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ROUMANIAN JEWS OF AMERICA PROTEST TO ROUMANIAN AMBASSADOR AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES AND OFFICIAL DENIALS

**Enumerate Tragic Events in Roumanian Towns; Cable Advices of American Jewish Congress
Confirm Jewish Telegraphic Agency Reports**

The protest of Roumanian Jews in America against the recent anti-Jewish excesses in Roumania and the denials issued by the representatives of the Roumanian government concerning the accuracy of the reports transmitted by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency concerning these events was expressed in the form of an open letter addressed to George Cretzianu, Roumanian Minister at Washington.

The "Jewish Daily Bulletin" published, several days ago, the text of the denial issued by the Roumanian Minister. This denial is rebuked in the open letter, which is signed by Leo Wolfson, president of the United Roumanian Jews of America, and Herman Speier, executive secretary. The letter reads as follows:

"We respectfully follow to your attention the following:

"Alarming and shocking news, with reference to the treatment of the Jews in Roumania, have reached us during the last few weeks.

"We had hoped that the present government would keep its pledges to maintain order and to protect the life and property of its Jewish citizens. We must note, however, with sorrow in our hearts, that not only has it failed to do so, but it has actually pursued a

policy, which is directly responsible for the tragic and deplorable events which have recently taken place.

"In Cernauti, a Jewish student, David Falki, was in a cowardly and brutal manner murdered in a hall of justice, while on trial for a misdemeanor before a Roumanian Tribunal. The murderer was a Roumanian University student, who came specially from Iasi to commit the crime. It was as cold, deliberate and premeditated a murder as was ever committed. The conscience of the country should have been shocked and aroused at this atrocious crime. The government should have taken the sternest measures to punish the assassin and those who instigated him. Instead, the murderer is being proclaimed a national hero, a super patriot, and is petted and adulated. He, too, will no doubt be freed as was the murderer of the police officer Manciu. What opinion can the civilized world have of such stultification, mockery and travesty of justice?

"The state of affairs which led to the murder must also be laid at the door of the government. Its policy towards Jewish students who sought admission to the University is indefensible. The examinations were unfair and deliberately framed with a view to 'flunk' the Jewish students. As was intended, over 75 per cent of those who took the examinations failed. When the students and their parents protested against the introduction in this indirect way of the infamous 'numerus clausus' they were arrested, tried and punished. In this case Roumanian justice was swift. So many guilty offenders against the peace and order of the country remain untried and unpunished. Defenders of their rights, fighters against oppression and persecution, they were quickly made to feel the penalty of the laws. The actions of the government with reference to the examinations and the subsequent events constitute a flagrant violation of the rights of the Jews as Roumanian citizens, as guaranteed to them by the treaties of Versailles and St. Germain. Roumanian ill repays her Jews the many

sacrifices of blood and fortune, which they have brought upon the altar of their country.

"Then, the Congress of the Roumanian University students took place. Disregarding the poisonous propaganda it spread, the many falsehoods and vile calumnies it uttered, from previous experiences, the government should have known that it usually ends with manifestations against the Jews. Measures should have been taken to protect the Jews—a pitiable enough situation. The government, however, did nothing. The results have added a black page to Roumanian history and another heart-rending chapter to the history of the Jews.

"Pogroms took place in Kishineff and Calarasi, and manifestations and devastations in other cities. Bands of Roumanian students perpetrated these atrocities, and the authorities stopped them only after their destructive work was done. Once more Jewish blood was spilled on the pavements of the streets of Kishineff. Once more, under the present regime Jewish men, women and children were beaten and maltreated. Jewish stores were looted and robbed. Jewish houses were damaged, window panes smashed. Even synagogues were not spared by the vandals. Trains are being stopped and Jewish passengers, after being beaten and robbed are actually thrown off them.

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ROUMANIAN PREMIER URGES MEASURES TO SUPPRESS ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES

**Excesses Heritage of Former Regime,
Minister Says; 12 Jews Sentenced
on Charge of Attacking Students**
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Dec. 18.—Measures to maintain order were taken by General Averescu, Prime Minister of Roumania, according to an official report in the "Politica," a Roumanian newspaper. It was stated that the Premier urged Minister of the Interior Goga to proceed strongly against those who disturb the public order.

Twelve Jews of Timischoara, Transylvania, were sentenced to six months imprisonment on the charge of having attacked two Roumanian students.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Petrovici, Roumanian Minister of Education, made a statement yesterday in parliament concerning the anti-Jewish excesses in the country, despatches received here from Bucharest state.

