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## ART COMMISSION DENIES PREJUDICE IN REFUSING SALOMON STATUE SITE

**Question Reopened as Research Yields  
Results; Burden of Proof Placed  
on Promoters of Project**

The question of whether or not the New York City Art Commission took a justified course of action in its refusal to permit the Federation of Polish Jews in the United States to erect in Madison Square Park a monument to Haym Salomon, the Polish Jew who helped finance the American Revolution, continues to occupy the attention of the metropolitan press.

The Federation of Polish Jews has started a campaign for a fund of \$75,000 to erect the monument, but permission to do so was declined by the New York City Art Commission in September, 1925. The issue centered around the contention of the Art Commission that there is not sufficient historical proof of the role which Haym Salomon played in the financing of the American Revolution. Neither the Art Commission nor the Federation of Polish Jews made a public statement to that effect until now, in view of the fact that since the burden of proof was placed on the Federation of Polish Jews, the sponsors of the

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## NORWIN R. LINDHEIM TO BE READMITTED TO NEW YORK BAR

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Albany, July 22.—The Appellate Division, First Department, is to pass upon the question of whether S. Walter Kaufmann and Norwin R. Lindheim, disbarred New York attorneys, shall be reinstated, the Court of Appeals decided today. Their applications together with the record of their trial will be submitted to the court.

Chief Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo wrote the Court's opinion, in which he points out that the highest Court has opened wide the door to the Court below to make such scrutiny of the case as it deems proper, declaring that

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## M. DIZENGOFF RESIGNS FROM ZIONIST EXECUTIVE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 22.—M. Dizengoff, former mayor of Tel-Aviv, member of the Zionist Executive in Jerusalem, has submitted his resignation from his position in a cable addressed to Dr. Weizmann today.

Mr. Dizengoff entered the Zionist Executive recently to take charge of the Department of Urban Colonization, and particularly to promote the interests of the middle-class immigration.

## ZIONIST ORGANIZATION ISSUES APPEAL FOR PALESTINE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

**Contributions to Be Transmitted to Various Palestine Committees  
for Non-Sectarian Relief**

An appeal to the Jewish and non-Jewish public to send in donations for the victims of the Palestine earthquake was issued today by Louis Lipsky, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Miss Henrietta Szold, vice-president.

The Zionist Organization announces that it is prepared to receive contributions to the Palestine earthquake relief fund and to transmit these contributions to the various committees which have been formed in Palestine. The appeal of the Zionist Organization of America reads:

"A wide-spread interest has been manifested in prevailing conditions in Palestine, arising out of the recent earthquake. Proffers of assistance have come almost daily to the offices of the Zionist Organization of America.

"Although the complete details of

the havoc wrought are not as yet at hand, information received from reliable sources indicates a serious disturbance in Palestine affairs—the demolition of private and public buildings, the destruction of a number of Arab villages and, worst of all, serious injuries to hundreds of persons and the loss of many lives.

"Such a catastrophe in any established country could probably be dealt with by the unaffected residue of the population. The Palestine Government is doing everything possible to deal with the emergency. But Palestine is in an exceptional state, for there is not a sufficiency of local recuperative strength to alleviate the situation without outside help. Such appeals for help have come from the Acting High Commissioner and from various communities in Palestine.

"In view of the many inquiries that have been received, asking for guidance in the remittance of funds, the Zionist Organization of America is prepared to receive contributions to the Palestine Earthquake Relief Fund, and to transmit such contributions to the appropriate committees that have been formed in Palestine for the extension of relief regardless of race or creed.

"All eyes are turned with sympathy toward Palestine. It is a land filled

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## DR. GASTER REPRESENTS JEWISH RELIGION AT FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, July 22.—Dr. M. Gaster of the Chacham Sephardic community in London, represented the Jewish religion at the Conference of the Union of Fellowship Between Faiths, which opened its sessions here yesterday.

In his address Dr. Gaster stressed that Judaism is the oldest religion and that there is no difference between faith and faith, race and race.

