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SPEAKER OF POLISH SEJM URGES JEWISH DEPUTY TO WITHDRAW HIS PROTEST

**Wielicki's Rejection of Roumanian
Order, Center of Discussion
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)**

Warsaw, Dec. 8.—The rejection of a Roumanian honor by the Jewish deputy Wacław Wielicki, in a letter he addressed to King Ferdinand, continues to hold the attention of parliamentary circles in the Polish capital.

Speaker Rataj again asked Deputy Wielicki to discuss the matter yesterday. The speaker pointed out that Deputy Wielicki received the Roumanian order not as a Jew but as a member of the Polish parliamentary delegation and he should not have insulted the monarch of a country allied with Poland. He urged the Jewish deputy to withdraw his letter to the King.

Deputy Wielicki, it was stated, declared that he acted in accordance with the dictates of his conscience and that he is willing to submit the matter to the decision of the Club of Jewish Deputies at its general meeting.

WORKERS WIN IN TEL AVIV MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS; 66% OF VOTERS AT POLLS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Tel Aviv, Dec. 8.—Elections to the municipality of Tel Aviv, the first Jewish city in Palestine, were held yesterday. The returns showed that the elections brought a victory for the workers party which was in office prior to the election. Notwithstanding the fact that the house owners boycotted the elections, a large number of the inhabitants participated in the vote. Seventy-five hundred voters, amounting to 66 per cent of the population entitled to vote, took part in the elections.

Fourteen candidates of the workers party were elected, three representing the Association of Polish Jews, seven representing the Zionist Revisionists, five of the Orthodox group, four of the center block, four of the tenants association and three of the Poale Zion.

VOTE OF JEWS IN LATVIAN SEJM DEFEATS GOVERNMENT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Dec. 8.—The government of Latvia, headed by Premier Ulanis, was defeated in parliament yesterday when a majority vote expressed lack of confidence in the government.

The defeat was caused by the vote of the Jewish deputies, who took an oppositional attitude in view of the rejection of the citizenship bill as a result of which many thousands of Jews resident in Latvia were placed in the position of "men without a country."

BRITISH COMMONS PASSES PALESTINE £4,500,000 LOAN BILL IN SECOND READING

**Wedgwood Urges British to Active
Assistance in Jewish Effort
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)**

London, Dec. 8.—The bill authorizing the Exchequer to endorse the Palestine and East African loans was passed by the House of Commons yesterday in its second reading.

The discussion which developed in the House was devoted mainly to the African loan, although the Palestine loan was also touched upon in the debate.

Col. Leopold H. Amery, Colonial Secretary, said that the Palestine loan was principally intended for the repayment of money already spent and also for the development of harbors and the purchase of the railway system from the British government. A progressive policy of development is being pursued in Palestine, the Colonial Secretary stated.

William Graham, former assistant finance minister in the Labor Government, declared that the Labor Party is not opposed to the loans. S. Saklatvala, Communist member of the House, introduced a resolution that the bill be rejected. Captain C. T. Foxcroft expressed his objection to the British government "favoring the imported Zionist Jew at the expense of the native Jew and Arab" in Palestine.

A strong note was injected into the debate by Col. Josiah Wedgwood, who urged the British Government to abandon its passive policy in Palestine and lend active assistance to the Jewish efforts in the country.

"I have just come back from Palestine where I have investigated the possibility of Jews and Arabs getting together. I have inquired whether the Arabs are suffering through the incursions of Jews. The only result of the Jewish immigration upon the Arabs in the towns was the increase in the standard wages of the workers in the towns and the raising of their cultural status." Col. Wedgwood declared.

"The rich Arab feudists, who are generally Christians, are hostile to all immigration, Jewish and non-Jewish. They even want no Britishers, no western ways and no western population. They prefer a docile population. We cannot allow the development of the country to be checked because of a few reactionaries who prefer that Palestine be Asiatic rather than European."

"The Jews of the world are subscribing on a gigantic scale to the rebuilding of their homeland and we should recognize that in a practical way by making it easier for the Jews to acquire land, rebuild agriculture and industry there. We have entered into

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BELGIUM, AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN SIDE WITH ENGLAND VS. MANDATES COMMISSION

**Join with England in Objection to
Petitioners
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)**

Geneva, Dec. 8.—The attitude of several members of the League of Nations, in addition to that of France, New Zealand and South Africa, in the controversy between the Permanent Mandates Commission and the League Council on the jurisdiction of the Commission over mandated territories was made known today.

The secretariat of the League of Nations received the replies of the governments of Belgium, Australia and Japan to the effect that they are opposed to giving the commission the right of hearing petitioners from mandated territories. The governments are also opposed to allowing the Commission to direct a detailed questionnaire to the mandatory powers. The tone of the Belgian reply was less emphatic than that of the others.

