

## BAVARIAN DIET INTRODUCES NUMERUS CLAUSUS LIMITING SHECHITA TO PRO- PORTION OF JEWISH POPULATION

Step Contrary to Bavarian Constitution Which  
Guarantees Religious Liberty

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Munich, Mar. 5.—Limitations upon the Shechita, the Jewish method of slaughtering animals, will be enforced in Bavaria, according to a decision of the Bavarian Diet.

The proposal to prohibit the Shechita in Bavaria was introduced by Deputies Glaser and Drexler, who termed the Shechita "abhorrent to civilization," citing the example of Switzerland, where the Shechita is prohibited.

Deputy Lent supported this proposal, declaring that "notwithstanding the Constitution which guarantees the freedom of conscience, the horrible practice of Shechita must be abolished. Even the religious convictions of a small minority of the Jews must give way in this respect."

Other deputies opposed the resolution. The government representative stated that it was legally impossible to prohibit the Shechita because the Jews are forbidden by their religion to eat other meat and the Bavarian Constitution guarantees religious liberty. Experts disagreed on the question, some maintained that Shechita is no more inhumane than any other method of slaughtering animals.

Deputy Schornagel proposed an amendment to limit the Shechita practice according to the proportion of the Jewish population in Bavaria. The original resolution prohibiting the Shechita entirely was defeated, while the amended resolution was passed.

## CROWDS HEAR EINSTEIN URGE SPEEDY REBUILDING OF PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Mar. 5.—The realization of the Herzl ideal and the speedy rebuilding of Palestine as the Jewish national home was urged by Professor Albert Einstein in an impressive address delivered last night at a mass meeting of the Keren Hayesod in Germany.

The meeting was held in the Berlin Herren Haus. The hall was crowded with those who came to hear Professor Einstein, who was recently awarded the gold medal of the British Royal Astronomical Society, the highest distinction granted a scientist, speak on Zionism.

In his address Professor Einstein urged the union of all Jews on the basis of national adherence. "There is no contrast between being a Jew and being a German. It is a question of being upright or without character. He who remains faithful to his race and tradition also keeps his faith with his country," Professor Einstein declared.

## HUNGARIAN, ROUMANIAN AND AUSTRIAN ANTI-SEMITES PLAN JOINT ACTION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Budapest, Mar. 5.—A nucleus for an anti-Semitic international was formed by the leaders of the Austrian, Roumanian and Hungarian anti-Semites according to authentic reports circulated here.

An agreement for a joint program and joint action was concluded at a conference in which Herr Schagers of the Austrian anti-Semitic organization, Prince Ghica of Roumania and representatives of the Hungarian "race purifiers" participated. A written agreement was effected, it was stated.

## RUSSIAN REFUGEES ON WAY TO PALES- TINE STRANDED IN PERSIA

Exhausted from Long Journey on Foot, Celebrate  
Purim on Spot Where Esther Story Evolved;  
Appeal to Jewish Public to Facilitate De-  
parture for Palestine

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Teheran, Persia, Mar. 1, (Delayed).—Emigration of Jews from Russia to Palestine via Persia, the country where, according to tradition, the story of Esther evolved, is the latest problem which faces the small community of Jews living in the country of Ahasuerus and Hamman.

Teheran has of late become a station for Jewish refugees and emigrants from Southern Russia. Groups of Russian Jews who started out months ago to go to Palestine on foot are arriving here. Many of them in small groups crossed the Russian frontier without passports. At the Persian frontier they were arrested by the Persian officials. They were released on the request of the small Jewish community here. There are no Jewish charitable organizations and no Jewish relief funds in Teheran. The refugees had to be taken care of by individuals of the Jewish community. Each Jewish resident undertook to shelter one Jewish refugee for a few days. The situation of these refugees is extremely difficult, in view of their inability to speak the language of their hosts and the difference in the standard of living. Many remained without shelter and their problem can only be solved by a Jewish aid society abroad facilitating their immediate departure for Palestine.

The situation is growing more difficult in view of the increased number of arrivals, making it impossible for the small Jewish community in Persia to cope with the situation.

An appeal was made by the community to the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to communicate this situation to the Jewish public. A request was also transmitted to the Zionist Executive in Jerusalem. Fifty of the group have already received permission to proceed to Palestine. Their departure, however, is delayed because they lack funds. Some of them started out to continue their journey on foot.