## ELECT 180 JEWISH COUNCIL- LORS IN POLISH DISTRICTS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, July 22.—One hundred and eighty Jewish councillors were elected in the municipal elections which took place this week in the district of Wolya.

In several towns the Jewish population elected a greater number of councillors than the Polish, Russian and Ukrainian groups. In cities like Rowne, Dubno, Kovel, Luck and Kremenec, the population is predominantly Jewish.

## JERUSALEM POPULATION SEES SMOKE ASCENDING FROM DEAD SEA REGION

**Geologist Says Phenomenon Is Result  
of Earthquake; Similar to Bible Story**  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 22.—A volcano, extinguished a long time ago, located on Zerkha near the shore of the Dead Sea, 25 miles from Jerusalem, started to issue screens of smoke last night. From elevated places in Jerusalem the volcano smoke could easily be seen. A large number of inhabitants of the Holy City watched the volcano smoke all night.

London, July 22.—The Jerusalem report concerning the Zerkha volcano smoke 25 miles from Jerusalem called forth wide comment here. The volcano is situated on the Transjordanian shore of the Dead Sea.

A noted British geologist told the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here that what the Jerusalem population observed last night was not the smoke of a volcano but the smoke of gases ascending from the depths through cracks formed by the earthquake which are burning their way to the surface.

It appears, the geologist stated, to be a similar phenomenon to what is described in the Bible story as seen by Abraham from Hebron, during the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the cities located on the site now covered by the Dead Sea. There are several places in the vicinity of the Dead Sea shores where gases are known to ascend through cracks, he stated.

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**VIENNA ANTI-SEMITES****CHARGE I.O.B.B. PRESIDENT  
WITH RIOT RESPONSIBILITY**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, July 22.—Alfred M. Cohen, American-Jewish leader and president of the Independent Order B'nai B'rith, was charged with responsibility for the bloodshed in the recent Vienna riots by the anti-Semitic press today.

The Vienna anti-Semitic journals charged editorially that Mr. Cohen's visit to Vienna was on behalf of "the secret Jewish conspiracy carried on in the interest of Jewish financiers" who ruined the Austrian schilling. As proof of this charge the anti-Semitic newspapers quote the fact that the riots broke out just as soon as Mr. Cohen left Vienna.

**JEWISH HOME OF REST****IS OPENED IN LONDON**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service)

London, July 11.—Edward Baron, grandson of Bernhard Baron, opened the Jewish Home of Rest yesterday, where sufferers beyond human aid might be tended by members of their own faith.

The idea of building such a home was first conceived by the late Sir Stuart Samuel, and was taken up with such effect that £27,000 was raised for the building. The foundation stone was laid last June by Bernhard Baron, who contributed £3,000 to the building fund.

Bernhard Baron was unable to be present yesterday through illness. He sent a further £500 to the fund, and Edward Baron contributed £200. A further sum of £9,000 is required.

The building was consecrated at a religious service conducted by the Chief Rabbi and the Rev. A. A. Green.

**YIDDISH PRESS DEMANDS THOROUGH INVESTIGATION  
OF SALOMON'S CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICAN CAUSE**

Opinions Vary as to Whether Prejudice Entered Into Decision of New York Art Commission; "Jewish Daily News" Charges Prejudice

The disclosure of the action of the New York Art Commission, which refused permission to the Federation of Polish Jews to erect the Haym Salomon monument in Madison Sq. Park, placing on the organization the burden of proof as to whether Haym Salomon was worthy of the monument, is widely commented upon by the Yiddish press in New York City.

In an editorial entitled "A New Investigation Is Needed," the "Jewish Morning Journal" observes:

"Nothing will be accomplished if the allegation is made that the members of the New York Art Commission were influenced in their decision by an anti-Jewish prejudice. Although prejudice is indeed bad, it is almost impossible to be entirely free from it. Prejudice must be taken into account when a decision is sought. The proper way is not to formulate charges against people whose opinion is not free from such sentiments, but to prove that they are wrong.

