

MOUNT SINAI UNSUITABLE FOR SUN OBSERVATION STATION

Scientist of Smithsonian Institute Abandons Plan Because of Sinai Clouds

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—Mt. Sinai has been considered as a site for the third Smithsonian station to study fluctuations of the sun's light and heat, but it has now been abandoned as a possibility, a bulletin issued by the Smithsonian Institution here stated.

"We looked earnestly at the Sinai Peninsula and tried to see Mt. Sinai because it had been suggested as a possible site for my observatory. But cirrus clouds lay over the sky all along and these, and a rather low altitude and forlorn, barren inaccessibility, seemed to me sufficient objections to solar research," Dr. C. G. Abbot, Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution and Director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, reported.

Dr. Abbot has left the Red Sea and finished his tour of India. He is now on his way to South Africa, continuing his search for a suitable site. It is hoped that data obtained from a third station, and later from a fourth, if more funds should become available, will increase the possibility of making reliable weather forecasts all over the world weeks and even months in advance, the bulletin of the Institution states.

PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATIONS IN HUNGARY PROHIBITED

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Budapest, Feb. 20.—The demonstrations of the patriotic organizations which were scheduled to take place here on Sunday were prohibited by the Bethlen government. It was declared that following the prohibition of demonstrations by the Liberal organizations, Admiral Horthy indicated that the government should also prohibit the demonstrations of the patriotic Right organizations.

A panic was caused among the Jewish population of Budapest when the announcement was made that huge demonstrations would take place. It was stated that the organizations intended to cause anti-Semitic riots during the demonstrations.

JEWISH STUDENTS AT CHICAGO UNIVERSITY ORGANIZE

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Plans have been completed for an organization of Jewish students at the University of Chicago.

Two previous attempts to organize the Jewish students have failed.

It is expected that the student body will respond to the present call. The purposes of the organization are to promote the study of Jewish achievement and history and to bring the Jewish students into closer contact with each other.

PALESTINE-SYRIA TRAIN DERAILED BY REBELS

Many Passengers Injured

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 20.—The train connection between Haifa and Damascus has been suspended because the rebels have destroyed a part of the Deraa-Damascus line, seven kilometers from Damascus.

The Haifa-Damascus train was derailed. Several of the cars caught fire and many passengers were injured.

JERUSALEM TO HAVE MODERN WATER SYSTEM BY AUGUST 1ST

Representatives of London Company Form Optimistic Opinion of Available Sources

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 20.—Jerusalem may shortly be relieved from its water shortage by a temporary arrangement of the Sir John Jackson, Ltd., Engineering Company of London, it was declared here today by Mr. Percy Westcott, managing director of the company.

Mr. Westcott, when interviewed by the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on his arrival in Jerusalem, declared that he came with a group of eminent engineers for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of the water and electricity concessions for Jerusalem. The engineers visited all the places which might be utilized for the water supply of the city. They formed a very optimistic opinion, Mr. Westcott stated.

Although, as representatives of the concessionaire they are not compelled to do so, they are willing to arrange for a temporary water supply pending the completion of the main works. The water for the temporary system will be drawn from the Einfaara Spring, 10 kilometers from Jerusalem. The work on the temporary system will be begun immediately and will be completed before Aug. 1. Local labor will be employed as far as possible, Mr. Westcott stated.

TURKISH PRESS STARTS AGITATION AGAINST SEPHARDIC JEWS

Accuses Them of Loyalty to Spain

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Constantinople, Feb. 20.—Agitation has been started by the Turkish press against the Sephardic Jews here. Great excitement of public opinion in Turkey was aroused by this agitation.

The newspapers attacked the Jewish community of Turkey, bringing forward the accusation that 300 Turkish Sephardic Jews, descendants of those Jews who were exiled from Spain in 1492, sent a message of loyalty to the Spanish government on the occasion of the racial celebration last October.

Grand Rabbi Bejeranu Effendi called upon the governor of Constantinople, protesting vigorously against the agitation of the press.

PALESTINE AIR FORCE REDUCED BECAUSE OF POLITICAL STABILITY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Feb. 20.—The political stabilization in Palestine and Mesopotamia is emphasized by the decision of the British Air Ministry to further decrease the budget for the air forces of these two countries.

According to an announcement of the Air Ministry forces, the estimate in the budget for the air forces for Palestine and Iraq is to be decreased by £195,200. This is another step in the reduction of the British forces in Iraq and Palestine.

Egypt, Palestine and Transjordan will have four squadrons, according to the estimate.