## STRIKING ROUMANIAN STUDENTS INSIST ON NUMERUS CLAUSUS FOR JEWS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Mar. 5.—The strike of anti-Semitic students for the introduction of a numerus clausus continues in some of the colleges here.

Understate Secretary Angelescu, receiving a delegation of the striking students, endeavored to influence them to give up the strike, declaring that although the official introduction of a numerus clausus is an undebatable issue, it is, nevertheless, possible, when the new regulations for admission to the colleges are issued, to effect a more rigorous selection.

## PILGRIMAGE OF JEWS TO PALESTINE FOR PASSOVER TO BE FACILITATED BY BRITISH CONSULAR SERVICE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Mar. 5.—The pilgrimage of Jews from all over the world to Jerusalem for the Passover season will be facilitated by the consular service of the British Empire, according to instructions issued by the Palestine government.

## \$1,000,000, TWO-THIRDS OF NEW YORK'S QUOTA IN UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, REACHED

Emanuel Neumann, National Director of Palestine Appeal, Reports Intense Activities Throughout Country; Total of \$3,000,000 to Date in \$5,000,000 Campaign

The New York Campaign for the United Palestine Appeal has reached a million dollars, it was announced at the headquarters of the United Palestine Appeal. The event will be celebrated by the leading workers of each section at a dinner at the Broadway Central Hotel tomorrow.

At the same time plans will be worked out for securing the remaining half a million dollars of the New York quota of \$1,500,000.

"The announcement that New York has passed the \$1,000,000 mark in its campaign for the United Palestine Appeal will be greeted with satisfaction throughout the country and abroad," Emanuel Neumann, national director of the United Palestine Appeal, declared in a statement issued. "This is the first time in the history of the Zionist Movement that this sum has been subscribed in Greater New York and I feel that a great deal of credit is due to the committees, sectional chairmen, city officers and the officers of the New York Campaign, as well as to the splendid staff headed by Mr. Morris Zeldin, the Director of the New York Campaign whose untiring energy and remarkable sense of organization have been an important factor in the outcome.

"The goal set for the New York Campaign is \$1,500,000 and the work will therefore continue until the close of the Campaign immediately after Pass-over. Every effort will be bent to realize this extra \$500,000. The moral of the workers throughout the city is excellent. A number of sections have realized their full quota, but they are going ahead just the same in order to oversubscribe their quotas. The same spirit of optimism and determination to succeed prevails throughout the country. The total subscriptions toward the \$5,000,000 goal is approximately \$3,000,000 to date. Over \$1,000,000 has been received in cash by the head office and considerable more money is on hand in the local treasuries.

"Until now our campaigns have been concentrated chiefly in the Eastern states, but activity has now spread throughout the country and has reached its maximum intensity everywhere, from Maine to Florida and from New York to Los Angeles. Reports indicating vastly improved returns over previous years come from widely separated points. Boston, for instance, has already raised approximately \$170,000 and has remitted to headquarters \$90,000. Judge Mack has just returned from a tour of Florida where he was personally instrumental in raising at various dinners approximately \$110,000, a part of which goes to the J. D. C. Relief Campaign. The sum raised for Palestine from the Florida campaign to date is approximately \$86,000—a most remarkable result when it is borne in mind that last year when business conditions in Florida were much better we received in all a few thousand dollars from that State.

"Campaigns are in progress throughout New England, Connecticut, New York State, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Ohio, Maryland, Mississippi, Oregon, etc. Activities have begun in Chicago where Mr. Sokolow was the guest of honor at a series of sectional dinners. Although the campaign has not officially begun there, already approximately \$85,000 have been subscribed in advance subscriptions. From my own personal observations when I was in Chicago recently, I am confident that they will more than double their contribution over last year.

"While the campaign throughout the country is progressing most satisfactorily and in many instances surpassing all our expectations, it must be borne in

mind that the Keren Hayesod has suffered in its collections in other countries due to the conditions in Central Europe. We have received letters from London and from Palestine indicating that the Executive is seriously embarrassed and urging extra remittances from America. This we shall be able to do provided the campaign is successfully concluded and provided our workers will make every effort to secure and send in a maximum amount of cash.

"Dr. Stephen Wise, the National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, has been working very hard in the campaign. Besides direct activities in New York City, he has been covering many important centres. He has visited Boston, Pittsburgh and St. Louis, and next week he is going to Springfield. He has also been scheduled to open the campaigns in Detroit and many other cities," Mr. Neumann's statement concluded.