"Erroneous opinions which have been accepted and have become deeply rooted are being taken into account in practical life. It would be a doubtful honor for us if the monument were erected in a public place in New York and caused discussion, doubts, and perhaps even insults. The Jews would derive less satisfaction from that than they do now on account of the unfavorable opinion of the members of the Art Commission or of historians.

"Is there no legal proof of the 'claim' of Haym Salomon's heirs that the American Revolution or its leaders remained indebted to Salomon for a great sum of money? All that we know is that the claim was never recognized by a court or by Congress. There are other justified claims which are not recognized, and it is the task of the claimants to prove that their claims are justified. This is, in our opinion, the task which rests upon the Jews of America or, to be more precise, upon those Jews who have undertaken to erect the monument.

"A new thorough legal investigation, as is the procedure in a real trial, must now be made. We have among us prominent lawyers who are interested in Jewish history and in the prestige of the Jewish name. It is their duty to make out a case if possible. The press of the country will eagerly publish the results. The proofs available must be collected and an effort must be made to find new substantiated evidence. But this requires labor and time. It has now become a matter of necessity however, to submit an unquestionable proof, for others and for ourselves. Let there be no one who could doubt that Haym Salomon deserves the recognition which the Jews are willing to confer upon his memory."

A similar attitude is taken by the "Day."

"It is true that there are no historic documents to show how much Salomon has loaned to the Government

during the Revolution. However, so much is known: that his financial assistance was considerable, in the sense that it had saved the American Government, and eo ipso, American independence. In other words, Haym Salomon has by his deed helped to lay the foundation of this great and powerful Republic, which is known as the United States of America—an example to the entire world of the success of democracy and self-government. As such he deserves at least so much recognition that a monument of him should be placed in the heart of the greatest Jewish city in the world.

"The final decision cannot, under any circumstances, remain with the New York Art Commission. If it is a question for historians, let it be decided by recognized and competent historians. An art commission is not obliged to know history, and it has no right to decide on matters pertaining to history. That is what the honor of Haym Salomon and the prestige of the Jewish name demands."

The action of the New York Art Commission is directly traceable to anti-Jewish prejudice, is the opinion of the "Jewish Daily News," Orthodox organ.

"Under normal circumstances Haym Salomon would have been placed among the heroes of the American Revolution, among the great patriots of American liberty, for can there be a greater patriotism than offering one's possessions for the beloved adopted Fatherland? However, Salomon has received no recognition. Just as the money which he gave for America was not returned when his heirs demanded repayment and committees were appointed and reported favorably, nothing resulted. When a plan was broached in Congress in 1893 to issue a Haym Salomon medal again nothing resulted. No money and no honor for the Jew who helped the American Revolution.

"Of what use is it that James Madison wrote about Salomon? Of what use is it that Morris wrote about him, when there are 'historians' who do not want to have the Jew on America's role of honor? It is an old story which is always new. It is the story of the Jew to who they are unwilling to give the credit due him. The Art Commission follows the old trodden path."

The New York Alumnae Association of Alpha Epsilon Phi has made a study of its social service field in New York City with a view to recommending a charity program for the organization to adopt, and has voted to affiliate with the Emanated Sisterhood of the Supreme Service of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, according to an announcement by Mrs. Martha K. Friedman, chairman of the New York Charity Project of the sorority.

"After a thorough investigation by the Project Committee," Mrs. Friedman explained, "it was decided to affiliate with the Emanated Sisterhood, and we already have contracted to build a bungalow for twelve children at Camp Emanuel, Long Branch, New Jersey. Henceforth philanthropic endeavors will be devoted to raising money to maintain the children who use our bungalow. As each child is allowed two weeks' vacation, we shall finance sixty children's vacations next year."

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monument, new research into the records is being carried on.

The question was publicly raised last Monday, when the Executive Committee of the Jewish Council of Greater New York, an organization affiliated with the American Jewish Congress, issued to the press the text of a resolution it adopted, which criticized the Art Commission, charging prejudice.

This charge was answered yesterday by Robert W. DeForest, who is chairman of the Municipal Art Commission.

