

**PROMINENT EUROPEANS  
ON COMMITTEE FOR  
SPINOZA ANNIVERSARY**

Memorial to Great Philosopher Will  
Be Unveiled on Feb. 27  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Amsterdam, Dec. 9.—Leading European students of philosophy and science are on the committee of the Societas Spinozana, which will commemorate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the death of Baruch Spinoza on February 27, 1927.

Dr. Patin, burgomaster of The Hague, Professor Heymans, Professor Leo Polak, Professor Ignacy Myslicki and Sir Frederick Pollak are among the members of the committee.

It was stated here that the committee will unveil, on February 27, a memorial on the spot behind the new church in The Hague where Spinoza is believed to be buried.

The society is seeking to raise a fund in order to restore the house in The Hague where Spinoza lived and to convert it into a museum, to be known as the Domus Spinozana, where Spinoza literature and relics are to be collected. The house is also to serve as a residence for Spinoza students.

**J. D. C. TO DISCONTINUE  
ITS EMERGENCY RELIEF  
FOR JEWS IN POLAND**

Students Home, Erected with J. D. C.  
Aid, Dedicated in Warsaw  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Dec. 9.—The support of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee for philanthropic organizations in Poland is systematically being discontinued, it was declared here today.

The support granted by the Committee for the purpose of aiding the unemployed and of maintaining soup kitchens was reduced 50 per cent. The support for the Yiddish schools, Talmud Torahs and supplying books to school children will be discontinued entirely beginning April 1, it was stated here today.

At the headquarters of the Joint Distribution Committee, J. C. Hyman, secretary, made the following comment:

"To the extent that the temporarily established emergency help of the Joint Distribution Committee can be reduced in view of any possible improvement and the Joint Distribution Committee can resume the former threads of its constructive help in Poland and elsewhere, the emphasis, naturally, of the

**JEW ELECTED CHAIRMAN  
OF KOVNO MUNICIPALITY**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)  
Kovno, Dec. 9.—Dr. Meshulam Wolff, a Jewish physician, was elected chairman of the municipality of the city of Kovno.

**5,000 JEWISH FAMILIES WILL BE SETTLED ON  
THE LAND DURING 1927, DR. ROSEN SAYS  
BEFORE SAILING FOR RUSSIA**

Will Not Go to Palestine Now; Head of Agrojoint Comments on  
Various Phases of Work and on Reports  
Concerning Jewish Republic

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee plans to settle on the land in Soviet Russia during the year 1927 not less than 5,000 Jewish families, or 25,000 persons, in addition to the 7,500 families already settled by the Committee up to now.

This was the statement made by Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, head of the Agrojoint, the agency of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee carrying on the Jewish settlement work in Soviet Russia, prior to his departure for Russia on the steamer Roma tomorrow.

Interviewed by the representative of the "Jewish Daily Bulletin", Dr. Rosen discussed the plans for the future work of the Joint Distribution Committee in Russia. Plans for the 1927 work have already been completed and the work will proceed immediately. As to the program for 1928, during which it would be possible to settle another 5,000 families, this is not decided yet. For this reason the Agrojoint will have to confine itself to its plans for this year. This of course creates an uncertainty, Dr. Rosen stated.

When asked whether he will visit Palestine on his way to Russia, as was intimated some time ago, Dr. Rosen stated that he regrets his inability to do so at this time. He admitted that the negative attitude displayed in certain Zionist circles toward his proposed visit in a private capacity had something to do with his decision not to visit Palestine at this time. "As soon as it became known that I may visit Palestine, the charge was made

**LONDON JEWISH PRESS  
GREET'S MARSHALL ON  
SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY**

Is Acclaimed as Leading Jew the  
World Over  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 9.—Tributes to Louis Marshall on the occasion of his forthcoming seventieth birthday on December 14 are being paid by the Anglo-Jewish press here.

