

## LAND VALUES IN TRANSJORDANIA RISE; TAKE JUMP FROM \$5 TO \$50 PER DUNAM

Said to Be Due to Extensive Building Plan of Government

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Nov. 8. — The price of land in Transjordan, the natural hinterland of Palestine, has gone up during the last few months, it is reported here from Amman.

Only last year a dunam of land could be purchased in Transjordan for \$5. The price asked by Arab landowners now ranges between \$40 and \$50 per dunam. This rise in land values has caused a considerable increase in rentals in Transjordanian cities.

The rapid change in the real estate market is explained here by the fact that an extensive building plan is now being prepared by the Transjordanian government for Amman, the capital of the province. An added reason is the expectation of the forthcoming conclusion of the treaty between Emir Abdullah and Great Britain.

## TO SPREAD ZIONISM AMONG FRENCH SPEAKING JEWS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, Nov. 8. — A new effort to spread Zionism among the French speaking Jews in the mother country and the colonies will be made by a special committee of French Zionists formed here.

The committee was established at a meeting called on the initiative of French Zionist delegates who attended the Basle Congress. The scope of the work is to include an extensive Zionist propaganda in Syria, Salonica, Switzerland, Morocco.

Presentations have been made to the organization department of the London Zionist Executive that permission be given the newly formed Paris committee to direct this work from Paris instead of through the London office.

## IRA NELSON MORRIS TO HELP ROUMANIA GET LOAN HERE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Nov. 8. — Ira Nelson Morris, of Chicago, was decorated by Prince Nicholas in behalf of the Regency with the Grand Cordon of the Star of Roumania. This honor is conferred upon him, as announced, for "services to Roumania and his never-failing efforts to promote friendly relations between Roumania and the United States."

Mr. Morris has undertaken to put the Roumanian Government in touch with influential American bankers with a view of negotiating a loan of \$50,000,000.

## CITIZENSHIP QUESTION IN LATVIA IS TO BE DECIDED BY REFERENDUM

Step Taken as Result of Attack by Nationalist Party

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Nov. 8. — The status of hundreds of Jewish families, residents of the Republic of Latvia for many years, will be decided by the people in a referendum, notwithstanding the fact that the citizenship law passed by parliament some time ago seemed to solve the matter satisfactorily.

The referendum was decided upon by the government following an attack made on the law by the nationalist faction in the Latvian Sejm yesterday.

A resolution introduced by the nationalists demanded the repeal of the law. Former Prime Minister Zelmins led the attack on the citizenship law. The Jewish angle was introduced by Zelmins when he stated directly that the intention behind the nationalist resolution is to curtail the number of Jewish voters. He complained that "the Jews seized power and are ruling the country with the aid of the socialists."

Refuting this argument, the present Prime Minister, Skonek, a Socialist, declared that the nationalists were dissatisfied not with the workings of the citizenship law but because of the fact that the democratic Jewish minority lent its support to the Socialist candidates during the last election.

## JACOB FABIAN GIVES \$50,000 TOWARD YESHIVA COLLEGE

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 7. — The largest sum ever given for higher Jewish education in the state of New Jersey was announced today by Jacob Fabian, theatre owner and prominent Jewish philanthropist of this city.

Inaugurating the campaign for \$500,000 in the state of New Jersey to complete the Yeshiva College of America, Mr. Fabian contributed the amount of \$50,000, ten per cent. of the sum sought on the condition that the remainder is raised.

The campaign in New Jersey will start the beginning of December and quotas for the various Jewish communities in the state have been allocated. It is stated here that several other Jewish businessmen who are interested in promoting higher Jewish learning through the Yeshiva College will make similar contributions on the basis of a percentage of the total sum raised.

## LUBAWITSCHER REBBE IN LATVIA, ABSOLVES LENINGRAD KEHILLAH

Opposition to Soviet Communities Conference is Strong

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Nov. 8. — The Leningrad Kehillah was absolved by circles close to Rabbi Schneursohn from the accusation that it was responsible for instigating the arrest and exile of the famous Lubawitscher Rebbe, who has settled in Latvia.

The explanation was made in commenting upon reports which have appeared in the Jewish press that the Rabbi's arrest was the result of a denunciation of the Rabbi to the Soviet authorities, because he had opposed the conference of Jewish kehillahs called by the Leningrad kehillah to take place in that city on November 21.

It was explained here that it may perhaps be true that individuals of the kehillah in Leningrad may have had a hand in the Rabbi's arrest, but the Leningrad kehillah as a whole endeavored to secure his release. It was added that the majority of the rabbis and communal leaders in Soviet Russia continue their opposition to the conference, regarding it as a dangerous step for Russian Jewry at the present time.

