

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION STANDS FOR DR. WISE AS CHAIRMAN OF PALESTINE APPEAL

Zionists Must Put an End to "Chillul Ha'shem," Louis Lipsky Declares in Appeal

What can be regarded as an official statement by the Zionist Organization is contained in an appeal by Louis Lipsky, published in the New Palestine of January 1.

"In spite of unusually grave difficulties, the United Palestine Appeal has forged its way into the heart of American Jewry, and become its dominant interest," the statement read. As our tried and loyal workers in a number of cities were preparing for public action, and conditions seemed auspicious for a successful effort, enabling us for the first time in our history to place \$5,000,000 in the service of Palestine, an indirect attack has been launched against the United Palestine Appeal through the hasty, ill-considered and irregular action of the Agudath Harabonim, based on garbled versions of a sermon delivered by Dr. Wise in the Free Syangogue on Sunday, December 20th.

"Zionists know that our principles preclude the possibility of agreement with the views on the central figure of Christianity attributed to Dr. Wise which he has categorically denied. But this attack on Dr. Wise has been directed against him not as a minister of the Jewish religion, but as the Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal. A controversy has been aroused which threatens to become a 'Chillul Ha'shem'; and if Zionists will allow themselves to be drawn into the controversy not only will the United Palestine Appeal suffer grievous harm, but the principles upon which Zionism rests may be seriously impaired.

"As Chairman of the Zionist Organization of

America, I therefore call upon all organized Zionists not to allow this controversy to become a Zionist issue. It is not relevant to the purposes and ideals of the United Palestine Appeal.

"During the past few months we have so impressed American Jewry with the great value of the Zionist ideal, as represented by the New Palestine that is in the process of being established, that an almost unanimous desire to cooperate in our work has been created. This remarkable interest should not be allowed to be broken by any action on the part of organized Zionists. You should not allow a controversy, which does not belong on the Zionist agenda, to obscure the great purpose represented by the United Palestine Appeal.

"Our first duty is toward Palestine."

ZIONISM WILL BE DISASTROUS FAILURE IF RABBI VIEW POINT PREVAILS, NEW YORK WORLD SAYS

New York World of January 1st commented on the Wise controversy in the following editorial:

"Dr. Wise and the Fundamentalist Rabbis

"With the doctrinal matters at issue between Rabbi Wise and the Fundamentalist rabbis this newspaper is not concerned. There is, however, a public aspect which is important. Dr. Wise is the Chairman of a committee which is raising money to be spent on the development of Palestine. And it now appears that because he has said something which does not suit the Fundamentalist rabbis he must resign his office. The Union of Orthodox Rabbis seems to think that Zionism is the private property of those who can meet some sort of strict religious test.

"It that should prove to be the case, if it should turn out that Zionism is not merely a cultural and national movement of Eastern Jews into Palestine but an attempt to set up a theocracy and an established church in Palestine, then it would hardly be a movement which liberal people throughout the world would care to encourage. There is plenty of intolerance and sufficient heresy-hunting on this globe and more than enough in the Near East without establishing a new centre for it in Palestine. The attack on Dr. Wise in substance and in manner indicates a state of mind which is certainly not suited to the development of a new, free and progressive civilization in the Near East.

"Under the best circumstances, with the wisest leadership, Zionism will be an immensely difficult and doubtful experiment. In the state of mind exhibited by these Fundamentalist rabbis it would be a certain and disastrous failure."

FINAL RETURNS OF ELECTIONS TO PALESTINE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MADE KNOWN

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 31.—The final returns of the elections to the Asfath Ha'navcharim, the Jewish National Assembly of Palestine, were made known yesterday.

Sixty-five thousand persons were eligible to vote, of which 33,000 cast votes. The returns from upper Galilean colonies are not yet known.

According to the final counting, the labor or-

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UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG JEWISH WORKERS IN POLISH TEXTILE CENTERS CREATES SERIOUS SITUATION

Further Disturbances Feared

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Lodz, Dec. 31.—The unemployment of a great number of Jewish workers in the city of Lodz, the center of the textile industry in the Polish Republic, has created a situation which grows worse from day to day.

Difficulties have arisen the last few days, owing to a disagreement between the leaders of the Kehillah and the leaders of the unemployed over the distribution of relief. The leaders of the unemployed refused to participate in the relief work of the Kehillah due to a disagreement over the method and extent of the relief. Further disturbances are feared.

Warsaw, Dec. 30.—Unemployment in Poland is assuming alarming proportions due to the economic crisis in the country.

Prime Minister Count Skrzynski toured the towns of Lodz, Sosnowiec, Bialystok, Kielce and other industrial centers where he received deputations of employers and workers in an attempt to remedy the situation.

An official report issued by the Polish Ministry of Labor declares that the number of unemployed in the Republic is 274,403. During last week the number was increased by 12,552, of which 3,415 are workers in the textile industry in Lodz. Ninety-five per cent of all the textile workers in Warsaw are unemployed.

