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## **Palestine Govt. Approves But 5,500 Certificates for Six Months' Immigration** (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23—The Palestine government has approved only 5,500 immigration certificates on the October to March schedule including 2,000 already advanced and 500 certificates reserved for tourists who decide to remain permanently, it was authoritatively learned yesterday.

The high commissioner, Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchoppe, estimated the absorptive capacity of Palestine at 6,500 immigrants but assumed that 1,000 tourists overstay their visas and remain illegally in the country, taking up vacancies in the labor market.

David Ben-Gurion and Moses Shertok, Jerusalem members of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, immediately visited the High Commissioner, and pointed out that the official government estimates were not proportionate to the actual economic needs of the country and are bound to gravely prejudice vital economic activities in Palestine. They emphasized that the "Aliyah" (Jewish immigration into Palestine) was the principal issue in the Jewish world today, particularly in view of the German situation. The Agency had requested 24,000 certificates.

The Agency members also pointed out that it was an illogical act to reserve certificates for tourists who in many cases are not permitted to stay unless they can prove that they have an occupation or business, and that apart from everything, the reservation of certificates for tourists

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## **Marx, Muehrdal, Rearrested After Acquittal and Release** (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

FRANKFURT, Germany, Oct. 23—Dr. Marx, representative in Frankfurt of the Central Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith, and Ferdinand Muehrdal, former head of the political police here, who were freed Friday after a trial on bribery charges, are in prison again, it became known today.

The two men, after their acquittal by the court and release from custody, were rearrested by the secret police and locked up in the police

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## **Jews in Westphalian Village Under Protective Arrest** (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, Oct. 23—The entire male population of Backsiefeld, Westphalia, except two Jewish men who were not in town, were arrested and taken into "protective custody". The reason for the arrests was not given.

Seven hundred and twenty-five Jewish doctors, nurses and employees were dismissed from Berlin municipal hospitals in the period between March 15 and October 1, a report by state commissar, Dr. Klein, to the higher authorities, stated. The report also announced that the dismissal of those who are descended from Jews is still continuing.

Among those dismissed were 161 doctors, 320 nurses, 200 laborers, 20 hospital cooks and 24 other employees.

This is the first time that detailed figures on the dismissal of Jews from Berlin municipal hospitals has been announced.

## **Jewish War Service Records Attacked by Nazis Who Minimize War Death Toll** (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, Oct. 23—Mystery veils the sudden demand of the Prussian Minister of the Interior, that figures on the number of Jews who fell in the war and the number of Jews who fought in the war be submitted to him.

The official Prussian press service found it necessary yesterday to give publicity to figures submitted to the Prussian Ministry of the Interior. This data largely minimizes Jewish participation in the war, reducing the Jewish proportion to 0.6 of one per cent and going out of its way to explain that twenty per cent of the Jewish soldiers did not carry arms. These figures compiled by the Reich's archives are not based on the racial principle which now prevails in Germany, but only on a religious basis.

Only soldiers who stated that they were Jews are considered as such. The figures omit a large number of Jewish soldiers who considered themselves as Jews but recognized

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## **GERMAN GROUPS CONSIDER ACTION ON GERMAN DAY CELEBRATION BANNED BY MAYOR O'BRIEN**

Prominent German Jewish residents of New York yesterday predicted the collapse of the United German Societies as a result of Mayor O'Brien's ban on German Day celebrations in the drill hall of the 165th Regiment Armory. Twenty-fifth Street and Lexington Avenue, next Sunday evening.

In an effort to devise ways and means of overcoming the mayor's edict the United German Societies were to meet last night at the New Yorker Turnhalle on Lexington Avenue and Eighty-fifth Street. Representing seventy societies with a membership of about 10,000, the governing body of the organization was to meet two hours before the general meeting to consider methods of forcing a withdrawal of the mayor's threat to "stop the celebration" if the societies themselves did not do it.

Among the measures contemplated by the societies were the withdrawal

of Heinz Spanknoebel from the rostrum at the celebration and the adoption of legal processes against the mayor for "abandoning American democratic principles of free speech and assembly rights."

At the City Hall yesterday it was indicated that the mayor would not be persuaded to deflect from his announced determination to ban German Day celebrations. In a letter to Rev. Dr. William Popcke, President of the 250th Anniversary Committee of the United German Societies, the mayor had militantly declared that he would not allow Hitlerite propaganda to be broadcast at the celebration.

"I have been advised by numerous citizens of German blood that the occasion will be seized upon by certain alien agitators recently arrived from Germany . . . to expound and proclaim the doctrines now being preached by Herr Hitler in Ger-

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ists was an unprecedented innovation.

