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SUMMARY OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN  
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Although political unrest continues in Palestine, the past year has clarified many unsettled situations. The first event was the replacement of the Chief Secretary, Sir Wyndham Deedes, who was an ardent Zionist, by Sir Gilbert Clayton, an <sup>impartial</sup> ~~imperialist~~ British administrator.

The chief concern of the administration throughout the year has been to reduce expenditures. There have been frequent reductions in salaries and many posts have been abolished. So many officials were discharged that the veterans refused to participate in the celebrations commemorating the delivery of Jerusalem and stated that they were so dissatisfied with the way the government had treated them, that they regretted that Britain had ever entered Palestine.

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The several attempts to persuade the Arab population to participate in the government were failures. The elections to the Legislative Assembly were annulled because a majority of the population did not participate. The proposed advisory Council was abandoned when it was found that no prominent Arab would serve. The offer of an Arab Agency, with rights similar to those of the Jewish Agency, was refused. The end of the year saw the establishment of an Advisory Council made up of appointed chiefs of the various government departments.

Zionism in Palestine has modified its demands in order to secure more funds. The thirteenth Zionist Congress at Carlsbad supported the economic policy of Dr. Wiseman. The Zionist collections in America were successful beyond all expectation and even larger contributions are anticipated next year as result of their change in policy.

In general, the past year has seen a modification in the immediate aims of the Jews and has revealed a great unity and obstinacy in the opposition of the Arab population towards any government acting under the Mandate with the Balfour Declaration included. Great Britain, having failed to secure the cooperation of the Arab population, has proceeded to take the administration into her own hands and is striving to give a good government on Colonial lines.