

CECIL DE MILLE DEFIES JEWISH CRITICS OF HIS 'KING OF KINGS' PRODUCTION

In Arrogant Language He Charges Jews with Blame for Prejudice; Plans New Picture of Jewish Nature; Indifferent to Jewish Protest but Considerate of Klan, Rabbi Newman Relates; Metro-Goldwyn Withdraws

Film Objected to by Irish in America; 'Callahans and Murphys' Regarded as Insult to Race; Producers Yield to Public Demand

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Los Angeles, Nov. 19.—Cecil de Mille, producer of the film, "King of Kings" which was widely criticised in the Jewish press and from the Jewish pulpit for its tendency to revive anti-Jewish religious prejudice, took an arrogant stand in reply to this criticism in a statement he made in a press interview.

Setting himself up as an authority on the history of the beginnings of Christianity and declaring that he knows better what is good for the Jewish people, he charged the rabbis and editors of Jewish papers who have attacked the picture with the blame for any prejudice which may result. The critics' reaction to the "Kings of Kings" may lead Christians to see in this criticism a sign of "a guilty conscience."

"They will infer," he said, "that if Jesus were alive today these Jews I speak of would crucify him again."

In his statement Mr. De Mille declares: "No Christian has ever found a trace of Anti-Semitic prejudice or propaganda in the 'King of Kings' for the simple reason that Christians are fully acquainted with the New Testament history and therefore realize that my presentation of it is a fair one. Jewish editors and Rabbis in some instances have read Anti-Semitic ideas into their interpretation of my picture because they are not acquainted with what the New Testament tells us. They have out of their own minds invented a hostility that does not exist."

"The danger now is that some Christian editor or other will say that the Jews' reaction to the 'King of Kings' springs from a guilty conscience and consequently they will infer that if Jesus were alive today these Jews I speak of would crucify him again. The very men who

read prejudice into the picture are themselves storing up material for anti-Semitic propaganda. They are the ones who will be entirely responsible for any prejudice against the Jewish people. The 'King of Kings' does not in any manner encourage such prejudice. It tells the immortal story without any racial implications whatsoever and shows the Jews divided into opposing parties over the reforms urged by Jesus."

Portland, Ore., Nov. 19.—Interesting information with regard to Cecil de Mille, producer of the "King of Kings," and his plan for a new picture of a Jewish nature which is to be produced by his company soon was furnished by Rabbi Louis L. Newman of Temple Emanu El, San Francisco, writing in "The Scribe," Jewish weekly here.

"The Goddess Girl" is the name of a new religious picture in which De Mille intends to attack atheism," Rabbi Newman writes. "His target is the so-called American Association for the Promotion of Atheism. Much of his material is

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METRO-GOLDWYN WITHDRAWS 'CALLAHANS AND MURPHYS,' FILM OBJECTED TO BY IRISH

Producers of Picture Regarded Offensive Yield to Public Demand

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 19.—The motion picture, "The Callahans and the Murphys," objected to by the Irish in America, has been withdrawn by the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Distributing Corporation, states the News Service of the National Catholic Welfare Council.

The decision to withdraw this film from circulation was communicated by Metro-Goldwyn to John A. Gallagher, editor of the "Standard and Times," Catholic weekly of Philadelphia.

The action, says the Catholic paper, was taken to comply with the wishes of Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, who had delegated Mr. Gallagher, as editor of his official organ, to exert every means possible to have the film withdrawn. The immediate cause of the move for withdrawal was the scheduling of the picture for showing in some Philadelphia houses, although the larger theaters had refused to run it.

Following a telephone conversation and a confirmatory letter to the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Corporation, says the "Standard and Times," Nicholas

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SEVERE ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES ACCOMPANY HUNGARIAN BILL TO AMEND NUMERUS CLAUSUS

Many Jewish Students Injured in Riots; Threaten to Brand Shield of David on Foreheads of Jewish Students and their Christian Friends

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Budapest, Nov. 19.—The introduction today of the bill long heralded by the Hungarian government to amend the numerus clausus law limiting the number of Jewish students in Hungarian universities and colleges was accompanied by a series of severe anti-Jewish riots in all Hungarian colleges.

The excesses, which started Friday, continued throughout the day and on Saturday. In the attacks perpetrated by the anti-Semitic students, many of their Jewish fellows were seriously injured.

In manifestoes issued by the Hungarian Students' Organization, the anti-Semites threaten that if the bill is passed in parliament, the Jewish students will be boycotted and the sign of the Shield of David will be branded on the foreheads of the Jewish students and those Christian students who

sympathize with them.

