

## JACOB WASSERMANN, NOTED GERMAN JEWISH NOVELIST, ARRIVES IN UNITED STATES

Explains His Attitude on Jewish  
Problem, in Interview with  
J.D.B. Representative

Jacob Wassermann, well known German Jewish novelist, arrived yesterday on the Steamer Hamburg accompanied by Mrs. Wassermann.

When interviewed by the representative of the "Jewish Daily Bulletin" Mr. Wassermann stated that he came to the United States in a private capacity at the invitation of the Jewish banker, Harry Goldman, of Goldman, Sachs & Co. He will spend eight weeks in this country. He is stopping at the St. Regis Hotel.

"My attitude towards the Jewish problem has been expressed in my work through the mouth of some of my heroes. I am of the opinion that Jews should not beg the world for tolerance but win their rights with pride," he declared. "I am not a political leader, I am not a social worker and that is the reason why I am not near to any of the specific Jewish movements. I am, however, interested in Jewish problems in my own way. Those who have read my book 'I as German and Jew,' know exactly what I think as a Jew."

Asked for his opinion on Jewish literature, Mr. Wassermann declared that he does not know Yiddish or Hebrew but a certain number of works of Jewish writers are known to him through translations. "The one I like most is Bialik," he stated.

## BUND ARCHIVES REVEAL MUSSOLINI AIDED JEW- ISH LABOR MOVEMENT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Feb. 9.—Many important documents throwing light on the history of the Jewish labor movement in Eastern Europe, particularly in Russia, are contained in the archives of the Bund, the Jewish labor party, which have been transferred from Geneva to Vienna.

Several of the boxes which were opened contain correspondence dating back to the seventies of the nineteenth century.

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## WILL ERECT MONUMENT TO BEREK JOSELEWICZ, POLISH-JEWISH PATRIOT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Feb. 9.—A memorial committee has been formed to erect a monument to Berek Joselewicz, Jewish patriot who fought with the Polish army against the Russian invasion in 1863.

The monument will be erected at the grave of Joselewicz in the town of Bialobrzeg.

During the Polish rebellion of 1863 Joselewicz formed a separate Jewish regiment which gained fame for its defense of Praga, a suburb of Warsaw.

## HOUSE IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE VOTES TO REPEAL NATIONAL ORIGINS PLAN

Proposal of Congressman Sabbath to Base Present Quota on 1900 Census  
Rejected; Dickstein Introduces Bill to Deport Aliens Guilty of  
Non-Support of Families Abroad

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—A resolution proposing to strike out the "national origins" provisions from the Immigration Act of 1924 was approved by the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization of the House yesterday. The committee decided to report favorably the resolution to the House and place it on one of the legislative calendars.

The Senate passed the resolution February 1, which then included a provision for extending the time of the applicability of the "national origins" provisions from July 1, 1927 to July 1, 1928. As amended by the House Committee, the resolution provides for the entire repeal of the provisions, so that they shall not, at any time, be applicable.

Subdivisions b, c, d, and e, Section 11, Immigration Act of 1924, which the amended resolution proposes to repeal, would have provided that after July 1, 1927, the annual quota of any nationality should be the number "which bears the same ratio to 150,000 as the number of inhabitants in continental United States in 1920 having that na-

tional origin bears to the number of inhabitants in continental United States in 1920."

The provisions stipulated that this number for every national origin should be determined by a commission, and the number should be fixed through a proclamation of the President to be made on or before April 1, 1927. A preliminary report was recently made by the commission, consisting of State, Commerce and Labor, in which it was stated that the "statistical and historical information from which the computations were made is not entirely satisfactory."

The report also stated that it was problematical whether the issuance of the proclamation fixing the quotas of the national origins was mandatory upon the President. According to the report of the commission, "the statistical and historical information available raises grave doubts as to the whole value of these computations as a basis for the purposes intended."