FIGHTING BETWEEN WAHABIS AND BEDOUIN TRIBES IN TRANSJORDANIA REPORTED

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 20.—Fighting between the Bedouin tribes, who support the rule of Emir Abdullah in Transjordan and the Wahabis, is going on, according to unconfirmed reports received here.

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PALESTINE ARAB EXECUTIVE MAKES ISSUE OF HAIFA COURT SENTENCE

Threatens "Revolution of the People"

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Feb. 20.—The sentence of one month in jail, imposed by the Haifa city court on 42 Arab villagers for preventing Jews from ploughing the land at Jidra, is being made an issue by the Palestine Arab Executive, along the same lines as the Afulah incident.

The National Political League, an organization known as anti-Zionist, circulated in the London press today a telegram from the Palestine Arab Executive commenting on the Haifa Court sentence.

The Palestine Arab Executive claims in its telegram that the Arab Gowana tribe has occupied and owned the land at Jidra for three centuries. The Executive requests the civil administration not to interfere in legal matters.

The telegram of the Palestine Arab Executive also protests against the decision of the Palestine High Court concerning the elections to the Supreme Council. "Unless the Palestine government ceases to play with the religious sentiments of the people a 'revolution' is certain," the telegram says.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN WASHINGTON, D. C. DEDICATED

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, Feb. 22.—The Jewish Community Center of Washington, D. C., was dedicated yesterday.

The exercise began with the flag raising. Congressman Sabath presided. In the evening a mass meeting was held. Judge Irving Lehman and Senator Walsh of Montana, were among the speakers.

Because of the national character of the Center at the nation's capital, the Jewish Welfare Board contributed \$50,000 toward the Center. The total cost was \$400,000.

Deputy Olivetti, Chairman of the General Fascist Federation of Italian Industry, has been elected Chairman of the National Institute of Italian Foreign Trade which has just been formed in Rome. All the large Italian companies interested in export trade are members of the Institute.

Leonard Braun, well known tenor, will appear in several of the leading cities of this country, in a tour arranged by the Central Concert Bureau. Mr. Braun, in a program of Yiddish and Hebrew songs by Krein, Engel, Milner and others will present for the first time in this country, his distinctively Jewish program of melodies. He recently completed a tour of Europe.

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.]

Cardinal Barlasina Says Vatican Is Not Opposed to Jewish Palestine

That the Christian Church, as represented by the Vatican, would not object to a Jewish Palestine if the question of the custody of the Holy Places would be settled to the satisfaction of the Vatican, is the opinion of Cardinal Barlasina, the Pope's representative in Palestine now visiting this country, according to Captain J. L. Racionzer, formerly connected with the Palestine Government, whose interview with the Cardinal is published in the "New Palestine" of Feb. 19.

Cardinal Barlasina, who was believed to have been an anti-Zionist, expressed to Captain Racionzer his satisfaction with Zionist developments in Palestine and declared: "Palestine had held several millions in the days of the Roman occupation, and it certainly could hold several millions more."

Captain Racionzer tells us further:

"He (the Cardinal) regarded the so-called political differences as of negligible importance and thought that much of the trouble in the past was due more to misunderstanding than to any deep-rooted ill-feeling or religious animosity. Lord Plumer's attitude he considered was the right one.

"The Patriarch pointed out that Jews themselves had stressed the possible religious difficulties that would occur if Palestine ever became an entire Jewish State, but he regarded this scepticism as of no importance. The only possible difficulty lay in the custody of the Holy places and this could be easily solved by their being placed in the hands of an international commission. While Christianity was concerned with the preservation of these Holy places with their time old privileges it mattered little what national flag fluttered over the Holy Land. Christendom hadn't bothered about it in the days of the Turk and the Church was not bothering about it now."

Sees Unfair Treatment of Jew in America

The Jews in America, declares Dr. John W. Herring, Secretary of the Committee on Good Will Between Jews and Christians of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, have not been treated with fairness.

Writing in the "Congregationalist" for Feb. 4, Dr. Herring asks: "Are we in America Christian in our treatment of Jews?" and answers his own question thus:

"The Jew lives daily conscious of a cordon thrown about him in subtle ways, mostly ways of which Gentile America is quite unconscious. We have done more than affront his Americanism and his race. We have betrayed our religion. A Jew is told that a hotel, a club, a fraternity, admits only 'Christians.' Rationalize this attitude as we will, we are nevertheless prostituting our great name to a custom that is narrow, self-centered, nakedly commercial.

"An instinct to fairness moves in the American breast. Once fully conscious of the wrong we are doing a fellow man, our conduct will become intolerable to us. In the name of Jesus we have offended against the Jew. We have offended against him again because he protested our attitude. And all this we have done against a minority far less in numbers and strength. Seeing this clearly, the America that throngs the stadiums and idealizes the sportsman must accord a new deal."

