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# DR. STEPHEN S. WISE RESIGNS FROM ZION-| TRANSJORDANIA TO HAVE IST ORGANIZATION COMMITTEES

Administrative Committee Accepts Resignation with Regret; Louis Lipsky, President of Zionist Organization of America, Issues Statement Expressing Surprise

the American Jewish Congress, resigned from the Administrative and the Executive Committees of the Zionist Organization of America, it was learned following the meeting on Wednesday night of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of Amer-

The Jewish Daily Bulletin learns that the resignation was accepted by the Committee with regret.

It was also dsclosed that upon the arrival of Dr. Weizmann in the United States, the president of the World Zionist Organization attempted to confer with Dr. Wise and that a tentative appointment had been made for a meeting between them. The appointment, however, was cancelled after several days when Dr. Wise, in a letter to Dr. Weizmann declared that a conference at the present moment would serve no purpose.

When asked yesterday by the representative of the Tewish Daily Bulletin, Dr. Wise declined to comment on his step, but stated that he will make a statement "at the proper time and

the proper place." The office of the Free Synagogue made public the following text of Dr. Wise's letter of resignation addressed

to Mr. Lipsky: "It is with the deepest regret that I

#### COMMUNIST YOUTH TO WAGE FIGHT AGAINST PASSOVER

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, March 29 .- Detailed instructions to the Jewish members of the Comsomol, the Communist youth organization, were issued outlining the program of crusade against the celebration of Pass-

over by Jews in Russia. The Central Executive Committee of

the Comsomol in its instructions declares that the Communist youths are to carry on the campaign against Passover not under the slogan of "observe a Communistic Passover," but simply to organize balls, concerts and masquerades, as well as motion picture performances, to keep the youth away from their homes on the Seder nights. No public demonstrations, however, against the holiday are to be arranged

The radio will be utilized for broadcasting anti-Passover propaganda.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of | find myself under the necessity of withdrawing from membership in the Executive and Administrative Committees of the Zionist Organization of America. I need hardly add that I take this step after the fullest consideration of its meaning and consequences.

> "The responsibility for the conduct of Zionist affairs ought to rest altogether in the hands of those in London and New York who have insisted that such responsibility must be borne as they see fit to bear it and that it cannot be shared on any other terms.

"I continue to remain ready to cooperate in every way with the United Palestine Appeal.

"I am, my dear Mr. Lipsky, faithfully yours,

Stephen S. Wise." A statement issued by Louis Lipsky, President of the Zionist Organization of (Continued on Page 4)

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY TERMS OF NEW AGREEMENT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Jerusalem, March 29.-Transjordania, separated from Palestine by the new agreement between Emir Abdullah and the British Government, will soon have a legislative council.

The Council is to be composed of 24 members. Twenty of this number are to be elected by the population, while the four others will be members of the Government. The elections will take place in April, it was stated.

London, March 29.- "Transjordania's independence according to the new agreement is very limited," writes the London "Times" in an editorial today. "Abdullah accepts British advice on all foreign relations, public finances and legislation. Britain may maintain troops in Trans-

jordania.

"Transjordania," the paper continues, "therefore has the status, actually though not legally, equivalent to a protectorate, the only difference being the status of Great Britain, because whereas a mandate is provisional, the present relationship is permanent.

# ENERGETIC GOVERNMENT MEASURES PREVENT NEW OUTBREAKS IN ROUMANIA

Cuza's Efforts Frustrated, but Situation Remains Uncertain Until Focsany Meeting of Anti-Semitic Groups; Political Situation Causes Complications

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, March 29.-The Roumanian Government is capable of preventing and suppressing anti-Semitic outbreaks when the will to do so exists, it was demonstrated in the last few days.

The efforts of the Roumanian anti-Semitic agitators, headed by Alexander Cuza, which threatened a new series of outbreaks, were frustrated because of the firm attitude of the Government and the direct measures taken. Anti-Semitic meetings were prohibited by the authorities. Even secret meetings called by the students in their own homes were dispersed before the inciting addresses were begun. Fifteen students were arrested because of participation in such a meeting. The list of the arrested students was submitted to the university senate for disciplinary action.

The military authorities have taken energetic measures to carry out the Government instructions to prevent the breaking loose of racial and religious prejudice which was planned and prepared during several weeks.

The situation, however, remains uncertain until the beginning of April, when a conference of the leaders of all anti-Semitic groups was called to take place in Focsany. The purpose of the conference is ostensibly to prepare for the forthcoming parliamentary elections and to restore unity within the ranks of the anti-Semitic groups.

