

## MOSCOW AGRO-JOINT CONFERENCE WILL DETERMINE ON SCOPE OF FUTURE SETTLEMENT AND RELIEF WORK

**Desire to Settle on the Land Increasing, Dr. Rosen States; 25 Per Cent of Sum to be Used for Medical and Orphan Relief**  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Jan. 16.—The desire to settle on the land has not slackened among the Jewish masses in Soviet Russia, declared Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, head of the Agro-Joint, following his return to Moscow from the United States, in an interview with the representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here.

"Knowing that the situation of the Jewish artisans in the Soviet Republics has recently improved, I expected to find, on my return, a slackening in the urge for the land. Instead, I find that the number of applicants for settling is greater than before and is increasing daily," he declared. "I am not surprised at this, because I knew before that the argument of Mr. Duranty, the New York 'Times' correspondent in Moscow, and of others, that the Jews will return to the towns at their first opportunity, was unfounded. Such assertions can be made only by people who get their information at second hand. The fact is that the artisans have the largest proportion among the applicants. Of the 740 applicants recently registered in the city of Homel, 400 were artisans. When asked why they made their applications for settling on the land since the condition of the artisans has improved, they declared that they are convinced that there are no prospects for them in their crafts, that the rapid development of the cooperatives will finally destroy the individual artisans. They therefore prefer to settle on the land," Dr. Rosen stated.

A conference of the workers throughout Russia of the Agro-Joint will be held shortly in Moscow for the purpose of determining the scope and character of the work in the near future, Dr. Rosen added. The first tasks will be to consolidate those who have already settled and to settle those who have registered.

The Joint Distribution Committee also conducts relief work such as granting credit to artisans, extending medical and orphan aid. Twenty-five per cent of the annual sum allocated to Russia will be spent for such relief, Dr. Rosen declared.

"The greater the funds available and the sooner they arrive, the more rapidly will the work be accomplished," he stated.

## DRUZE MASSACRE IN RASHAYE DRIVES CHRISTIAN REFUGEES TO PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 16.—Great numbers of Christian refugees from the territory adjacent to the northern Palestine-Syria frontier are coming into Palestine following the massacre by the Druzes in the village of Rashaye.

According to reports received here today, the Druzes attacked Rashaye last Wednesday. One hundred Christian inhabitants of the village, including two priests, were killed. Many women and children were burned. All the houses and the two churches were ransacked by the Druzes.

## VLADIMIR JABOTINSKY SAILS FOR U. S.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, Jan. 16.—Vladimir Jabotinsky, leader of the Zionist Revisionists, sailed today on the New Zealand for America where he will lecture.

## PALESTINE JEWRY ASKS FOR LAND GRANT, COMMUNITIES ORDINANCE AND EDUCATION ALLOTMENT

**Palestine National Assembly Closes Session; Elects New Vaad Leumi; Resolutions of Communist Group Rejected Amid Jeers**  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 16.—Three demands to the mandatory power on behalf of the Jewish population of Palestine were embodied in resolutions adopted by the Jewish National Assembly of Palestine at its closing session Friday morning.

A resolution adopted by the Assembly urged the Palestine government to hasten the promulgation of the Palestine communities ordinance which would give the Jewish communities of Palestine their legal status under the mandate. That the Palestine government carry into effect Article VI of the Palestine mandate to grant available waste land for the close settlement of Jews, was the demand made in a second resolution. Another resolution urged the Palestine government to increase its allotment for the support of the Hebrew educational system.

The Assembly, which sat in session four days, discussed the agricultural, educational and labor problems of the country and came to a close following an all night session.

The Assembly devoted the last day to a discussion of the labor problems. Deputies Surasky, Dizengof, former mayor of Tel Aviv, and representatives of the Mizrahi and Yemenite Jews criticized the Jewish labor organizations for their method of work. The labor deputies, on the other hand, reproached the old colonists for not employing Jewish labor. The Assembly decided to establish a permanent obligatory arbitration commission which will have for its task the settling of all labor disputes in the colonies.

The discussion on the educational problems of Palestine was ended by the adoption of a resolution, according to which the Hebrew educational system is to remain under the supervision of the Zionist Executive in Jerusalem with a view of gradually transferring it to the control of the Vaad Leumi, the National Council of Palestine Jews.

