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BLANK DAY CALENDAR REFORM PROJECT ABANDONED?: HAS ROUSED SUCH  
 OPPOSITION AMONG VARIOUS RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES AND SOCIAL  
 ORGANISATIONS WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES WERE HEARD SAYS REPORT  
 OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS CONFERENCE ON CALENDAR REFORM THAT  
 MOST DELEGATIONS ARE AGREED THAT FAILING A STRONG MOVEMENT  
 IN FAVOUR OF SCHEME OPPOSITION WOULD IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES  
 AT LEAST MAKE ITS INTRODUCTION IMPOSSIBLE.

Geneva, Oct. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The introduction of supplementary days bearing no weekday name, a necessary adjunct in practice to all perpetual calendars, roused the opposition of various religious communities and certain social organisations whose representatives were heard by the Conference, the General Conference on Communications and Transit held here under the auspices of the League of Nations says in the resolution which it has decided to transmit to the various Governments represented at the Conference.

Some delegations expressed the same view, the resolution proceeds, and most delegations were agreed that failing a strong movement of opinion in favour of a perpetual calendar, that opposition would, at least in certain countries, make it very difficult, if not impossible, to introduce the perpetual calendar.

It was suggested to the Conference, in this connection, it goes on, that if this situation continued, it would be possible to make appreciable improvements in the present calendar without introducing a perpetual calendar, by adopting a non-perpetual calendar of thirteen months without the introduction of supplementary days. That calendar would not permit, so accurately as a perpetual calendar, an exact comparison of corresponding periods in different years, but would nevertheless, in the opinion of its advocates, have the advantage of dividing up the year rationally, and allowing of an exact comparison between periods within the same year.

The Jewish opposition to the calendar reform project has been directed entirely against the introduction of the "blank day" or supplementary day, which would have the effect of interfering with the sequence of the days of the week, and creating a "floating" Sabbath, which would impose hardship on the Jewish communities in the matter of the observance of the Seventh-day Sabbath.

We have the honour to submit herewith World Jewry's Resolutions of Protest against any modification of the Calendar by the "blank day" feature, Chief Rabbi Israel Levi of France, and Chief Rabbi Dr. J. H. Hertz, the President and the Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Committee on Calendar Reform, wrote in submitting to the Calendar Reform Conference the resolutions of protest adopted by Jewish communities throughout the world and presented to the Conference last week by Chief Rabbi Dr. Hertz; (as reported in the J.T.A. Bulletin of the 15th. inst.).

We venture to hope, Chief Rabbi Hertz concluded, that such considered expression of opinion of the whole House of Israel, as to the untold hardship and spiritual loss which must result from the introduction of a "blank day" Calendar, will duly weigh with you in your deliberations; and that, by abandoning these proposals, you will earn the lasting gratitude of all friends of Religious Liberty.

The petition submitted to the Conference by Dr. Cyrus Adler, Mr. O. E. d'Avigdor Goldsmid, Senator van den Bergh, Mr. Ch. N. Bialik, ex-Deputy Farbstein, Lieut.-Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Professor Silvain Levi, Dr. J. L. Magnes, Signor Ravenna, Baron Edmond de Rothschild, Mr. Lionel de Rothschild, Mr. Nahum Sokolov, Herr Nathan Sondheim, Mr. Felix M. Warburg, and Herr Oscar Wassermann, as laymen representing the principal centres of Jewish population throughout the world, in order to make it clear that "the Jewish opposition to this innovation is by no means based merely on ecclesiastical grounds, nor inspired solely by Rabbinical opinion", also emphasised that "the Jews are not by any means opposed in principle to calendar reform, and that their antagonism is confined to the so-called "blank day" project, which is an integral part of the schemes at present under consideration".

We must unequivocally repel the allegation made by some advocates of the "blank day", they said, that the Jewish attitude is due to the intransigent stand taken up by some reactionary orthodox Rabbis. The opposition is shared by the whole body of Jewry. It is based upon the positive command of the Decalogue: "six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath". The enactment of no civil power can modify for the conforming Jew the perpetual validity of this injunction, hallowed as it is not only by the circumstances of its origin, but also by countless generations of implicit observance. The "blank day" scheme, if adopted, would inevitably spell material ruin to millions of conscientious Jews throughout the world. If it is carried into execution, they concluded, a majority of the Jewish race will be given the alternatives of abandoning their ideals on the one hand, or material ruin on the other. This is indistinguishable from persecution in the worst medieval sense. It is to the League of Nations in its capacity as a bulwark against persecution, as protector of the religious rights of minorities and as guarantor of the Treaties in which those rights are safeguarded, the petition concludes, that the Jewish people looks for protection from this crushing disaster. In their name, we humbly supplicate the abandonment or modification of the scheme at present under consideration.

