

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PALESTINE OPENS NEW SESSION

David Yellin Reviews Work of Last Five Years;
Assembly Consists of 201 Deputies
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 12.—The first session of the newly elected Assefath Ha'nivcharim, the National Assembly of Palestine Jews, was opened here Monday night in the Theatre Zion in the presence of 201 deputies and a large number of guests.

Dr. David Yellin, former president of the Assembly, submitted a report of the work of the Assembly during the five years of its existence. M. M. Ussishkin, director of the Jewish National Fund, who recently returned from a trip to various European countries, read a paper on the relation of Palestine to the Diaspora.

Col. Frederick H. Kish greeted the Assembly on behalf of the Zionist Executive in Jerusalem, Mr. Nurock on behalf of the Palestine government and Mr. Krishevsky on behalf of General Storrs, governor of Jerusalem.

A proposal to create a praesidium as the governing body of the Assembly, which would include representatives of all parties and factions, was submitted. M. M. Ussishkin, Mayor Dizengof of Tel Aviv, Mr. Meyuchas, Mr. Rosoff, Mr. Salomon Kaplansky, Rabbi Fishman, Mr. Eisenberg, Mr. Sprinzak and Mr. Levkowitz were nominated as members of the praesidium. Mr. Ussishkin declined the nomination.

Thirty-three thousand eight hundred and forty-five persons, representing 52.3 per cent of the total number of electors, participated in the elections to the National Assembly. The two Jewish labor parties in Palestine, the Achduth Ha'avodah and the Ha'poel Hazair, together secured 84 seats in the assembly. The Zionist Revisionists hold 15 seats.

BILL TO ENACT FEDERAL KOSHER LAW INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, Jan. 12.—Steps to enact federal legislation concerning the sale of kosher meat were made by Congressman Dickstein of New York who has introduced two bills in the House, one making it a federal crime to fraudulently sell non-kosher products as kosher in interstate commerce, including the misbranding of such products.

The other bill makes it unlawful to misrepresent non-kosher produces in the District of Columbia. This bill is identical with the New York law.

Congressman Dickstein stated that his interstate bill was intended to invoke the federal law to stop the imposition upon observant Jews resulting from commerce throughout the country in products fraudulently represented to be kosher. The bill would go a long way to stamp out this evil, he said, as a large proportion of these products are shipped from one state to another.

NO ANTI-SEMITISM IN IRELAND, BRITISH CHIEF RABBI DECLARES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 12.—The Free State of Ireland is free from anti-Semitism, according to Dr. Joseph H. Hertz, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, who has just completed a tour through Ireland.

"I was delighted to observe no signs of prejudice or discrimination in the Irish Free State. The people are broadminded," the Chief Rabbi stated.

JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE BOR- ROWS \$1,000,000 TO COPE WITH IMME- DIATE NEEDS OF EAST EUROPEAN JEWRY

Prominent New Yorkers Endorse Notes

One million dollars is to be borrowed immediately from New York banks by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee according to an announcement made by that organization yesterday, so that relief of the starving Jews of Poland and Bessarabia may begin at once.

Half of this loan will be used for settling approximately 10,000 Jewish families in Russia without waiting until subscriptions made in the \$15,000,000 United Jewish Campaign shall become due.

Notes for a half-million dollars have already been endorsed for this purpose by leading New York members of the Joint Distribution Committee, and it is expected that the balance will be underwritten within the next twenty-four hours by a number of out-of-town members who have been communicated with by telegram.

This unprecedented step was decided upon at a conference called by Mr. Felix M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee and David A. Brown to consider a cable report from Dr. Joseph A. Rosen in Moscow, head of the Agro-Joint, through which the Joint Distribution Committee carries on its work of settling Jews as farmers, and reports from Dr. Bernard Kahn, European Director of the Joint Distribution Committee, located in Berlin detailing the desperate situation of Polish and Bessarabian Jewry and urging prompt action.

In announcing the intention of the Joint Distribution Committee to borrow a million dollars, Mr. Warburg for that body and Mr. Brown for the United Jewish Campaign stated:

"The campaign is progressing in a very satisfactory manner and we are confident that the Jews of the United States and Canada will respond to our appeal as generously this time as they have done in the various war-relief campaigns during the past ten years. Our work in Poland, Russia, Bessarabia and other foreign lands must, however, not be interrupted. The situation is so critical and the demands so urgent in view of the fact that conditions on the other side of the ocean are continuously getting worse and we must make available a million dollars as the funds in our treasury are absolutely exhausted and it will be some time until the first payments on pledges made in this campaign become due."

