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### CONFERENCE TO CREATE JEWISH WORLD RELIEF FUND OPENED CARLSBAD

Delegates Representing 22 Countries and 75 Organizations From America, Europe and Asia Present.

Carlsbad, August 22, 1924 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Over one hundred delegates from America, Europe and Asia, representing 75 Jewish philanthropic and social organizations in twenty two countries were present at the first meeting of the Jewish World Relief Conference which was opened here yesterday at 8 P. M. American Jewry is represented at the conference by two delegations: The American Jewish Congress and the HIAS. The delegation of the American Jewish Congress consists of Judge Hugo Pam of Chicago, Judge William D. Lewis of Philadelphia, Max D. Steuer of New York and Dr. A. M. Rongy, expert on immigration problems and Mr. William Topkis. The HIAS is represented by Mr. Benjamin.

Over \$200,000,000 is annually being spent by Jews throughout the world for social and relief work. The purpose of the conference is to unite all the Jewish relief organizations into some kind of Federation in order to avoid duplication of effort, add to carry on the work on a large and more efficient scale.

Jewish organizations belonging to all parties and shades of opinion accepted the call to deliberate on a more efficient and united action of relief work to be carried on in the future.

The Zionists are represented by Messrs. Ussishkin, Motzkin, Dr. Chajs, chief Rabbi of Vienna, Deputy Isaac Gruenbaum, Dr. Thon; The Agudas Israel by Mr. Pappenheim of Vienna; The Jewish Socialists by Dr. Silberfarb, formerly Minister of Jewish Affairs in the Ukraine, Leon Chazonvitch; Voelkis party by Messrs. N. Frylutzky, member of the Polish Parliament and Mr. Effroykin. The Independent Order Bnai Brith has a numerous delegation at the Conference with delegates from ten countries. The Sphardic Jews are also represented.

An interesting and new feature of this Jewish gathering is the fact that in it are representatives of Jewish Kahillahs in Warsaw, Vienna, Berlin, Hamburg, Vilna, the Unions of the Jewish Communities in Italy, Bohemia, Bukowina, the Vaad Teumi of Palestine, the Jewish National Councils of Poland, Lithuania,

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and Bohemia, the Zionist Organization, the Independent Order Bnai Brith, and a number of Jewish Economic Organizations of Eastern Europe.

The meeting was opened by Dr. Leo Motzkin, who submitted a report of the activities of the Jewish World Relief Conference during the past four years, in which time 24,000,000 francs were expended for relief purposes. "The main task which the Conference is confronted with," the speaker said, "is to find ways and means with which to continue the relief work for Russian Jewry and to organize the relief for the Jewish stranded refugees." Dr. Motzkin urged the conference to make a special appeal to American Jewry not to discontinue its efforts for the purpose of saving the Jews of Russia in that distressful moment when help was urgently needed, more than ever.

Mr. Gekri, representative of the International Red Cross, greeted the conference in behalf of his organization and stated that the Red Cross attaches much importance to its contact with the work of the Jewish World Relief Conference. He praised the work accomplished so far and promised further cooperation of the Red Cross.

Representatives of the Cheko-Slovakian Ministry of the Interior and of the Cheko-Slovakian Ministry for Social Work welcomed the delegates. Dr. Rongy in behalf of the American Jewish Congress, David Yellin, on behalf of the Vaad Leumi, Dr. Samson Rosenbaum, formerly Minister of Jewish Affairs in Lithuania on behalf of East European Jewry greeted the Conference. Many telegrams and cables were received and read in Czechoslovakian, English, French, German and Yiddish. Dr. Leo Motzkin was elected President of the Conference.

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HANS TURNED NOT CATHOLIC BUT BAPTISED

Vienna, August 22 ( Jewish Telegraphic Agency) It was established here today that Hans Herzl was converted not to Catholicism but to Baptism. The ceremony took place in the Baptist Chapel in Vienna by Pastor Georg Sarre.

At the same hour when devoted Zionists came to pay tribute to the memory of his father at his graveside in Vienna, Hans became a Baptist.

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WOULD INQUIRE WHETHER FOREIGN BORN VIOLATE TRAFFIC RULES

Washington, August 22 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) To what extent traffic accidents and violations involve illiterates and foreign born through their inability to read warning or directional signs; and to what extent these violators have had driving experience is being studied in connection with the Conference on Street and Highway Safety, it was revealed today in a report Secretary of Commerce Hoover, under whose leadership a number of national organizations are working to reduce automobile accidents.

One of the organizations cooperating with the Conference, the Delaware Safety Council, at Wilmington, it was disclosed, has asked magistrates and clerks of city courts to help get facts about the type of traffic violator who is being brought up for traffic offenses. When enough replies have been received an analysis will be attempted to determine whether the information can be used to help the Conference to make recommendations.

The report which these officials have been asked to fill out indicates the kind and address of the violator, business, age, color, sex, education, and whether married or single. If foreign born, it will show the nationality, length of residence in the United States, whether naturalized, whether able to speak, read, and write English.

