

## RIGA HEARS SENSATIONAL REPORT ON CAUSE OF LUBOWITSCHER REBBE'S ARREST

Said to be Due to Controversy Among Russian Jews on Religious Conference; Famous Rabbi Opposed Holding Conclave Scheduled for October 21 in Leningrad; Conference May Be Boycotted

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Sept. 21.—Revelations concerning the recent arrest and release of Rabbi Schneursohn, the famous Russian Jewish religious leader, known as the Lubowitscher Rebbe, and head of the Chassidic Chabbad school, which has numerous followers throughout Jewish communities of the world, were contained in reports received here from Moscow.

Rabbi Schneursohn was arrested by the Soviet authorities in the middle of June and was brought to Moscow where he was ordered exiled to Kostroma. The order of exile was then revoked. After spending a month in prison he was released the middle of July and granted permission to leave Russia, the Latvian government having permitted him to settle permanently in Riga.

The imprisonment of Rabbi Schneursohn who is held in high esteem by Russian Jews and who has never before been interfered with by the Soviet authorities during all the years of the Soviet regime gave room for much speculation as to the cause of his arrest and the sudden decision to release him. In Chabbad Chassidic circles his arrest and release are viewed as an event similar to that which befell his great grandfather who was arrested during the regime of Nicholas I and whose release is still considered in Chassidic tradition a miracle.

The original report concerning the Rabbi's arrest stated that the charge against him concerned his alleged activities to raise funds for the maintenance of his Yeshiva, which has been in existence for a long time with the Soviet authorities taking no cognizance of it.

Well informed circles in Moscow, according to the reports received here, trace the arrest of Rabbi Schneursohn to a serious party conflict within Rus-

sian Jewry and place the responsibility for the course of the events upon certain Jewish leaders. The controversy centered around the proposed conference of Jewish kehilla's in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, which is to be held in Leningrad on October 21, with the permission of the Soviet government, being the first of its kind to be held since the establishment of the Soviet regime.

Permission to hold this conference was granted by the government following the submission of a memorandum on this question by the leaders of the Jewish kehilla in Leningrad. It is stated that although there was unanimous agreement that some steps are necessary for consolidating the Jewish religious activities in Soviet Russia and trying to widen their scope as much as possible, and although the agenda of the conference was approved by the government, Rabbi Schneursohn and

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## NEW ANTI-ALIEN RAIDS ARE ORDERED IN HUNGARY; JEWS IN GREAT APPREHENSION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Budapest, Sept. 21.—New anti-alien raids were ordered by the Hungarian Ministry of the Interior in the North-eastern part of Hungary.

The Jewish population in that region was thrown into a state of panic by this measure as previous experience has shown that in the raids on aliens, native Hungarian Jews were captured and deported. A new official statement issued by the government that the raids have no anti-Semitic tendency was not given any credence.

## ANTI-SEMITIC PHYSICIANS DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Sept. 21.—Speedy action followed the discovery of an anti-Semitic practice by two physicians in the Waldenburg district hospital. The two physicians in charge of the hospital, Foehrst and Schneider, were dismissed from their posts when they admitted that they had allowed a Jewish patient who was taken sick near the hospital to die without giving him medical aid.

## NAUMBERG, IN WARSAW ARTICLE, MAKES COMPLETE DENIAL OF STEUER CHARGES

To Lawyer's Questioning, Voelkist Leaders Replied They Know Nothing of Alleged Misuse; Disavowal also on Behalf Tchernichow and Szabad

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Sept. 21.—A complete disavowal of his association with the charges made by Max D. Steuer, New York attorney, against the Joint Distribution Committee, alleging that 40 per cent. of the relief moneys sent to Poland prior to 1925 did not reach the people for whom they were intended due to losses in the changing rate of exchange, was made by H. D. Naumberg, Polish Jewish publicist and leader of the Voelkist party, who was quoted by Mr. Steuer in his statements criticizing the Joint Distribution Committee.

Mr. Steuer mentioned Mr. Naumberg as one of the four men with whom he conversed in Zurich while attending the conference on Jewish Rights and on the basis of whose information he formulated his allegations.

In an article which appeared today in the Warsaw Yiddish daily, "Der Moment," Mr. Naumberg declares: "As far as I am concerned, the statement of Mr. Steuer is not correct.

I can add also that it is not true with regard to Dr. Szabad and Mr. Joseph Tchernichow. The three of us had a conversation with Mr. Steuer, but none of us said this or anything similar to this. On the contrary, to Mr. Steuer's repeated questions as to whether it was true that the moneys of the Joint Distribution Committee were expended in Poland without benefit, we pointed to the positive aspects of the Joint Distribution Committee's work.

"When Mr. Steuer further questioned why he was informed of alleged misuse, we replied that we know nothing of these allegations. On the basis of what we know, we can say that this information is untrue," Mr. Naumberg declares in his article.

