MEMBER OF ROUMANIAN GOVERNMENT, M. LAPEDATU, CONFIRMS REPORTS ON EXCESSES

Codriau, Anti-Semitic Student Leader, Sentenced to Imprisonment, Treasured Bible Manuscript was Destroyed in Riots

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Dec. 17 — M. Lapedatu, Minister of Public Instruction, returned today from his trip to Clausenburg and other cities in Transylvania where he went to inquire into the veracity of the reports of the anti-Jewish excesses. He was shocked, he stated, to observe that the reports were correct.

The government commission appointed to investigate the extent of the damages established that the damages resulting from the anti-Jewish excesses in Clausenburg alone amounted to 88,000,000 lei.

Mr. Gorst, British Vice-Consul here, visited the cities and towns where the excesses took place. He returned today to Bucharest to submit a report to the British Embassy.

Bucharest, Dec. 17 — Zeeva Codriau, notorious ring leader of the Roumanian anti-Semitic students, was sentenced to six months imprisonment by the court of appeals. Codriau was tried three days ago by a Jassy court for his part in the anti-Jewish excesses in Jassy on December 10. The lower court acquitted him but an appeal was made against the decision.

Bucharest, Dec. 17 — A treasured manuscript of the Torah, containing the five books of Moses, was among the Holy Scrolls destroyed by the Roumanian anti-Semitic students in the riots at Oradea Mare.

The manuscript was 1100 years old and was greatly valued by the Jewish communities in Transylvania, it being one of the oldest Torahs to be found in Europe.

Dramatic scenes were enacted at the Jewish cemetery in Kishineff, Bessarabia, now a part of Roumania, when a member of the described Holy Scrolls were buried with solemn rites on Friday. The portions of the Torah were found strewn in railway cars which were a part of the special train which brought the students back to Bucharest from the Oradea Mare congress. Chief Rabbi Zirelsof officiated at the exercises which moved the large crowds to deep sorrow.

RESOLUTION IN CONGRESS ASKS STRAUS MONUMENT

Washington, Dec. 17 — A resolution for the erection of a monument to the memory of Oscar S. Straus in the Capitol grounds at Washington was introduced into the House yesterday by Congressman Emanuel Celler.

In a statement issued today, Congressman Celler declared:

"The Roman Cato once said 'I had rather it should be asked why I had not a statue, than why I had one.' There are none who question in the slightest a monument to Oscar S. Straus. On the contrary millions would applaud."

"Humanitarian, scholar, diplomat, patriot; he served with distinction under four administrations. He was ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Turkey, and a member of Roosevelt's Cabinet."

"He was born abroad, and was thus a citizen by choice, and he loved America with all his soul. He could 'walk with kings, nor lose the common touch.'"

"The Capitol grounds at Washington would be a fitting setting for his statue, and thus the American people would bear perpetual witness to his greatness."
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J.D.B. NEWS LETTER

Los Angeles Conference Endorses I. O. B. B. Action on "King of Kings"
(By Our Los Angeles Correspondent)

Los Angeles, Dec. 13—A conference to determine the attitude of the Los Angeles Jewish community on the film "King of Kings" was held here today attended by representatives of all shades of opinion. The conference adopted a series of resolutions in which the policy of the Anti-Defamation League of the Independent Order B'nai B'rith in connection with the film was endorsed.

A committee appointed by Judge Harry A. Hollzer, chairman of the meeting, was authorized to issue the following statement:

"And published within the past few weeks relative to the motion picture known as the 'King of Kings,' resulted in a situation which in the opinion of Judge Harry A. Hollzer and other leaders of the local Jewish Community required collective judgment and careful thought.

"With a sincere desire to aid in reaching a correct determination of this problem, Judge Hollzer invited about 50 representative Jewish men and women to join in conference in the offices of the Federation of Jewish Welfare Organizations on Tuesday afternoon, December 13. Among those who registered attendance were:


"In opening the Conference, Judge Hollzer made a preliminary statement indicating the need for arriving at a unanimity of the moving steps that should be taken by the Jewish community of Los Angeles with reference to the picture.

