

CINCINNATI COLLEGE TO BE SEPARATED FROM UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

Civil Rights Board to Be Abolished—Regional Rabbis Will Be Appointed

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Cincinnati, Dec. 25.—A proposal to separate the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati as a distinct legal entity, operating under its own charter, rather than as a subsidiary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, will engage the attention of the twenty-ninth Council of the Union when it convenes in St. Louis on January 18th. Fifteen hundred delegates are expected.

This proposal will come up as part of the report of the Committee of Twenty-Six which was appointed at the special Council in Chicago last April, with David A. Brown as chairman.

Withdrawal of the Union's support from the Hebrew Union College is not contemplated by the Committee of Twenty-Six whose report includes a proposal that a majority of the Board of Governors of the College shall be elected by the Union. The committee believes that setting up the College as a separate legal entity will tend to attract additional funds for the institution, as it will make it possible for donors to give money directly to

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COUNCIL OF PEOPLES COMMISSARS RATIFIES CHARTER OF JEWISH LAND-SETTLING SOCIETY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Dec. 25.—The charter of the Society for the Support of Jewish Landsettling in the Union of Soviet Republics was ratified today by the Council of the Peoples' Commissars.

According to information received here from Ukraine, the registration of Ukrainian Jews who wish to settle on the land will be completed in January. As soon as the data are collected, the settlers will be enabled to settle on the land, which was allotted for this purpose. The majority of those who registered are forming special companies for the purpose of engaging in collective farming.

In the districts of Charkow and Ekaterinaslav only 3,000 Jewish families will be given land this year. A condition is imposed upon the settlers that they must invest the initial capital themselves.

JAFFA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DEMANDS PATRONAGE OF LOCAL FIRMS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jaffa, Dec. 25.—The Government of Palestine ought to patronize local firms in making purchases of supplies. This demand was forwarded to the Government in a memorandum submitted by the Jewish Chamber of Commerce of Jaffa. Government and army officials recently ceased ordering goods from Palestine firms and have, instead, been receiving their supplies from Crown agents.

DEATH SENTENCE OF JEWISH POLITICAL PRISONER IN KOVNO COMMUTED

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Kovno, Dec. 25.—The sentence of Leib Bei, a political prisoner who was condemned to death by military court according to martial law, was commuted to life imprisonment by the president of the Lithuanian Republic as a result of an appeal by a Jewish delegation, headed by Chief Rabbi Schapiro.

MEXICAN SENATOR STARTS MOVEMENT TO FACILITATE IMMIGRATION

Changes in Naturalization Laws Proposed—Farmers, Scientists, and Intellectuals Afforded Citizenship Facilities

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Mexico City, Dec. 25.—That the Government of Mexico is seriously interested in attracting immigration is proved by the favorable reception given to proposed reform of the immigration and naturalization laws.

Senator Pedre de Alba is the sponsor of a plan to introduce legislature for the purpose of facilitating the immigration and settlement of foreigners in Mexico. According to the plan of Senator Alba, the following points are to be made part of the new naturalization law:

Agricultural colonists who wish to benefit by the laws of land partition and interior colonization, whether their expenses are paid by the government or by private enterprise, shall solicit their citizenship papers immediately upon arrival, in order that the date of naturalization may begin one year after their first application, it being understood that they renounce their former nationality and adopt Mexico as their country.

Foreigners who, through their capacity and preparation, desire to lend their services to the government in the universities or other school branches, shall be considered on the same plane as Mexican citizens, the only requisite being that they apply immediately for their first papers.

Those who invest considerable capital in Mexico and who devote themselves to the devel-

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GERMAN ZIONIST CONVENTION TO DISCUSS NECESSITY OF REFORMS

Ab. Goldberg Sailing for New York

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 25.—The question of introducing necessary reforms into the Zionist World Organization will be the main subject of discussion at the Twentieth Annual Conference of the Federation of German Zionists, which will be held in Wiesbaden, December 28 to December 31.

Mr. Abraham Goldberg, member of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization will present his views on this subject.

Mr. Goldberg will sail for New York on the steamer "France" from Havre on January 3.