Riga, Nov. 8. — The conference of Jewish religious congregations in Soviet Russia, scheduled to take place in Leningrad on October 21, was postponed until November 21, the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here learns from Moscow.

The convenors of the conference had planned it to take place during the first week of October. The Soviet authorities refused to permit the conference on this date, which would have coincided with the period of celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. It was then decided to allow more time to enable delegates from distant parts of Russia to participate in the proceedings.

## JEWISH COMMUNISTS OUSTED FROM PARTY FOR OPPOSITION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Nov. 8. — An additional number of Jewish communists were excluded from the Communist party in Ekaterinslav after it was discovered that they had been active in the opposition headed by Leon Trotzky and Gregory Zinovieff. Among those excluded were Kaufman, Braginsk, Maglevitch, Swetchkenbaum, Lipshitz, Abel, A. Katz, I. Katz, Freiberg and Gurevitch.

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## HEINZ BERNSTEIN VISITS

## HENRY FORD IN POLAND

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Darnik, Nov. 6.—Heinrich Bernstein visited Henry Ford in his Dearborn offices regarding the Associated Press reports.

"We met as old friends," Mr. Bernstein told the Associated Press, "and with regard to his relation to the Dearborn Independent articles Mr. Ford said, 'I never had any animosity against the Jewish people. My attraction was made absolutely without any mental reservation.'"

"I showed Mr. Ford," Mr. Bernstein said, "that by his mainly and vigorous expatriation of the articles on the international Jew he has dealt a deadly blow to bigotry and race prejudice everywhere."

Mr. Bernstein had met Mr. Ford since the latter's expedition to Europe in his "peace ship."

"Mr. Ford was most cordial and we had a delightful conversation," Mr. Bernstein declared. "He said he had intended calling on me in New York, but had been delayed by many duties."

"Yes, I saw the new Ford car," Mr. Bernstein said. "It is a fine car."

## EXHIBITION OF HUNGARIAN

## JEWISH ARTIST IS OPENED

An exhibition of paintings and glass by Pauline Mottel, Hungarian Jewish artist, was opened yesterday at the galleries of Marie Stern, New York.

The exhibition includes thirty-five paintings and sculptures in spun glass. They will be on display until Nov. 20.

JEWISH PRESS IN POLAND COMMENTS ON  
WALDMAN REPORT

Joint Distribution Committee Cannot Withdraw Until Polish Jewry Can  
Secure Its Own Problems

## Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Warsaw, Nov. 6.—The Jewish press in the Republic of Poland comments widely on the deliberations and the outcome of the Conservative Relief Conference of the United Jewish Campaign held recently in Chicago.

The newspapers, occupied during the end of October with lengthy reports from Paris on the Schwarzhof trial, have now turned their attention to the discussion by the Conference on the situation of the Jews in Poland as the detailed mail reports are being received here. Interest centers in the survey presented to the conference by Morris D. Waldman who, during his recent tour in Poland, conferred with leaders of all sections of Polish Jewry.

The Jews of Poland are perhaps in a better position politically but are still living through a very severe economic crisis, which requires the assistance of American Jewry to overcome it, was the opinion expressed by Mr. Waldman, President of the Jewish Social Service Conference of the Jewish Federation of Churches of America, in the report he submitted to the Conference.

"It can be truthfully said that Poland's crisis is over. It cannot be truthfully said that the crisis in the life of Polish Jewry is over. In a sense it has only just begun, for it will be years before a satisfactory adjustment will be made to the new order of life so as to enable them to provide for themselves to a reasonable minimum," Mr. Waldman declared.

"An objective study of the conditions of the Jews in Poland must lead one to believe that there is no general panorama for the crisis of Jewish life in that country. It is obvious that some of the solutions offered by the various theories held by the various leaders of the Jews in Poland can bring the desired remedy. Perhaps when all of the means suggested will be employed and when the natural adaptability of Polish Jews will be given a fair chance, when conditions have become more favorable, and when the necessary assistance is made available, solution

to this tragic situation may be brought about. Some plans are being advocated with regard to the staying of Jews on the land in certain areas in Poland.