Representatives of the small Communistic group in the Assembly introduced at the last session of the Assembly a number of resolutions which were vehemently rejected amid jeers. One of these resolutions urged "the Jewish masses to unite with the Arab masses" and "to convocate a Palestine constitutional assembly." Another resolution urged "the formation of workers and peasants councils in Palestine." A third resolution urged that the language of instruction in the Jewish schools in Palestine be Yiddish. One resolution protested "against the pogroms in Roumania, Poland and Bulgaria."

A new Vaad Leumi, National Council, consisting of 38 members, was elected by the assembly.

## SPANISH AMBASSADOR DENIES REPORT THAT ONLY CONVERTED JEWS MAY BECOME CITIZENS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Jan. 16.—A statement issued by the Spanish Ambassador denied press reports that the Spanish government would not accept Jews as citizens unless they are converted to Catholicism.

Prima de Rivera, the Prime Minister, has facilitated the regaining of Spanish citizenship by Jews of Spanish descent, the statement declared. The opportunity for descendants of Spanish Jews to acquire citizenship is open until 1930, he declared.

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## CHICAGO RAISES FIRST MILLION TO- WARDS OVERSEAS CHEST OF U. J. C.

Chicago has the distinction of having raised the first million toward the \$15,000,000 "Overseas Chest" which is being asked of the Jewry of this country by the United Jewish Campaign.

This announcement was made yesterday by David A. Brown, chairman of the United Jewish Campaign, who said that the news had been telephoned by Jacob M. Loeb, chairman of the drive in Chicago, who informed him that the United Drive for \$4,000,000 in that city had gone "over the top" by nearly \$100,000 forty-eight hours ahead of the time fixed for it to close. Chicago's million dollar quota for the United Jewish Campaign is in addition to a personal contribution last September by Julius Rosenwald of \$1,000,000 which makes the total contribution of that city actually over \$2,000,000.

Loeb's "call to arms" rallied 2000 volunteers for his army of workers, with Julius Rosenwald a canvasser, and Eddie Cantor and "Al" Jolson, stellar figures on the American stage, giving both money and service.

"The success and speed that has marked the Chicago drive, the first of several hundred local drives for the \$15,000,000 Overseas Chest scheduled to be run during the next few months will be a great inspiration and incentive to the thousands of splendid men and women throughout the United States and Canada who have enlisted in this great human cause," said Mr. Brown.

"Chicago has always been the first to come through," he added, "and in each case it has come through under the remarkable leadership of Jacob M. Loeb, who is one of the outstanding generals of philanthropy in the country. In the last Jewish war relief drive in 1921, Chicago took the initiative. It crystallized public opinion in favor of a campaign for \$14,000,000, invited the national conference at which Jewish leaders from all over the country agreed that such a campaign should be waged, staged the first drive, and then exceeded its quota by over \$300,000."

## JEWISH TEMPLE BROKEN INTO

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Jan. 16.—Another attack upon a Jewish temple was made here last night.

The temple in Goethe Park was broken into by unknown culprits. This is the twelfth attack upon synagogues in the last three months.

## 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.]

### Jews Form One Percent of Germany's Population

There are today in Germany 620,000 Jews, or, approximately one per cent in a total population of 63 millions, we learn from a statistical survey of the status of the Jews in present-day Germany by Dr. Lee K. Frankel, which appears in "The American Hebrew" of Jan. 8.

"The Jewish population," Dr. Frankel informs us, "has increased less, proportionately, than has the general population. In the forty years after 1871 the number of Jews in Germany increased 20 per cent as against an increase of 58 per cent for the total population. In the territorial cessions following the World War, Germany lost 12 per cent of its Jewish population, as compared with 10 per cent of its total population."

Dr. Frankel points out that while the natural effect of the war was to decrease the number of marriages "the decline was greater for Jewish marriages than for non-Jewish. There was an excess of deaths over births in the total population during the short period from 1916-1918, but among the Jews the number of deaths exceeded the births throughout the entire War period and into 1920."