In his cable which arrived Monday, Dr. Rosen said that unless a half-million dollars are made immediately available to him for the Russian agricultural work it will be impossible for him to take care of the thousands who have registered at the Agro-Joint office in Moscow their intention to take up farming in the Spring.

"Our plans must be presented to the Russian Department of the Interior for approval," his cable states. "The work of the Agro-Joint is more necessary now than ever before, and conditions for colonization most favorable. While opportunities exist for artisans after short training, on the other hand, the fate of private tradesmen is on an ever downward curve."

"We have already opened soup-kitchens to feed the starving. We had to do this because a bread-riot has already occurred in Lodz, in which many were injured, and in Warsaw a famished mob stormed the offices of the Jewish Community Organization clamoring for food," Dr. Rosen reported.

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OVER \$1,500,000 RAISED FOR PALESTINE UPBUILDING IN NEW CAMPAIGNS, DR. STEPHEN S. WISE ANNOUNCES

New Standard in Giving for Palestine Set in Developing Campaign, Emanuel Neumann Reports

The sum of \$1,592,720 has already been raised in the United Palestine Appeal, according to the report of Emanuel Neumann, National Director of the Appeal, made public by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Chairman of the Appeal.

Of this sum \$1,084,000 has been allotted for the extension of the immigration and colonization activities in Palestine and for the various Jewish educational and public health enterprises in Palestine enlarged to meet the increased immigration.

The balance of the sum was brought in by constituent funds of the United Palestine Appeal and includes \$250,756 from the Palestine Foundation Fund, \$99,632 from the Jewish National Fund and \$88,330 from Hadassah.

"The more than a million dollars raised thus far by the United Palestine Appeal constitutes a record in Palestine giving," Mr. Neumann reported, "as the campaign was just organized five weeks ago and campaigns have not yet been held in most of the principal states and cities, including New York City, whose appeal for \$1,500,000 starts next Sunday.

"The tremendous Jewish immigration to Palestine during the past year, which has now reached a figure of 50,000 yearly, with the resulting outstanding progress in the economic development of the country, has served to unify American Jewry in the realization that Palestine offers the one hope for the Jewish refugees of Eastern and Central Europe. The result has been that a new standard of giving has been established with respect to Palestine. Contributors are giving as a minimum double their last year's gifts, while many cities have raised three and four times the sums contributed last year," he stated.

Totals raised thus far in leading cities for the United Palestine Appeal, including contributions raised in advance of campaigns, include: New York City, \$325,000; Cleveland, \$80,000; Baltimore, \$80,000; Boston, \$75,000; Buffalo, \$80,000; San Francisco, \$37,000; Rochester, \$35,000; Cincinnati, \$30,000; St. Louis, \$18,000; Syracuse, \$18,000; Albany, \$17,000; Memphis, \$15,000; Atlantic City, \$13,500.

Special trust funds given to the United Palestine Appeal, the income to be devoted to Jewish colonization activities, total \$250,000.

Benjamin Winter was installed as Chairman of

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.]

Warns Against Digression from Main Issue

The report that Lord Plumer is planning to limit Jewish immigration to Palestine, as a result of an economic depression in that country, is regarded by Jacob Fishman of the "Jewish Morning Journal" as a warning to the Jews of America, upon whom the economic development of Palestine largely depends.

Pointing out that further restriction of Jewish immigration to Palestine would be a calamity as it would mean a "death blow to many Jews in Poland and Lithuania whose condition is tragic and whose only hope lies in emigration to Palestine," Mr. Fishman observes:

"It is to be hoped that this will not happen, but it must be admitted that the situation is serious.

"The reports state that the economic depression in Palestine is a result of the decrease in the income of the Keren Hayesod during the past few months. We cannot ascertain whether this is so. As regards America it contributes its usual monthly share. In Europe the Keren Hayesod income has in all likelihood been reduced.

"Still we doubt whether this is the cause of the economic depression in Palestine. The large sums will come in all events from America. The bad economic conditions evidently are due to natural causes, such as the weakening of the building industry in Tel Aviv because of the winter season, etc.

