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## DR. WISE, BACK FROM BASLE, CONGRESS, EXPLAINS RIFT: SAYS HE DID NOT LEAVE Z. O. Speaks of Zurich Conference, but is Silent on Steuer Charges

Declaring himself still a supporter of Zionism and a member of the Zionist Organization, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise returned Tuesday on the steamer Olympic from Basle where he attended the Fifteenth Zionist Congress.

Dr. Wise declined to comment upon the charges made by Steuer against the Joint Distribution Committee.

In an exclusive statement to the Jewish Daily Bulletin, Dr. Wise said: "I cannot make too clear that there has been no break on my part with the Zionist Organization and that my intention is to continue in closest touch with the movement, as well as with the World Zionist Organization."

"It did become necessary for me to withdraw from the Political Commission as Chairman of which I served, when Dr. Weizmann declared that the adoption by the Political Commission of a certain resolution would compel him to withdraw from leadership. To that resolution proposed by Messrs. Abraham Tulin of New York and Philip Guedalla of London, I had given my support. It aimed to create a Special Political Commission with the purpose of re-exploring the political economic bases of the movement in relation to the Mandatory Power. My own pro-British sympathies are too well known to require explanation of the notion that either the resolution or any utterance of mine at the Zionist Congress

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## FRENCH LEAGUE PUBLISHES SCHWARTZBARD BULLETIN (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, Sept. 14.—The French League of Human Rights has published a special bulletin, devoted entirely to the Schwartzbard case. It contains articles dealing with the pogroms and the Schwartzbard case. The contributors include Romain Rolland, Victor Margueritte and Henry Barbusse.

## CRIMEA JEWISH COLONIES NOT AFFECTED BY QUAKE (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Sept. 14.—None of the Jewish colonies which came into being with the assistance of the Joint Distribution Committee have suffered from the earthquake, according to a report received here by the Agro-joint from its representatives in Crimea.

## SOVIET COMMISSION STARTS SURVEY OF AZOV SEA REGION FOR JEWISH COLONIZATION

Exhibition of Jewish Agricultural Work in Russia Arranged  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Sept. 14.—An inquiry into the suitability of the state lands in the region of the Azov Sea for Jewish colonization has been started by the Comzet, the governmental department for settling Jews on the land and the Soviet Commissariat of Agriculture, it was learned today.

The Comzet and the commissariat have sent a joint commission to the Azov Sea region to investigate the land. The agricultural expert Golde is chairman of the commission.

The other members are Professor Bushiniski, soil analysis expert; Professor Ilyan of the University of Moscow, expert on hydraulic work; Professor Tchaplign, amelioration expert, and Professor Bogdanov, agriculturist. The Commission has been at work for several months.

Eighteen months ago a number of Jewish orphans who had been wandering about the streets of Moscow were placed in the Jewish agricultural school. Some of the boys have made great progress. Experts who visited the school have decided to transform it into an agricultural training school for orphans.

Latest figures on the number of Jewish Soviets in Russia have just been published. According to the figures, there are 56 Jewish village Soviets in Russia, 69 Jewish town soviets, one Jewish region. There are 32 Yiddish law courts which have dealt with 20,229 cases, since their establishment.

Moscow, Sept. 14.—The progress of the Jewish colonization work in the  
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## POLAND PROHIBITS RABBIS TO ACCEPT PROSELYTES (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Sept. 14.—An order prohibiting the rabbis of the Jewish communities in Poland to admit Christians as proselytes to Judaism was issued by the Minister of the Interior. The order is based on the recent decision of the administrative high tribunal.

This measure called forth surprise in Jewish religious circles as it is considered contrary to the provisions of the Polish constitution guaranteeing freedom of conscience to all.