ORTHODOX RABBIS REITERATE DEMAND FOR WISE'S RESIGNATION IN SECOND, Milder Resolution

Meeting of Orthodox Rabbis, Preachers and Mizrahi Leaders Declares If Wise Will Not Resign They Will Work for Palestine Funds Term "Heretic and Beguiler" Separately Outside of United Palestine Appeal; Omitted in Second Resolution

The demand that Dr. Stephen S. Wise resign from the chairmanship of the \$5,000,000 United Palestine Funds Appeal and the threat that in case his resignation is not accepted Orthodox Jews will find themselves compelled to carry on the work for the Keren Hayesod, National Fund, Hadassah and Mizrahi outside of the United Palestine Funds Appeal, was made in a resolution adopted at a conference of rabbis, preachers (Rabanim Umatifim) and Mizrahi workers held Wednesday afternoon at the Broadway Central Hotel.

The meeting, which was called by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, the first body to take steps against Dr. Stephen S. Wise following his sermon, and the Mizrahi Zionist group, lasted almost seven hours. The proceedings were conducted in a very tense atmosphere which at times recalled moments of Jewish martyrdom and at times, scenes of the dramatic events in Jewish history of the excommunication of Baruch Spinoza and Uriel Acosta. Nearly 200 rabbis, preachers and Mizrahi workers were present.

The meeting, which was termed a special conference, met for the purpose of considering the controversy over Dr. Wise's sermon, although the two organizations which called the conference had already taken action on the matter separately. When the conference was called to order by Rabbi Eleazar Silver of Springfield, Pa., a member of the presidium of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, it was not clear whether the decision of the special conference would substitute the previous resolution of the Agudath Ha'rabanim or would merely complement it.

Term "Heretic and Beguiler" Omitted

The fact that the resolution adopted by the special conference omitted the reference to Dr. Wise as a "Meisith U'madiach" (heretic and beguiler) as well as the previous declaration that it would be an "Issur Gamur" (religious transgression) to support the Palestine Appeal as long as Dr. Wise remains chairman, could be interpreted as a retraction of the previous stand of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis. However, no resolution to this effect was proposed to the conference.

The authority of Maimonides, the twelfth century Jewish scholar, author of the "Yadd Ha'chazakah," a codification of Jewish Biblical and Talmudical law, was invoked by Rabbi Simon Bloch of Jersey City, N. J., a member of the Executive of the Union and one of the committee of three rabbis who proposed the resolution condemning Dr. Wise, to explain the action of the Orthodox rabbis in passing judgment on Dr. Wise without investigation.

Rabbi Bloch referred to Maimonides' "Yadd Ha'chazakah," Hilshoth Mamrih, Chapter 3, paragraphs 2 and 3, declaring that in cases of heresy, when the persons involved are well known and purport to be the founders of new sects; witnesses and investigation are not required, in view of the fact that in such cases the judgment is rendered by the people.

ב. מאורי שנתפרסם שהוא כופר בתורה שבעל פה מורידים אותו לזל עולם. והרי הוא כשאר כל האפיקורסים והאומרים אין תורה בן החיים והמורסים והמורסים שכל אלו אינם בכלל ישראל. אין צריך לעדים ולתהימה ולא דינים.

ג. במת דברים אחרים? באיש שכפר בתורה שבעל פה במשכנתו. ובדברים שגורו לו והלך אחר דעתו הקלה ואחר שוירתו לכו וכפר בתורה שבעל פה ותחילה כערוק וביתו וכל המועים אחריו.

Paragraph 2:

"After it became known that he is an heretic to the oral law, he is in the same status as all heretics, those who deny the divine authority of the Bible, the denouncers and converts who are not within the community of Israel. In such cases no witnesses, warning or judges are necessary."

Paragraph 3:

"All this applies to a man who has denied in his thought and in matters which appear to him, in the oral law, and he followed his lightmindedness and the desires of his heart, denying the oral law first, as was done by Zadok and Baituth and those who followed them."

(Editor's note—The last sentence in paragraph 2, quoted by Rabbi Bloch, is omitted in some editions, such as the Vilna edition of 1900, printed under the Russian Czaristic censorship.)

After a short debate concerning the procedure of the meeting, it was agreed that the debate be limited to a number of speakers in view of the delicacy of the subject.

Rabbi Berlin Speaks Against Wise

Rabbi Meyer Berlin, president of the American branch of the Mizrahi, the Orthodox faction in the Zionist Organization, was the first speaker.

"I am speaking not only for myself, but as president of the Mizrahi," Rabbi Berlin declared. "I want to correct impressions which seem to prevail in certain circles. Never in the existence of the Mizrahi movement has there been more complete harmony between the Mizrahi and the Zionist Organization. I wish to emphasize this in order to prevent any misinterpretation of the attitude which the Mizrahi has adopted in the controversy over Dr. Wise's sermon."

