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FIRE DESTROYS JEWISH QUARTER IN GEORGIAN CITY; 22 KILLED, 300 INJURED 6,000 People Left Roofless; Ozet Sends Relief Funds

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, May 22.—Twenty-two Caucasian Jews were killed and 300 seriously injured in a fire which swept the Jewish quarter of Kutais, Georgia. Three hundred and fifty-nine houses in the Jewish quarter were totally destroyed, leaving the community of 6,000 roofless.

The damages were so great that local relief was found insufficient and an appeal despatched to the Ozet here. The entire Jewish community of Kutais is suffering from lack of food. The Ozet despatched 300 rouble to provide immediate relief.

The Jewish community of Kutais has also addressed an appeal to the Georgian Zik, asking that new land be assigned for those who lost their entire property in the fire and will be unable to reestablish themselves in the city. They have also appealed to the Comzet that a number of the sufferers be settled on the land in Crimea.

ANTI-SEMITIC GROUPS REUNITE UNDER CUZA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, May 22.—The various anti-Semitic groups in Roumania which have been quarreling among themselves for some time, are now planning to re-unite, it was learned today.

The reconciliation is being brought about under the slogan, "Jewish danger," and is aimed at the reinstatement of Alexander Cuza as the leader of all Roumanian anti-Semitic groups.

BERNARD KAHN WELCOMED BY ROUMANIAN JEWRY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jassy, May 22.—Roumanian Jews expressed their appreciation for the work carried on by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, on the occasion of Dr. Bernard Kahn's visits to Jassy and Czernowitz.

The European director of the Joint Distribution Committee was welcomed at the stations by representative Jewish groups and was feted at banquets where the Committee's work in saving thousands of Jewish families in Roumania from dire poverty was praised.

HOUSE PASSES JENKINS IMMIGRATION BILL FOR UNITING SEPARATED FAMILIES

Immigrants Kin Given Preference Within Quota; Unmarried Children Under Twenty-one and Husbands of American Citizens Exempt

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, May 22.—By a large majority the House yesterday passed the Jenkins bill, the only measure Congress is expected to pass for uniting separated families.

The bill exempts from the quota unmarried children up to twenty-one and the husbands of American citizens. It contains as its chief provision a plan whereby the wives and children under twenty-one and the husbands of aliens lawfully admitted to the United States for residence, will be given preference over all other immigrants up to fifty per cent of each quota. The parents of American citizens over twenty-one are also given preference in the other fifty per cent of the quota, along with skilled agriculturists and their wives and children under eighteen. The wives and children of aliens will also be admitted within the unexhausted portion of this fifty per cent of the quota.

The Jenkins bill will have the effect of practically cutting off all immigration except the above classes from countries having small quotas for a considerable period, pending the reuniting of separated families for whose benefit the bill was drawn. The bill as passed carries an amendment made yesterday by the House Immigration Committee at the instance of Congressman Dickstein, exempting from the quota women citizens of the United States who, prior to September 20, 1922, lost their citizenship by reason of marriage to an alien.

Only a brief debate of forty minutes under suspension of the rules was allowed on the bill, the time being taken up by Congressman Jenkins for the Republican majority and Dickstein for the Democratic minority.

The Jewish Congressmen, Dickstein, Celler and Sirovich, all expressed their dissatisfaction with the bill because it does not go far enough and fails to afford sufficient relief to separated families. They pointed out that exemption from the quota instead of preference within it should have been provided. However, they voted for the bill because it affords some, if inadequate, relief for the separated families.

Congressman LaGuardia attacked the bill and voted against it on the ground

that it was merely subterfuge. He insisted upon a bill that would grant exemption to the relatives separated from their families. He interrupted Congressman Dickstein during his address, charging him with inconsistency in supporting the Jenkins bill. Congressman Dickstein replied that "half a loaf is better than nothing at all" and stated he is voting for the bill because he is convinced no better legislation can be obtained during the short period Congress will remain in session.

The bill now goes to the Senate where an early vote is expected. If it is rejected by the Senate, the bill will be submitted to the Committee of Conference, representing both branches of Congress.