## PLANS TO EXTEND REFORM JUDAISM TO NEW LANDS FORMULATED IN LONDON

Proposal Envisages Australia, South Africa, Poland and Palestine  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Sept. 14.—Plans for extending the influence of Liberal Judaism to the distant corners of the globe wherever Jewish communities are to be found were formulated at a meeting of the governing board of the World Union of Progressive Judaism, the organization created by American, English and German Liberal Jews to further the interests of Reform Judaism.

The meeting was attended by Leo A. Weil of Pittsburgh, Rabbi Nathan Krass of Temple, Emanu-El, New York; Professor Elbogen, Rabbi Seligman, Heinrich Stern and Bruno Woyda of Germany, David Ruben of India, Claude Montefiore of London, the Reverend Perezweig, L. Jacobs and Miss Lily Montagu, secretary of the Union.

A proposal to establish organizations of Liberal Jews in Australia, South Africa, Poland, Palestine and other countries was under discussion.

The Union decided to hold the next international conference of Liberal Jews in Berlin in August 1928. The need of a Liberal Jewish youth movement will be a point on the agenda of the next conference. The reports submitted to the governing body point to the fact that the Union is the only world Jewish organization with a purely religious program, with the exception of the Orthodox Agudath Israel.

## ROUMANIAN COMMUNITIES BILL CRITICIZED BY JEWS (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Sept. 14.—A bill regulating the relations between the state and the various churches in the kingdom of Roumania will be introduced at the next session of the Roumanian parliament, according to the announcement of the Minister of Religion, Lapdatu.

The bill provides that the clergy of the various denominations must be Roumanian citizens.

The new ordinance regulating the affairs of the Jewish communities in Roumania was made public by the government. The ordinance which provides that only one Kehillah may exist in each city called forth dissatisfaction among the Jewish population, particularly in the new provinces where two Kehillahs, Orthodox and Reform, are unwilling to amalgamate.

## ZIONISTS ARE URGED TO BEND ALL ENERGIES FOR OVERCOMING THE CRISIS

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asaroff, representing the labor group, and Mr. Supraski representing the Palestine general Zionists, stated the reason their groups would refrain from voting on the budget. Mr. Grossman in his declaration promised loyal cooperation on behalf of the Zionist Revisionists to remove the unemployment, although his group, he stated, declines responsibility for the Executive and its methods of work. Rabbi Berlin declared that the Mizrachi will make efforts of its own to safeguard the interests of the religious work in Palestine, in view of the curtailment of the allotments for this work in the budget.

Of the \$632,000 annual budget, \$360,000 were earmarked for the needs of the Hadassah and the American Zion Commonwealth. This called forth the criticism of the Palestine labor representative, Harzfeld. Because of the American Zion Commonwealth, the Palestine budget will have to be curtailed, he charged. He was answered by Maurice Samuel of the American Zionist delegation, who stated that the raising of funds in America will be facilitated by the removal of the debts of the Zion Commonwealth.

Interesting scenes were enacted when some of the labor delegates attempted to prevent the passage of a resolution protesting against anti-Zionist terror in Soviet Russia. The resolution was passed with only two delegates dissenting, many of the labor delegates, however, wishing to make declarations before the vote. When their requests for the floor were presented, Miss Szold, who was in the chair, refused to recognize them. The labor delegates then raised a tumultuous protest which was energetically suppressed by Miss Szold. The Hebrew command, "Sheket. Lasheveth" (Quiet. Be Seated.) of the first woman member of the Zionist Executive had a calming effect upon the excited labor delegates.

The final moments of the Fifteenth Zionist Congress witnessed a revival of hope in the dawn of a better day for the Zionist movement. Nahum Sokolow, who delivered the closing address, voiced this sentiment in declaring that a more favorable turn in the relation of the British government toward the Jewish National Home ideal is observable. He also expressed his opinion that there is a possibility of obtaining state lands for Jewish colonization.

## JEWISH COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES.

A city-wide effort to bring more Jewish children into the Talmud Torahs and other Jewish schools will be made by the Ivriah, the Women's Division of the Jewish Education Association. Cooperating with Ivriah are Sisterhoods of synagogues and Temples as well as other organizations of Jewish women.

