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## **P.E.C. OBTAINS OPTION ON 25,000 DUNAMS OF LAND OF HAIFA BAY COMPANY**

**Transaction Relieves Part of American Zion Commonwealth Problem**  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, June 8.—One part of the problem concerning the Palestine land stretches of the American Zion Commonwealth, now under criticism because of the financial difficulties in which it became involved, was solved when the Palestine Economic Corporation of New York obtained an option on 25,000 dunams of the land held until now by the Haifa Bay Development Company, a subsidiary of the Zion Commonwealth.

Mr. Mohl, on behalf of the Palestine Economic Corporation, which represents the Joint Distribution Committee and the former Palestine Development Corporation, signed the contract obtaining the option. The amount involved in the purchase was not made public.

In connection with the taking of the option on land in and around the Bay of Acre, Bernard Flexner, President of the Palestine Economic Corporation, made the following statement:

"Almost a year ago we were led to take up the question of acquiring this option with the purpose in mind of assisting, if possible, in the development of sound land policy in Palestine and preventing a ruinous speculative land development. At the time we became interested, an instalment of a mortgage of the Arab land owners was about to become due and the Haifa Bay Development Company was not in a position to make payment. We began at that time and have since been steadily occupied in digging out the facts with reference to this land. It has been an extraordinary, difficult task and it has required unremitting labor here in New York and on the part of our representatives, in London and in Palestine. Through the courtesy of James de Rothschild, the president

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## **MOND BUYS PALESTINE LAND FOR ORANGE GROWING**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, June 8.—Lord Mond and Ascher Piers of Montreal, vice-president of the American Jewish Chaim Corporation, have purchased jointly 12,000 dunams for Orange plantations. The land is near the village Kfar Seba.

## **I HAVE COME TO DO MY BEST TO HELP JEWS IN PALESTINE' LOUIS MARSHALL STATES**

**Landing At Southampton, Marshall and Frankel, Proceed to Mond's Home**  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, June 8.—"I have come to do my best to help the Jews in Palestine as elsewhere, even if I am no Zionist," Louis Marshall, president of the American Jewish Committee declared on landing at Southampton on the steamer Majestic.

Mr. Marshall who arrived with Dr. Lee K. Frankel and Dr. Maurice B. Hexter were met at the pier by Felix M. Warburg and Dr. Judah L. Magnes. The party proceeded to Lord Mond's country house, Melchet, near Southampton. Dr. Chaim Weizmann left for Melchet to join the other guests.

London, June 8.—At a brief session of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization which took place Thursday night, the impending proceedings of the Jewish Agency Commission were discussed. It was reported that the Executive adopted a resolution stating that it takes cognizance of the fact that Dr. Weizmann will represent the World Zionist Organization at the conferences and that the conclusions of the non-Partisan Palestine Survey Commission will be submitted to the Executive and to the Zionist General Council (Actions Committee) which is to meet the middle of July in Berlin.

In Zionist circles it was stated that before the Jewish Agency proper is convoked the recommendations of the experts' commission will be submitted not only to the Actions but also to a non-partisan Jewish conference which is to be called in the United States. Zionist leaders were optimistic with regard to the outcome of the proceedings.

London, June 8.—As the final steps toward the consummation of the Jewish Agency plan are being made with the arrival of the American non-Zionist leaders, Vladimir Jabotinsky, leader of the Zionist Revisionists who has consistently opposed the formation of the Agency under the Weizmann plan, reasserted his position at a large mass meeting held Thursday night at Memorial Hall.

Mr. Jabotinsky warned against the admission of professed non-Zionists into the Jewish Agency as the factor

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## **OSCAR SLATER'S RETRIAL BEGINS IN COURT WHERE HE WAS CONVICTED IN 1909**

**Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Present at Preliminary Proceedings**  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Glasgow, June 8.—In the same court where he was convicted nineteen years ago for the murder of an aged Glasgow woman, the retrial of Oscar Slater to vindicate him for the crime for which sufficient evidence was not presented started today.

Slater was then condemned to death, but as the result of the work of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. After serving eighteen years in Peterhead Prison, Slater was released following the ruling of a parliamentary committee which investigated the case, that a re-trial be granted.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who has worked untiringly all these years for the sake of justice, was present at the preliminary proceedings. The appeal proper will begin tomorrow.

## **COMMUNIST PARTY TO READMIT KAMENEFF AND ZINOVIEFF**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, June 8.—Leon Kameneff and Grigori Zinovieff will be re-admitted to the Communist party it was learned here on good authority.

It was stated, however, that Leon Trotzky would not be re-admitted.

## **ITALIAN ZIONIST LEADER KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Rome, June 8.—Dr. Ciro Glass, president of the Italian Zionist Federation, was killed in an automobile accident at Palermo.

