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## HUNGARIAN PATRIOTISM OF TRANSYLVANIAN JEWS ROUSES ROMANIAN WRATH

Subject Comes Up for Heated Discussion in Parliament

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, March 31—The Jewish population in the province of Transylvania, which formerly belonged to Hungary and is now a part of Roumania, is between the devil and the deep sea as the two states, in sharp conflict over the territory, claim the patriotism of the Jewish population.

The question as to what the Jews of Transylvania are—Magyars or Roumanians—was the subject of a stormy debate in the Roumanian parliament on Thursday. Dr. William Fielderman, leader of Roumanian Jews, Understate Secretary Angelescu and the Hungarian Jewish deputy, Dr. Willer, participated in the debate.

Dr. Willer, who is a representative from Transylvania, claimed that the Jews of that province are full blooded Hungarians and for that reason they are opposed to Roumanian schools. Understate Secretary Angelescu exclaimed, "No government will suffer the Magyarization of the Transylvanian cities by the Jews."

The encounter called forth many comments on the part of the majority deputies who intimated that the Hungarians.

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## NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR SIGNS KOSHER FOOD LAW

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Trenton, March 31—The Richards kosher products bill was signed by Governor Moore and has become a law of the State of New Jersey.

The new statute, which is similar to the one in force in New York State, makes it a misdemeanor for a butcher or restaurateur to label or declare non-kosher products as kosher. The offense is punishable by twenty days in jail or a fine of \$500.

## UNSUCCESSFUL FARMERS LEAVE NEW SETTLEMENTS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, March 31—That a portion of the transmigrants who left Russian towns and villages and settled on the land in 1926 have left the settlements, is stated today by the Yiddish Communist daily, "Emes."

The paper reports that thirty-seven percent of 2,415 Jews who settled on the land in 1926 have left the settlements. This number includes 540 from the Krivoy Rog district.

## DR. WISE STATES REASONS FOR RESIGNING FROM ZIONIST COMMITTEES

Declares Step Meant to Express 'Vigorous and Unmistakable Dissent' from Zionist Leadership Methods; Had Intended to Resign Before But Waited U.P.A. Conclusion and Weizmann Arrival; Present Policy Not Compromise But Surrender, He Asserts; Assails 'Absolutist Regime'

Declaring that the policy of the present Zionist leadership "spells not compromise but surrender" and assailing what he termed an "absolutist regime" in Zionist affairs, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress and Rabbi of the Free Synagogue, outlined his reasons for resigning from the Administrative and Executive Committees of the Zionist Organization of America, in a statement issued today following the acceptance of his resignation by the Administrative Committee.

"My reasons for withdrawing from active participation in and responsibility for the direction of the Zionist Organization of America," Dr. Wise declared in his statement, "were more than adumbrated in my address before the Cleveland conference, October 1927. Two considerations prompted me to postpone the act of resignation.

"1. The imminence of the United Palestine Appeal, the honorary chairmanship of which I accepted. To it I have given, as I am still prepared to give, largely of time and substance, though at the time of its inauguration in Cleveland I took it for granted that the campaign period would, as in previous years, be ended by the Passover season.

"2. The second consideration that moved me to defer action was the fact that Dr. Weizmann was abroad. Although there is no personal issue involved with Dr. Weizmann or any one else within or without Zionist ranks, it was obvious that the issue should be clearly

drawn between the Weizmann conception in the conduct of Zionist affairs and my own.

"My resignation from the Administrative and Executive Committees of the Zionist Organization of America is, and is meant to be, an act of vigorous and unmistakable dissent from the dominant methods of Zionist leadership and work. It is designed to be an unequivocal protest against the present regime in Zionist affairs which I hold to be menacing to the Zionist cause,—the upbuilding of Palestine as the National Jewish Homeland,—and gravely hurtful to the Jewish morale.

"At Basle, while a delegate to the Fifteenth Zionist Congress and the chairman of its Political Committee, I undertook to provide a method for remedying, in part at least, the injury done to the Zion-

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## WARSAW HOUSE FALLS, CREATES JEWISH ISSUE IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Commission to Investigate; Jewish Constructor and Engineers Arrested

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, March 31—The collapse of a newly built house, one of the city buildings, five days after its completion, was made a Jewish issue in the discussion in the Warsaw City Council last night.

The house was built under a city contract with Adolph Weissblatt, contractor. Weissblatt and two of his engineers, Markus and Lichtenbaum, were arrested on charges of fraud. The collapse resulted in the death of two workers and serious injuries to five.

