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JUDGE CARDOZA APPOINTED TO UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT:  
JOINS JUDGE BRANDEIS AS SECOND JEW IN HIGHEST AMERICAN  
TRIBUNAL.

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

Judge Benjamin N. Cardoza, one of the great Jewish jurists in America, has been appointed by President Hoover a Judge of the Supreme Court of Justice, in place of Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes, son of the famous author of the "Break-fast Table" series, who retired a month ago on reaching the age limit.

Thus there are now two Jews in the Supreme Court, Judge Cardoza joining Mr. Justice Brandeis, the former Zionist leader, whose appointment by the late President Wilson was met by some objection at the time on the ground that no Jew had ever before been a member of the Supreme Court.

As soon as Judge Holmes retired, Judge Cardoza, who has till now been Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New York, was mentioned as his successor. Senator Royal S. Copeland, the Senator for New York, was reported the very next day to have urged the appointment on President Hoover. Judge Daniel Kenefick, who, too, urged Judge Cardoza's claim, declared him to be the "greatest legal mind in this country". "He is one of the greatest writers of legal opinions in the history of the Bar", he said, "and I cannot urge too strongly that he should be given the honour of being Supreme Court Justice of the United States. I know no one as qualified as Judge Cardoza to fill the place of Justice Holmes".

Nevertheless, it was stated in Washington on what claimed to be good authority about a fortnight ago that President Hoover had practically decided not to appoint Judge Cardoza because, though holding his great personal qualifications in high deference, he had reached the conclusion, however, that geographical considerations must prevail. The present composition of the Supreme Court, which already has two Judges from New York, it was pointed out, required the appointment of a Westerner, and for that reason President Hoover felt inclined to appoint someone else now, and appoint Judge Cardoza when the next vacancy arose.

The report added, however, that popular pressure might still lead the President to reconsider his decision. The demand for Judge Cardoza's appointment, it was stated, was almost unparalleled. The White House was flooded with communications from outstanding personalities in the legal profession and from Bar Associations urging Judge Cardoza's appointment. Senator Borah, the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as the leading Senator from the West, urged on the President that he should appoint Judge Cardoza, because "his qualifications are indisputably transcending those of any jurist in the United States", and therefore "the West withdraws all claim that it had for geographical consideration in the new appointment".

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A few days ago it was revealed that Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes himself had suggested to Governor Ely, of Massachusetts, the appointment of another Jew to fill the vacancy created by his retirement, Professor Felix M. Frankfurter, Professor of Law at Harvard University, who was a member of the Zionist Delegation to the Peace Conference. Professor Frankfurter is one of the ablest and most profound members of the legal profession in the American nation, Judge Holmes said.

A few years ago, Judge Cardoza was offered appointment as American member of the Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague, but he declined the offer.

PALESTINE MAY BE INCLUDED IN IMPERIAL PREFERENCE SCHEME: BILL GIVES GOVERNMENT POWER TO EXTEND IT TO MANDATED TERRITORY AS IF IT WERE TERRITORY UNDER HIS MAJESTY'S PROTECTION.

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

Palestine is held under a Clause "A" Mandate, Mr. H. V. Williams said in the House of Commons to-day in the debate on the second reading of the Import Duties Bill. This, he went on, is interpreted as meaning that for preference purposes it should be treated as a foreign country. That is a unilateral declaration on our part, he continued, and I hope that Clause 5 of this Bill means that it has been decided to treat Palestine as an integral part of the British Empire.

It will be a matter of profound satisfaction to the Home Secretary (Sir Herbert Samuel), Mr. Williams proceeded amid laughter, if under the Mandate Imperial Preference is granted to Palestine.

We ought, he concluded, to get rid of the unconditional "favoured nation" clause and replace it by some conditional form which will enable us to give some concessions for concessions received.

∴ Clause 5 of the Bill reads: Neither the general ad valorem duty nor any additional duty shall be chargeable in respect of goods which are shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners to have been consigned from and grown, produced or manufactured in any part of His Majesty's Dominion outside the United Kingdom, other than a country to which the last preceding section of this Act applies, or any territory which is under His Majesty's protection.

His Majesty may by Order in Council declare that this action shall apply to any territory in respect of which a mandate of the League of Nations is being exercised by the Government of the United Kingdom as if that territory were territory under His Majesty's Protection.

4,075 JEWS ENTERED PALESTINE IN 1931 AS 666 LEFT.

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

4,075 Jews, 1,245 Christians, and 1,211 Moslems entered Palestine as immigrants during the year 1931, it is announced here to-day.

555 Jews, 573 Christians and 107 Moslems emigrated from Palestine during the year.

ZIONIST COUNCIL MEMBERS IN PALESTINE HOLD MEETING TO CONSIDER  
JEWISH-ARAB ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE PROPOSALS.