## CHICAGO LAUNCHES \$500,000 CAMPAIGN IN UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

\$85,000 Raised at Functions Honoring Nahum Sokolow  
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, Mar. 5.—Four hundred leading Jews of the Lawndale district at a farewell dinner to Nahum Sokolow, chairman of the Zionist Executive, pledged more than \$50,000 to the \$500,000 drive of the United Palestine Appeal of which Max Shulman is chairman here.

The dinner was at the Anshe Sholom Center. Meyer Abrams presided. Among the larger gifts were three pledged by I. Balaban, S. P. Platt, and Shulman, Shulman and Abrams.

Rabbi Saul Silber, Judge Harry M. Fisher, S. J. Rosenblatt, Samuel Ginsburg, Dr. George Rosenzweig and Judge Hugo Pam spoke.

The committee of Zionists which arranged the dinner included B. A. Antonow, Dr. B. DeKoven, Martin Fox, P. Altschul, I. B. Rosenstein, L. Turner and Harry Morris.

Mr. Sokolow left for New York after holding a number of conferences relative to the campaign.

Among the events arranged in his honor, in addition to the dinner at the Anshe Sholom Center, were a reception in the Albany park district, a luncheon at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, at which \$10,000 was raised and \$25,000 pledged for the United Palestine Appeal, and a reception by the Hadassah.

## NEW HAVEN LAUNCHES \$45,000 CAMPAIGN FOR UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

\$15,000 At Dinner in Honor of Bialik and Lipsky  
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

New Haven, Conn., Mar. 5.—Fifteen thousand dollars were raised at the dinner in honor of Chaim Nachman Bialik and Louis Lipsky, president of the Zionist Organization of America, at the Hotel Garde at which the local campaign for \$45,000, this city's quota in the \$5,000,000 United Palestine appeal was launched.

About 300 guests present listened to appeals from several speakers, including Mr. Bialik and Mr. Lipsky.

Mrs. Archibald Silverman, of Providence gave a description of conditions in Palestine.

The mayor welcomed the guests in behalf of the city. Rabbi Leon Spitz acted as toastmaster.

Rabbi Sidney S. Tedeschi, of Temple Mishkan Israel and Mr. Archibald Silverman delivered brief addresses.

## UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL IN DETROIT TO HAVE SEPARATE DRIVE

Decision to Combine With U. J. C. Reversed Because of Difference in Time Covered By Drives

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Detroit, Mich., Mar. 5.—The United Palestine Appeal and the United Jewish Campaign will be conducted as separate drives in Detroit. This decision was reached at a meeting of the two committees last night. The original agreement to combine the two drives could not be carried out because of the difference in the periods covered by the two drives. Leaders of the Zionist Committee argued that the United Palestine Appeal could not combine its drive which covers one year, with the United Jewish Campaign, which is for three years, on the ratio of three to one.

The drive of \$125,000 for the United Palestine Appeal will be launched immediately.

Morris Friedberg was chosen chairman of the drive and A. C. Lappin, director. Joseph Ehrlich was elected president of the Keren Hayesod.

Portland, Ore., Mar. 5.—Twelve thousand dollars of Portland's quota of \$15,000 for the United Palestine Appeal was raised at a banquet and mass meeting held last night.

Rabbi Samuel Sachs presided at the banquet, attended by one hundred and fifty guests who paid \$50 a plate.

Rabbi Louis Newman of San Francisco was the principal speaker. Jacob Rosenberg was elected chairman of the local drive, Rabbi Samuel Sachs, vice-chairman, Z. Swett, treasurer, and I. Treiger, secretary.

## COL. FRED LEVY HEADS KENTUCKY DRIVE FOR UNITED JEWISH CAMPAIGN

\$200,000 Quota Accepted

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Louisville, Ky., Mar. 5.—Col. Fred Levy was elected chairman of the Kentucky drive in the United Jewish Campaign at a conference held here. Over one hundred representatives of the Jewish communities of Louisville, Lexington, Red House, Ownesboro, Lexington and Frankfort were present, including Rabbis A. L. Zarchy, J. J. Gittelman and J. Rosen of Louisville, and T. Lifset of Lexington.

A quota of \$200,000 was accepted for the state. This will be the third time Col. Fred Levy has assumed the Kentucky chairmanship in Jewish Overseas relief campaigns. In the last War Relief Campaign, Kentucky was among the first states to raise its quota and pass it.

