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NATHAN STRAUS CABLES \$20,000 FOR PALESTINE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS (Jewish Daily Bulletin)

The first relief from America for the victims of the Palestine earthquake was cabled yesterday by Nathan Straus, famous philanthropist who contributed \$250,000 for the establishment of a health center in Jerusalem.

The sum of \$20,000 was cabled by Mr. Straus yesterday to Dr. E. M. Bluestone, head of the Hadassah hospital in Palestine. In cabling the money Mr. Straus stated that it was for the relief of the sufferers from the earthquake, regardless of race or creed.

In a statement to the "Jewish Daily Bulletin" Mr. Straus declared: "The calamity in Palestine is awful and I hope that others will despatch immediately contributions towards the splendid relief work which the Hadassah physicians and nurses are doing for the victims of the earthquake."

ZIONISTS ARE PREPARING FOR CONGRESS ELECTIONS (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, July 13.—In deference to the wishes of the Shkel Committees of various countries, the Zionist Executive postponed the final date by which the Shkel collections must be concluded and the remittances forwarded to the Central Office from June 25th to July 8th. The number of delegates to the Congress that each federation or separate union may elect will be determined by the number of Shkelim collected for by the latter date.

The Central Election Boards were asked to proceed with the preparations for the elections, which are to be held in accordance with the regulations already communicated, in time to enable the results to reach the Central Office not later than August 15th.

CANADIAN HADASSAH HOLDS CONVENTION IN WINNEPEG (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Winnepeg, July 13.—The amount of \$104,440 was raised by the Hadassah in Canada during the past eighteen months, according to a report submitted to the fifth annual convention of the Women's Zionist organization which opened its sessions at the Royal Alexandra Hotel.

Mrs. A. J. Freiman, president of the Canadian Hadassah, reported an increase in the Hadassah chapters from 85 to 111.

By a resolution adopted by the Convention, the Hadassah pledged itself to support five funds working for the upbuilding of Palestine. In the future the Hadassah will contribute to the Jewish National Fund, the Keren

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FOUR HUNDRED BODIES RECOVERED IN RUINS OF PALESTINE EARTHQUAKE (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 13.—Four hundred bodies of victims in the earthquake which visited Palestine Monday afternoon have already been recovered from the debris in the cities and villages.

According to the list of casualties compiled by the authorities, the number of injured was placed at 450. The casualties list shows that eight were killed in Amman, the capital of Transjordan, and 85 in Es Salt. No casualties were reported among the Jewish population.

Thousands of families all over the country spent last night in the open air, fearing a repetition of the earthquake.

Not a house in Jerusalem or Hebron is without some damage. Two synagogues, one in Jerusalem, the other in Tiberias, were destroyed. In several Palestinian towns, the Moslem mosques and the government office buildings were damaged.

The house of the British representative in Amman, Transjordan, was totally destroyed. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, as well as the Greek

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OTTOMAN BANK SEES IM- PROVEMENT IN ECONOMIC SITUATION OF PALESTINE (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 13.—A slight improvement in the economic situation in Palestine was reported at the annual meeting of the Ottoman Bank.

Despite the adverse conditions of the past year, the position of the Palestine branches of the bank is satisfactory, it was stated at the meeting.

CONTROVERSY OVER ZURICH CONFERENCE EN- GAGES FRENCH LEADERS

**Motzkin Replies to Chief Rabbi's
Objections**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, July 13.—A reply to the objections voiced by Chief Rabbi Israel Levi to the Conference on Jewish Rights, convoked by the Committee of Jewish Delegations and the American Jewish Congress, to be held in Zurich during August, was made by Leo Motzkin, president of the Committee of Jewish Delegations, in an interview with the representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here.

Mr. Motzkin expressed his surprise that Chief Rabbi Levi should have seen fit to make public his views on the question, before the official program of the Conference was issued.