## **HEBRAISTS TO HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The tenth annual convention of the Histadrut Ivrit of America, with a membership of over 5,000 throughout the country, will be held at Paterson, N. J. on Saturday night and Sunday, June 16 and 17. A mass meeting at the auditorium of the Y. M. H. A. will mark the opening of the convention.

One hundred and fifty delegates are expected to attend. Reports on the progress of the Hebrew movement will be submitted by William Z. Spiegelman, Dr. S. Bernstein, A. Spicheadler will present the treasurer's report and M. Ribalov a report on the progress of "Hadoar," Hebrew weekly.

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## UKRAINIAN COMZET ALLOTS LAND; SETTLERS RELUCTANT AS POOR CROP IS PREDICTED

Land Available for 1,450 Jewish Families;  
"Der Stern" Urges Acceptance  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, June 8. — Allotment of land for the settlement of 1,450 Jewish families in the fall was made by the Ukrainian Comzet. However, only a few families have registered because of the predicted poor autumn crop.

An article in "Der Stern," Charkoff daily, urges the Jews to register, otherwise the assignments will be transferred to others.

Jewish Communists have refused admission to the Chalutzim colony Octiabr, formerly Telchai, according to a report in the "Emes."

After several members of the colony were tried for Zionism, the Ukrainian Comzet sent ten Communists to the colony from Winniza. They were refused admission and compelled to return, the paper states.

Formation of a holding corporation to supervise the erection of a new Fulton County Jewish Community Center in Gloversville, N. Y. is announced. Articles of incorporation have been filed with the Secretary of State at Albany by the F. C. J. C. Holding Co., Inc.

The Hillel Foundation at Ohio State University, of which Rabbi Lee J. Levine is the director, recently had the distinction of being awarded two varsity cups in one day. The first of these was for the championship in intramural debating, while the second was for runners-up in the intramural swimming meet.

## J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

Anti-Semitic Leader Objects to Christian Missionary Work Among Jews

(By our Berlin Correspondent)

Berlin, May 30.—A strong protest against missionary work among the Jews is made by Pastor Falck in the current issue of the anti-Semitic periodical "Hammer," which is edited by Ex-Deputy Theodor Fritsch, member of the anti-Semitic International.

"The conversion of Jews," the Pastor argues, "makes it easier for Jewish blood to infiltrate into the Aryan races. The workers in the Jewish missions claim that it is written 'Go ye and teach all nations, baptising them.' But this means that messengers are to be sent to other nations to teach and baptise them. It does not in any sense apply to the Jews today. For the Jews sit in the midst of us like a spear head in our flesh. Conversionist work among the Jews only pulls the point deeper into ourselves.

"If the Jews had their national State in Palestine, or elsewhere, those who feel it their mission to convert Jews into Christians might go out as mission workers among them there and establish here a Jewish-Christian Church. We should not complain of that. But as things are, with the Jews living in our midst, there is no question but that a Christian Jew is able to penetrate into the German national entity sooner than a Mosaic Jew. This Jewish conversionist work then only hastens the growing number of mixed marriages between Jews and Germans and spreads Jewish blood among the German people. The Jews in the mass and as an entity—individual honorable exceptions only prove the rule—are not a desirable element in German national life. The memory of Barmat and Kutisker makes it unnecessary to explain this at any length.

"The danger," the Pastor declares, "has been recognized in Church circles. There are many clergymen in Germany who would rather pay the amount generally raised in their churches for the Jewish missions out of their own pockets than commend these missions to their congregations. The Protestant Federation of Austria has adopted a resolution which says: 'This General Assembly of the Protestant Federation in Austria views with profound anxiety the peril of an ever growing dominant Judaism, a peril not only to the economic position of the German people but also to their spiritual and cultural life. This Assembly therefore calls upon all members of the Federation to fight against this enemy of the people. The fight is to be carried on particularly against the election of baptized Jews into the Protestant

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## ROUMANIAN ANTI-SEMITES

MEET IN CONVENTION TO  
INCITE JEW HATRED

Peace Kept as Government Takes  
Strong Precautions

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jassy, June 8.—Another attempt to inflame anti-Jewish hatred in Roumania is now in progress as the all Roumanian anti-Semites conference went into session today.

In his keynote address Alexander Cuza, who has been propagating anti-Semitism and anti-Jewish terror for almost half a century, restated his program of rabid anti-Semitism and urged direct action.

So far, however, order was not disturbed. This was due apparently to the fact that strong detachments of police, gendarmes and military, patrolled the city. Particular measures to guard order were taken when the students and the delegates marched in a procession to the Metropolit church.

## WOMEN'S CLUBS ADVOCATE BIBLE TEACHING IN SCHOOLS

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

San Antonio, Tex., June 8.—A resolution urging all members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to attempt to introduce the study of the Bible into the public schools was adopted at the biennial convention of the Federation here.

