

## PLUMER FORMALLY GRANTS PALESTINE ELECTRIC CONCESSION TO RUTTENBERG

Palestine Electric Corporation, Headed by Author of Palestine Electrification Plan, Organized; Capital £1,000,000  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Mar. 8.—The concession for the electrification of Palestine was handed over to the Palestine Electric Corporation, Ltd., a Jewish corporation headed by Engineer Pinchas Ruttenberg, the author of Palestine's electrification and irrigation plan.

The concession was delivered by High Commissioner Plumer, who signed the necessary acts Saturday.

The preliminary agreement between the Ruttenberg company and the Palestine government was made in September 1921. According to this agreement, the concession was to be granted to Ruttenberg if he succeeded in establishing within two years a company with a fixed amount of capital. Many difficulties arose in connection with this agreement which have been satisfactorily solved.

The Palestine Electric Corporation, Ltd., has an authorized capital of £1,000,000. Half of the shares will be issued as preferred and half as common stock.

The Board of Directors of the company consists of Mr. Ruttenberg, Dr. Georg Halpern, I. Naiditch, Mr. Nassatissin, Dr. Judah L. Magnes, Harry Sacher and Mr. Frank, who represents the Pica, the Palestine branch of the Jewish Colonization Association.

The Palestine Electric Corporation holds all the shares of the Jaffa Electric Corporation, amounting to £150,000.

## BRATIANU GOVERNMENT, WHICH TOLERATED ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES, FALLS

Anti-Semitic Violence Reached Unparalleled Degree in Roumania, Lucien Wolf Reports to London Board

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Mar. 8.—The Bratianu cabinet, the Roumanian government which tolerated the anti-Jewish excesses in the country, has fallen, according to a despatch from Bucharest to the "Morning Post" today.

London, Mar. 8.—The anti-Semitic agitation in Roumania has reached a degree of violence for which it is difficult to find a parallel in recent years, declared Lucien Wolf, secretary of the Joint Foreign Committee, in his monthly report to the Anglo-Jewish Board of Deputies yesterday.

It was, however, unwise for the Joint Foreign Committee to take public action until after the general elections in Roumania, Mr. Wolf stated.

## TWO ARABS COME FROM MEDINA TO ACCEPT JUDAISM IN JERUSALEM

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Mar. 8.—Two Arab proselytes were accepted into the Jewish faith by the chief rabbinate of Palestine yesterday.

The proselytes were residents of Medina, in the Hedjaz, a father, aged 40, and his son, 9. Their acceptance into the Jewish faith took place with the consent of the governor of Jerusalem and the Moslem mufti.

## TURKISH GOVERNMENT EXONERATES JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF CHARGE OF DISLOYALTY

Jews Could Give Other Elements Lesson in Loyalty, Minister of Interior Testifies; Turkey Would Not Follow Way of Roumania, Russia and Poland

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Constantinople, Mar. 8.—The Jewish communities of Turkey were freed of the charge of disloyalty to the Turkish Republic by the Angora government, it was learned here today following the return from Angora of a delegation of prominent Jewish citizens. The charge was put forth by the Turkish newspapers on the basis of an unverified report that Turkish Jews sent a message of loyalty to the King of Spain on the occasion of the national celebration in Spain last October.

The members of the delegation to Angora expressed satisfaction with their reception at the Turkish capital. The Turkish government declared that it considers the Jews in Turkey a useful and favorable element.

Concerning the alleged message of Sephardic Jews to Spain, the Minister of the Interior stated that he regretted that the press attacked the Jewish community on that account. "Even if it were true that certain isolated persons sent a message of greeting to Spain, the government is convinced that the Turkish Jews collectively could teach loyalty to other elements in the country," the Minister of the Interior stated.

The Turkish press has changed its tone and the attacks on the Jews have been discontinued.

The newspaper, "Djoumheurié" published an editorial in which it was declared that "Turkey will never lower itself to imitate the ways of Roumania, Russia and Poland."

The plan concerning the administration of the Jewish communities in Turkey, submitted by the delegation, was approved by the government.

## SUPREME COURT FINDS COMMUNIST OFFICIALS GUILTY OF ANTI-SEMITIC TERROR

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Mar. 8.—The Supreme Court of Ukraine yesterday reversed the decision of the local court in the trial of Communist officials charged with anti-Semitism.

The local court in Stanislawchik acquitted local officials who were charged with terrorizing the Jewish population. A new investigation established the fact that the village was practically controlled by officials who were formerly members of anti-Semitic pogrom bands. The Supreme Court annulled the decision of the local court and ordered a new trial.