"The Conference," Mr. Motzkin

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FRITSCH DOUBTS FORD'S RE- CANTATION AS "INTERNATIONAL JEW" IS NOT WITHDRAWN (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, July 13.—Theodor Fritsch, notorious leader of the German anti-Semites and translator of Henry Ford's "International Jew" into German, was the first of the European anti-Semites to comment on Ford's recantation and withdrawal of his anti-Semitic charges.

Fritsch, who gained notoriety by his attacks on Max Warburg, Hamburg banker, which were proven libels in the Hamburg court, expressed his unwillingness to believe that Henry Ford has really withdrawn his anti-Semitic charges. "I have the best proof that this is not the case," he stated. "Were it true, Mr. Ford would have withdrawn from me the publication rights of his 'International Jew,'" Fritsch declared.

"DAILY EXPRESS" RENEWS ANTI-ZIONIST CAMPAIGN (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, July 13.—A renewal of its vigorous campaign against Zionism and the Zionist policy of the British government in Palestine was launched by the London "Daily Express, anti-Zionist paper.

The "Daily Express" published an article today dealing with the unemployment in Palestine. The newspaper alleges that it is the British taxpayer who pays for the Zionist colonization in Palestine and demands emphatically that England change its policy.

SEE DECLINE OF JEWISH POPULATION IN GERMANY (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, July 13.—The decline in the Jewish population in Germany has assumed alarming proportions according to a report of the Federation of Prussian Jewish Communities.

According to the Federation, the annual mortality of the Jewish population exceeds the birth rate by 3,000.

COMPLETE NEW SYNAGOGUE IN SUBURB OF MOSCOW (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, July 13.—The erection of a new Beth HaMidrash, Jewish house of worship and study, was commenced at Marenarostcha, a suburb of Moscow. It was estimated that the cost of the building will be \$10,000.

POLISH ORTHODOX DAILY SUSPENDS PUBLICATION (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, July 13.—"Der Jud," the only Yiddish Orthodox daily paper in Poland, suspended publication yesterday. The reason for the discontinuance of publication was lack of funds.

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**DETROIT RABBI COMMENTS
ON STATEMENT OF FORD**

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Detroit, Mich., July 13.—Commenting on Henry Ford's statement, Rabbi Leo M. Franklin, who was at one time a friend of Mr. Ford, said:

"The Jews of the world should be glad to grant to Mr. Ford the forgiveness which he seeks at their hands. They should accept his word that he has been misled in the information upon which he has based his accusations against them.

"It is my thorough-going belief that Mr. Ford will do all in his power to prove the sincerity of his repentance. It is the part of the Jew to forgive. It requires a man of courage to admit his errors. Mr. Ford in this instance has shown himself to be a thoroughly courageous man."

**I.O.B.B. LAUNCHES \$1,000,000
DRIVE FOR CLEVELAND HOME**

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Cleveland, Ohio, July 13.—Announcement of a campaign to raise one million dollars in District No. 2, Independent Order, B'nai B'rith, for new buildings for the Cleveland Jewish Orphan Home, was made by Fred Lazarus, Jr., of Columbus, Ohio, president, at the annual meeting of the Home. The meeting was attended by representatives of communities included in the District, comprising Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming.

Campaign headquarters have been established at Columbus, and it is the aim of the Campaign Committee to have the drive completed not later than December 31st of this year. Members of the Campaign Executive Committee, in addition to Mr. Lazarus, are Louis J. Borinstein, Indianapolis; Rabbi Samuel Mayerberg, Dayton, Ohio; Philip Schier, Kansas City, Mo.; and E. J. Schanfarber, Columbus, Ohio. Isidor Coons, who directed the National Field Service for the United Jewish Cam-

**U. P. A. LEADERS POINT
TO CASH RECEIPTS AS
MARK OF PROGRESS**

**Increase in Income Notwithstanding
Difficulties; Praise Collection Ap-
paratus Created by Combine**

The amount of \$2,841,510 was received up to July 1 by the United Palestine Appeal in its 1927 campaign.