The annual quota of any nationality, fixed by the Immigration Act of 1924 and now in existence, is "two per cent of the number of foreign-born individuals of such nationality resident in continental United States as determined by the United States census of 1890, but the minimum quota of any nationality shall be 100." Should the resolution, as amended by the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, be enacted into law, the present immigrant quotas will remain in effect.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—If the resolution adopted by the House Committee is accepted by the House the bill will go to the Senate for concurrence. Should the Senate fail to concur, it will be referred to the Senate and House Conferences. The possibility

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## CONFERENCE OF TARBUTH PROTESTS AGAINST J. D. C.; ALLEGES DISCRIMINATION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Feb. 9.—A protest against the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee for alleged discrimination against the Hebrew schools of the Tarbut type in Poland was adopted at a conference of Tarbut high school representatives which has just been concluded here. The charge was made that the Hebrew schools do not receive a proportionate amount in the funds of the Cultural Committee, compared with the allotments made for other types of Jewish schools in Poland.

The conference decided to convene a world conference of representatives of the Hebrew gymnasia in Palestine and other countries.

## CHASSIDIC FEUD LEADS TO SPLIT IN COMMUNITY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Prague, Feb. 9.—The feud between the followers of the two Chassidic rabbis of Belz and Munkacz has resulted in a split in the Jewish community of Munkacz.

One hundred Chassidic families in Munkacz, followers of the Rabbi of Belz, have seceded from the Munkacz Kehillah and declared that they will form a separate community.

## UKRAINIAN EDITOR RESIGNS BECAUSE OF OBJECTION TO HIS ANTI-SEMITIC POLICY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Lemberg, Feb. 9.—Fedorov, editor of the Ukrainian daily, "Dilo", has resigned from his position. It was stated that the resignation was due to the dissatisfaction of the leaders of the Ukrainian party in Galicia with the anti-Semitic policy of the paper.

The "Dilo" recently attacked Jews because of the Schwarzbard case and because of the Jewish colonization movement in Russia.

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# **POLAND'S GRANTING LLOYD GEORGE'S REQUEST ON RABBI'S CASE CRITICIZED BY PAPER**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Feb. 9.—The courtesy of the Polish government in granting the request of David Lloyd George to renew Rabbi Leib Hurwicz's license to sell tobacco was attacked by the "Kzczep Pospolita", influential Polish newspaper here.

"We knew Lloyd George was not over friendly toward Poland. We thought, however, that he was busy with his party troubles. We wonder whether Lloyd George, who is known for his ruthlessness, has threatened to send the British fleet to bombard the Galician town Romanow if the license of Rabbi Hurwicz will not be renewed," the paper writes.

# **UKRAINIAN RABBI SAILS FOR U. S. TO SEEK RELIEF FOR DESERTED WIVES**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Feb. 9.—The plea of large numbers of Agunoth, Jewish women who have lost track of their husbands in America, will be presented by Rabbi Jacob Tversky of the Ukraine, who sailed for New York on the Mauretania. It was stated that Rabbi Tversky is proceeding to the United States in behalf of the rabbis of the Ukraine to arrange that the husbands of the Agunoth either grant them divorces or support them.

Gustav Blumenthal, prominent merchant of New York City, died Monday night. He was sixty-six years old. Mr. Blumenthal was for more than forty years senior member of B. Blumenthal & Co. He retired seven years ago. At the time of his death he was president of the Pennant Pearl Button Company of New York and Muscatine, Iowa.

He was a member of the board of trustees of the Hebrew Technical School for Girls for many years and was active in charitable and communal work. He was also a member of the Harmonie Club and Hollywood Golf Club. His wife, Mrs. Carrie Mayer Blumenthal, a daughter, Mrs. Elaine B. Bach, and a son, Robert G. Blumenthal, survive.

## 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.]

# **Congressman Sol Bloom and Henry Ford**

Congressman Sol Bloom's address in which he stated that Ford's closest advisers are Jews is severely criticized in the "Day" (Feb. 9), by S. Dingol. Mr. Dingol objects to Congressman Bloom's tactics in his campaign against Ford's anti-Semitic activities.

