

## JEWS HAVE RIGHT TO THEIR OWN SCHOOLS, CANADIAN SUPREME COURT RULES

Long Dispute in Province of Quebec May Be Brought to British Privy Council

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Montreal, Feb. 3.—The Jewish Community of the Province of Quebec greeted with satisfaction the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, the highest tribunal in the country, which held that the Jews of the Province have a right to the British North American Act of 1867 which is the constitution of the Dominion of Canada. For many years a dispute has been going on in the Province of Quebec between the Protestant and Jewish communities as to their respective rights in educational matters. By a contract made in 1903, which was incorporated into an act of the legislature of the Province, it was agreed between the two sections that Jews will be considered as Protestants for the purposes of education. In 1923 when the Jewish community had increased to practically the same size as the Protestant community, the latter applied to have the 1903 act rescinded. This the Jewish community opposed and further requested representation on the school boards. The demand of the Jews for representation was denied them. The Jewish nationalistic section of the community then came forward with a demand for separate Jewish schools, claiming that they desire to beg from no one and are opposed to having their children taught the Christian gospel. The group headed by Peter Bercovitch, a deputy in the provincial legislature asked that the status quo of 1903 be maintained and that Jewish children continue to be considered as Protestants and be subjected to the Protestant curriculum.

The matter was taken to the Court of Kings Bench, the highest court in the Province of Quebec, which decided that separate Jewish schools are unconstitutional. An appeal was taken to the highest court in Canada and the judgment held that the Jews have a right to their own Jewish schools. The court held that Jews are not entitled to representa-

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## JEWS AND ARABS FORM CORPORATION TO ESTABLISH RADIO STATION IN PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 3.—"Tuning-in" on the radio will become as fashionable in Palestine as it is in America, if the plans of the Palestine Radio Corporation will be carried out.

The corporation was formed by Jews and Arabs and has applied to the Palestine government for a concession to erect a broadcasting station. The government has referred the application to the British Colonial Office.

## THEOPHILE OLSHANSKI SAILS FOR MEXICO

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Feb. 3.—Theophile Olshanski, the Ukrainian nationalist who saved the life of Stanislaw Steiger by confessing that it was he who threw the bomb at the Polish president in Lemberg on September 5, 1924, left here for Mexico.

It was recently reported that while in Berlin, Olshanski was attacked by Polish students who reproached him for having made his confession.

## KEREN HAYESOD HEADQUARTERS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO JERUSALEM, ZIONIST EXECUTIVE DECIDES

"Ha'olam," Hebrew Official Organ of Z. O. Will Also Be Transferred

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Feb. 3.—The headquarters of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) will be transferred from London to Jerusalem, according to a decision of the Zionist Executive at its meeting held yesterday. The transfer is to be effected not later than September 1.

This move was advocated for some time by American Zionists and representatives of other Zionist federations. The board of directors of the Keren Hayesod are in full accord with the decision of the Executive and preparations have already begun for effecting the transfer.

Simultaneously, the Zionist Executive decided to transfer to Jerusalem the editorial offices of the "Ha'olam," the official organ of the Zionist Organization, published in Hebrew. A special committee will be named to work out the details and to recommend the enlargement and improvement of the organ so as to fit the needs of Jewish life in Palestine.

## JEWISH NATIONAL FUND ALLOTS LAND FOR FIRST WORKERS' SUBURB IN PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 3.—The first workers' suburb in the proposed industrial city, Jidrah, will be built shortly, according to a decision of the Jewish National Fund headquarters here.

The Jewish National Fund, the agency of the Zionist Organization which has for its purpose the buying of Palestine land as inalienable property of the Jewish people, decided to allot 5,000 dunam at Jidrah, near Haifa, for the workers' suburb. It was estimated that 1200 families will be settled in the suburb.

The industrial city to be built near Haifa, Palestine's future port, is to be the center of the textile industry of the country. The Cooperative Manor Company of Poland, for whom the proposed industrial city is to be built by the Siemens-Schuckert concern of Germany, has been organized by a group of three hundred textile men of Poland. The three hundred members are all small manufacturers and practical workers in the textile industry of Lodz, Bialystok, Thomashow and other textile centers in Poland. The total capital of the Manor is £75,000 contributed by three hundred members at £250 each.

