

# Jews Desire Palestine As British Dominion Says Finkelstein

Calgary — In the establishment of the age-old project of a national home in Palestine for the Jewish people, they do not contemplate a Jewish kingdom nor even a Jewish republic, said Max J. Finkelstein, K.C., prominent Winnipeg barrister, when he spoke to the Kiwanis club here on "Palestine and the British Empire."

At present, he explained, the British are in Palestine under a temporary mandate of the League of Nations, with the prospect of ultimately leaving the country. The Jews view such prospect with apprehension.

"We want to keep the British flag and to live under it," he said. "Not under a mandate from a defeated League of Nations. We want to be a British dominion, like other dominions in the Empire, albeit a small one."

"We want Palestine converted from a mandated territory into a British dominion, a miniature Canada, Australia, New Zealand or South Africa, a member of the family of British nations, a unit of the Commonwealth of British nations."

"Jews feel that a contented, loyal Jewish Palestine, as a British dominion, would be the best safeguard for the Suez canal and for the Empire."

Mr. Finkelstein said the Jewish people realized Palestine as a small, independent kingdom or republic, holding at the most 4,000,000 people, could not maintain its freedom unless it was part of the British Commonwealth.

There had always been some mysterious connection between the British people and the Jewish people all through history. The Jews in this conflict pinned their faith on the victory of the United Nations, on the permanency of the British Empire, and on the tolerance and fair play of the British people.

The Zionist movement, founded for the purpose of establishing the national home for Jews, originated in Central Europe, but depended on Britain for its future success.

There were now 600,000 Jews in Palestine, who had built up industries, re-established agriculture, developed commerce and shipping, so that the small country, 100 miles

wide and 200 to 300 miles long, again blossomed like a rose, and "the land flowed with milk and honey."

The speaker was introduced by his cousin, S. J. Helman, K.C.

## Rumania Fixes Ransom For Releasing Jews From Forced Labor On Russian Front

Washington (JTA)—The Rumanian Government has developed a scheme to extort ransom fees from Jews now working at forced labor on the Russian front, it was reported by the Office of War Information this week, quoting a report published in the Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter. The fines range from 150,000 to 800,000 lei, which is about \$1,500 to \$5,000 at pre-war exchange rates.

According to the Swedish newspaper, Premier-Marshal Ion Antonescu's Government decided to let the Jews ransom themselves after adopting a plan to withdraw some of the Jewish labor companies from forced work in Transnistria to camps in Rumania. Release of the workers will take place in Rumania on a strictly cash basis, the Dagens Nyheter said.

Investigation Shows No Conspiracy Behind New York Anti-Jewish Vandalism

New York (JTA)—A one-year investigation of anti-American and anti-Semitic acts of vandalism and violence in the city of New York has proven that these acts were not the result of any organized conspiracy and that there is no group directing or planning them.

This was made clear in a 170-page report submitted this week to Mayor LaGuardia by Commissioner of Investigation William B. Herliand. The report emphasized, however, that these acts were not accidental, but that they were largely the result of propaganda and indoctrination emanating from such organizations as the Christian Front and Christian Mobilizers. The offenders were in averaging around 17 years of age, of low mentalities and from homes which left much to be desired, the report established.

## Zionists May Appeal To Roosevelt On Palestine Resolution Before Congress

Washington (JTA)—With the House Foreign Affairs Committee scheduled to start private hearings on the Palestine Resolution, it was indicated in Jewish circles here that the fate of the resolution now depends largely on the attitude of the State Department or War Department which may ask for a postponement on alleged "military grounds."

The situation is somewhat similar to that which existed about a year ago in connection with the restoration of the Cremieux Decree, which was also held up on similar grounds, Zionist leaders said. They emphasized that if a veto is interposed now by one of the Government departments, the question may be put up to President Roosevelt. It is understood that the State Department was consulted both by Zionists and Congressional leaders before the Palestine Resolution was introduced and that no opposition had been expressed. About three-quarters of the members of the Foreign Affairs Committee favor the resolution and it is assured an overwhelming majority in the House if the Committee acts upon it favorably, it was emphasized.