WEST CANADA ZIONISTS MEET IN CONFERENCE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Regina, Saskatchewan, May 22.—The first conference of the Zionists of Western Canada was opened at the Saskatchewan Hotel here with one hundred delegates from all parts of the prairie provinces.

The Premier of the Province of Saskatchewan and the Mayor of Regina welcomed the delegates.

During the past twelve months, Western Canada contributed to Palestine funds as much as during the preceding eighteen months, Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik, Executive Director of the Jewish National Fund, reported.

The conference in a resolution adopted decided to celebrate the week of July 8 as Herzl Memorial Week. A special body to promote commercial relations between Palestine and Canada will be created, according to another resolution adopted. It was also decided to organize lodges of the Zionist youth order, Habonim, throughout Canada.

YIDDISH PUBLISHING HOUSE IN RUSSIA CLOSES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, May 22.—Shul un Buch, the only publishing house in Russia issuing Yiddish school books, was liquidated. The company had been in existence for five years. The reason for discontinuing the company was given as a shortage of paper.

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PHILADELPHIA CLOSES

U. P. A. CAMPAIGN; \$215,000
OF \$300,000 GOAL RAISED

Economic Depression Cited By Rabbi
Klein for Failure to Achieve Quota
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Philadelphia, Pa., May 22.—The annual campaign of the United Palestine Appeal here was brought to a close last night with a total of \$215,000 of its quota of \$300,000 raised.

The general economic depression and the failure of some of the older members of the Jewish community to co-operate was given as the reason for the failure to reach the quota by Rabbi Max D. Klein, campaign chairman.

The cash collections were pointed to as unusually high, upwards of \$35,000 being received, an increase of \$10,000 over last year. A check for \$130,000 was given to Dr. Weizmann when he opened the campaign here on May 6.

Benjamin L. Rubinsohn, chairman of Region 4, presided at the dinner closing the drive. Rabbi Klein, Mrs. Frank B. Skversky, chairman of the Women's Division, Robert M. Bernstein, chairman of the Philadelphia Campaign Committee, Judge William M. Lewis, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, and Benjamin Schwartz were the speakers.

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WEIZMANN ANALYZES OPPOSITION'S DEMANDS; TELLS OF ATTEMPTS TO RECONCILE BRANDEIS GROUP

Zionist Leader in Address Before National Palestine Conference Asks for Clarity on the Issues Involved

A demand for a clarification of the issues involved in the present Zionist controversy was made by Dr. Chaim Weizmann in his address before the National Conference on Palestine held on Sunday at the Astor Hotel. The president of the World Zionist Organization, in his first public utterance on the controversy, traced the present opposition to the developments in 1921 and charged that the over emphasis laid on private initiative by the opposition leaders would mean to formulate a policy of "building Palestine without money."

Dr. Weizmann also expressed his surprise at the importance ascribed to private initiative in view of the record which shows that "in the great industrial concerns of Palestine there is no American money," with the exception of the American Zion Commonwealth and the Shoolman investments in Haifa. In view of the interest displayed in various Zionist quarters, the following excerpts of Dr. Weizmann's address are given.

"During my stay in this country last year I remained for about five months, visiting the most important communities and performing the usual work of assisting in raising the budget for Palestine, co-operating with the United Palestine Appeal as it exists in this country. It was obvious to me at that time that the Zionist Organization and the United Palestine Appeal were not fully representative of all the forces which were likely, whether these forces were good or bad is not now under consideration, to be of service in the work facing us. I tried my level best, honestly and painstakingly, to draft into the service of the Zionist Organization of America and the United Palestine as many new forces as I was capable of in the limited time at my disposal, and subject to those hectic circumstances to which a European does not easily adapt himself. There were some, whom for want of a better name—and I certainly do not want to involve myself in any controversy with Justice Brandeis or with any of those who agree with him—I shall refer to as "the Brandeis group."

"Of this group, which had dissociated itself from us in 1921, some had already begun to cooperate with us actively, some still stood apart. I pleaded for their co-operation, and I was, to a certain extent, successful in my plea, and they returned to active service. Together, we explored not only every phase of the work as it was being carried on in America, but we considered it from the point of view of how it was likely to influence the international organization at the next Congress.

