

## AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE REGARDING JEWISH COLONIZATION WORK SIGNED IN MOSCOW

Control of Invested Sums Assured to J. D. C.; Property Declared Immune from Confiscation.  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Dec. 13.—An agreement between the government of the Union of Russian Soviet Republics and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee regarding the activities of the latter in helping Russian Jews to settle on the land was signed here yesterday.

According to the stipulations of the agreement, which contains thirty-eight paragraphs and touches upon all the questions in connection with the Jewish colonization work in Russia, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is given considerable independence in this work. Exclusive control of the sums invested in the colonization work is assured the Joint Distribution Committee.

The Joint Distribution Committee, termed the Agricultural Joint in the agreement, is obliged to expend the sum of \$400,000 during the first year of the colonization work. The Joint Distribution Committee is also obliged to submit a report of its activities to the Soviet Government quarterly upon the request of the government.

The property of the Joint Distribution Committee in Soviet Russia is declared by the agreement to be immune from confiscation, nationalization and alienation. The staff which supervises the Jewish colonization work is to enjoy all the rights and privileges of state officials, according to the agreement.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS REJECTS LABOR RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH ALIEN RESTRICTION ACT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 13.—The House of Commons by a vote of 175 to 37 rejected the resolution of the Labor group to omit the Alien Restriction Act of 1919 from the bill providing for the renewal of the expiring laws.

Sir Joynson Hicks, Home Secretary, in speaking against the resolution of the Labor group declared that while Great Britain has one million unemployed persons, he will not, under any circumstances, allow aliens to come and seek work in the country. "Eighty-nine thousand out of a total of two hundred and seventy-two thousand aliens in the country are Russians. Ninety per cent of them settled in England twenty or thirty

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## PARVUS, ROMANTIC FIGURE OF EUROPEAN SOCIALISM, DIES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Helshand Parvus, the romantic figure of the socialist movement in Europe, died here today at the age of 57.

Parvus, who was a much discussed figure in various European countries, had a great number of friends and foes. His activities embraced Russia, Germany and Turkey. During the Russian Revolution of 1905 he was president of the Workmen's Council in the City of Petrograd. He later went to Germany where he was prominently associated with the socialist movement there.

During the war he was in charge of supplies for the German and Turkish armies and amassed millions. He later played an important role in the negotiations between Germany and Soviet Russia.

## LORD BALFOUR RESENTS ACTION OF LEAGUE COUNCIL ON PALESTINE MANDATE REPORT

Says Jews in Palestine Have Done Marvelously Well Since Declaration.  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 13.—Lord Balfour, the author of the Declaration of November 2, 1917, was the first of the great world leaders to comment upon the attitude of the Council of the League of Nations in adopting the report of the Permanent Mandates Commission regarding Palestine.

In an interview he granted today to Mr. Herman Bernstein, well-known American Jewish journalist and editor of the New York "Jewish Tribune", he stated, "I wonder whether the gentlemen of the Council of the League of Nations have given thought to the question of what would become of the unfortunate Jews in Eastern Europe who were so dreadfully affected by the economic boycott and other persecutions, without a Jewish National Home in Palestine."

"Within the brief period since the Declaration, the Jews in Palestine have done marvelously well: A few years ago Palestine was a barren and neglected country. It was negligible both economically and industrially. Now the country is beginning to thrive with new industries and new life. I understand that Jewish manufacturers of Lodz, the center of the textile industry in Poland, are about to establish a textile industry in Palestine", Lord Balfour stated.

## CLUES OF EGYPTIAN MURDER POINT TO PALESTINE ARABS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 13.—Clues in the murder of General Lee Stack, which resulted in the present political crisis in Egypt, indicate that some Palestine Arabs are connected with this affair.

The police searched the houses of three Arab officials in Jaffa today and confiscated documents in connection with the Egyptian crime.

The Arab paper, "Falastin", in reporting that the houses of the Arab officials had been searched, expressed its belief that it will lead to no consequences as the persons concerned are not involved in political activities.

## CELEBRATE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH STUDENTS FUND

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Dec. 13.—The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Jewish Students Fund at Dorpat University was celebrated today by the Jewish students of the University and the Jewish community.

