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DANIEL BEN JOSEPH: LORD READING INSCRIBED ACCORDING TO HIS HEBREW NAME IN GOLDEN BOOK OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND: MY VISIT TO PALESTINE HAS INSTILLED ENTHUSIASM AND DESIRE TO HELP WITH ALL MEANS HE TELLS GATHERING OF JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADERS AND RABBIS: RECEIVES AGULIST DELEGATION THANKING HIM FOR INTEREST IN PALESTINE: WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER AND MR. RUTENBERG VISITS DEAD SEA WORKS AND LUNCHEES WITH MR. NOVOMYTSKI AND MAJOR TULLOCH.

Jerusalem, Dec. 31st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

My visit to Palestine has instilled in me an enthusiasm and desire to help with all the means I can, Lord Reading declared to-day, addressing a reception of all the Jewish communal leaders and the Rabbis arranged by the Jewish Agency at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. The gathering decided to commemorate the occasion by inscribing Lord Reading's name in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund, according to the Hebrew form, Daniel ben Joseph.

Lord Reading received to-day also a delegation of the Palestine Agudath Israel Organisation, the extreme orthodox section of Palestine Jewry, who thanked him for his interest in Palestine.

Together with the High Commissioner for Palestine, General Sir Arthur Wauchope, and Mr. Pinchas Rutenberg, the Managing Director of the Palestine Electric Corporation, of which Lord Reading is Chairman of the Board of Directors, Lord Reading visited this morning the Dead Sea works. The visitors were received and shown round by the joint concessionaires, Mr. Novomytski and Major Tulloch, and had lunch with them.

500 JEWS LESS ONE ENTERED PALESTINE IN LAST MONTH OF 1931.

Jerusalem, Jan. 1st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

499 Jews, 139 Christians and 15 Moslems, a total of 653 immigrants, entered Palestine during the month of December, it is announced to-day.

Only 80 departures were recorded during the whole of the month.

PALESTINE IMMIGRATION SECTION AGAIN BECOMES GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT: MR. HYAMSON REMAINS DIRECTOR.

Jerusalem, Jan. 1st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Permits Section of the Palestine Secretariat and the Section of Police and Prisons have been raised with the commencement of the new year to the status of Government Departments.

Mr. Albert M. Hyamson, the Director of the Permits Section, remains Director of the Department of Immigration, with Mr. R. D. Badcock as Assistant Director.

The Department of Immigration and Travel of the Palestine Government was established under the direction of Mr. Albert M. Hyamson on September 1st., 1920 for the purposes of the regulation and control of immigration into Palestine and the admission and departure of travellers to and from Palestine, as well as registering changes of names by inhabitants of Palestine and issuing provisional certificates of nationality to Palestinians. The Department of Immigration and Travel and also the Sub-Department of Labour were abolished on April 1st., 1924 for reasons of economy, and their duties transferred to the Permits Section of the Palestine Government Secretariat, which was then established, with Mr. Hyamson continuing to be in charge as Controller.

Mr. Hyamson was at one time a leading English Zionist, but his views have since changed. During the sitting of the Shaw Palestine Enquiry Commission after the 1929 outbreak, Mr. Stoker, the Counsel for the Arab Executive, asked Mr. Harry Sachse whether Mr. Hyamson was a Zionist. No, Mr. Sachse replied, but he was. You'd better ask him for his views.

With Mr. Norman Bentwich's relinquishment of the office of Palestine Attorney General, Mr. Hyamson is now the only Jew holding a senior appointment in the Palestine Government service.

The elevation now of the two Secretariat Sections to be Government Departments may have some connection with the recommendations of the O'Donnell Economy Commission, which have not yet been made public officially, but which, it has been stated, will involve the dismissal of 50 senior and 250 junior Government officials.

