

CRISIS IN CLUB OF POLISH JEWISH DEPUTIES CONTINUES

Question of Continuing Polish Jewish Agreement Debated

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Feb. 6.—The meeting of the Club of Jewish Deputies, which was called for today to consider the crisis which has arisen due to the resignation of Dr. Leon Reich and Deputy Rozmarin, was postponed for next week. This was necessary because of Dr. Reich's sudden departure for Vienna where he is scheduled to deliver a lecture on the subject "America, Poland and Palestine."

The discussion was transferred to the Zionist party Council.

Warsaw, Jan. 16.—The question of whether the present Government is bound by the Polish-Jewish Agreement concluded between the late Government under M. Grabski and the Club of Jewish Deputies was raised at a meeting of the Political Commission of the Cabinet, at which Count Skrzynski, the Premier, presided.

The Premier reported on the questions which had been raised during the interview he had had with Dr. Leon Reich, President of the Club of Jewish Deputies. He acquainted the Commission with the complaints made by Dr. Reich that the Government had not carried into effect the conditions of the Polish-Jewish Agreement.

A lengthy discussion followed among the members of the Commission, during which the text of the Polish-Jewish Agreement was closely examined. Several members asked whether it was certain that the Agreement which was concluded between the Club of Jewish Deputies and the previous Government binds the present Government, and if so, to what extent. It was decided that the Government cannot settle the questions of principle raised by the Polish-Jewish Agreement before consideration of these questions by the Parties constituting the Coalition Government.

The Minister of Education reported on the Jewish educational question. Without affecting questions of principle, it was decided to return to the Vilna Jewish community the communal building which had been requisitioned by the Government.

The Minister of Trade reported on his negotiations with the representatives of the Jewish merchants on the proposal to permit Jews to trade for two hours beyond the normal closing hour on Saturday night or on Sunday afternoon. The Political Commission decided that this question cannot be dealt with until the question of principle arising out of the Polish-Jewish Agreement has been settled.

ROUMANIAN GOVERNMENT DECIDES ON MEASURES TO STOP ANTI-SEMITIC EXCESSES AT UNIVERSITIES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Feb. 6.—Government measures will be taken to stop the anti-Semitic excesses in the University of Bucharest, according to a decision taken at the conference of cabinet members and university deans held yesterday.

The conference decided to remove from the colleges all those students who engage in anti-Semitic riots and to close those departments in which the riots occurred most frequently.

The conference also adopted a resolution to close the University of Bucharest for a full year in case the excesses are renewed.

CHAIM NACHMAN BIALIK SENDS HEBREW MESSAGE FROM MAURETANIA TO AMERICAN JEWS

Time to Replace Thanksgiving with "Korban Ha'tomid" Has Arrived, Declares Famous Poet of Hebrew Renaissance

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

On Board S.S. Mauretania, Feb. 6.—A message to American Jewry was sent by Chaim Nachman Bialik, Hebrew poet, who is on his way to the United States to assist the \$5,000,000 United Palestine Appeal. In reply to a congratulatory message from Judge Julian W. Mack, chairman of the Bialik Reception Committee, Mr. Bialik cabled from the steamer.

The message, which was in Hebrew, read: "My deepest thanks for your cordial greetings. I hope that the new and creative Palestine will not only for its own sake but for the sake of Judaism as a whole give us the strength of inspiration to influence our people not to lose track of its historic development but to chose the path of light for our own good and that of the generations which will follow."

"Up to the present we offered only thanksgiving. The time has arrived when we are expected to bring the 'Korban Ha'Tomid' (Permanent Sacrifice) in order to erect and complete the everlasting structure of Palestine. May your hands be strengthened and may the God of Zion be your aid."

ECONOMIC CRISIS IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AFFECTS PALESTINE COLONIZATION AND IMMIGRATION

Jews of United States, Canada and South Africa Urged to Make Up What East European Jewry Cannot Give; Statement of Keren Hayesod Headquarters Portrays Situation

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Feb. 6.—The effects of the economic crisis in the East European countries, from which the largest volume of Jewish immigration to Palestine comes, on the Palestine situation were outlined in a statement issued here today by the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod, the Palestine Foundation Fund, which has for its purpose the carrying on of colonization in Palestine and caring for the newly arrived immigrants in the country.

The statement points out that the economic crisis in European countries has not only affected the collections for the Fund but also has had an effect on the scope and character of the present immigration to Palestine.

The Jews of the United States, Canada and South Africa are the only ones, who, by increasing their contributions to the Palestine Funds can remedy the situation.

"In the basic work of reconstruction in which the Keren Hayesod is engaged in Palestine, a situation has arisen to which it is our duty to call the attention of the Jews of the world and in particular of the Jews of America," the statement reads. "The basic activities of immigration, colonization, public health and education must proceed without slackening, but in order that they may do so it becomes necessary that certain obstacles which have lately arisen should be effectively overcome."

