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CANTORS IN MASSACHUSETTS BARRED FROM PERFORMING ANY MARRIAGE CEREMONIES

Case Will be Brought to the Supreme Court

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Boston, May 19.—Cantors in Massachusetts will no longer be considered proper persons under the law of the Commonwealth to perform the marriage ceremony, according to an official letter issued by the Secretary of State, it was announced today. According to the definition of Rabbi as reported to the Secretary of State by a committee of rabbis, cantors who heretofore performed the marriage ceremony will now be prohibited from doing so under the Massachusetts statutes, chapter 207, section 37 to 40.

This issue has been the subject of debate for many months. It was believed that an amicable arrangement had been reached, until the official

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JUGO-SLAVIAN CITIZEN

LAW TO AID THE JEWS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Belgrade, May 19.—The new naturalization bill introduced into parliament by the government of Yugoslavia on the initiative of the Jewish community was passed by the Constitutional Committee of parliament.

In all likelihood the bill will become a law soon. It will provide the opportunity for a large number of Jews to become citizens of Yugoslavia.

FELIX DEUTSCH DIES 2 DAYS AFTER 70th ANNIVERSARY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, May 19.—Two days after industrial and political Germany celebrated his seventieth birthday conferring upon him recognition for his unusual achievements, in promoting industrial development as president of the General Electricity Company, Felix Deutsch died here this morning.

Mr. Deutsch, who was responsible for introducing into Germany American business methods and led the General Electric Company to success, rose from office boy to a position as one of the principal industrialists of the country.

In messages addressed to him on the occasion of his seventieth birthday, von Hindenburg, Chancellor Marx and Foreign Minister Stresemann, extolled his creative accomplishments.

Mr. Deutsch, who was a brother-in-law of Otto H. Kahn, recently visited the United States.

ONLY 1,000 FAMILIES AFFECTED BY BAD CROP IN J.D.C. COLONIES IN RUSSIA

No Cause for Alarm;; \$100,000 Allotment Will Take Care of Situation Until New Crop, Dr. Rosen Declares; Praises Icar Work; New Agreement on Soviet Plan Approaching Conclusion

The situation created in the Russian colonies established by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, as a result of this year's climatic conditions causing a bad crop, affects only 1,000 Jewish families out of a total number of 10,000, approximating 50,000 persons who were settled on the land by the Committee.

This was declared by Dr. Joseph Rosen, head of the Agro-joint, who is now on a visit to this country for the purpose of completing the negotiations concerning the new agreement with the Soviet Government to lay the basis for the operation of the \$100,000 fund initiated by Julius Rosenwald, to a representative of the Jewish Daily Bulletin in commenting upon the Moscow despatches reporting the result of the bad crop. The affected families will need aid only until the new crop will be harvested about the middle of August. A sum of \$100,000 will be provided by the J. D. C. out of its budget to take care of the situation.

Dr. Rosen stated that conditions in the district of Krivoy Rog, where 2,500 Jewish families are settled, are satisfactory. In the majority of the settlements in Crimea, the condition is also satisfactory. The district most affected is Cherson, where 700 to 800 Jewish families are settled. About 25 per cent of the fields have already been resown and it is very likely that the Spring sowing will bring much better results than the Winter sowing would have brought if it had not been affected. There is absolutely no reason for alarm. The situation is not peculiar to the Jewish colonies where the settlers are new, but is a part of a general situation in large areas.

BARON AUFFENBERG, AUSTRIAN JEWISH GENERAL, DEAD AT 76

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, May 19.—Baron Moritz Auffenberg von Komarow, Jewish general in the Austrian army, died here last night of heart disease. He was 76 years old.

Baron von Komarow commanded the Fourth Austrian Army at the Russian front during the world war. He served as Minister of War from 1911 to 1912.

Dr. Ezekiel Grower, who came to this country with Dr. Rosen and who is the Joint's legal advisor, explained that the condition is the result of bad climatic conditions, the like of which have not been recorded in Russia for the past twenty-five years. The Government is taking steps to help the settlers, in addition to the relief that will be brought by the Joint Distribution Committee and by the Ica and the Ort to the settlements under their auspices.

Dr. Rosen, when asked for his opinion concerning the controversy which is now raging in Jewish labor circles in the United States with regard to

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UNITE TO DEFEAT MUNICIPAL MILK SUPPLY PLAN IN POLAND

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, May 19.—The project to introduce into Poland's capital a municipal milk supply, thus depriving a large number of milk dealers, the majority of whom are Jews, of their livelihood, was defeated at yesterday's session of the City Council by a combined vote of the Polish nationalist groups and the Jewish middleclass representatives.