PALESTINE HAS NO POLICE FORCE AT ALL BUT A DEPARTMENT SAYS  
PALESTINE POLICE COMMANDANT: AT BOTTOM OF OUR DIFFICULT-  
IES IS THAT WE ARE NOT BEING KEPT TO OUR LAST OF KEEPING  
PUBLIC FREE FROM CRIMINALS AND MAINTAINING PUBLIC ORDER.

Jerusalem, Dec. 31st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Major R. G. B. Spicer, the Commandant of the Palestine Force, speaking in Jerusalem on the work of his Force said that when he arrived in the country he saw to his horror on his notepaper "Department of Police and Prisons". I sent for my Quarter-Master, he went on, and told him to take them away and get them headed "Palestine Police Force". We are a Police Force and not a Department, I said. If we are a Department then I shall have much pleasure in issuing an order that from 1 p.m. on Saturdays until 7 a.m. on Mondays there shall be no crime and all traffic shall cease. If I made such a foolish order you could rightly compare me to King Canute.

I suggest that the job of the Police is to enable the public to sleep soundly in their beds while we protect you. Things have admittedly occurred recently on the Ramallah and Jericho roads to which I plead guilty. But when you look at the record of the Palestine Police, I am amazed that you have got any Police Force at all, the Commandant proceeded. I have had precis drawn up of the changes in the Palestine Police since the military administration changed in 1920. It is the most horrifying document I have read. When the Administration ceased and the Civil Government was established, a Police Force was formed in July 1920. It was under the Director of Public Security. Then for some extraordinary reason nine months went before it was changed in the fourth month of 1921. It carried on for two months and in the sixth month of 1921 there was a new body called the Palestine Gendarmerie arrived.

They had just settled down and learned the difference between "Aiwa" and "La" when there were riots and again a change took place in 1922. They then had a run of luck and for twelve months they ran without change. After that came the British Gendarmerie (44 officers and 700 other ranks) from home and having gone through an amazing period of twelve consecutive months, of course, came retrenchment and so in 1923 we disbanded companies of gendarmerie and mounted squads and there were various other changes. Exactly twelve months later again came the axe - the Palestine Gendarmerie reduced by 282. I am pleased to say there was no change in the British Gendarmerie. Then we ran on to 1925 when the British Gendarmerie were reduced by 15 officers and 81 other ranks against retrenchment. Then in 1926 the British and Palestine Gendarmerie were totally disbanded and the Transjordan Frontier Force was formed. We then ran on to 1928 when the Police again came under the axe and were retrained, British Gendarmerie having been disbanded and the British Police were also reduced. We now come to 1929. Then of course there were riots and police occupied every passage on the boats to Palestine and now we stand at 135 officers, 1,466 Palestinian other ranks, and 650 British Police.

When you criticise the police, let me ask you to carry these changes in your mind. I, as Commandant, take off my hat to them for the efficient state they are in to-day when they have been messed about as they have been. For the most part of the time, may I say in defence of those very excellent lads, the majority of the Palestine Police rank and file work some 14 hours a day on an average.

Sir Herbert Dowbiggin, (who came to inspect this Force a year ago, and I consider Sir Herbert the greatest Colonial policeman to-day, Major Spicer continued, says that the Palestine Police Force have been playing on a very bumpy wicket. He compares the Force which he wished reorganised to a young boy learning to play cricket for the first time. It is the duty of the Government to present him with a fair wicket to play on.

#### Palestine A Difficult Country: The Most Astounding List Of Murder..

Palestine is a very difficult and a very trying country, the Police Commandant said. You have your Frontiers and proximity to places that make it difficult to police.

You have the most astounding list of murder in this country as compared with others, he declared. Your police are always on the run, investigating cases of murder.

For three years in Kenya (where Mr. Spicer was before he came to Palestine) the figures for Murder and Man-slaughter were 25, 43 and 39, whereas the comparative figures for Palestine were 200, 260 and 200. That is a very big difference and a very alarming figure. I give you that to show that the Palestine Police are up against a difficult problem.

