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NEW ARAB OFFERS TO JEWS TO LEASE TRANSJORDAN LAND AS ARAB PRESS OPENS CAMPAIGN OF OPPOSITION

Leading Sheik of Transjordan, Mithkal Pasha, Offers Lease of 100,000 Dunams of His Land; Palestine and Syrian Arab Papers Seek to Prevent Consumption of Land Leases; See Land Leases Leading to Jewish Colonization of Transjordan; Neumann and Farbstain Prominently Linked with Present Developments

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17—Wider possibilities seem opening to the Jews to enter Transjordan peacefully as an extension of Palestine settlement through the lease of land offered to them by Arab sheiks.

Today Mithkal Pasha, the most influential sheik in Transjordan, and head of the largest Beduin tribe — the Beni Sakhr — followed the precedent set by Emir Abdullah himself and made an offer to lease 100,000 dunams of land to the Jews.

Emir Abdullah, it was reported, leased to a Jewish company 50,000 dunams of his own land for a period of ninety-nine years.

Mithkal Pasha's land offer, according to the Arab paper "El Islamia" was dictated by the need for funds to keep his tribe from starving. The tribe, it is stated, has been reduced to dire straits by the appalling economic situation in Transjordan.

The Hebrew paper "Davar" discloses

Melchett Denies Intention Of Meeting Abbas Hilmi

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17—Lord Melchett yesterday emphatically denied at a press conference, in response to an inquiry by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, that he had come to Palestine to meet Abbas Hilmi, former Khedive of Egypt now in Palestine on a visit, for the purpose of completing a plan for the settlement of Jews in Transjordan.

"I have never met Abbas Hilmi. I have no intention of meeting him," Lord Melchett declared.

Reports of the Abbas Hilmi-Melchett meeting had been published by the Arab press.

Questioned concerning the recent anti-Semitic riots in Poland, Lord Melchett stated that he believes that the Polish government does not desire the excesses to occur, but it is a question whether it exercises sufficiently strong control over the local authorities.

today that Transjordanian tribe heads have for some time been approaching the Jewish Agency with offers for the sale of land. The miserable situation of Transjordan as compared with the prosperity in Palestine convinces them that the salvation of Transjordan can come only through the Jews, the tribe

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Jewish Students Thrown Out Of Berlin University by Nazis; Five Jews Injured

Three Women Among Injured Students; Rector Fails to Intervene When Disturbances Recur

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, Jan. 17—Anti-Jewish disturbances were renewed this morning at the University of Berlin after several months of comparative peace.

Two hundred Nazi students surrounded the Jewish students in the campus restaurant and employing chairs, tables and glassware as missiles, attacked the Jews. Five Jewish students, including three women students, sustained injuries.

All the Jewish students were thrown out of the campus buildings.

The Nazi students were joined by members of the Nazi Storm Troops who attempted to resist police efforts to disperse them. The Nazi throngs were finally broken up, but not before they had demonstrated and shouted invectives against the Jews. "Perish Judaea!" "Down with von Schleicher!" "Down with Kachler!" they cried. "We will turn Berlin into a Leipzig!"

Kachler is Minister of Education of Prussia and has incurred the ire of the Nazi students because of his successful intervention in behalf of Professor Ernst Cohn of Breslau University whose lectures were reinstated last week.

The Rector of Berlin University failed to intervene during the disturbances. A Jewish student delegation submitted a complaint to him.

Mandates Commission Report To League Council Reveals Opposition to Legislative Council

Mandates Commission States It Is Unconvinced Palestine Is Ready for Britain's Contemplated Policy

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

GENEVA, Jan. 17—What is interpreted as opposition on the part of the Mandates Commission to Great Britain's announced intention of establishing a Legislative Council in Palestine is seen in the report which the Mandates Commission has drawn up for presentation to the Council of the League of Nations, a copy of which the Jewish Telegraphic Agency secured yesterday.

The Mandates Commission Report declares that it is unconvinced that the country is prepared for Britain's contemplated policy. This is believed to refer to the Legislative Council projected.

The Mandatory Commission takes cognizance of Great Britain's declarations with regard to its program of constructive policy in Palestine, says the report. From the declarations and information which the Mandates Commission has received from the Mandatory, it appears that the preparatory period has been concluded.

The Mandates Commission further

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Czech Jewish War Veterans Organize

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

PRAGUE, Jan. 17—A Federation of Jewish War Veterans is being formed in Czechoslovakia, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns from the Ministry of Defense.

