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PALESTINE ELECTIONS TO ZIONIST CONGRESS GIVE LABOUR 62% OF  
VOTES ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY FIGURES: REVISIONISTS  
SECOND WITH 17% AND GENERAL ZIONISTS THIRD WITH 7%:  
RESULTS LARGELY ON LINES OF JEWISH ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS  
LAST JANUARY: REVISIONISTS CHARGED BY ELECTION BOARD  
WITH DECEPTION FRAUD AND OTHER IRREGULARITIES.

Jerusalem, May 26th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The figures made known so far of the Palestine elections for delegates to the next Zionist Congress repeat on the whole the results of the elections which took place last January to the Palestine Jewish Elected Assembly, Labour again capturing the greater part of the votes, and emerging stronger than all the other parties combined. As far as can be seen, Labour has secured 62 per cent. of the total poll, while the Revisionists have again succeeded, as in the January elections, in coming second, securing about 17 per cent. of the votes. The General Zionists have done better than in the January elections, securing about 7 per cent. of the poll.

Out of 9,000 votes counted by mid-day 5,235 were Labour; 1,793 Revisionist; 1,191 went to the various Mizrahi groups; 575 to the General Zionists, and 123 to the Yemenites. These figures cover Jerusalem, Haifa, Afulah, Athlit, Tiberias and the Dead Sea post.

In Tel Aviv the results are Labour 3,765 votes; Revisionists 1,761; General Zionists 98; Yemenites 715; Mizrahi 386 and Poale Mizrahi 386.

On these figures, Labour has almost 9,000 votes; the Revisionists 3,444, the Mizrahi, including the Poale Mizrahi, 1,940, the General Zionists 1,556 and the Yemenites 838.

According to the figures, it may be assumed that of the 30 delegates which Palestine will send to the Congress, 18 will be Labour, five Revisionists, two General, and two or three Mizrahi (including Poale Mizrahi).

The Congress Election Board adopted a resolution this morning condemning the election methods of the Revisionists and making charges against them of deception and fraud in preparing improper identification cards and of committing other irregularities.

ITALIAN DELEGATES TO ZIONIST CONGRESS WILL BACK CHIEF RABBI  
KOOK'S PLEA FOR PALESTINE OBSERVANCE OF SABBATH PASSOVER  
AND KASHRUTH AND THAT JEWISH TEACHING IN PALESTINE  
SCHOOLS SHOULD NOT BE IN OPPOSITION TO JEWISH RELIGIOUS  
TRADITION.

Rome, May 26th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

After Rabbi Dr. Castel-Bolognese had read out an appeal from Chief Rabbi Kook of Palestine urging that at least the Sabbath and the Passover festival and the principle of Kashruth should be publicly respected in Palestine and that Jewish education in the Palestine Jewish schools should not be conducted on lines in opposition to Jewish religious teaching,

the Annual Conference of the Italian Zionist Federation, which has just been concluded at Ferrara, has unanimously instructed its delegates to the Seventeenth Zionist Congress to back this appeal at the Congress.

The retiring President, Dr. Dante Lattes, dwelt on the deep and eternal basis of Zionism, which links it with the Messianic hopes of the Jewish people.

Rabbi Leoni of Ferrara welcomed the Conference in the name of the local Jewish Community, and Dr. Ravenna welcomed it in the name of the newly-created Federation of Jewish Communities of Italy. The Secretary, Dr. Nahon, submitted a report on the work of the Zionist Federation during the past year. Reports were also presented on the activities of the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund, and the up-building work in Palestine.

Advocate Viterbo was elected President of the Italian Zionist Federation in succession to Professor Dante Lattes, whose name is being inscribed by the Federation in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund, in recognition of his services to the Zionist cause during the many years of his Zionist activity.

ANOTHER LAND DISPUTE IN PALESTINE: ARAB SQUATTERS IN HAIFA BAY AREA REFUSE TO LEAVE: ARGUE IN COURT JEWISH TITLE DEEDS NOT IN ORDER, AND THEY HAVE BEEN ON LAND FOR YEARS.