I do not know that we are very generously policed and I have never met Sir Michael O'Donnell, who seems to think that we are generously policed, but I can prove that we are not. The proportion of police to public here is 1 to 467, in London 1 to 367, in the Federated Malay States 1 to 335 and the Straits Settlements 1 to 279. You have an abnormal number of murders.

I maintain that the rock bottom of our difficulties in Palestine to-day is that we are not being kept to our own last. We have quite enough to do to keep the public free from criminals and in maintaining public order without being the handmaids of anybody else; we have got to stand on our own.

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Sir Herbert Dowbiggin said that the Palestine Police have got a 24 hours day and 365 days a year working full time all out without doing anybody else's work. We cannot do anything else but our own job if we are to be efficient in the future and we cannot do extraneous jobs.

Our language difficulty is also a striking one. Sir Herbert Dowbiggin realised this. He comes from a Colonial Police Force where 41 per cent. of the rank and file can read and write English. My figures are 8 per cent.

People talk about the cost of the Police Force, he concluded. The morale of any country is beyond the price of police. You are not so terribly over-taxed with regard to your Police Force. The London policeman costs £363 a year and the Palestine police per capitulation costs £177 a year or a cost per head of the population of 7s.9d.

"JEWS MIGHT BECOME DYNAMITE WHICH WOULD BLOW UP BRITISH EMPIRE":  
ENGLISH ZIONIST FEDERATION WRITES TO "TIMES" TO DISSOCIATE  
ITSELF FROM IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO MR.  
JABOTINSKY IN "TIMES" REPORT OF HIS WARSAW SPEECH: PROFESSOR  
BREDETSKY AND MR. D'AVIGDOR GOLDSMID ALSO REPUDIATE HIS  
UTTERANCES.

London, Jan. 1st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Dr. M.D. Eder, President of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, has a letter in the "Times" to-day with reference to a report in the "Times" of Dec. 30th., in which its Warsaw correspondent summarised Mr. Jabotinsky's speech to the Revisionist Conference, stating that Mr. Jabotinsky had said "that Jews might become the dynamite which would blow up the British Empire". (This phrase did not appear in the cabled summary of the speech given in the J.T.A. Bulletin of Dec. 30th.).

The Council of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, Dr. Eder writes, desires to dissociate itself from the irresponsible statements attributed to Mr. Jabotinsky, who it may be added, holds no office of any kind in the Zionist Organisation.

In the absence of Mr. Nahum Sokolov, President of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organisation, who is now in the United States, Professor Bredetsky, member of the Executive, in charge of the Political Department, stated, the "Times" further says, that Mr. Jabotinsky holds no office of any kind in the Zionist Organisation or the Jewish Agency, and is, in fact, agitating for the secession of his group from the Zionist Organisation. The Zionist Organisation repudiates all responsibility for the alleged utterances of Mr. Jabotinsky.

Mr. d'Avigdor Goldsmid, Chairman of the Council of the Jewish Agency, the "Times" adds, also emphatically dissociated himself from Mr. Jabotinsky's attacks on Great Britain, as well as from the whole of his programme.

#### Mr. Jabotinsky's Speech.

British Imperialist interests, Mr. Jabotinsky said, according to a full report of his speech, continue to require that Palestine should be a country with a Jewish majority. The forces which are fighting against our efforts have not affected and cannot affect this problem. The Moslems in India, who constitute a minority there, need England's help more than England needs their help. There are countless people in England who stand on this point of view. There is also a public conscience in England to which we can appeal.

In what way has the change come about, Mr. Jabotinsky asked, going on to suggest that the reason might lie with the policy of "Little Zionism" continued by the last Zionist Congress. Britain is in economic difficulties, he went on, and has plenty of troubles of her own. Therefore, he said, we can no longer count on the help of Britain in our Judenstaat plans of a great colonisation scheme in Palestine. England cannot bring about the changes we demand, and cannot fulfil our hopes. And that Power which does not help, he said, is an obstacle to Zionism.