The "Jewish World," in an editorial published today, expresses its heartiest congratulations to Mr. Marshall on the occasion of his seventieth birthday. "Marshall is in many respects the leading Jew the world over. His influence as a Jew is world wide. His sagacity, experience and absolute selfless devotion to the Jewish cause render his influence of the greatest moment everywhere," the paper declares.

that I would go to Palestine to prepare a report which would be to the liking of one or the other man. Never in my life have I written reports with a preconceived notion to coincide with this or that opinion. I base my opinions on the observation of facts which come to my knowledge. This alone is the deciding factor for me," Dr. Rosen declared.

Dr. Rosen further stated that in the settling of the 5,000 Jewish families during the year 1927, two-thirds of the number will be directed toward the land available in the Crimea, while the other third will be settled in the neighborhood of the new Jewish colonies in the Ukraine. During the last year, the proportion was the reverse. Of course, this does not represent the full amount of the work which will be done in Soviet Russia in this direction, as there are other organizations, like the Ica and the Ort, which are active in the settlement work.

Dr. Rosen also declared that the project reported from Russia concerning the making available of the Azov sea region lands for Jewish colonization would not come under the consideration of the Agrojoint. These lands need extensive drainage and the amount necessary is so great that it cannot be thought of at present.

"I must also on this occasion correct the erroneous impression created apparently by a misunderstanding of a Russian term. The impression went abroad that the land in Crimea needs irrigation. I believe that this is due to a wrong translation of the Russian word 'vodosnabjenie' which means 'literally water supply'. The English translators of Kalinin's statement and

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**ROUMANIAN AMBASSADOR  
FORWARDS JEWISH DEPUTY'S  
LETTER TO KING FERDINAND**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Dec. 9.—The Roumanian minister at Warsaw, Jacoviaku, transmitted to the Roumanian foreign office the letter of the Jewish deputy Wacław Wielicki addressed to King Ferdinand, in which he rejected the order conferred upon him by the Roumanian government.

The Jewish press in this city, various Jewish organizations and Jewish leaders have expressed their approval to Deputy Wielicki of his action protesting against the anti-Jewish excesses in Roumania.

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**PROTEST IN SYNAGOGUE AGAINST FURNISHING BODY FOR DISSECTION**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)  
Warsaw, Dec. 9.—The reading of the weekly portion of the Bible in the Vilna synagogue was delayed for several hours, a form of expressing protest traditional among East European Jews, last Saturday, despatches received here state.

The obstruction was caused by the relatives of Leib Mindel, a pious Jew who died in Vilna last week at the age of 54. The relatives objected to the fact that his body had been delivered by the Jewish hospital to the clinic of the Medical College for dissection.

**MODERATE ANTI-SEMITES RETURNED IN HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)  
Budapest, Dec. 9.—The first returns of the Hungarian parliamentary elections made known today indicate that the elections brought victory to the government party, including many moderate anti-Semites.

Many candidates of the Race Purifiers party, rabid anti-Semites, were defeated. Only Deputy Julius Goembos of the Race Purifiers was returned. The election of Deputy Hejas of the same party is doubtful and a revote will be taken.

**P. P. S. MAY EXCLUDE SHOCHTIM FROM UNION**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)  
Warsaw, Dec. 9.—Leaders of the P. P. S., the Polish Socialist Party, have expressed dissatisfaction with the fact that Warsaw shoachim, slaughterers of animals according to Jewish rite, have joined the Polish labor union under the auspices of the party.

The objection was raised that Shochtim are not workers in the true sense of the word. It is possible that the Shochtim will be excluded from the P. P. S.

**LEADERS PRAISE INDEX TO "JEWISH DAILY BULLETIN"**  
Is Described as Contribution Stimulating Jewish Communal Life

Jewish leaders throughout the country, prominent in philanthropy, educational and communal activities, welcomed the appearance of the Index to the "Jewish Daily Bulletin" for 1925, in communications addressed to the "Jewish Daily Bulletin."

The preparation of the Index as a book of reference on Jewish events throughout the world, with data concerning men and affairs, was described as a valuable step in spreading Jewish knowledge and a contribution stimulating Jewish communal life.

David A. Brown, Nathan Straus, Alfred M. Cohen and Dr. Alexander M. Dushkin, Executive Director of the Jewish Education Committee, Chicago, are among those who have praised the Index.