"The particular plan which is most system of relief to the Jewish region in the neighborhood of Plock, this region, however, can be made suitable for Jewish colonization only after considerable costly drainage work is undertaken which will require large sums in addition to the purchase price of the land. At any rate there can be no immediate hope for colonization work in Poland on a large scale. At most ten thousand Jewish families may be equipped to find their livelihood in agricultural work in Poland in the course of many years," Mr. Waldman stated. He reported that in his conversations with the Jewish leaders in Poland, who had been in the work of the Joint Distribution Committee was expressed. Leaders like Haim Haim and Levin in Warsaw stated that had it not been for the help of American Jewry, there would be no Jewish youth in Poland, Mr. Waldman reported. They intended to carry by these words that children would otherwise have perished. Scores of other leaders voiced strongly the same sentiments.

"This constructive enterprise is not finished and cannot be completed unless American Jewry continues both material and moral support," Mr. Waldman continued. "Had American Jewry simply fed and clothed the people of Eastern Europe, it could withdraw at a moment's notice and leave the people to their own devices. But through its policies of constructive philanthropy we have imposed a new responsibility upon Eastern European Jewry. We have created and stimulated the creation of many new types of institutions which did not exist before and which the people, in spite of their poverty, have been trying to maintain, and with amazing effort. For America to withdraw would not be a technical breach of faith, but would, I believe, be a grave breach of our moral obligations. One can give a beggar on the street a coin and pass on without further concern for his welfare. But one cannot undertake to make a family self-supporting, carry them on to within a reasonable expectation of their becoming self-sustaining, move them to better and more expensive quarters, raise their health standards, start the children on an educational career, accustom them to better food and generally improve the quality of their lives."

## TAPPER, PALESTINE JEWISH

## LEADER, RETURNS TO AMERICA

Joseph Tapper, Palestine Jewish leader who is known for his scenes of the pioneer life in that country, returned to New York this week.

Mr. Tapper spent the summer in the European capitals. In Vienna an exhibition of his paintings was held, to which have been added several new pictures of Palestine Jewish life.

# ABRAHAM TULIN REPLIES TO EDER'S STATEMENT ON BASLE CONGRESS INCIDENT Gives More Details on Political Commission Proposal

The controversy over the Wise-Weizmann incident at the last Zionist Congress in Basle, resulting from the proposal to create a temporary political commission under the chairmanship of Dr. Weizmann to negotiate with the British Government concerning the reforms necessary, was continued yesterday by Abraham Tulin, member of the American Zionist delegation and one of the sponsors of the proposal.

In a statement issued to the Jewish Daily Bulletin in reply to the statement of Dr. M. D. Eder, member of the London Zionist Executive, Mr. Tulin gave more fully the details of the matter which caused Dr. Wise's resignation from the chairmanship of the Congress political commission.

"Dr. Eder's statement, published in the Jewish Daily Bulletin of November 4th, shows unfortunate defects of memory on his part as to what really occurred in the Political Commission

and then suddenly abandon them before a state of independence is attained. This is the analogy of our relation with the Jewish people of the former war zones.

"This sketchy picture of the conditions in Poland as they affect our brethren and involve our interest is, to summarize, essentially the following:

"Though Poland is rapidly approaching a stable condition, the new conditions of life, combined with the wholesale impoverishment of the Jewish people by successive wars, pogroms, currency inflations, and business disasters, still holds them in a critical and distressing situation.

"Had it not been for the aid of American Jews, administered with a high degree of intelligence and devotion, the situation of the Jews would have been incalculably worse.

"The operations of the J.D.C. have brought about the beginning of a union of Jewish forces, and which is already exerting an influence for good upon the Poles and the Polish Government, eliciting their respect, and evoking more generous support for the Jewish institutions.

"Because of the very character of the service rendered by the representatives of American Jewry and the direction and stimulus they have given to local effort, we cannot withdraw until Polish Jewry has an opportunity of working out their problems.

"The solution of their problems cannot be accomplished by concentration on any one project or in any one direction but by a sane development of the personal resources of the Jewish people in many directions."

at Basle in his own presence; but this, after all, is not important," Mr. Tulin declared in his statement.

"The resolution to which Dr. Eder refers was introduced because its proponents, and also the overwhelming majority of the members of the Political Commission, regardless of party, as was amply demonstrated in Dr. Eder's presence, had become convinced by the tragic and indisputable facts that the present critical situation of the Yishub in Palestine was due in large part to the economically oppressive regulations and policies of the British Administration, and that this vitally important side of our political work had not been and could not be properly and adequately handled by the Executive of the Zionist Organization alone as at present constituted. Before the resolution was introduced, and, indeed, before I made the statement to which Dr. Eder refers, fourteen other members of the Political Commission, taking no account of the representatives of the several parties openly opposed to Dr. Weizmann, had pointed out the glaring failures of our political work, with a directness and bitterness and wealth of detail which were startling. It was partly to forestall a still more drastic and bitter resolution, which would certainly have been introduced in and adopted by the Political Commission, that Mr. Guedalla, with some help from Dr. Wise, drafted the resolution which I afterwards introduced with their express approval, and which Mr. Guedalla seconded. The central idea of this resolution was that a special and temporary Political Committee to be composed of representatives from America, England, Continental Europe and Palestine, should, under the chairmanship of Dr. Weizmann, take up with the British Government in London the very grave political-economic problems in Palestine. This idea had been put forward by me as well as several of my colleagues of the Commission in the course of its deliberations.