"For the past two weeks Jesus has been a daily topic in all Jewish families. This fact alone tends to undermine the principles of our faith. Anyone who speaks in a soft, beguiling tone with regard to Christianity and its founder, harms the Jewish faith and the Jewish people. It is not important what the intention was. If one sets fire to a scrap of paper and the fire destroys a city, the destruction has been accomplished."

"Palestine must be built now. The work for Palestine must not suffer. The Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod must have our full support. But this will be impossible if Dr. Wise remains at the head of the United Palestine Funds Appeal. The entire work will then be destroyed. The campaign cannot be headed by the one who has set fire to the House of Israel in America," Rabbi Berlin declared.

Insists Wise Must Resign

"It must be made clear that the man who introduces Christianity into the Jewish world is not the Jewish leader. You cannot work for the campaign and be against your leader."

"I am the president of the Mizrahi. I have worked for this movement for years and years. I am bound to this movement with every fibre of my being. Still, if the inevitable consequence of my attitude were that the Mizrahi would be destroyed, I would rather sit shiyvah for the Mizrahi than see Judaism perish."

"The man who has made Christianity an issue in Jewish life must be removed from Jewish leadership. The resignation of Dr. Wise must be accepted as soon as possible," he declared.

Rabbi Berlin who was often interrupted by enthusiastic ovations, was followed by Rabbi Simon Bloch, a patriarchal figure on the platform.

"If a man has a partner and he is very happy in

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MISCONCEPTION OF JEWS MUST BE COMBATED, RABBI WOLSEY TELLS JEWISH CHATAUQUA SOCIETY

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 31.—"We Jews have maintained an altogether too supine and pacifistic attitude about non-Jewish misconceptions of us," declared Rabbi Louis Wolsey of Philadelphia before the thirty-ninth annual convention of the Jewish Chatauqua Society here, in his address which featured the "University Evening" of the assembly.

Rabbi Wolsey stated that the Jewish Chatauqua has done more to dissipate false ideas about Judaism than any other agency with the exception of the rabbinical seminaries. "By its university work," he said, "the Jewish Chatauqua is doing a service not alone to the Jew by deepening his Jewish consciousness, but also to the non-Jewish world which needs to know what the Jew has to teach.

"In the face of the attempt to Protestantize our schools, the work of the Jewish Chatauqua becomes increasingly important. If we can make known to America what is the spirit of religious freedom we will come closer to the realization of that freedom." As chancellor of the society, Rabbi Wolsey made a plea for its endowment. "Such an undertaking," he said, "would be a splendid investment in Jewish culture and brotherhood in America."

Rabbi Felix Levy, of Chicago, in discussing the university work of the Chatauqua, contended that the erroneous ideas about the Jews which exist persistently in non-Jewish minds can be counteracted only by a true teaching of Judaism. He suggested that Jews establish a university chair whose function it would be to present the spiritual contributions of the Jew, aside from their reference to and connections with Christianity.

Doctor Harry Ettelson, of Memphis, Tenn., who presided, pleaded for a deepening of Jewish consciousness. "We were meant to give the Bible to the world, but not away to the world," he declared.

SIEMENS-SCHUCKERT, CONTRACTOR FOR NEW PALESTINE CITY, CHARGED WITH ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 31.—The Siemens-Schuckert works, the famous industrial works of Germany, which recently concluded a contract for building a new city in Palestine to be the center of the textile industry of that country, is being discussed by the German press.

Charges are being made that the Siemens-Schuckert works have become the center of the German nationalist movement and that the plot to assassinate Stressemann was hatched there. It is also claimed that the German Ku Klux Klan was originated there.

The Central Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith has received a number of complaints that Jews are only rarely employed in the works because of the influence of the chief engineers and the assistant directors. The Central Union has repeatedly intervened with the directors, but they were told on every occasion that the firm cannot inquire into the political, religious and military activities of its employees.

ANGLO-JEWISH BANKER WEDS DAUGHTER OF FAMOUS ART PUBLISHER

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 31.—The uniting of two wealthy Anglo-Jewish families through marriage attracted attention here yesterday when Sir Edward Stern, famous banker, aged 71, was married to Sybil Tuck, 38, at the Berkeley Street Synagogue.

Sybil Tuck is the daughter of the well known art publisher, Sir Adolph Tuck, who is the treasurer of the Jews College, London. It was rumored that the marriage settlement amounts to £1,000,000.

LOUIS MARSHALL'S STAND ON THE WISE CONTROVERSY

Louis Marshall, president of the American Jewish Committee, took a stand in the controversy over Dr. Wise's sermon, in a statement issued to the "Jewish Tribune" yesterday.