The motion failed because of the vote of the councillors representing the National Democratic Party, the Christian Democratic Party and the Jewish middle class representatives, against the votes of the Polish Socialist representatives, the Jewish labor party, Bund, and the pro-government party.

OZET RECEIVES 500,000 ROUBLES FROM LOTTERY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, May 19.—The amount of 500,000 roubles was added to the funds of the Ozet, society for settling Jews on the land, from the proceeds of a lottery conducted by the society.

The conclusion of the lottery was celebrated at a mass meeting at the Jewish state theatre, where addresses were delivered by Sholom Asch and Soviet Health Commissioner Semashko. The Health Commissioner stated that "We cannot sleep calmly in the face of the Jewish poverty until all are provided with productive employment on the land and in the factories."

Over 2,000 persons were winners in the lottery.

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TWENTY-TWO TEMPLES UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN U.S. AT COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$19,000,000

Forty-five Houses of Worship Ded- icated During Past Year

Forty-five new synagogues and temples were dedicated in the United States during the past twelve months, according to a survey made by "The American Hebrew". Complete figures of the erection costs were not given.

Twenty-two houses of worship, now under construction and planned throughout the country will cost about \$18,790,000, the survey showed.

In the survey conducted by "The American Hebrew" last year, the new structures dedicated totaled sixty-seven.

RIOT ENDS FOOTBALL MATCH OF JEWS AND CHRISTIANS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, May 19.—A football match between a Jewish and a Gentile team ended in a near riot and resulted in injuries to the majority of the Jewish players. Five Jewish players were taken to hospital in a serious condition.

The match was played between the Maccabee and the Zwirn Fabrikverein. The playing was so rough that the police were compelled to interrupt the game. It was charged that foul means were used by the Verein Players, which the spectators attributed to anti-Semitic venom.

LEAVES \$250,000 FOR MUSEUM OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND \$70,000 FOR JEWISH CHARITY

Will of Harmon W. Hendricks Dis-
poses of \$500,000 Estate

Bequests of \$250,000 for the Museum of the American Indian in New York City and \$70,000 for seven Jewish organizations were included in the will of the late Harmon W. Hendricks, filed for probate yesterday.

The will, disposing of an estate of more than \$500,000, includes the public bequests of \$320,000. The remainder is distributed among relatives and employees.

Mr. Hendricks, who died on March 31, was a trustee and vice-president of the Museum of the American Indian, to which he had made previous gifts.

The bequests of \$10,000 each to Jewish organizations included the Mount Sinai Hospital, Jewish Social Service Association, Montefiore Hospital for Chronic Diseases, Hebrew Orphan Asylum Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews, Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society, and the Congregation Shearith Israel, New York City.

JEWISH JURIST, COUNSEL, IN DONETZ BASIN TRIAL

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, May 19.—Prof. Adolph E. Worms, famous Russian Jewish jurist, is one of the counsel for defense in the trial of 50 Russian and 3 Germans which opened before the Soviet Supreme Court in the House of Columns, on charges of attempting to destroy the coal industry of Russia in the Donetz coal basin.

Prof. Worms was appointed to defend the accused Germans. In his impressive opening address, Prof. Worms demanded that a number of witnesses be called from Germany to prove the innocence of the men he is defending.

Three Jewish engineers are among the accused. Gligori Roginsky, a Jewish attorney, is assistant to prosecuting attorney Krylenko.

MISTREATMENT OF JEWS DEPLORED BY PRINCE CAROL

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Budapest, May 19.—Ex-Crown Prince Carol, now again in the limelight because of his claims to the Rumanian throne, expressed his condemnation of the mistreatment of Jews in Roumania, in an interview with the representative of the Budapest newspaper, "Acht Uhr Blatt".

Carol stated that the Grosswardein pogrom and the continuing anti-Jewish persecutions in Roumania are deplorable and that the present government is to be blamed for them. His program, if he came into power, would be full protection for the national minorities and absolute assurance of equality of all citizens before the law.

DEDICATE NEW SIXTEEN STORY HOME OF NEW YORK CHARITY FEDERATION

Frederick Brown Makes Additional
Gift of \$200,000

At the formal dedication of the new sixteen-story Federation Building, 67-71 West Forty-seventh Street, New York, the new home of the Federation for the support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies on Friday, announcement was made of an additional gift of \$200,000 toward the cost of the building, from Frederick Brown, who donated the \$500,000 site on which the building stands.

Felix M. Warburg, chairman of the Federation board, opening the dedication ceremonies praised Mr. Brown and other donors for their generosity in making the new building possible, and pointed out that savings in rentals would net the Federation \$50,000, which would be available for direct use in meeting philanthropic needs. Sol M. Stroock, president of the Federation, presided.