"Mr. Steuer made continued efforts to get such statements from us, repeating the questions continually, but we replied that the work of the Joint Distribution Committee in Poland was good, although we regard it as insuf-

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## JACOB EPSTEIN, NOTED SCULPTOR, TO COME TO U.S.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Sept. 21. — Jacob Epstein, noted American Jewish sculptor who has resided in London for several years, will sail for the United States on October 1.

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## POLISH RABBIS TO SEARCH FOR MISSING HUSBANDS

Seek to Aid Large Class of Agunoth; U. S. Body Helps (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Sept. 21.—A bureau to locate the missing husbands of Jewish women in Poland will be opened soon, according to a decision of the Union of Rabbis in the Republic of Poland.

A large number of Jewish women in Poland are in the class of the Agunoth (women whose husbands have been lost track of) since the close of the World war. Many of the husbands are believed to be in countries overseas and refuse to communicate with their wives or send them support.

Cooperation between Polish and American rabbis on this matter was secured during the visit of Rabbi Ezekiel Lipshitz, president of the Polish Rabbis Union, to the United States last year.

The Union of Orthodox Rabbis in the United States and Canada has allotted the amount of \$8,000 for this work; \$1,500 have already been remitted for this purpose.

Percy S. Straus, chairman of the executive committee of the Centennial Fund of New York University gave a luncheon on Tuesday to the publishers of fifty trade papers to interest them in the fund.

Aaron Straus was elected chairman and Jacob Blaustein vice-chairman of the board at the first meeting of the newly created board of trustees of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association of Baltimore, Md.

## HAS HENRY FORD WITHDRAWN HIS "INTERNATIONAL JEW"?

The question debated in Germany as to whether or not Henry Ford has withdrawn his "International Jew" from circulation, which has arisen due to the continued advertisements of the book by the Hammer Verlag, is commented upon by the New York "Day." German anti-Semites and American Jews are both interested in this question, the paper says.

"We American Jews too are interested to know whether or not Henry Ford has withdrawn his book from the market, in accordance with his undertaking in his letter to Louis Marshall, and whether the book is being sold at anti-Semitic bookstores as it was before Mr. Ford's recantation. We American Jews are interested to establish whether his promise to 'right the wrong' done us was made sincerely or it was merely a meaningless phrase. If he meant it sincerely, how does he strive to keep his word? For, in our opinion, even if a man were to take a hundred ritual baths a day, but continue to hold the contaminating matter in his hand, he is not cleansed.

"We are interested to know this and we have a right to be interested in order to bring clarity to the subject. By virtue of this right we direct our inquiry to those among us who have been mediators between Ford and the Jewish world in the days of his recantation.

"We ask has Henry Ford withdrawn his inciting book, the 'International Jew,' from the world book market or does he permit it to be circulated further? A clear reply to this question is essential," the editorial concludes.

## ANTI-SEMITES BARRERED JEW FROM TANNENBERG (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Koenigsberg, Sept. 21.—The elimination of the Jewish feature at the unveiling of the Hindenberg memorial last Sunday at Hohenstein, East Prussia, commemorating the Battle of Tannenberg, was due to the threat of the Voelkische party.

Leaders of the party declared, the Jewish Front Soldiers Association here learned, that if the rabbi would have been permitted to deliver his address, the party members would have left the exercises.

Named in honor of Governor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland, the Albert C. Ritchie Club has been formed here by Jewish business and professional men. Organized to formulate interest in civic affairs of the city, the club will be the only Jewish body of its kind in Baltimore.

David Stein was elected president of the club.

## 10,556 APPLY FOR AID TO EMIGRATE FROM POLAND (J. T. A. Mail Service)

Berlin, Sept. 11.—During the past seven months 10,556 emigrants applied to the Hicem Committee in Poland reports submitted to the conference of the Hias-Ica Emigdirekt Executive held here show.

In 537 cases visas had been obtained for them, in 1,004 cases they had been supplied with passports without cost, in 1,457 cases the emigrants had been put into touch with their relatives and in 269 cases their relatives had been traced. The Committees had saved the emigrants about \$7,000 by obtaining reduction in fares.

In regard to the preparation work, 350 emigrants had been placed on the land to obtain a training in agriculture to fit them for their new countries. In various towns, Kovno, Kishineff and Riga, intending emigrants were being trained as locksmiths, blacksmiths, motor-car drivers, etc. Language classes in English and Spanish had been established to teach the intending emigrants the languages of their new countries.

A report received from the Committee in Uruguay showed that during the first half-year of 1927, 449 immigrants had arrived in the country, 179 of whom had obtained employment through the Jewish Labor Employment Bureau.