"You have asked my views concerning Dr. Wise's statement on the Jewish attitude toward Jesus. Not being a theologian, it seems idle to express an opinion on the subject which is highly controversial and leads easily to misunderstandings and misconceptions," Mr. Marshall declared. "Nobody has a right to define the Jewish attitude, because it diverges with the individual. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke depict Jesus to have been a man, and his sayings show that he was a Jew in thought, faith and profession. The Sermon on the Mount and many of the parables demonstrate that his ethics were derived from the Hebrew scriptures and from the teachings of the rabbis. It was an entirely different Jesus around whom Paul built Christianity. The refusal of the Jews 'to accept him' either voluntarily or under compulsion resulted in an age-long tragedy and made of them a martyr people. Yet they have survived and Judaism continues to flourish. One need not, therefore, be surprised that to Jews who are loyal to their past 'the acceptance of Jesus' is not a harmless phrase referring solely to a recognition of his Jewish background. To them it signifies a departure from basic principles and the surrender of cherished ideals.

"I am sure that Dr. Wise did not intend to express any opinion looking to apostasy. It is regrettable that he has been misunderstood and misinterpreted both by Jews and non-Jews. It merely proves how circumspect a preacher must be when those whom he addresses have varying points of view. They naturally apply to his words conflicting definitions. The unflinching consequence is a war of polemics, which is always deplorable."

WISE CONTROVERSY REECHOES IN JEWISH PRESS OF EUROPE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 31.—The controversy in the American Jewish community over the sermon of Dr. Stephen S. Wise reechoed widely in the Jewish press of the European countries.

The "Jewish World," the English Jewish weekly of London, in commenting on the controversy declared that "It is a serious matter for Zionism, not only in America but the world over. The success of the rebuilding work in Palestine depends on the contribution of the American Jewish community. The presence or absence of Dr. Stephen S. Wise at the head of the collection makes a serious difference. No man among the American Zionists possesses so much influence, not only among the Zionists, but also among the non-Zionists.

"On the other hand, it must be admitted that a very real danger exists in teaching of Christian doctrine from the Jewish pulpit," the paper states.

408 FAVOR WISE REMAINING CHAIRMAN OF UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, FINAL RETURNS OF STRAW VOTE SHOW

The final figures in the straw vote conducted by the "Jewish Daily Bulletin" on the Wise controversy resulted in a total of 408 favoring Dr. Wise remaining chairman of the United Palestine Funds Appeal; 35 urging his resignation and 10 refraining from expressing an opinion pro or con.

Nathan Straus stated in a letter to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "A collection headed by any man but Dr. Wise would prove an ignominious failure. Dr. Wise has made more sacrifices for the Jewish cause than all his opponents combined. Unfortunately he was misunderstood."

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RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY EXPRESSES SATISFACTION WITH DR. WISE'S DISAVOWAL OF SERMON REPORTS

Gratified to Learn He Did Not Say "Jews Must Accept Teachings of Jesus"

The Rabbinical Assembly of the Jewish Theological Seminary, an organization of 200 rabbis, occupying pulpits all over the country, in a statement issued Thursday, expressed satisfaction with the disavowal made by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, of newspaper reports of the sermon which he delivered before the Free Synagogue on December 29th. Dr. Wise made his disavowal in response to a resolution adopted by the Rabbinical Assembly inviting him to do so and specifically denied having said "Jews must accept the teachings of Jesus" and "the teachings of Jesus are an unparalleled code of ethics."

The Committee which presented the resolution to Dr. Wise and which has now declared itself "happy that Dr. Wise has published his statement" consisted of Rabbi Jacob Kohn of the Congregation Anshei Chesed of New York; Rabbi Max Drob of the Washington Heights Congregation of New York; Rabbi Max Klein of the Adath Jeshurun, Philadelphia, who is also President of the Philadelphia Board of Jewish Ministers; Rabbi Louis Finkelstein of the Kehliath Israel, New York; and Rabbi Norman Salit of the Shaare Tfilah Congregation, Far Rockaway. Rabbi Max Drob is President of the Rabbinical Assembly.

The Rabbis' statement reads:

"The Rabbinical Assembly is happy that Dr. Wise has published his statement which, we believe, should allay the controversy. Dr. Wise was glad to be given the opportunity of denying his authorship of the statements erroneously attributed to him, an opportunity presented by the resolutions of the Rabbinical Assembly which were brought to his attention by the Committee."

The resolution of the Assembly was adopted at a special meeting of its Executive Council which took place last Monday and was as follows:

"WHEREAS, it has been alleged in the press that Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, made the following statements in a recent address, namely: 'Jews must accept the teachings of Jesus.' 'The teachings of Jesus constitute an unparalleled code of ethics.'"

"AND WHEREAS up to this time Dr. Wise has not made any public disavowal of these statements,

"AND WHEREAS we nevertheless question their authenticity

"We invite Dr. Wise to deny his authorship of these statements."

"PALESTINE IN PICTURES" WILL BE ISSUED

Alexander Kogan, Well Known European Publisher, Arrives Here

To bring the beauty of Palestine and the progress of the work being done there before the public through art is the purpose of Alexander Kogan, well known Russian Jewish publisher, who arrived in New York recently from Palestine.