Jerusalem, May 26th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

25 Arabs appeared to-day before the Haifa Land Court to face an action for refusing to leave an area of 600 dunams of land in the Haifa Bay area which has been purchased by Jewish agencies. The Arab Advocate contended that the title deeds of the Jewish agencies to the land are not in proper order, and further that the Arabs refuse to be evicted from this land on which they have been settled for many years.

The case has been adjourned because several of the accused and also several witnesses were not present.

THIRTEEN JEWS FROM SOVIET BOKHARA REACH PALESTINE AFTER TREK THROUGH AFGHANISTAN PERSIA IRAQ AND SYRIA.

Jerusalem, May 26th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Thirteen Jews from Soviet Bokhara arrived in Palestine to-day after travelling for fourteen months through Afghanistan, Persia, Iraq and Syria. They have visited the offices of the Jewish Agency Executive, where they were welcomed by Colonel Kisch. The refugees expressed to Colonel Kisch their gratitude at the intervention of the Jewish Agency on their behalf, which saved them from being deported from Persia back to Russia.

PRESIDENT OF MEXICO ATTENDING DEMONSTRATION OF THANKSGIVING FOR ELIMINATION OF JEWISH TRADERS: APPROVES PROCLAMATION OF JUNE 1ST AS DAY OF CELEBRATION OF EXPULSION OF JEWISH TRADERS FROM MARKETS: AGITATION NOT ANTI-JEWISH HIGH MEXICAN QUARTERS ASSURE J.T.A. BUT ENTIRELY ECONOMIC WITHOUT ANY RELIGIOUS OR CULTURAL BACKGROUND.

Mexico City, May 26th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The action of the President of the Mexican Republic, Senor Rubio, in granting permission for a big mass demonstration next Monday, arranged by the Union of Mexican Small Traders against Jewish traders, at which about 40,000 Mexicans will publicly acknowledge their thankfulness to the President for

the assistance he has given them in fighting against the Jewish traders, is causing greater anxiety than ever among the Jewish population here, particularly as the President himself is going to be present at the demonstration.

The President has also approved a request made to him establishing June 1st. as a legal holiday to celebrate the expulsion of Jewish traders from the public markets.

Although the Government has not taken any action to put a stop to the anti-Jewish agitation, it is insisted, however, in official quarters that there is no ground for any undue alarm on the part of the Jews. Disorders are unlikely, it is said, and if any occurred they would be sternly repressed by the authorities. The Mexican people, the J.T.A. representative is assured, are not antisemitic, and the anti-Jewish campaign is based entirely on economic grounds, without any religious or cultural background whatever. High officials, nevertheless, look upon the anti-Jewish campaign with complete passiveness, and any attempt made to discuss the problem with them or to question the action of the authorities in allowing the agitation to go on is met with a definite refusal to speak on the subject.

THEY SAY JEW IS HUMAN BEING BUT SO IS A LOUSE A BEAST YET WE SQUASH IT SAYS HITLERIST DEPUTY IN BERLIN.

Berlin, May 26th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

They say that a Jew is also a human being, but so is a louse a beast, and yet we squash it, and in the same way we shall squash the Jews, one of the Hitlerist Deputies, Fischer, declared speaking at a Hitlerist meeting in Berlin to-day. The speaker was loudly cheered by his huge audience when he illustrated his remarks by a gesture expressive of squashing vermin.

CHRISTIAN CONCEPTION IS GOD DID NOT CREATE PEOPLE BUT NATIONS THEREFORE FIGHT AGAINST JEWS IS JUSTIFIED SAYS PROTESTANT CLERGYMAN AT HITLERIST MEETING.

Berlin, May 26th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Christian conception is that God did not create people as individual human beings, but as nations, and therefore it is not true to say that all people are equal, Pastor Ettwein, a Protestant clergyman at Leichingen, in Wurtemberg, declared, in speaking at a Hitlerist meeting there. There is every justification, he urged, for the fight which we are conducting against Jewish domination. The Jews came into our house as guests and now they are trying to become our masters. It is the duty of a civilised people to fight against any such attempt.

