

OPPONENTS AGAIN QUESTION BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON DEAD SEA CONCESSION

Negotiations with Novomejski and Tulloch Subject of Further Discussions in Commons

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 13.—The negotiations now carried on with the British Crown Agents by the Jewish engineer, Novomejski, and his associate, Tulloch, a Scotchman, concerning the grant of the concession to exploit the salts of the Dead Sea, were the subject of further questions in the House of Commons yesterday.

Captain C. T. Foxcraft asked when Pinchas Rutenberg and Novomejski became Palestinians and British subjects. Major Ormsby Gore, Undersecretary for the Colonies, stated he would inquire into this, adding that Palestinians are British protected persons, not British subjects.

Col. Bury asked whether Tulloch and Novomejski represent different groups and which group Novomejski acted for. To this Ormsby Gore explained that the negotiations are being conducted with Tulloch and Novomejski as with principals, not as representatives of other persons or groups.

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ZIONISTS IN VIENNA KEHIL- LAH ASK DEMOCRATIZATION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Dec. 13.—Zionist factions represented on the Board of the Vienna Kehillah, including the Orthodox Mizrachi and the laborite Poale Zion, have united in a demand to extend the franchise in the election of the Kehillah board to a wider circle of the Jewish population.

The Zionist factions hold sixteen seats and threaten to resign, thus causing an obstruction in the work, unless their proposal is accepted. At present only a certain number of high taxpayers have a vote in the elections.

JEWS OF BIALYSTOCK ELECT MAJORITY TO CITY COUNCIL

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bialystok, Dec. 13.—The municipal elections held here yesterday gave the representatives of the Jewish population a majority in the city's administration.

The block of Jewish middle class parties elected 9 representatives, the Bund 6, the Houseowners Association 4, the Artisans 2, the Poles 18, the Russians 1, the Germans 1.

BESTIAL ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY ROUMANIAN STUDENTS IN POGROM-RIDDEN CITIES

Powers Claim Indemnity for Injured Subjects; Jews Arrange Burial for Desecrated Holy Scrolls; Roumania Apologizes to U. S. for Assault on American in Grosswardein Pogrom

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Dec. 13.—Gruesome details are being related of the atrocities committed by the Roumanian students during and after their attacks on the Jewish population in the pogrom ridden cities in Transylvania.

Five young Jewish girls were kidnapped by the students on their return from Oradeamare and carried to the station Predeal, where they were forced to drink whiskey and were assaulted by the group. The girls are now in hospital, being treated for venereal diseases. Two five year old Jewish girls were kidnapped by the students in Clausenburg, taken on the train to Bucharest, were forced to drink whiskey and assaulted.

Three Jews and two Hungarians were fastened with ropes to a running train. After being dragged by the train for fifteen minutes, the ropes broke, hurling the victims to the ground, causing them fatal injuries.

Hundreds of millions of lei is the estimated damage to the Jewish population in the pogrom ridden cities. During the attacks the interests of British, French and Hungarian subjects suffered. In addition to the case of the American, Wilferd N. Keller, demands of indemnity will be presented. It was stated, by the French, British and Hungarian governments. The region has the appearance of a country left in the wake of an enemy's army. Six synagogues have been despoiled. Torahs desecrated and other Jewish sacred books defiled.

The rabbis of Clausenburg, Grosswardein and other Transylvanian cities have called on the Jewish population to arrange for public funerals of the desecrated Holy Scrolls.

Bucharest, Dec. 13.—Deep regrets and apologies for the assault on Wilferd N. Keller, an American, a non-Jew, who was one of the victims at Grosswardein during the anti-Jewish pogrom, were offered by Roumanian Minister of Foreign Affairs Titulescu in an oral statement replying to the note of protest of the American Minister in Bucharest, William S. Culbertson.

Contradicting the reports that Keller

was assaulted because he urged the students to cease their Jew-baiting activities, Titulescu stated that an investigation made by the Roumanian government in Oradeamare disclosed that Keller was a partner in a printing establishment which published a newspaper attacking the Roumanian government and the student movement. It was because of these attacks, resented by the students, that they raided the establishment. Keller, the Roumanian investigators allege, threatened the student mob with "the power of America" and that should he be hurt the American fleet would be called. Claiming that even the United States Minister had admitted that Keller provoked the at-

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SIROVITCH, IN CONGRESS RESOLUTION, URGES U. S. INTERVENTION IN ROUMANIA

Calls Upon President to Sever Diplomatic Relations if Persecutions of Jews Do Not Cease

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, Dec. 13.—A resolution calling upon President Coolidge to sever diplomatic relations with Roumania in the event of Roumania's failure to stop the persecution of Jews, was introduced in the House by Congressman William I. Sirovitch, yesterday.