The new organization, which will be modeled along the lines of the organizations of Jewish war veterans in other countries will organize those Jews who served in the Czech Legions which fought before the Revolution for the creation of the Czechoslovakian Republic.

The movement is directly inspired by the Jewish soldiers' movements in other countries, but also by the realization of the need to counter the growing anti-Jewish and reactionary feeling in certain legionary quarters, which it is added, is condemned, however, by the majority of the army members, both active and on the retired list.

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Jewish Daily Bulletin, Inc.**Judge Stern Urges His
Plan for Organization
Of Jewish Community****Delivers First of "Fuld Memorial Lectures"; Says Youth Wants Dynamic Attitude; Not Satisfied with Theology**

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

NEWARK, Jan. 17 — Maintaining that "extra-synagogal activity is vital to the perpetuation of religion," Judge Horace Stern of Philadelphia, in an address in Fuld Hall last night, reiterated his plan for the centralization of all Jewish communal activity in the synagogue.

Judge Stern delivered the first of the "Fuld Memorial Lectures" on the occasion of the anniversary of the death of the late Felix Fuld. After paying tribute to the memory of the late local merchant and philanthropist, whom he knew through mutual contact on the American Jewish Committee and in other spheres, the jurist proceeded to explain the scope of the "Stern Plan."

According to this plan, all Jewish philanthropic, charitable and educational endeavor would be regulated constructively through the synagogue, Charity federations and similar bodies charged with executive administration would continue to exist, he explained, because the house of worship would serve as a propaganda medium, promoter of enthusiasm for these causes, and development of an interested and intelligent laity. "The latter would in time become specialists in communal fields because each layman could select the particular phase that interests him or her," he said.

"This would bring a change in the synagogue from a house of prayer to a social institution as well—with healthy rivalry for accomplishment on the part of its respective memberships," said Judge Stern. "It would mean a change in the hectic, sporadic
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leaders are reported to have said. These same leaders have urged Emir Abdullah to encourage the Jews to settle in Transjordan, the paper writes.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17—The names of Emanuel Neumann of New York and Heschel Farbstein of Poland, both members of the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem, are prominently linked with the reported lease of Transjordan land to Jews, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency understands that Mr. Neumann and Mr. Farbstein have visited the Emir several times recently. Both Agency representatives consider it premature to issue a statement at this time.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17—A campaign to persuade Emir Abdullah of Transjordan to prevent the lease of land to the Jews, as a land reserve for Jewish settlement, was launched today by the Arab press in both Palestine and Syria.

The Arab press concludes that Emir Abdullah has either concluded or is about to conclude an agreement for the lease of the 50,000 dunams of his personal domain, the lease of which he advertised in the Transjordanian press "to all who wish to acquire it."

The Damascus Arab paper "Al Iyam" states that it is able to report definitely that Emir Abdullah has practically signed an agreement. According to the agreement, the Jews are to lease 70,000 dunams of the Emir's lands in the vicinity of Shuna between Allenby Bridge and Alsalt, bordering Palestine. The rental is £2,000 annually for a period of ninety-nine years, "Al Iyam" states.

The Palestine press expresses the anxious view that Emir Abdullah's act will be followed by other Pashas and that Transjordan will be opened wide to Zionist immigration. Jews will be permitted to penetrate to Transjordan, now that they have a strong foothold in Palestine, they state.

The Arab papers appeal to Emir Abdullah "not to capitulate to Zionist money."

In a long and bitter editorial, the "Falastin" asserts that the offer to lease Transjordan land to the Jews marks the end of Transjordan's isolation and the beginning of Jewish colonization there.

The Arab Independent Party, at a meeting today, resolved to take measures to prevent the consummation of the transaction. An appeal to high official quarters is contemplated.

The repeated visits to Jerusalem by Mithkal Pasha al Faiz towards the end of last year, occasioned a great deal of criticism in the Arab press where it was

rumored that he was engaged in negotiations for the sale of tribal lands to Jews. In an interview with him reported in an Arab paper, Mithkal was said to have complained bitterly against the Moslem Supreme Council, from whom he had unsuccessfully tried to borrow money for the purchase of bread and seed for the starving Bnei Sakhr, the largest of the Transjordan Beduin tribes of which he is head. He declared that he had even offered them the best of his own lands as security.

Asked whether he would sell his lands to the Jews, he expressed himself in a way that left no room for doubt that he would do anything to relieve the serious distress among his fellow-tribemen.