The student excesses are the heritage of the former government, he stated. Measures have been taken to pacify the students and to punish the guilty ones.

SCHWARTZBARD TRIAL WILL OPEN IN MARCH

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
Paris, Dec. 18.—The trial of Sholom Schwartzbard, slayer of Petlura, will open early in March, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency understands.

It is expected that the trial will last six days. Forty witnesses will be called by the Petlura attorneys.

ANTI-JEWISH AND ANTI- POLISH POGROM IN KOVNO REPORTED

**Contradictory Reports Emanate from
Lithuanian Capital; New Regime
Hostile to National Minorities**
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Alarming reports have been published by the Ullstein Newspaper Syndicate.

The reports, coming via Vilna, state that anti-Polish and anti-Jewish pogroms occurred in Kovno yesterday. A battle between various military detachments took place in the streets of Kovno. Grinius, former president of the Republic, a liberal, is reported as having been murdered, according to the Ullstein despatches.

Kovno, Dec. 18.—Quiet prevailed in the city yesterday following the coup d'etat of ex-president Smetona against the Liberal government which was in power.

The Fascist dictator of the city, Col. Glowiacki, issued a proclamation in
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RABBI NUROK SUCCEEDS IN FORMING NEW LATVIAN CABINET; DECLINES POST

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Dec. 18.—Rabbi Nurok, member of the Latvian parliament who was intrusted by President Tschakste to form a new cabinet, has succeeded in his task. He has, however, declined to accept a post in the new cabinet.

Through his mediation a coalition government with marked tendencies to the Left was formed. The cabinet consists of five socialists and four representatives of the middle class. The office of Prime Minister was given to Skujenik, Socialist.

During the debate which took place in parliament following the formation of the new cabinet, speakers of the Right parties charged that the new cabinet was "a Jewish government."

The Latvian Senate has decided that Jewish institutions be permitted to keep their accounts in Yiddish.

ORTHODOX RABBI WILL OPEN HUNGARIAN SENATE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Budapest, Dec. 18.—Rabbi Koppel Reich, chief rabbi of the Orthodox Jewish community of Budapest, will open the Hungarian senate when it convenes here. In accordance with tradition, the oldest member of the House opens the session. Rabbi Reich is 88 years old.

Among the democrats elected to Parliament were Dr. Bela Fabian and Dr. Paul Sander. Chief Rabbi Hevesi, candidate for the Federation of Communities of Pest, was unanimously elected to the Senate.

MOSCOW KEHILLAH CABLES FELICITATIONS TO MARSHALL

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Dec. 18.—Congratulatory to Louis Marshall on the occasion of his seventieth birthday were cabled by the Moscow Kehillah.

The cable expresses the admiration and gratitude of Russian Jewry for all that has been done by the organization headed by Mr. Marshall.

PALESTINE HAS ROOM FOR JEWS, AMERICAN DIPLOMAT VISITING COUNTRY SAYS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 18.—The opinion of an American diplomatic observer of conditions in Palestine was expressed by William S. Culbertson, American Minister to Roumania, who is on a visit here.

Palestine needs greater development and a larger population. There is room for the Jews in Palestine, but the backward Arabs will always fear the Zionist activity if Arab leaders will continue to conduct their agitation, he said.

An exciting adventure befell the American Minister, his wife and their two children when they went to Petra, an historic site near the Wadi-el-Araba, the valley between the Dead Sea and the Gulf of Akaba. On the road, their motor car broke down and the visitors were marooned in the desert for several hours. Wandering Bedouins, believing that the party consisted of smugglers, fired at the car. When Mr. Culbertson succeeded in convincing the Bedouins that they were peaceful tourists, the Bedouins helped to start the car and conducted them to the right route. The Bedouins also apologized to the American minister for their discourtesy.

GENERAL CENSUS BEGUN IN SOVIET RUSSIA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Dec. 18.—A general census of the population in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics was begun yesterday throughout the Soviet Union.

The questionnaire prepared includes questions relating to the mother tongue and the nationality of the inhabitants. Jewish organizations, the Soviet press and the Yiddish Soviets are assisting in the census.

In many districts, the questionnaires are framed in Yiddish. It is expected that much valuable data will be collected as a result of the census, which will show the exact economic situation of the Jewish population.

THIRD BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF J. W. B. HELD IN BOSTON

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Boston, Mass., Dec. 18.—The third biennial convention of the Jewish Welfare Board was held today at the Alysium Club, closing with banquet at the headquarters of the Boston Y. M. H. A., Roxbury, Mass.

Louis E. Kirstein was chairman of the convention committee.