FRIGHT REPORT FROM POLAND: EXPORT TRADE TO ENGLAND IN WOOLLEN GOODS AND READY-MADE CLOTHING LOOKING UP IN LODZ AND OTHER JEWISH CENTRES: JEWISH TAILORING TOWN OF BRZESZIN IN FULL EMPLOYMENT PRESENTING PICTURE OF BUSTLE IN STRIKING CONTRAST TO ECONOMICALLY-STRICKEN JEWISH POPULATIONS ELSEWHERE IN COUNTRY.

Warsaw, Oct. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A great deal of anxiety was caused at the beginning of this month in the textile industry of Lodz, Bialystock and other centres of the Polish industry, which is largely in Jewish hands, by the news of the fall in the value of the English pound, and it was feared that in consequence there would be a drop in the big export trade from these places in ready-made clothing to England. Some of the factories in Bialystock had already begun to close down and dismiss their workers.

The export trade in ready-made clothing has had a set-back mainly because the contracts which are still in hand were concluded in Pounds, so that the exporters are losing about 20 per cent. on account of the fall in the value of sterling.

The export trade in ready-made clothing, and especially of woollen goods to England is, nevertheless, being continued, and is unexpectedly increasing. The Lodz Chamber of Commerce has been officially investigating this question of the export trade to Great Britain, and has presented the following report:

Notwithstanding the fact that there has been a fall in the prices of the goods, Lodz exported a great quantity of these goods to Great Britain in the month of August, and there was a further increase in September. Britain is now the the largest importer of woollen goods and ready-made clothing produced in the Lodz industrial area. Woollen goods have been exported to Great Britain to a value of 2,200,000 zlotys, which is about 65 per cent. of the entire export from Lodz, and the amount of ready-made clothing exported to Great Britain is 81 per cent. of the total export, amounting in September to a sum of 2,200,000 zlotys. At the same time, the Lodz manufacturers have had practically no losses on account of the fall of the pound. The British importers think it likely that Britain may impose a protective tariff, and the Lodz manufacturers and exporters of ready-made clothing have therefore added to their prices for the goods which they are producing under the contracts concluded months ago, 10 per cent. on woollen goods and 15 per cent. on ready-made clothing.

At the present time, when the populations of most of the Jewish towns and townships in Poland are in a critical economic plight, the town of Brzeszin, which in 1926 was practically starving because the entire population, almost exclusively engaged in the tailoring industry was unemployed, is full of bustle and animation. The town is flooded with orders and everyone is at work, as in the days before the war, when the town was busy producing huge consignments of ready-made clothing for the Russian market.

JEWISH ARTISANS' ORGANISATION OF POLAND GETTING INTO TOUCH WITH JEWISH ARTISANS OF AMERICA: VICE-CHAIRMAN OF ORGANISATION GOES TO UNITED STATES TO SET ON FOOT RELIEF CAMPAIGN AND TO PERSUADE AMERICAN JEWISH ARTISANS TO JOIN JEWISH ARTISANS' WORLD FEDERATION.

Warsaw, Oct. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Moses Burgin, Vice-President of the Executive of the Jewish Artisans' Organisation in Poland and Vice-President of the Board of the Warsaw Jewish Community, has left for the United States of America, with a view to opening contact there with the Jewish artisans of America, and influencing them to start a relief campaign on behalf of the Jewish artisans of Poland, and to give their support to the movement for establishing a World Federation of Jewish Artisans.

POLISH GOVERNMENT CALLED UPON BY AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS TO  
ABOLISH ECONOMIC DISCRIMINATION AGAINST POLISH JEWRY.

New York, Oct. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The failure of the Polish Government to relieve the intolerable Jewish situation in the country is strongly deplored in a resolution adopted by the American Jewish Congress, which is now in session in Philadelphia.

The resolution goes on to call upon the Polish Government to fulfil its obligation under the International Treaties and to abolish the economic discrimination against the Jewish population of the country and to do away with the excessive taxation of the Jewish population and the prohibitive industrial laws which affect them adversely.