There are certain consequences which follow, he continued. There has been a profound change in the attitude of the Jewish people towards England. The noble sound of the name England has gone. The effect is felt in Palestine. The Yishub has come to feel that it is intended to be a Yishub like all others, in other countries, an end in itself, and therefore it may well ask why the Mandatory is necessary at all. Perhaps, it thinks, we can get more from the local majority and a time may come when it will go to the League of Nations together with the Arabs and say that it no longer needs a Mandatory. England has done everything it could in Palestine to create the impression there that it is unnecessary and even harmful to the Yishub, and the B'rith Shalom, he said, is perhaps a blind attempt out of the impasse.

The new feeling that is growing in Palestine, Mr. Jabotinsky went on, is seen in the fact that there are a hundred young men in prison there for disobedience in connection with the census. That movement will grow and Britain will find it uncomfortable to remain in Palestine. A great people cannot live without a great hope.

England has acted to the world a lie, Mr. Jabotinsky said. Once every Jew hated Russia. The hatred felt by every Jew to England will be greater now. England has deceived us, destroyed our hopes and we shall proclaim her lie to the world. We may have to pay bitterly for that, but the world, too, will have to pay bitterly for that. England, in 13 years of rule in Palestine has made nothing of our endeavours and thus it has inflamed 15 million hearts, which are aflame now, and there is a great danger in 15 million matches.

Changes in the world situation are inevitable, Mr. Jabotinsky proceeded, and we Jews must be prepared for this coming world revision. If Palestine is valuable to A, it is also valuable to B. Our hopes for Palestine are thousands of years old, but England's unsuccessful experiment is less than 13 or 14 years old, and what significance has it in comparison? The time for revision will come, he concluded. We must consolidate the economic forces of our Yishub in Palestine, and by the method of Tozereth-Ha-Yishub Palestine can be rebuilt. When the upheaval comes in the East, we, too, must be prepared with a strong force of men who will be able to rally to the service of our cause.

#### DEATH OF MR. C. P. SCOTT OF "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN": HIS WORK FOR ZIONISM.

London, Jan. 1st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. C. P. Scott, former editor and since his retirement in 1929 Governing Director of the "Manchester Guardian", died early this morning at his home in Manchester, at the age of 85.

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Mr. Scott with Mr. Ferbert Sidebotham, who was then on the "Manchester Guardian", and other non-Jewish friends in Manchester of the Zionist movement, was one of the founders in Manchester in 1916 of the British Palestine Committee, formed to further the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine as a British dominion. The Committee published an organ, "Palestine", first in Manchester and then in London, until 1924, supplying its public with valuable information on all matters relating to Palestine.

Mr. Nehum Sokolov in his "History of Zionism" writes: The name of the doyen of English journalism, Mr. C. P. Scott, editor of the "Manchester Guardian", may be especially mentioned. Since the very beginning, Mr. C. P. Scott has given the whole problem a very careful and sympathetic attention and was an influential mediator between Zionists and leaders of British politics. He and Dr. Weizmann had conversations with some personalities who strengthened them in their hopes that the situation was favourable for Zionism.

EX-KHEDIVE OF EGYPT INTERESTED IN JEWISH COLONIES IN PALESTINE:  
ALSO VISITING HEBREW UNIVERSITY.

Jerusalem, Dec. 31st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The ex-Khedive of Egypt is taking advantage of his stay in Palestine to visit the Jewish colonies, and he will also visit the Hebrew University before he leaves for Syria and Turkey.

To-day the ex-Khedive visited the Jewish Agency Executive, formally returning the visit paid to him by Dr. Arlosoroff.

JEWS IN HONOURS LIST: TWO BARONETCIES AND A KNIGHTHOOD.