AMSTERDAM CELEBRATES 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEBREW PRAYER BOOK

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—An exhibition on the occasion of the three hundredth anniversary of the publication of the Hebrew prayer book here is being arranged at the library of the Sephardic rabbinical school.

The exhibition will be opened in January. A part of the display will be devoted to the works of Menasseh ben Israel who was greatly interested in Hebrew printing.

The catalogue of the exhibition will be printed in English, French and German.

PROF. JOFFE, RUSSIAN JEWISH SCIENTIST, TO LECTURE IN U.S.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Dec. 8.—Dr. Joffe, professor at the Leningrad Academy of Science, is sailing for the United States on December 11.

Professor Joffe will lecture in America on scientific subjects. His tour will extend over six months. It was reported some time ago that Dr. Joffe was invited by the Rockefeller Institute to go to America and lecture on his invention of a process for condensing electrical energy.

CZECH UNIVERSITY TO HAVE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL DEPT.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Prague, Dec. 8.—A Jewish theological department will be founded at the Czech University.

The purpose of the department is to enable students to prepare for the rabbinate in their home country, instead of having to go to Germany.

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"ALIEN CODE" IS URGED BY ALBERT JOHNSON; ASKS FOR SPECIAL COMMISSION

**"King's Excuse" For Irregular Entries
Being Planned, He Declares**

The adoption of an "alien code" to embody all laws concerning immigration, naturalization and deportation was urged by Representative Albert Johnson, chairman of the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, at the Conference on Immigration Policy at the Hotel Woodstock on Saturday. There will be no great changes in the naturalization laws within the next five years unless a strong deportation act is passed, he said.

Explaining the difficulties of immigration and naturalization legislation, he declared also that the entire problem is too great to be handled by a committee sitting during Congressional sessions.

"We are seeking to formulate a grand program, to be called the alien code, in which all laws concerning immigration, naturalization, deportation and possibly registration, shall be embodied, and the only way this vast problem can be worked out adequately is for a joint commission to be named to sit steadily until its work is done," he said.

There are a million persons in this country, he continued, who entered it through irregular channels prior to 1924, and are now mostly well established and conforming to citizenship regulations. It is the duty of the country to make provisions for these people, he said, and suggested a blanket "king's excuse" of some of the laws to permit the entry to citizenship of those who entered the country during the three years prior to July 1, 1924, possibly, he said, upon the payment of a nominal fine of \$10 or \$12.

"As soon as our immigration laws are rationally worked out," he said, "naturalization will not be a serious problem. If we can keep out the undesirable, the simpler we make these

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CONSOLIDATION AND RE-ORGANIZATION ARE ESSENTIAL FOR PALESTINE, BELGIAN ZIONIST LEADER URGES

American Jews Show Inspiring Readiness to Help, Jean Fischer, Now in This Country, Observes

Consolidation of the work done so far in Palestine and proceeding with the reorganization of the administration of affairs in Palestine is the outstanding need of the hour in the opinion of Jean Fischer, Belgian Zionist leader and director of the Jewish Colonial Trust, who is now in the



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United States. Mr. Fischer, who has been a member of the Zionist Actions Committee for the past twenty years and has given substantial sums for Palestine, has come to the United States at the request of Dr. Chaim Weizmann in the interest of various Palestine financial projects. He was an intimate associate of Dr. Max Nordau and Theodor Herzl and is well known as an exponent of political Zionism.

In an interview with the representative of the "Jewish Daily Bulletin", Mr. Fischer, who is a leading personality at Zionist Congresses, summarized his impressions of America and American Jewish life and outlined a program of work for the Zionist movement.

"I was in Palestine several months ago and observed things there at close range," Mr. Fischer stated. "It is absolutely necessary that all that has been created in Palestine up to now be consolidated in order that the reconstruction work may be continued on a sound basis. The upbuilding of a Jewish Palestine requires financial means other than that which Jewry has given for that purpose until now. Palestine should not be considered a small philanthropic affair of secondary importance, but as a great problem," Mr. Fischer declared.

"We must, first of all," he continued, "proceed in the direction of a reorganization in our administration with the principle in view that just because of the difficult economic conditions, the best possible administration is necessary.

"The Arabs are growing accustomed to us and to our national aspirations. A peaceful cooperation with the Arabs is entirely possible and must consistently be striven for. We are active in all fields in Palestine and small

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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.]

Press Sees Great Significance in Cathedral Meeting for Jewish Relief

The meeting last Sunday at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, arranged by the American Christian Committee for Jewish Relief, has found wide comment in the press, which hails it as an event of vast significance, symbolizing an era of new relations between Christians and Jews and greatly furthering the work of good will and understanding.

