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## DAVIS URGES SELECTIVE IMMIGRATION; LAUDS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS. 2

WASHINGTON, May 10, (Jewish correspondence Bureau) That he is more in earnest than ever in his selective immigration plan and compulsory registration and Americanizing education of aliens, was declared tonight by Secretary of Labor Davis in his speech before the fifth annual conference of the National Association of Jewish Community Center Secretaries.

Mr. Davis stated he is now conducting negotiations with representatives of thirty seven racial groups and nationalities, with a view of obtaining their ideas and cooperation in the formulation of a bill to be proposed during the next session of Congress embodying his proposals, which he described as his "pet idea". He said he was trying to work out a bill agreeable to all. Twenty percent of aliens are now voluntarily attending Americanization classes twice a month, he said. "If this is right for twenty percent, it is equally right for one hundred per cent, and I propose that this should be compulsory".

Defending his proposal on ground that it is not only for the benefit of America but for the immigrant as such, Mr. Davis asserted, "Every immigrant who commits a crime, who is sent to an insane asylum, who becomes a pauper, forms a source of prejudice and bigotted hatred against all other immigrants of his nationality who are in this country".

Cases of hardships such as have arisen under the operation of the exclusion regulation will be prevented by selecting immigrants abroad before they sell their belongings and begin their journey. This is the only humanitarian solution of the immigration problem, he declared.

Davis heartily endorsed the Jewish community center movement, making a strong plea for the erection of a Jewish center in Washington, a movement for which is now in progress.

The Jewish center will keep alive the traditions of race, and, at the same time, operate as a vital agency of Americanism," he declared. "I am in favor of preserving the traditions of the various racial groups: Americanism does not involve the abandonment of these traditions, but at the same time the immigrants should be educated in American institutions and be taught the English language."

Mr. Davis stressed the importance of educational work in preparing immigrants for participation in American citizenship and praised particularly the efforts of Jews to bring about this end. He stated that in his own experience on public school boards, he had found Jews consistently in favor of everything that meant better educational opportunities for children of this land. He recited a few instances of his own boyhood, coming here as an eight year old immigrant to work in the mills, and he glorified the opportunity that America had given to him and those like him.

Speaking of his sympathies for the Jews, Mr. Davis told the story of his younger days when his brother had to be routed from bed every Sabbath morning to light fires in the Orthodox synagogue near his home that the worshippers whose religious scruples forbade kindling of fire on Sabbaths might worship in comfort. He urged respect for the traditions of the older generations and appealed to the social workers to foster a better understanding between parents and children, particularly between foreign born parents and their American children.

"I do not care what a man's religion is as long as he has a religion" he said. "I do not care what a man's race is as long as he is a good American while he is in this country".

In the past few years, \$7,250,000 have been expended in several large cities for the erection of Jewish community centres and for the expansion of their work, Harry L. Glucksman, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Board stated. Among cities which have raised money for modern structures are Chicago with one million dollars, Philadelphia \$900,000, St. Louis \$500,000, Kansas City \$250,000 and Reading, Pa. \$170,000. A million dollars a year is being spent by the Y.M.H.A. and kindred associations whose membership totals fifty thousand, it was reported.

#### BRITISH CHIEF RABBI DEFENDS SHECHITA IN THE TIMES

London, May 1 (J. C. B.). The Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. H. Hertz, has a letter in the "Times" of April 30th, on the Slaughtering of Animals Bill introduced by Sir A. Shirley-Benn, M.P. in the House of Commons on Friday last. As the Bill is again to come before the House of Commons, the Chief Rabbi writes, he desires to state that in its present form it cannot be acceptable to the Jewish community or to men of good will of whatever creed. The Jewish method of slaughtering animals for food - Shechita - he continues, is according to the testimony of competent experts, including Lord Lister and Sir Michael Foster, Dr. Leonard Hill and Dr. T. H. Openshaw, the most humane. It is moreover an essential part of the Jewish religion, and meat from animals killed by any other method is prohibited to Jews. Legislation interfering with Shechita would therefore inflict cruel hardship on hundreds of thousands of law-abiding citizens and would in effect constitute a grievous religious persecution.

**WOMEN'S WORLD CONFERENCE TACKLES JEWISH PROBLEMS.**

VIENNA, May 9. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) World peace, anti-Semitism, the protection of defenseless women and girl immigrants, the Jewish women's part in the community, educational problems, the "physical" upbuilding of Palestine and the improvement of health among Jews in the war-racked countries, are among the problems being considered by the World Conference of Jewish Women here. Ninety delegates representing nineteen European countries, besides the representative delegation from the American Council of Jewish Women, are taking part in the gathering called by the American Council.

Mme. Narianna Hainisch, the 83 year old mother of the President of the Austrian Republic, was among those who welcomed the Jewish women's gathering. She called on the American women to use their influence towards the stabilization of world peace. Herself long identified with the women's fight for equality, she urged the women of America to use the ballot towards securing peace.

President Hainisch was also present. Chief Rabbi Chajes of Vienna delivered the principal welcoming address. He expressed his delight at the presence of the President and his mother and called on enlightened Austrians of the Christian faith to aid the Jews in their struggle against the virulent Austrian anti-Semitism. Thus far, the Rabbi said, the Jews were battling single handed.

Mrs. Alexander Kohut and Mrs. Nathaniel E. Harris replied to the greetings in behalf of the Conference, while Mrs. Harry Sternberger responded on behalf of the American Council.

The question of the preservation of Judaism was touched on by Mrs. A. Eicholtz of the Union of Jewish Women of London who warned that assimilation was exerting a "ruinous effect" on the youth.

The statement that 50% of the Jewish women whose husbands emigrate to countries overseas are virtually deserted was made by Miss Bertha Popenheim of Frankfurt, Germany, representing the Judische Frauenbund. The husbands, she declared, frequently become bigamists.

Mme. Zadok Kahan of France dwelt on the necessity of protection for defenseless women immigrants and urged an international understanding between governments with reference to white slave traffic. A resolution favoring the physical upbuilding of Palestine was adopted at one of the early sessions. Mrs. Kohut was chosen Chairman of the sessions.

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**WARSAW COAT OF ARMS NOT FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY.**

WARSAW, May 10, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Considerable comment has been aroused here by the action of the Board of the Warsaw City Council in regard to the seal of the Warsaw Jewish communal organization. Since the Middle Ages the seal has included the City Coat of Arms, representing a siren. The Board of the City Council contends now that there is no document to show that the Jewish communal organization has any right to the use of this coat of arms.

The Jewish community has decided not to fight the case and will not use the seal any more. A competition has been announced for a new design for a seal for the community.