## CHAIM NACHMAN BIALIK AND LOUIS LIPSKY SAIL FOR U. S.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Feb. 3.—Chaim Nachman Bialik, Hebrew poet, Louis Lipsky, chairman of the Zionist Organization of America and Dr. Schmarya Levin, noted Zionist orator, sailed on the Mauretania yesterday. They are expected to arrive in New York on February 10.

Paris, Feb. 3.—Mlle. Maxa Nordau, daughter of the late Dr. Max Nordau, sailed on the steamer Paris, for the United States, where she will make a lecture tour. She is expected to arrive in New York on February 10.

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## NO FINANCIAL CRISIS IN PALESTINE, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT STATES

Building Activities Caused Tightness in Liquid Capital, But Complete Recovery Will Follow

Soon, Statement Declares

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 3.—An explanation of the present economic situation in Palestine, contradicting reports that there is a financial crisis in the country, was issued by the Economic Department of the Government in the "Commercial Bulletin," the official organ of the department.

"From reliable reports received in this Department, it appears that the local industries, with very few exceptions, did not suffer much from the general depression. It is therefore considered that the crisis is only momentary and a complete recovery will soon follow," the statement of the Economic Department declared.

"The Palestine Press has been lately paying considerable attention to the economic crisis which the country is passing through at present.

"As a matter of fact, however, the 'crisis' in question is only a tightness in liquid funds now prevailing in the local markets. Dwellings for the large number of western immigrants of independent means that entered the country during the years had to be provided; land buying for speculation purposes reached very high proportions; trades in all articles and particularly building materials have indulged in extensive forward buyings abroad in order to meet the increasing demand of the local markets.

"Thus considerably large amounts of money were invested in buildings, land buying, and forward buyings abroad in a relatively short period causing the present stringency in liquid capital which is now more or less reflected in all commercial activities of the country, creating the so-called 'crisis'.

"The depression is more acute in Tel-Aviv and Jaffa whereas it is not appreciable in the other districts, Tel-Aviv and Jaffa being at present the building and commercial centres of Palestine.

"Although a small number of failures occurred, the total amount of liabilities is relatively small.

"Measures to prevent speculation were taken by the Credit Institutions, the Chambers of Commerce and Trade Unions; and as a result the trades are now restricting their buyings abroad to a minimum.

"It is understood that the local Banks have undertaken to help trades in granting credits," the statement read.

## 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.]

### Praise for Philadelphia Jewish Charity Federation

The achievement of the Federation of Jewish Charities in Philadelphia in raising \$4,404,000 in a week is held up as a memorable example to the entire city by the Philadelphia "Public Ledger."

"What the Federation of Jewish Charities has done," declares the paper, "in raising \$4,404,000 in a week for the expansion of charitable, religious and educational activities brings a thrilling inspiration to the city at large as an example of what can be achieved in cooperation by those with the will, the mind and the heart to do it. From the start not a worker was deterred by the size of the objective. The 2,000 individuals, acting as a unit, were mobilized with a genius for business organization and without waste of effort. They touched the springs of a devotion and a public spirit which they themselves felt and which they illustrated by the force of their personal example in unselfish service."

Similar sentiments are expressed by the Philadelphia "News" in an editorial "A Great Deal Well Done." Says the paper:

"The building fund drive of the Federation of Jewish Charities is a remarkable monument to the generosity of the Jews of this city. . . . A convalescent home will be built and named after Jules E. Mastbaum, as a testimonial to his leadership in this remarkable campaign. The willingness of Philadelphia's wealthy men to share their riches with the less fortunate of their brethren deserves the plaudits of the city and nation."

### Einstein As Humanitarian

That Professor Einstein is as great a humanitarian as he is a scientist is the point emphasized by the "Christian Science Monitor" in an editorial referring to a statement made by Einstein in a Paris interview wherein the great Jewish scientist expressed his conviction that—"Our task as technicians in physical science is to serve. In our sphere we wish to collaborate in the task of peacemaking, which should be the profound desire of every man and every nation."

"Though the world has identified Professor Einstein so completely with his mathematical discoveries as to have largely ignored his humanities," the "Christian Science Monitor" comments, "it is evident that the German savant, so famous for his theory of relativity, is keenly awake to the world's vital needs. . . . He amplified his belief by urging that the greatest good of men is peace, and that the promotion of intellectual relations and the co-ordination of thoughts will consolidate peace."