"These obstacles arise from the fact that several European countries, and particularly Poland, from which the Keren Hayesod as well as the Keren

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PALESTINE EDITOR ACQUITTED IN LIBEL TRIAL

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Jerusalem, Jan. 12.—Judgement in the second session of the case brought by Dr. Arthur Ruppin against Mr. I. Ben-Avi, editor of "Doar ha-Yom," was rendered.

The Court ruled that the three articles written by the defendant could not be considered as a repetition of the previous articles, the subject of the charge. Mr. Ben-Avi was accordingly adjudged not guilty.

On charges brought by Mr. Harry Sacher, acting on behalf of the American-Palestine Bank, Ltd., of Tel-Aviv, Mr. Max Bension and his son, Rabbi Samuel Benjamin, formerly of Cleveland, O., both former officials of the bank, were arrested and brought to Jerusalem.

Mr. Bension and Rabbi Benjamin were brought before Judge Copland at the District Court and remanded for further hearing, bail being refused them.

MEXICO JEWS WILL RAISE 10,000 PESOS FOR PALESTINE WORK

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Mexico City, Mex. Feb. 6.—The amount of \$3,000 (ten thousand pesos) was pledged by the Jewish community of Mexico City to the Palestine Foundation Fund.

The Zionist Organization in Mexico, which was reorganized, called a public gathering which was addressed by Dr. Ariel Bension of London.

Mr. Wolf Sotarsky, who is president of the Zionist Organization here, donated 1,500 pesos.

The Sephardic community has organized a pro-Zionist association under the name, B'nai Kedem (Sons of the Orient).

Mrs. Sarah Scharia, widely known on the East Side because of her numerous philanthropies, died Friday at the age of 73.

The number of thirty-five charitable societies, Mrs. Scharia was reported to have distributed more than \$20,000 among the needy.

Mrs. Scharia operated a small factory for which she received an offer of \$20,000 made by the American Tobacco Company in 1924.

Since 1908 Mrs. Scharia had made her financial budget large enough, aside from her charitable activities, to include the care of fifty poor families. Receiving from the share of one of these families on Monday last, Mrs. Scharia slipped at the ice, fracturing two ribs.

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.]

Common Humanity

Support of the Wadsworth-Perlman bills for the humanizing of the present immigration laws on the ground of common humanity as well as America's own interests, is urged by the New York "Times" of Feb. 6.

Using as the text of its editorial President Coolidge's recent plea that "we should not be forgetful of the obligations of common humanity" toward the immigrants who are separated from their families, the "Times" observes:

"The clear and chief purpose of these (Wadsworth-Perlman) amendments, as stated by those sponsoring them, is to permit the reunion of families who have been separated as a result of the enactment of the new law of 1924, and also to hasten the reunion of families of immigrants who have come under the new law by giving lineal relatives preference within the existing quota. Moreover, it will make possible the return of veterans, estimated at several thousands, who are technically barred under the present law. The justice as well as the social wholesomeness of such provisions is beyond question. As Dr. Anthony of the Federal Council of Churches stated in a letter published yesterday, it is an injustice to two countries concerned to have the two fragments of a family separated when each is essential to the happiness and economy of the other. No essential change is sought in the quota law, under these proposed amendments. It is simply a humanizing of the present provisions and doing the patriotic thing by those of alien birth who gave their service to the United States as their country during the war. The Wadsworth-Perlman bill should have support for common humanity's sake—and that will be for America's own good."

The argument that, aside from the issue of plain justice and moral obligation, America would profit economically by admitting the families of declarants, is put forward by the "Day" of Feb. 6.

"It is a question only of such families," the paper points out, "whose husbands have made their home here and through their first papers declared themselves publicly as future American citizens, assuming all the duties of the laws of the country."

"There is no reason why they should be prohibited from bringing over their wives and children, no reason—economic or moral."

"Such families would not be a cause of economic competition with Americans, because their husbands and fathers are here and would support them; on the other hand, the declarants here would no longer have to send millions of dollars across for the support of their families in Europe; moreover the children would certainly be Americanized much more quickly if brought here young instead of being kept in Europe several years until their fathers become citizens and acquire the right to bring them over regardless of the quota."

The Proposed Conservatory of Music on Mount Scopus

The recent report that Jascha Heifetz is pursuing his work of cooperating with other noted Jewish musicians for the creation of a great conservatory of music in Palestine and that, according to Heifetz, \$2,000,000 are now available for this purpose,

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Kayemeth have in the past derived substantial incomes, have now been overtaken by a severe economic crisis accompanied by a depreciation of the currency. On the one hand this crisis makes it more necessary than ever for large numbers of our people in those lands, and particularly in Poland, to emigrate and Palestine is the country to which most of them turn their eyes. On the other hand, the revenue for the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth from these countries is practically cut off.

