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Refuse to Sanction Sub-Committee's
Computations; Holiday Introduces
Voluntary Alien Registration Bill
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, Jan. 11.—The likelihood that President Coolidge will not issue the proclamation to put into effect the "national origins" plan became greater yesterday when a supplementary report on the computations of the sub-committee was submitted to the Senate by President Coolidge.

Secretaries Kellogg, Hoover and James J. Davis have now refused to take responsibility for the basis upon which the quotas for immigrants to be admitted during 1927 under the national origins law was determined.

When the quotas were announced last week, the three Secretaries said nothing of this kind in their letter of transmittal to Mr. Coolidge. In the letter sent by the President to the Senate yesterday they disclaimed responsibility for the computations arrived at by a sub-committee under their supervision.

Senators interested in the "national origins" quotas said that the new construction undoubtedly gave to the President an opportunity to refrain from issuing a proclamation to declare the quotas in effect on July 1, 1927.

Since the national origins quotas were announced and it was seen that Great Britain and Northern Ireland would not only receive such a large proportion of the total immigrants to be admitted, but a large increase from the present

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PALESTINE GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN JEW- ISH EDUCATION BUDGET

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 11.—Yielding to the demands of the Zionist Executive and the Vaad Leumi, the National Council of Palestine Jews, the Palestine government has announced its decision to participate in the budget of the Jewish educational system in the country.

The government announcement states that its allocation to the budget will be made on condition that the government will have control of the budget.

FIRE CAUSES DAMAGE TO JEWISH MERCHANTS IN ROMANIAN TOWNS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Jan. 11.—Much damage was suffered by Jewish merchants in Vaslu and Jassy because of fires which broke out in those cities last night.

Many Jewish stores were burned in Vaslu where the fire still continues. The damage was estimated at millions of lei. In Jassy many Jewish stores were also burned.

KISHINEFF JEWS PROTEST AGAINST RUINOUS TAXATION PROJECT

Aged Rabbi's Severe Criticism of Roumanian Policy Causes Turmoil in City
Council; Roumanian Attache in Washington Praises Roumanian
Jews in America; Contradicts Opinions of George Cretziano

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Jan. 11.—The policy of the Roumanian authorities in Bessarabia to tax the Jewish merchants out of existence met with a determined opposition on the part of the Jewish representatives in Kishineff, headed by Rabbi Zirelson, the aged leader of Bessarabian Jews.

When the municipal council yesterday took up a new project for city taxation, the Jewish councillors opposed the adoption of the bill and declared that they would filibuster any attempt to pass the bill.

Following the reading of the bill by

GRUENBAUM INVITED TO ADDRESS AMERICAN JEW- ISH CONGRESS SESSION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Jan. 11.—Deputy Isaac Gruenbaum, former president of the Club of Jewish Deputies in the Polish parliament and Zionist leader in Poland, was invited by the American Jewish Congress to visit the United States.

Deputy Gruenbaum will deliver an address at the forthcoming session of the American Jewish Congress on the rights of the national minorities in Europe.

ACHAD HA'AM'S HOUSE MADE NATIONAL MUSEUM

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Jan. 11.—Achad Ha'am, the late Hebrew philosopher, was declared to have been an atheist by Rabbi Sack, Chief Rabbi of Riga.

The Rabbi prohibited a memorial meeting in honor of the later writer to be held in the Great Synagogue.

Jerusalem, Jan. 11.—The house in Tel Aviv where Achad Ha'am lived and died, was declared by the Tel Aviv municipality a national museum. His workroom will be preserved intact.

FAMOUS ANGLO-JEWISH ARCHITECT DIES IN LONDON

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 11.—Delissa Joseph, well-known Anglo-Jewish architect, died here at the age of 69.

The late Mr. Joseph was educated at Jews' College. He was a member of the City of London Conservative Association. He designed numerous public and private structures and made a particular contribution to the architecture of the synagogue, having designed many synagogues, including one in Cardiff, Wales, which is known for its dignity and simplicity.

Mayor Theodorescu, the Jewish councillor, Gendric, delivered an address in which he stated that the new taxation project will ruin the town. Rabbi Zirelson, in an impassioned speech, exclaimed ironically: "Happy Bessarabia! In the last few years martial law and great distress have been brought to it. Now it will have a new taxation which will add poverty. We demand bread and freedom. Down with absolutism and dictatorship!"

The Roumanian members of the Council clamored for a withdrawal of the rabbi's criticism. Rabbi Zirelson, however, declared, unmoved, that he spoke in the name of justice. Pandemonium broke out and the mayor summoned the police to clear the hall.