"Only within the past day or so have I had an opportunity of looking over the Index of the 'Jewish Daily Bulletin' and take this opportunity of complimenting you and your organization in getting up so splendid a reference book on Jewish events for 1925," David A. Brown wrote. "Our Mr. J. C. Hyman informs me that already he has made considerable use of the information contained therein and is able to save a great deal of time in the use of the Index."

Nathan Straus commenting on the Index, writes: "The Index of the 'Jewish Daily Bulletin' serves a very useful purpose. It makes it possible readily to get information on important events in which one is interested."

"I regard the Index as a marvelous assistance to one who wishes to keep abreast of happenings in the Jewish world," Alfred M. Cohen stated. "After a while we shall wonder how we were able to get along without something like the Index. After using it we shall deem it indispensable. American Jewry is very much indebted to you for this latest undertaking of yours."

Dr. Dushkin writes: "The Index renders the valuable current history material contained in every issue of the 'Bulletin' more accessible to students of modern Jewish life, and I have no doubt that this and the future volumes of the Index will be used extensively."

Publication of a call for a "National Conference of the Needle Trades Section of the Textile, Clothing and Leather Trades" on Jan. 1 and 2, 1927, contains the proof that the Communist Party is in control of the policies of the cloakmakers general strike committee, according to a statement made by President Morris Sigman of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

Mr. Sigman, commenting on the revolt of the rank and file of the cloakmakers' union against the Communist and Communist leaders of the strike, declared the publication in "The Daily Worker," a Chicago Communist daily newspaper, of the agenda of the forthcoming conference of the Trade Union Educational League, organized by W. Z. Foster, was a confession of Communist leadership that the "disastrous strike program was the child of Communist Party officials, or their near-relation, the Trade Union Educational League."

Purchase by the city of part of the Hebrew Cemetery in Baltimore, Md., for \$12,000 was approved by the Board of Estimates. The land was acquired for the widening of Third Street, from Baltimore Street to the Philadelphia Road. The strip of the cemetery obtained by the city is 30 by 700 feet.

**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.]

**A Long Delayed Honor**

The international movement now under way to purchase for a public museum the home of Baruch Spinoza in the Hague, is termed by the N. Y. "Telegram" (Dec. 9) as "a long delayed honor which the Dutch thinker richly deserves." The paper remarks: "Since history first wrote and philosophy first meditated, to borrow an apt phrase from Victor Hugo, no man more worthy of the philosopher's crown than Spinoza has delivered his message to the world. Along with Roger Bacon, Descartes, Lord Bacon, Kant and Darwin, Spinoza occupies a place in the history of mankind reserved only for those whose intellects have pointed the way to higher things."

**Urge Lord Allenby for Next High Commissioner**

The report that upon the resignation of Lord Plumer as High Commissioner of Palestine, Lord Allenby, conqueror of Palestine, and until recently High Commissioner of Egypt, will be appointed to that post, is hailed by the Jewish press as welcome news.

Lord Allenby is known as having a very favorable attitude to Zionism and the Jewish reconstruction work in Palestine and hence, the "Jewish Daily News" points out, his appointment as Palestine's next High Commissioner would be in the interests of the Jews and should be urged upon England by the Zionist organization.

"Recently Allenby expressed himself very warmly on various occasions regarding the Zionist work in Palestine and regarding the Jewish achievements there. Allenby is the kind of man who does not say much, who does not become enthused easily and does not cool down easily either. He is a military man not given to eloquent phraseology and the fact that he spoke about the Jewish reconstruction work with a good deal of enthusiasm indicates that he understands Zionism and sympathizes with it."

The paper warns against a repetition of the case of Lord Plumer's appointment which came as a surprise to the Zionist leadership who were not consulted or advised of the step by England. "The Zionist Organization must see to it," the paper urges, "that it should not be left uninformed; even if the government in London is contemplating to appoint Allenby to succeed Plumer, the Zionist Organization should be recognized by the British government and consulted in such an important matter as the appointment of a High Commissioner."