A home to home canvas of the Jewish families of each neighborhood is planned. The slogan will be, "Give your child a Jewish education, register him in a Jewish school to-day."

Simultaneous meetings of the fifteen branches of the Ivriah will be held next Monday to inaugurate the campaign.

Mr. Joseph Leblang is chairman of the Ivriah.

Principals and teachers of the Talmud Torahs and other Jewish schools of New York met last Friday and adopted plans for a registration drive to be conducted in cooperation with the campaign of Ivriah. The meeting was held at the Broadway Central Hotel under the chairmanship of Israel S. Chipkin, Educational Director of the Association.

Rabbi Samuel Rosenblatt, of the Adath Israel Synagogue, Trenton, son of Cantor Josef Rosenblatt, who tendered his resignation and will assume his new duties as rabbi of a New York orthodox synagogue late in September.

The resignation of Rabbi Rosenblatt, is said to have followed a "split" with the Board of Directors of the Congregation over a change in the synagogue ritual.

Since the opening of the synagogue, last year, services have been strictly orthodox. The younger element attending services have made frequent requests for liberalizing of the ritual. When asked by the Board of Directors to change the ritual, the Rabbi tendered his resignation.

Rabbi Nahum L. Freidless, Cincinnati, was installed as rabbi of Temple Emanuel, Roanoke, Va.

"Our own work as much as it will grow, will never be sufficient because the building of the national home requires the aid of the mandatory power. This aid is necessary, is valuable and is possible. In the meantime, however, Zionists throughout the world must increase their fund raising activity for the Zionist budget proper and for the unemployment fund," he stated.

Mr. Sokolow warned Zionists not to indulge in too much self criticism and in factional strife. "Zionism is stronger than any bad mood. Those pessimistic Zionists should remember the progress the movement has made since its inception," he stated.

Mr. Sokolow thanked the Swiss government for its hospitality and Dr. Leo Motzkin for his direction of the Zionist Congress deliberations as its chairman. The delegates were reminded by Sokolow of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the work of the Hebrew poet Schneurer who was accorded a long ovation. The Congress disbanded after the Hatikvah was sung.

## BREVITIES

During the month of June 48 Jews entered Brazil, of whom 45 were men, one woman and two children, according to figures made public at Rio de Janeiro. Thirty came from Poland, fourteen from Roumania, one from Lithuania, one from Germany, one from Austria and one from Czechoslovakia.

Registration of all persons in Georgia, with a view to keeping a State record of their racial antecedents, is required by a law passed in the last session of the Georgia Legislature and just signed by Gov. L. G. Hardman. It was stated the bill is intended to prevent the marriage of any white person in the State to one whose blood has Negro strain, and its provisions delay marriages ten days.

Enforcement of the law is placed in the hands of the State health department's vital statistics bureau. It requires that the state health officer prepare printed forms for registration of every citizen. Whereupon shall be given the racial composition of each individual in so far as obtainable so as to show in what generation such admixture occurred."

The debating team of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, New York, were victorious over the team representing the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago, in a debate held last Wednesday at the Jewish People's Institute, Chicago.

Over 1000 persons were present at the debate which was presided over by Rabbi Simon J. Kramer. The team representing the New York Yeshiva argued the affirmative of the resolution. Resolved that the Parochial School system is the sole solution to the problem of the permanency of traditional Judaism in this country." The New York team consisted of the students Isaac H. Weissfeld, William Berens, Morris Max; the students of the Chicago College argued the negative. They were Rabbi H. Miller, Sol Pearlman and Meyer Ostrowsky.

A committee of five judges rendered the decision. Max Shulman and Judge Harry M. Fisher who represented the Chicago College and Fred Bernstein and Dr. A. Levinson representing the New York team, and A. Paul Halle composed the Judges Committee.

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