The anti-Semitic press now demands that measures be taken against the "Jewish provocation" and urges that Rabbi Zirelson be excluded from the city council.

The incident in the Kishineff City Council was misinterpreted by the Viennese newspaper, "Sechs Uhr Blatt." In its report, the newspaper confused the city council with the Jewish communal board, reporting that the incidents had taken place in the Kehillah Council and that the Council had demanded the resignation of Rabbi Zirelson.

Bucharest, Jan. 11.—An opinion contradictory to that of George Cretziano, Roumanian Minister at Washington, with regard to the attitude of Roumanian Jews in America, was expressed by Andrey Popovitch, attache at the Roumanian legation in Washington, who is on a visit here.

Popovitch was received yesterday by Queen Marie. It is understood that he declared that Roumanian Jews in America have done much to foster good feelings in America toward Roumania. Roumanian Jews in America are very patriotic and do not forget their native country, he said.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Rome, Dec. 25.—In the protest against the persecution of the Jews in
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BRITISH RULERS CONGRATU- LATE AGED JEWISH COUPLE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Wolf Weber were congratulated by King George and Queen Mary on the occasion of the celebration of their diamond wedding anniversary.

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JEWISH DRAMATIST TRACES SHYLOCK LEGEND BACK TO ANGLO-SAXON LAW

Original Shylock Was Not a Jew,
Jewish Historical Society Hears
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 11.—The original Shylock was not a Jew but an Englishman, and Shakespeare borrowed his character from an anti-Jewish poem written in the thirteenth century, was the claim made yesterday by Myer J. Landa, Jewish journalist and dramatist, author of "The Alien Problem" and "The Jew in Drama."

Speaking before the Jewish Historical Society, Mr. Landa said he had traced the origin of the Jewish creditor who demanded his pound of flesh to a neglected English religious poem, "Cursor Mundi," by an anonymous author, written about the end of the thirteenth century. Before then, said Mr. Landa, there was no Jew in the story.

The creditor in "Cursor Mundi," written about the time the Jews were expelled from England in 1290, was a fiendish person who sought to take the weight of the money he lent in a debtor's flesh piecemeal, beginning with the eyes and proceeding to the hand, tongue and nose. This horrible mutilation, Mr. Landa declared, was absolutely unknown in Jewish law, tradition, legend or history. The author, he said, got the idea from English law and practice in Norman and Plantagenet and even Saxon times.

ROUMANIAN ZIONISTS TO HOLD CONVENTION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Jan. 11.—The convention of Roumanian Zionists which was postponed to the anti-Jewish disturbances will take place on January 23. The convention will be held in Bacau.

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.]

Ford Says Jews Dictate Policy of American Government

A new charge by Henry Ford, namely, that the Jews are dictating the policy of the American government in regard to Mexico and are seeking to stir up a war with that country, is made in the "Dearborn Independent." We read:

"Who is talking to Mexico from Washington? Old man Money. It may seem to be the Secretary of State, but it is not. Certainly it is not the American People. The People have not said a word to Mexico, yet much has been said. It is Money that talks, Money that seeks a Monopoly of Mexico's resources.

"American Money invested in Mexico represents more than quarter of the national wealth of Mexico. And who is American Money? The financial interests most heavily interested in that country. You should read the list and see whether you want to go down with a rifle and subdue Mexico for them. Read the list!

"Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Speyer & Co., Hallgarten & Co., William Salomon & Co., Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., The Guggenheim interests.

"All fine old American names, inspired with the purest patriotism. Trailing along with them the Mellon interests and the Morgan interests."

"Der Hammer," German anti-Semitic organ edited by Fritsch, who was recently sentenced by a Hamburg court for libelling Max Warburg, the German Jewish banker, has revived the charge originally made in Henry Ford's "The International Jew" that the copper magnates Guggenheim and Lewisohn profited during the war with the aid of Bernard Baruch. The

"Hammer" asserts that the copper exchange organized in New York under the leadership of Guggenheim and Lewisohn controls 92% of the world's copper wealth, including the German copper industry, and continues: "The

SAMUEL GORDON, ANGLO- JEWISH NOVELIST, DIES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Jan. 11.—Samuel Gordon, Anglo-Jewish novelist and dramatist, died last night at the age of 56.

Samuel Gordon, whose work dealt almost wholly with Jewish life and character, was the author of "A Handful of Exotics," "Daughters of Shem," "Lesser Destinies," "Sons of the Covenant" and "Strangers at the Gate." Among his plays is "The Way Back."

