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MEETING OF GENERAL ZIONIST COUNCIL

DEBATE FOLLOWS ADDRESS ON POLITICAL SITUATION

MAY 1938

Mr. M. Ussishkin, President of the Zionist General Council, took the chair and opened the proceedings of the Commission of that body when it began a meeting in Jerusalem at 10.15 yesterday morning.

The Commission of the Council consists of members of the Zionist Executive and members of the plenary body residing in Palestine. Dr. Weizman was present during part of the sitting.

Mr. Ussishkin referred to the Jewish victims of the disturbances in Palestine since the last meeting, and paid a tribute to Mr. Alter Druyanov, the Hebrew author and publicist, who died recently.

Mr. M. Shertok then delivered a comprehensive address on the political situation, after which a general debate began.

Discussion Concluded

The meeting was concluded late yesterday evening, the discussion having continued throughout the afternoon. Most of the members took part in the debate.

Mr. Ben-Gurion, Chairman of the Executive, wound up the proceedings by replying on behalf of the Executive, and by an almost unanimous vote with only one dissentient it was decided to approve the Executive's line of policy in existing circumstances.

Mr. Ben Gurion announced that the views both of the Partitionists and anti-Partitionists would be placed before the Commission.

A Political Advisory Committee, to assist the Executive, was appointed and consists of M. Ussishkin, Berl Katzenelson, Rabbi M. Berlin, D. Remez, J. Suprassky and S. Zuchovitzky.