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In 1930, Mr. Schulz said, the medical school, because of limited teaching facilities, had been forced to limit the number of medical students to 60.

Dr. M. T. Lewis (Ind.-Rockwood), said the government has a responsibility to see that there should be no limit fixed.

## Polish Government Bans Distribution Of Book Having Anti-Semitic Material

London (JTA)—The Polish Government has instructed civil and military authorities to cease distribution of a volume entitled "Polish Culture", which has been criticized for containing anti-Semitic statements, it was disclosed by Emanuel Szerer, one of the two Jewish deputies in the Polish National Council.

Mr. Szerer revealed that he has received a communication from Home Minister Wladyslaw Banaszczak assuring him that distribution of the offending book will be stopped and that an investigation will be made to discover who is responsible for its publication and whether it was subsidized with government funds. The work was published in the United States.

## Community Council Conference Postponed

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We are taking this opportunity of notifying the Jewish Community and those organizations who have elected delegates that the conference has been postponed to a date that will be announced in the near future.

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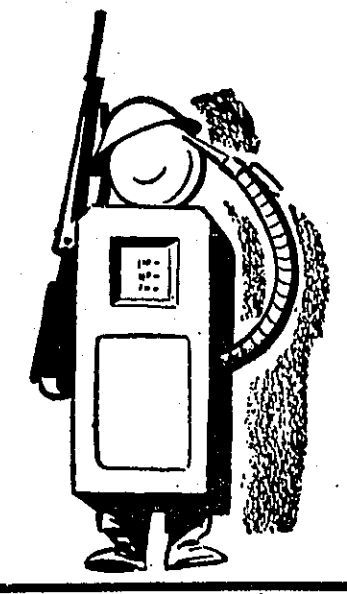
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## Roosevelt Tells Zionist Leaders U.S. Never Approved Paper

Washington (JTA)—President Roosevelt this week received Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, the co-chairmen of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and told them that the Government of the United States never approved the White Paper.

The two Zionist leaders were received by the President while an all-day conference of Christian leaders was taking place at the Statler hotel here, called by the American Palestine committee for the purpose of "mobilizing American Christian sentiment in favor of free entry of Jews into Palestine and the reconstruction of that country as a free and democratic commonwealth."

Following their meeting with the President, the two Zionist leaders issued the following statement:

"The President authorized us to say that the American Government has never given its approval to the White Paper of 1939. The President is happy that the doors of Palestine are

## Canadian Christian Women Asks Britain To Abrogate White Paper

Montreal (JTA)—The National Council of Women of Canada, meeting here, adopted a resolution calling for the abrogation of the British White Paper on Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish National home there. The organization, which has a membership of 100,000 Christian women, requested the Canadian Government to forward the resolution to the British Government.

"We reaffirm our faith in the spirit as well as the letter of the Balfour Declaration and ask for a maximum Jewish immigration into Palestine and full opportunity for colonization and economic development."

"We urge passage of the resolution now under discussion in the House of Representatives of the U.S. Agricultural Export Speaks of Jewish Progress in Palestine"

Dr. Lowdermilk, Assistant Chief of Soil Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Dr. William F. Albright, president of Johns Hopkins University, the conference adopted the following resolution:

## Hillel Activities Outlined At B'nai B'rith Gathering

Establishment of a Hillel Foundation on the campus of the University of Manitoba will provide intelligent leadership in religious and communal endeavors and promote good will with other denominations, Rabbi Amram Prero, director of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Florida, declared at a B'nai B'rith meeting Tuesday evening in the Marlborough hotel.

Rabbi Prero came to Winnipeg to make a survey preliminary to the establishment of a branch of the Foundation here. The aims and accomplishments of Hillel Foundations were outlined by the speaker.

In the course of his address Rabbi Prero attacked narrow nationalism which he felt to be on the ascendancy in the world. "Nationalism is laudatory only when existing as national pride, coupled with tolerance," he said.

"The Jew, a barometer of civilization, was the first victim when suffering is rampant in war stricken nations," Rabbi Prero stated.