The resolution read: "Whereas the Kingdom of Roumania, despite its solemn guarantees to the League of Nations and pledged assurances to the sovereign powers that it would shelter all its subjects under the law without regard to race or creed and grant its ethnic and religious minorities equal access to and participation in the benefits and privileges of its institutions, the Government of the Kingdom of Roumania has again demonstrated its supineness, incompetence, and barbarism in the severe, inhuman attacks on the person and property of those of its subjects who are not adherents of its dominant church and in protecting and permitting the retention in strategic positions of authority of leaders who sponsor and authorize these violations of the natural rights and religious liberties of large classes of Roumanian

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**DICKSTEIN INTRODUCES
BILLS ON IMMIGRATION**

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Washington, Dec. 13—Four bills providing for the exemption from the quota of unmarried children under eighteen, the wives of declarants, unmarried children under 21, husbands and parents of American citizens, and for the admission regardless of the quota of immigrant refugees who obtained visas prior to July 1, 1924 were introduced into Congress yesterday by Representative Samuel Dickstein.

Congressman Dickstein also introduced a bill to permit all aliens residing in America five years prior to July 1, 1924, to become naturalized, even if they did not legally enter the country, relieving them of the obligation of producing a certificate of legal arrival required under the present naturalization law. Mr. Dickstein also re-introduced his bill of last year providing for the deportation of any alien failing to provide for the support of his wife and minor children abroad.

COMBINED TEMPLES ELECT

LOUIS MARSHALL PRESIDENT

Louis Marshall was re-elected president of Temple Emanu-El at the first annual meeting held since the merger with Temple Beth-El.

The other officers re-elected were: Benjamin Altheimer, Vice President;

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subjects or citizens and

Whereas these appalling onslaughts on life, property and liberty in contemptuous defiance of the treaties of civilized humanity are but a recurrence of those pernicious policies of Roumania which in the past have shocked the conscience of the civilized world and evoked from the government of the United States a solemn indictment of the Roumanian government, formulated by that great American Secretary of State, the late John Hay, and whereas the historic policy of the government of the United States enunciated on that occasion thereafter became the established precedent for the guidance of these statesmen in international affairs, and the barbarous brutalities of a like nature under the regime of the late Czar of Russia resulted in our abrogation of all treaty relations with the Russian Empire and whereas the failure of the Roumanian Government to protect the group of its subjects who constitute a racial and religious minority in these policies within its territorial confines in accordance with the requirements of the Roumanian constitution and the covenants of international treaties, stigmatizes it as an outlaw in the family of nations and demands its arraignment before the bar of public opinion of the world.

"Therefore, be it resolved that the House of Representatives of the United States do respectfully petition Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States to demand that the Roumanian Government grant equal political protection to all subjects under its jurisdiction and above all at once to stop the barbarous and cruel treatment of the innocent Jewish citizens and protect their life and property in accordance with the covenants of existing treaties between the Kingdom of Roumania and the Government of the United States.

"Further be it resolved that in the event of failure of the government of Roumania to comply with the humanitarian demand of the people of the United States, liberty loving as we are, that the House of Representatives of the United States with the Senate concurring, do hereby sever diplomatic relations between the government of the United States and government of the Kingdom of Roumania."

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**RABBI GOLDSTEIN ASKS GOOD-
WILL COMMITTEES TO EFFECT
"KING OF KINGS" WITHDRAWAL**

An appeal to the Committee on Good-will between Jews and Christians of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America to use its influence for the withdrawal of the film "King of Kings" was made by Rabbi Israel Goldstein, of Temple B'nai Jehshurun in an open letter addressed to the Committee, to America's Good Will Union and the Christian members of the Permanent Commission on Better Understanding.

"The Passion and Crucifixion story has been a standing source of ill will between Christian and Jew. From the good will standpoint, therefore, a subject of this kind, so amenable to misunderstanding and misconstruction, is surely out of place on the American stage or screen, however much 'doctored' the presentation may be," Rabbi Goldstein declares.

"We are living in a land which is proud of the experiment in brotherhood, being conducted within its borders. America is a community of diverse racial and religious elements. Whatever threatens to detract from such communion is a menace to the spirit of our republic. Therefore, in the name of American Good Will, I beseech you to take a hand in the effort to bring about the withdrawal of "The King of Kings" from public exhibition.

"It is not too late to do something. The picture has not yet reached the masses of the people. Ten times as many people as have already seen it, will see it during the coming months, when it will be released to all the towns and villages of the country, the hinterland where prejudice is most easily aroused and with greatest difficulty dislodged.

"The 'King of Kings' must be stopped. Jews alone cannot accomplish it. Their efforts have been without avail. But the Christian community must see to it for the sake of Christian and American Good Will.