London, Jan. 1st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Of the three Baronetcies conferred in the New Year's Honours List published this morning in the Supplement to the "London Gazette", two go to Jews, both members of Parliament, Mr. Percy Alfred Harris, Liberal member for South-west Bethnal Green since 1922 and previously for the Harborough Division of Leicestershire, a former Deputy Chairman of the London County Council, and Mr. Arthur Michael Samuel, Conservative member for Farnham since 1918, who was Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Overseas Trade in 1924-27 and Financial Secretary to the Treasury in 1927-1929.

Mr. Benjamin Drage, of the Drage Furnishing Company, whose name is a household word, is given a knighthood.

Major Hudson, the Palestine Postmaster General, becomes a Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Professor Patrick Geddes, the famous town-planning pioneer, who designed the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, receives a knighthood.

Mr. A. M. Samuel's Baronetcy - one of three only - is a deserved consolation award, the "Daily Telegraph" says in an editorial, for loss of the place which his proved talents and industry would certainly have gained him in a purely Conservative Government.

30 PER CENT. OF POLISH JEWS BEEN UNABLE TO RENEW THEIR TRADING AND ARTISAN LICENCES FOR NEW YEAR: DESPERATE OUTLOOK.

Warsaw, Dec. 31st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

30 per cent. of the Jewish traders and artisans throughout the country have been unable to pay the fees necessary to renew their licences for the new year; it is stated to-day. Intervention made to the authorities to allow licence holders to pay their fees by instalments has been unsuccessful.

Delegations from the Central Federation of Jewish Small Traders and the Central Federation of Jewish Artisans have been appealing to the Warsaw Jewish Community to help them to pay the fees for their members, because otherwise they would have to shut their shops and workshops, but the Community was unable to raise the money. The Jewish Rescue Committee expressed itself anxious to help, but has been waiting for funds from the Joint Distribution Committee which have not yet arrived. Saturday is the last day on which the licences can be renewed, otherwise they lapse.

JEWISH SCHOOL-CHILDREN COMPELLED BY HEADMASTER TO WEAR HAIR CUT IN FORM OF CROSS: COMPLAINT OF MORAL PERVERSION LODGED WITH POLISH MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Warsaw, Dec. 31st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Jewish children attending the elementary school in the township of Baranow have been compelled by the headmaster, a man named Kryk, to wear their hair cut in the shape of a cross, Deputy Gruenbaum complains in a memorandum containing photographs of the children which he has submitted to the Minister of Education. A man with such a perverse mind is totally unfitted to be responsible for the instruction of the young, Deputy Gruenbaum writes.

The non-Jewish children in the school, he adds, are following the example of their headmaster, and are persecuting their Jewish fellow-pupils in every way. Good Christians can only feel outraged by such sacrilege of the Christian religious symbol, Deputy Gruenbaum says, and he demands that the Minister should order an enquiry into the matter.

DEATH OF JEWISH SCHOLAR WHO WAS RAPPORTEUR ON JEWISH AFFAIRS TO RUSSIAN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER CZAR AND TAUGHT TOLSTOY HEBREW.

Riga, Dec. 31st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The death has occurred here at the age of 82 of Mayer Feivel Getz, who was at one time Rapporteur on Jewish affairs to the Ministry of Education in the Czarist Empire.

Getz, who was born near Kovno, in 1853, was educated at the Universities of Urieu and Petrograd. In the year 1894 he was appointed to the Ministry of Education. In 1909 he taught Hebrew and Jewish History in the Vilna Seminary. He was a prolific writer in German, Hebrew and Russian, contributing to the "Allgemeine Zeitung des Judentums", "Juedische Presse", "Israelitisches Familienblatt", as well as the London "Jewish Chronicle", the "Magyar Zsidoszene" and the Hebrew "Esemeliz".

He also published several books, and he was one of Tolstoy's Hebrew teachers and also taught Hebrew to Soloviev, who was a close friend.

In 1891 he published a book on Jewish questions with forewords by Tolstoy, Soloviev, and Rodzianko, which was however, confiscated by the authorities.

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