Mr. Weissblatt is a well known Jewish communal worker here holding the position of curator of the Jewish Hospital, president of the Nurses' School of the J. D. C. foundation, and honorary offices in other Jewish welfare organizations.

The City Council, following a sharp debate, during which anti-Semitic addresses were made, voted to appoint an investigating committee of seven, including one Jewish member. The charge was made that Weissblatt obtained the contract through pull.

## SOVIET APPROVES ORT PLAN TO COMBAT UNEMPLOYMENT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, March 31—The plan for combatting unemployment among the Jewish youth, submitted to the Government by the Ort, society for promoting trades and agriculture among the Jewish population, has been approved by the Comzet.

According to the plan, which provides for converting the Jewish youth of the small towns into qualified workers, the Ort will train 520 Jews as building workers, 75 as technicians, 175 as textile workers, and 275 as electricians. The Ort has also been granted permission to import machinery to be sold privately to the artisans.

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SUPREME COURT ORDERS  
RETRIAL FOR ANTI-SEMITIC

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Munich, March 31 — Herr Cerny, editor of the anti-Semitic German newspaper, "Voelkischer Beobachter," will again be tried for libelling the Jewish community of Nassau by an order of the Supreme Court which set aside the verdict of a court.

The "Voelkischer Beobachter" asserted that the Jews of Nassau had caused the French occupation authorities to prohibit the holding of a German convention. A libel suit was instituted against the editor.

The establishment of a small home for girl orphans of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, along the same lines as the Corner House maintained by the institution, for boys, is contemplated in the immediate future, according to an announcement yesterday by Judge Samuel Strasbourger, president of the asylum, in his report at the 105th annual meeting of the organization. Judge Strasbourger announced that a committee under the leadership of Mrs. Joseph Stroock is in charge of the project.

Other speakers on the program include Dr. Louis L. Harris, Health Commissioner; Charles H. Tuttle, United States Attorney; and Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, who from 1905 to 1920 was director of the asylum, and who now is executive director of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies.

The institution last year provided homes for 808 children in the building proper and 410 children at individual foster homes through the boarding-out department.

The institution, according to the report of Julius Loeb, its treasurer, spent \$602,044.17 in 1927, of which \$170,512.37 was contributed by the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies. Toward operation in 1928, Federation has made a budgetary allotment of \$169,648.

HADASSAH LEADERS OPPOSE  
LIPSKY ADMINISTRATION,  
MRS. LINDHEIM DECLARES

Will Not Resign; Disavows Opposition to Weizmann; Morris Rothenberg Comments on Wise's Resignation

"I have no intention of resigning from the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America," declares Mrs. Irma L. Lindheim, national president of the Hadassah, women's Zionist organization, in announcing her opposition to the present administration in America. "We will continue a minority within the committee," she said.

"The Hadassah," Mrs. Lindheim continued, "is not opposed to the World Zionist Executive, of which Dr. Weizmann is the head. This is not a fight on the World Zionist Organization," she declared. "The Hadassah will continue its support of the Zionist Executive in London and also in Palestine."

The "Jewish Daily Bulletin" learns that Hadassah leaders have decided to send a delegation to the opposition conference which is to be held in Washington on April 15.

"The Hadassah has no connection with any group or persons in opposition to the World Zionist Organization or Dr. Weizmann," Mrs. Lindheim stated. "It supported them at the International Congress and nothing has happened to make it change. As far as the American situation is concerned, Hadassah as an organization has taken no action. Individual leaders of Hadassah are in opposition to the present administration of the Zionist Organization in America because they feel it is not an effective instrument for the achievement of world Zionist aims for the upbuilding of Palestine. The present administration is a self-perpetuating body which has prevented the functioning of volunteer workers through the political machinations within the organization."

Morris Rothenberg, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal, and Vice-President of the Zionist Organization of America, when asked for a statement regarding the resignation of Dr. Stephen S. Wise, declared:

"I regret the resignation of Dr. Wise, who has rendered great service to the

JEWISH M. D.'S ELECTED TO  
VIENNA MEDICAL SOCIETY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, March 31 — Dr. Joseph Schroff of New York and Dr. Singer of Liberty, N. Y. were elected officers of the American Medical Association in Vienna. Dr. Schroff was chosen secretary and Dr. Singer treasurer.