WIEBOLDT FOUNDATION DISTRIBUTES \$150,000 TO WELFARE INSTITUTIONS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Chicago, Dec. 25.—The sum of \$150,000 was distributed among 174 welfare and charity institutions by the Wieboldt Foundation in connection with the holiday season.

The Wieboldt Foundation was established by a prominent Jewish merchant, William Wieboldt. The list of the beneficiaries includes institutions of all nationalities.

The total received by Jewish institutions amounts to \$20,000.

FORMER TURKISH CALIPH PROCEEDS TO MECCA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Cairo, Dec. 25.—Abdul Mejid, the former Turkish Caliph, proceeded to Mecca to attend the Moslem World Congress convened by Ibn Saud, Sultan of Nejd.

Abdul Mejid hopes to be proclaimed again Caliph of the Faithful Moslems at this conference.

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RABBI CONFRONTED WITH KING SOLOMON'S PROBLEM TAKES OPPOSITE COURSE OF JUSTICE

Aunt, Not Mother, Awarded Child
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vilna, Dec. 25.—A problem resulting from one of life's bitter tragedies, resembling the problem brought before King Solomon, which brought him recognition as the wisest of men, was presented to one of the Rabbis here.

In the village G—, in the vicinity of Vilna, two sisters secretly concluded an agreement six years ago. One of the sisters was married, but had no children; the other was unmarried, but was about to become a mother. Upon the suggestion of the married sister a solution to the situation was found in an arrangement, whereby the unmarried sister was to register in one of the Vilna hospitals under the name of her married sister and when the child was born, it should be declared the child of the married sister.

After six years, the married sister became a widow. The other having in the meantime been married to a wealthy man, revealed her secret to her husband, her maternal feelings having been awakened, she decided to reclaim her child. Her sister, the widow, refused to return the child, because she cared for it and loved it. Both the mother and the aunt decided to submit the case to a Rabbi.

The Rabbi, having before him as precedent the famous judgment of King Solomon, after careful consideration, decided to take an opposite course of justice. His verdict was that the child should be left with its aunt and not returned to its mother. In explaining the motive of his verdict, the Rabbi stated, "The mother showed extreme egotism. For her own personal convenience she renounced the child and for her own convenience she would now reclaim it, even at the risk of revealing the illegitimacy of the child. The aunt acted with extreme unselfishness in taking the child and in caring for it. The child therefore shall belong to its aunt."

NEEDLE TRADE UNIONS PLAN APARTMENT HOUSES FOR WORKERS

Four New York needle trade unions are contemplating an initial expenditure of \$1,000,000 on a block of model apartment houses as part of a general housing scheme to furnish comfortable and up-to-date homes for the families of workers in the needle trades. The unions are the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, the Furriers' Union and the Cap Makers' Union. The financial factors in the proposed plan are the International Bank, owned by the garment workers, and the Amalgamated Bank, owned by the clothing workers.

The unions in the needle trades represent about 150,000 workers in this city, most of whom live in Harlem, the Bronx, the east side of Manhattan,

DAILY DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION ON JEWISH MATTERS

Arab Post Urges Jewish-Arab Friendship

The "Jewish World" of Philadelphia carries, in a recent issue, a correspondence from Vienna in which the writer relates a speech delivered before a Jewish audience in that city by the well known Arabian poet and publicist of Palestine, Aziz Damet. Aziz Damet is an enthusiastic believer in the Zionist movement, a personal friend of Dr. Weizmann and Israel Zangwill, and he is propagating for friendly relations between the Jews and Arabs. In his Vienna speech he said, among other things:

"You have heard of the type of landowners in Palestine called 'effendi', which is a Turkish word, the 'effendi' class having been established by the Turks. A four-year old child of an 'effendi' could slap the face of an Arab Sheik. The 'effendis' always exploited the Arabs and have kept them in a backward state.

"The rule of the 'effendis' has been abolished. But the Arab today is unable to cultivate the soil the way the Jew can, though he has learned somewhat since the latter has come to Palestine. Wherever the Arab has learned from the Jew both have become friends. The tendency on the part of progressive Arabs today is toward cooperation with the Jews. It is high time that this should be so."