"The effect of this reduction of income for the Keren Hayesod has already made itself felt in several departments of our work. Thus there has been a decline in the immigration figures during the month of January, and this at a time when, as has been stated, the number of those having to emigrate is greater than ever. A certain amount of unemployment has also been reported from Palestine. While these reports are not alarming they indicate insufficiency of capital for new undertakings and present a break in the excellent record of employment which Palestine has enjoyed now for nearly a year. Every such break must necessarily bring us concern and its prevention is possible in one way only: maintaining the flow of capital of which the Keren Hayesod is the principal source.

"In the circumstances, we consider it our duty to make even greater demands than before on those communities like Canada, South Africa, and, particularly, the United States, where economic conditions are stable and where many of our people are blessed with a surplus out of which they can make possible the steady work of rebuilding the Jewish National Home which must go on.

"We have been gratified by the reports of the progress of the United Palestine Appeal in America. We are particularly gratified by the fact that many of the previous contributors have greatly increased their contributions. It is necessary, however, that the number of contributors as well as the size of the contributions should also be increased. It is necessary further that the contributions be remitted promptly. An appeal of this character may not sound unusual in the ears of many who have heard similar appeals in the past. To the many thousand of Jews, however, of Poland, Russia, and other countries who look to Palestine as a haven and to Palestine itself where the future of the Jewish people is today being forged, these appeals are of vital importance. It is our hope that all Jews will be equally impressed with their importance and will respond to the measure of the great need," the statement concluded.

The economic crisis in several European countries has made Palestine more than ever dependent on America, Hermann Conheim, National Treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal, declared in a statement urging the local communities to remit promptly their campaign proceeds in order that the needs of Palestine might be met.

Mr. Conheim expressed satisfaction with the progress of the Appeal since the Baltimore Convention.

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is the subject of an editorial in the "Jewish Daily Eagle" of Montreal.

"The addition of this institution to the group of faculties that will eventually embellish Mount Scopus," we read, "will contribute in a considerable measure to enriching the cultural life of Palestine. There will be no need for Jewish students and Jewish artists to leave Erez Israel in order to obtain a higher education in the sciences and arts, as they were compelled to do in the past. Its existence will facilitate the development of an art in which our people has always shown the greatest aptitude."

PROGRESS OF JUDEA INSURANCE COMPANY REPORTED AT ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Brings Social Benefits of Insurance to Palestine and Near East, Using Reserve for Building Investments

Progress in the work of extending the social benefits of insurance to the inhabitants of the Near East, particularly Palestine, was reported at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Judea Industrial Corporation, which is the holding company of the Judea Insurance Company, an American Jewish organization.

"Three hundred and fifty insurance policies, to the amount of \$850,000, were written for Jews and Arabs in Palestine by the Judea Insurance Company since 1925," Jacob Miller, general manager of the Judea Insurance Company, Ltd., of Palestine reported. The Judea Insurance Company has a paid in capital of \$125,000, Mr. Miller stated.

It was voted to increase the capital of the Judea Insurance Company to \$1,000,000.

Judge Jacob S. Strahl, president of the Judea Industrial Corporation, stated that the policy of the Judea Industrial Corporation, which thus far secured \$225,000 of paid in capital, was to concentrate all efforts and funds upon the development of the Judea Insurance Company. He explained that the Mid-East Exhibition and Fair, the capital stock of which is owned by the Judea Industrial Corporation, and which was established at a cost of \$25,000, had earned sufficient income from the 300 exhibitors' stalls and the attendance of 300,000 people to pay its mortgage leaving it free from all encumbrances, and after its first exhibition it had become a self-sustaining unit.

Exhibits from every civilized country were displayed. A noteworthy exhibit was that of the United States Chamber of Commerce, Judge Strahl stated. Eight hundred and fifty people were employed for eleven weeks in the erection of buildings and stalls for the exhibition. The Fair covered an area of eight acres upon which were erected thirty buildings, a music pavilion and a special railroad siding.

Offices of the company have been established in Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Haifa and Cairo. An office will be opened at Alexandria on April 15. From a business viewpoint, Judge Strahl stated, branch offices of the Judea Insurance Company in Egypt and in other parts of the Near-East occasioned no difficulties, since Palestine is employing Egyptian currency and because the insurance laws of Egypt and generally throughout the Near East were flexible enough to permit the investment of reserves outside of the country in which insurance policies are written.