Other reports to the Conference have indicated the need for teaching English to the foreign-born. Connecticut is paying close attention to this need in its Americanization work, conducted by the State Department of Education, according to a report by Commissioner of Education Meredith of that state.

JEW APPOINTED TO SUPREME COURT IN MARYLAND

Baltimore, Md. - Joseph N. Ulmer has been appointed by Governor Albert C. Ritchie to fill a vacancy on the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City until the general election of 1926.

Mr. Ulmer is professor of law at the University of Maryland Law School. He also is president of the Prisoners' Aid Association and treasurer of the Montrose School for Girls.

OBSERVANCE OF HIGH HOLY DAYS MADE POSSIBLE FOR JEWISH STUDENTS

Bincinnati (August 22) (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) No Jewish student will this year be compelled, in a majority of American schools and colleges, to take examinations on the High Holy Days, or to lose scholastic standing because of Holy Day absences. Pledges of hearty cooperation have been received by the Tract Commission of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations from school principals and superintendents throughout the country. The Union's Tract Commission, in accordance with an annual custom, has sent a Jewish Holy Day calendar to hundreds of educators throughout the United States, asking that they arrange their examinations so as to avoid particularly Monday, September 29 (Rosh Hashonah) and Wednesday, October 3 (Yom Kippur).

The replies to these requests for cooperation received by the Union have been wholeheartedly cooperative. Many superintendents, principals and other heads of schools requested additional copies of the Jewish holiday calendar, so that they might distribute them among all the teachers under their jurisdiction, and thus avoid the possibility for the scheduling of any examinations for Jewish Holy Days.

The request made by the Union for New Years and the Day of Atonement has been extended by liberal minded school superintendents to cover all Jewish holidays during the scholastic year. Many schools will give special examinations to Jewish students on dates where examinations have already been scheduled and conflict with holidays.

HEWISH COLONISATION IN THE ARGENTINE

Paris, August 1 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service) The Department of Agriculture of the Argentine Government has decided to hold the fourth agricultural exhibition for the province of Entre Rios in Basavilbaso on October 1 to 15. The exhibition has been placed under the patronage of the co-operative union of the colonists of the Jewish Colonisation Assoc. (ICA). A representative of the Ica, Mr. Kaplan, has been appointed to preside over the organization committee which includes a number of Ica colonists and several members appointed by the Director of the Dept. of Agriculture, who will open the exhibition. The exhibition will be held in the Ica co-operative "Agricola Israelita". There will be four sections: cereals, vegetables and fruits; cattle and horses; ploughs, tractors and agricultural machinery; home manufactures, textiles, etc. The holding of the exhibition in an Ica settlement and the choice of a representative of the Ica to preside over the committee indicate the regard in which the Ica is held by the Government.

PALESTINE TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY DESPATCHESTHE APPLICATION OF MARRANOS: A DOCUMENT OF JEWISH HISTORY

Jerusalem, August 1 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)  
The application of the Portuguese Marranos to the Chief Rabbinate of Palestine for permitting them to return to the fold of Jewish religion was made in a letter dated Lisbon, June 25 and represents a unique document in the history of the Jewish people.

"Most of the Marranos," the letter states, "are farmers." The rest are professional men, including doctors of medicine, lawyers and scholars. Very few of them are merchants or industrialists." The baptism of our forbears," it proceeds, "was only pretended because of the terror of the Inquisition and the Auto-da-fe. In the depths of our hearts, however, we, their descendants, have maintained our love and our loyalty to our Jewish people. We marry only among ourselves and even if we are baptised as children in Catholic churches, are married according to Catholic rites and are laid in our graves as Catholics, we feel ourselves Jews more than ever. In the course of the centuries we have lived under the pressure of clericalism, cut off from every communication with Jews. The Jewish laws have become strange to us. By certain phases of the moon we know when it is Yom Kippur, which we observe devoutly according to the commands which have been handed down by tradition. It pains us that we do not understand the words of the Hebrew commands. We Marranos never cease to speak of our return to Jerusalem. We speak of it with our children and we believe in it firmly. We take the most joyful interest in the present reconstruction work of our Jewish brethren in the land of our fathers.

The spirit of liberty for all peoples and nations which is now passing through the world, the breaking of the old chains by modern civilisation has led the leading personalities among the Marranos to believe that there is no longer any reason why they should continue to hide their feelings and thoughts under a mask. The spirit of toleration and modern culture is dominant today in Portugal, and the Marranos wish to avow themselves openly as sons of the ancient Jewish people, to which they have never ceased to belong with heart and soul. Many of us have already applied to the Jewish community in Lisbon, which, however, for political reasons, has been reserved with regard to our desire to return to Judaism. The term "Marranos" we feel describes a condition of hypocritical make-belief and cowardly insincerity. We wish to participate openly and honestly in the lot of our people throughout the world, for we belong to it by blood, race and spiritual life," the letter concludes/