## PROFESSOR HERMANN STRUCK, GERMAN JEWISH ARTIST, CELEBRATES FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Mar. 8.—Professor Hermann Struck, well known German Jewish portrait painter and Zionist, celebrated his fiftieth birthday last Friday. Messages of congratulation were received by him from many parts of the world.

Among Professor Struck's best known works are portraits of Gerhard Hauptmann, Bebel, Dehmel and Theodore Herzl.

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## ADOLPH ZUKOR ATTACKED BY GERMAN ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER

Theodor Fritsch, Libeller of Warburg, Slanders American Film Producer

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Berlin, Feb. 28.—Adolph Zukor is made the target of a vehement attack by Theodor Fritsch, editor of "Der Hammer," in the last issue of the paper.

"Adolph Zukor is a European Jew who, twenty years ago, sneaked into the United States, started by peddling and is now the dominant moving picture producer," the paper says. "The indignant fight of the indignant decent elements against him proves what character the American film industry has adopted under his influence. In short, Zukor owes his innumerable dollars to immoral infection, especially of the American youth—an example of 'Jewish cultural work and education,'" the paper writes.

Zukor is attacked by Fritsch because he has, according to the editor, invested four and a half million dollars in the Universum Film A. G. (Ufa) German film company.

While, according to the paper, the directors of the Ufa have declared that its independence has not been affected by this loan, Fritsch declares that "Zukor has only given this money in order to get a hold on an important part of German industry."

## COL. HOUSE VISITS PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Mar. 8.—Col. Edward M. House, close friend of President Wilson, made a flying visit to Palestine yesterday.

Col. House, a passenger on the Mauretania, disembarked at Haifa, Palestine's port, where he was welcomed by Engineer Pevsner on behalf of the Zionist Executive in Palestine and representatives of the Jewish community in Haifa.

Col. House visited the Hebrew Technical Institute of Haifa and the Hadar Ha'carmel, the new Jewish residential suburb of Haifa. He then proceeded to Nazareth.

Col. House went on board the Mauretania the same evening.

## ITALY WILL APPOINT JEWISH DEPUTY AS AMBASSADOR, IS REPORT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Rome, Mar. 8.—Italy may be represented in the Republic of Argentina by a Jew, it was learned here today from authoritative sources.

Deputy Orazio Perdazzi will be appointed Italian ambassador to Argentine.

## 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.]

### Jabotinsky's Program Discussed by American Jewish Press

Vladimir Jabotinsky's presence for some weeks now in American Jewry and his presentation of the program of the Zionists-Revisionists, whose leader he is, has called forth comment in the Jewish press of the United States and Canada.

Writing in the "Yiddishe Folk" (March 5), organ of the Zionist Organization of America, Ab. Goldberg, one of the leaders of the American Zionists, expresses a favorable attitude to Jabotinsky and his group. Mr. Goldberg declares that the World Zionist leadership has not put forth any program and lacks vision, both of which, according to him, the Revisionists have furnished.

"The Revisionists have put up a program," Mr. Goldberg writes. "We may be displeased with this or not, but one thing is certain: they see clearly the duty of Zionism—to create in a short time, say in twenty years, a Jewish majority in Palestine."

"I sympathize with the Revisionism because it has vision, because it has a program and because it is not afraid to criticize sharply and openly."

The "Hebrew Journal" of Toronto, stating its own position as non-partisan, declares that it sees in Jabotinsky both his virtues and his faults and nevertheless feels that "he is one of the small group of outstanding figures which Jewry possesses. . . and he deserves to be heard with all due respect."

The "Jewish Daily Eagle" of Montreal finds that there is much in Jabotinsky's criticism that is "salutary and necessary." Before his arrival in America Jabotinsky was misunderstood, the paper points out, observing: "His present tour of America will have two good results: first, we will learn to understand Jabotinsky better, and secondly, Jewish public opinion in America will become familiarized with that side of the situation in Zionism which has hitherto (owing to reasons which are hardly understandable) not been brought out into the light."

To the "Canadian Jewish Chronicle" Jabotinsky's value as a critic of the Zionist leadership lies in the fact that he reminds us of our "duty to think, and think independently. Whether we accept his arguments or not, is not the matter of supreme importance. But it is of the utmost importance that we should re-study the many important issues that the Revisionists have raised and decide for ourselves whether our present policy is the best one, the one most likely to succeed."

The "Rassviet" of Paris, the organ of the Zionists-Revisionists, in its issue of Feb. 21, expresses satisfaction at the reception Mr. Jabotinsky has received at the hands of American Jewry. This friendly reception signifies, in the opinion of the "Rassviet," that the ground in American Jewry is ripe for the acceptance of the idea of a revival of political Zionism.

