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SECRETARYSHIP OF JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES: NO RECOMMENDATION MADE TO MEETING OF BOARD: MR. LIONEL L. COHEN K.C. REFERS TO J.T.A. REPORT MENTIONING MR. HYAMSON'S NAME IN CONNECTION WITH POST: SAYS STATEMENT WAS UNAUTHORISED AND ONLY PARTIAL DISCLOSURE: REGRETS ANY PAIN OR ANNOYANCE IT MAY HAVE CAUSED MR. HYAMSON: FATE OF MOST HIGHLY PLACED OFFICIALS HE SAYS TO INCUR UNPOPULARITY IN DISCHARGE OF DUTIES AND MR. HYAMSON IS NO EXCEPTION: HISTORY IS APT TO REVERSE THESE EPHEMERAL VERDICTS AND LITTLE DOUBT IT WILL DO IN THIS CASE: ADDS MATTER STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION: MR. D'AVIGDOR GOLDSMID ASSURES MR. SIMON MARKS THAT ULTIMATE DECISION IN REGARD TO APPOINTMENT RESTS WITH DEPUTIES.

London, Jan. 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The report published in the J.T.A. Bulletin of the 16th. inst., in which the name of Mr. Albert M. Hyamson was mentioned in connection with a secretaryship of the Board, was the first matter referred to by Mr. Lionel L. Cohen, when he presented the report of the Law and Parliamentary Committee, of which he is Chairman, at to-day's meeting of the Board of Jewish Deputies.

There was an unusually large number of Deputies known to hold strong Zionist views present, and there was a keen air of expectancy about, which suggested that there would be a vigorous discussion on the question of a successor to Mr. J. M. Rich, as Secretary of the Board. There was an item "appointment of a Secretary" on the agenda, but no recommendation was made to the meeting. The representatives of the press who usually sit at the press table on the stage of the Hall were asked to remain in the body of the hall, while what appeared to be a hurriedly summoned meeting of members of the Selection Committee, the Law and Parliamentary Committee, and the Joint Foreign Committee, was in progress behind the curtains, after which the meeting of the Board was opened.

I do not know, and indeed I do not wish to know, Mr. Lionel L. Cohen, K.C., said, from what source the Jewish Telegraphic Agency obtained its information. It is obviously a gross breach of that confidence which is supposed to be observed with regard to proceedings held in Committee. The statement, I need hardly say, is entirely unauthorised, and comes as a complete surprise to every member, both of the Selection Committee, the Law and Parliamentary Committee, and of the Joint Foreign Committee. As is invariably the case with these partial disclosures, he went on, the statement gives a misleading account of what occurred, and I can only express my very deep regret at any pain or annoyance it may have caused to Mr. Hyamson.

It is the fate of most highly-placed public officials, Mr. Cohen continued, to incur unpopularity in the discharge of their duties at some time or other in their career. Mr. Hyamson, he said, is no exception to the rule. History is apt to reverse these ephemeral verdicts, Mr. Cohen added, and I have little doubt it will do so in this case.

However that may be, he concluded, I can only deplore the choice of a successor to Mr. Rich being made the subject of press comment of this kind, since it inevitable prejudices in advance the position of whatever candidate may eventually be selected.

The matter is still under consideration, Mr. Cohen said in the course of his statement.

Statement About Mr. Hyamson Was Published Previously Elsewhere Than In J.T.A. Bulletin Member Of Board Points Out; Mr. Morris Myer Suggests Adding Chairmen Of Aliens And Palestine Commissions To Selection Committee; Law And Parliamentary Committee Will Meet Probably On Tuesday Mr. D'Avigdor Goldsmid States And Will Go Into Whole Matter Including Probably Mr. Myer's Suggestion; Agrees In Reply To Mr. Simon Marks That Final Decision In Regard To Appointment Rests With Deputies.

Mr. Gaventa, one of the members of the Board, stated that he had read a paragraph in the "Jewish Post" regarding Mr. Hyamson and the secretaryship of the Board. That statement, I think I read it last Friday, he said, prophesied that this was going to be a stormy meeting.

Mr. Morris Myer, the editor of the "Jewish Times" proposed that the names of the chairmen of the Aliens and Palestine Committees should be added to the Selection Committee.