"When recently Mr. Bloom introduced a resolution in Congress demanding an inquiry into Ford's charge that international Jews control the United States Federal Reserve System, it could be viewed as a sensible move," Mr. Dingol writes. "But to have followed this with a long personal letter to Mr. Ford, discussing the Jewish problem with him—that was certainly an undignified way of dealing with an enemy."

"Now Congressman Bloom has delivered an address in Syracuse in which he again 'attacked' Ford. He stated that Ford's lawyer is a Jew—Henry Helfman; that his architect is a Jew—Albert Kahn; that his physician is a Jew—Dr. Charles D. Iron; that even his spiritual adviser is a Jew—Rabbi Leo M. Franklin."

"Jews and Christians will read this and they will wonder: how is Mr. Ford an anti-Semite when he surrounds himself with so many Jews? And is this not a severe indictment against Ford's doctor, lawyer, architect and spiritual adviser that they are unable to convince him that Jews do not use Christian blood for Passover and do not eat Christians with their breakfast, dinner, supper and all the time?"

"But the explanation is that Congressman Bloom is just as indiscriminate in choosing his facts about Ford as Ford is in choosing his facts about the Jews. Ford's lawyer is quite a decent Christian of Detroit. Rabbi Frank-

lin is a Reform rabbi of Detroit who for many years was a friend of Ford's and a visitor in his home. Each year Ford sent him a gift, a brand new car. But since Ford has been conducting his anti-Semitic campaign, Rabbi Franklin stopped associating with Ford and even returned the car to him.

"That happened six years ago. To state in Syracuse in 1927 that Dr. Leo M. Franklin is Ford's 'spiritual adviser' is too absurd."

"It is true that such speeches furnish a lot of publicity to Henry Ford and also a little publicity to Congressman Bloom. But it seems to me that the Congressman is paying a bit too dearly for this sort of publicity. . . ."

# **Catholic Resents Rabbi Landman's Views on Mexico Controversy**

The views of Rabbi Isaac Landman on the conflict between the Mexican government and the Catholic church in that country, counselling that Mexico "should be allowed to work out its own salvation without outside interference" have been attacked by Father Francis Duffy, who is quoted as follows by Charles Joseph, in his current "Random Thoughts":

"Rabbi Landman represents a race and religion which has suffered much in the past and still suffers in some countries from repressive measures of government. So it is interesting to note his reactions concerning the persecution of the Catholic Church in the neighboring republic."

"His attitude is one of philosophic calm. The Mexican government, we are told, has established laws which are foreign to our concept of legal measures, but it is in the midst of a political crisis and should be allowed to work out its own salvation without outside interference."

"Does Rabbi Landman preserve this unemotional attitude when his coreligionists are suffering persecution? Who cannot remember the time when our state department was besieged by Jews to intervene in behalf of their people in Czaristic Russia? Does he take the pose that everything is coming out all right when he hears of the troubles of his own people in Roumania?"

"What we have against Dr. Landman is that he has gone to Mexico as a guest of that clique and has returned here to abate the force of public opinion by minimizing the whole persecution of the Church as being merely a matter of legislation which is 'foreign to our concept of legal measures.'"

# **Anti-Semitism in Wisconsin**

The anti-Semitic slur directed against Sol Levitan, State Treasurer of Wisconsin, by Clinton Ballard, State Superintendent of Public Property, which has resulted in the passage of a resolution by the Wisconsin Legislature demanding Ballard's resignation, is commented on by the "American Jewish World" of Minneapolis. The paper writes:

"Sol Levitan, the popular treasurer

# **I. O. B. B. LODGES WILL COMMEMORATE DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF SPOINOZA**

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 9.—The 250th anniversary of the death of Baruch Spinoza, which occurred at the Hague, on February 21st, 1677, will be commemorated by the Independent Order B'nai B'rith by gatherings in all of the lodges of the Order during the current month, at which the dramatic life-story of the philosopher will be narrated, and his philosophy discussed in the light of modern Jewish opinion.

The Spinoza program, according to an announcement by Alfred M. Cohen, president of the Order, is the first of a series of programs marking the anniversaries of great Jewish personalities which will be carried out by the B'nai B'rith Lodges of the United States and Canada in the near future in accordance with the cultural program of the Wider Scope Committee of the Order.