The late writer was born in Buk, Germany, Sept. 10, 1871. He came to England with his parents in 1883 and was educated at the City of London School and Cambridge University. He was appointed secretary of the Great Synagogue in London, in 1894.

American Copper Association during the war was strengthened by the head of the War Industries Board, Mr. Baruch, one of Wilson's appointees. Baruch paid nearly all his attention to the copper business and gave preference to the two firms of Guggenheim and Lewisohn. From these two concerns the government at Washington bought 600 million pounds of copper, through Baruch's mediation, at 27 cents per pound. After the war the government found that it had 16½ million pounds of copper surplus and sold this stock back to the Lewisohn family at 15 cents per pound.

The "Hammer" adds: "Further information about the 'copper kings' in the United States will be found in 'The International Jew,' by Henry Ford."

Baptists Gain First Victory in Move Against Persecutions in Roumania

The effect of the protest movement against Roumania for the persecution of religious and national minorities in that country is making itself felt, according to a despatch from Warsaw in yesterday's N. Y. "Times."

"The American Baptists," the "Times" despatch states, "have gained their first tentative victory in the campaign of all Protestant and Jewish sects against the Roumanian Government's alleged discriminatory treatment and persecution of their people, according to Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, who arrived in Warsaw this morning from Bucharest."

"Dr. Rushbrooke said that he had the promise of a conference within a month with Foreign Minister Titulescu of Roumania and the Ministers of Culture, the Interior and Education with a view to the elimination of religious inequality.

"W. O. Lewis, representative of the Northern State Baptists of the United States in Northern Europe, added that 15,000 Baptists in Poland were also under the most severe handicaps, but that persecution such as prevailed in Roumania was far less.

"Dr. Rushbrooke declared that if next month's conference proved unsatisfactory, a Baptist campaign throughout the world would be directed to exposing the details of past difficulties."

Sees "National Origins" Quotas as Blow to Nordic Superiority Theory

That the "national origins" quotas deal a death blow to the Nordic superiority theory upon which the present immigration quotas are based, is the point emphasized by the "Jewish Morning Journal." Though disagreeing in principle with the restrictions of the "national origins" provision the paper observes (January 10):

"It cannot be denied, however, that the new quotas, though admitting a smaller number of immigrants have

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AMERICAN EDITORS DISCUSS PALESTINE PROBLEM WITH COMMANDER KENWORTHY

A group of American journalists and editors engaged in a discussion of the problems facing the reconstruction of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine, at a dinner rendered to Lt. Commander Joseph Montague Kenworthy, M.P., noted British parliamentary leader, at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria, on Monday. The dinner was sponsored by Norman Hapgood, United States Minister to Denmark during the Wilson administration, Herman Bernstein, Editor of the "Jewish Tribune" and H. V. Kaltenborn, editor of the "Brooklyn Eagle."

In his introductory address, Mr. Hapgood, who acted as toastmaster, declared: "The doubts long shared by me and other non-Jews as to the possibility of reconciling Jewish nationalism with our international ideals has been dissipated by the remarkable spirit of understanding and goodwill which the Jews of Palestine have brought with them into the country. Enlightened nationalism such as Jewish nationalism is without imperialistic policies and which does not engender a chauvinistic spirit may be regarded of inestimable value to mankind and international peace. This has been thoroughly demonstrated by the present Jewish achievements in Palestine, where Jews live in amity and helpfulness with the Arab population."

Commander Kenworthy in his address declared that not only was the British Labor Party, of which he is a member, giving its fullest support to the carrying out, both in the spirit and in the letter, of the Balfour Declaration, but that both Liberals and Conservatives were also similarly pledged.

"The British people and the Government supporters as well as the enlightened opinion of the civilized world stands squarely behind the Balfour Declaration and nothing can bring about a change in this policy."

In discussing Jewish-Arab relations in Palestine, Commander Kenworthy declared "relations between the Arabs and Jews are improving from day to day. The Arab population has begun to realize that with the restoration of the Jewish Homeland its own standard of living and economic prosperity is being greatly improved."

"It has been proven that one hundred dunams of land, or twenty-five acres, cultivated in an intensive manner is sufficient to support an individual family," he stated. "By careful analysis it becomes clear that the Palestine of today can support an agricultural population of one million. It is reasonable to believe that with increasing Jewish immigration the Jewish National Homeland will naturally expand into Transjordan where there are found vast stretches of rich and uncultivated land now left idle. But agriculture is not the only source of livelihood for the Jewish population. Industry and commerce are constantly expanding and with the improvements and extension of railroads and the construction of the port of Haifa, untold possibilities lie ahead of the Jewish Homeland, which

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quotas, while the Irish Free State and Scandinavia would suffer accordingly, opposition has developed.