Over-Abundance of Friends May Hurt Immigrants' Cause

There is danger that the immigrants and those who are interested to see a liberalization of the immigration laws may suffer because of an over-abundance of friends, is the warning given by Mr. Jacob Fishman, in the "Jewish Morning Journal" of Dec. 23.

"Last week Congressman Perlman introduced a bill in the interests of the immigrants. Now Congressman La Guardia has introduced a second bill. Why two bills? Why cannot the friends of immigration unite on one bill?

"Congressman La Guardia's bill is not tactful anyway, because his entire party is hostile to him, owing to his recent alliance with La Follette. If Congressman La Guardia really has the welfare of the immigrants at heart why was he not content with Perlman's bill? If he has something to add why could he not do this by amendments?

"The first thing needed to help the cause of the immigrants is unity among their friends in Congress", concludes Mr. Fishman.

A Pleasant Development

According to statistics compiled by the Employment Bureau of the B'nai B'rith in Mexico City the immigration of Jews into Mexico is increasing very rapidly, having risen recently from an average of 75 Jewish immigrants a month to 500. The "Day", of Dec. 17, hails this as a pleasant development.

"The Jews of the United States are interested to see that there should grow up in their neighboring country a new Jewish community. The Jewish people as a whole and we as part of it would surely gain from this. If the Jewish immigration into Mexico is a natural development it deserves to be welcomed by us.

Williamsburg, Brownsville and East New York. These families live in the old type of tenement.

It is estimated that the undertaking will permit rentals of between \$8 and \$10 a room. The plans will make use of the maximum space possible for light and air. Garden's, children's playgrounds and play space will be provided.

OUR DAILY NEWS LETTER

Spain Seeks Moral Rehabilitation Through Return of Jews She Once Expelled

Letter to the "Jewish Daily Bulletin"

From Angel Pulido

(Ex-Vice-President of the Spanish Senate)

Madrid, Dec. 15.—The lively interest displayed today by the leading circles of my country in the restoration of an amicable understanding between Spaniard and Jew is not entirely without root in the earlier periods of its history. In view of that immortally glorious epoch of the history of the Jewish people which had its setting during many centuries in my country, it is not at all reasonable to suppose that we Spaniards had completely forgotten that element of our population which was one of the most important collaborators in the development of our civilization.

Since then, eminence which the Jews had achieved in the life of my country in official capacity as builders and guardians of the state and its political life bespeaks the great esteem in which they were held by all classes of society. There are historic records of the fact that even at such a time of intolerance and persecution as during the existence of the Inquisition and the expulsion of the Jews, many voices were raised in sincere resentment against the injustice and cruel edict. However, it can easily be realized how the great sea of hatred and prejudice engulfed the outcry of the Spanish conscience, and a tragically erroneous interpretation of a combined religious, political and religious situation led to the greatest error ever committed by any country.

Since then great changes have taken place in the entire range of my country's life. And I am happy to be able to state that among the first questions to receive the attention of my people in the general review of their situation and position in the world at large which introduced the contemporary period of our history, the entire issue of Spanish-Sephardic relationships was reopened in a spirit of reconciliation and rectification. I am happy that I can now speak for my beloved fatherland, once so great a factor in the world's life, and say to our Sephardic brethren wherever their fate has carried them, that the idea which I am privileged to represent is no less the ardent desire of a great many of my countrymen.

It was a casual occurrence that brought me in contact with the Sephardic Jews on my travels through eastern Europe. I am not a Jew, but a Christian and do not know if there was a Jew among my ancestors, though I should hesitate to make any categorical statement in the negative, as I am one of those in my country who believe that all of us in Spain have at least some Semitic blood in our veins.

On my travels, at first through the Danubian area of Europe, in 1882, and then through Hungary, Serbia, Roumania and Turkey, in 1903, I made my first acquaintance with the existence conditions and circumstances of the Sephardic people, which led me to extensive investigations that later enabled me to deliver my addresses in Parliament, publish the articles in the Spanish press and write the two books which I have devoted to this subject.