Mr. Kogan, who was the publisher of the Russian daily tabloid, the "Gazeta Kopeika," and the art journal, "Sointze Rosii," transferred his activities after the Bolshevik revolution to Berlin where he published the Russian art journal "Zjar Pitzta," and participated in the publication of the Hebrew and Yiddish journals, "Rymon" and "Muelgraum."

Mr. Kogan plans to publish an illustrated monograph, "Palestine in Pictures." The pictures, paintings, drawings and photographs were executed by the artists L. O. Pasternack, A. J. Feder, S. G. Raskin, Professor Hermann Struck, Mr. Abel Pann, Bernstein, Blum and Zuckermann.



GEORGE BLUMENTHAL RETIRES FROM BUSINESS TO ENGAGE IN PHILANTHROPIC WORK

George Blumenthal, who has been senior partner of the firm of Lazard Freres since 1904, retired from the organization at the beginning of the new year. It is understood that he will make his major interest the promotion of the welfare of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Mount Sinai Hospital of whose governing boards he has been a member for many years. He is chairman of the Finance Committee of the Metropolitan Museum. Mr. Blumenthal has been active in Wall Street banking for forty-three years and has been with Lazard Freres since 1893.

He was one of five men who were managers of a syndicate which, in 1896, pledged \$50,000,000 with which to sell foreign exchange in order to avoid further gold exports. The other members of the syndicate were the late J. Pierpont Morgan, Jacob H. Schiff of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Walter Luttgen of August Belmont & Co. and Mr. Thieret of L. von Hoffman & Co. The operations of the syndicate stopped the outflow of gold and resulted in the early resumption of gold importations. Mr. Blumenthal is the only living member of the group.

COMMUNICATION TO THE EDITOR

Sir:

The "Jewish Daily Bulletin" faithfully mirrors the daily life of Jews throughout the world and is a dependable source of information on all phases of Jewish problems everywhere. It helps to arouse Jewish consciousness, and makes manifest the essential unity of all Israel. The average Jewish home is more richly Jewish through the habit of reading the "Daily Bulletin."

Sincerely yours,

RABBI BERNARD REVEL

The Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.
 New York, December 24, 1925.

PLEASE NOTE

Today's issue is numbered Vol. III, No. 367. This represents the total number of "Bulletins" published since the birth of the "Jewish Daily Bulletin," Oct. 15, 1924. All following issues will be numbered consecutively, 368, 369, 370, etc.

ORTHODOX RABBIS REITERATE DEMAND FOR WISE'S RESIGNATION IN SECOND, Milder Resolution

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the partnership and the business flourishes, but one day he discovers that his partner attempted to poison his wife or his children, the man will disrupt the partnership, although he is satisfied with the progress of the business. This is analogous to the situation in the Palestine Campaign. Dr. Wise may be a splendid chairman for the Campaign, but because he has attempted to poison the minds of our children, he must go," Dr. Bloch declared.

"Many have asked, why we condemn Dr. Wise without hearing him or calling witnesses. They have questioned whether we are acting in accordance with Jewish law. Dr. Wise claims as his authority Dr. Joseph Klausner. I take the great teacher, Maimonides, as our authority."

Joseph Baroness, who earned a reputation as peacemaker since the Philadelphia conference, came with the same mission to the conference of rabbis and preachers on behalf of a committee elected at a special conference called for the purpose of bringing about a reconciliation. He submitted the resolution adopted by this conference, urging reconciliation.

"I do not question your authority as rabbis and leaders of the Jewish people. It is not for me to give you counsel. Everybody agrees that the address of Dr. Stephen S. Wise was ill advised; everybody agrees that he has sinned. All are unanimous in expressing protest against such utterances. No one protests against your right to condemn such utterances. You have done your duty by demanding his resignation. If you had been silent you would have failed in your duty. I do not appeal to you to deviate one hair's breadth from your attitude. However," he appealed dramatically, "would you not give a sinning Jew the chance to repent?"

Asserts Wise Leads to Christianity

Gedaliah Bublick, editor of the "Jewish Daily News," declared: "Not only the rabbis, but also laymen are interested in this subject. I speak to you as a layman and father of American born children. America is a religious country. Daily life in America is permeated with religion. If our children will not retain their Jewish religion, it does not mean that they will become free thinkers. The vacuum must be filled with Christianity."

"Dr. Wise, with his sermon, has torn down the barrier between the Christian Church and our children. A fact related to me, to the truth of which I can testify, will prove my contention. A Jewish school teacher in Astoria, L. I., asked the superintendent not to have Christmas songs in a class where 30 per cent of the pupils are Jewish. The superintendent was about to grant the request of the Jewish teacher. On Monday, however, when the address of Dr. Wise was reported in the metropolitan press, the school teacher was reproached by the superintendent. 'What do you want? Here is what your rabbi says about Christmas.'"