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

The members of the Zionist General Council (Actions Committee) who are resident in Palestine, have held a meeting here on the invitation of Dr. Arlosoroff, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, at which they took up the question of the recent disclosures with regard to the proposals for a Jewish-Arab Round Table Conference put forward by the ex-Khedive of Egypt.

MR. EMANUEL NEUMAN ARRIVES IN LONDON: BRINGS WITH HIM LETTER  
FROM SENATOR KING ASSURING AMERICAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE  
WILL DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO FURTHER JEWISH EFFORTS FOR  
REHABILITATION OF PALESTINE AND RESTORATION OF THEIR  
NATIONAL LIFE.

London, Feb. 16th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Emanuel Neuman, American member of the Jewish Agency Executive, who arrived here to-day from Paris to take up his duties on the Executive, told the J.T.A. that just as he had left New York on his way to London he had received a message from Senator William H. King of Utah, who presided at the dinner in Washington on January 17th., where the American Palestine Committee was formed, assuring him that the Committee would do all in its power to aid the rehabilitation of Palestine as the Jewish national homeland.

Both the people and the Government of the United States have given repeated indications of their sympathetic interests in the Zionist cause, Senator King wrote. This interest is rooted in the tradition and history of our own country, in its dedication to the cause of freedom, its concern for the smaller nationalities and its consciousness of the great debt which Christian civilisation owes to Israel.

It was no accident that President Wilson was powerfully instrumental in helping to secure international recognition of Jewish aspirations in Palestine and that each of his successors in office, including President Hoover, has given public expression to his Zionist sympathies. The historic resolution adopted by the unanimous vote of both houses of Congress in 1922 and signed by President Harding was no mere gesture, but a carefully considered action by which the United States of America gave its formal and public approval to the reconstitution of the Jewish National Home. Moreover the Balfour Declaration and indeed the whole of the Mandate for Palestine were textually incorporated in a special Convention on Palestine, negotiated between the United States and Great Britain in 1925.

I, therefore, feel that I am speaking, not only for my distinguished associates who have participated in the formation of the American Palestine Committee; but for large numbers of our fellow citizens everywhere when I say that there are few causes which command such universal sympathy and approval in this country as the Zionist movement.

It was not surprising that following the authoritative presentation made by Professor Frankfurter and your own eloquent appeal such an immediate and gratifying response was forthcoming on the part of the leading American statesmen.

The American Palestine Committee will endeavour to disseminate correct information about the progress of the Jewish National Home and the Palestine situation generally; and

will, I hope, lend powerful moral support to your cause. It is intended that the Committee will soon formulate its further plans.

You may sail with the complete assurance that the Committee, which you helped to bring into being, will do all in its power to further the noble efforts of the Jewish people for the rehabilitation of the Holy Land and the restoration of their National life.

JEWISH COLONISATION MOVEMENT IN RUSSIA: AGROJOINT CUTS DOWN ITS PROGRAMME AND HANDS OVER ITS TRACTORS PREPARATORY TO GRADUAL LIQUIDATION OF ITS WORK WITHIN NEXT TWO YEARS.

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

The reconstituted Comzet (Government Commission for Jewish Settlement) considered and approved in principle at its first meeting held here the plan of work for 1932 submitted to it by the Agrojoint, the instrument of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee of America in its colonisation work in Russia, the effect of which is to reduce and change considerably the scope of the work hitherto carried on by the Agrojoint in the Crimea.

Beginning this year the Agrojoint will take no further part in field work in the Crimea, leaving this entirely to the State machine tractor stations which serve the non-Jewish collective farms. The Agrojoint is in this connection transferring 70 tractors, 25 combines with ploughs, and other agricultural machinery, as well as its repairing workshops in the Crimea, to the machine tractor stations in the Crimea.

The Agrojoint will also withdraw from building work. It will, however, first complete the building of 350 houses which it started erecting last year in the Jewish settlements of the Crimea.

The Agrojoint will henceforth concentrate on the development of more intensive cultivation, and of the higher branches of agriculture, such as irrigated orchard growing, vine growing, poultry farming, sheep breeding, etc. More than 800,000 roubles will be spent this year by the Agrojoint on gardening, 400,000 roubles on vine growing, over 400,000 roubles on poultry farming, 160,000 roubles on sheep rearing, and in addition a considerable sum will be allocated for the development of artisan crafts in the Jewish collective farms of the Crimea, in which the O.R.T. Fédération is also participating.