Associated with Mr. Levy, as officers of the campaign, the conference chose the following. Vice Chairmen, Charles W. Morris, Louisville; Jonas Weil, Lexington; Silas Rosenfeld, Owensboro; Treasurer, Alfred Brandeis, Louisville.

Emil S. Tachan of Louisville volunteered to organize Eastern Kentucky for the campaign. A state wide drive is scheduled for the week of April 11 to 17th.

## NEW YORK DRIVE IN UNITED JEWISH CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED APRIL 11

The official launching of the New York City drive to raise its quota of \$6,000,000 for the United Jewish Campaign will take place on Sunday evening, April 11th, according to an announcement made by William Fox, chairman of the New York drive. The drive will continue to the end of the month.

Mr. Fox also announced that organizations of groups are being formed in 145 leading industries in Greater New York.

In addition to the trade organizations Jewish women of Greater New York will be organized, and formed into groups for solicitation purposes.

## RUINED POLISH JEWS SEE HOPE IN PALESTINE

Many Organize to Emigrate in Spring; Count on Success of United Palestine Appeal in America; Relief Campaign for Polish Jews to be Launched in England

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Mar. 5.—An increase in the volume of the emigration of Polish Jews to Palestine is expected within the next two months, it was stated here today by those closely in touch with the emigration situation.

Despite the general depression and the critical economic situation of the country, and particularly of Polish Jewry, new groups and cooperatives for immediate settlement in Palestine are being formed throughout Poland by Jews planning to emigrate. Every available Grosz is collected by selling goods, property and machinery, and the sums are transferred to Palestine banks.

This year the emigrants intending to go to Palestine are carefully making their plans after obtaining advice from Palestine experts.

The reports of the success of the United Palestine Appeal in America has had a favorable influence on the situation here, encouraging the emigrants that larger credits will be available for the incoming settlers this spring.

Among the groups preparing to leave for Palestine, plans were formulated for developing cattle raising and cotton growing. Many are interested in the Soskin colonization plan, which reduces the colonization cost and is greatly facilitated by the Keren Hayesod.

The Soskin settlements are to be comprised of 250 settlers each investing £400. The Keren Hayesod is expected to contribute £32,000 toward each settlement. The Soskin plan is based on the principle of intensive colonization and reduces the settling cost of each family.

London, Mar. 5.—A campaign to raise funds for the relief of Polish Jews will be started in England, according to a decision of the Federation of Ukrainian Jews.

This decision was taken by the Federation, following a session at which Dr. Bernard Kahn, European representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, reported. A special conference will be called for this purpose.

## HAIFA WORKERS RAISE "INTERNAL LOAN" TO COMBAT UNEMPLOYMENT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Haifa, Feb. 8.—The Workers' Council of Haifa has decided to float an "internal loan" in order to carry out public works on which to engage the unemployed. Every worker in employment will participate in the loan to an amount of £E3. The Council also urged that the Jewish institutions should speed up the arrangements for the carrying out of their projected public works in order to provide work for the unemployed.

The All-Palestine Conference of Railwaymen was opened here, Jewish and Arab delegates being present. Mr. Feigenberg welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Central Committee of the Railwaymen's Association, and Mr. Mereminsky on behalf of the General Jewish Labor Federation.

A number of resolutions were adopted dealing with relations with the Railway Administration, the Transport Workers' International and with the question of a common Jewish-Arab organization of railway workers.

The fifth annual convention of the Georgia-Florida Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, a subsidiary of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, was held in Albany, Ga. More than 50 delegates attended.

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## SIR ALFRED MOND CREATES STORM IN PARLIAMENT DEFENDING CHAMBERLAIN AGAINST LLOYD GEORGE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Mar. 5.—Echoes of the secession of Sir Alfred Mond from the Liberal Party to join the Conservatives and his quarrel with Lloyd George resounded yesterday in the House of Commons during the breathtaking debate on the proposed enlargement of the League Council, the paramount question of European politics today.

Sir Alfred Mond took the floor following the long expected address of Sir Austen Chamberlain and his duel of wits with Lloyd George and Ramsay MacDonald, former Liberal and Labor Prime Ministers. Sir Alfred rose to refute the attacks of Lloyd George and Ramsay MacDonald on Sir Austen. It was Sir Alfred's first appearance in the House of Commons since his joining the Conservative Party and his appearance was widely commented upon. Sir Alfred attacked Lloyd George, alleging that "pro-German propaganda has captured British public opinion and numerous members of the House of Commons on the question of the enlargement of the League Council. Lloyd George had suggested that the United States join the League, but the United States of America would find the present discussion the best reason for not joining the League."