"Here is an opportunity for liberal Christians to give some evidence of their oft-expressed good will toward their fellow citizens of the Jewish Faith. What is the use of all the Good Will conferences and resolutions, if, when a real challenge presents itself, nothing is done by the majority group to defend the object of its avowed good will against ill will? Here is a challenge to all the Good Will proponents, to carry their principle into practice. Let them plead with Mr. Cecil de Mille, their fellow Christian and fellow American, let them point out how un-Christian it is to fan the dying embers of hatred and how un-American it is to introduce an element of disunion and of cleavage, and if they are powerless to influence him directly, let them stir up public opinion, and let them visit public condemnation upon the offender. Otherwise, the Good Will program is only a

J.D.B. NEWS LETTER

Jewish Community of Baltimore, Dating Back More Than Century, Now Numbers 76,000

(By Our Baltimore Correspondent)
Baltimore, Dec. 13.—During the recent campaign of the Community Fund, of which none of its 32 member agencies is Jewish, the Jewish population aided greatly in the success of the appeal. Besides contributing thousands of dollars to the \$1,000,000 obtained, Jews, many of them, volunteered their services to acquire subscriptions. Several of the team leaders in the drive were Jewish.

In the early days, when religious persecutions were the rule in Maryland, Jews were greatly hampered in all their undertakings. The first Jewish family to settle permanently in Baltimore and of whom any record has been kept were the Etings. In 1780 Mrs. Shinah Eting came to the city with her five children. Reuben Eting, one of her sons, later was appointed United States Marshal for Maryland by President Jefferson. But though he held this high Federal office, he could not have been elected to even the post of constable. For the State law barred all Jews from holding office.

It was not until 1825 after a family by the name of Cohen had come to Baltimore and became prominent in the life of the city, that the legal disabilities, against the Jews were removed. It took a campaign of seven years, from 1818 to 1825, during which period a committee of prominent Jewish citizens besieged each successive session of the Legislature to get the bill passed.

The first regular meeting for Jewish religious services of which there is record was held in 1829. The first regular synagogue was held in a hall over a grocery in 1832. Up to 1842 all the Jewish congregations in Baltimore were Orthodox. In that year a number of young men formed the Har Sinai Verein, which became, it is said, the first reform congregation in the United States.

There are 46 synagogues now in Baltimore, according to the city directory for 1927. Three of these are Reform.

Three members of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore are Judge Eli Frank, Judge Charles F. Stein and Judge Joseph N. Utman. Samuel Lasch is associate judge of the Juvenile Court and Jacob Schroeder holds a post as police magistrate. An Assistant Attorney-General of Maryland is Herbert Levy.

One of the most important municipal positions—head of the public school sys-

tem—is held by Dr. David E. Weglein.

Along educational lines we also have Mrs. Louis H. Levin and Theodore E. Straus, members of the School Board.

Jews also are to be found in many other executive posts of the city government. Mention may be made of Benjamin S. Applestein, City Librarian; Simon E. Sobeloff, Assistant City Solicitor; Maxwell Suls, Board of Zoning Appeals; Moses Ottenheimer, Jail Board; Lee I. Hecht, Appeal Tax Court, Meyer J. Block is the Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court.

In the political field the names of State Senator Harry O. Levin and City Councilman Daniel Ellison appear. In addition, members of the Maryland House of Delegates are Moses Rose, Paul Berman, Louis Binder and Daniel C. Joseph. Probably the best known Jew in Baltimore is Jacob Epstein, president of the American Wholesale Corporation. His contributions to charity and other causes, both Jewish and non-Jewish, always are most generous. He devotes a large part of his time to the city's welfare, having been at various times a member of important boards. At present he is member of the Public Improvement Commission.

Most of the department stores in Baltimore are maintained by Jews, the principal ones being Hochschild, Kohn & Co. and Hutzler Bros. Co.

Work is expected to start shortly on a large and modern building for the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Associations. A lot for the proposed structure in the downtown section was recently purchased.

Connected with both the Johns Hopkins University and the Johns Hopkins Hospital are a number of Jews widely-known for their respective contributions to various fields.

The Associated Jewish Charities dispenses its funds through the medium of the Big Brother League, Board of Jewish Education, Council Milk and Ice Fund, Daughters in Israel, Hebrew Benevolent Society, Hebrew Free Burial Society, Hebrew Free Loan Association, Hebrew Friendly Inn and Aged Home for Incapables, Sinai Hospital, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, Jewish Children's Society, Jewish Educational Alliance, Jewish Home for Consumptives, Woodland Country Home, and the Young Ladies' Benevolent Society.

Latest figures of the Baltimore Federation of Churches place the Jewish population at 76,000. The total population of Baltimore is 820,000.

A goodwill dinner attended by Protestants, Catholics and Jews was held Monday night in Baltimore, Md.