The resolution was introduced by the Tennessee delegation and urged the teaching of the Bible to combat the spread of atheism among children.

Mrs. Otto Kahn, of New York, and Mrs. Maggie Barry, of College Station, Tex., led the opposition. Mrs. Barry declared that "study of the Bible should have its greatest impetus in the home," and that children should be thoroughly grounded in it before entering school.

When the resolution was introduced the Tennessee delegation indicated that it wished to use it in an attempt to modify the drastic evolution law of that state which brought about the famous Scopes trial. Sponsors of the resolution pointed out that it was written by a teacher of philosophy and that no mention of evolution was made in it. There was considerable debate on the matter, but only twenty-five delegates voted against adoption.

Armand Emanuel, young San Francisco lawyer and puglist, who has been hailed as a possible Jewish heavyweight champion, won the decision over Mike McTigue, former light heavyweight champion, in a ten round bout before 800 spectators at Madison Square Garden, New York, Thursday night.

E. A. Silberstein, Jewish merchant of Duluth, has been appointed to a committee of sixty leading men and women of Duluth to assist Superior, Wisconsin in its plans for entertaining President Coolidge while he spends his vacation on the Brule river located thirty miles from Superior.

## CITIZENS COMMITTEE FORMED TO RESTORE PEACE IN ZIONIST RANKS

While Work for 'Peace and Reconstruction' Under Way, Charges are Renewed Against Administration; Election Instructions Now Point of Dispute

A move to restore peace within the ranks of American Zionists is under way with the formation of a Committee on Peace and Reconstruction, which aims to bring about a reconciliation between the leaders of the Zionist opposition and the Zionist administration, so as to avoid a tumultuous convention and possible rupture in the movement.

While no official information was available, the Jewish Daily Bulletin learns that the committee, which is headed by Dr. Louis I. Harris, Commissioner of Health of the city of New York, Prof. Mordecai M. Kaplan, Israel Matz, Emanuel Neumann and others, is at work. Negotiations for an amicable solution of the problem of introducing new forms into the administration of the Zionist Organization of America are said to be in progress both with the administration and opposition leaders. A statement on the part of the Committee and its suggestion for a solution will be forthcoming in a few days, it was learned.

Both parties involved in the controversy claim that victory will be theirs if the question is brought to a vote at the Pittsburgh convention. Early returns on the election of delegates to the convention indicate that at least two-thirds of the men delegates and a considerable number of the Hadassah delegates would support the present administration. The opposition leaders are confident that they would enlist the sympathy of at least one-third of the men delegates and are convinced that the overwhelming vote of the Hadassah delegates would also be in their favor. These estimates, it was declared by neutral observers, cannot be considered absolute as the total number of delegates who will be entitled to vote at the Zionist convention is still to be determined, in view of recent rulings made by the Administrative Committee.

While these peace negotiations are under way, a new charge against the Zionist administration was made by Johan Smertenko of the Committee for Z.O.A. Reorganization, opposition spokesman and formerly active in the New York League of Zionist Revisionists. Mr. Smertenko in a statement issued on behalf of the Reorganization Committee charged the Zionist administration with an attempt to "pack" the forthcoming convention in Pittsburgh. As evidence of this attempt, Mr. Smertenko quoted a telegram sent out on May 31 over the signature of Louis Lipsky to Zionist districts reading as follows:

"Records district membership now being printed for convention report. Please forward all membership dues immediately. Also lists including those members who enrolled but not paid their dues. We will credit your district and charge your

account with enrolled but unpaid members. Urge you increase membership."

In his statement, Mr. Smertenko declared "The Committee interprets this proposal expressed in the words, 'We will credit your district and charge your account with enrolled but unpaid members' as nothing but an attempt to pad the membership roll in order to increase the number of delegates at the Convention. This is being done so that the Administration may have enough votes to carry out its effort to disfranchise the 104 Hadassah delegates."

"The formal restrictions for the elections of delegates to the Zionist Convention called for the election of all delegates 'during the week beginning May 27th.' The advertised instructions show that the elections were to end Sunday, June 3rd. The telegram was clearly intended to influence the elections.

"The districts of the Z.O.A. are not legal entities; they have no assets; and the members cannot be held liable for their dues, etc. The regular published annual reports of previous years carry no charge accounts for membership. The statistics actually summarize the previously enrolled but unrenewed membership. Thus the report for 1927, page 13, states that the figure of 28,862 members then on the records 'does not include 10,020 members who paid in 1926 but have not as yet renewed their membership at May 31st,' and nowhere in the report is unpaid membership listed as an asset or account receivable, nor is there any charge account for such unpaid membership," he stated.

When the Jewish Daily Bulletin submitted the statement for reply, the Zionist Organization of America declined to make any statement other than to make public a copy of a form letter to all Zionist Districts throughout the country, as the telegram was sent to all Zionist Districts throughout the country.