"The Zionists are beginning to understand," writes the paper, "that to forget the political phase means to forget the healthy economic phase, as well. As reasoning, logical people the Americans understand the plain justice and too the other more concrete points of the Revisionist program: the defense of the young Palestine settlement, land reform, etc."

A suggestion that the League of Nations should make Bernard M. Baruch's plan for taking the profits out of war the basis of the proposed disarmament conference is put forward in a letter to the British press by David Boyle.

## CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE DECIDES ON JOINT DRIVE FOR UNITED JEWISH CAMPAIGN AND UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Los Angeles, Cal., Mar. 8.—At a state conference which took place here last Sunday, following the arrival in this city of Bernard Stone, representative of the United Palestine Appeal, a resolution was adopted for a combined campaign of the United Palestine Appeal and the United Jewish Relief Campaign, to commence all over the state of California April 20. A quota of \$500,000 for this year was decided upon, to be shared equally by both funds. The conference therefore decided to raise in the following two years \$250,000 each year for the United Jewish Campaign.

There was a large attendance at the conference which was presided over by Louis M. Cole. The resolution for combining both campaigns was moulded by Rabbi Magnin and was accepted unanimously. Mr. Stone was given an enthusiastic ovation when he rose to address the conference. It was agreed that both funds will be equally represented on all committees.

It was declared here that the arrival of Mr. Stone on the coast for the purpose of inaugurating the United Palestine Appeal and the adoption of the resolution for a joint effort has made it possible for the United Jewish Campaign to hold its drive in the spring instead of next autumn.

The Executive Committee elected included, Irving H. Hellman of Los Angeles, Chairman; I. Irving Lipsitch of Los Angeles, Secretary; Mortimer Fleischacker of San Francisco, Treasurer.

About one thousand people were present from all parts of the State. Addresses were delivered by Rabbi Jacob Nieto of San Francisco, Rabbi Edgar Magnin of Los Angeles, Rabbi Leonard Rothstein of New York, Ben Seiling of Portland, Oregon, Rabbi Julius Liebert of Long Beach, Leo J. Rabinowitz of San Francisco, Dr. Emanuel Schriber, Judge I. M. Golden of San Francisco, Sylvan S. Kaufman of San Francisco and Rabbi Ernest Tractner of Los Angeles.

Plans for organization of the drive are in the hands of I. Irving Lipsitch, with headquarters in Los Angeles.

Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 8.—Two hundred delegates from cities of Northern Ohio accepted the task of raising Ohio's quota of \$1,000,000 in the United Jewish Campaign.

David A. Brown addressed the conference.

No definite date for the opening of the campaign was set. The quotas for the individual cities will be fixed by a special committee. A regional committee was elected, headed by John Anisfield, E. S. Halle, Vice-Chairman; S. Goldhamer, Secretary and Max Myers, Treasurer. Chairmen for the cities were named as follows: Cleveland, Irwin L. Esser; Toledo, Harry Levison; Akron, L. D. Friedberg; Youngstown, Isaac Goldsmith; Canton, Darwin Luntz; Sandusky, E. Kaplan; Mansfield, L. Freundlich; East Liverpool, Dr. S. Rich; Lorain, Dr. I. Glicksman. E. M. Baker of Cleveland presided over the conference.

The Society for Ethical Culture, of which Felix Adler is the founder, announced that it would build a \$1,000,000 suburban high school in the northern part of New York City.

Plans for the building were drawn by Robert D. Koln, architect and President of the society, and Clarence S. Stein, Chairman of the State Housing Commission.

Albert Weisbord, and the United Front Committee directing the Passaic, N. J. textile strike, accepted the offer of a committee headed by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York to act as mediators between the strike leaders and the mill owners. Charles F. H. Johnson, Vice President of the Botany Worsted Mills, spokesman for the mill owners, announced that the owners would not accept the Wise committee as mediators.

## MOVEMENT TO RETURN TO JUDAISM ON FOOT AMONG MARRANOS IN PORTUGAL

Board of Jewish Deputies in England Hears Report of Development  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Mar. 8.—That there is a great movement on foot among the Marranos, the descendants of those Jews converted to Christianity during the Spanish Inquisition, for a return to Judaism, was the report brought from Portugal by Mr. Lucien Wolf.

Mr. Wolf made a special trip to Portugal to investigate the situation of the Marranos. He reported to the Anglo-Jewish Board of Deputies yesterday that the Marranos belong to the higher middle classes and that their racial characteristics are well preserved.