The president is Dr. Benjamin Bryant of Cincinnati and Dr. Lang Windsor of Canada, vice-president.

THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF  
HEBREW UNIVERSITY OPEN-  
ING OBSERVED TONIGHT

Leopold Pilchowski and James N. Rosenberg will be the speakers at a meeting to be held tonight at the Plaza Hotel under the auspices of the American Advisory Committee of the Hebrew University in Palestine. The patrons are: Mr. and Mrs. Felix M. Warburg, Hon. and Mrs. Irving Lehman, Hon. and Mrs. Julian W. Mack, Prof. and Mrs. Richard Gottheil, Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Straus, members of the American Advisory Committee of the University.

The meeting will take place in the exhibition room where Mr. Pilchowski's canvas of the opening of the Hebrew University will be on view. Mr. Pilchowski will relate the story of the opening of the university on April 1, 1925. Mr. Rosenberg will discuss the university as a cultural center.

Zionist cause, and that he should have resigned at a time when such an action is bound to divert attention from the United Palestine Appeal which is now engaged in fund raising campaigns in New York and other parts of the United States.

"At this particular juncture, the failure of the United Palestine Appeal to raise and remit funds which it is pledged to contribute towards the various activities carried on in connection with the work of Jewish settlement in Palestine, would greatly add to the already heavy burdens of the Palestine Zionist Executive, and to our pioneers in Palestine who are gallantly struggling against an economic depression through which that little land has recently been passing, and from which it was just beginning to emerge.

"In New York where about one-third of the entire sum usually raised by the United Palestine Appeal is obtained, we are now in the midst of the campaign. In Chicago, another large Jewish Center, there is now also a campaign in progress, and such important Jewish centers as Philadelphia, Detroit, Kansas City, St. Paul, the Pacific Coast, and numerous smaller communities scattered throughout the United States are still to make their fund raising efforts for 1928. Dissension within the ranks which is always to be regretted, may therefore be most unfortunate for Palestine at this particular time.

"The Zionist Convention where the issues which may be raised by the dissentors will be determined is scheduled for the end of June. It would appear therefore that hostilities by those who regard them as necessary, although the causes therefore seem rather obscure, might have been deferred at least until the New York and other outstanding campaigns had been held," Mr. Rothenberg stated.

## ADOPTION OF DICKSTEIN AND MACGREGOR BILLS REGARDED AS UNLIKELY

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, March 31—Judging from tentative decisions reached by the House Immigration Committee yesterday, the Committee, upon its final vote, will reject the bills of Congressman Dickstein and Sabath to grant non-quota status to the wives and children of declarants and the parents of American citizens, now in the preferential class.

At yesterday's meeting the Committee voted tentatively to accord non-quota status to the children up to twenty-one years of age, the limitation now being eighteen, and the husbands of American citizens. As to the wives and children of declarants, the Committee voted to grant only a preferential status to such wives and children under eighteen and to the children up to eighteen of agriculturists, the limitation now being sixteen. Both of the last-mentioned classes are to receive such preference only after the exhaustion of fifty percent of the quota now granted under the law to the parents of American citizens and agriculturists. The Committee will probably vote to exempt from the quota former American citizens who have expatriated themselves, this applying mainly to women who have married foreigners.

The Committee is considering two or three other proposals which were not disclosed, but which, it is understood, would not materially modify the present law. The Committee will meet again next Wednesday, at which time final vote as to the contents of the bill to be reported will probably be taken.

The Committee's tentative decisions yesterday in effect rejected Congressman MacGregor's bill to eliminate the existing preference given to agriculturists and transfer this preference to the wives and children of declarants. Congressman Sabath stated yesterday that he was extremely dissatisfied with the decisions and that he will continue his fight for more satisfactory provisions at the next meeting. Congressman Sabath pointed out that the decisions, if accepted, would practically eliminate all further immigration of that in his opinion it is the purpose of the restrictionists to secure discontinuation of such immigration rather than to grant relief of a substantial character.

A Rhode Island post of the Jewish Veterans of Foreign Wars of the Republic has 53 Jewish world war veterans constituting the nucleus of an organization. Governor Norman S. Case, Mayor James E. Dunne of Providence and Judge Max Levy of Newport were the speakers at the organization dinner.

## J.D.B. NEWS LETTER

### Jewish Division of Detroit Public Library Reports Increased Circulation

(By Our Detroit Correspondent)

Detroit, Mich., March 31—Detroit's Jewish cultural activities, if the circulation of books is a criterion, have gained during the past year. Judging by the figures that are being quoted by Miss Ruth Cowgill, chief of the foreign division of the Detroit Public Library, continued gains are to be expected during the coming year.