We are having an early meeting of the Law and Parliamentary Committee, possibly on Tuesday next, to go into the whole matter, Mr. O. E. d'Avigdor Goldsmid, the President of the Board, replied, and I have no doubt that Mr. Myer's suggestion will be taken into account. I want the Board to realise, he added, that it makes the task of the Committee impossible if disclosures of this kind are made.

When Mr. Simon Marks said that he took it that the ultimate decision in regard to the appointment rests with the Deputies, Mr. d'Avigdor Goldsmid replied in the affirmative.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency joins Mr. Lionel L. Cohen, K.C., in expressing regret at any pain or annoyance that may have been caused to Mr. Albert M. Hyamson by the publication of its report, which was not intended in any way to prejudice the position of whatever candidate may eventually be selected to occupy the positions rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. J. M. Rich.

The J.T.A. naturally is unable to reveal the sources of its information, but as Mr. Gaventa pointed out at the meeting of the Board, the "Jewish Post" published the report that Mr. Hyamson's name was being put forward by the Selection Committee in its issue of Friday, twenty-four hours in advance of the J.T.A. Bulletin.

The news was, in fact, public property even before that. A number of people who have no connection with the Board were aware of the selection on Thursday, and the matter was being discussed by members of the general public on that day.

The "Jewish Post" and The "Jewish Times" On The Matter.

The "Jewish Post" in its issue of to-day (Sunday) writes:

The "Post" was the only paper in England which published on Friday the report that the Selection Committee of the Board of Deputies had decided to recommend to the Board that the application of Mr. Albert Hyamson, the Immigration Officer in Palestine, should be accepted, meaning that Mr. Hyamson should be appointed as Secretary of the Board of Deputies. The report in the "Post", it adds, roused immense excitement in all Jewish quarters in England. It was the topic of talk everywhere and extreme regret was expressed that the Board of Deputies was going to take so false a step as appointing Mr. Hyamson to be its Secretary.

The "Jewish Times" writes to-day:

Reports have been going about to the effect that Mr. Albert M. Hyamson, the Chief Immigration Officer in Palestine, has already been appointed Secretary of the Jewish Board of Deputies. We have even received a cable from Jerusalem that the Hebrew daily "Davar" prints a statement that Mr. Hyamson has already accepted the post of Secretary of the Board of Deputies. These reports are premature, and not altogether correct.

Owing to the fact that our editor-in-chief, Mr. Morris Myer, is a member of the Joint Foreign Committee, and has conducted a fight there against the appointment of Mr. Hyamson to the post, we could not publish anything concerning this matter. All members of the Committee are bound not to reveal any of the proceedings beyond the official reports which are issued, but now that incorrect reports have already been put into circulation, we are able to give some of the true facts.

The Board of Deputies appointed a special Selection Committee to choose from among the many candidates who had sent in applications one whom it would recommend as Secretary of the Board of Deputies and the Joint Foreign Committee. The Selection Committee consists of Mr. O. E. d'Avignon Goldsmid, the President of the Board of Deputies, Mr. Leonard Montefiore, the President of the Anglo-Jewish Association, Mr. Isidore Salmon, M.P., Mr. Lionel L. Cohen, K.C., Dr. M. Epstein, and Mr. B. S. Straus. This committee selected Mr. Albert M. Hyamson. It considers that he is qualified to be the Secretary of these bodies. At the meeting of the Law and Parliamentary Committee the recommendation was accepted, there being only three dissentients. At the meeting of the Joint Foreign Committee the recommendation was also accepted, with seven members in favour and five dissentients. Notice was given, however, that a motion would be put at the meeting of the Board to refer the recommendation back for reconsideration by the Selection Committee. The matter was to have come up at to-day's meeting of the Jewish Board of Deputies.

The upshot of it is, the "Jewish Times" concludes, that Mr. Hyamson is very far from having been appointed Secretary of the Board of Deputies, and nothing is known yet as to who will be the Secretary. In any case, it was a great mistake to have even recommended him to the post.

Joint Foreign Committee Been Considering Recent Negotiations
Between Dr. Bruening And Hitler And Their Possible Effect
On Jewish Situation In Germany: I Think Hitler Tide Will
Ebb As Quickly As It Has Risen Mr. Leonard Montefiore
Suggests.

The Joint Foreign Committee has carefully considered the negotiations that have recently taken place between Dr. Bruening, the German Chancellor, and the Nationalist leaders, Adolf Hitler and Eugenberg, and their possible effect on the Jewish situation in Germany, the report of the Joint Foreign Committee presented to the meeting of the Board of Deputies to-day by Mr. Leonard G. Montefiore states.