Sir Alfred Mond's address caused many remarks. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Conservative, cried out angrily, "We don't want your appeal." One member cried, "Shylock." Several Conservative members expressed annoyance at Sir Alfred's attitude, especially when he declared that "the British Empire is more important than the League."

## BREVITIES

Announcement was made by the Brooklyn Museum that through the offer of Adolph Lewisohn it will acquire Maurice Sterne's bronze statue, "The Awakening." The original of this piece was recently purchased by Ralph Pulitzer. A reproduction will be made by Mr. Sterne.

The Associated Dress Industries of America, representing dress manufacturers of various parts of the country, held its seventh annual dinner-dance at the Hotel Astor, New York, on Wednesday night.

David N. Mosesson, Chairman of the Board of the organization, presided, and those at the table of honor included I. J. Goldstein, M. Mosesson, Lew Hahn, John H. Hahn, Theodore J. Scharf, Ramsay Peugnet and Alfred Fain.

One-tenth of the women seeking information at Chicago birth control clinics, according to a statement by Mrs. Benjamin Carpenter, vice president of the Illinois Birth Control League, Inc., are Jewesses. Three-tenths are Catholic and the remainder Protestant. Four centers for the dissemination of this knowledge are now in Chicago.

## CEMETERIES OF NEW YORK JEWISH PIONEERS CARED FOR, DR. DAVID DE SOLA POOL SAYS

(Communication to the Editor)

Sir:

In your issue of March 2nd, there appeared a report based on an interview in the New York "World" with James Allman, in which he makes the charge that the old Jewish cemeteries in Manhattan are uncared for.

These burial places, which he says should be sacredly and carefully enclosed and preserved, are sacredly and carefully enclosed and preserved, as anyone who has given them more than a passing glance can see. They are reverently cared for and are cleaned at frequent and regular intervals, and it is not a fact, as Mr. Allman charges, that they are neglected under accumulated refuse and debris.

Mr. Allman is correct in his reproach that these burial grounds are situated among tall, unsightly factories and dilapidated tenement houses. But the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue of this city, which takes charge of these burial places, can scarcely be held responsible for the unsightly and dilapidated buildings surrounding these grounds. It is the character of these buildings and the character of the neighborhood which make it impossible to guarantee that a couple of hours after the keeper of the grounds has done his work there will not be some littering of the grounds. The Synagogue will be grateful to Mr. Allman if he can suggest some way by which the occupants of these tenements and factories can be prevented from throwing rubbish out of the windows into the Cemetery, or some way of checking the wind from blowing dust and rubbish from streets through the iron railings on to the graves. The Synagogue has been struggling with these problems for many years but not even the cooperation of the Board of Health has succeeded in protecting these cemeteries.

These ancient burial places of the Jewish pioneers who helped to build up this city since 1654 are being cared for so far as is possible by their descendants and successors in the Synagogue to which they belonged. The Synagogue has repeatedly and consistently refused every offer, however alluring, to capitalize the real estate value of these cemeteries. It has set its historical tablets on their walls and is preserving inviolate these historical resting places of some of New York's and New Amsterdam's pioneer citizens.

D. DE SOLA POOL,

Rabbi, Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.

New York, March 3, 1926.

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The whole panorama of Jewish life is represented in the collection of Judaica acquired by the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati, it was announced by Adolph S. Ochs, librarian of the college, upon his return from Europe where he negotiated the purchase of the Kirschstein Museum in Berlin.

The collection contains all the objects used by Jews in religious worship, from the ark of the Torah to the Passover plates, the achievements of the Jew as an artist and craftsman, as painter, etcher, architect, sculptor, musician, writer, and philosopher.

Packed in thirty-four cases are 6,174 items of artistic and historic importance. They were purchased by Mr. Ochs with a fund raised from leaders of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which maintains the Hebrew Union College and its library. Among the contributors to the special fund were Ben Selling of Portland, Oregon, and Julius Rosenwald of Chicago, who contributed \$25,000 each; others who gave to the fund were Isaac W. Frank, A. J. Sunstein, Maurice Falk, Bennie Neiman, Nathaniel Spear, all of Pittsburgh; Adolph S. Ochs, Ludwig Vogelstein and Ben Altheimer of New York, and Simon Lazarus of Columbus, Ohio.