"If you want to judge the reaction to Dr. Wise's address, we must rely upon those who are well qualified to judge. They are the leaders of the Christian Church. They ought to know. They are the leaders of a religion which has been doing missionary work for the last two thousand years." Mr. Bublick read two clippings from Boston papers, one in which Dr. S. Parkes Cadman was reported to have praised Rabbi Wise for his sermon, declaring that he was doing "excellent pioneer work" and the other relating that a Christian clergyman declared that the flower is an indication of the coming summer.

"When Dr. Wise declares the founder of Christianity to have been a radiant Jewish teacher and Jewish children listen to what the rabbi says and

come to their parents and say, 'Here is a great rabbi who says that the founder of Christianity was a great Jew,' what in your judgment will be the future of these children?"

"We must declare we are against Baptism. Baptism must be banished from the ranks of Zionism. I feel like the Jews in Spain when they were asked to bow before the Christian church. One must not enfold the banner of Zion in the banner of the Christian church."

"Several years ago when Dr. Wise proved himself a heretic to the policy of Dr. Weizmann, he was thrown out of the Zionist Organization. Now that he has proven himself a heretic to the very principles of Judaism, they want to keep him. We cannot yield. We are bound by our oath at Mount Sinai. If Dr. Wise can yield, let him resign from his chairmanship. We Orthodox Jews are fighting for the souls of our children. I for one am ready to fight for these principles with the last drop of my blood," he exclaimed.

Many rabbis rose when Dr. Wise's name was mentioned and shouted, "Yimach Shemo V'zichro."

Rabbi Jacob Levinson introduced the following resolution:

Resolution Reiterates Demand for Resignation

"Whereas addresses of Dr. Stephen S. Wise which find a particularly wide echo due to the fact of his chairmanship of the United Palestine Appeal Fund, concerning the teachings of the founder of Christianity undermine the very basis of Judaism and endanger the entire future of Judaism in America, and lead the younger generation on a way which leads to conversion and intermarriage, and

"Whereas the address of Dr. Stephen S. Wise delivered recently at the Free Synagogue is being considered by the Christian World in America, both the clergymen and the literary leaders, as a step nearer for Judaism towards Christianity, so that he was even thanked by representatives of Christendom, and

"Whereas missionaries who are eager to convert Jews will no doubt take advantage of this address and probably already are for their purposes using Dr. Wise's addresses as an acknowledged leader of Jews, and

"Whereas, in addition to the great moral danger to Judaism there is also danger that the reconstruction of Palestine will suffer due to the fact of Dr. Wise's remaining as chairman of the United Palestine Appeal Fund, because the great orthodox masses who are the main contributors to Palestine work will not contribute to the appeal despite its importance and necessity.

"Therefore be it resolved, by the conference of rabbis and preachers assembled at Broadway Central Hotel on December 30 that

1. We urge with all our strength that the United Palestine Appeal Fund Committee accept the resignation of Dr. Wise immediately.

2. Be it further resolved that in the event that Dr. Wise remains president of the United Palestine Appeal Fund, it shall under no circumstances have our support, but the work for Palestine which is important and dear to all of us shall be further continued for the rehabilitation of Palestine, for the Keren Hayesod, for the National Fund, the Mizrahi and for Hadassah outside of the United Palestine Appeal Fund."

Mr. E. Caplan and Mr. Jacob Fishman, managing editor of the "Jewish Morning Journal," agreeing to the resolution asked for an amendment to the effect that the threat of separate work be eliminated. Mr. Fishman, who admitted that the resignation of Dr. Stephen S. Wise must be ac-

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DAILY DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION ON JEWISH MATTERS

[The purpose of the Digest is informative: Preference is given to papers not generally accessible to our readers. Quotation does not indicate approval.—Editor.]

Says Orthodox Rabbis Are Pawns in Mizrahi Political Plot Against Wise

The charge that in connection with the Wise controversy the honest orthodox rabbis are being used unwittingly as tools in a political plot to enhance the prestige of the Mizrahi organization, is made by the "Day" of Dec. 31, which advises the Agudath Harabonim to withdraw their demand for Wise's resignation and to content themselves instead with the demand that the Zionist Organization issue a statement expressing regret at Dr. Wise's sermon.

The paper thinks that "perhaps some of the most important leaders of the Agudath Harabonim now regret their hasty action no less than Dr. Wise regrets his sermon," and takes to task Rabbi Meyer Berlin, president of the Mizrahi, whom it regards as "the leader of the present campaign to drive Dr. Wise out of the Palestine Appeal."

Rabbi Berlin stated at the meeting of the rabbis and Mizrahi leaders Wednesday that complete harmony has existed between him and the Zionist Organization in regard to the United Palestine Appeal and yet, the paper points out, Rabbi Berlin was fully aware at the time of Dr. Wise's appointment as chairman of the Palestine Appeal what Dr. Wise's opinions on Jesus and Christianity were. "How is it, then," the "Day" asks "that Rabbi Berlin could agree in the first place to the appointment of Dr. Wise to the chairmanship of the Palestine Appeal? What if Dr. Wise as chairman would facilitate the drive? Can an orthodox leader compromise his religion for money? Did not Rabbi Berlin's endorsement of Dr. Wise's chairmanship sanction the idea that a man who thinks highly of Christianity can be the leader of the Palestine campaign?"