"The statements made by the Executive at the Congress confirmed the general conviction that, as Dr. Wise phrased it at the Cleveland Conference, there had been "a breakdown" in our political work in relation to the Mandatory Power. In its official, published report to the Congress, the Executive gave the British Government a clean bill of health and ignored the oppressive and discriminatory tax and license burdens imposed on our struggling pioneers in Palestine—burdens which have effectually and inevitably frustrated the efforts of these pioneers to establish themselves on an economic basis, and forced them to fall back on a new form of Halukah in order to live. Before the Congress and its Commissions, the members of the Executive plainly showed that they did not even

comprehend the very grave and, as was made clear, impossible economic handicaps which the British Administration had imposed and imposes on the establishment of the Jewish National Home,—handicaps which seem to be timidly assented to by the Zionist Executive. Furthermore, the efforts of the Executive to defend its own admitted political failures before the Congress constituted a slander on the honor and integrity of the British nation, whose Government had solemnly undertaken to carry out the pledges and provisions of the Mandate; since the defense consisted largely of the hardly veiled suggestion that, if the British Government were pressed to fulfill these pledges, it might repudiate them altogether. This suggestion, however, was not in reality a defence of the Executive but an unwarranted aspersions upon the honor of the British Government.

"The explanations and defenses of the Executive were so contradictory and unsound as to lead to the conclusion that the Executive by itself would not and could not secure from the British Government the desperately needed reforms, and that its efforts must be supplemented by a Committee which the Congress should elect for that purpose of which Dr. Weizmann should be the Chairman, as proposed in my statement and provided in the subsequent resolution.

"It was for this reason that the much discussed resolution was introduced. Its purpose was not to supersede the Executive in its political work, but for a time to strengthen and support the Executive in those things in which the Executive had shown that it needed to be strengthened and supported. The resolution was not the unconsidered product of a moment. Its substance was thoroughly discussed with and approved by Dr. Wise and others before we had been appointed on the Political Commission; and Dr. Wise stated to the Political Commission in Dr. Eder's presence that the resolution had his full sanction and approval, as he again stated in his recent address at Cleveland. Indeed, Dr. Wise had far-sightedly urged on Dr. Weizmann and the entire American Delegation, the necessity of a functioning and effective Political Committee as far back as the Fourteenth Congress in Vienna, in 1925. Dr. Weizmann then nominally approved, but two years passed without anything being done to supply this deficiency.

"Dr. Eder's statement that Jabotinsky expressed satisfaction with my speech is quite true; but that does not impugn the accuracy or detract from the importance of what I said. I know of no law which required one to refrain from stating the truth at Basle, lest Jabotinsky approve!

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# HENRIETTA SZOLD PETED AT DINNER BEFORE HER DE- PARTURE FOR JERUSALEM 540 Life Members in Her Honor; \$56,000 to Clear Deficit

Miss Henrietta Szold, founder of the Hadassah American women's Zionist organization, was the guest of honor at a dinner at the Hotel Astor on the eve of her sailing for Palestine to assume her duties as one of the three members of the new Jerusalem Executive. More than 400 Zionists were present.

Louis Lipsky, who acted as toastmaster, announced that 500 Zionists had enrolled as life members in the Zionist Organization, at \$100 each. The fund will be used to wipe out the deficit of the Zionist Organization.

In paying tribute to Miss Szold, Mr. Lipsky declared: "Henrietta Szold has the confidence and the universal respect of Zionists of every party and faction. She goes to her tasks with a youthful vision and vigor which many of us may well envy. Her tasks in Palestine provide an opportunity for the display of her talents and abilities which will fittingly crown a record of three decades of service in the Zionist movement. We who have labored together with her are inspired by the quiet confidence and determined will of this woman who represents the best in American Zionism."