The museum which today is known as the Kirschstein collection, was started originally by two men, neither of whom knew of the other's work. One was Frauberger, director of the museum of Dusseldorf, a non-Jew, who began to collect Jewish antiquities and ceremonial objects. Kirschstein, in Berlin, also began to collect specimens of the arts and crafts of his people. Several years ago Kirschstein bought out the beautiful Frauberger collection and added it to his own, setting aside a separate museum and rooms in his own dwelling to house the collection.

Outstanding among the thousands of objects is a cross of the Spanish Inquisition. This is the only Inquisition cross of whose existence collectors are aware, and it testifies to a tragic history. This cross, centuries ago, was pressed into the hands of Jewish martyrs as they walked to the stake, and forced the men who preferred to die rather than renounce their faith to hold it aloft in their death agony. The cross bears a Spanish inscription which, translated in part, says: "Who holds you, does not have the cross; who holds you not has the cross." It is estimated that the value of the cross is ten thousand dollars.

More than one hundred scrolls of parchment, known as Megillot, bearing the story of the deliverance of the Jews of Persia from their enemies by the intervention of Queen Esther, is included in the collection. These Megillot date from the Renaissance to the present day. More than two-thirds of the Megillot are beautifully hand illuminated and illustrated. The story of Esther is told, by means of exquisite workmanship in silver filigree, in one of the Megillot. A "special Megillah" is a Megillah of the Jews of Padua, dated 1684, recounting the tale of the deliverance of the Jews during a Turkish invasion of Vienna. There is included in the collection a sixteenth century Ark of the Law of the synagogue of Padua.

The collection of ceremonial objects is notable as much for its artistic beauty as for its historic value. There are Menorahs of many shapes, periods, and materials, silver, copper, and bronze; coverings for the Ark of the Torah, that are richly embroidered in gold and silver; utensils for the baking of matzo; many Shofars, the ram's horn blown on the Jewish New Year; dishes and glassware used in the home and synagogue for festival observance. An interesting European custom is traced in the presence of six hundred Torah bands called "wimpeln",

used to bind the Torah and hold its scrolls together. It was customary for mothers to embroider these bands on the birth of a child and present them to the synagogue, inscribed with all their fond hopes for their children. Nearly one hundred beautifully illustrated marriage contracts are included.

Sharing interest with the ceremonial collection are the manuscripts. Included in these are decrees of emperors and princes, from such potentates as Frederick the Great and others. There are autographed letters of Heine, Zund, Richard Wagner, and Meyerbeer. Two hitherto unpublished letters of Richard Wagner to Meyerbeer, dated from Paris in May and June of 1840, come to light in this collection, and illuminate the character of the famous composer. In these letters Wagner hails Meyerbeer as "master", and addresses him in tones of servility. He sketches in one the motif of the Flying Dutchman. Some years later, Wagner wrote a book "Judaism in Music" and bitterly attacked Jewish musicians, particularly Meyerbeer.

The collections of Jewish art include portraits, miniatures, etchings, engravings. There are thirty-eight pictures of Moses Mendelssohn the philosopher. The famous Oppenheim portrait of Ludwig Boerne is here, and portraits by Marr, Mengs, and etchings done by Chodowiecki in the 18th century, as well as caricatures by Emil Grimm. There is, too, a collection of pictures of synagogues of all ages and countries.

"The Kirschstein collection makes vivid the development of Jewish culture from the sixteenth century to the present day," Mr. Ochs said, in making his announcement. "Although there are many objects dating further, the record is complete from this date. The coming of this collection to America will no doubt stimulate Jewish study here. The courses of study in Jewish history in our schools will be vitalized. The past of the Jews becomes tangible. Students can see and touch that which has only been 'legend' before. There is strong probability that the collection of synagogue building pictures alone will have a far reaching influence on synagogue architecture in this country."

"This collection of Jewish museum objects supplements all other museums in this country. Hitherto every people has had its museum, with the exception of the Jews. This new acquisition enables us to weave together the cultural contributions of the Jews to the nations among whom they have sojournd, as well as what they themselves have absorbed."

The collection will not become available to the public for some time, for the present facilities of the Hebrew Union College Library are inadequate to house it, and it will be necessary for a new edifice to be built for this purpose. Plans for this building are included in the \$5,000,000 national endowment fund campaign which is shortly to be launched by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, under the leadership of Mr. Adolph S. Ochs of New York.

The Hebrew Union College Library has been in the limelight of public interest for two years, since Mr. Ochs announced the acquisition of Hebrew manuscript of an extinct Jewish colony at Kai-Fung-Foo in China, during the Ming dynasty.