The "Vossische Zeitung" in reporting the Pastor's speech, complains that the Protestant Church is not following the example of the Catholic Church, which is conducting a relentless war against Hitlerism as an anti-religious movement, and that in some places the Protestant Church is showing considerable favour to Hitlerist propaganda.

HITLERISM MEANS DESTRUCTION OF PROTESTANT CHURCH SAYS GERMAN SCHOOL PUBLICATION: PARTY WHICH STANDS FOR PRINCIPLE OF RACE AND VIOLENCE CAN HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON WITH CHRISTIANITY.

Berlin, May 26th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A party which stands on the principle of race, blood, power and violence can have nothing in common with Christianity, says "Die freie deutsche Schule", a periodical which has a large circulation among teachers in Bavaria, in dealing with the question of Hitlerism as it affects the Protestant Church.

Hitlerism, it says, means the destruction of the Protestant Church. There can be no more dangerous idea than for Protestant Nationalist clergymen to think that by entering the Hitlerist Party they can in any way influence the heathen conception of the Hitlerists, and change it to one which is more reconcilable with Christianity.

We should only be weakening this very definite and unambiguous repudiation of Hitlerism by adding any comment of our own, the "C. V. Zeitung", the organ of the Union of German Citizens of Jewish Faith comments.

JEWS AND CALENDAR REFORM: POLISH GOVERNMENT WILL DEFEND INTERESTS OF ITS JEWISH CITIZENS AT GENEVA SAYS VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Warsaw, May 26th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Deputy Rabbi Levin, of the Agudath Israel, Deputy Wyszlicki, and Senator Mendelson, Jewish members of the Government Party, have visited Colonel Beck, the Vice-minister for Foreign Affairs, and submitted a memorandum pointing out the dangers of the proposed Calendar Reform to the Jewish population and urging the Polish Government to take a stand at the League of Nations against this proposal, which affects the religious and economic interests of millions of its citizens, by threatening to destroy the stability of their Sabbath.

Vice-minister Beck assured the deputation that the Polish Government will defend at Geneva the religious and economic interests of the Jewish population of Poland.

CALENDAR REFORM WILL BENEFIT JEWS ARGUES DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL FIXED CALENDAR LEAGUE: JEWISH OPPOSITION DOOMED TO FAIL HE SAYS: PLAN SURE TO BE CARRIED INTO EFFECT INCLUDING INSERTION OF BLANK DAYS.

Geneva, May 21st. (J.T.A. Mail Service).

The Director of the International "Fixed Calendar" League, Mr. Moses B. Cotsworth, has made a statement to the J.T.A. representative here in which he claims that Calendar Reform would bring a considerable number of advantages to the Jews, and that the campaign which is being conducted against the calendar reform project by Rabbis and Jewish lay leaders is mistaken, and is not likely to be successful. He is convinced, he says, that the calendar reform plan, including the insertion of blank days, is going to be carried into effect.

"What are the benefits which the Jews would gain by accepting the proposed Fixed Calendar?" he begins.

Jews Would Be Freed From Inconveniences And Economic Losses Caused By Archaic Jewish Calendar.

Beyond the 24 practical benefits of general importance emphasised by the advocates of the reform which the Jews would gain in common with all the people among whom Jews live in every nation, they would derive the far-reaching benefits indicated here: They would be freed from the many inconveniences, financial handicaps and economic losses, which the cumbersome, complicated and antiquated Jewish Calendar imposes upon them through the fact that they must date every day and arrange their family, business and public affairs to accord with the National Calendar for each country in which they live. Among the inconveniences we note the confusion caused by their Calendar requiring them to rest till sunset on Saturday, when each national Calendar helps its people to rest upon Sundays complete 24 hours. Members of the majority of families work for, or in contact with businesses, some of which trade on

