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# CABINET TO GET PALESTINE REPORT THIRD WEEK IN JUNE; COMMONS TO AIR IT

LONDON. May 24. (JTA) -- The Royal Commission will submit to the Cabinet in the third week of June its report on Palestine, the House of Commons was told today by Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore.

For the first time, Commons was informed by the Colonial Scoretary that it will have the "usual opportunity" to discuss both the report and the Government's "conclusions." A previous statement by Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin had created considerable doubt as to wether Commons would be given the opportunity to debate the report before any final decisions had been taken on it by the Government.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore said he hoped it would be possible for the Government to reach its conclusions "without delay" and make them public simultaneously with the report.

Replying to Geoffrey Mander, Liberal, who demanded that the Government take no decisions before the report is discussed in Commons. the Colonial Secretary declared:

"The Government has clearly the responsibility to give the lead to Commons in any discussion of the report."

Meanwhile, discussion of the Commission's possible recommendations for solution of Arab-Jewish difficulties which led to the serious disorders of 1936 has been resumed in the British press.

The Daily Mail today revived reports that the Commission still is considering partition of the Holy Land, with creation of a Jewish State as a British Dominion with League of Nations membership as one of the probable proposals.

According to the Rothermere paper members of the Commission are convinced that the only way to end the friction is for Great Britain to ask the League to terminate the present mandate (in effect since 1922) and for the League to agree to partitioning the country.

Division of the Holy Land, it was stated, would follow this general plan: A line to be drawn from the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea (which are linked by the Jordan River); territory east of this line to be formed into an Arab State under the sovereignty of the Emir Abdullah, ruler of Transjordan; and the Jewish State to be created from the coastwise districts.

In this plan, as in the others previously reported under consideration by the Commission, Haifa would become an international port.

Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Mazareth, because of their religious associations, would be placed under British mandate. Great Britain would be responsible for defence and internal order of the new Jewish States

According to the Daily Mail, no final decision has been reached yet and definite recommendations are not expected for at least another fortnight.

The Commission has not yet produced plans to safe Suard minorities in the proposed states, the Mail declares, nor have problems connected with customs, transport, immigration and public service yet been solved.

## 1,200 BRZESC SHOPS, HOMES WRECKED, KAHN REPORTS

WARSAW, May 24. (JTA) -- More than 1,200 Jewish houses and shops were demolished and 20 per cent of the Jewish families suffered losses through locting in the riots May 13 in Brzesc, American correspondent were told today by Dr. Bernhard Kahn and David J. Schweitzer, officers of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, returning from a survey in the stricken Polesian city.

Hundreds were left without sufficient clothing, it was declared. Before leaving the city Dr. Kahn helped to re-open 150 Jewish foodshops

# 2-Hour Strike Marks Protest; 14 Seized in Warsaw

WARSAW, May 24. (JTA) -- Jews throughout Poland held a two-hour protest strike today over the May 13 pogrom in Brzesc in which more than fifty Jews were wounded.

All Jewish shops, factories, offices, cafes and restaurants were closed between the hours of twelve and two p.m. Two demonstrations marred the strike in Nalewki, Warsaw's Jewish quarter, resulted in the arrests of about fourteen persons. Police dispersed demonstraters who shouted slegans condemning anti-Semitism.

The strike was reported successfully executed in Wilno, Cracow, Lwow, Lodz and other large cities.

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#### 5 BRZESC JEWS RELEASED; TRIAL OF POLES CONTINUE

BRZESC, Poland, May 23. (JTA) -- Five Jews arrested in connection with the riots here May 13 were released today while the more than hundred Poles seized continued to be tried in small groups.

The freeing of the five Jews left only two under arrest -- Isaac Szcerbowski, a butcher, and his son, held in the fatal wounding of a policeman that led to the disorders.

The Poles were being tried in little groups, it was believed, to avoid a big trial that might assume political importance, and perhaps also to prevent Jewish victims from claiming collective compensation for damages. Two trials have already taken place.