More recently Mithkal Pasha made a statement to a representative of the "Alif Ba", of Damascus, in which he pointed to the possibility of trouble in Transjordan unless something were done to alleviate the poverty of the peasants and the larger landowners.

**Executive Board of
U.A.H.C. Maps Program
Of Extensive Work****Budget for Hebrew Union College Cut
\$55,000; Greater Relief for
Aged Rabbis**

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 17 — Programs for greater relief for aged rabbis, more unified congregational activities, and extension of religious work to small, unorganized Jewish communities were mapped out by the executive board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at its semi-annual meeting here.

After a two-day convention in Temple Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, the board decided principally to seek active cooperation from conservative and orthodox congregations throughout the country in aiding superannuated rabbis who are now in distress and require assistance.

As provided in bequests to the union's \$197,000 synagogue pension fund, it will be made available for relief of orthodox, conservative and reform rabbis. Enlargement of the will also be sought during 1933. Representatives of orthodox and conservative congregations will be asked to cooperate in distributing the relief to needy cases.

Despite sharply curtailed budgets, the board approved the plan of the board of managers of synagogue and school extension to carry on more intensively its survey of congregational activities this year.

This latter board will gather and
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Deputy Demands Expulsion Of Jews from Poland; Says Country Cannot Support Them

Jews Rob Poles of Their Bread, National Democratic Deputy Asserts; Scored by Minister of Interior

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WARSAW, Jan. 17—A demand that the Jews be expelled from Poland "because they rob the Poles of their bread," was presented to the Budget Commission of the Polish Sejm yesterday by the National Democratic Deputy Wierczak.

A Jewish population of 4,600,000 is too great for Poland to support, the anti-Semitic deputy asserted. For this reason the Jewish question cannot be eliminated from Polish life as it cannot be eliminated from the life of many countries in Europe, he said.

He further charged the Jews with attacking Polish students in Lemberg, Warsaw and other cities and with responsibility for the recent anti-Semitic riots.

Minister of Interior Pieracki scored the National Democrats for nurturing Polish youth on anti-Semitism. This is contrary to law, he stated, and the authorities will therefore suppress anti-Semitic riots.

The Minister of Interior, referring to the recent anti-Semitic excesses, declared that their extent and gravity had been exaggerated by "a nervous Jewish press."

Amid jeers and interruptions by the National Democratic Deputies, Dr. Heinrich Rosmarin, vice-president of the Club of Jewish Deputies in the Polish Sejm, replied to Wierczak, scoring the National Democrats and the government.

The Jewish deputy arraigned the National Democrats for their agitation among the masses to seek revenge against the Jews as responsible for Poland's economic crisis.

The central authorities were criticized by him for permitting the continuance in office of the district Governor of Vienna who allowed the riots to continue in Lemberg for five days. He protested against the confiscation of the Jewish press for publishing reports of the riots, while the Polish papers were permitted to print what they chose in the same connection.

Dr. Rosmarin also utilized the occasion to criticize the government's general policy with regard to the Jewish Community in Poland.

Revisionist Party Council To Meet Next Month

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WARSAW, Jan. 17—The Revisionist Party Council will meet in Kattowitz some time in the middle of next month.

Vladimir Jabotinsky, president of the World Union of Zionist Revisionists will attend the sessions.

Boris Brasol, Chief Witness Of U. S. in Court Suit, Indicted for Anti-Semitism

Attorney for Russian Volunteer Fleet Accuses Brasol of Notoriety as Anti-Semite in Russia and America

Anti-Semitism was injected as an issue in a United States Court suit Friday afternoon in the case of the Russian Volunteer Fleet vs. the United States government, when the attorneys for the Russian Fleet sought to impeach the credibility of the government's chief witness on the grounds of his anti-Semitism.

The witness whose testimony was attacked is Boris Brasol, a member of the old Czarist Russian aristocracy, whom Charles Recht, attorney for the Fleet, sought to picture as a modern Haman. The anti-Semitic trail was taken up by Recht in the course of his questioning of Brasol's legal activities in Russia.

"Name some of the leading cases in which you were employed in Russia," said Recht.

Brasol instanced two cases. "Give us some more," said Recht. "I handled several thousand cases. Do you want me to go on endlessly?"

"Were you ever connected with the Beilis ritual murder case?" demanded Recht.

The attorney for the government, H. Briand Holland, was quickly on his feet with objections to the question.