The conference was held under the chairmanship of Dr. James Simon. There were present Mr. Abraham Herman, President of the Hias of New York; Rabbi Raffalowitz, the Ica representative in Brazil, M. Schulinger, representative of the Ezra Society in Antwerp, and the members of the Executive Council of the Hicem, Dr. Julius Stern, M. Edouard Oungre, Dr. M. Kreinin, Dr. J. Bernstein, Mr. J. Lestchinski, Dr. Lvovitch and Herr S. Rudel.

Mr. Herman, President of the Hias, expressed his satisfaction at the results of the co-operation between the three central Jewish emigration societies, and said that it was already clear that their expectations as to the results of the unification which had been effected would be realized.

## ANOTHER JEWISH CEMETERY IN GERMANY IS DESECRATED (J. T. A. Mail Service)

Berlin, Sept. 8.—The Jewish cemetery in Gerozhofen near Schweinfurt was broken into and desecrated, the "C. V. Zeitung" of this week reports. Five gravestones were overthrown and the mortuary chapel was painted over with swastikas.

Deputy Leo Schwering, a member of

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the group of rabbis associated with him voiced their opposition to the holding of this conference at the present time. They contended that in view of prevailing conditions it would be impossible to elect a truly representative body of Russian Jewry and that any committee which might result from this conference would not be endowed with the power to carry on the work and have the religious authority required.

This attitude of the Lubowitscher Rebbe called forth resentment among the initiators of the Leningrad conference. To remove his opposition they decided, it is stated, to discredit him in the eyes of the Soviet authorities, an action which resulted in his arrest.

This charge against the initiators of the Leningrad conference could not be verified for obvious reasons. Rabbi Schneerson's release was brought about by the intervention of his friends, the echoes of the event abroad and the guarantee of the Jewish community of Moscow for the Rabbi's complete loyalty. It was stated that Michael Kalinin, president of the Soviet Republic, has interested himself in the case.

This development has made uncertain the fate of the Leningrad kehilla's conference. There is no definite knowledge as to whether or not it will convene on October 21. The reports add that the resentment against the action of the conference initiators is so strong among religious Jews that it is planned by even those communities which originally intended to send representatives, to boycott the conference.

According to the original plan 110 kehilla's throughout the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics were to send 179 delegates. The agenda included questions pertaining to the establishment of Mikvehs, ritual baths; the founding of Yeshivas and maintenance for rabbis and synagogue officials. The conference was also to consider the question of the Chedarim, the Jewish religious schools; the printing of religious books and the problem of Sabbath observance. It was also to consider a plan to create a Union of Kehilla's in Soviet Russia.

the Catholic (Centre) Party, writing in the "C. V. Zeitung" protests against the desecration of Jewish cemeteries in Germany. "Apart from all questions of religion and party-politics," he writes, "there is such a thing as common humanity which should be enough to prevent such outrages."

# **"ALIEN PERIL" BASELESS: RATIO OF ALIENS LESS NOW THAN BEFORE CIVIL WAR**

Congressman Emanuel Celler Cites  
U. S. Census Figures

Interesting data showing that the ratio of the foreign born element to the native population in the United States was much larger before the Civil War than it was in 1920 was presented by Congressman Emanuel Celler in an article in the October issue of "The Immigrant," monthly bulletin published by the Department of Immigrant Aid of the National Council of Jewish Women.

The percentage of foreign born to the entire population in the principal cities of the United States in 1920, as compared with 1860, as presented by Congressman Celler shows: Baltimore 24.71 per cent in 1860, 11.6 in 1920; Brooklyn, 39.22 in 1860, 33 in 1920; Buffalo 46.44 in 1860, 24.2 in 1920; Chicago 29.99 in 1860, 29.9 in 1920; Cincinnati 45.71 in 1860, 10.7 in 1920; Cleveland 44.76 in 1860, 30.1 in 1920; Jersey City 39.11 in 1860, 25.6 in 1920; Louisville 33.73 in 1860, 5.0 in 1920; Memphis 30.66 in 1860, 3.6 in 1920; Milwaukee 50.49 in 1860, 24.1 in 1920; Mobile 24.13 in 1860, 3.3 in 1920; New York (Manhattan and Bronx) 47.62 in 1860, 36.1 in 1920; Philadelphia 28.93 in 1860, 22.0 in 1920; Pittsburgh 36.7 in 1860, 20.5 in 1920; San Francisco 50.09 in 1860, 29.4 in 1920; St. Louis 59.76 in 1860, 13.4 in 1920; Washington 17.51 in 1860, 6.7 in 1920.

"In other words" Congressman Celler writes "colonization of aliens in large cities is not a new phenomenon in American life. We have always had it. Of course it is not a wholesome condition. Nevertheless, the evil thereof, if any, is gradually being lessened. But unjust and abnormal stress was given to this colonization throughout the immigration debate.