The authorities took no drastic measures to quell the riots. In Jewish circles deep disappointment was voiced at this attitude.

Count Bethlen attempted to quiet the disappointment of the Jewish community in the provisions of the new bill which does not in reality abolish the limitation of the number of Jewish students. Speaking in parliament, Count Bethlen declared that "it will be enough to remove paragraph 3 of the numerus clausus law at this time and leave the rest for the future."

MASS. COUNCIL CONFIRMS MRS. ANDREWS APPOINTMENT

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Boston, Nov. 19.—Mrs. Esther M. Andrews was confirmed a member of the Governor's Council at a meeting of that body. She is the first woman to hold office in the Council and succeeds the late Charles Sumner Smith. The appointment was made by Governor Fuller two weeks ago.

AUSTRIAN JEWS BARRED FROM SKIING SOCIETY

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Vienna, Nov. 19.—A decision to exclude Jews from membership, was taken by the Austrian Skiing Society.

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ABRAHAM CAHAN, EDITOR OF 'JEWISH DAILY FORWARD,' BACK HERE FROM RUSSIA

Abraham Cahan, editor of the "Jewish Daily Forward," accompanied by Mrs. Cahan, returned Friday on the steamer Berengaria following a six months visit to Soviet Russia.

During his stay in Russia Mr. Cahan studied conditions generally and particularly of the Jewish population and the new Jewish colonies in the Ukraine and Crimea. In a press interview Mr. Cahan stated that although it is true that the Russian people are making progress, this progress is very slow. The Communist system is wrong; it is not Socialism. Socialism is possible only in a country which is highly industrialized and this is not the case in Russia where 85 per cent. of the people are peasants. The dictatorship of the proletariat is equally as bad as the dictatorship of the aristocracy, he said.

The vast material which he collected on Jewish life in Russia will be published by Mr. Cahan in a series of articles in the "Jewish Daily Forward."

A large group of Mr. Cahan's friends and labor leaders met him at the pier and feted him at a luncheon given in his honor.

Leo Rothenberg was recommended by the trustees for reinstatement in City College because he had retracted his remarks at a symposium on military training, to which he and Alexander Lifshitz had objected. The case of Lifshitz who was also suspended was referred for further investigation and a report is expected within a few days.

PROF. BREASTED OUTLINES PLANS FOR ROCKEFELLER MUSEUM IN JERUSALEM

Tells of Preliminary Negotiations
with Palestine Government
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, Nov. 19.—Additional facts with regard to the plans for the archaeological museum to be erected in Jerusalem through the gift of \$2,000,000 by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. to the Palestine government were made public here by Professor James Breasted, director of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago and famous Egyptologist.

Negotiations preliminary to the making of the gift by Mr. Rockefeller were carried on by Prof. Breasted with Lord Plumer, High Commissioner for Palestine, while Prof. Breasted was in Egypt directing work of the Oriental Institute early this year.

"Since the Great War, the Palestine Government, under the British Mandate, has been courageously meeting its economic problems with a regime of strict economy," said Prof. Breasted in a press interview. "Yet from an already burdened treasury it has annually appropriated £16,000 to the administration of the Antiquities Department. As a result of the wise application of these funds and the steady accumulation of newly discovered monuments, the Department has greatly expanded the already existent collection of antiquities. "Palestine has never possessed a museum building and the funds required for an adequate building to house the collections have heretofore exceeded the Government's available means. The present gift is further expression of appreciation of this and other problems in the Near East, and of her desire to cooperate in meeting them.

"The Palestine government has agreed to contribute as the site for the new museum a plot of land called in Arabic 'Karm-el-Sheikh,' which means 'Vineyard of the Sheikh.'" Prof. Breasted declared. "It is situated outside and immediately north of the northeast corner of the wall of Jerusalem in a slightly position commanding a view of the Mount of Olives eastward and an impressive prospect of the Temple Mount on the south. This plot of land was early appropriated by the Crusaders and on it still stands a picturesque and massive tower of one of their early castles which it is hoped can be permanently preserved in connection with the new museum building. Overshadowing this Crusaders' castle stands one of the finest cedars in Palestine and looks down upon an ancient olive grove which covers much of the seven and a half acre site. It is hoped to preserve the venerable cedar also. The new development of the site and the museum building will form part of the so-called Jerusalem Town Planning

BARON ROTHSCHILD GIFT FOR SCHOOLS CONSIDERED BY PAL- ESTINE HEBREW TEACHERS

Baron's Terms Involve Change in Educational Personnel
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Nov. 19.—The Hebrew schools of Palestine, which were not opened the beginning of the season because of the situation created through the curtailment of the Zionist budget, may be reopened next week if the grant of Baron Edmund de Rothschild in the amount of £18,000 will be accepted by the school authorities.