"It is necessary," the "Day" continues "that those orthodox rabbis who really have the success of the Palestine Appeal at heart and aim at the strengthening of orthodoxy in America, should be told what is going on now, in order that they may understand the situation and take account of it."

"In the midst of the orthodox rabbis there is being perpetrated a base political plot, and it must be disclosed before it is too late. The honest orthodox rabbis are being used for political purposes. They are being used as tools to strengthen the prestige of the Mizrahi organization which is looking for an issue."

"Who started the campaign? Who started the whole row? Was it the rabbis? No. We have the evidence of very reliable persons who declared openly at a meeting of prominent Jews that a 'certain Mizrahi leader,' not a rabbi, started the whole trouble, phoning the editorial offices and calling on the rabbis, demanding that Wise's sermon be turned into an issue. Eventually such a flame was aroused that it now threatens to cause a split in orthodox Jewry, to break up the Zionist forces and to bring about a catastrophe which the rabbis should pause to consider."

The "Day" also takes occasion to call the attention of the rabbis to the fact that if they persist in their present stand they will be guilty of aiding the Vatican in its anti-Zionist campaign in Palestine by offering it an argument regarding Jewish intolerance.

"To mix religion with politics, even though it is Zionist politics, is one of the most dangerous things for Jews," the paper observes in conclusion. "Such things are done by the Ku Klux Klan. But it is not a fit thing for our orthodox rabbis to do."

We believe the Agudath Harabonim would be justified in demanding of the Zionist Organization to issue a statement expressing regret at Dr. Wise's sermon, in order to show thereby that the Zionist Organization, which consists of Jews of all shades and opinions, positively cannot endorse Dr. Wise's opinions on Jesus. But the rabbis should be content with that and not demand his resignation."

Second Resolution of Orthodox Rabbis Seen As Paving Way to Wise's Resignation

The action of the orthodox rabbis and Mizrahi leaders at their meeting Wednesday at the Broadway Central Hotel in adopting a milder resolution against Dr. Wise is regarded by Jacob Fishman, of the "Jewish Morning Journal," as a paving of the way for the acceptance of Dr. Wise's resignation which, Mr. Fishman asserts, was prevented by the first resolution of the Agudath Harabonim.

While Mr. Fishman agrees with the orthodox rabbis and Mizrahi leaders that Dr. Wise's resignation should be accepted, he disapproves definitely with the procedure followed by them since the sermon on Jesus became a matter of public discussion.

"It is a fact," he writes "that the first resolution of the Agudath Harabonim bears a hysterical character. In their just indignation the rabbis went too far. Without giving him a hearing, the rabbis condemned Dr. Wise as a heretic and religious beguiler and spoke of issuing a resolution against the United Palestine Appeal in the event Dr. Wise would not resign. That they went too far was admitted almost openly at the last session of the rabbis and Mizrahi leaders by Rabbi Levinthal, the venerable president of the Agudath Harabonim."

Not only the organized Zionists, but Jews in general, says the writer, were amazed at the extreme behavior of the rabbis. "Many Jews wondered: why were the rabbis so hasty with their verdict? Why did they not call Dr. Wise to a hearing and give him an opportunity to defend himself?"

The Zionists, Mr. Fishman further stresses, were placed in a terrible predicament. "Shall Dr. Wise be removed from his position as a heretic and religious beguiler? No. The Zionists could never agree to that. Dr. Wise, realizing his great mistake, tendered his resignation and the resignation could be accepted by the Zionists only on the ground that following his sermon, Dr. Wise was not the right person to act in the name of all the elements in American Jewry, but that he was a heretic and religious beguiler—that was unthinkable. Rabbi Levinthal himself admitted at the meeting Wednesday the greatness of Dr. Wise's work for Palestine."

The charge that Dr. Wise urged Jews to conversion is termed as "hysterical and irresponsible" by Mr. Fishman, who concludes: "If certain Christian priests and ministers are making capital out of Dr. Wise's words, which he now denies, it is regrettable, but it should be borne in mind that there are base Jewish missionaries who distort facts and figures taken from orthodox national Jewish newspapers, yet no one would dream of holding those papers responsible for this."

A campaign to raise \$100,000 to build a school for Jewish children in Worcester, Mass., will be launched, according to Louis I. Wolpert, president of the Chevra Gemmorah, a society of members of the various congregations of the city, who are sponsoring the movement to erect the school. Both English and Jewish will be taught in the proposed school.