The "Day", dwelling especially on the fact that this meeting was the first of its kind ever to be held in a Cathedral, observes: "Cathedral gatherings played an important role in the life of the Jews in the past, but they were always sources of fear, causes for suspicion that from these sanctuaries of the Christian church new clouds were about to issue forth upon the Jewish horizon. But now, for the first time, noble and sincere words have been spoken about the Jews in a Cathedral, words which should re-echo in every corner of the globe...."

"Of course, this is only the beginning," the "Day" says further. "These sentiments have yet to permeate the wide masses and become a part of their every day life. But it is a good beginning and a practical one. The road, though a long one, has now been opened and the first step to the long hoped-for goal, has been taken."

What makes the Sunday gathering significant, the "Jewish Daily News" writes, "is the fact that it comes at a time when so much hatred against the foreign-born and against Jews has made itself felt right here at home. It is natural that real Americans of the type of Generals Pershing and O'Ryan should revolt against the degradation of America by the fostering of intolerance and the creation of a spirit of animosity between citizen and citizen." The N. Y. "Sun" terms the meeting "epochal," adding: "Bishop Manning gave it this character when, in announcing its purpose, he said that so far as he knew it was the first meeting ever held in any Christian cathedral specifically in behalf of the Jewish people. The gathering was described as a 'mass meeting'; such it was in reality, and held with the inspiring purpose of furnishing aid to ameliorate the suffering and poverty of the Jews of Europe."

The very fact, observes the "Times," that Catholic and Protestant came together with the Jew in support of this cause "must have an effect that will reach across Europe to the Urals and be felt especially in the land where above all others the spirit which was shown in this meeting should have the fullest expression.

"What this event signifies is not alone food for the starving, relief for physical suffering, saving the lives of

HABIMA THEATRE PLAYERS RELEASED FROM ELLIS ISLAND

The thirty-three players of the Habima, Moscow Art Theatre, and seven technical assistants were released from Ellis Island without bond, following a hearing before the Board of Special Inquiry Tuesday afternoon.

The Habima arrived in this country on Monday for a tour of twelve weeks and will make its first appearance next Monday night at the Mansfield Theatre, West 47th Street, in "The Dybbuk." Other plays in their repertoire are "Jacob's Dream," "The Golem," and "The Deluge."

Leading social service agencies of New York were represented at a conference at the National Farm School, Doylestown, Pa., which had as its object the development of a plan for guiding a proportion of city boys and girls of limited or no means, away from the overcrowded industrial centers into agricultural careers.

Among the urban social agencies represented were the Y. M. C. A., Boy and Girl Scouts, the Heckscher Foundation of New York, the Chrystie Street Boys' Club of New York, the Catholic Big Brothers, and the Young Women's Hebrew Association. With the coming expansion of the school, to be made possible by the \$5,000,000 fund now being raised by the National Farm School Expansion Project, many social service agencies in Cleveland, Chicago and other cities will be called upon to help the work of selecting applicants for enrollment.

children; it proclaims on the part of our foremost citizens and churches of all denominations a freedom from the prejudice which has followed a race for centuries. The words which Dr. Cadman spoke as a message to the world from the "mother church," as he called it, will be gratefully heard wherever that race feeling still lingers; and with that message will also be heard the stirring sympathetic words of the two great soldiers, General Pershing, of Methodist bringing up, and General O'Ryan, one of the foremost laymen of the Catholic Church in America."

The "World" comments as follows: "Outside of a church building, under ordinary secular auspices, there would have been nothing unusual in the effort to raise money for the relief of suffering men and women of another faith. Outside of the churches Americans are quite used to helping men regardless of race, creed or nationality. They did not think it unusually significant that a Protestant like Mr. Hoover should help a Roman Catholic nation in Belgium or a Greek Orthodox people in Russia. As laymen, as ordinary human being, that seemed the most natural thing in the world. But that Protestants, Catholics and Jews should go together to a Protestant Cathedral on an errand of mercy is unusually significant, is sensational news, even today, A. D. 1926."

The "Telegram" says "If Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson—sturdy advocates of the separation of Church and state—were alive they would be glad to find this demonstration of the fact that religion is never so strong as when it is left to do its work in its own way."

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JULES E. MASTBAUM, PHILA. JEWISH LEADER AND PHIL- ANTHROPIST, DIES AT 54

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8.—Jules E. Mastbaum, leading Jewish citizen of Philadelphia, died at the Jefferson Hospital here yesterday at the age of 54, following an illness of one week.