Saturday, others on Sunday. All would benefit by the use of one weekly rest-day. The differences in the dates for Passovers and other festivals from the Christian, Mohammedan and other festivals cause holidays in schools, factories and workshops to conflict. All would benefit by united use of the Fixed Calendar preventing such conflicts. The differences in the days of the week for schools, colleges, courts, exchanges and markets cause many inconveniences and losses. Among the financial handicaps we note that many Jewish bankers, financiers, stockbrokers and others transfer their businesses to non-Jews on Saturday, thus losing part of the profits which they cannot recoup, others lose by closing all day. Among the vast numbers of Jewish retail-stores of all kinds, the loss of the greater business available on Saturdays cannot be recouped on Sundays. All such disabilities now caused by the archaic Jewish Calendar would disappear for ever and bring permanent relief to all Jews. The Fixed Calendar would give relief to Jews in countries where restrictions and compulsory powers handicap Jewish trade and liberty. It would release Jewish workers and retailers from being forced to work on Saturdays and give them all freedom to worship in the synagogues and enjoy fellowship with others who revere their Creator as the source and maintainer of life. The change to the Fixed Calendar would eliminate the clashing interests and irritations which the Jewish Calendar causes between the Jews and the great majority of surrounding people of other religions. For example, in Egypt, Turkey and all countries around Palestine, reactions caused by their separate celebration of the Passover each Spring, irritate the vastly more numerous and not less religious Mohammedans whose "Koran" while revering Moses as the great Patriarch, excludes all reference to the Passover which the Mosaic writings established - because neither Egyptians nor Mohammedans can believe that their always impartial and just Creator killed "all the first born in the land of Egypt, both men and beast", to begin the Exodus of Israel by the Lord having "passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt" - when He smote the Egyptian. That is the basis of the Passover. One united Spring Season celebration for all people of all religions after the Equinox would encourage Jews, Christians and Mohammedans to the mutual respect of true worship of their one Creator.

Can't Understand Why Jews Should Want To Observe Saturday Sabbath: Sabbath Was Made For Man Not Man For Sabbath: Insistence On Keeping Saturday Sabbath Arousing Antagonism Against Jews Because Emphasising Jewish Peculiarities And Refusal To Meet Far Greater Needs Of Majority Of Non-Jews

Our experiences and enquiries made while in the 40 countries visited, Mr. Cotsworth pursues, convince us that in nearly all countries the Government and other authorities consulted, consider that the Orthodox Rabbis, by insisting upon their congregations observing the Sabbath after Sunset hours on the civil Friday until the Sunset time on Saturday, are alienating increasing numbers of progressive Jews from their synagogues, and (we regret to say) are arousing antagonistic feeling against Jews by such peculiarities which emphasise to all around the refusal of the Rabbis to meet the far greater needs of the majority of non-Jews, and their failure to recognise the ever increasing public demand for them to realise that "the Sabbath was made for man" - not man for the Sabbath under conditions existing 3,400 years ago, which were very different from the freedom this generation requires.

The early Christians used the Sabbath from Friday Sunset; but the needs of their time caused them to change to Sunday beginning at mid-night.

We are convinced that all Jews, Rabbis and religions would benefit far more by accepting the proposed Calendar's weekly day for rest; even if the Rabbis accepted the proposed Calendar's Saturday to gain their desired five-day for weekly work.

Our proposal to insert the last day of every year as the "Year-day" ending every 52nd. week to establish one universal-day for weekly rest to equally benefit all races and creeds, would benefit the Jews more than any other race. A Fixed Calendar by being made universal would abolish many extra costs and losses now caused by the five conflicting calendars used in the Balkan countries, Turkey, Egypt, and other African countries, and end Jewish difficulties with the 17 different calendars used in India.