"Prejudice did not enter into the rejection of the plan," he stated. "The Art Commission gave very careful consideration to the proposed statue to Haym Salomon. Their final disapproval related chiefly to the site proposed and the disapproval was without prejudice to resubmission for another site."

"The careful consideration given this matter by the Art Commission is illustrated by the report of its committee which was adopted and which forms part of the Art Commission's files."

The claim is still unproved, according to Mr. DeForest, but the matter is not necessarily closed. The statues in Madison Square Park, according to the committee's findings, are of men whose names are widely known, while the claims of Mr. Salomon are regarded as obscure.

Examination of the minutes of the meeting of the Municipal Art Commission held on Sept. 15, 1925, discloses that before the meeting, at which the project was turned down, the Commission had cooperated with the Federation of Polish Jews and had suggested changes in the design for the memorial.

It was only after the campaign for a \$75,000 fund was well under way, a competition for the design concluded and a contract signed with Anton Schaaf, the winning sculptor, that the commission began to have doubts that Salomon really was entitled to immortality through a monument in Madison Square. This question had not been passed on previously. The matter will rest until those who believe Salomon did great service to the Colonies can produce documentary proof of his work. This is virtually impossible, because of loss of the records in the invasion of Washington by the British in 1814.

The minutes of the Art Commission show the original design was disapproved June 9, 1925 and that June 24 a new design was submitted by the Federation of Polish Jews. This was satisfactory enough to justify erection of a replica, full size, of the statue on a site facing 23rd Street in Madison Square Park on July 30, the members of the Art Commission visited the replica and the same day met to consider the matter. It was at this meeting that for the first time the question of the worth of Salomon arose.

A decision was made to consult authorities on history. Victor H. Paltsits, head of the Manuscript Division of the New York Public Library, an authority on the sources of American history, was asked for an opinion. Being away at the time, Dr. Paltsits suggested that the commission get in touch with Worthington Ford of the Massachusetts Historical Society, who had studied the subject. Dr. Ford reported Aug. 29 that in his opinion claims made in behalf of Salomon were without proof.

"... the various supporters of the Salomon story," he wrote, "have produced no evidence in its favor... no one who has studied the finances of the Revolution has recorded or knew of such evidence... the story itself is incredible. What documents have been brought forward are of no value, and in default of proper documents the tradition is too exacting to be acceptable, and I see no reason for connecting Haym Salomon's name with the Nation's history, and only as an estimable merchant has he claims to any recognition."

A committee, whose names are not revealed in the minutes, handled the matter for the Art Commission, which decided the claim of Salomon's proponents still was unproved. The application for a monument was denied "without prejudice to its renewal for another site upon clear proof that Haym Salomon is entitled to this degree of recognition in New York."

Historians are agreed that little appears in the records or in early histories regarding Salomon. This is attributed to the fact that the Federalist Party was anxious to have credit given to Robert Morris and Alexander Hamilton. According to Madison C. Peters, who has written a brief history of Salomon, both Morris and President Madison mentioned Salomon frequently in their letters. For a time, according to these sources, Salomon paid the salaries of several Virginia members of Congress.

His place in history was endorsed by the Committee on Revolutionary Claims in the Senate in 1865, according to Mr. Peters. He is said to have lent, without security and without interest, sums totaling as much as \$600,000 to the new nation. Of this not a cent ever was paid. S. Stanwood Menken of the National Security League is a lineal great-grandson of the financier. He has been one of the contributors to the monument fund.

## DR. LVOVITCH SAILS

In appreciation of the many services rendered by Dr. Lvovitch to the American Ort, the Executive Committee tendered a luncheon on the eve of his departure for Europe. Dr. David Lvovitch, who sailed Friday night, spent a few months in the United States on behalf of the European Ort.

## MOND HEADS BRITISH INDUSTRIAL GROUP

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency.)

London, July 22.—Sir Alfred Mond was elected president of the Federation of Chemical Manufacturers here.

## NEW YORK FEDERATION REVIEWS ITS ACTIVITIES FOR TWELVE MONTHS Fund-Raising Has Administration Cost of Four Per Cent

The Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies issued a statistical summary of the work done by its ninety-one constituent agencies during the twelve month period ending June 30.