Among 117 Nobel prize winners, it is also pointed out, 13 have been Jews. Thus, the Jews have received 11 per cent of the Nobel prizes while they represent only one per cent of the population.

### Professor Kemmerer's Advice to Poland

The advice given by Prof. Kemmerer of Princeton to the Polish government to grant the Jewish merchants and businessmen in Poland equal rights has a special significance, declares the "Jewish World" of Philadelphia, because the advice came not from a Jew nor one actuated by sentiments.

"Hitherto," writes the paper, "Poland received such advice from persons whom she did not regard seriously; persons in whom she refused to have confidence. Now she has the same advice from one whom she considers as a friend. Hitherto she refused to accept the advice. Perhaps she will now realize that those who have sought to advise her in the past, had her welfare in mind no less than the welfare of the Jews. Perhaps the time has come when Poland will realize the absurdity of cutting the nose to spite the face. If such a thing will happen then Prof. Kemmerer's visit to Poland will have been of utmost importance both for the future of the country and the welfare of its population and Prof. Kemmerer will have earned the gratitude of both."

### Argentine Bars Nordics As "Undesirable"

The decision of the Argentine government to restrict the immigration of Nordics on the ground that they are "undesirable," is termed by the "American Israelite" as a challenge to the Nordic.

"A swarthy mass of people from the Argentine, Latins, inferior Latins, challenge the Nordics. Argentine, too, has studied the immigration problems. Argentine, too, desires to admit only the best. Argentine desires to exclude the unfit, the inferior races, and Argentine has decided to exclude the Nordics. Italian, Spanish and French immigrants are to be welcomed. They represent the desirable races, who will produce superb citizens, while the Germans and English, the Nordic races are to be excluded. The worm has turned.

## OUR DAILY NEWS LETTER

**Anti-Semitism of Roumanian Government Condemned by Istrati, Famous Roumanian Author**  
(By Our Paris Correspondent)

Paris, Dec. 20.—Apparently there are Roumanians of note who do not approve of the anti-Semitic policy of their government, as appears from the vigorous and fearless indictment of the present Roumanian regime by one of Roumania's greatest authors, Panait Istrati, which appeared here in "Le Quotidien."

Publishing a report of the verdict of acquittal delivered in the trial of Lieutenant Morarescu in Bucharest, accused and self confessed murderer of hundreds of Jewish and other refugees, "Le Quotidien" adds a letter on the subject from the pen of Panait Istrati. The letter was written before the end of the trial and is referred to by the French paper as characteristic of the impression produced by the trial on certain Roumanian circles.

"Woe to the man who has the courage," M. Istrati writes, "to read the Roumanian Press. Never in the history of the world, at no time and in no place, have such crimes been committed. Abdul Hamid, the Bloody Sultan himself, would have been horrified by them. And these crimes have been committed in time of peace, by officers of the Roumanian regular army, acting under the protection of their Government."

"A month ago," he proceeds, "I published a letter in which, speaking of the terror let loose by the Bratiano Government, I ventured to refer to the prisons, of which the walls resound to the cries of innocent prisoners. The whole press attacked me for that letter, declaring that my statements were merely the ravings of a novelist 'with a hectic imagination.' I had not long to wait for corroboration of my statements, which will prove to all honest people that I am not traducing my country nor confounding the horrible acts of its Government with the people who suffer them. I was only telling the truth."

"For eight days a most monstrous trial is unrolling itself under the eyes of the court martial in Bucharest, a trial which the Roumania Press quite rightly calls fantastic. I refer to the trial of Lieut. Morarescu, one of the numberless butchers of Besarabia."

"Out of the hundreds of crimes committed by the accused which were testified to by the witnesses and the soldiers, the prosecution has proceeded against him on only 33. The others are too terrible to be drawn up in an Act of Indictment."

"To Lieut. Morarescu the refugees—women, old men and children—are agents of the Bolsheviks. Especially so the Jews. The soldiers declare that he compelled them so frequently to shoot Jews that they began to think that all refugees were Jews."

"All people with progressive ideas whom we had in Roumania have been shot or imprisoned. There is martial law throughout the country. There is no free press, no right of meetings without the presence of the police. There is no right to write or speak anything but what is approved by the Government."