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cepted, wept when he spoke. He declared that he had worked with Dr. Wise in the ranks of the Zionist Organization for nearly a quarter of a century. He asked what was the purpose of the present gathering. "If to render judgment, the Executive Committee of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis has already done so. I thought that the purpose of this gathering would be to find a way toward reconciliation." Agreeing that the demand for Dr. Wise's resignation is justified, he declared that the first resolution in which Dr. Wise was branded as a "Meissith U'madiach" and the threat to declare it a religious transgression to contribute to the Palestine Funds Appeal went too far. The organized Zionists throughout the country cannot agree with such a resolution, even if they should think that Dr. Wise's resignation should be accepted, he said. Dr. Wise has supported Jewish causes for a quarter of a century. He was one of the founders of the Zionist Federation in America. "The Zionists will never accept a verdict in which Dr. Wise is branded as a beguiler. Such a resolution can bring about a split in American Jewry."

Mr. Fishman expressed his satisfaction with the fact that the new resolution is much milder and expressed the hope that the first resolution would be withdrawn.

Rabbi B. L. Levinthal addressed the meeting after the resolution was adopted.

The members of the Executive Committee of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis are Rabbis I. Rosenberg, chairman; L. Silver, B. Revell, Joseph Konwetz, I. Segal, L. Seltzer, secretary; Simon Bloch, treasurer; J. Karlinsky, N. J. Margolis, honorary chairman; and B. L. Levinthal, honorary chairman. The Union has a membership of 268, according to an official report for 1925.

The Assembly of Hebrew Orthodox Rabbis, another organization of Orthodox Rabbis which has not taken any official steps in the Wise controversy, has a membership of 189. Rabbi Gabriel Zev Margolis is president of this organization. The "Jewish Daily Bulletin" erroneously reported an announcement made by Rabbi Margolis in the "Jewish Morning Journal" as pertaining to the Zionist controversy.

The laying of the cornerstone of the Rodoph Shalom Temple, Tampa, Fla., took place in the presence of several hundred members of the congregation.

Mayor Perry G. Wall delivered an address.

Masonic ceremonies were conducted by the grand lodge of Florida, presided over by W. T. Williams, deputy district grand master.

The charter of the congregation together with other documents pertaining to the temple, and outline of the purposes and aims of the members and copies of Tampa newspapers were placed under the stone.

David Stein is president of the congregation.

The temple, which will be erected at a cost of \$100,000, will be completed in three months.

Professor Edwin Kammerer of Princeton University called the "money doctor" arrived in Warsaw yesterday on the invitation of the Polish Government to confer on various banking, currency and financial matters.

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RABBI JONAH B. WISE COMMENTS ON WISE CONTROVERSY

Dr. Jonah B. Wise, rabbi of the Central Synagogue, which was formerly associated with the Free Synagogue, commented on the sermon controversy in the following manner:

"There can really be little to add to a discussion as to the historic foundation for the belief in Jesus. As a man we have the picture drawn of him in the Gospels. If with the method of scientific historians we wish to analyze the material presented there we have a task which is a special one and requires special preparation. That the picture of Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels is Jewish there can be no doubt. It aims specifically at showing him as the Messiah, a Jewish concept, and as the one predicted in the Old Testament who would save man. Jews do not believe in the salvation of man through the Gospel method. What they believe about the central figure, Jesus, as it is depicted in human form and in the language of the Old Testament is hardly to be reduced to a set formula. The human part of the Gospel Jesus is Old Testament and Jewish, and the supernatural part is a matter of Christian dogma and theology which can interest Christians only.

"Many Christian and Jewish thinkers are of the opinion that Jesus as a real man did not exist. Most of them admit that the heroic human concept which has been central to Christian thinking is made of Old Testament material, a mosaic of Hebrew thought and expression. This is of course not new. All that has been said about it is more prone to produce heat than light. To give the impression that Jews are anxious to discredit the Jesus narrative, on the one hand, or to make of it a special plea for themselves, on the other hand, is hardly fair to any wing of Judaism."

Final Returns of Elections to Palestine National Assembly Made Known

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gанизation, Achduth Ha'avodah, polled 8,863 votes; the labor organization, Ha'poel Ha'zair 5,320; the centrum bloc 2,983; the Sephardic Jewish group 2,762; the Zionist Revisionists, 2,528; the women's group 2,039; the democrats 1,383; the agriculturist group 1,530; the Mizrahi 939; the Orthodox group, Torah V'avodah, 782; the Communists 989; the Valley of Jezreel groups 544, a group of Polish immigrants 610; a group called Achduth Ha'b'anim 704, the artisans group 180, and the Young Mizrahi 199.

The names of 651 law students who have passed the State bar examination were made public yesterday by John Kirkland Clarke, Philip G. Wickser and Rollin B. Sanford, State Law Examiners. Three hundred and eleven of the successful candidates are Jewish.

Magistrate Max S. Levine had been named by Governor Smith to fill the vacancy on the bench of General Sessions caused by the resignation of Judge Alfred J. Talley. Judge Levine will preside in Part 8, General Sessions, during January.

Federal Judge Grover M. Moscovitz, recently named as successor to Judge Edwin L. Garvin, was inducted into office Wednesday in the Federal Building in Brooklyn.

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