The summary, made public by Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, executive director of the Federation, shows that the six medical care agencies, which received \$1,171,395 this year from the parent body, took care of 27,987 hospital patients and that the dispensaries recorded 111,069 visits. The six hospitals in the Federation include Montefiore Hospital for Chronic Diseases, which gave more free service than any other non-municipal hospital in the city during the twelve-month period; Mount Sinai Hospital, which led the field in free service among the private general hospitals of the entire city; Hospital for Joint Diseases, the largest orthopedic hospital in the country; Lebanon, Jewish Maternity and Beth Israel Hospitals.

The report further shows that 2,765 orphans were housed daily by the Home for Hebrew Infants, the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society and allied agencies some of which employ the boarding-out plan through private homes. Children numbering 1,382 who were discharged within recent years from the orphanages were placed in homes and supervised.

Through the Federation's fresh air camps, 7,013 mothers and children were given vacations. The Institute for Improved Instruction of Deaf Mutes and the Crippled Children's Fast Side Free School cared for 356 deaf and dumb and crippled children.

The Jewish Board of Guardians, which handles all delinquency cases, sheltered, fed, clothed and educated for honorable self-support 318 delinquents and did preventive work with 3,014 individuals of whom 512 were given jobs and made self-supporting. This agency includes the Hawthorne School for boys; Cedar Knolls; the Shelter; Committee on Field Activities; Lakeview Home; Jewish Big Brothers and Jewish Big Sisters.

The Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews sheltered and cared for 337 old men and women; the Young Women's Hebrew Association and Young Men's Hebrew Association provided 235 young men and women with comfortable living quarters at reasonable rates; the Bureau of Jewish Education and six Talmud Torahs or Hebrew free schools gave all year round courses in Jewish education to 7,676 boys and girls.

Through the Hebrew Technical Institute and Hebrew Training School for Girls, 1,015 boys and girls were being taught useful trades.

The twenty community centers and settlements, including such agencies as the Young Men's Hebrew Association of 92nd Street, Young Women's He-

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## "JEWISH TRIBUNE" SUP- PORTS FEDERATION OF FEDERATIONS IDEA

The suggestion made in the "Jewish Daily Bulletin" by Mr. Morris E. Gossett, that American Jewish leaders consider steps to create a Federation of Federations which would be the Jewish fund-raising agency in the United States, thus eliminating the various campaigns and drives, is supported editorially by the "Jewish Tribune".

Commenting in this week's issue on the proposal, the "Tribune" says:

"The suggestion made by Morris E. Gossett of New York City in a letter to Felix M. Warburg that steps should be taken now to form a federation of federations for the purpose of gathering funds for a systematic program of constructive effort in Poland, Russia and Palestine, deserves serious study. Mr. Gossett points out that, if, as Mr. Warburg suggested, American Jewry is to work out a ten-year program of work in these countries, there should be an end to the many national campaigns involving tremendous expenditures for money-raising and for the maintenance of machines and publicity apparatus." He proposes that each local federation add to its budget a proportion of the amount needed for the overseas program and conduct a single annual campaign to raise the necessary sum.

"The plan has many obvious advantages, and there should be little difficulty in carrying it out. But there are difficulties. One of the greatest is that federations exist in only some sixty cities, whereas there are Jews in upward of 2,000 cities, towns and villages of the country. To reach the Jewish population outside of the federation-cities will require some sort of regional or district organizations. But this is a practical problem which the many practical and experienced organizers among our social service bodies can be expected to solve. The general thought is a good one, and we fail to see how, without some such plan, the effective large-scale work required abroad, and which American Jewry is only too willing to do, can be undertaken."

## Zionist Organization Issues Appeal For Palestine Earthquake Victims

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with inspiring memories. In its present difficulties, the sympathies of the whole civilized world should be engaged.

(Signed) Louis Lipsky, President,  
Zionist Organization of America  
Henrietta Szold, Vice-President,  
Zionist Organization of America."