The "Jewish Morning Journal," which takes a similar view, dwells on Allenby's attitude to Zionism and observes: "His name is historically associated with the Holy Land because he was the latest of the great military

## PHILADELPHIA JEWISH LEADERS PAY TRIBUTE TO LATE JULES MASTBAUM

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 9.—Charity will receive part of the \$2,000,000 insurance carried by Jules E. Mastbaum, who died here Tuesday.

It was learned that Mr. Mastbaum had named among the beneficiaries the Federation of Loan Societies and the Federation of Jewish Charities each to the extent of \$100,000. Of the remainder, \$1,000,000 goes to the Stanley Company of America, of which Mr. Mastbaum was president; \$500,000 to the real estate firm of Mastbaum Brothers & Fleisher and \$300,000 to his estate.

Thousands of persons viewed Mr. Mastbaum's body as it lay in state at his home in Rittenhouse Square.

Morris Wolf paid tribute to the late philanthropist in a statement issued to the "Jewish Daily Bulletin."

"Mr. Mastbaum was unique in this, that his heart was as good as his head. I have known other men, a very few of whom had his brilliant original mind, but I never knew any who, with that mind, had the generous spirit of goodwill to all men that he had. The comforting warmth of his personality cannot be replaced in this stricken community," Mr. Wolf said.

Jacob Billikopf, executive director of the Federation of Jewish Charities, declared in a statement issued to the "Jewish Daily Bulletin":

"I am so depressed and heartbroken that I am incapable at this moment of recording in words my esteem of Jules E. Mastbaum. It has been my supreme privilege during the past seven years to come intimately in contact with him and to me he revealed that extraordinary phase of his nature which was responsive to all human misery and human suffering. With the possible exception of Nathan Straus, Jules Mastbaum was the most generous individual I ever met and I have come across thousands of generous men and women. His manner of response was so unique and extraordinary. It is the way he did things rather than the amount he gave which rendered his benefactions so magnificent. During the past five years I administered most of his charities and my greatest problem always was to restrain and not to encourage him. In the words of Julius Rosenwald, 'Jules Mastbaum was one of the great princes of American Israel.'"

men to conquer it. He knows that he walked in the path of great kings and generals of the past who led armies into Palestine and he is deeply interested in the country. He is a diligent student of the Bible and understands the original language of the Holy Scriptures. . . . Allenby's name has a meaning for the Jewish world as well as for the general world. He is one of the giants of the British Empire and any post he occupies assumes greater importance for that reason alone. The substantiation of the report that he will be appointed as next High Commissioner would come as very happy news for the whole world."

## LABOR SECRETARY MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO RE-UNITE SEPARATED FAMILIES

Congressman Chindblom Introduces Bill to Repeal National Origins Plan  
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, Dec. 9.—The recommendations made by Secretary Davis of the Labor Department with regard to the immigration laws include the suggestions to Congress to overcome the hardships resulting from the separation of families on account of the present immigration law.

"It is my opinion that a third and final step in a complete process of selecting immigration can be accomplished if Congress will but approve some method of priority in the granting of what are now referred to as non-preference quota visas. Of quota immigrants, on the ground of humanity, I would provide for preference to be issued to husbands, wives and minor children of alien residents in the United States," Secretary Davis recommended in his annual report.

"Wives and unmarried children under 18 years of a citizen of the United States are non-quota immigrants under the act of 1924, which is as it should be, but the class should be extended to include the husband of an American citizen and a provision should be added permitting the entrance, if the quota be exhausted, of minor unmarried children and dependent fathers and mothers of citizens of the United States," he declared.

The Secretary repeated recommendations first made in 1925, that Congress allow the importation of special or skilled labor, under careful restriction, when need exists in American industry. This expansion of the total immigration possible, he suggested, should be balanced off by empowering the President to shut off immigration entirely during periods of industrial depression in the United States.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Representative Carl R. Chindblom (Republican), of Chicago, Ill., has introduced a bill into the House of Representatives, to repeal the "national origins" provisions of the Immigration Act of 1924. It provides for repeal of subdivisions (b), (c), (d) and (e), of Section 11 of the Act.