"Although the Bureau of Census is unable, at the present time, to give more recent figures regarding the ratio of foreign born population in the principal cities, yet the data of the Bureau which I have examined indicate that the principle herein announced is still sound, and that in the days of the Civil War there were far more foreigners in the big cities than during the administrations of Harding and Coolidge.

"Strange as it may seem to some people, there has never really been an alien peril. The ratio of aliens to the entire population of the country has at no time gone beyond 13 per cent.—and this in the heyday of immigration. It has never been more than 13 per cent either in 1860 or 1880 or 1900 or 1910 or in 1920, and very likely never will be, no matter what our im-

# **ALTOONA JEWISH COMMUNITY SUBSCRIBES \$15,000 TOWARD FUND OF YESHIVA COLLEGE**

This season's drive to complete the \$5,000,000 campaign for the erection of the Yeshiva College in New York City was inaugurated yesterday at Altoona, Pa., according to an announcement issued by Harris L. Selig, Executive Director of the Yeshiva College Building Fund.

The Jewish community of Altoona, Pa., which Mr. Selig visited in behalf of the campaign, adopted a quota of \$15,000 for the Yeshiva College building fund at a meeting of Jewish leaders held at the Hotel Penn. Of this amount \$5,000 was raised at the meeting. The remainder is expected to be subscribed at a dinner to be given on Sunday evening, October 23.

A Campaign Committee was organized consisting of representatives of all elements of the Jewish community. Jacob Berman is Honorary Chairman; Sol Brett, Chairman; Morris Lenon and Louis Nesselson, Vice Chairmen; Sam Berman, Treasurer; Sidney Miller, Secretary and Morris Henderson, Chairman of the Budget Committee.

The Yeshiva College campaign will be held soon in the cities of Detroit and Baltimore. The construction of the first group of buildings for the Yeshiva College for which the cornerstone was laid on May 1 is rapidly nearing completion. The campaigns to raise the allotted quota towards the fund are planned in various cities throughout the country, Mr. Selig announced.

migration policy may be.

"The law of supply and demand has always governed in immigration. When we had business depressions, immigration subsided, and when we had business prosperity there was an upward trend in immigration. But, however this may be, favorable industrial conditions never brought about a condition in this country where there was more than 13 per cent. of our entire population which was non-native. Thus the timidity and fear concerning immigration has been and still is mere bugaboo.

"Furthermore, we are a mere handful of people flung across a whole continent. We are thirty-five people to the square mile. In Germany, France and Belgium there are well nigh four hundred to the square mile.

"But the voice of these truths during the debate was drowned in the tumult of prejudice and alarm. Now the truth may be told and heard," he concludes.

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ficient.

"Our conversation with Mr. Steuer then turned on the question of obtaining support for the Tor, the society for settling Jews on the land in Poland. We are of the opinion that the Joint Distribution Committee has entered insufficiently into the position of Polish Jewry and believe that more radical methods are necessary to help Polish Jewry. But this does not mean that the J.D.C. should not do the work it is doing at present. Such a demand would be conscienceless.

"It is unfortunate that certain people seek to discredit the Joint Distribution Committee, using energy which might better be applied for other purposes. Recently a journalist, Mr. Fisher, did something similar and if he did not have bad intentions, it is certain that he had the intention of seeking to show that only in Russia real work is being done in behalf of the Jews," Mr. Naumberg declared.

A copy of this despatch was submitted to Mr. Steuer's office by the Jewish Daily Bulletin, but Mr. Steuer could not be reached up to the time of going to press.

The Israel Friedlaender Classes with centers in various sections of the city and in Newark, will open their 7th annual season on Monday evening, October 24th.

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## PALESTINE AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT OPENS; JEWISH FARM PRODUCTS WIN PRIZES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Haifa, Sept. 21.—The Palestine Agricultural Exhibition was opened here yesterday. Lord Plumer, the High Commissioner, in his address opening the exhibition, emphasized the importance of fairs where it is possible for all races and creeds living in Palestine to cooperate for the development of the country.

"Agriculture is the backbone of Palestine industries," Lord Plumer said. "The year 1927 will be remembered by the Palestine people as the year of misfortune, but also as the year of common work," he declared.

One half of the proceeds of the fair will go toward the earthquake fund.

Among the prizes awarded was one for the eggs of the Nahalal colony, the Ainharod colony and for the Carmel almonds.

The Zionist Executive and the large Jewish colonies are not represented at the fair, which is the first general agricultural exhibition in Palestine. Local agricultural fairs had been held intermittently in Tel Aviv, Jaffa and Nablus. According to plans now formulated, the fairs will be centralized in one Palestinian exhibition which will be held annually, the place for the fair alternating each year between the northern and southern districts.

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