"P. S. All checks should be made payable to Isaac Meister, treasurer, for the Palestine Earthquake Relief Fund, and sent to the Zionist Organization of America, 114 Fifth Avenue, New York. All contributions made to the fund will be remitted in full to Palestine. The expense of collection and remittance will be borne by the Zionist Organization of America."

## NORWIN R. LINDHEIM TO BE READMITTED TO NEW YORK BAR

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the highest Court is a court of review only.

While members of the bar of this State Kaufmann and Lindheim were convicted in the United States Court of conspiracy, the charge being that they had conspired with one Rumley and others to make a false report to the Alien Property Custodian.

The Appellate Division, having power to vacate an order of disbarment, listened to the attorneys, again protesting innocence, and received a petition that they be restored to membership in the bar.

Chief Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo in his opinion points out that the case was very much entangled and that the jury stood in need of unusual poise of mind and power of analysis if it was to weigh the case dispassionately and separately and that the petition submitted to the Appellate Division that Mr. Lindheim and Mr. Kaufmann be restored to membership in the bar was reinforced by lawyers and judges of distinction who asserted a continued faith in them and an abiding and reasoned distrust of the justice of the verdict. Also the Bar Association by its Executive Committee resolution concurred in the petition of reinstatement and authorized the designation of an attorney to make representation to the court accordingly.

"The honor of the profession," Judge Cardozo says in his opinion, "does not demand the sacrifice of the innocent. The record makes it plain that the pardon was granted because the President of the United States was advised by his Attorney-General that the petitioners were innocent. At no time has the Circuit Court of Appeals expressed an opinion to the contrary."

"There is grave doubt whether there is any evidence of the guilt of these petitioners, and doubt still graver whether the evidence, if any, is strong enough to bring persuasion that justice has been done. That much ascertained, we must leave it to the Appellate Division to reach in the first instance a definite conclusion."

"The petitions, when returned to the Appellate Division, will go back to a court empowered by force of this decision to probe until it reaches truth. They are thus assured of that considerate scrutiny which is the due of misfortune crying out to its judges that it has been the victim of oppression."

Mr. Lindheim was elected at the recent convention of the Zionist Organization of America in Atlantic City, a member of the Administrative Committee of the organization. He is the husband of the President of the Hadassah, Mrs. Norwin Lindheim.

He was represented in the case by William D. Guthrie and Abraham Tulin.

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## GERMAN MINISTER REBUKED FOR CHARGING JEWISH OFFI- CIAL WITH DISLOYALTY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, July 22.—A "Jewish issue" occupied the attention of the leaders of the German Republic during the sessions of the Reichsrat.

At one of the sessions of the Reichsrat last week Herr Keudell, Minister of the Interior, attacked Dr. Hermann Badt, well-known German Jewish leader, who holds the position of Ministerial Director and is by reason of his office a member of the Reichsrat. He charged that the proceedings of the Reichsrat are of grave importance to the German Republic and that their secrecy is imperative. Dr. Badt, he charged, would violate the secrecy of the proceedings.

At yesterday's meeting of the Reichsrat, Herr Braun, Prime Minister of the Prussian Government, took vigorous exception to these charges. The Prime Minister guaranteed the most complete loyalty of Dr. Badt.

## New York Federation Reviews Its Activities for Twelve Months

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brew Association, Young Men's Hebrew Association of the Bronx, the Educational Alliance, Federation Settlement and Emanuel Sisterhood, registered 28,321 persons in recreational and cultural activities.

The Jewish Social Service Association, formerly known as the United Hebrew Charities, gave financial relief and performed social service for 2,222 families during the twelve-month period. This agency, which receives the largest single budgetary allotment from the Federation, securing \$667,309 this year, has for its object the development of normal family life, and the work involves not only the alleviation of present distresses but the attacking of fundamental causes of budgetary and other evidences of maladjustment.

The report of the ninety-one constituent societies of the Federation also includes a supplementary statement by the Federation, which shows that the Federation's raising of funds is conducted at an administrative cost of four per cent.

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