A comparison of this sum which represents the income of the first nine months of the present fiscal year, ending September 30th, with the cash receipts during the first nine months of the previous fiscal years, reveals the fact that this year's income is in excess of for the same period last year by \$150,816.

This comparison is made in a statement issued by Judge William M. Lewis, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, and Emanuel Neumann, the chairman of the Executive Committee. The statement further declared that conservative estimates made of the income expected during the remaining three months will make the total income of the year exceed that of last year by \$140,000. It is pointed out that there will remain outstanding a large amount in pledges which will be received during the early months of the coming fiscal year.

The statement goes on to say that this result should be regarded as satisfactory in view of the special difficulties which the activities for Palestine have encountered due to the economic crisis in Palestine. The fact that in spite of these difficulties the United Palestine Appeal has been able to achieve a better record than during the previous year, when optimism was at its peak, is ascribed in the statement, to the loyalty of American Jewry to the cause of the Jewish Homeland, and to the improvement in organization, publicity, and general administrative technique achieved by the National Headquarters and regional units of the organization.

"During the year additional bureaus were established in the Southern and Western states. One of the most important items in the expansion of the educational work is the publication of the 'Palestine Pictorial,' a monthly magazine sent to 35,000 contributors and featuring in graphic form the developments and possibilities of Palestine with special reference to the work of the Keren Hayesod, the National Fund, Hadassah, and the other organizations constituting the United Palestine Appeal."

The statement expresses appreciation "for the notable help towards attaining these results received from Dr. Chaim Weizmann and the members of the various delegations of European leaders associated with him as well as from the large host of leaders and workers in the United States among whom specially distinguished services were rendered by Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

"The wisdom of conducting a federated effort on behalf of Palestine, which will act as Executive Director of the Orphan Home fund raising program.

**INTERNATIONAL RELIEF
UNION IS ESTABLISHED
BY LEAGUE MEMBERS**

Stricken Populations to be Given Aid
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Geneva, July 13.—A new draft of a convention providing for mutual relief for peoples affected by disasters was adopted at the International Relief Conference in session here.

The conference decided to establish an International Union for aiding stricken populations.

The convention will become effective ninety days after it will have been ratified by twelve members of the League of Nations.

is represented by the United Palestine Appeal, is completely proven," the statement contends, "by a comparison of the cash results obtained by the United Palestine Appeal during the two years of its existence with the results obtained during the previous two years by the three major funds constituting the United Palestine Appeal, namely the Keren Hayesod, the Jewish National Fund, and Hadassah. Including the estimates made for the remaining three months of the present fiscal year, the cash results of the United Palestine Appeal during the two years of its existence will total \$6,620,000. During the previous two years the Keren Hayesod, the National Fund, and Hadassah, now embraced in the United Palestine Appeal, conducted independent fund-raising activities, the cash receipts of the three organizations totalled \$4,320,927. In other words, the United Palestine Appeal will have registered an increase of about \$2,100,000 over the efforts of its constituents during the last two years of their independent fund raising activities."

The statement points out further that each one of the constituent organizations received and transmitted more money to Palestine for its various activities during the existence of the United Palestine Appeal than before. "Thus the Keren Hayesod, the principal partner in the union, has increased its remittances to Palestine during these two years by 24 per cent, the Jewish National Fund by over 100 per cent, and Hadassah by over 170 per cent. In addition, substantial sums were remitted for the Mizrahi institutions and the Hebrew University.

"The work of raising funds for Palestine," the statement concludes, "has, through the instrumentality of the United Palestine Appeal, been brought to a high grade of efficiency. On the one hand the Organization has developed definite and effective forms and technique in the shape of bureaus, local committees, a competent professional staff, education and publicity; and on the other hand, it has habituated scores of thousands of American Jews to crystallize and express their devotion to Palestine through the medium of financial sacrifice, the principal medium for bringing our cause nearer to realization. It is only necessary to continue the development of these two factors until the maximum results from the Jews of America are secure and maintained."