The Agrojoint is winding up its work in the Crimea because in the first place, with collectivisation in the Jewish land settlements of the Crimea effected almost 100 per cent., there is no longer any need of a special organisation to serve the Jewish migrants, and in the second place, the funds which are now being assigned by the State for Jewish transmigration are so considerable that the funds of the Agrojoint no longer play so important a part as they once did, and the Agrojoint feels that it is better for it to use its funds where the Government aid is not yet adequate and where its own help is therefore more essential.

Apart from the work in which the Agrojoint has been engaged with its own funds, it has in the past several years also been carrying on an extensive activity on funds allocated to it by the Government. The Agrojoint has now found it necessary, however, to restrict itself to working only with its own funds and has refused a sum of six million roubles which was offered it by the Government for the purpose of its work in the Crimea this year.

The Agrojoint is also anxious to reduce its commitments in the Crimea because it wishes to make gradual provision for the liquidation of its work in the Soviet Union, probably in the next two years, and it is therefore transferring important branches of its previous work to the respective Soviet organisations.

~~THE ARRIVALS IN CRIMEA: HOUSES RESERVED BY~~  
SETTLERS WHO LEFT LAST YEAR BEING PLACED AT THEIR DISPOSAL.  
London, Feb. 15th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The first group of Jewish migrants this year has just arrived in the Crimea. The group consists of thirty families, and several more groups are expected to follow in a few days.

According to the Comzet, 600 Jewish families can be settled now in the Crimean Jewish collective farms and provided immediately with housing accommodation. So many of the settlers re-emigrated during the past year that there are over 200 houses standing empty, and the others, it is said, can be accommodated for the time being with the older settlers. It is planned to build another 900 new houses this year.

It is planned to start a big activity in the Crimea this year. 1,500 cattle will be added to the dairy-farms, there will be an increase of 4,000 sheep, 30,000 poultry, and 300 pigs. 50,000 new fruit trees will be planted, and the area of land under cultivation will be extended.

JEWISH LAWYER AND EX-DEPUTY SUMMONED TO GENEVA AS LITHUANIAN EXPERT IN KEMEL DISPUTE.

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

Ex-Deputy Dr. Jacob Robinson, one of the Jewish leaders in Lithuania, has on the request of the Lithuanian Government, left hurriedly for Geneva together with the Foreign Minister, A. Zaunius, in order to defend the Lithuanian case at the Council of the League of Nations against the charges brought by the German Government in connection with the situation in Kemel.

Dr. Robinson, is one of the best lawyers in Lithuania, and the chief authority in the country on international law, particularly in regard to the Kemel Convention.

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

Dr. Jacob Robinson has just arrived here together with the Lithuanian Foreign Minister, M. Zaunius, to act as the legal expert of the Lithuanian delegation on the Kemel controversy, which is now before the League of Nations Council.

HOW JEWS ARE TREATED IN BRITAIN AND ON THE CONTINENT: "DAILY EXPRESS" DRAWS A LESSON.

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

To-day we begin the publication of Mr. Louis Golding's great novel of Jew and Gentile life, "Magnolia Street", the "Daily Express" writes in an editorial to-day.

To-day also comes the news, it proceeds, of a violent outbreak of antisemitism in Bucharest University. On the Continent, the "Express" says, the Jews apparently will never cease to be regarded as a problem and a menace. In Britain they are accepted as a distinctive but not an alien part of the common body of citizenship. Mr. Golding vividly portrays the surface clashes, the economic rivalries, and the spiritual apartness of Jew and Gentile in an English town. But he also brings out, it adds, how they merge and co-operate in the presence of a national or a human crisis.

JACOB EPSTEIN TURNS TO THE BIBLE. (London, Feb. 16th. (J.T.A.).

Jacob Epstein, the famous sculptor, is opening an exhibition of water colours of Old Testament characters and subjects at the Redfern Gallery next Tuesday.

One of the finest of all the water-colours, the "Daily Express" writes, is the conception of Saul and Jonathan: "They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions". The irresistible power and force in the onward urge of those two bodies fully justifies the quoted title. There is so much masculine strength in those finely moulded limbs that one is anxious to know why Epstein gives to Saul and Jonathan the heads of dogs. These are questions, it says, which will be asked by most laymen who actually see the show and by more still who only see the reproductions. Epstein has leaped once more into the bull ring of heated controversy.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND ASSURANCE DEPARTMENT. London, Feb. 15th. (J.T.A.).

A company has been registered under the name of the Jewish National Fund (Lepeuloth Meyuhadoth), Ltd., to control the activities of the Assurance Department of the Jewish National Fund. The members of the Board are Mr. R.B. Solomon (Chairman), Dr. E. A. Zweig, Messrs. Paul Goodman, C. J. Ross, and L. Schen.