**PALESTINE Z.O. EXECUTIVE  
PUBLISHES STATISTICS ON  
AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENTS**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

As to Dr. Weizmann's criticism, we must find a way to find a new place to give something of the answer made to it before our Conference Dinner was closed. Of course, we welcome criticism. Every organization or movement should. But we do not accept the criticism of the Menorah criticism. The Menorah on the ground that it is engaged in a hopeless or too herculean task. We reject Dr. Weizmann's contention that Judaism in America has no vital future. We believe that the Jewish people can deny the beneficent influence that Zionism and Jewish life in Palestine may exert upon our Jewish life in America. But we must work out our destiny here in America no less than elsewhere. We have our own political and economic potencies in America that demand our greatest resources of intellect and spirit. Such resources the Menorah is helping to mobilize, nurture, and direct. It is indeed a great task, but it is not hopeless. We are sure that it seems to us to merit the aid of every well-wisher of Judaism at home and abroad.

There is one other matter I wish to comment on. Unfortunately, some of our speakers at the Conference on the relations between our rabbis and our so-called "intellectuals." That was really but a small item taken out of the context of the whole discussions. We are the bearers of our spiritual heritage in America and an earnest seeking for more light and advance. The interest of the Menorah Association in promoting the Conference was to provide for the Jews, and the Jews, and of course not to be taken as responsible for or committed to the statements of Dr. Wechsler any more than to those of Rabbi Heller or any other man who participated. The Menorah Association voted to offer a special meeting in Jewry, and clearing-house for the exchange of opinions and ideas concerning all aspects of Jewish life in America.

## PRINCE OF WALES VISITS LONDON JEWISH SETTLEMENT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Feb. 9.—The Prince of Wales was the guest last night of the Jewish Boys and Girls Settlement in the East End. The settlement is conducted by Basil Henriques.

The Prince inspected the cups won by the settlement clubs and recalled his recent presentation of the boxing cup to the London and Manchester battalions of the Jewish Lads' Brigade.

The Prince visited the settlement synagogue. He inspected the war memorial tablet. The Prince heard the members debate and witnessed their training in boxing in the gymnasium. He sat around the fire in the boy-scouts den. On leaving the settlement, the Prince expressed himself highly pleased with his reception. A thousand boys and girls, members of the settlement, cheered him when he left.

## Egyptian Parliament Discusses Egypt-Palestine Railway Projects

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line between Kantara and Raifa. This it refused to do because it feared that the expenditure would exceed the income. The Palestine Government likewise refused and the line consequently remained in the hands of the British Government.

Subsequently the Palestine Government undertook to direct the line. It follows, therefore, that the Egyptian Government can have no part in the profits of the railroads, the Minister declared.

## Bund Archives Reveal Mussolini Aided Jewish Labor Movement

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century. Among them are letters from Lenin, Tichierin, Trotsky, Zinovieff, Plechanov, Martoff, Gapon, Pilsudski and Mussolini.

In his letter Mussolini acknowledges the receipt from Angelica Balabanova of revolutionary literature for the Jewish workers.

Joseph Figewitz, a cloakmaker, sentenced to the Penitentiary Jan. 29 by Judge Rosalsky in General Sessions for assault upon a non-union worker, appeared before that Magistrate on Tuesday, made partial reparation to some of his victims, and offered to testify before the Grand Jury against those members of the Strike Committee under whose direction he worked.

The Grand Jury has for several days been considering evidence against leaders of the recent strike, and two indictments against men, declared by Assistant District Attorney Miles O'Brien to have been the instigators of the reign of terror during the strike, have been returned.

It was also disclosed that of the sixteen sentenced to various jail terms Jan. 29 by Judge Rosalsky, several others have offered to tell all they know about the assaults and destruction of property during the strike.

The prisoners charge that they were "double-crossed" by members of the Strike Committee into pleading guilty, having been told that if they would so plead they would escape with small fines or suspended sentences, and permit those really responsible to escape punishment.