URGES RABBIS TO FORMULATE NEW PLATFORM ON JUDAISM

Dr. Abram Simon Makes Public Important Recommendations to Rabbinical Body

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, D. C., July 13.—Various recommendations formulating the policy of the Central Conference of American Rabbis were contained in the report on the president's message made public by Dr. Abram Simon, chairman of the committee on Rabbi Louis Wolsey's message, following the thirty-eighth annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis held at Cape May, N. J.

The committee urged upon the incoming executive that it prepare, as a part of the campaign of enlightenment for Christian and Jew, a positive statement on the adequacy of Judaism for the modern Jew and on the relations between Judaism and Christianity. This statement, which is to be issued in the form of a tract is to be viewed as the platform of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

"We endorse with special earnestness the President's protest against the efforts of a missionary society to convert Jews to Christianity in connection with the recent Buda-Pesth Conference," the committee stated in the report.

"The attempt to bring Jews into the Christian fold by discrediting Judaism is almost as old as the Church. While the violent methods of the Middle Ages of enforcing its creed, have been abandoned in modern times, the determination to lure Jews from ancestral faith has persisted to this enlightened day. As a reflection upon Judaism carrying with it the implication of the inadequacy of its message, to the world, we deem it our duty vigorously to resent it.

"We would remind the Christian world that Judaism was the mother Faith, that the Church largely owes its Bible and its conception of a spiritual God to the Jew, that it still gathers inspiration from the Hebrew Prophets.

"We would also remind the missionary society that we are not mindful of the present sceptical drift of the modern age, nor are we neglecting the religious needs of our own people.

"We take this occasion to state that genuine tolerance is shown not by members of one religion seeking to persuade others to forsake their ancestral creed, but rather to aid those of divergent creeds to live up to the highest ideals of their respective religions.

"In this spirit, the Conference would express its gratification at the growing number of Christian organizations and representative men engaged in promoting Good Will between Christian and Jew, and here declare that at all times it is eager to participate in such commendable effort," the committee declared.

The committee also recommended to the Executive Board a generous policy of subvention to further the work of Jewish scholars. A recommendation

ORGANIZE RELIGIOUS TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS

Steps are being taken to organize State and District Jewish Religious School Teachers' Associations under the auspices of the Department of Synagog and School Extension of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

One hundred and six rabbis throughout the country have been approached to cooperate in this work. A conference of the rabbis was held in connection with the meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis held at Cape May last week.

A religious school convention will be held in Pennsylvania in the Fall. Arrangements for this convention are being taken care of by Rabbi B. Benedict Glazer, regional rabbi for Pennsylvania.

DEDICATE NEW SYNAGOGUE IN SHANGHAI

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Shanghai, July 2.—Sir Sidney Barton, the British Consul here, presided at the dedication ceremonies of the new synagogue, Beth Haharon. Sir Sidney, in the course of his speech, praised the Jews highly.

A large number of prominent Chinese officials and officers in the British Defence Force were present at the ceremony. The Prime Minister of China sent a message of greetings to A. S. Hardoon, who took a leading part in the establishment of the synagogue.

of special interest to the Executive Board is the one urging the new administration to prepare its future program "with special reference to the authoritative studies of such vital themes as the God idea, the election and mission of Israel, the efficacy of prayer and subjects of similar import."

The committee also endorsed the recommendation of the president that a presentation of the theology of the Union Prayerbook be included in the program for next year.

The recommendation that the Conference give its endorsement to the contemplated creation by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations of a Bureau of Information on Social Justice was also approved.

The committee further urged that each of the members in his individual capacity "not only seek to enrich his learning, but also stimulate the support of Jewish seminaries and educational institutions, and make active propaganda for the creation of foundations which would offer financial support for Jewish scholarly endeavor."

The report of the committee also declared: "The Conference points with pride to its initiative in securing a paper on Social Justice on the program of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in St. Louis in 1925 and to the latter's adoption of our social justice program. In order that this work may be the more fully developed, the committee recommends that a paper on Judaism and Social Reconstruction be referred to the Executive Board for consideration."