### ZIONISTS AND PEASANTS UNITE AGAINST COMMUNISTS IN WHITE RUSSIA

Zionist farmers and prosperous Christian peasants joined forces for the first time against regular Communist candidates in the local political election just held in this district, an Associated Press despatch from Minsk reports.

In many villages they succeeded in defeating the Communists, while in others they made considerable gains, the despatch stated.

Rabbi Israel Rabinowitz, 101, the oldest man in Rochester, N. Y., died at the Jewish Home for the Aged.

## OUR DAILY NEWS LETTER

### Poland's Taxation Policy Brings Increasing Poverty to Polish Jews

(By Our Warsaw Correspondent)

Warsaw, Jan. 20.—The recent accession of the new cabinet here under the premiership of Alexander Skrzynski, who belongs to the more liberal element of Polish politicians, led to the hope that there would be a let up in the economic war which the previous governments had conducted against the Jews. But this hope has not materialized so far.

It is true that there have been indications of a desire on the part of the new government to ameliorate the situation. One step has been the abolition of the so-called "Grabski Agoloh," or "Grabski Dead-Wagon," that is, a wagon in which tax collectors traveled from store to store and appropriated merchandise for taxes. Skrzynski is known to be more tolerant than his predecessors and more ready to discuss the Jewish situation with a view to making arrangements intended to improve the relations between the Jews and Poles. The Polish Jewish agreement was such a move on his part, and there are some who feel that were Skrzynski not confronted with vicious opposition in political circles in Poland he would have been instrumental in bringing about a radical change for the better in the position of the Polish Jews.

The fact remains, however, that to date the Jewish situation economically is in no respect improved. The policy of taxing Jewish tradesmen out of business, nay, out of existence, still continues. Whether the new Polish government has made any serious attempt to abolish the policy of extermination it is hard to say, but the Polish officials continue this practice in the same merciless fashion as before. To the thousands, tens of thousands, of Jewish workers who are being discharged in factories and government offices and banks in Warsaw, Lodz, Lemberg, Lublin, etc., there are being constantly added hundreds and thousands of Jewish tradesmen who have been taxed out of business and who are joining the vast army of Jewish unemployed.

Frequently the method followed by Polish officials in taxing Jewish businessmen is such that it can be classified only as outright confiscation. It is not based on any of the rules of legal procedure accepted and practiced in even semi-civilized countries. An instance of such arbitrary outrageous practice which occurred recently in Warsaw will serve as a concrete example. A certain Jewish businessman, Mr. S—, who had been dealing in the import of food products on a large scale for the last thirty-five years and had established a reputation for honesty and reliability, has been ruined through the whim of an official. He had always paid his taxes regularly and had made numerous loans to smaller businessmen who were thus enabled to meet their own obligations and to pay their taxes. A government official who had gathered hearsay information regarding Mr. S— suddenly attached the latter's account in the bank amounting to 150,000 Zlotys. This was done without giving Mr. S— any notice whatsoever regarding his tax bill. All the cash, notes, and checks, many of which had been made out and signed ready to be mailed in payment of goods ordered abroad, were in effect confiscated. Thus this Jewish merchant who had been struggling against difficulties for a number of years because of the exorbitant taxation, but who managed to keep his business going owing to his good standing and irreproachable name in the business world, has now been utterly ruined.

Similar cases could be cited endlessly. It is a tragic situation and there will probably be no change until the Polish government realizes once and for all that in forcing the Jews into the abyss the whole country is going down likewise.

## SECRETARY HOOVER PRAISES GENEROSITY OF AMERICAN JEWS

### Endorses United Jewish Campaign

The generosity of American Jews was praised by Secretary Hoover in a letter to David A. Brown made public yesterday, in which the Secretary of Commerce endorsed the United Jewish Campaign.

"Every friend of humanity will be delighted to learn of the fine progress being made by the Fifteen Million Dollar United Jewish Campaign under your able leadership. The reports that come to me indicate that your splendid unselfish effort will be crowned with success," Secretary Hoover wrote.

"Our Jewish fellow citizens have always answered in fullest measure to every call on them for the relief of suffering whether at home or abroad. Ever since the beginning of the world war they have had continuous appeals from their co-religionists throughout the world and they have made response in most extraordinary degree, as witness the upwards of \$60,000,000 which has been spent up to this time. I have a fine recollection of the cooperation of the Joint Distribution Committee with the American Relief Administration in its efforts to relieve the great famines in Poland and later in Russia.