He was president of the Stanley Company of America and head of the real estate firm of Mastbaum Brothers and Fleisher. He was a member of the Board of Governors of



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Dropsie College. He headed the \$3,500,000 building fund campaign of the Federation of Jewish Charities last year and the United Jewish Campaign in this city.

Today an entire city is shrouded in mourning for the man who, having attained the utmost rung on the ladder of success, never forgot those who stood on the lowest level of that ladder. In his own life he symbolized the highest conception of charity. Jew and Gentile alike found him a generous contributor to every worthy cause. He dispensed charity liberally. Numerous as were his public benefactions, his private benevolences were conducted on a tremendous scale of which the public was never aware.

The news of his death, following an operation for abdominal infection, was a tremendous shock to the community. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 P. M.

Mr. Mastbaum died at 4.35 yesterday afternoon, in the arms of his mother, Mrs. Fannie Mastbaum. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

Jules E. Mastbaum was born July 7, 1872, the son of Levi and Fannie Mastbaum. He attended the public schools of the city, then went to the Central Manual School from which he was awarded a scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania, and first displayed the love of sketches and sculpture which was to become one of his principal hobbies as a wealthy man and which led to his gift of the Rodin museum to the city of his birth.

After completing a course in Finance at the university, he decided to learn merchandising from the bottom. He was not quite twenty-one when he went to Danville, Illinois, where he

WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN WOMEN'S COUNCIL AMERI- CANIZATION ESSAY CONTEST

The results of the fourth annual Prize Essay Contest, conducted by the Department of Immigrant Aid and Immigration Education of the National Council of Jewish Women, of which Miss Florina Lasker of New York City is National Chairman, have been announced. The participants were attendants at the English classes for the foreign-born, which are promoted by Council Sections in various cities. The prize winners were Mrs. Bessie Chodolenco of Newark, N. J.; Mrs. Jennie Ruttenberg of Chicago; and Mrs. Dora Chaiken of Philadelphia; Mrs. Sarah Perloff of Philadelphia; Miss Pauline Klempner of New Haven, Conn.; and Mrs. Ray Klot of Nashville.

The subjects to which the essays were limited were "The Most Important Day of My Life," "Prominent Americans Who Were Born in My Native Country," and "How Can We Help to Make Our Country Better."

The Judges of the contest were John Foster Carr, Director of the Immigrant Publication Society, New York City; Mrs. Edward Josephy, President of the New York City Section, National Council of Jewish Women; and Spencer Miller, Jr., Secretary of the Workers' Education Bureau of America.

Mr. Carr, one of the judges, in submitting his decisions on the several essays, said: "These essays make an amazing showing, always heartening but sometimes so pathetic, of valiant ambition and effort in the face of every conceivable handicap, of crowded human details, of personal struggle and sacrifice and victory—a showing of heart and fine conscience, of moving love of our Country. What an eloquent appeal they make for a more generous understanding of our Jewish new comers! And how impressively they reveal the good and essential work that the National Council of Jewish Women is doing."

earned \$10 a week as a clerk in the Gimbel Store. He rose rapidly through the Gimbel Milwaukee store, came to the Philadelphia Gimbel Store and became its European representative, earning \$7,500 a year, the largest amount ever paid to any Gimbel employee.

In 1901 he entered the real estate business with Felix Isman at \$50 per week and commissions. Fifteen years after he had gone as a boy to Illinois with the Gimbels, he with his younger brother Stanley, and Alfred W. Fleisher, bought out Felix Isman and founded the present firm of Mastbaum Brothers and Fleisher.

It was through real estate that Mr. Mastbaum first became interested in the exhibition of moving pictures. Out of a temporarily unoccupied store, at 8th and Market Street, Mastbaum made a moving picture house with a five-cent admission charge. He had faith in the future of the movies.

In 1911, Mr. Mastbaum became interested in the Regent Theatre of this city. From small beginnings it grew

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It will be necessary, he said, before this simplicity can be allowed, to solve certain problems regarding the United States' land borders, to devise immigration laws which will not open the "Oriental problem," and to pass deportation laws which will give the government greater power in ridding itself of undesirables.

Chief Judge Myer J. Block of Baltimore, Md., who was recently elected Judge of the Orphans' Court, has been notified by Governor Albert C. Ritchie that he has been reappointed Chief Judge.

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naturalization tests the better. I have no sympathy for tests which include such questions as 'Who is the present Secretary of the Interior?' There have been times when I could not answer that question."

It will be necessary, he said, before this simplicity can be allowed, to solve certain problems regarding the United States' land borders, to devise immigration laws which will not open the "Oriental problem," and to pass deportation laws which will give the government greater power in ridding itself of undesirables.

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