The situation of Roumanian Jewry today is further complicated by the uncertainty of the political situation. The Regency Council is endeavoring, since the threatening attitude of the peasant party

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#### JEWISH REPRESENTATIVES IN SEJM ELECTED OFFICERS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Warsaw, Mar. 29 .- Two Jewish representatives were elected as officers of

the Polish Seim and Senate yesterday. Deputy Heinrich Rozmarin, Zionist from Galicia, was chosen one of the secretaries of the Seim, while Senator David Schreiher, Zionist, was elected one of the secretaries of the Senate. Publication Office: 125 Bridge Plaza South, Long Island City, N.Y.

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#### OCHS DENIES STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO HIM IN CAL-IFORNIA PAPER INTERVIEW

Adolph S. Ochs, publisher of the "New York Times", hias denied the statement attributed to him that Cecil de Mille had told him he was sorry for having produced the "King of Kings" and that Mr. Ochs is of the opinion that the Jews who participated in the production of the film were "a disgrace to their people."

These statements were attributed to Mr. Ochs by the "California Jewish Review," Los Angeles weekly, in what barported to be an interview with the publisher. The "Jewish Daily Bulletin" quoted the report of the "California Jewish Review."

In a telegram despatched yesterday to the "California Jewish Review," a copy of which was forwarded to the "Jewish Daily Bulletin", Mr. Ochs, who is now in Cincinnati, declared:

"You have done me a great injustice by publishing an unauthorized interview with me in your issue of March 9, which has just come to my attention. You will oblige me by publishing this telegram in your next issue. I did not say that Cecil De Mille expressed regret to me for producing the 'King of Kings.' I may have said that I think perhaps he does. He said nothing of the kind to me. Nor did I say that the Jews that participated in filming it were 'a disgrace to their people.'

"I did express my regret that the 'King of Kings' was produced and may have said that I regret Jews had anything to do with it. I gave no interview wicked if untrue as it is."

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ENDS HEARING ON DICKSTEIN AND MACGREGOR BILLS

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, March 29.—Hearings on the Dickstein and MacGregor bills for reuniting families separated because of the immigration restrictions were concluded by the House Immigration Committee yesterday and the committee started consideration of these bills at an executive session immediately following the hearings.

The executive session will continue today, no definite conclusions having been reached yesterday.

Francis H. Kennicutt, representing the Immigration League and chairman of the Committee on Immigration of the Key Men of America, appeared before the committee opposing any parage in the present law which would increase the total immigration to the United States. In reply to questions he declared that he is not opposed to amending the law so as to give special consideration to uniting families without, however, increasing the total immigration.

Congressman Dickstein's bill would increase the total immigration since it asks for exemption from the quota of the parents and children up to 21 and husbands of American citizens and the wives and children under 21 of declarants, whereas Congressman MacGregor's bill-heading allows only for preference within the Jews.

Congressman Dickstein cross examined, Mr. Kennicutt, who made many contradictions in his testimony.

A difference in view seems to have developed between Congressman Golder and Congressman Dickstein regarding the character of the amendments which should be made. At the hearing yesterday Congressman Golder indicated that he would be satisfied if the entire quotas were turned over to the relatives of declarants. Dickstein pointed out that in East European countries this would prevent any aliens except such relatives from procuring visas and would thus nullify all except relative immigration. This, he said, would be an unwarranted concession to the restrictionists, since relative relief should be granted in addition to the present immigration allowed by law and not at the expense of the existing immigration.

It is expected that progress will be made at today's session toward the clarification of the present differences.

for publication and only had a few moments of incidental conversation with what appeared to be an intelligent, agreeable young gentleman. If disappoints me in placing me in a false posterior committing a serious breach of hospitality toward Mr. De Mille in quoting a private talk with him which would be bad enough if true and inexpressibly wicked if untrue as it is."

# JEW-BAITERS OF HUNGARY AND GERMANY CLAIM TRACHOMA IS JEWISH DISEASE

Budapest, Mar. 14.—Trachoma is a Jewish disease, the Vice-President of the District of Hajdu, alleges in the course of an official order issued by him on combating the disease. The Jewish population, the order declares, are the sole cause of the trachoma epidemic. The Jewish religious customs, the ritual baths, and the Chedarim are responsible for the spread of the epidemic. The victims are watched over and concelled from the authorities as if it were a Jewish sacred disease.