"The fine effort which the Association is now making to put their co-religionists on a self-supporting basis throughout the world and to relieve the continued poverty which exists among them will, I have no doubt, again meet generous response from the Jews of America. I have no doubt that many of their Christian fellow citizens will want to have a share in relieving such distress.

"Every wish for success of your efforts, in which I am sure the whole country joins," he concluded.

The Joint Distribution Committee loaned its overseas staff to the American Relief Administration and contributed \$3,827,000 toward its non-sectarian relief undertakings. It also loaned the services of its agricultural expert, Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, whose seeding program saved millions of famine-stricken Russians from death by starvation in the Volga region.

### COMMUNICATION TO THE EDITOR

Sir:

I wish to call your attention to an error in your "Bulletin" of January 20th.

Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein of Philadelphia is mentioned as the Chairman of the Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships and Dormitory Maintenance. Mrs. Joseph Stolz, of Chicago, is the Chairman of this Committee.

HELEN STRAUSS,

National Field Secretary.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 1, 1926.

### JEWISH COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES

The Jewish Social Service Bureau of Cleveland, O., aided 922 families during the last year. Miss Violet Kitterer, director of the Bureau, reported at its annual meeting. The total expenditures for the year were \$128,323. A new information department functioned by rendering service to the Montefiore Home for the Aged, and the Martha House, the National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives.

The Welfare Association for Jewish Children of Cleveland has been caring for 152 children, its director, Mrs. Ethel Oberbrunner, reported. Through private subscriptions, an fund of \$11,000 has been raised for the children, it was announced by E. S. Halle, vice-president. The children are maintained in private homes.

The revised \$4,000,000 goal set for the campaign by the Philadelphia Federation of Jewish Charities for its building fund was exceeded by one-tenth.

Judge Horace Stern, president of the Federation, announced the total subscriptions and pledges aggregated \$4,404,000. This is \$900,000 above the first objective figure, which was \$3,500,000.

The drive was terminated three days ahead of the original schedule.

Alfred W. Fleisher announced that Mrs. Jennie Miller, prominently identified with Jewish philanthropy, had increased her original subscription of \$20,000 to \$100,000, which is to be used in the interest of the Talmud Torah schools.

The campaign to raise the sum of \$7,500, as the quota for Camden, N. J., for the United Palestine Appeal was launched. Samuel Shaue is chairman of the campaign.

## FOUR THOUSAND JEWISH WORKERS SUFFER FROM FLOODS IN BELGIUM

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Antwerp, Jan. 16.—About 4,000 Jewish workers have been thrown out of employment in Belgium as a result of the recent floods, which have affected their factories and coalyards. The majority of these Jewish workers have not been settled long in Belgium and do not belong to trade unions. They are being subsidized by the special funds raised for the relief of the sufferers from the floods.

The Jewish Committee for aiding the sufferers from the floods has forwarded 200,000 Francs to the National Aid Committee. This amount has been contributed largely by the Jews in Antwerp. The Chief Rabbi of Belgium, Rabbi Ernest Ginsburger, has launched a special appeal to the Jews of Belgium to give support to the victims of the floods.

The first contribution of the Jewish Aid Committee which amounted to 100,000 Francs, was the first sum received by the National Aid Committee. The Belgian Press praised the vigorous relief activity of the Jewish population.

At the sitting of the Chamber of Deputies, which was devoted to a discussion of the situation in the flooded areas, the Socialist Deputy Merlot, Mayor of Seraing, a town which suffered severely from the floods, paid a warm tribute to those who had distinguished themselves by being the first to come forward with assistance, the city of Antwerp, the King and Queen, and the Jews of Antwerp. M. Merlot said that the contributions had been distributed among all the victims of the flood without any distinction of nationality or race. The town of Seraing has a Jewish population of several hundred, practically all workers, all of whom have suffered from the floods.

## AUTHOR OF BIBLE BILL IN OHIO WILL RUN FOR GOVERNOR AS KLAN CANDIDATE

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 3.—Assemblyman Ross P. Buchanan, Klan member and author of the defeated Bible bill in the Ohio legislature, will be a candidate for Governor of the state, it was learned here today.

At the last session of the legislature, Assemblyman Buchanan declared that in case his Bible bill is defeated, he would run for governor of Ohio. The Bible bill, calling for Bible instruction in the public schools of Ohio was approved by the Klan, which took it under their auspices. The outcome of the fight between the sponsors and the opponents of the Bible bill was considered a defeat of the Klan.