A full report of the convention proceedings will appear in tomorrow's issue.

TWELVE CHALUZIM ARE ARRESTED IN CRIMEA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Dec. 18.—Twelve agricultural experts who were active members of the Chalutzim collectives in the Crimea were arrested on the charge of having conducted Zionist propaganda, it is reported here from Russia.

The arrested Chalutzim were brought to a Moscow prison.

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.]

"Literary Digest" Appeal for Jewish Relief Lauded

The appeal made by the "Literary Digest" to its readers in behalf of the suffering Jews of Eastern Europe, and its own contribution of \$5,000 for the relief fund, is lauded by the "American Hebrew" of Dec. 17.

"The substantial character of the 'Digest' clientele assures a generous response commensurate with its past record in similar undertakings. But, as with the American Christian Fund itself, the 'American Hebrew' declares, 'finer results than the mere collecting of money will accrue from this appeal. Countless Christians will be made aware of the destitution under which East-European Jews are struggling to overcome an economic plight not of their own making. They will learn about Jewish efforts to save these hapless millions of people. They will contribute and experience the vital throbbing of that fellowship which overleaps bounds of creed.'"

The Houston (Texas) "Chronicle," in referring to the "Literary Digest" editorial, makes a stirring appeal to its own readers to contribute to the Jewish relief fund. The paper writes:

"Many thousands of readers of 'The Chronicle' are looking forward with joyous anticipation to the coming of the holiest of all festival days. They will spend for and give to others, and if each one will devote a tithe of that which he or she proposes to spend to the cause of relief of the suffering Jews, divine benediction will rest upon the gift."

"The Literary Digest did not content itself with presenting a heart-moving appeal to its millions of readers, but, before that appeal appeared in print, \$5,000 of its money had been delivered to the committee for the relief of the destitute Jews in Eastern Europe."

"How many 'Chronicle' readers will follow promptly that splendid example?"

"He gives twice who gives quickly," and let no man or woman hold back because he or she can give but little, but let it be remembered that two mites—less than 2 cents—won for a widow an immortal eulogy."

"Let the response to the earnest and pathetic appeal be as prompt and generous as the need is urgent."

Favors Congress Inquiry on Ford

The belief that now that Henry Ford has made a definite charge, accusing the Federal Reserve System of being under the control of the "international Jew," he should be forced to show the sources of his information, as demanded by the resolution of Congressman Bloom, is expressed by the "Day." Says the paper:

"Ford cannot extricate himself from the situation now by saying that the U. S. Congress has no connection with his attacks against the Jews. The

TRANSIT COMMISSION OF LEAGUE SUGGESTS FACILITIES FOR EMIGRANTS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Geneva, Dec. 18.—Measures to facilitate the conditions of emigrants en route were considered at a special committee meeting of the League transit commission held here.

Transit cards are planned for emigrants as was suggested by the second passport conference held in Geneva in May. The Conference recommended that the formalities of issuing identity papers and visas to emigrants travelling in Europe and to overseas countries be simplified. The commission was invited to draft an agreement concerning the substitution of consular visas by transit cards which will be issued by the navigation companies.

POLISH FOREIGN OFFICE REPLIES TO LUCIEN WOLF

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Warsaw, Nov. 28.—At a recent meeting of the Jewish Board of Deputies in London, Mr. Lucien Wolf reported that the Polish Foreign Minister, M. Zaleski, had not replied to him as he had promised to do, regarding the question of denationalized citizens in Poland.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency here is informed by the Foreign Ministry that M. Zaleski received two inquiries from Mr. Lucien Wolf, with regard to the Numerus Clausus question and the question of the denationalized citizens. M. Zaleski, the Foreign Ministry states, has already replied to Mr. Wolf that the question of the denationalized citizens has been settled by the Circular which was issued recently regulating the question of citizenship, and that the Numerus Clausus question has been settled by the withdrawal of the Circular issued by the one-time Minister of Education, Professor Glombinski, on the authority of which the Universities were able to enforce a Numerus Clausus against Jewish students.

CELEBRATE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF YIDDISH THEATRE IN RUSSIA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Dec. 18.—The fiftieth anniversary of the existence of the Jewish theatre in Russia was celebrated in Charkoff.

Representatives of the local Soviet of the social and cultural organizations and of the trade unions addressed the gathering. Telegraphic greetings were received from the presidium of the Ukrainian Executive Committee.

One-half of the fund of \$250,000 sought to erect a Jewish community center in Jacksonville, Fla., was raised in the campaign which closed without having attained the goal. It was decided to continue the drive during January.