BASIL L. Q. HENRIQUES ARRIVES IN U. S. TODAY

Is Outstanding Figure in Liberal Judaism in England

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Feb. 20.—Basil L. Q. Henriques, one of the outstanding figures in Liberal Judaism in England, sailed on the Olympic for the United States.

It was stated that the purpose of Mr. Henriques' journey to the United States is to address public gatherings, particularly academic youth, at Harvard University, Yale, Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania. He will also address the Free Synagogue in New York.

The Olympic is expected to arrive in New York on Tuesday.

Mr. Henriques is manager of seven elementary schools and one central school, and is a Governor of a secondary school. He is a member of the Jewish Board of Guardians, and Vice-Chairman of the Apprenticing Committee of the Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum.

He was made a Justice of the Peace for the County of London in 1923, and sits in the Children's Court. He has been appointed a Prison Visitor for the Boys' Prison at Wandsworth, is on the Board of Management of the Jewish Reformatory at Hayes, and a member of the House Committee of the London Hospital.

In March, 1914, he founded, under the auspices of the West London and Liberal Jewish Synagogues, the Oxford and St. George's Jewish Lads' Club, which has grown into the St. George's Jewish Settlement. This is the only Jewish Settlement in England.

Commencing with a congregation, founded on Reform principles, of about 10 or 20 members in 1918, he has built up a Reform Movement in East London with a weekly congregation on Friday nights of 500.

He is the son of David Q. Henriques, and grandson of Jacob Q. Henriques, one of the founders of, and afterward President of the first Reform Synagogue in England, the West London Synagogue. His mother was a grand-niece of Sir Moses Montefiore.

JEWISH COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES

The Thirty-fourth Annual Meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society will be held in Philadelphia, in connection with the Sesquicentennial Exposition during October, 1926. The meeting will consider the participation of Jews in the American Revolution and their connection with the events of the period culminating therein.

Ground was broken and work started on the Beth-El synagogue, Birmingham, Ala. The building will cost \$150,000 and is to be completed by Sept. 1.

The main auditorium of the synagogue will have a seating capacity of 900. In addition to the main auditorium, there will be a rabbi's study, trustees' room, library, lecture hall, and in the basement, class rooms, kitchen and dining rooms.

Dr. Solomon Katz is rabbi of the congregation and Louis Pitzit is president.

A synagogue in the Byzantine style is being erected by the congregation of the Beth Hamedrish Hagodeil, Albany Park, a suburb of Chicago, Ill. The building when completed, together with the furnishings, will cost about \$300,000.

The structure is to be of brick. It will also contain the necessary facilities for a social center.

The main auditorium will have a seating capacity of 3,000.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Temple Sisterhoods held its third biennial conference in Harrisburg. The sessions, which continued for three days, were held at the Ohav Shalom Temple. The Pennsylvania State Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is one of the oldest State Federations affiliated with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. It has a membership of 3,600 women.

Plans for an \$30,000 addition to the Orthodox Old Folks Home in Cleveland have been announced by J. Wolpaw, president. At the annual meeting of the board he declared that the addition will care for fifty more people. At present the institution cares for ninety-four aged men and women.

The new Temple Emanu-El, San Francisco, Cal., will be dedicated shortly, according to announcement of the directors. The structure is declared to be one of the most magnificent of its kind in the United States.

POSSIBILITY OF \$50,000,000 NATIONAL LOAN FOR PALESTINE DISCUSSED BY JUDGE BERNARD ROSENBLATT

The possibilities for a national loan for Palestine were discussed by Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt, American member of the Economic and Finance Committee of the World Zionist Organization and president of the Palestine Securities, Inc., in an interview with the representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

A national loan for Palestine must be based on the assets and expected income from the country itself and not merely upon the power of the Jewish people to collect money on a donation basis, Judge Rosenblatt, who was responsible for the Tel Aviv bond issue, the first Jewish municipal loan in modern times, declared, referring to a report in the New York "World" of the meeting in Tel Aviv on the proposed \$50,000,000 loan suggested by Dr. Arthur Ruppin and sponsored by Henry Morgenthau.

Judge Rosenblatt pointed to the fact that since the Tel Aviv bond issue, this first Jewish city has grown from a small town of less than twelve thousand population to a city of over forty-five thousand, in a period of about three and one-half years.

"Just now Tel Aviv seems to be going through a political struggle between the Labor Party and the so-called Middle class," said Judge Rosenblatt. "This I am sure is only a passing phase in which the usual political recriminations are indulged in by opposing leaders.