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise said: "I claim a longer association with our honored guest than any one present tonight. Forty years of association with Miss Szold has been my good fortune. Her great father and mine were fellows in friendship. Back in the early days in Baltimore when Dr. Harry Friedenwald was the president of the Zionist Organization, Henrietta Szold was doing fine work in building Zionist strength and Zionist assets. Her influence was of incalculable worth. Her application to detail her indefatigable zeal, her missionary spirit, has stamped her from her earliest days of association in Palestine work as one of large capacity, of unusual proficiency with a talent for leadership."

"Miss Szold goes to Palestine at a time when disquietude exists among Zionists, when doubt and uncertainty throw their shadows over the orbit of Zionist endeavor. The log-rolling, combinations of factions, inefficiency and jockeying out of which the Palestine Zionist Executive was born, with its impediment to accomplishments and achievements, has definitely passed out of the picture. Henrietta Szold joining with Col. Kish and Harry Sacher will constitute a triangle of strength, courage and vision in the development of Jewish Palestine. She takes with her our love, our sincere and heartfelt felicitations on the assumption of her tasks and our hope for health and happiness in her labors."

Mrs. Irma A. Lindheim, President of the Hadassah, paid tribute to the Honorary President, saying: "Miss Szold who

## A. F. OF L. HEAD TO SPEAK AT ORTHODOX CONVENTION

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, will discuss the five day working week at the national convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, which will meet in New York City, November 19, 20 and 21. Mr. Green will address the Sunday morning session at the Jewish Center, 151 W. 86th Street.

At the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor, a resolution making the five day working week a plank in the platform of the organization was adopted.

The Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America will hold its Convention simultaneously with that of the Union.

## Tulin Replies to Eder (Continued from page 5)

"The Zionist Congress is responsible for the proper administration of Zionist affairs. Where defects in administration appear, it is the duty of the Congress through its Commissions to consider ways and means for their remedy. Where, through lack of understanding of the principles of economics and finance or for other reasons, affairs are mismanaged, it is the duty of the Congress to provide for their reform. The Congress duly adopted resolutions aiming to remedy the shattered financial condition of the Zionist Organization, and elected a new Executive in Palestine to carry such resolutions into effect. The Political Commission sought by the resolution which was offered, to accomplish the same end with regard to the mismanagement of our political affairs. Its adoption was blocked solely by the threat of Dr. Weizmann to resign." Mr. Tulin's statement concluded.

Sails on Friday to take up her duties in Palestine is the epitome of American Jewish womanhood. In her the women and girls of Hadassah see the symbolism of service for the welfare of Palestine. Tens of thousands of Hadassah women will send their prayers for Henrietta Szold's health and success. I declare that Miss Szold is the foremost Jewish woman in America."

Rev. Eliezer Masliansky spoke in Yiddish voicing his appreciation of the achievements of Miss Szold. Morris Rothenberg, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal, praised Miss Szold's role in early American Zionism and sketched the effects of much of her advice and counsel. Dr. Harry Friedenwald sent a letter with a check for \$100, urging the creation of a fund the income of which is to be employed in a manner agreeable to Miss Szold. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Straus sent a telegram of congratulations and appreciation of Miss Szold.

## RENEW FIGHT FOR REPEAL OF NATIONAL ORIGINS LAW

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 8. — The demand for the repeal of the "national origins" clause of the Immigration Act of 1924 is being renewed here. A committee for the elimination of this legislation has established headquarters and will urge action at the coming session of Congress.

The purpose of this committee, it was explained, is to arouse the American people to the "infamy" of the "restrictive and discriminatory legislation contained in the new Immigration Law by which the number of immigrants that may annually come from Great Britain will exceed the total number that will be permitted to come from all the other nations of Europe." These nations include Southern Ireland, Germany, Italy, the Scandinavian countries, the Netherlands, France, Belgium, Poland and the Balkan countries.

"It was due to the activity of this committee," it was added, "that a postponement of the law, which was scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 1927, was secured."

Behind this movement, as directors, are Judge Sweeney, National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; Former Congressman Michael Dorsoob of Philadelphia, past National President of the A. O. H.; Dr. Edward F. McSweeney of the American Irish Historical Society and prominent authority on immigration.

A statement from the committee organized to defeat this legislation said: "The data for the new quotas under the 'national origins' feature of the Immigration Law of 1924 have been supplied by agents of the Carnegie Foundation. The millions of the late Mr. Carnegie are being expended for the accomplishment of his designs, while his agent, in the person of Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania, is working skillfully and unceasingly to speed the enactment of what has been said by some to be the most barefaced piece of racial and religious bigotry in Federal legislation that has ever been tried to be put over on the American people."

This law, if not repealed before April 1 next, will go into effect on the following July 1.

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