WARSAW COMMUNITY APPEALS FOR REVISION OF SUNDAY CLOSING LAW

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

Warsaw, June 29.—The memorandum of the Board of the Jewish Community, appealing for an amendment of the Compulsory Sunday Closing Law of December 1919, presented the economic situation of the Jewish population to Vice-Premier Bartel, to whom it was addressed.

"The Compulsory Sunday Observance Law," the memorandum stated, "has fallen heavily upon the Jewish population of Poland, and the Jewish community of Warsaw, representing the largest Jewish community in Poland, feels itself compelled to make representations to the Government with a view to obtaining an alleviation of the provisions of this law.

"The operation of the law for the past seven years has shown that both from the point of view of the general interests of the State and of the individuals, the results of the law are catastrophic, injuring commerce and the State and reducing the Jewish traders to bankruptcy and ruin. The Board of the Jewish Community in Warsaw joins with the Jewish population in the whole of Poland in expressing their common view that it is absolutely essential to have this law amended in consonance with the spirit of tolerance, which will take into due account the interests of the Jewish working masses. It is deplorable that this law which was to have stabilized a day of rest for the workers and to have been an expression of social justice has been made the means of doing a grave injustice to the Jewish population of Poland which numbers three million souls.

"The law was based upon two main principles: the protection of the workers, and labor productivity. From the points of view of both these considerations the results have been of the utmost gravity to the Jewish population. Both the Jewish employers and the Jewish employees observe the Jewish Sabbath and do no work on this day. In winter they are therefore compelled to do no work for two and a half days each week, and counting the Jewish and Christian religious festivals, the result is that the Jewish population is compelled to be idle for 137 days in the year, a third part of the year.

"There is no need to dwell upon the importance of the Sabbath day to the Jews. Why, keeping the Sabbath, should they be compelled to rest also on Sunday?

"The Board of the Jewish Community therefore appeals to the Government in the name of the whole of the Jewish population of Poland for a revision of Article 10 of this law, in order to release those Jews who observe the Sabbath and the other Jewish religious festivals from having to observe also the compulsory Sunday rest day and the Christian religious festivals," the memorandum read.

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CONTROVERSY OVER ZURICH CONFERENCE EN- GAGES FRENCH LEADERS

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states, "is being convoked in accordance with the decision made last year by a meeting of representatives of the Committee of Jewish Delegations and the American Jewish Congress, including among others, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Chief Rabbi Chajes, Senator Ringel, Deputy Gruenbaum, Deputy Thon and Senator Rubinstein. The Conference should properly be regarded as a further expression of the ideas embodied in the memorandum submitted in 1919 to the Peace Conference by the Committee of Jewish Delegations, signed, as is known, by Mr. Louis Marshall, Judge Julian Mack, Mr. Nahum Sokolow, and others. The Conference proposes to re-organize, on a proper basis, the work of defending the rights granted to the Jewish minorities in a series of treaties.

"The present situation, with a number of Jewish organizations, some old-established and some of recent creation, and some showing little sense of their responsibilities, undertaking independent and sometimes conflicting action in international affairs, has made the projected Conference a matter of absolute necessity. The existing state of things is a real danger," Mr. Motzkin stated.

"In order that the Conference should be composed of duly qualified delegates, invitations will be sent to those Senators and Deputies in various countries who have been elected on a Jewish platform and to such others, who, although not elected as Jews, have identified themselves seriously with the Jewish problem. Invitations will also be sent to all inter-territorial and national organizations which are engaged in the defence of Jewish rights or have undertaken any political action in this direction, such as the Alliance Israelite, the Joint Foreign Committee, the Agudath Israel, the various Zionist World Organizations such as the Mizrahi, Poale Zion, etc., the Jewish Socialist Party Bund, and the various Jewish League of Nations Societies.