In commenting on the characteristics of the Marranos, Mr. Wolf explained the reason for their not having taken steps before to return to Judaism, despite the fact that the Inquisition had ceased. When the persecutions stopped, the Marranos were spiritually exhausted and the emigration from Portugal of the wealthier and the more nationally inspired individuals led to apathy among the Marrano masses, he said. Another reason was that secrecy became an integral part of Marrano Judaism.

The weakness of the situation lay in the fact that the Jewish traditions were handed down by the women. In the Marrano communities the women performed the synagogal ceremonies, holding the positions of rabbis and cantors. As a result of this, much superstition has grown around the religious observance.

## DR. WILLIAM FILDERMAN, LEADER OF ROUMANIAN JEWS, HONORED AT BANQUET

\$5,000 Raised for Relief Action

The present condition of the Jews in Roumania was described as "a very sad one," by Dr. William Filderman, head of the Union of the Jews of Roumania, at a dinner Sunday night given at Hotel Astor in his honor by the United Roumanian Jews of America. Dr. Filderman arrived from Roumania on Thursday.

"The Roumanian people themselves," Dr. Filderman said, "are in sympathy with the Jews. But due to the post-war economic crisis and the activities of an active group of anti-Semitic propagandists, commerce and industry are paralyzed and the personal liberty of the Jew exists no more. The anti-Semites have become so much bolder since crime goes unpunished. We hope that with the advent of the new government the situation will change for the better."

Louis Marshall and Judge Julian W. Mack spoke in high terms of Dr. Filderman's achievements. Leo Feraru, Honorary Roumanian Consul here, Leo Wolfson, president of the United Roumanian Jews of America, and Solomon Sufrin, former president, addressed the gathering.

More than \$5,000 was raised for the Jews of Roumania. A Philadelphia delegate pledged another \$5,000.

Max Rosen, violinist, entertained at the banquet.

At a meeting at Milford, Del., plans were discussed for building a synagogue for the Jewish residents of Kent and Sussex counties, Del.

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## VON SCHOENAICH, GERMAN PACIFIST LEADER, ARRIVES IN PALESTINE ..

Will Study Economic Situation in Country

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Mar. 8.—Major General Freiherr von Schoenaich, leader of the Pacifist movement in Germany and fighter against anti-Semitism, arrived here for an extensive visit.

In an interview with the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, von Schoenaich stated that he proceeded to Palestine for the purpose of preparing an impartial report on the situation. He is making the survey at the request of the Palestine Office of the Zionist Organization in Germany.

Von Schoenaich visited Tel Aviv, Motza, Dilb, the agricultural station at Ben Shemen, Petach Tikvah and is proceeding to the Valley of Jezreel.

"I found success everywhere. The Arab workers must be employed along with Jewish workers because pure Jewish labor is too expensive for agriculture. At the Kwutzoth, the pioneer communes, I observed real communal life, such as I have not seen even in Russia. I believe that the Arabs and the Jews can form a common state like Switzerland. Cooperation must begin with fair economic relations," he declared.

Von Schoenaich lectured last night on pacifism before a large gathering in the German quarter and urged the establishment of the United States of Europe as a part of the structure of the League of Nations.

## ANTI-ZIONIST BODY IN GERMANY URGES MEMBERS TO REFRAIN FROM PALESTINE WORK

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Mar. 8.—Refusal to participate in the Palestine reconstruction work was expressed in a resolution adopted yesterday at the annual meeting of the Zentral Verein Deutscher Buerger des Juedischen Glaubens, an anti-Zionist body in Germany.

The resolution was adopted following a heated discussion on the question of participation in the Keren Hayesod collections in Germany. The resolution urged the 80,000 members of the Verein to refrain from participation, because this work has "a nationalistic character."

The Federation of Galician Jews celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the organization at a dinner Sunday night in the Broadway Central Hotel, New York. Six hundred attended, representing many societies, lodges and congregations affiliated with the Federation.

Philip Wattenberg, President of the federation, Bernard Semel, Sigmund Thau, Dr. S. Margoshes, editor of the "Day," G. H. Rubenstein, city editor of the "Day," and Joseph Berondess addressed the gathering. A minute of silence was observed during the course of the dinner in honor of the late Jacob Pfeiffer, founder of the federation.

The Vaad Hakashruth, the Kasher Meat Supervision Board, will hold its annual banquet next Wednesday, March 10, at the South Side Hebrew School auditorium. Meyer A. Bernstein is chairman of the committee.

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The Palestine Near-East Exhibition which is another subsidiary of the JUDEA INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION, will be opened for the Spring Season on March 16th and continue until April 10th.

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