Elections to fill three vacancies on the Board of Directors were held. Simon Fuchsman, Nathan Bolk and Jacob Hochberg were elected to serve for four years, making up a Board of twelve. The officers of the Judea Industrial Corporation are: Jacob S. Strahl, president; Max Fanwick, vice-president; Jacob Ish-Kishor, secretary; Leopold Kehlman, treasurer; and Theodore R. Racosin, auditor. The Judea Industrial Corporation was organized as a New York corporation in 1919 with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000. Fourteen hundred stockholders attended the meeting.

Motion pictures of the Fair and buildings upon which the Judea Insurance Company has issued mortgages were shown at the meeting.

Three hundred and ten loans to needy families, amounting to \$23,000 were made during the last year by the Daughters of Peace, according to the report of Mrs. Joseph H. Schwartz, president, at an annual meeting of the organization at the Hotel McAlpin, New York.

The organization possesses a revolving fund of \$21,000 which is administered under personal supervision of its officers.

Mrs. Sarah Williams is the treasurer and Mr. L. Bromberg, secretary of the organization.

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ference of November 29th. In order to prevent a slump in the work of immigration and colonization in Palestine he urged that funds be remitted without delay. Mr. Conheim's statement read:

"The United Palestine Appeal which was launched at the National Palestine Conference in Baltimore, November 29th, continues to grow in strength from day to day. That Conference was marked by an extraordinary outpouring of enthusiasm and generosity. This enthusiasm has not diminished. It is crystallizing itself in the organization of campaign activities throughout the country. Wherever campaigns have so far been held they have yielded a harvest for Palestine considerably in excess of that obtained during any previous effort. The standard of contributions has risen considerably. Both individuals and communities have doubled and trebled their gifts to Palestine.

"We are still in the early stages of our undertaking. A number of communities have already completed their campaigns. The majority, however, have either only begun or are in the early stages of organization. Our monthly commitments to Palestine, however, must be met regularly and punctually. The economic crisis in several European countries has practically eliminated them as sources of income for Palestine which looks more than ever to this country to furnish the sinews for the prosecution of the work of rebuilding.

"In a number of communities where campaigns have been started a considerable amount of cash has already been raised, but it has not yet been remitted to the National Office. It is of the greatest necessity that these sums be remitted without delay. Frequently, communities postpone such remittances until they are able to make the sum larger. I would urge the leaders in such communities to forego this consideration and to remit to the National Office whatever sums they have on hand.

"The reduction of the income of the Keren Hayesod from certain countries has already led to a falling off in some of the activities in Palestine. Thus in the month of January the number of new immigrants into Palestine was 2100 as against the much larger numbers (close to 4,000) which came in during each of the previous months. The scarcity of capital in Palestine is making itself felt in other directions also. It is our duty to supply the lack, to prevent a slump or a slackening in the quick pace which has characterized the work of rebuilding in the past six months.

"As Treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal, it is my privilege and burden to be the recipient of the frequent demands that come to us from Palestine. I am asking the officers in each community to share this privilege with me and to help me to carry the burden. I know that they will do it with the utmost devotion, a devotion which will continue until our final goal is attained."

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JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO CHINA INCREASES

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Harbin, Jan. 10.—Fixe hundred and ninety emigrants from Soviet Russia registered during 1925 at the office of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (Hias) here.

Of the more than 900 immigrants previously registered, 388 have succeeded in obtaining employment in various places in China and in adapting themselves to the local conditions, so that they have given up the idea of emigrating elsewhere.

The newer arrivals, however, are finding conditions difficult. These are no opportunities for employment and the greater number are waiting for an opportunity to emigrate.

Harbin, Jan. 10.—Emigrants from Siberia and other places in Soviet Russia are arriving here.

The Harbin Jewish Women's Relief Organization has set up a committee to establish a Labor Employment Exchange for Jewish refugees and unemployed. The Labor Employment Exchange issued an appeal to all Jewish manufacturers, contractors and business men in the Harbin district to give employment to the Jewish unemployed.

ROUMANIAN GOVERNMENT URGED BY NATIONALIST LEADER TO INTRODUCE NUMERUS CLAUSUS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Bucharest, Jan. 15.—"The anti-Semitism which is now prevalent in Transylvania is quite understandable as a national reaction if it is remembered that at the time that Hungary ruled in Transylvania the Jews in this province stood out against the Roumanian inhabitants," M. Vaida-Voevad, the leader of the Transylvanian Nationalist Party, declared in an interview printed in the Budapest "Pesti Naplo." M. Vaida-Voevad was a signatory on behalf of Roumania to the Minority Treaty. "It seemed that after the success of Count Klebelsberg at Geneva the Roumanian Government would also introduce a numerus clausus law which would put a stop to the present unjust and abnormal state of affairs. But the Roumanian numerus clausus would be enforced in a just and proportional manner and not like the present numerus clausus which is hidden and unjust," he said.

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