The provisions of the Immigration Act pertaining to the "national origin" basis of permitting the entry of aliens prescribe that the total of all immigration quotas shall be fixed at 150,000 yearly, this number to be allocated according to the numerical strength of nationalities among the whole population of the United States, upon the basis of the 1920 census.

The Secretaries of State, Commerce and Labor are charged by the provision to report the quota of each nationality which the President is to make known by proclamation on or before April 1, 1927. The Act provides, however, that if quotas are not proclaimed under that subdivision the existing quotas shall continue.

Representative Albert Johnson (Republican), of Hoquiam, Wash., chairman of the House Committee on Im-

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## CHRISTIAN FUND FOR JEWISH RELIEF FINDS NATION-WIDE RESPONSE

Contributions and promise of support from organizations all over the country have been received by the American Christian Fund for Jewish Relief, to aid the suffering Jews in eastern Europe.

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman and Justice Victor J. Dowling, co-chairmen of the Christian committee, said the opening meeting at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine had met with a wide response.

William J. McGinley, Supreme Secretary of the Knights of Columbus, has written to Justice Victor J. Dowling, co-chairman of the fund with the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, that the National Board of the Knights of Columbus has requested the Supreme Knight to write personally to the Council officers urging cooperation in the work.

Letters supporting the movement have been received from W. H. P. Faunce, President of Brown University; Bishop Ernest M. Stires of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Long Island; Dr. John R. Mott, head of the National Council of Y. M. C. A.'s; President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, and John G. Agar, a prominent Catholic layman.

Contributions included \$25 from a Salvation Army Post. From a far away Canadian village was received a small gift with the note: "My mite to help atone for the sins of my ancestors."

The "Jewish Daily Bulletin" acknowledges the receipt of a check for \$25 from Bishop Charles H. Brent, to be forwarded to the American Christian Fund for Jewish Relief. Bishop Brent wrote in his letter accompanying the check:

"As I am ignorant as to where I should send a contribution to aid suffering Jews in Eastern Europe, and as I receive your 'Daily Bulletin', I am trespassing on your kindness to ask you to place the enclosed small check in the proper hands.

"You have my hearty wishes for your undertaking. I trust that General Pershing's hopeful aspiration, that Christian America will raise \$25,000,000, will be achieved."

Mrs. Isaac Kubie, Associate Chairman of the women's division of the New York Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, announced that next Wednesday, Dec. 15, had been designated as Federation Tithe Day. She said that 10 per cent of the gross receipts in four stores of the Huyler Company on that day would be devoted to the tenth anniversary campaign fund of the federation.

The Women's division has already raised more than \$42,816, according to an announcement by Mrs. Sidney C. Borg.

Mrs. Norvin I. Lindheim, National President of the Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, will speak before the Women's Organization of the Free Synagogue this afternoon on "The Romance of Palestine."

## LABOR SECRETARY DAVIS MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

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migration and Naturalization, issued a statement explaining the nature and purpose of the "national origins" provisions of the Immigration Act. His statement follows in part:

"Immigration quotas at present are fixed upon the basis of 2 per cent of the number of foreign-born individuals resident in continental United States as determined by the United States census of 1890, the minimum quota being 100. On this basis the total of all quotas is 164,667.

"Under the so-called 'national origins provision' the total of all quotas would be set at 150,000, and this number would be allocated, not according to the number of foreign-born persons resident in the country, but upon the basis of the proportionate numerical strength of nationalities among the whole population of the United States. The census of 1920 would be used, the national origins of all the people would be calculated, and, for example, if it should be found that a particular nationality contributed one-tenth of the whole population, that nationality would have one-tenth of the total quota, or 15,000.

"The determination of quotas under the 'national origins provision' is an executive function, and under the law the Secretaries of State, Commerce and Labor are charged with the responsibility of ascertaining the ratio numbers to be used in calculating quotas to be proclaimed by the President. The law, however, is peculiarly worded. It says:

"Such officials shall, jointly, report to the President the quota of each nationality, determined as provided in subdivision (b), and the President shall proclaim, and make known the quotas as reported. Such proclamation shall be made on or before April 1, 1927."