The Mayor of Brzesc went to Warsaw to ask that the Government grant a subsidy for the city since a deficit of at least 200,000 zlotys (\$40,000) is expected as a result of the inability of Jewish businessmen and householders to meet assessments,

The dismissal of the local district chief and political chief for negligence in connection with the disorders followed, according to unconfirmed reports in Warsaw, a visit by Premier Skladkowski incognite to this city.

# BRITAIN URGED BY ENGLISH ZIONIST TO RECONSIDER LOW ENTRY SCHEDULE

LONDON, May 24. (JTA) -- The British Zionist Federation today asked the British Government to reconsider the low immigration quota announced by the Palestine Government for Jewish labor and issue a new schedule "adequate for the economic needs of the country."

At a conference here the Federation also urged the British Government to "carry out the mandate as originally conceived" and appealed to William G.A. Ormsby-Gore, Colonial Secretary, to ensure Palestine's security and afford the Jews the means of self-defence.

David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Jerusalem Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, declared that the Jews would resist measures to whittle down the terms of the mandate and struggle to force the Government to maintain and implement the mandate. Ho said that Jewish labor should cooperate with Arabs but stressed that Jewish labor should be employed in Jewish production.

Dr. Solig Brodetsky, vice-president, warned of the danger of Zionists' being led astray by "the glitter of a Jewish State." He referred to proposals to partition Palestine and constitute a portion as a Jewish State. Commenting on proposals for a round-table conference between the Zionist Organization and Vladimir Jabotinsky's independent New Zionist Organization, Dr. Brodetsky said the Zionist Executive would not take the responsibility for negotiations on the basis of what he called destroying the Zionist Organization.

# ZURICH NOW SET AS ZIONIST CONGRESS SITE

LONDON, May 24. (JTA) -- It was stated unofficially today that Zurich has been decided upon as the site of the twentieth biennial Congress of the World Zionist Organization. The decision, however, was described as "not final." Previous reports from Jerusalem had said Basel, site of the first Congress in 1897, was designated.

# ALTERED CHARTER FOR JOINT FOREIGN COMMITTEE APPROVED

LONDON, May 24. (JTA) -- A proposal to amend the constitution of the Joint Foreign Committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Anglo-Jewish Association was approved yesterday by the association's council with one dissenting vote.

The council adopted the report of a joint meeting of the board and association containing the following proposals:

1- The presidents of the board and the association are to be ex officio joint chairmen of the Joint Foreign Committee.

2- The committee is to include the two presidents, two nominees of the association and six members of the board elected by the board with officers of the board eligible for election.

3- The committee may co-opt three members either permanently or ad hoc under certain conditions.

4- The two chairmen should, as far as possible, consult with the committee and inform the committee of all actions they have taken in intervals between its meetings.

## TO CALL LONDON PARLEY ON POLISH EMERGENCY RELIEF

LONDON, May 24. (JTA) -- A conference will be called here of all groups interested in collection of funds for relief of Polish Jewish pogrom victims, it was announced today by the Board of Deputies of British Jews. An appeal for donations to relieve the situation in Brzesc, scene of excesses on May 13, will be issued in the meantime.

#### ZIONIST PIONEER BODIES FORM LEAGUE

JERUSALEM, May 24. (JTA) -- Long negotiations among various Hechalutz (Zionist pioneer) groups culminated today in the signing of an agreement to establish a league of the organizations to promote the movement.

The agreement, reached through the intercession of the Jewish Agency for Palestine's immigration department, provides for sending a mutual representative to Zionist organizations and establishing a joint committée to develop and finance hachsharoth (pioneer training farms abroad).

# IMPORTANT EDITOR OF "TIME" TERMED ANTI-SEMITE BY FORMER ASSOCIATE

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- Strong anti-Semitic feeling which shows itself in presentation of news events involving Jews is attributed to one of the most important editors of Time Magazine, weekly news periodical, by Dwight MacDonald in an article in the cument issue of The Nation, liberal weekly.