"There are no reasons to be pessimistic. Conditions in Palestine were even worse than now in the winter of 1923-24 and yet the following spring there was a new boom and immigration started again on a large scale. But Zionists in particular and Jews in general must understand their duty to the United Palestine Funds Appeal. Any digression from the main object to side issues means abandoning Palestine in its need."

Rabbi Schulman Predicts Break in Reform Pulpit

The prediction that a break in the Reform Jewish pulpit in America is imminent as a result of "attempts made to bring the recognition of Jesus into the Synagogue," is voiced by Rabbi Samuel Schulman in a booklet reproducing his sermon at Temple Beth-El on "Judaism, Jesus and the Decadence in the Reform Jewish Pulpit."

"Let me call your attention to something which will prove to you that we are really facing a crisis in American Judaism," Rabbi Schulman declares. "We are on the parting of ways. If Reform Rabbis are to continue to urge the acceptance of Jesus as a teacher, with all that this implies, there will be a break in the Reform Jewish party of this country. One aspect of this very question came up before the Central Conference of American Rabbis at our last meeting in Cincinnati. And the decision was altogether different in spirit from that which animated Dr. Wise's sermon. I read to you a certain statement made about a certain society, and it was urged that we endorse the purposes of this society. I am not naming the society. But this is the statement. I am reading from a document presented to the Conference: 'The purpose of the Society is to find and demonstrate a common spiritual understanding and ground for Jews and Christians, and on this basis to formulate and propagate the principles of social and international justice; to propagate the two-fold fact that the enlightened leaders of Judaism through the centuries have followed in the footsteps of the Hebrew Prophets and that the fundamental religions and moral teachings of Jesus are in complete harmony with the utter-

the Greater New York Campaign of the United Palestine Appeal at a meeting held at the Hotel Astor Monday night.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Colonel Josiah C. Wedgewood spoke. Max Blumberg of Brooklyn, was installed as New York Treasurer.

OUR DAILY NEWS LETTER

What Is a Minority?—League Council Re-examines Question Which Wilson and Clemenceau Answered

(By Our Geneva Correspondent)

Geneva, Dec. 20.—What constitutes a minority? This was one of the questions discussed at the last meeting of the Council of the League of Nations. For, despite the fact that the existence of minorities has been officially recognized and special clauses entered in the Versailles Treaty and other treaties drawn up since then for their protection, opinions as to the exact definition of a minority still differ.

The subject came up again at the last session of the Council as a result of the objections raised during the last Assembly of the League by the Lithuanian delegate in the Sixth Committee of the Assembly, practically repeating the objections made by the representatives of certain States at the Peace Conference at its plenary meeting on May 31, 1919, to the acceptance of obligations concerning the protection of minorities. These representatives had then declared that their States were ready to assume such obligations, if all the States Members of the League of Nations gave the same undertakings. Their objections, which were refuted by President Wilson and M. Clemenceau, nevertheless appeared to the Council to be deserving of reexamination.

Of particular interest were the observations of M. de Mello Franco (Brazil) in the course of his report on the protection of minorities. He stated:

"The Lithuanian delegate desired a definition stating more exactly what should be understood by a minority, and I recognize that a profound and historical investigation on this question by experts, legal, historical and social, would be of interest and value. I do not think, however, that this definition should be based only on the characteristic and distinguishing features of races, languages and religions.

"A minority as defined by the Treaties assuring its protection is not only a racial group incorporated in the body of a nation, of which the majority forms a different racial unit. There is also a psychological, social and historical attribute, constituting perhaps, for the purposes of the definition which we are seeking, its principal differential characteristic. The mere co-existence of groups of persons forming collective entities, racially different, in the territory and under the jurisdiction of a State is not sufficient to create the obligation to recognize the existence in that State, side by side with the majority of its population, of a minority requiring a protection entrusted to the League of Nations.

"In order that a minority, according to the meaning of the present Treaty should exist, it must be the product of struggles, going back for centuries or perhaps for shorter periods between certain na-

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ances of the Prophets and the traditions of Judaism. There is therefore a common ground between the Synagogue and the Church for the establishment of a permanent reign of social justice and universal peace." You see that there is already a Society for bringing Jews and Christians together. Now I have always held that Jews and Christians should work together for social justice and for universal peace and for every good object, without committing themselves to a merger of Judaism and Christianity. Above all, I deny that the fundamental religious and moral teachings of Jesus are in complete harmony with the utterance of the Prophets and the traditions of Judaism. Now, what became of this statement? It was presented to a large Committee of something like twenty representative men of the American Rabbinate. And without much discussion, it was unanimously rejected. And, furthermore, we decided not to discuss this matter at all on the floor. We killed it with silence. And an arrangement was made that it should not appear in our official Year Book. We did not do this because we were not in favor of social justice and universal peace, but we did it because we did not wish to accept the statement made about the relation of the teaching of Jesus to Judaism."