"As a result of its deliberations, the Conference adopted the following resolutions:

"Resolved: That this Conference expresses its confidence in, and its appreciation of the efforts heretofore made by the Anti-Defamation League of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith and its representatives on the Pacific Coast and in the East in connection with the 'King of Kings' and the production of films in the future.

"Resolved: That this Conference recommends to the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith the consideration of calling into consultation on this subject, other national Jewish organizations, such as the American Jewish Committee, the Synagogues, Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly, the Union of Orthodox Congregations and similar bodies.

"Resolved further: That the services of Mr. Ben R. Meyer of Los Angeles, generously offered to this Conference, be tendered to the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith in connection with any further efforts to be made.

"Resolved: That this Conference urges the removal, insofar as possible, of the 'King of Kings' from the screen, as being conducive to race prejudice and religious misunderstanding.

"Resolved: That this Conference urges the Anti-Defamation League of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, through its duly authorized representatives, to further approach Mr. Cecil B. DeMille, with the view of eliminating the exhibition of the 'King of Kings' in such countries where race prejudice and religious conflict are likely to be aroused.

"Resolved further: That this Conference recommends to the Anti-Defamation League of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, that through appropriate channels, the attitude of Jewish people to the 'King of Kings' be made known.

"In adjourning the Conference, the Chairman acknowledged his appreciation to those who attended, adding that he believed he expressed the sentiment of all present that as a result of these deliberations, we would create a greater harmony and solidarity in the Jewish

RECOGNITION OF ROUMANIA
BY U. S. WAS CONDITIONED ON MINORITIES' PROTECTION

The United States recognition of Roumania was made on the condition of the protection of the minorities, declared the "Evening World" in commenting upon the resolution introduced into the House by Congressman William I. Sirotovich calling upon President Coolidge to abrogate the treaty with Roumania unless the persecution of Jews ceases. The paper writes:

"In view of the very evident persecution of minorities in Roumania, and the present anti-Semitic rioting, a resolution has been offered in the House calling upon the President to intercede against the outrageous treatment of Roumanian minorities, and failing in that to break diplomatic relations between this country and Roumania."

"This interesting fact that the recognition of Roumania and the establishment of diplomatic relations in the time of the Hayes Administration, was due to a very distinct promise from Bucharest that the rights of minorities would be respected. Everything happening today was foreseen then, and powerful pressure was brought to bear from Jewish organizations here to make the pledge of justice to minorities a condition of recognition. Secretary of State Evans instructed our representative in the negotiations to press this point of view.
Dr. G. C. Hunter, member of American Commission denounces Roumania

Berkeley, Calif. Dec. 17.—Roumania's treatment of the religious minorities, especially the Jews in that country, has been in many cases, atrocious and shocking, Dr. Graham C. Hunter of Fullerton, Calif., declared in an address at St. John's Presbyterian Church. Dr. Hunter recently returned from the Balkans, where he was a member of the commission of five, sent by the American Committee of the Rights of Religious Minorities, to find out the truth of reports of serious oppression of the religious minorities.

"Roumania has now nearly three times her pre-war territory and population," he said, "and her mistreatment of her minorities has in many instances been atrocious and shocking. A violent movement, originated about five years ago against the Jews, came to a head last spring. An organization of students calling itself the National Christian Students' Defense League, undertook to organize the universities against Jewish students and professors and to drive the Jews out of the professions, business, commissions and army. The various diversity professors in its membership and until last June had the acquiescence if not the backing of the government. Its followers even undertook to throw Jewish passengers off the train.

"The other minorities suffered greatly, although not so greatly as the Jews. The fine old schools, Roman Catholic, Unitarian and Protestant, some of them 300 years old, are being slowly strangled to death.

"In Hungary we found that there were many abominable persecutions of the Jews and on the other hand a vigorous enlightened group, including Count Bethlen, one of the ablest spokesmen of Europe. The standard of living there, as also among the minorities of Roumania, is desperately low. Workers are in despair as they see no prospect of anything better for their children."