The Jewish Agency further pointed out that determining immigration policy, is a fundamental question affecting the future Jewish national home. Although attempts at mutual understanding were made in the course of the conversation, the situation is unchanged.

At a meeting of the Executive of the Jewish Agency yesterday morning, the serious situation resulting from the government's action was discussed. It is expected that a series of actions will be decided upon, on what the Executive considers a situation of serious importance for the future of the Palestinian Yishub.

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priison. This action was taken, the secret police declared, "in the interests of the personal safety of Marx and Muehrdal."

The real reason for the rearrest of the two men after they had been expressly discharged from custody, however, remained unexplained.

The two men had been arrested last Spring. Dr. Marx charged with bribing Herr Muehrdal to obtain possession of documents about Nazi activities before the Hitlerites came into power, and the police official, with taking bribes. After five months in prison, the two were cleared in court on the bribery charges, but found guilty of "unlawful activities." They were each sentenced to seven months imprisonment but were dismissed in view of the fact they had spent five months in prison.

## German Groups Consider Action on German Day Celebration Banned by Mayor

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many, including his intolerable and intolerant attitude toward Germans of the Jewish religion," the mayor wrote in a part.

He stated that he had also been informed that the celebration would be the inspiration for disorder which "may result in serious injury if not loss of life."

"We have no room here for any indictments against men and women because of their religion or their strain of blood," he wrote. "New York is not the soil on which Nazi weeds of intolerance and religious hatred can flourish."

Robert Rosenbaum, president of the German Jewish Societies, yesterday announced that he had rejected an invitation to attend the meeting of the United German Societies on the ground that he would receive no justice before groups who had already expressed favor for anti-Semitic Hitler.

"I might speak, but I would not be heard," Mr. Rosenbaum said yesterday. "It is better to have nothing to do with the celebration."

With four Jewish and eight non-Jewish groups already withdrawn from the union, it was said that many other societies are rapidly falling in line with the resigned organization's attitude. It was felt certain that few would see fit to carry on in the United German Societies in the face of the mayor's attitude and that of many detached organizations who have stormed the mayor's office with congratulatory messages, complimenting his action against the celebration of Swastika-adhering organizations.

The New Yorker Staats-Zeitung, German daily newspaper published here yesterday editorially regretted the mayor's action in banning the German Day fest. It expressed the hope that some day in the future German-Americans "regardless of race or religious persuasion," and all of the same status" might observe all the great German holidays. The editorial declared that the mayor's charges of intrigue among imported Nazi agents were to be regretted, and that a few weeks ago such accusations could not have been envisioned by the German people of New York, who have been faithful, peaceful citizens for 250 years.

J. B. Matthews, chairman of the American League Against War and Fascism, yesterday called upon all anti-Fascist organizations to unite in a demonstration against "the infiltration of Fascism in this country."

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no religion. The data similarly omits all Jewish soldiers who entered the army after 1917, giving no figures after that year.

As a result of these defective figures, the Ministry of the Interior states that only about 7,000 Jews fell in the war while the Memorial Book published in 1932 by the Jewish Soldiers Association lists the names of 10,623 Jews who were killed in the war, whose identity was definitely established; and estimates the total number of Jewish dead including the unidentified as no less than 12,000.

Undoubtedly if the figures had been compiled on a racial basis, the totals would have been far greater, as the Memorial Book records only the one hundred per cent Jews, omitting half Jews and the descendants of Jews such as Colonel Theodore Dusterberg.

Colonel Dusterberg, one of the leaders of the Stahlhelm, staunch Protestant and one-time candidate on the Nationalist ticket for President of Germany, was accused by the Nazis during the political campaign of being of Jewish descent. Upon examination of his family records he found that he was of Jewish descent. Since the advent of the Nazis, Colonel Dusterberg has disappeared from public life.

A strong challenge to the figures on the Jewish war dead submitted by the Reich's archives to the Minister of the Interior was issued today by the Jewish War Veterans' Association through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The Jewish war veterans repudiate the tendentious figures submitted by the archives and declare that they will undertake to prove from documents in government files that the number of Jews who died in the war is 10,623, fully identified through the central government military bureau.

The association challenges the claim of the archives that its figures were based on racial and not religious affiliation. They insist that all of the Jewish dead listed in the Memorial Book were all affiliated with Jewish communities or with Jewish organizations. A special investigation was carried out, the Jewish soldiers declared, before the Memorial Book was published.

"We are ready to prove the correctness of our figures," the Jewish soldiers association declared, "at any time that we are requested to do so."