CHASSID RABBIS SUPPORT AGUDATH ISRAEL

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein Resigns from Mizrahi to Join Agudah

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Mizrahi, tendered his resignation to the Mizrahi.

Following his resignation from the Mizrahi, Rabbi Goldstein joined the American Branch of the Agudath Israel, the Orthodox Jewish world organization.

"Now that the Agudath Israel is industriously engaged in the upbuilding of Palestine, there is no need of two Orthodox parties," Dr. Goldstein declared in his letter to the Mizrahi.

A statement issued by the headquarters of the American Branch of the Agudath declared that the organization "does not make any issue of the Wise case."

"We do not depend on incidents like the Wise sermon. The tremendous power of our ideal, the eternal value of the Biblical laws will pave the way for us, not petty political moves. Dr. Wise is only the symptom of conditions in Zionism, which years ago, compelled the leaders of the Agudath Israel to go their own way. The bulk of strictly orthodox Jews all over the world already belong to the Agudath Israel," the statement declared.

An appeal for enlistment in the American branch of the Agudath Israel was issued by a group of Chassidic rabbis at a meeting held recently in New York. Rabbi Motel Chodorow from Wisniz-Tolna, Rabbi Isaac Perlow of Novominsk, Rabbi I. Langer of Straten, Rabbi M. Gottesmann of Bucharest, Rabbi I. Eichenstein of Czidover, Rabbi Rubin of Jaslo, Rabbi Benjamin Auerbach of Jerusalem and Rabbi M. Langer of Tninitzer participated in the meeting.

JEWISH CONSUMPTIVES' RELIEF SOCIETY OF DENVER, SEEKS \$1,000,000 FUND

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Denver, Colo., Jan. 12.—A national campaign for a \$1,000,000 for the Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society, was launched today. One-tenth of the total fund being sought by the Society throughout the country is the allotment of the Denver district which opened the local campaign yesterday. Many prominent non-Jews are cooperating in the campaign.

Godfrey Schirmer, President of the American National Bank of Denver, is chairman of the campaign in this district. Frank Kirchhoff is Vice-Chairman and Treasurer of the committee. The million dollar fund sought will be used to carry out an extensive building and general expansion program.

The ground for the first building, an infirmary for women, was broken at the sanatorium yesterday. The new building will cost \$400,000 and will be ready for occupancy in the spring.

Improvements in the general plan include a children's building, adequate quarters for nurses and better housing for the rehabilitation work. They will be started as soon as the million dollar fund is raised. When they are completed the institution, which was established in 1904, will be the largest sanatorium for the treatment of the needy Jewish tuberculars in the country.

Louis Marshall was unanimously selected President of Temple Emanu-El at the annual business meeting of the congregation. Irving Lehman, Henry J. Bernheim and Mr. Marshall were elected trustees to serve for three years; and Benjamin Mordecai was elected a trustee for one year, to succeed Mr. Bernheim.

Out of respect for the memory of former Supreme Court Justice David Leventritt, who died last week, no one was elected to fill his place as Vice President of the congregation. The office will be left open for several weeks at least as a tribute.

SENATOR COPELAND PROPOSES NEW AMENDMENTS TO IMMIGRATION LAW

Bill Supports Exemptions Proposed by Congressman Perlman

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—Senator Copeland of New York, has introduced several bills in the Senate proposing exemption from the quota of immigrants who are the fiancées of American citizens and also substantially the same category of relatives proposed by Congressman Perlman and Senator Wadsworth, that is, the parents, children under twenty-one and wives or husbands of citizens and declarants. Senator Copeland's bill agrees with Congressman Perlman's original measure, making no distinction in favor of the relatives of those who were declarants before July 1924, whereas Senator Wadsworth's bill would admit only the latter.

Senator Copeland has also introduced bills to exempt the step parents of American citizens, the children, step-children under twenty-one and the wives of rabbis who entered America prior to May 26, 1924, and domestic servants who agree to continue in domestic service at least three years subsequent to admission.