Mrs. Israel Zangwill is feted in Palestine

Tel Aviv, Nov. 21.—Mrs. Israel Zangwill, the widow of the late Israel Zangwill, who is now on a visit to Palestine, was given a reception here last night by the Women's International Zionist Organization. Replying to the speeches of welcome, Mrs. Zangwill spoke of the part played by women in the building of new countries and of her impressions of Palestine. She said that she was particularly impressed by the physical development of the Jewish youth in Palestine. Small as Palestine is, she said, she hoped that through intensive work it would become a great spiritual centre, bringing light not only to Jews but to humanity at large.

Henry Kaufmann, of Pittsburg, gives $200,000 gift toward New York Y.M.H.A.

A gift of $200,000 to the 92nd Street Young Men's Hebrew Association by Henry Kaufmann, of Pittsburgh, was announced by Judge Joseph Proskauer, president of the association, at a special meeting of its Board of Directors held yesterday afternoon. This gift, which carries the Y. M. H. A. Building Fund campaign $75,000 beyond its $1,500,000 objective, is stipulated by the donor, is to be utilized for the construction of an auditorium in the new building of the association, to be erected on 92nd Street, on a plot adjoining the present building.

The auditorium, which will be named the "Theresa L. Kaufmann Auditorium," and on which the directors of the Y. M. H. A. are authorized by Mr. Kaufmann to spend up to $200,000 will be a memorial to the donor's wife. It will have a seating capacity of 1,200, and Mr. Kaufmann's contribution will make possible the construction, also, of an adequate stage and scene-lobes for dramatic performances, dressing rooms, a loggia and other pertinent rooms and their adequate furnishing.

The Y.M.H.A. Building Fund Campaign which has been completed through Mr. Kaufmann's gift, was conducted last Spring by a committee headed by Judge Proskauer, for $1,500,000 for the erection of an 8-story fire-proof annex to the present building which was donated to the association by the late Jacob H. Schiff 27 years ago. The annex for the new building provides, in addition to the "Theresa L. Kaufmann Auditorium" for a hotel of 200 rooms, a swimming pool, a gymnasium, 25 class-rooms and three sound-proof music rooms, a library and reading room, and a number of club rooms for the cultural work of the association.

Among the larger contributors to the campaign were Felix M. Warburg, who gave $100,000; Mortimer L. Schiff, $75,000; Frederick Brown and John D. Rockerfeller, Jr., $30,000 each; Mr. and Mrs. Jerome J. Hanauer, Arthur Lehman and Mrs. Jacob H. Schiff, $30,000 each; the Altman Foundation $25,000; Col. Herbert H. Lehman, $20,000; Lynnman G. Bloomingdale, Motty Eitingon, Judge Irving Lehman, Louis S. Levy, Aaron E. Norman, David A. Schulte, Max D. Steuer, S. W. Straus, Solomon Summerfield, Charles A. Wimpfheimer, $15,000 each; Julius Goldman, Murray Guggenheim, Nathan Hochheimer Foundation, Adolph S. Ochs, Samuel Sachs, Jacob and Elliott Sperber, $10,000 each; Samuel Untermyer, Ludwig Vogelstein, $9,000 each.
ORDER BRITISH ARABIA
ORDERED TO LIQUIDATE

An order directing the United States Grand Lodge of the Order of British
Abraham to dissolve or show cause
why it should not be liquidated was
issued by Supreme Court Justice Crain
upon the report of State Insurance
Commissioner Beha that the fraternal
organization was insolvent and its dis-
solution advised on the ground that
"its condition is hazardous to its mem-
bers, its creditors and the public."

It was said in the petition filed that
no opposition to the order for dissolu-
ion will be made.

The papers, which were served on
Adolph Solomon, First Deputy, were
based on an examination of the com-
pany and a report made by the Exam-
iner, C. G. Baker, dated Dec. 1. He
reported that the admitted assets were
$35,912, including $20,882 in cash and
bonds and $15,030 assessments due. The
liabilities were $78,272, of which $70,050
was unpaid death claims, $6,685 loans
and $449 unpaid salaries.