In making his grant, Baron Edmund stipulated that the schools be given a religious character and that the instruction of religion occupy a more prominent place in the curriculum. The matter was taken under advisement by the Palestine Executive and by the executive of the Union of Hebrew Teachers which is an important factor in determining the character of the schools in Palestine.

It was stated that the acceptance of the terms of the Rothschild grant will involve considerable changes in her personnel of the Vaad Ha'chinuch, the board of education. It is expected that an understanding on this question will be reached.

Scheme now being carried out with great energy by the Palestine Government.

"The new museum building will not only provide ample facilities for displaying the collections now in hand but also for an anticipated expansion in the future as a result of discoveries being made each season by the numerous archeologist expeditions now excavating in Palestine. Mr. Austen St. B. Harrison, the able English architect at present attached to the Public Works Department of Jerusalem and previously associated with Sir Arthur Lutyens, the architect of the great Delhi group of British Government buildings in India and of the new British Embassy in Washington, has already submitted preliminary sketches for the museum. He proposes a building in the Romanesque style, characteristic of the Mediterranean from Sicily eastward and therefore entirely appropriate for Palestine. The building material to be used will be local limestone which will blend harmoniously with both the ancient and modern structures of Jerusalem," Prof. Breasted said.

Over 300 people gathered at the Israel Orphan Asylum, New York City on Sunday afternoon to witness the unveiling of 25 tablets which were erected in honor of those who had endowed beds in the orphan asylum.

Justice Gustave Hartman of the City Court, founder and President of the institution was master of ceremonies. Cantor Israel Breech officiated.

LOUIS MARSHALL SCORES EXPLOITATION OF JEWISH NAME IN POLITICS

Advises Against Political Organization 'To Get Behind Jewish Young Men Deserving Recognition'; There is no 'Hebrew Vote'; Religion Should Not Be Injected into Political Campaigns

Unqualified censure of those who seek to exploit their Jewish religious affiliation for the sake of political gain and attempt to influence Jewish voters by methods of organization, was voiced by Louis Marshall, president of the American Jewish Committee, when a plan to form a "Hebrew Democratic Club" was presented to him.

The sponsors of this plan asked the opinion of Mr. Marshall on its advisability. The inquiry elicited a reply, the text of which was made public yesterday by the American Jewish Committee following the twenty-first annual meeting of the Committee.

The secretary had communicated with Mr. Marshall, informing him that the club had been organized in July of this year and that within three months thereafter an active membership of more than 250 men had been built up.

"The objects of our organization," the secretary wrote, "are to promote the welfare of the Jewish people, to take an active part in civic welfare and betterment, charitable interests, and to get behind those Jewish young men who are deserving of political recognition." He went on to inform Mr. Marshall that there had been some discussion "in regard to the use of the name 'Hebrew' in connection with a political organization" and the club was desirous of obtaining the views on that question of leading Jews. In response to the secretary's request that Mr. Marshall give his impartial opinion on the matter, he wrote the letter which follows:

"I am in receipt of yours of the 3rd instant, in which you ask my opinion as to the propriety of using the word 'Hebrew' in connection with a political organization. I am very glad to embrace this opportunity to express to you my views on this important subject.

"To my mind nothing can be more objectionable than to resort to such practice. It is undignified, it is un-American, it is un-Jewish. In this country, where there is a separation of Church and State, where freedom of conscience is guaranteed by State and Federal Constitutions, where every dweller in the land may unquestionably observe his religious belief, where we are all one people, to designate a political club as Hebrew, Jewish, Catholic, German, Irish or Italian, is an evidence of shockingly bad taste and of a lack of appreciation of what America stands for. Whenever I hear of any body of men who thus brand themselves politically, I immediately ask myself

what is their game, whose political chestnuts are they seeking to pull out of the fire, what is their conception of citizenship and politics, whose collar are they wearing and what boss are they seeking to influence? Every decent-thinking man when confronted with such a situation recoils in disgust.