The trouble starts in the Chedarim, the order says. The authorities have found 35 children in a small room of four to five metres. The establishment of Chedarim is kept a secret by the Jewa and the authorities are unable to obtain any information regarding them. The authorities insist that a complete register of all pupils in the Chedarim should be supplied to the Mayor.

Berlin, Mar. 15.—The Hitlerist organ, 'Voelkischer Beobachter' has seized upon the allegation made in Hungary, that trachoma is a Jewish disease and publishes an article today under the heading: "The Sacred Disease of the Jews."

"Since the Hungarian Revolution," the paper states, "in spite of the 'White Terror', thousands of additional East-European Jews have swarmed into Hungary and occupied notably the district of Debreczin where the philo-Jewish Protestant Bishop Dr. Balthazar holds his protecting hand over them, and they have created there a new home. In a few years they have managed to pest the whole province with the epidemic of trachoma to such an extent that the authorities were helpless. An investigation has resulted in the medical authorities establishing that the sole cause of the disease is the Jewish population and their peculiar customs, their religious practices, their ritual baths, and their Chedarim.

"They treat the victims as if they had a sacred disease and conceal them from control and medical treatment.

"The measures which are being taken to combat the disease," the article says, "will. of course, be denounced as anti-Semitic, and there will be more talk about Jews being persecuted in Hungary.

"This," the paper concludes "is how all the Tollers, Eisners, Levys, Levines, and the rest of the leaders' if the democracy looked at one time, Feeders at the sacred disease in his eyes." The thirty years after they have as children in the Chedarim become infected these people, develop into journalists, politicians, artists, critics, and leaders of the people. First they infect the people with their disease and then they infect them with their ideas."

#### IOINT FOREIGN COMMITTEE REPORTS ON SITUATION IN HINGARY AND ROUMANIA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

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london, Mar. 18 .- An enquiry into the endent riots in Transylvania shows that in the three towns of Oradeamare, Clui and Huedin, 45 Jews were seriously sounded, 732 suffered loss or damage to property, 12 synagogues were devastated. and three were attacked and pillaged, states the report of the Joint Foreign Committee submitted to the meeting of the Board of Deputies of the British Jews held here today. The report was submitted by the President, Mr. d'Avigdor Goldsmid, and supplemented by Mr. Lu-

The total material damage, the report proceeds, is estimated at 30.000.000 lei (£38,00), and in addition claims have been made for personal injuries. The Government have appropriated two sums of 20,000,000 lei and 14,000,000 lei to compensate the victims of the outrages, and renair the damaged buildings. projectition of the rioters seems to have come to an end, as only one trial has been reported during the past month. Of the 28 students then arraigned, two were sentenced to one month's imprisonment. three to 15 days, one to 10 days, and four to seven months in contumaciam. Ten were acquitted.

The general situation in the country has been quiet, owing to the firmness with which the Government have dealt with symptoms of anti-Semitic unrest, and the measures taken by the University Senates to eliminate the hooligan elements among the students. Nothing has yet been done by the Government to deal with the more deeply rooted causes of the Jewish question, but the Government have promised an early statement on the subject. Tank

The only other matter of importance considered by the Committee, the report says, was the progress of the Numerus Clausus Amending Bill. The debates in the Lower House lasted a fortnight, and they are described as notable for the general atmosphere of moderation and dignity in which they were conducted. The Jewish Deputies distinguished themselves by their effective vindication of the civic qualities of their co-religionists. The opposition to the bill was largely based on considerations of general policy, but a good deal of anxiety was expressed as to the possibility of so applying the bill as to continue the anti-Semitic abuses of the old law. The suggestion was warmly repudiated by the Minister of Public Instruction; who was emphatic in his assurance that the object of the bill was to give satisfaction to the Jewish commu-

The bill certainly complies with the requirements formulated by the Joint Foreign Committee and the Alliance Israelite in their petitions to the League of Nations. New provisions have, however, been added, and their operation will no doubt require to be closely watched

# J.D.B. NEWS LETTER

First Goodwill Meeting between Jews and Christians Held in Canada

(By our Montreal correspondent) Montreal, Mar. 23.- Jew and Gentile

joined in breaking bread last night at the first goodwill meeting of its kind to be held in Montreal when representatives of Roman Catholicism and Protestantism were guests of the Brotherhood of Temple Emanu-El at a banquet given in the Emanu-El hall.

Dr. A. Bercovitch, president of the brotherhood, was chairman

Robert J. Hart, a Catholic, told the meeting what he considered the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church to those of other persuasions. Every living soul. he said, no matter what is his faith, be it Iew or Mohammedan, if he is trying to live in good faith, and is taking reasonable means to find out what is the right way of life, is an "out and out member

of the Catholic Church."