"The late, lamented Mr. Lindheim

was helping, and lending every possible assistance. He went to Palestine on a very difficult task, a thankless one, to say the least. I was happy that he had decided to go to Palestine. He stayed there a long time, and when he left, he came to me in London, and in the light of the experience he gained in Palestine, we tried to formulate some program to surmount the difficulties which faced us. We then came to the conclusion that in order to inaugurate a new system, it would be essential to have a small Executive, which would not be subject to party influence. I personally came to this decision not without great trepidation, and I believe that it is essential that the Zionist world know my attitude in this matter.

"The Congress experienced great difficulties in arriving at a decision in regard to the Executive," Dr. Weizmann continued. "It was a life and death struggle between certain principles, and the Congress adopted a program, a program primarily of American make. This program involved a small Executive, which, since it assumed office, has been faced with a terrible task in Palestine, and insofar as its own task is concerned, has acquitted itself with considerable skill. The composition of the Executive reflected the spirit which has been prevailing in the Zionist Organization. It was an Anglo-Saxon Executive, all three of whom were English-speaking people. The London Executive, too, is composed of Anglo-Saxons, with the exception of two people, Dr. Sokolow and myself.

I was somewhat startled to read an interview which Miss Szold has granted, and which was reprinted in the Haaretz, in which she tried to diagnose the conflict now going on as a struggle between East and West. So far as the World Executive is concerned, it is overwhelmingly a Western Executive. The East has a very small minority represented on it. Whether the only qualification for Zionist leadership must be Western citizenship I shall not now enter upon. I have no doubt that additional qualifications are needed.

"Some of the things that have been done recently have cut deeply into many objects for which we have lived, worked and fought in Zionism for more than thirty years. We agreed to the innovations for the sake of unity in America, knowing that America is the source of at least fifty per cent. of what we need for the upbuilding of Palestine.

"It was extraordinary to me, not to use any harsher adjective, that immediately after the conclusion of the Congress, when everything that the Amer-

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USHER IN SHEVUOTH THURSDAY EVENING

At sundown on Thursday, May 24, the Festival of Weeks, Shevuoth, will be ushered in.

Shevuoth will be celebrated by the Boy Scouts of the Jewish faith, Girl Scouts, members of Young Judaea and Hebrew school children at Levishon Stadium of the New York City College next Sunday afternoon, May 27, according to an announcement issued by Alfred A. Schwartz, director of the Boy Scout Extension Bureau of the New York branch of the United Synagogue of America and Benjamin Lassar, vice-president of the Young Judaea.

Twelve thousand children are expected to take part. The celebration is being conducted by the Boy Scout Extension Bureau of the New York branch of the United Synagogue and the New York City Young Judaea.

In Reform congregations, confirmation of Jewish boys and girls is solemnized on this occasion.

Louis G. Kaufman, president of Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Company, New York has established an endowment of \$100,000, for the newly built Gravenet High School, Marquette, Michigan. The high school, named for Mr. Kaufman's mother, occupies a site donated by him. Marquette is the place of Mr. Kaufman, who is president of the First National Bank and Trust Company there.

The income of the endowment will provide annually four scholarships, three merit medals, three certificates of merit and three junior merit certificates, these last to be awarded in the grade next below the first year class of the high school. A fund is provided to supply music and instruments each year to the high school band and another appropriation will finance a yearly series of lectures and entertainments for the high school students. This fund has already made possible the procurement, as temporary coach for the school musical organization, of William Tyroler, formerly of the Metropolitan Opera House.

Congregation Gates of Prayer, New Orleans, dedicated the library which it has established for the Leupold Well Educational and Social Center adjoining the Temple building.

The library was established by private donations.

Ben Strauss, well-known merchant of Hamilton, Ohio, died yesterday in Hamilton, Ohio, at his birthplace. He was sixty years old.

He was chairman of the first relief committee in the flood of 1913 and helped direct many Red Cross and other campaigns during the war.

He built the Jewish Temple in Hamilton in honor of his father, a pioneer merchant of the city. A student loan fund established by him assisted boys to gain college educations.