## League Expects America To Admit Some Refugees Bentwich Tells Deputies (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, Oct. 23—The inclusion of Americans in the League of Nations governing body for dealing with the problem of German refugees indicates that the League expects that America will open her doors for settlement to some of the refugees, Norman Bentwich, former Attorney General of Palestine and special representative of the Board of Deputies of British Jews at Geneva, declared in addressing yesterday's meeting of the Board of Deputies. Mr. Bentwich spoke on the activities of various Jewish delegations during the recent discussion on Germany by the League Assembly and Commissions.

He expressed the hope that the collaboration of the Jewish delegations and the forthcoming London conference of world wide Jewish organizations would bring about the formation of a central Jewish executive to coordinate Jewish efforts all over the world to assist the German Jews.

In explaining the workability of the League governing body and the special high commissioner to be appointed, Mr. Bentwich pointed out that since the budget will have to be raised by private organizations, the high commissioner will undoubtedly launch a world appeal, which the various interested bodies will follow up. It will also be the task of the high commissioner to open the doors of those countries which can absorb refugees in their economic life.

Mr. Bentwich complimented Germany for not obstructing the League resolution on the appointment of a high commissioner because if Germany had persisted in her opposition, the resolution could not have been adopted.

Neville Laski, president of the Board of Deputies, in speaking on the London conference to discuss the situation of the German Jews, called for Oct. 29, stressed the particular importance of the conference. He expressed the hope that in view of the appointment of a high commissioner, it would be possible at the conference to coordinate the various represented bodies.

After a lengthy discussion, a resolution was adopted to appoint a special committee to inquire into the administrative machinery of the Board of Deputies which is insufficiently equipped to struggle with the present emergency, since a strong central direction is lacking. The resolution was adopted after it was explained that it was not meant to censure the present administration of the Board of Deputies.

## Hadassah Debates Relations With Z.O.A.; Rothenberg Heard at Executive Session (Jewish Daily Bulletin)

CHICAGO, Oct. 23—Newspapermen were barred from this morning's executive session of the nineteenth Hadassah convention when the problem of the relationship between Hadassah and the Zionist organization of America was discussed. Morris Rothenberg, president of the Zionist organization, is representing it at the convention.

Fifteen hundred delegates, representing Hadassah chapters throughout the country, convened at the Palmer House where the convention was officially opened on Sunday by Mrs. Rose Halperin, national president of the organization.

The plan to establish a new relationship between Hadassah and the Zionist organization grew out of the difficulties which arose at the Zionist Congress in July when it was necessary to choose the delegates to the World Zionist Congress held in Prague. At that time an agreement was made by which the Zionist Organization of America and Hadassah each named ten delegates to the Prague Congress. The convention then agreed to terminate existing agreements between the two organizations and to negotiate for a new arrangement.

Hadassah, because of its contributions to the upbuilding of Palestine and its membership, demands that it be given the proper share of recognition.

The campaign to raise \$200,000 for the Hadassah University Hospital and Medical Center in Jerusalem was launched on Sunday. In an enthusiastic session \$30,000 was pledged from the convention floor. Dr. Nathan Ratnoff, president of the American Jewish Physicians Committee, sent a telegram announcing that Dr. S. Goldwater, noted hospital-architect consultant, will draft the plans for the buildings, to be erected at once.

Mrs. Halperin told the delegates that "German Jewry in its hour of need and with hope of despair naturally has turned to Palestine. We are faced with the practical problem of saving one half a million of our people. A protest is not sufficient." Discussing the development of Palestine as a Jewish homeland, she said, "the Balfour declaration can be firmly established only by unceasing efforts of united Jewry."

Louis Lipsky, Samuel Untermyer, Governor Lehman and Rev. Dr. John Haynes Holmes sent messages of congratulations to the assembled convention.

Because of the extensive demand for tickets, Dr. Stephen S. Wise's speech on "Germany and the World Crisis in Judaism" was given at the

## German Rapporteur's Absence Delays Study of Palestine Petition By Mandates Body (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

GENEVA, Oct. 23—League circles are speculating as to whether Dr. J. Ruppel, German representative on the League of Nations Mandates Commission will participate in the twenty-fourth session of the Mandates Commission which opened this morning.

Despite the fact that all the members of the commission are appointed as experts and not as representatives of individual countries, the German representative has not arrived and his arrival is considered doubtful in view of Germany's withdrawal from the League.

At the last session of the Mandates Commission, which opened on June 19, Dr. Ruppel was appointed rapporteur on the petitions on the Kneseth Israel (the Jewish community organization in Palestine) submitted by the Agudath Israel, ultra-orthodox Jewish group, and the Vaad Leumi, the Jewish national council of Palestine.