In answer to questions from the Court, Figewitz promised to testify against those members of the Strike Committee who had arranged the assaults, and on this understanding he was committed to the Tombs to await call.

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## HOUSE IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE VOTES TO REPEAL NATIONAL ORIGINS PLAN

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arises, however, that the disagreement which has now occurred between the two houses of Congress may result in a parliamentary obstruction, preventing the question from being finally decided this session. This might result in the "national origins" plan going into effect next April. Meanwhile, no ruling for consideration of the amendment to the Immigration Law for the relief of relatives of declarants recently reported by the House Committee has yet been obtained. It is understood, however, that Chairman Johnson is expected to soon make a move to obtain action by the House. It is possible that both measures will be under consideration at the same time.

Congressman Sabath submitted a proposal to amend the present quota law so that the basis of the allotment of quotas could be changed from the 1890 census to the 1900 census, which would increase the number of quota immigrants from Eastern and Southern Europe about fifty thousand. The Committee rejected Sabath's proposal. He argued that the 1900 census was much more equitable than the 1890 census because the former more accurately represents the nationalities now residing in America. Sabath predicated his proposal upon the understanding that while the Eastern and Southern European quotas would be increased by 50,000, the total quotas from all countries would not be increased beyond the present figure. But this did not induce the Committee to change its attitude to the idea as it would cut down Nordic immigration.

Congressman Dickstein announced that he will introduce a bill to deport any alien husband who fails to maintain in accordance with his means his wife and children living abroad. Such an alien, according to the bill, could only save himself from deportation by giving a satisfactory bond to the Secretary of Labor for the future support of his family. The Secretary of Labor would have authority to issue a warrant of deportation whenever it is shown that an alien is guilty of non-support.

In explaining his bill, Congressman Dickstein stated he is introducing the measure to combat the serious problem of non-support which has arisen in cases of separated families caused by present hardships of the immigration law. He stated a number of serious cases involving this problem have been brought to his attention, influencing him to introduce the bill which he said will also serve to forcibly bring to the attention of Congress the evils which the present harsh immigration law has caused.

At a meeting of the leaders of the Jewish Community of Bethlehem, Pa., it was decided to hold a joint campaign for Palestine and relief on Sunday, February 13th, to raise a quota of \$20,000. The officers of the Campaign Committee are Aaron Potruich, Chairman; Morris Black, Vice Chairman; H. M. Goodman, Treasurer, and Dr. F. Stoneman, Secretary.

## 14. CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL ENTRY, ARE TO BE DEPORTED

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Philadelphia, Feb. 9.—Fourteen Jews, including three women, are threatened with deportation on the ground of unlawful entry into the United States. They were taken to Gloucester, N. J., from Key West, Florida. They asserted that they were being brought over from Cuba by smugglers when a United States government patrol ship spied the smugglers' boat and gave chase. The smugglers, they declared, bored holes in the bottom of the boat in an attempt to drown the passengers, but the United States patrol cutter reached them in time to save their lives.

A representative of the Hias has left for Washington, D. C., to investigate the case.

The Jewish National Welfare Fund of Oakland, Calif., supporting fifty-five national and international Jewish philanthropies, will hold its annual campaign from May 6 to May 18. Lionel Wachs is President of the Fund and A. S. Lavenson is the Chairman of the 1927 Campaign. Jacob Simon will direct the drive.

Former Municipal Court Justice Benjamin Marvin at one time, Commissioner of Public Works, of Queens, has accepted the chairmanship of the \$250,000 building drive for a new Jewish Community Center to be erected in Jamaica.

The drive is to start February 27 and continue for one week. The new center is to replace the present inadequate structure at Flushing near Hillside Avenue, Jamaica.

Dr. Philip R. Goldstein of the Jewish Welfare Board will be the director of the campaign. Harry Sirkis is president of the Jamaica Jewish Center. Reuben Cooperstein will be the treasurer of the drive.

A women's division under the leadership of Mrs. J. Moss has been formed.

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