"I approve of political clubs, whether they be Republican, Democratic or independent, provided they are devoted to the serious study of political and governmental principles, to the education of their members in the organic law of the State and Nation and in matter of public concern. But when such a club is called either the Hebrew Republican Club or the Hebrew Democratic Club, it at once gives rise to the impression that the men in the club are influenced by sordid reasons and not by those elevated considerations which should lead to the formation of such an organization. The non-Jew at once entertains suspicion of such an organization and loses respect for its members. Even politicians gauge the club by the name which it adopts and draw inferences which are not complimentary to the sponsors.

"We Jews especially owe a duty to ourselves to occupy a dignified attitude toward public questions—not to cheapen our name, not to permit it to be dragged through the mud of ward politics. It should have to us a sacred connotation and should not be placed in danger of being soiled and contaminated. Moreover, why should we Jews give rise to any inference that we have a special ax to grind, that our politics have a selfish tinge, and why should we, who in the past suffered because of our religion, now create even a suspicion that we are entering into politics under the banner of separatism? We are opposed to the Ku-Klux-Klan, we were opposed to the A. P. A. and to the Know Nothings, but we are imitating them when we call ourselves Hebrew Democrats and Hebrew Republicans, and Hebrew this and Hebrew that.

"I have at various times been approached by men high in political life with the question, 'What can be done to gather in 'the Hebrew vote'? I have told them invariably that there is no Hebrew vote, that we are American citizens, and that we adopt the principles of one or the other of the parties in accordance with our idea as to what best contributes to the welfare of the country. I have also told them that if I ever heard of any attempt by my own party to differentiate between its members on the basis of their re-

TRENTON SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS INQUIRY ON COMPLAINT OF JEWISH PUPILS

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Trenton, N. J. Nov. 19 — Charges against a principal and a teacher in the Trenton public schools on the complaint of Jewish children that they were upbraided and humiliated in the presence of other pupils for absenting themselves from school on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Succoth were lodged with the Board of Education by Rabbi Issacher Levine leader of the Orthodox community in this city.

A committee was appointed by the Board to make an investigation. Pending this inquiry, Rabbi Levine is withholding the names of the accused persons.

The Rabbi told the correspondent of the Jewish Daily Bulletin that he had made the complaint against the principal and the teacher after a group of about twenty children sought his advice concerning their absence from school. The children informed him that on one occasion a principal had upbraided and humiliated a number of Jewish children during an assembly session of the school.

ligious faith, I would denounce it as being hostile to the spirit which should prevail in our country. On every occasion these gentlemen have apologized and have thanked me for the opinions expressed.

"I am perhaps speaking more vehemently than is necessary, but I regard this to be a matter of vital importance. I am probably impelled to do so the more by that part of your letterhead which reads 'Hebrew Democratic Club of X for the Interest of Hebrew Citizens of X.' Can anything be more damning than such an expression? What is the interest of the Hebrew citizens of X as distinguished from the interest of all the citizens of X—Jewish, Catholic or Protestant? Suppose our Catholic friends should form a club and call it the Catholic Republican Club of X for the interest of the Catholic Citizens of X, or some of our Protestant friends should call a club the Presbyterian Democratic Club of X for the interest of the Presbyterian Citizens of X. Who would protest loudest under such circumstances? I venture to say that it would be the citizens of the Jewish faith, and they would be entirely justified unless by their own example they encouraged such forms of organization.

"Coming to the second paragraph of your letter, I feel shocked. You say: 'The objects of our organization are to promote the welfare of the Jewish people, to take an active part in civic welfare and betterment, charitable interests, and to get behind those Jewish

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Schenck, president of the Corporation, wrote Mr. Gallagher. After discussing the various protests over the film, Mr. Schenck said in his letter: "Please state to His Eminence that we feel he would not make this request unless he felt compelled to do it. In spite of the fact that it entails financial loss to us, we are happy to meet the request of the Irish people and have given notice to our offices to withdraw the picture immediately."

On the next day, the following telegram was despatched to all branch managers of the corporation: "Withdraw 'Callahans and Murphys' from circulation immediately. Accept no further dates under any circumstances and do not supply this picture anywhere to anyone excepting those who may have it advertised for showing next week; telegraph acknowledgment your understanding and compliance foregoing."

Protests by Irish and Catholic individuals and groups against the film "The Callahans and the Murphys" began immediately upon the appearance of the picture, and have since intensified steadily in almost every part of the country. As a result, many motion picture theater owners have in recent months either cancelled showings of it at their own expense or have refused to book it.

Catholic groups and publications assailed the film throughout the country, with telling box-office effect. Its showing in Washington was protested by the Irish-American organizations of the District of Columbia, and a tentative body was formed to protest against any film unjustly caricaturing the Irish race. In Pittsburgh, following protests, receipts at the house where the picture was shown dropped sharply. The motion picture owners of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia condemned the film and asked members of their organization not to show it.