The fund was a great factor in Jewish student life in Russia in view of the fact that Dorpat University was the center for Jewish academic youth barred from other Russian universities under the Czaristic regime.

The celebration of the Fiftieth anniversary of the Jewish Students Fund at Riga also took place recently.

## JEWISH WOMEN'S COUNCIL SECRETARY ADDRESSES NEWPORT NEWS COMMUNITY

Newport News, Va., Dec. 13.—The pulpit of the local Jewish congregation was occupied by a woman for the first time in its history, when Mrs. Estelle M. Sternberger of New York City, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Jewish Women, delivered an address before the local community, under the auspices of the Newport News Section of the Council.

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## DR. ELIOT, PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY, OPPOSES INTERMARRIAGE OF JEWS AND CHRISTIANS

Scorns Jewish Academic Youth for Violating Dietary Laws; Jews Should Take Example From Irish, He Says.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 12.—The tendency among American Jews to intermarry with Christians and to forsake the traditions of their race for modern American manners and customs is among the evils which are threatening the Jewish race today, Dr. Charles W. Eliot, ninety-year old president emeritus of Harvard, told the American Zionist Society here today.

"I have noticed with regret," said Dr. Eliot, "the increasing tendency of Jews to marry Christians. I have had a long observation of such intermarriage between people who are not kindred, and I have never known them to turn out well. I hope that you Jews will consider that."

In substantiating his theories, Dr. Eliot spoke of the immigration of the Irish to America, declaring that the Irish "have never been assimilated in America, anywhere," and that "it is not desirable that they should be."

"Americans don't expect to assimilate any foreign peoples, even the Jews. It seems that non-assimilation is better for the future of the nation."

"During the last few years I have several times had occasion to visit New York. There I have noticed among young Jewish people a distinct falling away from the customs of their fathers and mothers. While attending a luncheon at Columbia not long ago I saw six young Jewish persons, three men and three women, seize the table next to mine and order dishes which seemed to be selected for the sole purpose of showing that they were no longer conforming to Jewish methods of serving food. Pork was one of the dishes ordered, as I remember."

"In addition, their conversation partook of the spirit of their orders, and showed an abandonment of the laws and customs of their ancestors. This tendency is unfortunate not only for Jewish people but for all other people. It sets a bad example for all of us," Dr. Eliot said.

Dr. Eliot also said that the physical condition of the Jewish race has become poor, largely because through persecution they had not been allowed to take up what he termed "muscular occupations" in many countries.

In this connection, he endorsed the Zionist movement, and stated that he believed the Jewish race should have in Palestine at least one place where they can "put their backs against the wall and face all-comers, if comers there be—a place where they can recover some of the qualities which they have lost during their long years of suffering in many lands. It will give them an opportunity to practice the muscular trades, such as agriculture and carpentry, from which the Jews have been excluded for centuries."

## DAILY DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION ON JEWISH MATTERS

**Registration-of-Aliens Bill and the A. F. of L.**  
Hillel Rogoff, who writes in the "Forward" (Dec. 11) on the registration-of-alien bill which has been introduced in Congress, believes that the new move on the part of the anti-immigrationists is directed primarily against organized labor in this country, and therefore the A. F. of L. which helped to create the sentiment against immigration will now be forced to come out in their defense.

"Through this bill the aliens would suffer temporarily, until they acquired citizenship papers. But the unions would be crippled forever," says Mr. Rogoff.

"The campaign against immigrants which was undertaken supposedly in the interests of labor, now being converted into a weapon of the capitalists against the workers. The passing of the registration-of-alien bill will be the first step in this direction. Immigrant workers will not dare to be active in their unions if they will know that they are under the constant vigilance of the police and the bosses will be in a position always to threaten their employes with persecution and deportation."

"The unions realize this and they will no doubt fight this bill. But if they had understood the situation before, if they had regarded the immigration problem from a broader social-economic point of view and had refused to participate in the campaign of slander against the immigrant they would, most likely, not be faced now with this present danger."

## Economics Not Sentimentality

The renewed efforts being made in Spain to induce the Sephardic Jews to immigrate in large numbers into that country are discussed by the "Daily Jewish Courier" of Chicago, in a recent issue.