A report on the progress of the department has been prepared by Miss Cowgill. This report shows that 10,800 books, in Yiddish were circulated by the library last year. Secondly, Yiddish ranks fourth among the foreign language circulations, and because French, which ranks third, is said to have such a large circulation for academic and school purposes, Yiddish is placed in third place by library authorities. All told the library has 20,000 books in 26 foreign languages, and a circulation of 100,000 is registered for the past year.

The city of Detroit ranks among the largest German and Polish populated centers in the country. German heads the circulation list of foreign books with 29,499 for the past year, and Polish follows with 22,100. A proportionate comparison—there are more than a quarter of a million Poles in Detroit as compared with about 70,000 Jews—gives Yiddish a commanding position in these figures. There are altogether 2,400 Yiddish books and 300 Hebrew books that have circulated among the 10,800 readers.

Until recently, the collection of Hebrew and Yiddish books was centered in the Ginsburg Branch Library. This branch was named in honor of Bernard Ginsburg, prominent Detroit Jewish leader who was formerly a member of the Library Commission. In the unprecedentedly rapid flow of the Jewish population toward the north and west, this branch was left among a population with completely different tastes and a small desire for books. The building was turned over to the Recreation Commission. The problem of the library was a difficult one, until it was decided to move it, and the Yiddish and Hebrew collections were placed in the Utley Branch, which was picked as the most conveniently located of library agencies, being in the center of the stream of the moving population and very accessible from two street-car lines.

Accordingly, these two collections of Hebrew and Yiddish books have been placed and pooled there, with a Jewish

## SECOND WORLD CONFERENCE ON IMMIGRATION IN CUBA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Havana, Cuba, March 31.—The Second Industrial Conference on Emigration and Immigration will open its sessions here today with the participation of the United States Government. Health, passport and transportation problems are to be considered.

Included on the agenda are questions of the transport and protection of emigrants; adoption of measures in order to adapt emigration to the labor necessities of immigration services.

Limitation of immigration only for the purpose of protecting the home labor market, and not to be applied to the members of the immigrant's family will be discussed by the representative from Poland. Stipulation of a reasonable delay, before the statutory measures adopted by an immigration country in order to prevent or limit immigration, are to be enforced will also be taken up by the Polish representative.

Other subjects to be presented are: Patronage institutions for immigrants and official acknowledgement of private organizations for the protection of the emigrated by Belgium and Cuba. Schools for the immigrated, by Cuba's representative.

General principles of an international code of Immigration (Cuba); international definition of the transmigrator by the Free City of Danzig; control of foreign workers frequently traveling from their residence to a neighboring country for trade purposes, (France); mutual acknowledgement of the right of Consular Agents to represent citizens of their country when absent, in matters referring to successions and claims for damages in case of accidents, (Finland); inquiry about changes in the emigrant's family in a foreign country, (Italy); efficient equality of foreign workers legally residing on the territory of a country with the workers of that country as far as labor conditions, the application of labor protection and social insurance laws are concerned, (Poland); application to foreign workers legally established in the colonies, protectorates or possessions of a country, of the legislation applied to the citizens of that country, referring to labor protection and social insurance, (Poland).

Measures to be adopted in order to secure the benefits of social insurance to workers successively residing in different countries will be presented by Italy.

assistant, J. Yanowitz, in charge, under the supervision of Miss McCulloch who is the librarian. A room has been set aside at this branch for the exclusive use of the Jewish collection.

Miss Cowgill, in outlining the pro-

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## DR. WISE EXPLAINS HIS REASONS FOR RESIGNING ZIONIST COMMITTEES

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ist program by the failure of Britain as the mandatory power for Palestine, of the League of Nations, to perform the solemnly given pledge to facilitate the establishment in Palestine of the Jewish National Home. My plan, though perhaps not presented to the Congress with the meticulous etiquette of European parliamentary usage, provided for the naming by the Congress of a commission of five, to be led by Dr. Weizmann, and to consist of representatives of America, England, Eastern Europe and Palestine, with a view to re-exploration together with the British Foreign Office, of the bases of the national Jewish resettlement of Palestine. Such failure of facilitation,—one of the primary causes of the unhappy state of affairs in Palestine,—many of us believe to be due not to the ill will of the British government but to Zionist failure to press home the needs and rightful demands of the Jewish people. That proposal was not publicly accepted or rejected, but vetoed by magisterial fiat, which meant and means, despite the seeming freedom of vote of retainers in Jerusalem, London and New York, an absolutist regime in Zionist affairs. I would not assent to an absolutist regime in Zionist affairs though led by a figure of such moral and spiritual stature as that of Justice Brandeis. How much less can I be expected to place my Zionist judgment and conscience in the keeping of the present Zionist regime!