POLISH JEWS HAVE LINKED UP THEIR FATE WITH PRESENT GOVERNMENT  
REGIME AND THEY WILL FALL WITH IT SAYS POLISH ANTISEMITIC  
ORGAN: SAYS RADICAL PEASANTS' PARTIES FORMERLY FRIENDLY  
TO JEWS HAVE TURNED FROM THEM BECAUSE WHEN TAX COLLECTORS  
SELL UP PEASANTS' PROPERTY BY AUCTION JEWS COME TO BUY IT.

Warsaw, Oct. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Jews have linked their fate with that of the present Government regime in Poland, and when this regime falls they will fall with it, and be buried under the ruins, and they will have brought it on themselves, the "Gazeta Warszawska", the chief organ of the National Democratic Party, which is the largest Party in the Right Opposition, says in a long editorial article to-day, dealing with a speech delivered in the Sejm by Deputy Unger, the spokesman of the Peasant Party, describing the distress which prevails now among the peasant population in the villages. The crops and the homes of the peasants are being sold up by the tax collectors, he said, because they cannot pay their taxes, and in many cases, the Deputy alleged, Jews come along to the auctions and buy the goods, thus earning for themselves the hatred of the peasants.

This, the "Gazeta Warszawska" says, is why the Radical Peasant Parties, which were formerly so friendly to the Jews, have changed their attitude, and are filled with resentment against them.

It is the Jews themselves, it writes, who by upholding the Government in all its high-handed actions, have brought upon themselves this embitterment and hatred on the part of the peasants. The Jews have never before supported a Government of the Left so much as this present Government. Even the Zionists, with the exception of the Gruenbaum group, are "favourably neutral" to the Government, which they consider the best of all possible Governments for the Jews.

TROUBLE IN PALESTINE ORANGE GROVE: 14 JEWISH WORKERS FINED  
FOR HOLDING ILLEGAL ASSEMBLY AND WILL GO TO PRISON IF  
THEY DON'T PAY.

Jerusalem, Oct. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

14 Jewish workers who went on strike in an orange grove owned by Spiro and Getzler in the Jewish colony of Petach Tikvah have been fined £3. each on a charge of illegal assembly, and will go to prison for 30 days if they do not pay.

Eight others were arrested at the time, but were immediately released.

JEWISH AGENCY SCHOOLS IN PALESTINE AGAIN OPEN.

Jerusalem, Oct. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The elementary schools and kindergartens of the Jewish Agency school system throughout Palestine have resumed teaching, with the exception of a few schools in Tel Aviv and Hederah.

REGISTRATION UNDER AMNESTY TO ILLEGAL ENTRANTS TO PALESTINE PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY DR. ARLOSSOROFF TELLS PALESTINE PRESS: DEPLORES REVISIONIST OPPOSITION TO CENSUS: DENIES IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH LEGISLATURE: DECLARES "WE HAVE NOTHING TO CONCEAL": SAYS POSTPONEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SCHEME LIKELY BECAUSE OF BRITISH FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Jerusalem, Oct. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Registration under the Government amnesty which legalises the stay of immigrants who entered Palestine illegally, is proceeding satisfactorily, thanks to the Central Government clearing away many of the obstacles raised by the Immigration Department, Dr. Ch. Arlossoroff, the head of the Palestine Jewish Agency Executive, declared at a press conference held here this afternoon.

Dr. Arlossoroff deplored the opposition of the Revisionists to the census, and contended that the census is not connected with the question of a Palestine Legislature. We have nothing to conceal, he said.

The Palestine Development Scheme is likely to be postponed on account of the British financial position, Dr. Arlossoroff said further, insisting that the Jewish Agency is entitled to examine the claims made on behalf of the dispossessed Arabs, whether or not the Jewish Agency appoint a Jewish Adviser to the Director of Development, because the Jews alone possess the facts.

HOPE YOUR ADMINISTRATION WILL MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRESS OF JEWISH NATIONAL HOME SAYS MESSAGE TO NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER GENERAL SIR ARTHUR WAUCHOPE FROM AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS.

New York, Oct. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The American Jewish Congress has unanimously adopted a resolution at its session now being held in Philadelphia, felicitating General Sir Arthur Wauchope, the new High Commissioner for Palestine, on his appointment, and expressing the hope that his administration will make a substantial contribution to the progress of the Jewish National Home, maintaining peace and restoring confidence.