"In the meantime, the property value of Tel Aviv has increased enormously, so that Tel Aviv could qualify for the larger loan, necessary to undertake the Sanitation System proposed when the first bond issue was launched. The proceeds of that bond issue was intended to cover improvements in streets, water supply, a jetty and the installation of a system of sanitation. The city grew so rapidly, however, that by the time the bond issue was completed, the proposed Sanitation System would have been entirely inadequate, three times as much money being required to meet the demands of the larger city. The City Council, consulting with the special committee, which was in charge of the proceeds of the Tel Aviv bonds—and on which leading members of the so-called Middle class party were represented—decided that it was the part of wisdom to apply the larger part of the funds to the other purposes specified, to wit: the opening of streets, improving the water supply, etc. This would require that a second bond issue, in a larger amount, would have to take care of the Sanitation System. Such a bond issue probably would have been negotiated last year, but on my advice the Municipality of Tel Aviv is working unselfishly for a union with larger Jewish farming colonies so that we can bring before the investing public a relatively large

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CONTEST FOR BEST SERMON ON EUGENICS

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The competition is open to any minister, priest, rabbi, or student in a theological seminary of any denomination. The sermon must be preached before July 1, 1926, and the awards will be made on October 1, 1926.

Rules and announcements will be mailed on application to the American Eugenics Society, 185 Church Street, New Haven, Conn. A bibliography of eugenics will also be mailed upon request.

Irving Fisher is president of the American Eugenics Society, Charles B. Davenport, vice-president and Henry P. Fairchild, secretary.

Possibility of \$50,000,000 National Loan for Palestine Discussed by Judge Bernard Rosenblatt

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bond issue of the proposed "Jewish Municipal League" of Palestine.

"I doubt whether such a bond issue can be as large as that proposed by Dr. Ruppin and Ex-Ambassador Morgenthau, but in time, there is no doubt that such a union of Municipalities will command respect in the financial world. The fact that the little city of Tel Aviv borrowed its money at 6 1/2 per cent, while Poland has had to pay over 8 per cent, the large French cities considerably over 7 per cent and even the Kingdom of Italy, only recently, has had to pay 7 per cent, speaks volumes for the confidence that investors have in Palestine. I might add that even after deducting the 10 per cent commission paid to the bankers in New York, the total cost of the money to the Township of Tel Aviv (since the money is borrowed for twenty years was about 7 per cent—or 2 per cent below the current interest rate in Palestine itself—and compares favorably with what the best governments and the largest cities in Europe have been able to obtain in America during the last few years."

Colonel Michael Friedman, president of B. Altman & Co. and chairman of the New York State Educational Commission, was re-elected president of the New York Fifth Avenue Association.

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FIGHTING BETWEEN WAHABIS AND BEDOUINS REPORTED

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It was stated that Ibn Saud, following his conquest of Mecca and Medina and the ousting of Hussein and his son, Ali, now intends to occupy a part of Transjordan and oust Emir Abdullah, the second son of Hussein.

Ibn Saud's occupation of strategically important towns on the Transjordanian frontier menaces Abdullah's position.

BREVITIES

Harry Ziegler, prominent in Jewish circles in St. Louis, Mo., died last week. Mr. Ziegler was a board member of the Dorothy Drey Sowers Shelter Home.

More than 27,000,000 American children, Protestant, are unattached to any church or Sunday school, and receiving no religious instruction, according to Prof. Walter S. Athearn in his book, "Character Building in a Democracy." Of this total number 8,000,000 are less than 10 years of age. Of the 8,676,000 Catholic youth in the country less than 25 years of age, only 1,870,000 are in religious schools. Of the 1,633,000 Jewish young people of the corresponding age, only 87,000 are in religious schools. That is, nineteen out of every Jewish youths less than 25 receive no religious education in schools; three out of four Catholic youths, and two out of three Protestant. On the whole seven out of every ten young people in the United States are untouched by any organized religious education.

Morris A. Haas, cantor of the B'nai Beshurun and Anse Chesed congregations, Cleveland, O., died last week. Cantor Haas was a composer of synagogue music and was active in Jewish welfare work. He was 62 years old.

Mlle. Maxa Nordau lectured in Cleveland yesterday under the auspices of the Jewish Center Men's Club.

Sylvain Schmittacher, one of the best known architects of California and designer of the new Temple Emanu-El, San Francisco, died last week.

He was a member of the California State Board of Architecture since its inception twenty-five years ago and was regional director for the western states of the American Institute of Architects.

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