Rabbi Prero, a native of Jerusalem, moved at an early age to America. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago and the Hebrew Theological college, and was one of the founders of the Orthodox Liberal Zionist Organization.

Another distinguished guest present was Gen. Morris Cohen, one-time aide-de-camp to Chiang-Kai-Shek and recently repatriated on the Gripsholm from Japanese-occupied China.

Rabbi Prero was introduced by Sam Freedman, president of the B'nai B'rith lodge.

## Hebrew University Can Train Doctors, Teachers For Jews Of Europe, Meeting Told

London (JTA)—The role that the Hebrew University in Jerusalem can play in training doctors and teachers to minister to the needs of the devastated sections of European Jewry after the war, was stressed here at the annual meeting of the British Friends of the Hebrew University at the auditorium of the Royal Society by Samson Wright, a leader of the Jewish National fund in Britain.

## Winnipeg Flier In Amazing Aerial Exploit

F.O. E. M. Rosenbaum, a Winnipeg Jewish boy, was co-pilot on the R.C.A.F. Flying Fortress which collided in mid-air with a Lancaster bomber over the Bay of Biscay. Rosenbaum resided at 401 Boyd avenue.

## Ben-Gurion Withdraws Resignation: Resumes His Office In Jewish Agency

Jerusalem (JTA)—The Jewish Agency for Palestine this week announced that David Ben-Gurion, chairman of its executive, has withdrawn his resignation and resumed work in the Agency's headquarters.

"The withdrawal comes as a result of deliberations conducted in London between the delegation which the Jewish Agency sent to England and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the president of the Agency, the announcement stated.

Ben-Gurion's resignation had been pending since October 26th, when he made an official announcement that

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he was not prepared to assume any responsibility for the present official policy of the Jewish Agency. It was learned later that there were serious differences between him and Dr. Weizmann. The delegation now in London succeeded in reconciling these differences.

Dr. Emil Schmorak and Moshe Shertok, two members of the delegation, were received at the Colonial Office where they discussed with economic experts various problems concerning the present and post-war economic prospects in Palestine, it was learned here.

## Resolution Asks Maximum Immigration, Jewish Commonwealth

After hearing several speakers, including Assistant Attorney General Norman M. Littell, Dr. Walter

## Turkey To Admit 150 Children Weekly For Immigration To Eretz

Istanbul — Easing of immigration restrictions is announced by the Government. Nine families and 150 children will be permitted to enter Turkey each week conditional upon the provision that passage to Palestine be acquired for them at the earliest possible opportunity.

## Ben Malkin Appointed War Correspondent By Winnipeg Free Press

After four and one-half years of active service with the Canadian Army, Ben Malkin has been appointed war correspondent for the Winnipeg Free Press, the newspaper he left to enlist in the army upon the outbreak of war. Malkin was attached to the Royal Canadian Artillery and went overseas with the first division late in 1939. He fought with the Canadian artillery in Sicily and with the Canadian units attached to the 8th Army in Italy. He was promoted sergeant during the Italian campaign and the last letter received from him stated that he had been recommended for a commission. Mr. Malkin has two brothers on active service and one a member of the C.O.F.C.

Born and educated in Winnipeg, Mr. Malkin attended St. John's High school and the University of Manitoba before enrolling at the University of Wisconsin, where he graduated as bachelor of journalism. He did considerable free-lance writing before joining the Free Press staff in 1935.

## Leading British Government Representative Addresses Session Of Board Of Jewish Deputies

London (JTA)—For the first time in the history of British Jewry a representative of the British Government has appeared before the Board of Deputies of British Jews to address them on behalf of the Government.

The official was R. A. Butler, president of the Board of Education. He addressed the Jewish leaders on the new education bill which the government is now proposing, and emphasized that it is in the interests of all that smaller national groups should have a strong and vital life of their own.

"On behalf of His Majesty's Government," he said, "I can assure you that the public service of the Jewish leaders for their own people, and through them for the public, is deeply valued. The work of the Board of Deputies of British Jews has the encouragement of the government and its good wishes. Never has there been such suffering in the history of Israel. How important you must feel it is to bring up your younger generation at this time in the traditional and eternal values of Hebraism."

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