The Congress has also adopted a resolution felicitating Mr. Nahum Sokolov on his election as President of the Jewish Agency.

NEW PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR ARTHUR WAUCHOPE LATE HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR JOHN CHANCELLOR AND LORD ALLENBY CONQUEROR OF PALESTINE MEET AT LONDON FAREWELL TO PROFESSOR SIR FLINDERS PETRIE FAMOUS ARCHEOLOGIST LEAVING FOR PALESTINE TO CONTINUE EXCAVATIONS: I AM VERY MUCH A NEW BOY AS REGARDS PALESTINE GENERAL WAUCHOPE SAYS: I AM ENTIRE STRANGER TO PALESTINE.

London, Oct. 20th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Field-Marshal Lord Allenby, the conqueror of Palestine, Sir John Chancellor, the late High Commissioner for Palestine, and General Sir Arthur Wauchope, the new Palestine High Commissioner, were all present this evening at the annual general meeting of the British School of Archeology held at University College, at which Professor Sir William Flinders Petrie, the famous archeologist, was given a farewell prior to his departure for Palestine on Friday, to continue his excavations at Tel el Ajjul, the site of ancient Gaza.

As regards Palestine, I am very much a new boy, General Sir Arthur Wauchope said at the meeting, over which General Lord Allenby, who described Sir Flinders as the greatest archeologist in the world, presided.

I am an entire stranger to Palestine, he went on, I spent four years in Mesopotamia, and I was there occupied with such passing events as the World War, but my interest in archeology was quickened by what I saw of the excavatory work by the Germans at Babylon and by the English at Ur of the Chaldees. Sir Flinders' work, he continued, is an inspiration to us all and during my time in Palestine I hope that I may be able to assist him in his work.

Sir John Chancellor said that he was sorry that he had not been able to accept Sir Flinders' invitation to visit them last year, but he had passed through South Palestine not long ago in connection with the visitation of locusts. He was sorry that their work had suffered on account of malaria and that the work had had to be postponed, and he hoped that this year they would not have to undergo hardship again.

### A City Twenty Times Larger Than Troy.

.. Sir William Flinders Petrie, who is 78 years of age, has been conducting excavations in Egypt and Palestine for over 50 years. He claims to have been engaged in archeology for 70 years, having started archeology at the age of eight.

The expedition which is leaving this week under his leadership for Palestine is the largest he has ever led. Our excavations in South Palestine, he states in his new book "Seventy Years in Archeology", which will be published on November 2nd. by Messrs. Sampson Low, have now brought us to the actual site of Ajjul, home of the Hyksos, or Shepherd Kings, who ruled both Palestine and Egypt for several centuries. This city, 20 times larger than Troy, lay on the ancient international road between Palestine and Egypt. It was strongly fortified, and with its ramparts and defences, covered an area of 50 acres. It was abandoned probably owing to malaria about 2,000 B.C.

It was Sir Flinders who discovered in his excavations in Egypt the large triumphal inscription of the Pharaoh Merenptah about the Israelites, in which the Pharaoh boasted: Devastated is Libya. Hittites are quiet; Israel is laid waste without seed".

In his new book Sir Flinders records that immediately he had discovered the Stele he said that same night at dinner to the rest of his party: "This Stele will be better known in the world than anything else I have found, and so it has proved," he adds.

Another of Sir Flinders' famous discoveries was the Sinai inscriptions, which Professor Hubert Grimme claims are the earliest writing in the world, suggesting that they were written by Moses.

In answer to an enquiry made by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in 1924, when Professor Grimme's claim to have deciphered his inscriptions was first put forward, Sir Flinders wrote that he did not agree with Professor Grimme's conclusions.

In his new book, Sir Flinders again refers to this subject, briefly dismissing Professor Grimme's claim by saying that the hieroglyphs which he (Sir Flinders) had discovered in Sinai were evidently a jumble of signs acquired by the local workmen, just as are found in Egypt and used for writing. The later discovery of highly developed Phoenician writing at Byblos of 1300 B.C., he continues, finally puts it out of court that the Sinai writing was a precursor of the Phoenician. It is merely a local barbarism, he declares, and all the wild theories of Grimme about it, he concludes, depend on his adoption of the natural cracks in the stone as being engraved signs.

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