"In the streets there is a populace in rags, in fear of machine-gun fire. And in the seat of Government a handful of despots with their army of partisans, who determine the fate of the whole country."

"Poor Roumania."

No longer are the Nordics the chosen people. In Argentine the Latins have usurped their places. All of which proves that the superior race in every country is the race which can marshal the most votes. Not quality, but quantity is the criterion," the paper writes.

## AMERICAN MONEY MARKET READY FOR INVESTMENT IN PALESTINE, DR. HALPERN, MEMBER OF ZIONIST EXECUTIVE, DECLARES BEFORE SAILING

**Agreement Between Anglo-Palestine Company and State Bank Concluded**

Dr. Georg Halpern, director of the Jewish Colonial Trust and the Anglo-Palestine Company, sailed for London Saturday following a stay of several weeks in this country.

Dr. Halpern, who came to America for the purpose of presenting to the American money market

the investment values of Palestine, completed his task successfully, the "Jewish Daily Bulletin" understands. An agreement between the Anglo-Palestine Company, the agency in Palestine of the Jewish Colonial Trust, and the State Bank, New York City, was concluded, the "Jewish Daily Bulletin" learns.

Harold C. Richard is president of the State Bank; John Kneisel, Charles A. Smith, William B. Roth, Harry W. Vogel and Thomas M. Sherman are vice-presidents. Among the directors are Jules S. Bache, Lucius N. Littauer, Michael Tuch, Robert H. Mainzer and Oscar L. Richard.

"The purpose of my trip to the United States was to find out how the relations between the American banks and the Jewish Colonial Trust and Anglo-Palestine Company could be developed," Dr. Halpern declared to a representative of the "Jewish Daily Bulletin."

"Naturally, I thought first of those banks which, judging from their administration and, especially, from their clientele, would be most interested. It is well known that some banks have, in the last few years, made such extraordinary progress that they constitute an important factor in the economic life of American Jewry. Their deposits which, in two banks, exceed \$100,000,000 each, have reached a point where, measured even with those of very large banks, are considerable. It seems to me that the depositors in those banks are mainly East European Jews. My impression that the economic position of this group of the Jewish population in the United States has been strengthened in the last years and that their further progress in this direction can be counted on with certainty has been confirmed by experts."

"Palestine has an extremely strong interest for the clientele of these banks. Aside from the general interest which these circles take in Palestine, many of them have relatives in that country or are,

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## COMMUNICATION TO THE EDITOR

Sir: Noting that you reprint in the "Jewish Daily Bulletin" of January 12th on page 2 a Berlin dispatch to the New York "Sun" purporting to describe Professor Kemmerer's recommendations to the Polish Government, may I not call your attention to the fact that the "Sun" on January 11th printed a paragraph stating that Professor Kemmerer had repudiated the contents of their Berlin dispatch, asserting the information to be false. If you noted the repudiation, I presume you did not see it in time to avoid reprinting the original.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM J. KELLEY,

Director, Press Department.

Legation of Poland,  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 13, 1926.



DR. GEORG HALPERN

## JOINT RECONSTRUCTION FOUNDATION GIVES \$150,000 CREDIT TO JEWISH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN POLAND

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Jan. 16.—One hundred and fifty thousand dollars were allotted for Jewish credit institutions (Kassas) in Poland, by the Joint Reconstruction Foundation, consisting of representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Colonization Association. The decision to allot this sum was taken at a meeting of the Foundation.

The Joint Reconstruction Foundation was established several years ago when the liquidation of the former activities of the J. D. C. was planned.

The Foundation also allotted a loan of \$50,000 to the Jewish Central Bank in Lithuania, which was established by the Joint Distribution Committee. Appropriations for credits in other European countries were also made.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is represented on the Board of the Foundation by Bernard Flexner, Meyer Gillis, Herbert H. Lehman, Leonard George Robinson, Felix M. Warburg and Peter Wiernik.

### BREVITIES

Joseph Lewinsky, cantor and composer of synagogue music, now residing in Manchester, England, explained his refusal to have phonographic records made of his voice by stating that it was contrary to Jewish tradition.