On Friday evening the President sent the national origins figures to the Senate, together with a letter from the Secretaries of State, Commerce and Labor dated Jan. 3. This letter gave a report from the sub-committee which made up the figures and determined the quotas.

Yesterday Mr. Coolidge sent to the Senate a formal fifty-word communication saying he was attaching a "copy of the letter of transmission" which accompanied the Kellogg-Hoover-Davis report, "to replace an inaccurate copy which was inadvertently forwarded to the Senate with such report."

The new letter from the three Secretaries was also dated Jan. 3. Its first paragraph was identical except that it substituted "alter this representation" for "alter the conclusions arrived at." Its last paragraph was essentially different, however, and read:

"Although this is the best information we have been able to secure, we wish to call attention to the reservations made by the committee and to state that in our opinion the statistical and historical information available raises grave doubts as to the whole value of these computations as a basis for the purposes intended. We cannot, therefore, assume responsibility for such conclusions under these circumstances."

Representative Holaday of Illinois introduced a bill in the House yesterday providing for voluntary registration of aliens in order to facilitate procedure for their naturalization.

The measure provides that between May 1, 1927, and Oct. 31, 1927, inclusive, any unnaturalized alien who entered the United States prior to July 1, 1924, and who desires to become an American citizen may upon compliance with certain regulations register with the Labor Department.

The department is authorized to provide application blanks with questions designed to disclose the past history and present status of the alien, to assist in determining his suitability to become a citizen.

Albany, Jan. 11.—Senator Benjamin Antin of the Bronx, yesterday introduced a resolution in the State Senate urging the House of Representatives to pass the pending amendment to the Immigration Act of 1924 which will permit the entry into the United States as non-quota immigrants of the wives and minor children of resident aliens who have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States.

In advocating the adoption of his resolution Senator Antin said, "The pending amendment of the Immigration Act of 1924 should be speedily enacted into law. It is a humane measure. It will lessen the cases of real hardship caused by the present Immigration Restriction Law. Many immigrants who came here legally prior to July 1, 1924 are prevented from

WOMEN'S ZIONIST DIVISION FORMED TO AID UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL IN N. Y.

A Woman's Division of the United Palestine Appeal was organized at a meeting of representatives of the New York City chapter of the Hadassah Organization and the Keren Hayesod Women's League, Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal announced yesterday.

Mr. Neumann announced that Mrs. Anna Moskowitz Kross, has been appointed chairman of the Women's Division, which will include the New York City Chapters of Hadassah and the Keren Hayesod Women's League. Mrs. Louis Petchesky was appointed chairman for Brooklyn.

The Women's Division has assumed a quota of \$250,000 in the New York campaign and represents a union of forces by Hadassah, of which Mrs. Irma Lindheim is president, and the Keren Hayesod Women's League, headed by Mrs. Richard Gottheil.

CONCESSIONS TO EXPLOIT PALESTINE MINERALS ASKED

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Jerusalem, Dec. 19.—Companies of several countries have asked permission to investigate the mineral and other possibilities of the Dead Sea with the view of later obtaining a concession to exploit such products commercially. Only recently the Jewish company which has been occupied for many years in investigating the possibilities of the Dead Sea finished its work.

Chemists from the Hebrew University and other Jewish experts have been investigating the various salts and depths of the Sea. An Australian company has also been making various investigations with the cooperation of the Government geologist, it is stated by "Davar." The Chief Secretariat has stated that the results of the investigations and the plans for granting the concession are not for publication.

HABIMA IN "THE DELUGE"

"The Deluge," by Henning Berger, was presented by the Habima at the Cosmopolitan Theatre, New York, on Monday night.

Miss H. Gruber played Lizzie. D. Itkin played Stratton, the bartender, and A. Baratz, his assistant.

A three-year campaign in New York and Brooklyn for \$500,000 for the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities was launched Sunday night at a dinner given Nathan Jonas by Walter N. Rothschild.

The dinner was attended by about forty leaders of Jewish philanthropies in New York and Brooklyn. The campaign, which will be known as the "17-20 Anniversary Campaign," will extend over a period covering the seventeenth and twentieth anniversaries of the federation.

A departure from custom will be taken in the present drive. While heretofore campaigns were conducted in Brooklyn, Mr. Rothschild pointedly may call for New York aid for Brooklyn institutions.

bringing their wives and little children to join them here. Thousands of families have thus been disrupted and separated. Under the existing quota law such families may be kept separated for ten or fifteen years.