The Agudath Israel had presented a petition asking for the organization of a special Jewish community for the orthodox Jews. The Vaad Leumi objected to the creation of a community within a community. The Palestine Rabbinate also objected to the Agudath Israel petition. These petitions figure on the agenda of the present session of the Mandates Commission.

If Dr. Ruppel does not come to Geneva, the entire discussion of the Kneseth Israel, based on the petitions submitted will probably have to be postponed.

The petition of Auni Abdul Hadi, member of the Arab Executive of Palestine, containing the Arab demands, is also on the current commission agenda, as well as the comments of High Commissioner Wauchope on previous conclusions about Palestine reached by the Mandates Commission.

The sessions of the governing body of the League Labor Office also opened here today. On its agenda are a number of resolutions including one on refugees from Germany, adopted at the last session of the Labor Office.

Auditorium Theatre, instead of the hotel, as planned.

Reports were presented by Mrs. Edward Jacobs of New York, Mrs. David Greenberg of New York, and Mrs. Bertha Berkman of Chicago. Rabbi A. L. Lassen, president of the Chicago Rabbinical Association, delivered the opening convocation.

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## Polish Zionists Urged to Support Pilsudski Regime

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WARSAW, Poland, Oct. 23.—Revision of the present Zionist opposition to the government of Marshal Josef Pilsudski was urged here today by Apolinari Maximilian Hartglass, in an address to the Zionist conference.

His speech aroused considerable attention in view of the fact that Hartglass is likely to succeed Isaac Gruenbaum as a deputy in the Polish Sejm.

Polish Jews became more favorably inclined to the Pilsudski government as the best possible under the circumstances, Hartglass declared, "although the government policy of economic extermination of the Jews is still maintained, the peasants favored at the expense of the urban population and Jewish cultural demands remain unfulfilled, nevertheless we must recognize that the Polish government offers protection to Jewish life, combats anti-Semitism within Poland and supports Jewish demands in international tribunals. In view of the cruel position of the Jews in Germany and the eminent danger of anti-Semitism in other countries, the Polish Zionists are induced to modify their stand toward the present Polish regime."

The University of Warsaw continues to enforce strictly the numerus clausus against Jewish students. But since the number of Jewish students exceeded the numerus clausus proportion, five of the sixteen Jews were disqualified under the excuse of physical unfitness. This brings the proportion of Jews down to nine percent, which is in line with the number of Jews in the general population.

### Pray for Gov. Lehman

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Prayers for the speedy recovery of Governor Herbert H. Lehman, who underwent an appendicitis operation on Saturday, will be said daily for the next ten days by the members of the Douglas Street Synagogue in Brownsville.

According to announcement issued yesterday by the three physicians in attendance on the Governor, his condition is satisfactory.

"The Governor spent a comfortable night," the announcement reads. "He continues to make steady progress."

## City Kashruth Convention Hears Mayoralty Candidates; Adopts Supervisory System

The snarled city mayoralty campaign was brought before the convention of the Kashruth Association of Greater New York Sunday when 500 leaders of orthodox Jewry were brought face-to-face with the issue of racial prejudice, an issue that is almost certain to carry enormous weight among thousands of Jewish and non-Jewish voters alike.

F. H. LaGuardia, Fusion candidate, who recently charged Joseph V. McKee, Recovery candidate for Mayor, with anti-Semitism on the strength of an article Mr. McKee wrote in The Catholic World eighteen years ago, and provoked violent debate which has not yet subsided, belittled persons who make it a point to claim special friendship for racial groups.

Mayor O'Brien earned the gratitude of the convention when he read at the close of his address, his letter to the United German Societies' honorary president, Dr. William Popcke, forbidding the scheduled German Day celebration meeting of the organization at the 165th Army Sunday night.

Mr. McKee in his address declared that "this is too great a city, too big a place, for prejudices to be allowed to exist for a single moment."

A new system of supervising the sale and marketing of kosher meat was inaugurated at the evening session of the convention. In substance it will provide for the assignment of supervisors to the various manufacturers and producers by the Kashruth Association, "who will guard the interests of the kosher consuming public." The cost of maintaining the supervisors will be met by a tax of one-half cent per pound on kosher meat and two cents per chicken.

## Deutsch Charges Nazi Spy System Being Spread Here

A widespread system of espionage and propaganda is being carried on in the United States by the Nazi party. Leaders in the system comprise a number of individuals who are well-known to the public, including Count von Luckner, German "sea devil," who will direct the dissemination of propaganda.

These charges were made by Bernard S. Deutsch, president of the American Jewish Congress, in an address broadcast Sunday.

According to Mr. Deutsch, the ten Nazi centers in this country are located in New York, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Denver, San Francisco, Trenton, Milwaukee and Portland.

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