Since my first presentation of the subject in a speech in the Senate on November 13, 1903, I have continued laying the chief emphasis on the moral, political and historic duty my country and Government have to the Sephardim. It is not only recompensation for a great wrong of the past that I am urging my people to bestow. I am rather inclined to view the matter as one of greater importance and significance to the Spanish nation. Its moral rehabilitation in the world, its peace with its own conscience, its return to a place of honor in the family of nations can not be achieved without a full measure of reconciliation with the Sephardic brothers, who are as much a part of the great Spanish race as we who are today living within the physical boundaries of the Spanish State.

The continued value of the Sephardim for the progressive development of Spain is fully evidenced by the vigorous part played even now in my country by the handful of Jews in it. It is said that they number only about two thousand. There is no cause that establishes this or any other figure definitely. However, as their ancestors of old, so they are today showing the same high qualities in everything they undertake. In commerce and industry and finance, in the professions and even in the army they are making notable contributions to the country which is glad to have to receive them on terms of equality with the rest of the citizenship.

Though I am optimistic about the final and inevitable success of the rapprochement between Spaniard and Sephardim now in progress, I do not lose sight of the opposition. It will suffice to mention the storm raised by the publication of my first book to give an idea of what modern

"JEWISH DAILY BULLETIN" FILLS A LONG FELT NEED, SAYS CLEVELAND "JEWISH WORLD"

In a lengthy editorial, on Dec. 15, the "Jewish World" of Cleveland, has the following remarks about the "Jewish Daily Bulletin":

"The 'Jewish Daily Bulletin' comes to fill a long felt need in this country: an English daily devoted exclusively to Jewish news from all parts of the world. The 'Jewish Daily Bulletin' will check up on the Jewish news, withholding all dishonest, colored reports regarding Jewish events. At least American newspapers will know whenever their foreign or domestic correspondents will attempt to distort or color reports—the 'Jewish Daily Bulletin' will tell them.

"The 'Jewish Daily Bulletin' will also perform a valuable service in our own midst. The English-speaking Jews in America are not assimilators because of a desire to spite anyone. They are anti-nationalistic not because of animosity to Jewish matters but because of their ignorance of them. They are not familiar with the facts, they do not know about the Jewish movements and aspirations. Hitherto there has been no source of information bearing on Jewish happenings from which the English-speaking Jews could learn about the doings of the Jewries in all parts of the world. The 'Jewish Daily Bulletin' will now furnish them with this information."

NATIONAL FUND INVESTED £254,000 SINCE REMOVAL TO PALESTINE

(Jewish Daily Bulletin Mail Service)

Jerusalem, Dec. 6.—A report of the Jewish National Fund, just published, shows that the Fund has invested £254,000 in the country during the two years since the Head Office was transferred from Europe to Palestine.

This sum is nearly fifty per cent of the total amount invested by the fund during all the previous years of its activity, from 1905 to 1922.

Spain has to contend with in the form of the inherited prejudices of the past. While all liberal elements greeted with welcome the appearance of the book, the press in general as well as most of my countrymen were quite indifferent, and a veritable howl went up from the fanatics, who missing the heart of the entire matter professed to see a plot of Jewish origin, even charged the author with being a Jew and issued a warning against the threatening invasion of Jewish phalanges from the four corners of the earth. The faculty of the old University of Salamanca, which I represented in the Senate, opposed me and denounced the book and idea to the entire class.

In view of the present emigration problem facing the Jewish people, it is pertinent to remark that though I have been associated in the minds of a great many people with the advocacy of mass immigration into Spain, the Sephardic movement has never envisaged an influx on a large scale even of Spanish Jews into my country, though they would in no sense be coming into a strange land with all the attending difficulties of self-adjustment to new circumstances. The fact is that I never proposed that the repatriation of the Sephardim must or should necessarily be in the physical sense. Not only are a great many of them so situated at present as to have no need to leave their countries to go to mine, but it must be borne in mind that Spain is in no way prepared economically or socially to digest a considerable addition to its population. My idea is rather that this of the heart and the spirit between my country and the repatriation and rapprochement should be one of the mind, of the heart and the spirit between my country and the Sephardim, between the Spaniards with a fatherland and those without it, so that the former may lend the prestige of their State to the dispersed brethren and the latter inject into the life of their repenting country a new stream of vigor, a new current of fresh moral values that will take Spain out of its isolation from the universal progress and help to restore it by their innate and inherited cultural powers to the position that once was held by Spain.

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