"It is doubtful," says this paper, "whether the friendly invitation to the Jews is really dictated by feelings of remorse for the great wrong Spain did the Jews in 1492. We do not mean to imply that Spain intends to harm the Jews, but she has her own good in mind. Spain is backward industrially as compared with other European countries and no doubt it is felt in many circles that the influx of an energetic Jewish element would help greatly to improve the situation."

"It must be assumed that if the Jews have hitherto not made use of Spain's invitation they do not show that they still nurture a hatred against Spain for the merciless manner in which she treated them in the past. If opportunities for earning a livelihood in Spain were more favorable the Jews would certainly flock there. The obstacle is not a sentimental one but a purely economic one."

## Mutual Confidence Replacing Distrust

The "Neuer Haint" of Warsaw, carries an article in a recent issue by Dr. I. Gottlieb, who dwells at length on the Palestine Investment Corporation which was organized recently in New York. Dr. Gottlieb sees in this a sign that the feeling of distrust which always existed between the Zionists and non-Zionists has finally given way to mutual confidence. He says:

"The declaration which was made by Louis Marshall before the American Jewish Committee in reference to the participation of the non-Zionists in the Jewish Agency and the establishment of the Palestine Investment Corporation proves that there really exists among the American Jews a sincere desire to cooperate in the reconstruction of Palestine."

**BRITISH STATESMAN CHAMPIONS CAUSE OF NATIONAL MINORITIES BEFORE AMERICAN COMMITTEE**

The cause of the rights of all minorities in Eastern Europe was very strongly championed at the dinner given Dec. 11, by the American Committee on the Rights of Religious Minorities, at the Yale Club. The special guest of the occasion was the Right Honorable Sir Willoughby Dickinson of London, former member of the British Parliament, now chairman of the Committee on Minorities of the League of Nations Union, England, and Honorable Secretary of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship Through the Churches.

A report was presented by a delegation which went to Europe to study conditions affecting the minorities. The chief speaker of the occasion was Sir Willoughby Dickinson who told of the efforts which are being made abroad in behalf of the minorities both by the League of Nations Union and by the League of Nations itself. He referred sympathetically to the struggle which the Jews are making for the maintenance of their rights and referred specifically to the work of the Joint Foreign Committee of London which is led by Mr. Lucien Wolf. He emphasized the necessity of awakening public opinion in favor of securing justice for the different minority groups of the population.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, speaking in behalf of the struggle for Jewish rights in Europe, referred to the work of both the Joint Foreign Committee in London and the Committee of Jewish Delegations in Paris.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, in his address, referred to the question of the rights of minorities as it came up in Paris at the time of the Peace Conference and told of a conversation he had with representatives of the Roumanian Government whom he reminded of the previous failure to recognize the rights of Jews as citizens of their country.

The American Committee on the Rights of Religious Minorities consists of men of prominence, representing various religious denominations. Among members of the committee are the Honorable William Howard Taft, Honorable William J. Bryan, Honorable Herbert C. Hoover, Dr. Charles W. Eliot, Honorable Alton B. Parker, Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, Honorable Robert Lansing and Dr. John H. Finley.

Among the Jewish members of the committee are Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Mr. Louis Marshall, Honorable Oscar Straus, Honorable Abram I. Elkins and Honorable Henry Morgenthau.

The Chairman of the Committee is the Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown. The Executive Secretary is the Rev. Dr. Henry A. Atkinson and the Recording Secretary, Mr. Linley V. Gordon.

**BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF JEWISH REALITIES PROMOTED BY 'JEWISH DAILY BULLETIN', SAYS 'DOS YIDDISHE FOLK'**

"Dos Yiddische Folk", organ of the American Zionists, devotes an editorial, in its issue of Dec. 12 on the "Jewish Daily Bulletin".

"During the past several weeks a small Jewish newspaper, printed in English and called 'The Jewish Daily Bulletin', has been appearing in New York under the editorship of the able, conscientious Jewish journalist, William Spiegelman.