"But the law says further:

"If the proclamation is not made on or before such date, quotas proclaimed therein shall not be in effect for any fiscal year beginning before the expiration of 90 days after the date of the proclamation. . . . If for any reason quotas proclaimed under this subdivision are not in effect for any fiscal year, quotas for such year shall be determined under subdivision (a) of this section."

"In other words, if the 'national origins provision' does not become operative, the existing arrangement shall continue.

"It must be clear that, upon the adoption of the 'national origins provision' by the Senate and House conferees in 1924, consideration was given the possibility that ascertainment of 'national origins' might not be feasible, and the above language was employed to provide authority for the continuance of existing quotas in such a contingency.

"It follows, therefore, that notwithstanding the mandatory terms apparently requiring that the national origin quotas be determined, and that report be made to the President, and requiring also the issuance of a presidential proclamation on or before April 1, 1927, the new quota basis need not become effective at all."

## J. D. C. DISCONTINUES EMERGENCY RELIEF

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activities of the Joint Distribution Committee will gradually be placed on constructive work rather than palliative work. Thus stress will be laid on credit kassa work, child care and medical work, finding productive means of employment, etc. This is what the cablegram probably refers to."

Warsaw, Dec. 9.—The opening of the Jewish Students' Home, erected here with the assistance of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, took place yesterday.

Representatives of the government, municipal authorities, the rabbinate and the Jewish community were present. Religious services were held at which Cantor Sirota officiated and Dr. Schor delivered the sermon. Addresses were delivered by Senator Koerner, Professor Hryniewicki, dean of the University of Warsaw, on behalf of the Polish colleges, Deputy H. Farstein on behalf of the Kehillah, City Mayor Jablonski, and the student Feigenberg on behalf of the Jewish students. Feigenberg referred to the persecutions suffered by the Jewish students in Roumania. He made special mention of the fate of the Jewish student, David Falik, who was killed in Czernowitz by an anti-Semite. A cable message from Bernard A. Kahn, on behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee, was read.

The Home is an impressive building consisting of a dormitory of three hundred rooms, a dining room, a gymnasium and an auditorium which bears the name of Albert Einstein.

Sol. R. Guggenheim contributed \$5,000 more to the New York Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, bringing his total 1926 contribution to \$20,000, according to an announcement by Frederick Brown, General Chairman of the federation's campaign for \$4,720,000. In addition to this sum Mr. Guggenheim contributed \$5,000 to the Brightside Day Nursery, one of the ninety-one constituent organizations of the federation.

At a testimonial beefsteak dinner Tuesday night to Walter Blumenthal, division head of the butchers' trade, on his fiftieth birthday at Healy's, subscriptions totaling \$28,750 were announced from the wholesale and retail butchers and the dressed and live poultry dealers. Benjamin Lowenstein presided. More than 100 persons representing the theatrical and allied fields held a luncheon meeting at the Hotel Astor under the chairmanship of Adolph Zukor and pledged themselves to raise \$100,000 before the present campaign ends. Sidney S. Cohen was named Chairman of a committee on permanent organization to build up a group for subsequent campaigns.

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address mistakenly referred to as 'irrigation'. In reality, it means 'water supply' and refers to the necessity of digging wells. Expensive as the digging of wells may be for an individual farmer, it is reduced to an insignificant sum when the colonization is carried on along mass lines. The land in Crimea does not need irrigation, but water supply, which necessitates the digging of wells."

Asked for his opinion regarding the recent reports with reference to Kallinin's speech at the Ozet conference concerning the proposed creation of a Jewish Republic in Russia, Dr. Rosen stated that these reports are in all probability greatly exaggerated. The fact of the matter is that it was the non-partisan group which raised the talk about it, but the Jewish Communists are not in favor of it. The government does not intend the establishment of a republic, but of autonomous Jewish regions, a sort of local self-government, which is quite in accordance with the Soviet policy. The local Soviets are not entirely composed of Communists, he declared.

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