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ican delegation wanted was passed, when an Executive that was elected predominantly by the Americans was put in office, that a controversy should have arisen.

"What is it all about? Is the struggle that is going on in this country for the sake of Palestine? We introduced into Palestine those very reforms for which, you profess, you are now fighting. The situation as it now exists in America is incomprehensible to me, and it will remain unfathomable until some new element appears on the surface of the controversy.

"What is the real cause of the dissatisfaction, what is behind this eruption? Into the present I have not yet heard the answer. The answer that has been given to date is unsatisfactory. I must confess that Dr. Stephen Wise has given a satisfactory answer for himself. He may be right or wrong, but he has stated his position definitely and frankly. As for Hadassah, I genuinely believe that the rank and file is interested in helping to strengthen the Zionist Organization of America, but they seem to have involved themselves in policies which, in my opinion, are beyond their range. However, I have been somewhat suspicious of protestations of confidence.

"You have tried private initiative under successful auspices. You have tried it as a substitute for the Keren Hayesod, and what has happened to it? It was a colossal failure. If you want the Zionist Organization to be reduced to a series of successful or unsuccessful corporations, to destroy its only national financial instrument, you will not succeed. Let us be clear about this principle. If the guns are masked, however, if they are hidden behind a veil of fog, we shall try to dispel it. We shall insist that the fight be in the open.

"A movement has been started in this country, which goes under the name of 'Back to Herzl.' Herzl has been resurrected from his grave for a political manoeuvre. Propaganda is being made with a name which ought to be sacred and remain in its mausoleum, and not be used for political purposes. It is under this sacrilegious flag that all these new principles are being propounded. Miss Sould is right when she says that we stand today where we stood in 1921.

"The opposition now being conducted is not a statesmanlike fight. It is hidden and underground; it bears the marks of a conspiracy and not of a clear and open struggle for principles," Dr. Weizmann declared.

Rabbi Louis I. Newman of Temple Emanuel in San Francisco delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the 2,282 graduates of the University of California, Berkeley, Cal. The annual baccalaureate service was held in the Greek Theater Sunday afternoon.

CHICAGO JEWRY SENDS \$250,000 IN RESPONSE TO U. J. C. CALL

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago is the first city to respond to the emergency appeal for the immediate collection of \$3,100,000 needed by the Joint Distribution Committee for the continuation of its activities during the coming summer months, according to David A. Brown, national chairman of the United Jewish Campaign, in a statement issued from the U.J.C. headquarters here.

At a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Drive of Chicago it was voted to immediately forward a check for \$250,000 toward the emergency fund, which brings the total already paid by Chicago on account of its quota of \$1,000,000 for the United Jewish Campaign to \$750,000. This is in addition to the \$1,000,000 subscribed by Julius Rosenwald at the Philadelphia Conference in 1925.

The Chicago United Drive Committee is headed by Jacob M. Loeb, General Chairman, Sol Kline, Associate Chairman, William A. Hirsh, Secretary and Julius Rosenwald and Samuel Deutsch, Honorary Chairmen.

Albert Ottinger, State Attorney General, as candidate for Governor, is slated to head the Republican state ticket it became known yesterday. That he will be the choice, rather than Joseph McGinnies, Speaker of the Assembly, was decided after a comprehensive canvass of party leaders throughout the state, which showed that Mr. Ottinger is the choice of an impressive majority up state as well as in New York City, his home. George K. Morris, the state chairman; Charles D. Hilles, Republican National Committeeman; Samuel S. Koenig, president of the New York County Republican Committee, and William H. Hill, chairman of the Hoover-for-President State Committee, are among those listed in his favor.

The cornerstone of the new Hebrew Women's Home for Children, at a cost of more than \$100,000 secured in a recent drive in Hartford, Conn., will be laid Sunday afternoon, May 27.

The new building will be erected at an estimated cost of \$108,000. It is expected that the building will be completed by September.

Rene Remick, twenty-one, who will graduate from Hunter College, New York, this June, is the first blind girl ever to win a scholarship in the American branch of the Fontainebleau School of Music in France. She will sail on the Rochambeau June 15.

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