"The paper is small in size but the idea behind it is big", says "Dos Yiddische Folk". "It has the purpose of furnishing the American Jews, who do not read the Yiddish press, news of all important Jewish events, couched in the briefest possible form. It also serves as the source from which the general American press secures correct facts about occurrences in the Jewish world. Such an enterprise is worthy of being welcomed not only

**OUR DAILY NEWS LETTER**

**The Jewish Artists in Vienna**

(By Our Vienna Correspondent, M. Tenenblatt)

Vienna, Dec. 1.—The bad economic conditions have become almost like a permanent feature in Austria. We are having what might be termed a chronic crisis here and there has even been created a considerable literature on this subject, a literature on our indigence. We also have musical pieces composed on this unfortunate economic state of ours. A popular song which one can hear in every cabaret and vaudeville nowadays runs something like this: "I have no money, you have no money and we're all broke!"

Under such terrible economic conditions there are, naturally, no art collectors and connoisseurs, so that to be an artist here is equivalent to starving.

The Jewish artists in Vienna are worse off than anybody else. Vienna is the city where one could always find Jewish artists of international reputation, and during the war they succeeded in getting their share of the prosperity which for some time prevailed here owing to the rise of the currency. There were many individual Jews who amassed considerable fortunes and of course when a Jewish "nouveau riche" buys works of art it is unavoidable, so to say, that a few Jewish motifs should creep in among the other canvasses. In those days, therefore, the Jewish artists did quite a little business. But today their condition is worse than ever and valuable canvasses of Professor Yehuda Epstein, Lazar Krestin, Wilhelm Wachtel and others remain unsold. A few individual Jewish artists had earned enough before to make it possible for them to endure the present state of poverty and will probably be in a position to tide over another few years in comparative security. But the majority of them are in bad straits and cannot extricate themselves from the unbearable situation.

You visit Krestin's or Wachtel's studios, for instance, and you are overwhelmed by the number and brilliance of their canvasses. All these are recent creations. Krestin's studies and portraits have enjoyed an international reputation for years now. His work multiplies rapidly for he is as energetic and industrious as a bee. But he subsists these days largely on the spiritual satisfaction of his varied and rich creations. He paints ten new canvasses before he succeeds in selling one. All the praise and commendation of the best critics is of no avail. There is a dearth of money in Vienna and there is nothing for it but to starve if one happens to be an artist.

Wilhelm Wachtel is just as badly off as Krestin. Recently he spent several months in Palestine and the Orient where he gave free play to his phantasy and his pencil which resulted in a collection of two score or so of canvasses of wonderful vigor and originality; landscapes and portraits of the new Palestine which should be a treasured possession not only in private homes but likewise in art galleries and museums.

The creative spirit of the artists does not rest even though the wolf is knocking at their door. Some of them have gone to America in search of better luck. But have American Jews time to sit for portraits?

from the journalistic point of view. It is an important step which may lead to a better understanding of Jewish realities in the circles of American Jewry.

"The 'Jewish Daily Bulletin' was successful from its very inception and has been welcomed very warmly in Jewish, as well as non-Jewish circles, because it has proven that it follows the principle of correct information and of decent, responsible, impartial journalism."

## MOSLEM SUPREME COUNCIL ENDEAVORS TO PREVENT SALE OF LAND IN PALESTINE TO JEWS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Jerusalem, Nov. 24.—The negotiations which have been going on recently regarding the sale of lands to Jews at Agil and Al Haram have been suspended owing to the intervention of the Supreme Moslem Council, states the "Falastin," the official organ of the Palestine Arab Executive. The suspension is due to the decision of the Supreme Moslem Council not to proceed with the settlement of the questions relating to the Wakf lands in the neighborhood, and until this matter is settled no sale is possible.

The "Falastin" declares that the Al Amari family has already received from the Jews £3,000 in advance, on condition that if the land is not transferred to the intending purchasers by the date fixed, the Al Amari family is to pay £15,000 in default. "As the sale has not been completed in time," the "Falastin" continues, "the Al Amari family will now have to pay the £15,000 forfeit money, which it is unable to do. This will mean the land coming up for auction, and as there are no purchasers in the market but the Jews, the land will fall to the Jews in any case."