The Rev. W. J. Johnston, a minister of the United Church of Canada, was then introduced, and in delivering his plea for a greater fellowship among the various creeds of the world, divided his brief into three parts.

He displayed before his audience in a graphic manner the chasm which separates Jew and Gentile. The bridge across this gorge of suspicion and envy, he felt, was taking shape and becoming more and more apparent, and, especially during these last few years. Each part of his talk he represented as a bridge over the gulf; the first he called the bridge of good-will; the second, friendship; and the third, brotherhood. He pleaded for a greater effort on the part of all con-cerned to forget the adverse qualities, which mankind is so wont to bring to the fore, and to concentrate their attention rather on the best elements of their particular race or creed.

Rabbi Julius Berger who was absent because of illness sent his message which was read to the assembly.

His message was entitled, "Tearing Down the Old Wall," and in emphasizing the essential unity of mankind, he urged that deeds rather than thoughts or creed be the criterion. He said that were he a Christian, he would try to understand first the points of view of the Jew and others, to avoid the word "tolerate" and in its place use the more sympathetic word "appreciate," to look to their divine example to motivate their actions and thoughts, and finally to make allowance for the Jews, in virtue of what they have gone through. "Such are some of my ideals which I would endeavor to carry out into activity, if I were not what I am," his words ran. "In a word, my ideals would be the fulfilment of the truth contained in the following: 'Though divided in creed, we are united in deed'."

#### ENERGETIC MEASURES BY ROUMANIAN GOVERNMENT PREVENT NEW OUTBREAKS (Continued from Page 1)

has found expression in the peasants' demonstrations, to effect a change of Government by peaceful methods. Nicholas Titulescu, the present Minister of Foreign affairs, was offered the task of forming a new cabinet, but he declined.

Negotiations were then started with the peasant leader Maniu and the former Prime Minister, Gen. Averescu. Octavian Goga, former Minister of the Interior and notorious anti-Semitic leader also started propaganda for Averescu, which is causing anxiety among Roumanian Jews. The possibility of a Government headed by the peasant leader Maniu is also disturbing since his would be a policy in favor of the village versus the town, which would result in the economic ruin of the Jewish population, although Maniu is not an anti-Semite. Roumanian Jews hope that the Government change will be effected peacefully, fearing that in case of any conflict anti-Semitic riots will occur.

#### JAPAN DECLARES SYMPATHY FOR JEWISH HOMELAND AIMS (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Shanghai, Feb. 21. - The Japanese Government has been watching with a keen interest the development of the Jewish nationalistic movement, say as stateisin nationalistic movement, say as stated by Baron Tanaka, the Japanese Premier, and conveyed by S. Yada, the Japanese Consul General, to N. E. B. Ezra, the honorary secretary of the Shanghai Zionist Organization.

"The re-establishment of their home in a country dear to their heart," the Premier continues, "provided my Government with an occasion to manifest its sympathy with Jewish nationalistic aspirations. It is sincerely hoped that the Jewish people will overcome the difficulties that may arise in their path and thus augment their share of contribution to world civiliza-

#### PALESTINE LABOR FLAYS OUT-LAWING HECHALUZ IN RUSSIA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, March 29 .- The order issued by the Soviet Government liquidating the Hechaluz, the Jewish youth organization training pioneers for Palestine work was protested by the Palestine Federation of Labor.

The Federation embodied its protest in a memorandum submitted to the British Labor Party and to the Amsterdam International.

#### CHICAGO U.P.A. CAMPAIGN HAS \$88,000 AS DRIVE NEARS END

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, Ill., March 29.-The amount of \$18,000 was added to the sums already raised in Chicago's United Palestine Appeal campaign. The contributions were made at a dinner at the Soureign Hotel attended by residents of the North Side. The drive will be concluded tonight.

#### DR. STEPHEN WISE RESIGNS FROM HIS MEMBERSHIP IN AMERICAN Z.O. COMMITTEES

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America, read:

"The resignation of Dr. Wise came to us as a surprise. He had given no intimation of his intention to resign. On the contrary, Dr. Wise has been serving the cause with his usual devotion during the entire winter, having appeared at many banquets in the interest of the United Palestine Appeal. A number of the lead-ing problems of the Zionist movement have been dealt with in accordance with what we assumed to be Dr. Wise's views. It is true that Dr. Wise has frequently expressed his opposition to the Jewish Agency in the interest of which Dr. Chaim Weizmann is now in the United States. But with regard to the Jewish Agency Dr. Wise had given his consent to the policy of support for the Jewish Agency, for which the American Zionist Organization stands. "Dr. Wise has taken occasion recently

to criticize the British Government for its lack of co-operation in the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home. The American Zionist Administration backed up Dr. Wise's position in this connection. When I was in Ottawa recently and met Colonial Secretary Amery, I presented a detailed statement of the objections that we had to a number of things that were being done in Palestine by the government. Dr. Wise had agreed to go with me to Ottawa in order to present his grievances, but subsequently wrote a letter in which he declined to take part in such a conference, although the date of the conference had been fixed at his suggestion.