The editor named by Mr. MacDonald, who for seven years was on the editorial staff of Fortune Magazine, monthly published by Time, Inc., is Laird Shields Goldsborough, who edits and writes the foreign news section.

"Next to radicals," Mr. MacDonald writes in the last of three articles on "Time, Fortune, Life,", "Goldsborough hates Jews." Léon Blum, being both, is abused in terms worthy of Herr Streicher."

Mr. MacDonald cites excerpts from Goldsborough paragraphs on Mr. Blum to illustrate the editor's prejudice, among them the following, which have long attracted unfavorable attention among Jewish and liberal readers of the magazine:

".....lean, spidery Leon Blum, Socialist and Jew....Jew Blum....the peculiard in at ion Leon Blum is capable of arousing......(in peculiar, not to say pathological people, one might add, Mr. MacDonald interpolates)....."

The writer comments that Goldsborough, "despite his name and personal appearance, is almost certainly not a Jew himself."

### SOCIAL WELFARE BODY TO WIDEN REGIONAL ACTIVITY; GREENSTEIN ELECTED

INDIANAPOLIS, May 24. (JTA) -- The National Conference of Jewish Social Service, at its closing session last night, elected Harry Greenstein of Baltimore as president and adopted a program of expansion calling for development of regional activity.

The conference decided to establish a field secretariat for the first time and conduct regional institutes and other activities "to provide for Jewish social welfareworkers that guidance which will be needed in coming years."

The program was formulated by Mr. Greenstein and Harry L. Glucksman of New York, retiring president.

Mr. Greenstein warned that "Tewish social service and all privately financed programs of social service face a critical period "because of the expansion of government services but held that "there is an important place for private social service."

ities of Baltimore, former Maryland CWA Administrator and former State Director of Public Welfare. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland and also studied at Johns Hopkins University.

Samuel Dinin, New York, was elected president of the National Council for Jewish Education.

### CARDOZO MARKS 67TH BIRTHDAY BY READING 2 VITAL OPINIONS

WASHINGTON, May 24. (JTA) -- Benjamin N. Cardozo, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, reached his 67th birthday today and observed it by reading two vital decisions in the court -- the opinions upholding the unemployment insurance and old age pension provisions of the Social Security Act.

# ARCHAEOLOGY PROVES ANTIQUITY OF BIBLE, DR. ALBRIGHT TELLS INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- Recent archaeological discoveries have exploded the Graf-Wellhausen hypothesis which casts doubt on whether the early books of the Bible truthfully portrayed conditions in the days of the Fatriarchs and Moses, according to evidence submitted tonight by Dr. William F. Albright, Frofessor of Semitics at the Johns Hopkins University, at the opening session of the Institutes of Biblical and Post-Biblical Literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Prof. Albright, who is editor of the Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research, and former director of the Jerusalem School, said that such discoveries as those at Nuzi, in Northern Mesopotamia and Ugarit in Syria have settled the question of the true antiquity of the Bible story.

More than one hundred scholars from various colleges and universities and theologians from both Christian and Jewish seminaries are attending the Institute. Among those who participated in the public discussion were Dr. E.A. Speiser, Professor of Semitics at the University of Pomsylvania; Dr. Carl Kraeling, Professor of the New Testament at Yale University, and Dr. Alexander Sperber, visiting Professor of Biblical Literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

The Institute was organized as part of the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Seminary and will continue until June 3.

# SHEKEL DRIVE EXTENDED

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- The sale of shekels has been extended from May 22 to June 2, it was announced today by Samuel Schmidt, executive secretary of the Central Shekel Board. Elections for delegates to the Zionist Congress will be held June 20. More than 150,-000 shekels have already been sold in the drive for 500,000, Mr. Schmidt said.