## Jews Have Right to Their Own Schools. Canadian Supreme Court Rules

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tion on the school boards and that Jewish teachers cannot be forced upon the Protestant board.

Mr. Peter Bercovitch declared that an appeal will be made by his group to the Privy Council in London.

A meeting of the Jewish national leaders of the community was held yesterday, where a resolution was presented by Mr. H. Woloisky, publisher of the Canadian Jewish Daily Eagle, requesting the Prime Minister of the Province of Quebec, Mr. Taschereau, to introduce legislation for the establishment of separate Jewish schools.

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## WISCONSIN LEADERS VOTE UNANIMOUSLY FOR UNITED DRIVE

### Will Raise \$450,000 for United Jewish Campaign and Palestine Appeal

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 3.—The sum of \$450,000, representing the Wisconsin quota of the \$15,000,000 drive of the Joint Distribution Committee, which is \$300,000, and the Wisconsin quota of \$150,000 of the \$5,000,000 United Palestine Appeal will be sought in a drive to be launched here on April 13.

Both drives will be joined in this state in one united appeal under one organization, headed by Oscar Greenwald as general chairman, and consisting of representatives of both appeals.

Decision to unite in a joint drive was reached at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Wisconsin United Jewish drive and the Executive Committee of the Wisconsin United Palestine Appeal drive. The decision to hold the joint drive was unanimous.

### BREVITIES

The House Election Committee began the hearing Tuesday on the contest of Dr. William I. Sirovich for the seat of Congressman Perlman of the Fourteenth Congressional District, New York. Dr. Sirovich, who ran on the Democratic ticket, claims the official return showing Congressman Perlman won by six votes is wrong and that a recount will show that he defeated Perlman.

A total of 670,000 Bibles were placed in hotels by the Gideons, an American Christian society which has for its purpose the placing of Bibles in hotels, since this service was started 15 years ago, it is announced, and in the last six months 22,000 have been placed in the United States and 800 in Canada. The society has exhausted the financial resources with which it operated for some years.

"From various parts of the country we are continually receiving requests for Bibles to be used by hotel guests, and are far behind in complying with them," it was stated at the Gideon office in Chicago.

"Owners of hotels always have been friendly, but now there seems to be an increasing desire to have the Bibles."

H. F. Guggenheim, President of the Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics, sailed on the Italian liner Duilio, to study the development of civil aviation in Europe.

### JEWISH COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES

The community of Donora, Pa., dedicated a annex to its synagogue. The annex will serve as a Jewish community center.

Mr. Mose Miller was chairman of the Building Committee: Mr. Max Cornich, president of the Ohav Shalom Congregation, and Dr. Maurice H. Heatter, chairman of the Finance Committee. Rabbi Gilbert Elefant is minister of the congregation.

The building committee of the Adas Kodesch Center, at Wilmington, Del., has authorized David Lee, of Allentown, Pa., to draw up plans and specification for the building. Funds for the structure were raised during a recent campaign. The members of the committee are: Charles Topkis, chairman; Joseph Stone, Dr. I. K. Kreshtool, Louis Rosenblatt, Abraham Topkis and Abraham Silver.

Strengthening of Orthodox institutions and their interests is to be the purpose of a union of Orthodox Congregations of Cleveland, undertaken by the rabbis of six of the leading Orthodox congregations in Cleveland.

The proposal grows out of the Kashruth problem, which has been discussed at several meetings of these rabbis. Other communal matters to be considered are those pertaining to education, dietary laws, and the Sabbath.

The new organization is to be known as the Agudath Ha'khaloth. Among the rabbis who are leading in the movement are Rabbi Israel Porath, Rabbi Hyman F. Epstein, Rabbi Elster Paley, and Rabbi Samuel Sachs.

Six thousand six hundred and forty dollars toward the quota of \$10,000 to be raised by the Jewish community of New Bedford, Mass., for the United Palestine Appeal, was subscribed at a meeting at which the campaign was launched.

### Read "The Nation's" Prize Poem

in the Midwinter Book Number just out, also unpublished letters of Tolstoi, and contributions by H. L. Mencken, Hendrik van Loon, Henry W. Nevins, Babette Deutsch, Floyd Dell, Edwin Muir, and others.

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