Congressman Perlman has introduced a new bill in the House to correspond with Senator Wadsworth's in the Senate, whereby only the unmarried children under twenty-one and the wives, husbands and parents of declarants admitted prior to July 1, 1924 shall be exempt from the quota. Congressman Perlman's previous bill proposed exemption for children regardless of age and all the above mentioned relatives of declarants regardless of when the declarants entered America. While Congressman Perlman still feels that Senator Wadsworth's restriction is unjustified, he preferred to make his bill coincide with Senator Wadsworth's in order to facilitate progress, feeling it was a concession warranted in order to avoid obstruction.

Both Congressman Perlman's and Senator Wadsworth's bills would give preference within the quota to quota immigrants who are unmarried, children under twenty-one, the wives, husbands and parents of declarants who were admitted after Congressman Golder of Philadelphia pointed out that there was a misapprehension as to his criticism of the July 1, 1924 limitation on the exemption of relatives of declarants prescribed by the new bills. Congressman Golder was quoted as having claimed the naturalization law requires two years residence before declaration of intention can be made. Congressman Golder stated he was misunderstood, as there is no such limitation. Declaration of intention may be made immediately after entry, the only connection between the two year period and the declaration of intention being that the declaration must have been made at least two years prior to application for naturalization, but the declaration itself can be made at any time. Congressman Golder, however, pointed out it would nevertheless be a hardship upon declarants admitted after July 1, 1924 to be deprived of exemption of their relatives although the 1924 limitation would not mean 1922, as was construed from his remarks at the House Committee hearing.

Of the sixteen candidates in Montreal, Canada, for admission to the practice of law for this year, eight are Jews.

ILLINOIS STATE CONFERENCE ACCEPTS \$500,000 QUOTA IN UNITED JEWISH CAMPAIGN

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 12.—The state conference for Illinois, which has a quota of \$500,000, outside of Chicago, in the United Jewish Campaign was held here on Sunday. Several hundred prominent Jews throughout the state attended.

Arthur Lehmann of Peoria, the Illinois state chairman, presided. Dr. Henry Moskowitz, chairman of the Ort Reconstruction Fund and Judge Harry M. Fisher of Chicago addressed the gathering.

A telegram was received from Congressman Hull, a non-Jew, announcing his contribution of \$1,000.

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nationalities and of the transference of certain territories from one sovereignty to another through successive historic phases.

"These factors, however, are not constant in all the States Members of the League of Nations. How is it possible, therefore, to obtain the adhesion of all States to the General Convention proposed by the Lithuanian delegation?

"A treaty for the protection of minorities, such as was proposed by the head of the Lithuanian delegation, M. Galvanuskas, would be without meaning for all the American States, nineteen of which are members of the League of Nations. The adhesion of all these States would be impossible, just as it would be impossible for most of the non-American States to adhere to it. In this connection the following observations made by the Dutch Senator Baron von Hoogland, is particularly happy: 'The introduction into the laws of all countries of provisions protecting minorities would be enough to cause them to spring up where they were least expected, to provoke unrest among them, to cause them to pose as having been sacrificed, and to create generally an artificial agitation of which no one had up to that moment dreamed.'

The Council then discussed various suggestions aimed at establishing an effective method to do away with the present laxity on the part of East European governments in the fulfillment of their obligations to their minorities.

The Jewish Art Theatre, under construction at Second Avenue and Twelfth Street, will be larger than originally anticipated. This was made known when Mr. Louis N. Jaffe, builder and owner of the theatre acquired title to an annex of the St. Marks Hospital, at 230 East 12th Street.

Bertha Kalich will appear in Sudermann's "Moyda" at the Maxine Elliott Theatre on January 26, after an engagement in the same play in Chicago.

Judge Max S. Levine, appointed by Governor Smith to succeed Judge Alfred J. Tallier, was inducted into office in General Sessions Monday in the presence of many city and county officials.

Judge Kosalsky welcomed Judge Levine on behalf of his associates in General Sessions. Judge John F. McIntyre presided, and Henry Sobel, vice-president of the Grand Street Boys' Association, was master of ceremonies. Among those present were Chief Magistrate William McShoo, District Attorney Banton, Justice Samuel D. Levey, of the Children's Court, and Max D. Stearn.

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