Referring to the great nervous tension in Germany, Mr. Montefiore said that Germany is peculiarly susceptible to mass suggestion. One has only to read the antisemitic press to realise that. I think, however, he pursued, that the Hitler tide, which has been very strong, will ebb as quickly as it has risen.

With regard to the situation in Poland, Mr. d'Avigdor Goldsmid said that the situation is being watched by the Joint Foreign Committee.

Turning to the economic position of the Jews in Poland, he spoke of the value of the Jewish Reconstruction Foundation, in supporting a body of Jewish co-operative societies all over Poland, which has been at work for over six years and has achieved extraordinary success. I think you may take it as fairly accurate, Mr. d'Avigdor Goldsmid said, that one Jew out of three receives some of the advantages of the existence of the Foundation, and we hope that it will meet with further success.

IMPOSSIBLE TO DESCRIBE TRAGEDY OF JEWS IN ISOLATED GERMAN
DISTRICTS SUBJECTED TO HITLERIST BOYCOTT INSULT AND
VIOLENCE: THREE BIG MEETINGS HELD IN BERLIN BY CENTRAL
UNION OF GERMAN CITIZENS OF JEWISH FAITH IN CONNECTION
WITH SESSION OF ITS CENTRAL COMMITTEE ATTENDED BY THOUS-
ANDS OF PROVINCIAL DELEGATES: REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW MADE
TO DR. BRUENING TO DEMAND FROM HIM AUTHORITATIVE CONDEM-
NATION OF INHUMAN HITLERISM TO REASSURE LOYAL JEWISH CITI-
ZENS.

Berlin, Jan. 16th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

It is impossible to describe the tragedy of the Jews living in the isolated places in the provincial districts of Germany, subjected as they are to Hitlerist boycott agitation, insults, sabotage and actual violence, the speakers stressed at three big mass meetings held here to-night by the Central Union of German Citizens of Jewish Faith, in connection with the session which has just been opened here of the Central Committee of the Union, attended by thousands of provincial delegates.

Dr. Julius Brodnitz, the President of the Central Union, Dr. Ludwig Follaender, the Director, and Dr. Alfred Wiener, the Syndikus, described the extensive defensive activity conducted by the Central Union.

Dr. Bruno Weil, Vice-President of the Union, announced that the leaders of the Central Union have asked Dr. Bruening, the Prime Minister, for an interview in order to acquaint him with the serious danger confronting the Jews of Germany, because of the growing activity of the Hitlerists, and to demand that he should at last make an authoritative declaration condemning the inhuman principles of the Hitlerist movement, in order to make clear the position of the Government to the people in the country and to foreign public opinion, as well as to reassure the loyal Jewish citizens that the Government will protect the principle of their quality of rights.

YOUNG JEW ACQUITTED IN WILNA ON CHARGE OF ATTACKING CHRISTIAN STUDENT DURING NOVEMBER DISTURBANCES.

Warsaw, Jan. 16th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Benjamin Ciesielski, a Jewish young man of about twenty years of age, has been acquitted by the law court in Wilna on a charge that he had been one of a mob of Jews which attacked a Christian student on November 10th.; the day of the disturbances in Wilna.

There was no evidence against Ciesielski, except a police report.

JEWISH UNEMPLOYED IN RIGA CREATE DISTURBANCES: PROVOKED BY COMMUNISTS: LARGE NUMBER OF YOUNG JEWS ARRESTED.

Riga, Jan. 16th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Demonstrations of Jewish unemployed have become a daily occurrence in Riga, and acts of violence in connection with them are frequent. A Jewish bakery and a Jewish People's Kitchen have been wrecked by demonstrators. Jewish Communists have joined the unemployed and are provoking them to disorder.

Many young Jews have been arrested by the police, and there is a feeling of extreme tension among the Jewish population of the city.

ZIONIST SCHOOLS IN PALESTINE STILL CLOSED: CONFERENCE OF ALL INTERESTED IN POSITION CALLED BY JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE.

Jerusalem, Jan. 16th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The strike of teachers employed in the schools of the Jewish Agency has not yet been settled.

The schools will remain closed to-morrow (Sunday), when the Executive of the Jewish Agency is holding a Conference of all who are interested in the position, to try to reach a settlement. A statement will be issued after the Conference.