"We regret exceedingly that after several years of active co-operation with the present American Zionist administration, Dr. Wise has seen fit, without discussion and without an attempt to adjust differences to tender his resignation at this difficult time, through which we are emerging with gratifying success. There was nothing for our Administrative Committee to do but accept his resignation with regret."

The Zionist Organization also made public an excerpt from the minutes of the Administrative Committee containing the remarks of Isidore D. Morrison, who moved the acceptance of Dr. Wise's resignation. Mr. Morrison was quoted as follows:

"I move that the resignation of Dr. Wise be accepted with regret. In making this motion, I confess that I am deeply pained, both personally and as a member of the present Zionist administration, that a situation has arisen which impels Dr. Wise to sever his official relations with the Zionist Administration. Dr. Wise and I have collaborated in Zionist work for nearly thirty years. Neither of us has at all times been in entire agreement has at all times been in entire agreement | If you are pleased with the Bulletin tell | with the policies of the various subdivis- | your friends to subscribe.

JEWISH WOMEN'S COUNCIL ANNOUNCES PLAY CONTEST

A play contest has been announced by Mrs. A. S. Kohler of Savannah, Georgia, National Chairman of the Department of Religion and Religious Education of the National Council of Jewish Women, to close on May 1st, with a first prize of \$50. and a prize of \$25. for the second best play. Honorable mention will be awarded to five plays that in the estimation of the judges are deserving of recog-

The plays which are to be submitted to Mrs. Isaac Born, Chairman of the Paly Contest Committee, 3055 North Meridian Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, are to deal with a theme of Jewish interest and in a form that will permit its presentation on the programs of the Council Sections. This contest is open only to members of the National Council of Jewish Women. The judges are Mrs. George Goldsmith of Los Angeles, Mrs. Sara Messing Stern of Terra Haute, National Directors of the National Council of Jewish Women, and Mrs. I. Rosenthal of Omaha, President of the local Council Section.

ions of Zionist activities for it is in the nature of things that a movement conducted on a democratic basis the way our movement is conducted, cannot always conform to the ideas of individuals no matter how salutary and sound these ideas may be, but I have always relt, and I hoped that Dr. Wise agreed with me, that if changes and reforms are needed. the way to bring these results about is by agitating and arguing from within the organization and not criticizing from without. For many years Dr. Wise has been one of the pillars of organized Zionism in this country; his advice was listened to with respect and his suggestions were always carried out whenever possible. Dr. Wise gives no clear or suc-cinct reason for his resignation and we have no right to inquire into his motives, since he does not choose to reveal them. I can say for myself and for my colleagues on this Board that we gratefully appreciate the invaluable services which Dr. Wise has rendered to the cause of upbuilding the Jewish National Home and that we deeply regret that at this crucial stage of Zionist history he sees fit to sever his relations with an organization which he worked so hard to build up."

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PASSOVER HOLIDAY BEGINS AT SUNDOWN, APRIL FOURT The celebration of Passover will begin

at sundown on Wednesday, April 4. The Passover holiday will be made the occasion for a nation-wide effort to in crease the funds of the United Palestin Appeal, the American fund-raising agenc for the upbuilding of Palestine, through appeals in a majority of the synagogue in the country, according to a statement issued by Judge William M. Lewis, na tional chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.

In a message issued by Dr. Chain Weizmann, the Zionist leader declares

"Throughout the world Jews are join ing in an effort at national liberation they aspire to a Jewish center which wil enhance the prestige of the people and enrich the happiness of numberless individuals. In order that this goal may be realized every Jew must assume a par of the burden involved.

"The Passover offers me my first pub. lic opportunity to issue an appeal on behalf of Palestine, from which I have but recently returned, and where this year's celebration of the Passover is a hymn of gratitude to those Jews outside of Palestine who have aided in the rebuilding of Palestine but also an appeal to those same Jews to continue and to enlarge the support which they have been giving."

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