"What do you propose to show," interposed Commissioner Myron C. Cohen, before whom the suit is being tried.

"We propose to prove that this witness's mind is biased—that in Russia his anti-Semitism was notorious—that in this country since his arrival he has been a propagandist—that he has been associated in this country with the publication of a forgery—that he has been exposed in the public prints—that he labors under the belief or affects to believe to be a Bolshevik is to be a Jew, and that accordingly, all of his views of Soviet issues are colored by this anti-Jewish phobia, and that consequently his testimony on Soviet affairs is undependable.

"I profoundly regret," said Recht, "that I am forced to introduce this angle into the case, but the government need not be surprised. I have warned them repeatedly. There are hundreds of experts on Russian affairs. There was no need to take this particular one, but they have taken him, despite my warnings that if they did, I would impeach the worth of his testimony. They have acted contemptuously in the face of my warning. It is an affront to the millions of taxpayers who are Jews for the United States Attorney to have spent the money he has on this witness.

"We propose to show," continued Mr. Recht, "the unreliability of the

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Oppose Political Bureau in Palestine Until Jabotinsky Settles in Geneva

Palestine Revisionists Express Distrust of London Revisionist Executive

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17—Expressing distrust of the Revisionist Executive in London and its policies, the Party Council of the Palestine Revisionists, resolved yesterday to oppose the establishment of a Revisionist Political Bureau in Jerusalem until such a time as Vladimir Jabotinsky takes over the complete control of Revisionist political activities and settles in Geneva.

This resolve was adopted after a stormy debate in which Meer Grossman, vice-president of the World Union of Zionist Revisionists, participated.

It was further resolved that henceforth the leading positions in the Revisionist movement should be assigned only to those who recognize the primacy of Revisionist discipline as expressed by Jabotinsky.

The Palestine Revisionists agreed to render financial support to Jabotinsky in connection with his activities in the projected establishment of Revisionist headquarters in Geneva.

The Palestine Revisionists constitute the wing of the World Union of Zionist Revisionists which supports the creation of an independent Zionist Organization. At the last conference of the Revisionist Union held in Geneva last summer, the Palestine Revisionist delegation fought to have the Revisionists secede from the World Zionist Organization. They strongly opposed the payment of shekels to the Zionist Organization, which is left to the discretion of individual Revisionists in accordance with the agreement reached at a party conference held in Calais late in 1931.

At last summer's conference the Palestine delegation led the fight for the resolution which declares that all Revisionists, notwithstanding the recognition of the Revisionist Union as a separate union within the Zionist Organization, are subject to the discipline of the Revisionist Union.

Captain Reginald Sassoon Succumbs to Injuries

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, Jan. 17—Captain Reginald Sassoon, member of the Indian branch of the Sassoon family, originally hailing from Bagdad, noted for its philanthropic enterprises in behalf of Jews and non Jews, succumbed here yesterday to injuries received when he was thrown from a horse in a race at Lingfield.

Captain Sassoon was a famous rider and was a member of the National Hunt Committee. He lived in India, but came to England every year for the races.

Boris Brasol, Chief Witness Of U. S. in Court Suit, Indicted for Anti-Semitism

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witness by such statements of his as the following to be found in his utterances, namely: that Kameneff was involved in a post office robbery, and that Trotzky has stolen and secreted some eighty million golden roubles. We propose to show it by his participation in the Beilis ritual murder case, and by his association in the spreading of the forgery of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

The injection of the Jewish angle brought forth the suggestion from Commissioner Cohen, that perhaps it would be best for him to withdraw, and allow a non-Jew to sit in his stead. The lawyers for the government, announcing their own desire for Commissioner Cohen to continue, upon the suggestion of the Court, there was a lull in the legal proceedings in order to communicate with the Attorney-General at Washington.

When word from the Attorney-General came suggesting that the Commissioner continue his hearing, Mr. Holland, for the government, arose to express his pleasure at the continuance of the Jewish judge in the case.

Friday's session of the court was concluded with the admission into the record for identification of two volumes written by Brasol—"The World at the Cross Roads" and "The Balance Sheet of Sovietism," which Mr. Recht charges revealed Brasol's anti-Jewish, anti-Soviet prejudice.

Brasol was also asked to identify some articles of a series of expose articles dealing with Brasol among others which appeared in Hearst's International Magazine in 1922.

The general hearing of the case is expected to take at least another week.