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## 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.]

## Bigelow Justifies Persecution of Minorities

Nero was an anti-Semite and Baron de Hirsch, founder of the Ica, an organization which was always opposed to Zionism, was a Zionist—so writes Poutney Bigelow in his book "Seventy Summers," which contains a number of frankly anti-Semitic utterances, some of which have already been quoted in this column.

In referring to Nero, Mr. Bigelow gives expression to his opinion that persecution of minorities is justified when the "public sentiment" is behind it. He writes thus:

"Nero was probably something of an anti-Semite—much as the Emperor Constantine was pro-Christian. Each employed assassins as part of their police machinery; it is hard to say whether the Christian or the Pagan caused the greater suffering. . . . If Nero rid Rome of Jews and Christians, it was perhaps from some such mixed motives as induced the Spanish monarch to drive Moors and all other heretics from Granada. Nero receives all the odium heaped upon him by Suetonius and Tacitus, to say nothing of his portrait in the Apocalypse; but should we not indict the whole of Rome as participes criminis? Nero alone could not have popularized persecution of a harmless and helpless body of saints. They must have been odious to the masses, or the masses should not have applauded the frequent autos-da-fes that brightened Rome in his reign. Tyrants can do much, but they have never yet stopped the mouth of indignant mobs or extorted applause when outraging public sentiment. And therefore we are inclined to think that if Roman stadiums, holding 50,000 people, could be persistently crowded with people eager to see Indeo-Christianism extirpated, there may have been behind it all a public sentiment which we democrats who preach the gospel of sanctified popular majorities should treat with some respect."

As for Baron de Hirsch, we read:

"This Hirsch called himself Baron de Hirsch, and he entertained the Prince of Wales, gave to Jewish charities, colonization societies, Zionist committees and other agencies for helping Hebrews an amount estimated by Lucien Wolf as close upon \$100,000,000."

"And yet we hear Jews complain on the score of being persecuted!"

"Zionism was one of Hirsch's fads. Personally he felt comfortable enough in Paris, London, Frankfurt or Vienna, but he had to rid himself of surplus money, and looked about like Rockefeller, Carnegie and other philanthropists, for a noble means of doing so. He decided to transport all persecuted Jews from the scene of their alleged misery to Palestine."

Mr. Bigelow also takes occasion to comment on the Ku Klux Klan which he terms "a simple but forcible reminder that this is by right of conquest a white man's country, and that there are yet men of the Anglo-Saxon race who protest against its being surrendered to any other breed—African, Hebrew or Hibernian."

## New York Health Commissioner's Jewish Interests

The Jewish interests of Dr. Louis I. Harris, Health Commissioner of New York City, are touched upon in an article in the "Jewish Tribune" of March 4, wherein Dr. Harris outlines his health program for the city in an interview with Leon Savage.

"Dr. Louis Harris is genuinely and intensely in-

terested in matters Jewish," writes Mr. Savage. "He reads both Yiddish and Hebrew and he is well versed in matters of Jewish history and culture." Maimonides is his favorite. The Zionist ideal finds an ardent enthusiast in him, and he gives himself freely to various philanthropic, fraternal, social and cultural activities of Jewish life in New York."

## Rejudaizing the Marranos in Portugal

The question of the Marrano Jews in Portugal has been taking a dominant place in the Jewish community of that country, we learn from an article in the London "Jewish Guardian" by Samuel Schwartz, Fellow of the Archaeological Association of Portugal and author of "Os Christãos-Novos em Portugal no Seculo XX."

Mr. Schwartz describes in the course of his article the recent visit to Portugal of Mr. Lucien Wolf, Secretary of the Joint Foreign Committee, who came there to study the situation of the Marranos.

"The scientific object of Mr. Lucien Wolf's visit to Portugal," says the writer, "was matched by a practical object. The little Jewish community in Lisbon has been stirred by the plight of our Marrano brethren. The President of the Sephardic community, Moses Bensabert Abzalak, member of the Portuguese Academy, and a well-known writer on Jewish history and bibliography, and its Secretary, Adolphe Benarus, author of "Israel" and other works, addressed appeals to the Jewish communities in London, Paris and New York, asking for financial aid in the propagation of Judaism among the Marranos. Mr. Lucien Wolf was commissioned to study on the spot the needs and uses of such financial aid, as well as the programme devised for the re-education of the Marranos in Judaism."