JULIUS ROSENWALD LEAVES 20 MILLION DOLLARS: WILL SHOWS 11 MILLION FOR CHARITIES AND REMAINDER DIVIDED EQUALLY AMONG HIS FIVE CHILDREN.

New York, Jan. 15th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Julius Rosenwald's will, which was filed to-day, shows that he left an estate of 20 million dollars, of which 11 million dollars have been bequeathed to charities. The remaining 9 million dollars are divided equally among his five children.

LARIN CREMATED AND ASHES PLACED IN WALL OF KREMLIN BEHIND LENIN MAUSOLEUM: IMPOSING FUNERAL PROCESSION WITH PARTICIPATION OF MILITARY AND MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT.

Moscow, Jan. 16th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The body of the Communist leader, Larin, who was one of the chief promoters of the Jewish colonisation movement in the Soviet countries, was cremated to-day, and the ashes were placed this afternoon in the wall of the Kremlin, behind the mausoleum of Lenin.

The road taken by the funeral procession to the Red Square was lined by militia, and was headed by a military detachment, and several military bands. Members of the Soviet Government, and delegations from many organisations, institutions and factories followed in the procession. Huge crowds lined the route.

Memorial speeches were delivered from the Lenin mausoleum by M. Lunarcharsky, President of the Communist Academy and former Minister of Education and Fine Arts, and by the Jewish Communist leaders, M. Merezin and M. Limanstein.

THREE MEN OF JEWISH BIRTH CREMATED IN LONDON ON ONE DAY WITH CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN OFFICIATING.

London, Jan. 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency), Sir Sidney Low, the famous journalist and former editor of the "St. James's Gazette", Mr. Arthur Collins, late managing director of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, and Sir G. Charles Handberg, all three of Jewish birth (Sir Charles Handberg's name appears in the new issue of the Jewish Year Book) were cremated yesterday (Saturday) at Golders Green Crematorium.

The Rev. Herbert Trundle, the Chaplain, officiated at the funeral service for Sir Sidney Low, among those present being Lady Low, Dr. M. D. Eder, and Mrs. Eder, Sir Sidney's sister, and Mr. Richard Haden-Buest, his nephew. A memorial service will be held to-morrow (Monday) morning at the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. McCormick.

The Rev. T. C. Dale officiated at the funeral service for Mr. Arthur Collins, and the Rev. J. Sylvester Roulton officiated at the funeral service for Sir Charles Handberg.

Sir Henry Lesser Rothband, one of the Jewish baronets, brother-in-law of Sir Charles Handberg, and Joint Managing Director of the Handberg firm, was among those present at the service.

JEWISH EMIGRATION IN 1931: REPORT TO MEETING OF HICEM.

Berlin, Jan. 16th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

While general emigration has decreased over 60 per cent., Jewish emigration, despite all restrictions upon immigration and despite the economic conditions prevailing in Eastern Europe which hinder the departure of would-be immigrants, has fallen only about 50 per cent., from 39,000 in 1930 to about 20,000 in 1931. M. Eduard Oungre, said in his report on the activities of the Hicem for 1931, submitted to the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hias-Ica-Emigdirekt (Hicem) which has just been held here, with Dr. J. Blau in the chair.

The decrease was particularly noticeable in the United States, he said, where only 1,006 Jewish immigrants entered in the first four months of the fiscal year 1930-1931. 155 Jewish immigrants were admitted into Canada during the first nine months of the past year. During the same period 2,926 Jewish immigrants entered the Argentine, about 1,600 entered Brazil, and 868 entered Uruguay, and 152 entered Chile between June and October.

Owing to improvements in the work of the Committees, and also the greater need for protection of the emigrants, the number of those who were effectively assisted by the Hicem, it was stated, instead of decreasing in the same measure as Jewish emigration, has on the contrary increased proportionately. The number of immigrants who entered the Argentine in 1930 owing to the intervention of the Hicem Committees, represented 49 per cent. of the Jewish immigration into that country, while in 1931 the proportion was 63 per cent.

The re-emigration movement from South America which had become alarming at the beginning of 1931, has almost completely stopped, thanks to the measures taken on the spot by the Hicem Committees. The establishment of a Hicem Committee in Chile, it is added, gives good prospects of a possibility of taking this country accessible shortly to certain categories of artisans and specially qualified workers. The future in South America, where restrictions on immigration are only temporary, seems, notwithstanding present conditions, to hold good promise, it was stated.

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