influence they wield in spite of their small numbers. Then again, if you take the statistics of the criminals in this country you would be shocked to know the proportion of Jews. Again, take the question of lunatics and if you compare the number of Jews among them with the total number, you will find that the proportion of Jews is in excess of the non-Jews. This census, he contended, is to be avoided at all costs. For three centuries it has been the policy of the English people and of leaders of all parties that a census pointing out the religious denomination of people comprising the population is undesirable and unwanted. Why should we take a special census to which the country as a whole has objected, and which has never been carried out?

Dr. Sorsby called attention in connection with the question to the work of the Jewish Health Organisation in this matter of statistics.

ZALMAN REISEN AND MEMBERS OF HIS EDITORIAL AND PUBLISHING STAFF
ARRESTED AFTER NIGHT SEARCH AT "VILNA TOG" OFFICES: RELEASED
AFTER INTERVENTION BY EX-SENATOR SCHABAD.

Warsaw, Feb. 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A sensation has been caused in Vilna by the arrest last night of Mr. Zalman Reisen, the well known Yiddish writer, and editor of the Yiddish daily "Tog" there, and Messrs. Abraham Gordon, Dreher and Kacew, connected with its publishing staff, the last two members of the Vilna City Council, as well as a 70 year old compositor, named Abraham Bengis, following a search carried out by the police on Friday night, at the "Tog" editorial, administrative and printing offices, as well as at the private homes of the arrested persons.

The arrests are believed to have been made in connection with a proclamation printed by the illegal Left Polish Socialist Party, whose members have all been rounded up and placed under arrest.

On telephoning to Vilna, the J.T.A. here is informed that the police searches lasted all through the night. No definite reason for the searches and arrests have been given by the authorities. Following intervention by ex-Senator Dr. Schabad, one of the leaders of Vilna Jewry, Mr. Reisen and the compositor Bengis were to-day released.

YIDDISH ENCYCLOPAEDIA TO BE PUBLISHED IN HONOUR OF DUBNOV'S 70TH.
BIRTHDAY.

Berlin, Feb. 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Dubnov Fund, created recently to commemorate the 70th. birthday of the famous Jewish historian, Professor Simeon Dubnov, has decided at a meeting of Jewish cultural workers associated with the tribute in Germany, Eastern Europe and America, to publish in conjunction with the Yiddish Scientific Institute, of which Professor Dubnov is a member of the Presidium, a Yiddish Encyclopaedia named in honour of Professor Dubnov.

Dr. Leo Bramson, the President of the O.R.T., was in the chair, and reports were presented by Dr. Sergel and Mr. Schalit, who explained that it was planned to have the Encyclopaedia appear within the next five years, comprising in all ten big volumes dealing with the entire field of scientific knowledge. A special joint stock company is to be founded to publish the work, with a capital of 50,000 dollars.

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