Preliminary to the main dedication program, the Leo Sulzberger Memorial Room was dedicated, with Mr. Stroock, Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, executive director of the Federation and Cyrus Sulzberger, father of Leo Sulzberger, as the speakers.

Other contributions announced included: A gift of \$50,000 toward the building fund by Mr. Warburg, \$25,000 each from Eli H. Bernheim and S. W. Straus, \$10,000 each from Mortimer J. Fox, Samuel Keller Jacobs, Ralph Jonas, Charles Noyes and Thomas F. Ryan and \$5,000 each from Charles Kaye, G. Richard Davis, Arthur Lehman, Commodore Louis D. Beaumont, Max N. Natanson, David A. Ansbacher, Newmark, Jacobs & Newmark, David A. Schulte, Ludwig Vogelstein, Percy S. Straus and Joseph L. Buttonwieser, in memory of Clara Buttonwieser Unger.

REPORT SERIOUS DISSENSION IN THE HADASSAH CIRCLES

Dissension in the Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization, because of the present controversy is assuming serious form, according to "Dos Yiddische Folk", Yiddish organ of the Zionist Organization of America.

Commenting upon the votes of confidence in the present administration that many Hadassah chapters have taken, contrary to the attitude of the Hadassah National Board, the weekly states that although "it is encouraging to observe the presence of many intellectual forces in the Women's Zionist Organization who understand the sense and purpose of the Jewish renaissance movement, it is a sad sight to see the direct result of the spirit of destruction which a group of Hadassah leaders have introduced into their own movement. This is the sin and its punishment."

NATIONAL CONFERENCE CALLS FOR REDEMPTION OF \$1,045,000 U.P.A. PLEDGES

This Year's Figures Compare Favorably With Last Year's Collections; Administration Expenses Considerably Reduced, Treasurers Report; Many Campaigns Still to be Held; Total Cash Received to Date, \$1,948,812; Remittances to Palestine Itemized

The decision to launch a national drive to collect \$1,045,000 by the redemption of pledges made to the United Palestine Appeal; an encouraging message from the Palestine Zionist Executive pointing out that the situation in Palestine is constantly becoming better; and an itemized report on the financial condition of the United Palestine Appeal were the main points of the National Conference on Palestine held at the Hotel Astor, New York, all day Sunday.

The Conference, which was called by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, was designed to discuss current problems facing Palestine. During the morning session of the conference, which was attended by several hundred delegates from all parts of the country, the following cablegram was read from the Palestine Zionist Executive:

"Palestine Zionist Executive sends its heartiest congratulations and warmest wishes to the National Conference on Palestine. The situation in Palestine is very encouraging. The dole has ceased. Unemployment is disappearing. Industry is taking firm root. Prospects of a healthy development are good. The two dark spots at the present time are the failure of crops of certain colonies involving Executive in unexpected expenditure and the fear that American Zionists will not carry out their obligations undertaken at Basle Zionist Congress. Palestine Executive calls upon and confidently expects American Zionists to make good their pledge and to play the part they mean to play in their great work of rebuilding Zion."

The financial report was presented by Abram Liebovitz, National Treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal and prominent manufacturer of New York City, and Isidore D. Morrison, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, in which was reviewed the financial situation of the American fund-raising agency for Palestine. This report showed that this year's United Palestine Appeal collections compare favorably with those of last year and the amount of administration expenses involved in the raising effort was considerably reduced.

"The figures of our cash receipts, including the receipts of the constituent organizations," the report stated, "show that the income for the United Palestine Appeal for the present fiscal year to date (May 18) is \$1,948,812.88 compared with \$2,151,248.95 for the same period during the last fiscal year."

"On the other hand, our total expenses of all kinds, including the expenses of our constituent organizations, both national, regional and local, have been \$451,000."

379.45 which compares with an expenditure for the corresponding period last year of \$625,167.14 thus showing a saving in expenses amounting to \$173,787.69. Thus the instructions of the administration given at the beginning of the fiscal year to keep within a twenty-five per cent limit has been fully carried out.

"Deducting expenses from income, we find that the net amount available for the purposes of the Funds being part of the United Palestine Appeal, is \$1,507,433.43 this year as against \$1,506,081.81 for the corresponding period last year. Therefore the net income thus far this year is more than that received last year, and we may be much further ahead by the time the Zionist Convention takes place."

"The reduction in the expenditure of the U.P.A. is evident not only in the regions throughout the country where we saved \$32,325.30, but also in New York City where we saved \$45,258.62 as well as in the National Office where we saved \$53,950.75.