"My position in relation to the major problems of the Zionist movement is so completely and irrevocably opposed to that of the present regime that I could not have remained a member of the Executive and Administrative Committees of the Zionist Organization of America, without imposing embarrassment upon its heads. And, what is weightier indeed, I should have been false to my own conviction as to the spirit and methods which alone should prevail in the upbuilding of Jews of Palestine.

"My convictions herein are shared by a multitude of Jews at home and abroad, and I am satisfied to be their representative without regard to the consequences of the displeasure which is to be visited upon me—until a better day dawn for the rebuilding of Palestine. This is neither the time nor the place for a detailed statement of the little less than tragic shortcomings of the present Zionist regime. Its lack of a firm and courageous insistence on Jewish rights in Palestine is but a part of a general policy in and out of Palestine, which to the integrity of Zionist aims and Zionist endeavors, spells not compromise but surrender. I have not withdrawn nor do I purpose to withdraw from Zionist work but I do decline to accept further responsibility for the

## J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

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gress of the Jewish branch of the library, declared that the demand is beginning to grow and occasional calls for Yiddish and Hebrew books come from branches far removed from the Utley Library. An exchange system, in force for the general library service, has therefore also been applied for the Jewish books which are being circulated in other branch libraries by request.

The present collection of Hebrew and Yiddish books, Miss Cowgill said, will be increased from year to year, according to the demand as indicated by the circulation. Following advice she received from Rabbi Leon Fram of Temple Beth El, Bernard Isaacs, the superintendent of the United Hebrew Schools, and a number of other Jewish leaders, a large collection of new Hebrew and Yiddish books has been ordered. The present collection includes complete sets in Yiddish, Hebrew and some in both, of the works of Perez, Graetz's History, the works of Herzl, Mendel Mocher Seforim, Raizin, Rosenfeld, Zhitlovsky, Pinski, Goldfaden, Leivick, Bialik and other works.

Speaking of the foreign division in the library, and the Yiddish group as a part of it, the Library Commission in its last report stated:

"Detroit has, by its immense industrial field, attracted a very large number of immigrants. It continues to do so, as witness the 34,000 who came to Michigan last year—the largest, next to that of New York, going to any one State. With two-thirds of its population foreign-born, or only one generation removed from foreign birth, it behooves the city to take account of this factor in its population.

"An adult can never be deprived of his nationality, but he can be made a citizen, and it is the business of the educational agencies of the city to see that the immigrant has the incentive and the opportunity to become an educated and useful one. One approach to this goal is through the foreign literatures. The man who loves his native country and knows and appreciates her best thought is bound to be a good citizen of whatever country he adopts. The qualities of good taste and intelligence are transferable from one country to another and they are transmissible to the third and fourth generations."

Dr. Leo M. Franklin, Rabbi of Temple Beth El, is secretary of the Detroit Public Library Commission.

methods of an administration and the spirit of a leadership so woefully inadequate to the greatness of Zionist needs and of the Zionist ideal."

## HUNGARIAN PATRIOTISM OF TRANSYLVANIAN JEWS ROUSES ROUMANIAN WRATH

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garian Jews of Transylvania were principally to blame for the Roumanian anti-Semitic outbreaks last December. Dr. Filiderman put an end to the discussion when he declared that the Jews of Transylvania are Jews only ethnically and they will have to acquire Roumanian nationality.

Bucharest, March 31—The Jewish deputies submitted a protest to the Roumanian Minister of Education against the behavior of the Roumanian school inspector in Galatz. The Ministry declared it will order an investigation.

The inspector, who visited the Jewish Volkshule in Galatz asked nine year old children in one class the following questions: "Are you Jews or Roumanians? Which country do you love more Roumania or Palestine? What will you do in case of war between Roumania and Palestine?" The inspector then hurled insulting remarks to the children, stating that "Jews are parasites on the life of Roumania. Pack your baggage in time and leave for Palestine!"

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