## GERMAN ANTI-SEMITISM ORIGINATES IN UNIVERSITIES, VISITOR SAYS

"German anti-Semitism is principally propagated by the German Universities," stated Mr. Jacques Sonneborn, who arrived in New York on a visit to this country from Hamburg, Germany. "Seventy-five per cent of the faculty and students of these universities are pursuing an anti-Semitic policy."

Mr. Sonneborn attributes this to the role played in German national life by the students of German universities, since it is from this body of young men that the officer class of the German Army is principally recruited. The policy of the German military authorities has been extremely anti-Semitic in its exclusion of Jews from the officer class of the German army.

The "Hammer," the newspaper that attacked Max Warburg and his family connections in the banking world, came in for a measure of condemnation from Mr. Sonneborn. He states that this paper has a very poor reputation.

Mr. Sonneborn, who is the largest oil manufacturer in Germany, came to the United States to visit relatives. He will remain in New York for several days and will then proceed on a trip through the country as far as California.

## House of Commons Rejects Labor Resolution to Abolish Alien Restriction Act

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years ago. We will not be so cruel as to deport them, unless they are convicted of crime. The entire question, however, must be considered solely from the interests of the British population," the Home Secretary declared.

John Scurr, Labor Member of Mile End, declared that a special anti-alien agitation in England is being engineered. "It is untrue," he declared, "to say that the aliens have taken the bread from the mouths of Britishers."

Davies, under-secretary in the Home Office in MacDonald's cabinet, argued for the acceptance of the Labor group's resolution, declaring that unless "England is fair to aliens in England, we cannot expect fair play with regard to Britishers in other countries."

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## FINAL CONSONANTS OF HEBREW ALPHABET WILL BE DECLARED CONTRA-REVOLUTIONARIES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Dec. 13.—The economic structure and the system of government were not the only pillars of society which were shaken by the Bolshevik revolution. In the course of their reign, the Bolshevik reformists also touched the field of philology. The first victims of this reform were the six distinct letters of the old Slavic and Russian languages which have disappeared from Russian spelling and pronunciation on the command of the Bolshevik rulers. The "tverdyi Znack", the "Miaghki Znack", the "Yath", the "Phita", the short e and the half e were banished from use in Russian prints.

These discarded letters will soon find themselves in the excellent company of some of the aristocrats of the ancient Hebrew alphabet which will also be declared contra-revolutionary if the Jewish Philological Commission of Moscow has its way.

The Commission decided to eliminate the final letters, such as, final "Khoff", final "Mem", final "Nun", final "Phei" and final "Zadi", from the Hebrew alphabet.

## STATE CHARITIES CHALLENGES LEGAL STATUS OF JEWISH ORPHANAGE

Charges that Justice Aaron J. Levy of the Supreme Court is operating an orphan asylum without authority, from the State were made at the meeting of the State Board of Charities. Justice Levy is president of the Hebrew National Orphan House, which owns property at 507 Tuckahoe Road, Yonkers, where 260 children are housed.

Dr. Lee Frankel, vice-president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and chairman of the special committee of the State Board of Charities, reported that the charter under which Justice Levy's orphanage was being operated had been issued only to a religious organization for the purpose of holding religious services, and contained no permit to conduct an institution for the care of children.

The orphanage receives no public funds, but nine teachers from the New York City Board of Education are assigned to it, as an annex of Public School 7. The property is valued at about \$200,000.

The need for temporary shelters for children whose parents are ill is still felt, according to Mr. Frankel. It was intimated that Justice Levy might be permitted to transform his orphanage into such a temporary shelter. It was also suggested that he would join the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies.

## HEAD OF JEWISH INSURANCE COMPANY LEAVES FOR PALESTINE

Mr. Nathan Chasan, Nasi of the Order Sons of Zion, is leaving for Palestine to direct the Judea Insurance Company, Ltd., of Palestine, which has its headquarters in Jerusalem. Mr. Chasan will assume the directorship, representing the Judea Industrial Corporation which has organized the first Jewish Insurance Company.

Mr. Jacob Miller of Detroit is leaving with Mr. Chasan. He will act as general manager for the company.

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