We regret, Mr. Cotsworth says, that the pamphlets and speeches of the Rabbis do not record any such benefits. On the contrary they make so many misleading statements that they are alienating many true friends of the Jews. They claim to speak for Jews throughout the world. But adequately informed authorities know that they cannot truly speak for the 17 per cent. of Jews who are the main supporters of the Russian Soviet. Large numbers of Jews in America and the British Empire will not support the opposition by the Rabbis, when they know the benefits the reform will bring.

The allegation that the 365th. day (Year-day) would not be counted among the days of the month or even among the days of the week is wrong. It would be the 29th. of the month and the 8th. day included in the last week. The allegation that "a strong minority" (of the Committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce) "opposed any change in the Calendar" is refuted by the fact that it was the small minority of 2 out of 15 members. The allegation that "endless litigation in connection with leases, etc., would follow, has no basis in fact. Though more than 300 millions of people have changed their Calendars since the Great War no such imagined litigation has arisen.

Times have changed, Mr. Cotsworth concludes, and are changing rapidly. The ancient complexities of the Jewish Calendar do not meet the requirements of progress.

#### ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO CALENDAR REFORM APPROVED BY CONFERENCE OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN SWITZERLAND.

Geneva, May 26th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The active opposition of the Central Committee to the Calendar Reform project was unanimously approved by the Annual Conference of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Switzerland, which has just been held at St. Gallen, with the President of the Federation, Dr. Dreyfus-Brodsky, in the chair.

Dr. Dreyfus-Brodsky, who represents Swiss Jewry on the Jewish Agency Council, said that a decision on the future activity of the Jews of Switzerland on behalf of Palestine would have to be deferred until after the Zionist Congress and the ensuing session of the Jewish Agency next month.

THE WORK OF THE UNION OF AUSTRIAN JEWS.

Vienna, May 26th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Union of Austrian Jews was always at its post when any question came up which seemed to threaten the interests of Austrian Jewry, says the report presented to the Annual Conference of the Union, which has just been held here under the chairmanship of the President, Dr. Ornstein. The Union, the Secretary, Herr Oscar Hirschfeld, who presented the report, said, had opposed the so-called student order at Vienna University, which was dictated by race principles and the law court had approved the stand taken by the Union in this regard. The Union had also stood out against the proposals for the reform of the Constitution which had been introduced into Parliament and had fought for the removal of those provisions which seemed to imperil the principle of equal rights of the Jewish citizens. The reform of the Press Law had given an opportunity to Jewish bodies to demand the right of protection against insult to Jews and Judaism and against incitement in the antisemitic press. The Vice-Premier, Dr. Schober, who was Prime Minister at that time, had told a deputation headed by the President of the Union, Dr. Ornstein, that this demand was entirely justified. The Minister of Justice at the time had promised to reform the Press Law in this direction. The Union gave also a great deal of attention to fighting the antisemitic agitation at the summer resorts, and considerable improvement had been obtained in this regard. At the time of the Vaugoin Government, in which the Heimwehr leaders, Prince Starheimberg and Dr. Hueber, had occupied ministerial positions and when open pogroms had been preached, the Union had carried on an active campaign against the antisemitic agitation. The attitude of the Union in supporting the Schober bloc in the elections had been proved by the results to have been right.

The Union, the report further said, continues to be in excellent relations with its sister organisation, the Central Union of German Citizens of Jewish Faith, which it takes as its model in its own work, and it had received visits during the year from two of the leaders of the German Union, Dr. Ludwig Hollaender and Dr. Alfred Wiener.

Speaking of internal Jewish affairs and the attitude of the Union towards the Zionists, Dr. Hirschfeld spoke strongly against the efforts of the Zionists to convert the Jewish religious community into a national community. The Union, he said, is interested in a purely colonisational Palestine reconstruction work. The question of participation in the extended Jewish Agency had placed the Union before a very serious problem. The Union held that it was its duty to enter the Jewish Agency, but it wanted adequate safeguards against attempts being made to convert this consultative body which had been established in accord with the League of Nations and the British Government into a Jewish national or an international Jewish political institution. The question of the Jewish Agency, Herr Hirschfeld concluded his report, will come up again shortly before the Central Board.