"By this term, 'Jewish-Marrano', I refer to those of our Marrano brethren who still preserve a Jewish family tradition, who are acquainted with Jewish prayers, practice some Jewish observances, and still maintain a consciousness of their Jewish descent."

"Mr. Wolf was able to visit the Jewish-Marrano settlements at Belmonte, Cevilha, Caria and Guarda, where we were received with cordiality and hospitality. At Belmonte, one of the most important colonies, we happened to arrive on the day of a Fair, and so had the opportunity of meeting most of the Marranos of the district, who were on trek to the centre, just as happens in a small Polish town. Moreover, we came across a little group there of travelling merchants (Pedlars)—one sees them everywhere!—who seemed to be doing good business. I mention this fact in passing, because it occurred to me that the establishment of a few Jewish families in the Marrano centres of the Portuguese province might serve as an excellent means for judaizing our Marrano brethren."

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# PALESTINE GOVERNMENT REPLIES TO DEMANDS OF JEWISH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Jerusalem, Feb. 10.—The reply of the Palestine Government to the memorandum containing the resolutions adopted by the second Jewish National Assembly and handed to Colonel Symes, the Chief Secretary to the Palestine Government last week, by Mr. David Yellin, President of the Vaad Leumi, and Dr. J. Thon was received today.

To the question raised in the memorandum of the right of the Jewish population to receive its share from the Government's budget for public services (education, health, etc.), the Government replies that the Government intends to increase its subvention to the Hebrew schools provided they submit to additional Government supervision. In general the present Government system is to make all possible provision for services intended to benefit the whole population.

In reply to the question of proportional employment of Jewish laborers in public works at wages suited to educated workmen, the Government reply says: When public works, in which taxpayers participate, are carried out there is no distinction of race or creed or unfair payment of labor. Nevertheless, the Government promises facilities.

On the demand for legislation for the protection of working men, women and youths, the Government reply says: The Government realizes the necessity for such legislation, and a draft Ordinance that it has drawn up is being considered by the Colonial Secretary. A Standing Commission has been appointed to collect data and make suggestions for protection of women and children in industry. The Commission will in future consult the General

Jewish Labor Federation and other organizations in this matter.

The Government realizes the extent of opposition to the present form of tithe taxation, the statement says in regard to the demand for the repeal of the tithe, reform of taxation and facilitation of the development of industry and agriculture, and is desirous of introducing reforms in the whole taxation system. The arrival of Sir Ernest Dowson is expected. He will aid the Government in the preparation of a plan of reforms, some of which may take years to carry out. The Government also realizes the necessity to aid such industries which can be developed in this country.

With regard to the allocation of waste and State lands for Jewish colonization on the intensive system, in accordance with the Mandate, the Government statement says: The Government is obliged by the Mandate to give such support so far as it corresponds with justice and right. The Government proposes early agricultural reforms and aid to intensive cultivation throughout the country.

Concerning participation by the Jews in adequate proportion in the Civil Service and public security forces, and the creation of conditions enabling such participation, the statement refers the petitioners to the Government's reply on the question of proportional employment of Jewish laborers on public works.

With regard to the demand for the removal of restrictions on Jewish immigration, and the transfer of the right of regulating this immigration to

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The Jewish Agency, the Government says: The Government has no intention to discontinue the present system, but in its control of immigration does not lose sight of Jewish demands in this connection.

To the demands for full rights for the Hebrew language in Government and Municipal offices, facilities for citizenship to Jewish residents as prescribed by the Mandate, and equality of rights for women in all branches of civil, political and economic life of Jewry, such equality to be provided for in the laws of the country, the Government replies respectively: This matter is carried out so far as the financial and other considerations of the country permit; the Palestine Citizenship Order-in-Council has been published, and may be changed if experience of its operation requires; and noted for attention.

Other questions referred to the autonomy of Jewish schools and the rights of Jewish labor in public works, and were covered by the answers to queries 1 and 2. To the question of railway and customs tariffs, the Government states that transport rates are not excessive as compared with other countries, but promises its attention to the matter.

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Dr. Lee K. Frankel addressed a meeting in Los Angeles, Cal., where organization of the city's drive in the United Jewish campaign was effected. Louis M. Cole was elected temporary chairman of the campaign which will be launched at a mass meeting on March 7.

The Menorah Society of Northwestern University will debate with the University of St. Louis Menorah on March 8. The subject is "Resolved, That American Jewry Should Support Organized Jewish Colonization in Russia."

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