The income and disbursement ac-
count from April 15 to Nov. 23 was
$124,752, of which $99,322 was mortu-
ary assessments and $1,500 borrowed
money. The total assets were $175,-
380. From this sum was paid $127,350
in death and liability claims, $10,200.

MINORITIES LOSING FAITH
IN LEAGUE'S PROTECTION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 2—The League of Na-
tions has adopted the policy of "let-
ting sleeping dogs lie," but the dogs
are not asleep; they might wake at
any moment, with dire results to civi-
lization, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, the
Chairman of the Minorities Commis-
sion of the International League of
Nations Union, said speaking here last
night on "The Problem of racial minor-
ities in Europe" at a meeting of the
Near and Middle East Association.

"The total number of people who
may be included under this word mi-
norities," he said, "amounts to at least
thirty millions, and of these very few
are said to be content with their lot.
This fact alone constitutes a seri-
ous menace to peace."

"It is unfortunate," he declared,"that the policy of racial absorption
has met with the approval of certain
members of the League of Nations, and
this fact has done a great deal to in-
crease the anxiety of the minorities
throughout Europe. The Council of
the League has tried to adjust differ-
ences behind closed doors instead of
having important questions of law set-
tled by the principles of justice and the
results have been unfortunate. Hun-
dreds of complaints sent into Geneva
have never seen the light and most of
the minorities consider it hopeless to
apply to the League for redress."

N. Y. EDUCATOR WILL HEAD
PALESTINE SCHOOL BOARD

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 17—Dr. Isaac B.
Berkson, New York educator, has been
appointed Director of the Board of
Education of the Palestine Zionist Ex-
ecutive.

Dr. Berkson, who will have to deal
with the difficult position which has
been created in the Hebrew school
system in Palestine, as a result of the
cut made in the Education Budget, has
been engaged in Jewish educational
work in America since 1911. He acted
as Director of the Central Jewish In-
inute in New York and as Supervisor
of the School and Extension activities
of the Bureau of Jewish Education in
New York, and he has also been lec-
turer in education at the Jewish In-
inute of Religion.

ARAB AND JEWISH WORKERS
CLASH AT PETACH TIKVAH

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 17—A row between
Arab and Jewish laborers occurred in
Petach Tikvah Friday when Jewish
pickets tried to prevent Arabs from
working in the Jewish orange groves.
The Petach Tikvah police intervened,
arresting 20 persons. Several work-
men were injured in the clash.

The annual meeting of the New York
Federation of Jewish Women's Organiza-
tions will be held on Wednesday. In addition to the
reports of committees and election of officers,
the meeting will be addressed by Mrs. Henry
Bodenheimer, Mrs. Isaac Kupfer, Mrs. Irving
Cramer and Mrs. Rebecca Seligman. There
will be a symposium on religion participated in
by Dr. Moses H. Hyamson of Orach Chaim
Synagogue and Mrs. Max L. Levinson, honori-
fy president of the federation.

Plans will be discussed for the annual con-
vention of the federation which will be held
at the Hotel Astor on January 13th.

Rabbi David B. Alpert of Temple Beth-El,
Glen Falls, N. Y., conducts a class in Bible
regularly each Sunday evening at the Christi-
Methodist Church of which Dr. Charles Otis
Juddins is the minister.

Abraham Perles, 17 years old, student at
the Evander Childs High School, who has
been blind since babyhood, received an ovation
when he received a prize for an essay at a
ceremony in the Chamber of Commerce Buil-
ding. The subject of the essay submitted was "Cooperation: the Basis of Progress."

A union between the Kodimo Synagogue
and the Beth El Congregation, Springfield,
Mass., in the building of a $60,000 free He-
brew school and Jewish community house is
now underway. Harry H. Ehrlich and James
R. Naurnson are the chairmen of the com-
mittee.

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