

הנהלת הציונית בארץ ישראל  
PALESTINE ZIONIST EXECUTIVE



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Jerusalem.

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In reply please Address:

Dept.  
Ref. No. 681/5/222

To the Officer Administering the Government,  
The Secretariat,  
Jerusalem.

Your Excellency:-

In accordance with our conversation on Friday last, July 5th, I am herewith submitting to Your Excellency <sup>for</sup> consideration our contention that the Grant-in-Aid allocated by the Government of Palestine to the schools of the Palestine Zionist Executive falls short of the sum which would seem to be the apportionment arising from the principle laid down by the Government.

The total enrollment of pupils in the schools maintained and subsidized by the Palestine Zionist Executive is only a little below the enrollment of pupils in the schools of the Palestine Government. Enrollment is the usual basis on which grants for educational purposes are given. The Palestine Government has laid down another principle. It bases its Grant-in-Aid upon the proportion of the Jewish to the general population.

Without entering at this time into the question of the principle, the Palestine Zionist Executive holds that even on the basis laid down by the Government, the Zionist schools are entitled to at least £10,000 more than they are

now receiving.

According to the population figures of the Government Reports, the number of the general population, excluding the Bedouin tribes, is 815,000, and the Jewish population figure is 165,000, or about 20% of the general population.

The budget of the Government for its Department of Education is £144,000, of which, if the above figures are accepted, the Jewish schools, according to the norm laid down, should receive £28,000.

The actual Grant-in-Aid is £19,300, ostensibly £20,000, from which, however, a sum of £700 is deducted for the supervisory service. It is proper to note that the Government gives an additional direct grant of a sum of £948 to a number of private schools.

On the other hand, it appears that the budget for Education of the Government for its schools does not provide for school buildings, repairs, and hygienic service, all of which is included in the budget of the Palestine Zionist Executive for its schools.

We would respectfully request Your Excellency to take the above into consideration and review the question of the Grant-in-Aid of the Government to the schools of the Palestine Zionist Executive.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Himmelle Szold*

Chief Secretary.

Following (20) - please read (24): there has been delay in getting the papers.

2. I suggest that to answer the Executive, Jewish Agency conclusively, we should endeavour to show that even on the widest basis of calculating 'what Government spent on Education' the grant in aid to Jewish schools is not less than 1/6th of the whole (population basis 1:5).

3. We can then say to the Executive of the Jewish Agency: 'you are getting as much as you claim; and you agree that the population basis cannot be changed until after the census'. Their whole case for present increase thus falls.

4. I have sent an 'interim' acknowledgment to (18).

29.1.31.

*W. J.*

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Draft letter to D. J. E. add?

May so. . . .

*W. J. 29.1.31*  
*[Signature]*

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Letter to Executive Jewish Agency - 28/1/31

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Letter to D/ Educ. - 5/2/31