"Remittances have been made by the constituent organizations of the U.P.A. during the present fiscal year as follows:

"1) Keren Hayesod: Our commitment to the Keren Hayesod for the eight months ending May 31st is \$800,000. We have thus far remitted the sum of \$712,458.63, so that we have almost entirely met our obligations to the Keren Hayesod for this period.

"2) Hadassah: Hadassah has a budget of \$47,175.83 per month, or a commitment of \$377,406.64 for the eight months ending May 31st. Our remittances to the Hadassah Medical Organization for the current fiscal year thus far amount to \$344,967.62. This represents an increase in the remittances to the HMO of \$26,704.30 over the corresponding period last year. By the end of this month the increase over the corresponding period last year will probably be over \$65,000.

"3) Jewish National Fund: By arrangement with the U.P.A., the Jewish National Fund is to remit the sum of \$300,000 net to Palestine for the current fiscal year, the U.P.A. to make good the amount by which the direct net income of the J.N.F. from its own special collections falls short of the required total. Thus far, the sum of \$124,239.24 has already been remitted to Palestine for the J.N.F."

"4) Junior Hadassah: Junior Hadassah has thus far remitted to Palestine the sum of \$23,986.

"5) Mizrahi: The United Palestine Appeal has given to Mizrahi for remittance to Palestine the sum of \$51,367.73, being an increase over the

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J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

Project Ambitious Jewish Colonization Plan in Australia

(By Our London Correspondent)

London, May 12. — The projected Jewish land settlement activity in Australia is to be of an ambitious character, according to information which is in the possession of the London Federation of Jewish Relief Organizations.

In 1925, the Federation, then known as the Federation of Ukrainian Jews, entered into communication with the Ukrainian Jewish Relief Fund in Australia on this matter. The London Federation, through S. Landman, interviewed the High Commissioner of Australia with a view to obtaining permission for a group of Jewish emigrants stranded in Harbin to be settled in Australia. The Federation was advised by the High Commissioner that it would be more expeditious if the applications were submitted direct to the Minister for Home and Territory through a reputable Jewish organization in Australia who could vouch for the emigrants with regard to their ability to obtain employment on their arrival. The Melbourne Ukrainian Jewish Relief Fund was communicated with and was asked to take steps to secure permission for the emigrants to be admitted to Australia. A representative Conference of Victorian Jewry was called, but without any successful result, and the conference terminated in a deadlock. This, however, did not prevent the immigrants from entering Australia in considerable numbers, with the result that the local community was obliged to embark on a scheme for their assistance.

The new settlement scheme was launched at a public meeting held at Melbourne recently, presided over by Colonel Harold Cohen. A sum of £2,000 was subscribed at this meeting. Meetings in support of the new Jewish Land Settlement Trust are being held in all Jewish centres and collections are being made for the purpose of raising the necessary amount of £50,000.

The settlement work has already actually begun. In Shepparton, which was the first point of Jewish land settlement and has proved extremely successful, a hostel has been erected for the prospective settlers. It is calculated that if the amount required is raised, about 2,000 settlers can be placed on the land within the next few years, and as the loans advanced to the settlers are repaid this number will be greatly increased. The settlers would not necessarily be confined to Shepparton, which, however, would provide the most convenient point for future extensions.

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LAUNCH NATIONAL DRIVE TO COLLECT \$1,045,000 OF UNPAID U.P.A. PLEDGES

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amount remitted for the corresponding period of last year.

"6) Hebrew University: The United Palestine Appeal has given to the Hebrew University the sum of \$14,352.15.

"7) Non-Budgetary Remittances to Palestine: Non-Budgetary remittances to Palestine during the current fiscal year have amounted to \$2,026.88.

"8) Specified Contributions: Specified contributions which have been remitted to Palestine amount to \$110,675.

The report attributed the difference in income between this year and last year to industrial depression throughout the country and to the fact that campaigns have been delayed in various sections of the country by local leaders.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Morris Rothenberg, chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal; Louis Lipsky, president of the Zionist Organization of America addressed the delegates. Judge William M. Lewis, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, presided over the sessions.

The amount to be raised throughout the country is distributed as follows: Northern New England, \$90,000; Southern New England, \$60,000; New York State, \$70,000; New York City \$300,000; Northern New Jersey, \$25,000; Eastern Pennsylvania, \$75,000; Western Pennsylvania, \$50,000; Seaboard, \$50,000; South, \$25,000; Texas-Inter-Mountain Region, \$40,000; Ohio, \$50,000; Michigan, \$50,000; Mid-West, \$100,000; Northwest, \$10,000; Pacific Coast, \$50,000.