Congress has a great deal to do with this matter. Ford has made the definite statement that the Federal Reserve System is under Jewish influence. The Federal Reserve System was created and is being conducted under the auspices of the Congress.

OUR DAILY NEWS LETTER

Baring Ancient Ur, Where the First Patriarch of Israel Dwelt

(By Our Philadelphia Correspondent,
Robert Reiss)

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—A first-hand account of the city where Abraham was born, Ur of the Chaldees, was brought to this city today by Dr. Leon Legrain, of the University of Pennsylvania Museum.

Dr. Legrain returned recently from the Museum's excavations at Ur, where part of his task was to decipher hundreds of inscriptions found on all sorts of objects that were left there by Sumerian, Babylonian, and Semitic tribes in the days when Ur was a great city, fought for and destroyed several times by rival kings.

"We have no definite archeological evidence to support the statement in the Bible that Abraham was born in Ur," Dr. Legrain said, "but we have recovered numerous objects with Semitic inscriptions, enough to establish the fact that in the hodge-podge of races that resided at Ur in Abraham's time there were many Semites."

Ur was a kind of New York in Abraham's day, crowded by groups representing all the races of the Biblical world, and the prophet moved among them, absorbing the knowledge that later was to blossom forth in the words of wisdom that drew the Israelites about him.

"Abraham chose the right time to leave Ur, if we are to believe the Bible," said Dr. Legrain, "because a short time after he had passed through the gates of his native city the Babylonians descended upon it and destroyed it, just as it had been destroyed several times before."

Dr. Legrain and his associates have discovered that, probably among the several conquerors of Ur, which is believed originally to have been Sumerian, was Sargon the First of the Semitic tribe called Akkadians.

"Whether or not these Semites actually conquered Sumerian Ur we do not know," said Dr. Legrain, "but we have dug from out the sands of centuries indisputable evidence showing that Sargon installed his daughter as high priestess of the Temple there. This, of course, was long before Abraham's time, about 700 years, we believe."

Dr. Legrain and his fellow archeologists have made an architect's drawing of the entire city of Ur as it was in 2700 B. C., showing in comparative detail the very room where this Semitic princess assisted in the sacrificial rites.

The houses were planned very much as they are today in the Near East, about a shaded court upon which all the windows opened. No windows were built in the outer walls, partly to avoid the sun, and partly to make it more difficult for enemies to enter. The main building was the Temple, which towered high above the desert and the surrounding structures.

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AMERICAN-ROUMANIAN JEWS PROTEST TO ROUMANIAN MINISTER AGAINST POGROMS

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"Pogroms—mob attacks against the Jews, instigated by or made with the connivance or approval of the government, used to be a Russian institution in the dark days of Czarism rule. Now we have a pogrom—yes, a pogrom in the real Russian style, perpetrated by Rumanian hoodlums under a Rumanian regime. We say, deliberately, that the Kishineff pogrom of 1926 and the excesses which were instigated by the so-called students could not have taken place if the government had done its simple duty. To its everlasting shame it had not done it, and history will hold it responsible for this crime against the Jews."

"We, as American citizens born in Rumania, who have always taken a deep interest in Rumania and her welfare, feel ashamed that such cruel, tragic events could take place there. Our heart goes out in sympathy to our poor, unfortunate brethren in Rumania. We believe it to be our solemn duty to give expression to our indignation and protest against the pogroms, outrages and devastations of which our brethren are the victims. We condemn publicly the government of Rumania and charge it with being directly responsible for the crimes committed against the Jews."

"We call upon all men and women of America and the civilized world, who love freedom, justice and fair play to give expression of their own righteous indignation and protest against the Government of Rumania."

"These, Your Excellency, are the facts about the situation of the Jews in Rumania, and not the official version which you kindly conveyed to us."

Confirmation of the reports of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency concerning the events in Rumania is also contained in a statement issued from the headquarters of the American Jewish Congress. The American Jewish Congress declares, on the basis of cable advices received from the Committee of Jewish Delegations in Paris, that "an inquiry made by the Committee of Delegations has not only confirmed the report of the outrages committed, but has revealed the tragic and perilous condition of the Jews of Rumania."

Another cable received by the American Jewish Congress from Paris states that Deputy Stern, representative of Bukovina in the Rumanian parliament, stated that "The Jewish Telegraphic Agency has told the whole truth."

CORRECTION

An error occurred in yesterday's report of the results of the Hakoah Soccer Team in the games for the championship of the Austrian Football League.

Instead of stating that the Hakoah had been successful in the final game, the report should have read: In the last few games of the Austrian Football League, the Hakoah was undefeated and has acquired a higher position toward the championship than it had attained in this time last year.