"I do not think our sacred melodies should be interpreted on the phonograph," he said.

The sixtieth birthday of Joshua Hankin, who, for the last forty years has been engaged in purchasing land for Palestine Jewish enterprises, was celebrated in Nahalal in the Valley of Jezreel.

A great part of the land owned by the Palestine Land Development Company was acquired with the assistance of Mr. Hankin. He was honored on his sixtieth birthday by his associates in the Palestine Land Development Company, who tendered him a luncheon.

Dr. Arthur Rupp, assistant master, mentioned difficult times in his work with Mr. Hankin, such as the purchase of Meraviah, Nahalal, Nuris. Dr. Thon and Mr. S. Kaplansky, on behalf of the Palestine Zionist Executive and the Jewish National Fund, were the speakers.

Morris A. Rapken, prominent figure in Jewish activities of San Francisco, Cal., one of the leaders of the Orthodox group, died at the age of 71. He was the founder of the Shelter, a Jewish charitable institution, and was a director in many local Jewish organizations. He also took an active part in civic and political affairs.

### JEWISH COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES

Six hundred members of the Real Estate Club of the New York Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies honored Mr. G. Richard Davis, president of the Club, at a dinner. Mr. S. W. Straus was toastmaster.

In honor of Mr. Davis, Mr. A. Bricken announced an increase of his 1926 subscription from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for the year 1926. Among the donors were Mr. J. Goldstein, Henry Samstag, Congressman Ansorge, Benjamin Winter, Benjamin Benenson and Frederick Brown were among the speakers. A silver platter inscribed to Mr. Davis was presented to him.

Dr. S. C. Kohs, secretary of the Jewish Federation of Charities of Oakland, Cal., has been appointed superintendent of the Eureka Benevolent Society of San Francisco. Dr. Kohs is a graduate of the University of the City of New York and holds a degree in philosophy from Stanford University.

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## AMERICAN MONEY MARKET READY FOR INVESTMENT IN PALESTINE, DR. HALPERN DECLARES

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through ownership of land or participation in other enterprises, directly interested in the country. The transferring of money from America to Palestine and, to a certain degree from Palestine to America, reaches amounts which already make this business attractive.

"All these circumstances have led to a better knowledge and greater attention to the economic development of Palestine on the part of these banks. I was glad to find sympathy and understanding of my opinion that such banks should participate to an ever increasing degree in the economic development of Palestine; as far as it is within the normal business of banking institutions. I believe I have proven to these banks that by application of the necessary caution, they can obtain the same measure of security for credit operations for which Palestinian businesses are the basis, as in any other foreign transactions, and that there is nothing surprising in the fact that Palestine, too, like every other country in the world, has turned to the American money market," Dr. Halpern declared.

"I do not doubt that the connections which have now been formed will be further developed. Just as the American Jews play a decisive role in the large collection of Palestine funds, they will now, without a doubt, participate in the purely business enterprises in Palestine to a greater extent than has been the case in the past. Never has it been as clear to me as it is now that Palestine is an economic fact to the large masses of American Jews, and that they are ready to participate in this direction toward the upbuilding of Palestine.

"The strong interest displayed in Palestinian investments, the security of which can be relied upon, as, for example, the debentures of the General Mortgage Bank of Palestine, is, therefore, readily understood. The conviction that American Jews can give the best economic aid to their relatives living in Eastern Europe, by helping them to establish a livelihood in Palestine is spreading widely.

"I have been especially pleased to be able to establish the fact that the number of those who personally want to be informed with regard to conditions in Palestine is growing larger. I would wish that as many as possible of them should go to Palestine this spring, with a view to studying the possibilities of investment. I do not doubt that this would lead to a vital strengthening of the business relations between America and Palestine," Mr. Halpern declared.

Asked for his opinion concerning the proposal of Henry Morgenthau that a committee consisting of leading American Jewish bankers be appointed to study the economic possibilities of Palestine and the issuance of a \$50,000,000 loan, Dr. Halpern declared that he was convinced that if the study is made, it will be beneficial to Palestine and America.

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## WHAT DOES THE KEREN HATORAH FUND OF THE AGUDATH ISRAEL SEEK TO ACCOMPLISH?

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