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The Land Settlement Committee is so eager to raise the necessary funds for the trust that it has shown opposition to the decision of the Ort, Oze, and Emigdirect, to send them representatives to Australia for the purpose of raising funds. The Ort, Oze, and Emigdirect proposed that 25 per cent. of the collections should go for immigration work in Australia. The Land Settlement Committee objected to this proposal and cabled, insisting that no representative at all should be sent because all the funds which could be raised in Australia were urgently required for the Jewish settlement plan. The representative, Mr. F. Jacoby, had meanwhile left on his mission. The Settlement Committee has therefore circulated a letter to the press stating that in view of its settlement scheme and the small numbers of the Jewish Community in Australia any appeal to the Australian Community for funds

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letter instructing town clerks to check all Jewish ceremonies with their records was issued by Secretary Cook.

Former representative Bernard Ginsburg was retained as counsel for the Jewish Ministers Cantors Association to fight the issue in the courts, following a meeting of leading cantors held at the home of Cantor I. G. Glickstein, vice-president of the association.

In a statement to the Jewish Daily Bulletin correspondent, Mr. Ginsburg stated that he intends to bring the issue before the Supreme Court as a test case under the present statute.

The definition of rabbi as reported to Secretary of State Cook by the committee of rabbis, including Orthodox, Reform and Conservative, stated: "A rabbi is one who is graduated from a rabbinical seminary or affiliated with a rabbinical association or privately or properly educated as a rabbi, and who is certified as being connected with a congregation as a rabbi."

It was at first believed that the statute would be amended to include cantors, but no move in this direction has been taken. The Cantors Association will bring a petition of mandamus to secure the recognition of the cantors' right to solemnize the marriage ceremony. Many of the smaller communities in the State without rabbis will suffer from the new ruling, it was stated.

The Secretary of State declared that it was not his intention to prohibit cantors from marrying persons and that the term "cantor" is not mentioned in the letter issued from his office. He also said that where there is no record of the certificate of rabbi, clerks are to refer the matter to the decision of the congregation.

for overseas work would be at the moment unwarranted.

Since the influx of the new immigrants, the Yiddish language, which was hardly heard before in Australia, has revived. Most of the new Jewish settlers speak Yiddish and the "Australian Jewish Herald" has even found it necessary to publish a Yiddish page. We had hoped, the paper writes in an editorial, to have offered our readers four pages of Yiddish, but lack of type limited our effort to one. Australian printers have no Yiddish type, with the exception of a limited number of bold type for headings. The Yiddish page of the "Australian Jewish Herald" was therefore set up on a typewriter and printed from a block. Negotiations are now being carried on to acquire a Yiddish linotype machine.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO ZIONIST CONVENTION BEGINS WEEK OF MAY 27th

Election of delegates to the twenty-first annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America will be held during the week beginning May 27, according to instructions issued by the organization department. The convention is to be held at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., beginning June 29 and running through to July 3.

According to the rules of the Zionist Organization, every Zionist District or Hadassah Chapter is allowed one delegate for every fifty of its members. Those districts having less than fifty are not allowed a delegate to the convention. All registered members who have paid their dues either annually or semi-annually from January 1, 1928, are entitled to vote in the forthcoming elections. A Board of Elections and a Nomination Committee elected in every Zionist District and Hadassah Chapter supervises the elections.

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the activities of the Icor, the society formed here to help the colonization work in Russia, took the occasion to declare that the Icor is performing a very useful piece of work in Russia.

"I am not familiar with the conditions prevailing in the United States in regard to the Icor," Dr. Rosen said, "but all I can say is on the basis of my observation of the Icor work in Russia. The Icor is the only organization which is furnishing funds to the Ozet and is indeed performing a good service to the cause of Jewish colonization work. There can be no talk about competition between the Icor and the Joint Distribution Committee as the field is vast and every good effort in this direction should be welcome."

Asked concerning the present stage of the negotiations with regard to the new agreement, Dr. Rosen stated that some of the conditions were modified. He and Dr. Grower intend to sail for Russia on June 2 and he has every confidence that the agreement as finally drafted will be accepted and will thus open a new chapter in the history of the Jewish settlement work in Soviet Russia.

Ralph Zabludofsky of Eastern District High School of Brooklyn was the winner of the regional championship of the National Oratorical Contest on the Constitution conducted by the "New York Times." He will receive a first prize of a twelve weeks trip to Europe with all expenses paid, \$1,000 and a gold medal and qualifies for the national finals at Washington, D. C. on May 25 when the national champion will be picked for the International Oratorical Contest: to be held there on Oct. 13.