The Rev. Dr. Charles E. Jefferson of Broadway Tabernacle, New York, who spoke for the Protestant Church; Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts; and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York were the speakers.

Four hundred guests were present.

URGES AMERICAN JEWS TO PROTEST AGAINST ROUMANIA

Action by American Jewry to bring about the cessation of the anti-Jewish attacks in Roumania is urged by the Jewish press.

Writing editorially yesterday, "The Day" declares: "Are We American Jews so wholly powerless that we are in no position to tame the Roumanian beast? Scores of years ago there were similar cases in Morocco, in Persia and then there were prominent Jews who persuaded their governments—England and France—to intervene for the unprotected Jews in the uncivilized and wild countries. Notwithstanding the difficulties of communication in those days, something was achieved, something was rescued.

"Is it possible that nothing can be done today in this regard? Have American Jews no approach and no influence on public opinion, on the United States government, that at least one of these two factors should raise its voice against Roumania that has gone wild?

"We have an American Jewish Congress, have we not? Why should it not come out in the street, gather around it all Jews and arrange a great general Jewish protest demonstration against the bloodshed in Roumania? Is Jewish blood shed in Grosswardein, in Jassy and in other Transylvanian towns less red than the Jewish blood which was shed in Kishineff, in Homel, in Zhitomir? Something must happen; something must be done on the part of American Jewry at once, in the next few days."

Opponents Again Question Government on Dead Sea Concession

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The question of whether materials required in carrying out the work at the Dead Sea would be purchased of England was raised. It is impossible to give an absolute guarantee that all purchases of materials required in the development would be made only in England, the secretary declared. This matter, he said, had been raised at Geneva. Every opportunity for preference will be given the British manufacturers, he stated.

Replying to a question of Col. Josiah Wedgwood on the Palestine-Syrian agreement, the Colonial Secretary admitted that the Palestine Chambers of Commerce had not been consulted on the trade agreement.

A cablegram to the Jewish Morning Journal from London states that the Rothschild house in London is backing engineer Novomeiski in the Dead Sea concession. It is stated that Baron Edmund de Rothschild of Paris may also extend financial aid to Novomeiski in the development.

BESTIAL ATROCITIES OF ROUMANIAN STUDENTS IN POGROM-RIDDEN CITIES

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tack on him, Titulescu evaded the question of why the Roumanian authorities failed to offer him protection and refused to forward his message for help to the American minister.

Titulescu in his verbal statement did not minimize the seriousness of the injuries inflicted upon Keller or the guilt of the police in failing to protect him, nor did he hesitate to condemn the anti-Semitic movement which is a discredit to Roumania, he said. He asked the American Minister not to press the case too strongly in the present situation while he is ill and while the political situation is full of international complications.

In an interview with newspaper representatives, Minister Culbertson declared that he is confident the Roumanian government will find a satisfactory adjustment of the case.

Appeals to Roumanian military guards by Wilfred N. Keller of Linden Hall, Pa. to save him from the student mob in the Oradea riots were ignored, a witness of the scene told the representative of the Associated Press in Oradea.

This witness declares that Keller was walking through a public square on the way to his home, ten blocks away, when he noticed that he was being followed by a group of students with a menacing attitude. He remonstrated, telling them that he was an American citizen. "They ignored his plea, declaring he must go to the police station with them.

"They took him by force back to the public square, passing a Roumanian officer who knew him and who was aware that he was an American. Keller pleaded with the officer to save him, said the witness, but the officer ignored the appeal. En route to the square the students and their American captive passed three military guards, who did not raise a hand to save him despite his repeated pleas that he was not a Jew and not a Roumanian.

"When Keller and his captors reached the Anglo-Roumanian Bank they turned into a side street, where they attacked him with canes and stones. Keller received gashes in his head, a deep wound in the side of his face, and bruises all over his body. Keller attempted to escape by running away, but when he reached the main street he was knocked unconscious by another group of students.

A contribution of \$10,000 to the Jewish Community Center of Yonkers, N.Y. by Alexander Smith Cochran, Samuel Untermeyer announced.

WARSAW KEHILLAH PROTESTS AGAINST ROUMANIAN POGROMS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Dec. 13.—The anti-Jewish pogroms in Roumania were condemned in a resolution adopted yesterday at a full session of the Council of the Warsaw Kehillah.

The text as offered by B. Michalwicz, representative of the labor party, Bund, charges the Roumanian government with direct responsibility for the pogroms, declaring that they were a result of the outspoken policy of the government against the national minorities in the country.

Of the eight Harvard Students selected on the Harvard varsity debating squad, five are Jewish. They are: A. L. Raffa, Somerville, Mass.; Saul Rosenberg, Malden, Mass.; Saul Silverman, Cleveland, Ohio; Norman Winer of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Carl A. Alpern of Pittsburgh, Pa.

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