"The Conference will therefore represent many points of view. It will be faced with the task of working out a method of co-ordinating and unifying Jewish action in international affairs, so far as it is directed towards combating persecution and protecting the rights of the Jewish minorities.

"Anyone who has followed the recent activities of the non-Jewish minorities as manifested in their international organizations will agree that the Jews, as a result of their own weakness, are being relegated to the background.

"As for the objection that the Conference may present to the world a spectacle of the divisions existing in Jewry," he continued, "I cannot deny that and only regret that it should be so. But it is a mistake to think that nothing is known of these divisions in those circles which are in charge of international affairs. They have been known and have manifested themselves

on various occasions over a period of many years. Indeed, I hope that when these divisions and antagonisms are brought into the open, it will be possible to bring about a *modus vivendi*. And even if the Conference fails to set up a united front in the fight for Jewish rights, we hope that it will at least succeed in creating, side by side with the existing organizations, an effective organ for co-ordinating the work, the absence of which results in conflicting action being undertaken, giving at times an impression of chaos.

"As for national rights for minorities, I agree that minority rights can not be forced on any section of Jewry. But where the Jews are already engaged in the fight for the defence of these rights, they must of necessity put their case to the international bodies, before which they would find themselves helpless, if they were left alone and isolated, as Chief Rabbi Levi proposes.

"I also want to emphasize that the Conference is not being convened for the defence of any particular kind of Jewish minority rights, but in order to obtain a clear view of the totality of these rights, personal and civil rights as well as those other rights which throughout Central and Eastern Europe are termed national rights, as for example, the rights of determining communal organization, the language in the schools, Sabbath observance, etc.

"As for the fear that the Conference may have an unfavorable effect on the relations between Zionists and non-Zionists in the matter of the Jewish Agency I should like to say that if the creation of a Jewish national home must, according to the Balfour Declaration, in no way prejudice the rights and status of the Jews in any other country, it is surely to be expected that the creation of a Jewish Agency will provide the same guarantee to its constituents with regard to their liberty of action in Jewish questions. One would have thought, though, that the leaders of the Jewish official world would have waited to read the announcements of the organizations which are convening the Conference before they express their opinions regarding it," Mr. Motzkin concluded.

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RECOVER BODIES OF 400 PALESTINE QUAKE VICTIMS

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Choir Chapel and two large domes are damaged.

A message of sympathy was received by Col. Symes, acting High Commissioner, from High Commissioner Lord Plumer, who is now on a vacation in England.

The metropolitan press commented yesterday on the earthquake in Palestine.

"This land is the rightful concern of the whole Western world—of Christian, Jew and Moslem alike," the *New York Times* writes. "And this is an occasion for all to unite in the demonstration of their common devotion to this little plot of earth which should be kept as a joint spiritual reservation."

A despatch from London states that the Zionist Executive has forwarded the amount of £100 as the first aid for the Palestine earthquake victims.

PROPERTY DAMAGE IN JERUSALEM IS \$1,250,000

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 13.—The extent of the damage to property in the earthquake was set at a high figure by a tentative estimate.

The estimate places the loss suffered by public and private buildings at \$1,250,000.

CANADIAN HADASSAH HOLDS CONVENTION IN WINNIPEG

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Hayesod, the Agricultural School, the Safed Hospital and the Morza Convalescent Home. The convention also decided to open a new wing at the agricultural school at Nahalal in the name of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Freiman.

Mrs. Freiman was re-elected president of the Hadassah. The vice-presidents chosen were Mrs. Louis Fitch, Mrs. S. Kahn of Montreal, Mrs. D. Dunkelman, Mrs. A. Zelik of Toronto, Mrs. H. E. Wilder, Mrs. R. Rady of Winnipeg. Mrs. H. Singer was chosen secretary, and Mrs. R. Kates, treasurer.

M. M. Ussischkin, head of the Jewish National Fund, addressed the delegates to the Hadassah convention at a luncheon today. In his address, Mr. Ussischkin dwelt on the important role played by the members of the Women's Zionist Organization in the up-building work in Palestine.

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