79 Matriculate Today At Hebrew University

Seventy-nine new students will be admitted to the Hebrew University at its matriculation ceremonies today, according to a cable dispatch received by Dr. A. S. Rosenbach, President of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

The matriculation ceremonies which follow the granting of the M.A. degree to eleven students last month, will be observed by a reception tendered to incoming students by the Students' organization at the annual ball to which four hundred guests, including government officials, consular representatives and others have been invited.

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Executive Board of U.A.H.C. Maps Program Of Extensive Work

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tabulate the varied educational, religious and social programs conducted by the 281 member congregations of the union, separate the ephemeral from the more permanent items, and then endeavor to formulate the nucleus of a standard, sound, communal program for the congregations.

Attempts to advance extension work in 1,000 small cities and villages, in which but handfuls of Jews live, will be made this year, it was agreed. This will be carried on by regional rabbis, by local rabbis who cover nearby areas, and by advancement committees of both laymen and religious leaders.

During the past year, hundreds of small cities and towns were visited by volunteer laymen and rabbis at regular intervals, to stimulate Jewish activities, it was reported. A goal of 1,000 cities has now been set, however.

Appropriations of \$496,379 for the Hebrew Union College and for the work of the various units of the U.A.H.C. were recommended for the coming year. This is \$55,000 less than last year. Retrenchments since the peak budget of 1929 will reach \$300,000, it was estimated.

The committee on good will between Christians and Jews was encouraged by the executive board to carry on its program of research and demonstrations in definite localities, educational work in seminars, and articles in the Christian religious and lay press, to foster harmony.

The department of synagogue and school extension reported that 133 publications were put out during the past year and that textbooks were supplied to 40,000 pupils.

Scholarships and special bequests to the Hebrew Union College reached \$32,464 in the past year, the report of the board of governors of the college to the union's executive board revealed.

Julius W. Freiberg, of Cincinnati, was appointed chairman of the program committee for the 33rd council of the union which is to convene in Chicago, June 18-22. The committee met Sunday night in Chicago.

In his opening address to the Milwaukee meeting, Ludwig Vogelstein, chairman of the executive board, declared that unless proper guidance is offered modern Jewish youth, the perpetuation of the Jewish religion is jeopardized.

"Without proper leadership young persons are apt to be submerged in rank materialism, in cheap amusements and doubtful pleasures, leaving them without any ideals, with a soul yearning for something, they don't know how to define," Dr. Vogelstein said.

The union has launched a definite program for the benefit of Jewish youth which has as its primary object the preservation of faith, he explained.

Judge Stern Urges His Plan for Organization Of Jewish Community

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and harried way of carrying on these communal institutions as they do today. And to the Jewish people generally, it would mean hearkening back to the glorious past when the synagogue originally was the place for all this activity.

"It is not merely an espousal of the philanthropy of raising money. If that were the case, I might say let the state do it. The edict of this plan would be communal activity resting principally on religious sanction. If, for instance, we must have such monstrosities as annual drives, let them emanate at least from the houses of prayer.

"We have been fond of going to the synagogue or temple as a place in which to meditate or for solitude. But youth demands concrete results of religion. Theology alone does not seem to satisfy youth; it wants a dynamic attitude. All these communal institutions represent Jewish life.

"If they were sponsored by members of the temple or synagogue, a person couldn't belong to the latter unless he took an interest in communal activity. Public opinion would condemn any such lack of interest, as it condemned slackers during the recent war hysteria period."

During a brief forum period, Rabbi Charles I. Hoffman, of Ohel Shalom Synagogue, in declaring his approval of the general scope of the plan, inquired, however, as to what amount of interest in communal endeavor could be expected from the unaffiliated. Judge Stern, in replying, asserted that many persons who insist on ethical expression in religion, but at present unaffiliated, in seeing the synagogue sponsoring social and welfare projects, would become attracted to it.

Samuel F. Leber, president of the Conference of Jewish Charities, presided. Previous to the lecture, Judge Stern was entertained at dinner by Samuel I. Kessler and other officers of the Y.M.-Y.W.H.A.

Mandates Commission Report To League Council Reveals Opposition to Legislative Council

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establishes that due to the measures taken by the government for safety and the extraordinary favorable economic situation in Palestine the year 1931 was a period of peace and well-being in Palestine.

The report deals also with the petition it has received from the Agudath Israel, requesting independent recognition as a separate community. The Mandates Commission notes the Mandatory's explanation that the creation of a second Jewish communal organization is undesirable, and that an autonomous organization is possible within the framework of the Jewish Community regulations.