The Keren Hayesod Women's League Bazaar was opened Saturday night at the Waldorf Astoria, New York.

ANTI-JEWISH DISTURBANCES ARE REPORTED IN KOVNO

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which he declares that "the former Sejm and government have sold the country to the Bolsheviks and the aliens."

The Sejm was dissolved by the insurgent forces. A general strike was declared in the city by labor organizations. The leader of the Fascist revolution, Col. Plekhavicius, a former officer of the Russian Imperial army, is known to be a strong opponent of the national minorities.

All the members of the former Liberal government, including the ex-president of the Republic, were arrested. A temporary military government, with Smertano as president, was formed.

Riga, Dec. 18.—Numerous arrests were made in Kovno, according to reports received here from the Lithuanian capital. Many Jewish socialist leaders are among those arrested. Communication between Lithuania and Latvia has been suspended.

TEL AVIV SEPARATED FROM JAFFA BY PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ORDER

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 18.—Article 11 of the Tel Aviv constitution which entitles Tel Aviv inhabitants to participate in the Jaffa municipal elections was repealed in a special ordinance issued by the Palestine government.

The Ordinance ended the controversy over the question whether Tel Aviv residents can vote in the Jaffa elections as was demanded by some of the leaders of the Tel Aviv population.

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OUR DAILY NEWS LETTER

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Inscriptions found by Dr. Legrain on numerous tablets and other objects very often contain the name Abraham, but, of course, they afford no clue to the identification of Abraham of the Bible, as there were so many of that name.

"The Arabian natives of the district today," the archeologist said, "pointed out to us a spot 100 yards from the Temple where, they said, Abraham had his home. Of course, we cannot accept their statement. We have excavated the spot thoroughly and carefully, and have been able to find nothing in the ages-old debris that would give us a clue to the great Hebrew leader."

The archeologists have centered their efforts on a period of civilization in Ur when the Sumerians were in power. From the objects recovered it has been determined that Ur was really a jewel in the desert, despite the fact that its walls were of mud brick. The interiors of the buildings at least were covered with a glaze probably brightly colored. Alabaster ornaments and utensils were in frequent use; women, at least the upper caste women, wore elaborate jewelry, which, although seldom made of the precious metals, were carefully and sometimes intricately fashioned. Door jams were made of stone brought from far distant northern countries, and because they were made of this durable substance, they were used as tablets upon which to record events.

The builders of the city of Ur may have had a premonition that same day the record of their lives would be exposed to a very different civilization, for, at certain intervals in the wall surrounding the city, they inserted boxes containing tablets telling of the progress of the construction.

The altar where the Hebrew high priestess may have supervised the sacrificial rites, has been uncovered, as well as the princess's kitchen, the mud-walled stove of which the archeologists found could still be used for quite effective cooking.

Entrance to the Princess in her altar room was made by means of a double door, carefully guarded, and a short hall, the walls of which still stand. Inside the city wall ran a street, beautifully and smoothly paved in blocks that still remain, almost 5,000 years after a glorious desert civilization perished.

During next week free dinners will be provided for the poor at the Knickerbocker Grill, 141 West 41st Street, New York, through the generosity of Benjamin Fechter.

Mr. Fechter is a member of the Grand Street Boys' Association and instrumental in the operations of numerous charitable organizations.

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NEW HISTORY OF JEWS WILL BE PUBLISHED

A one-volume History of the Jews in English by Max L. Margolis and Alexander Marx will be published shortly by the Jewish Publication Society, according to an announcement.

This work was made possible through the generosity of the late Miss Rosetta M. Ulman of Williamsport, Pa., and through the interest of Abraham Erlanger, executor of the Estate of Rosetta M. Ulman.

The authors, Dr. Max L. Margolis, of Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning, Philadelphia, and Dr. Alexander Marx, of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, have worked on their book for three years.

This volume will carry the history of the Jewish people from earliest Biblical days to date. It represents an unusual point of view, it is stated, and will endeavor to depict not only the literary life of the people but other cultural and economic phases as well.

The Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America formally dedicated the Yeshiva Student's Home, which it has opened at 286 East Broadway, New York, for 31 students of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Yeshiva, on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Leo Jung, chairman of the Yeshiva Students' Home, presided at the exercises. Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, president of the Women's Branch of the Union, Rabbi Leo Jung, Dr. Bernard Revel, president of the faculty of the Yeshiva; Dr. S. R. Safir, Head of the High School Department, and Mr. Shapiro, in behalf of the student body, addressed the gathering.

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