In London, when the picture was introduced there, it received instant condemnation.

Attempts by the company to cut the film in such a manner as to eliminate distasteful parts failed, the protesters insisting that it was an insult in any form.

Moses Glilkin of Migdal, Palestine, arrived in the United States on the steamer Aquitania. Mr. Glilkin is here in the interests of the corporation proposed by Prof. Otto Warburg for planting bananas in Palestine. The corporation to be known as the Palestine Banana Corporation, will begin its activities with the planting this spring of bananas on 100 dunams of land in Migdal. Mr. Glilkin stated.

Mr. Glilkin is here also in the interests of the Migdal American Hotel Company which is erecting a hotel at Migdal.

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young men who are deserving of political recognition.'

"I do not understand why you differentiate between 'the welfare of the Jewish people' and 'civic welfare and betterment.' Does not the promotion of the latter promote the welfare of the Jewish people as fully as it deserves to be promoted?"

"I do not know what 'charitable interests' have to do with a political club. I know that there are some political clubs which during election time seek charitable contributions from political candidates. To me this is a degradation of one of the noblest sentiments of humanity."

"And then to form a club for the purpose of having it advance the interests of 'Jewish young men who are deserving of political recognition.' You are playing with fire and with edged tools when you announce this as the ultimate purpose of your organization. This idea of getting political recognition because one is a Jew is, to me, unspeakably shameful. Men will get their deserts without that kind of boosting. Let the Jewish young men become good citizens, perform their public and private duties, gain a reputation for integrity and ability and modesty, and it will not be necessary to form a club to hoist them into public office."

"I earnestly hope that your organization will revise its purposes and change its name without delay. By doing so its members would honor the Jewish name instead of debasing it."

The prize winners of the Fifth Annual Essay Contest conducted by the Department of Immigrant Aid and Immigrant Education, of the National Council of Jewish Women, have been announced in the current issue of "The Immigrant," the bulletin of the Department.

The prizes were awarded to Mrs. Ida Katz of Philadelphia, Mrs. Fanny Marcus of New York City, Mrs. Pauline Chusener of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Annie Sternberg of New York.

The judges were Allen T. Burns, Executive Director of the Association of Community Chests and Councils; Mrs. Elmer Eckhouse of Newark, N.J., Chairman of the Department of Farm and Rural Work of the National Council of Jewish Women; and Miss Sarah Elkus, Director of Day Classes for Adults in English and Citizenship, Board of Education, New York City.

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being gathered from the activities of a Jewish girl who has been prominent in radical activities. Whether the scenario will convey the impression that 'The Goddess Girl' is a Jewess remains to be seen.

"Cecil de Mille," Rabbi Newman continues, "it is rumored, was born to a Jewish mother, but he strenuously denies this report. I understand, nevertheless, that the rumor is correct. Evidently he is seeking to build up a defense mechanism which will overcome any Jewish elements in his make-up by stressing the anti-Jewish."

"His motives appear to be blatantly commercial. He is not interested in artistic or ethical ideals, but is accentuating contemporary religious interest in the belief that he will profit thereby financially. I understand that a suggestion was made he stage a picture showing the excesses to which the Senior and Junior Ku Klux Klan have gone in persecuting Jews, Catholics and negroes. The proposal was venomously rejected. You might as well bring in a stick of dynamite to our studio as a scenario exposing the Ku Klux Klan.' 'But, it was objected, 'you are attacking the Jews.' 'That,' was the reply, 'is different.'"

POLISH ZIONISTS URGE JERUSALEM EXECUTIVE TO ADMIT 250 CHALUZIM (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Nov. 19.—An urgent request to admit into Palestine at least 250 Chaluzim from Poland was forwarded to the Jerusalem Executive in a joint petition of all Zionist groups in Poland.

The action was taken at a session of representatives of the Zionist organization of Poland, the Mizrachi, the Hitchaduth, the Poale Zion, the He-Chalutz and Hashomer Hainari.

This course was decided upon when the plight of many young men and women who have gone through a training of several years preparatory to their intended emigration to Palestine was described. The spokesmen for the He'Chalutz organization contended that if no outlet is provided for these trained young men and women the entire Chaluzim movement in Poland will be threatened with extinction.

George S. Steinberg, alderman, is a candidate for mayor of Council Bluffs, Iowa, at the primaries which will be held in February. Mr. Steinberg has been a merchant in Council Bluffs for 21 years.

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