The form letter, dated June 3, three days after the telegram, made clear that only such members as have actually paid their dues are entitled to participate in the elections and that the number of delegates to be elected can be determined only on the basis of the number of paid members. The letter, signed by Louis Lipsky and addressed to all chairmen and secretaries of Zionist districts after quoting the telegram as reproduced above, declared:

"It is essential that we have the records complete for the report to the Convention. Therefore we urge the Districts to take immediate steps to comply with the request contained in the above telegram.

"It must be definitely understood that when electing delegates to the Convention only those members who have actually

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## CASE OF JEW, WHO SOLD DAUGHTER TO ARAB GROOM, SENT TO MOSLEM COURT

Court Rules He is Still Moslem Since Reentry to Judaism is not Recorded

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Haifa, June 8.—The suit of the two sons of Aaron Natah against their father to annul the marriage of their ten year old sister to a Moslem Arab will have to be transferred to the Moslem court as a result of further complications which developed yesterday during the trial in the Haifa District Court.

During the proceedings in the Haifa court, the father who sold his ten year old daughter for \$30 in accordance with the custom prevailing among the Arabs, to the Moslem storekeeper, Assadi, as a bride for his son, sprang a surprise on his sons when he testified that he was no longer a Jew, having embraced the Moslem religion 26 years ago.

Natah produced a Turkish document, proving that his name was now Muhammed Salim Almuhandi and that he was of the Moslem faith.

Representatives of the Jewish community at Acre testified that Natah prays in the synagogue on Yom Kippur, and eats Matzohs on Passover. Rabbis of Haifa testified that Natah had declared to them nine years ago that he had re-embraced Judaism.

Notwithstanding, the court ordered the case be transferred to the Moslem court, because according to the documents, Natah is a Moslem. Although he again practices Judaism, his re-entry into Judaism has not been legally registered.

## BROWN ASKS \$1,000,000 FOR CHINESE RELIEF FUND

An appeal for \$1,000,000 to be subscribed immediately to the \$10,000,000 fund being sought by the National Committee, China Famine Relief, was made by David A. Brown, vice-chairman of the Committee.

The greatest help the campaign for \$10,000,000 could have, Mr. Brown said, would be the news that the committee had borrowed \$1,000,000 to meet the situation.

Mr. Brown urged the subscription of \$1,000,000 as an initial fund for the Chinese famine sufferers in Shantung and the neighboring territory, "who are facing an appalling loss of life from starvation before another crop can be brought in this summer."

Philip Frank, of Brooklyn, N. Y. won the open class violin contest for the gold medal of the New York Music Week Association held in Steinway Hall.

Two years ago Frank won the gold medal in the Association's junior violin contest. Sidney Handler, with a grade of 91, and Sol Shapiro, with a grade of 90, were first and second respectively in the senior class violin contest.

## I HAVE COME TO DO MY BEST TO HELP JEWS IN PALESTINE\*

LOUIS MARSHALL STATES

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controlling the political fate of the Zionist movement. He suggested that the participation of the non-Zionists be limited only to the economic side of the problem and that for that purpose a two-chamber Agency be formed.

"A misunderstanding prevails that the mandate obliges Zionists to introduce the non-Zionists into the Agency," he stated. "The mandate only requires non-Zionists' cooperation, not their joining the Agency. The non-Zionists would be welcomed to economic cooperation, but the political responsibility must remain with the Zionist Congress."

Mr. Jabotinsky suggested the establishment of a Supreme Economic Council, comprising Zionists and non-Zionists, or a two-chamber Agency, one dealing with finance and constructive work and the other the Zionist chamber, entitled to advise the government and the League of Nations on all matters affecting the Jewish national home in Palestine.

## P.E.C. OBTAINS OPTION ON 25,000 DUNAMS OF LAND OF HAIFA BAY COMPANY

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of the P. I. C. A. (Palestine Jewish Colonization Association), we were able to draw on the advice of their experts in Palestine which they gave us unstintingly. In taking this option we have arranged to pay the amount of money due on the instalment of the Arab mortgages which has remained in default. There is a considerable amount of labor still involved in exploring all the facts about this land and during the interval of the life of the option we expect to be busily occupied in accomplishing this."

Besides the president the officers of the corporation are: Louis Marshall, Herbert H. Lehman, Robert Szold, vice-presidents, Walter E. Meyer, treasurer and Joshua Bernhardt, secretary.

Purchase of a site in Atlanta, Ga. for the erection of a temple and temple center to cost approximately \$300,000 has been effected according to an announcement by Harold Hirsch, vice president of the Hebrew Benevolent Congregation. This announcement followed the recently reported purchase of a new clubhouse on the north side by the Jewish Standard Club, most of whose members are also members of the congregation.

The temple now occupied by the Hebrew Benevolent Congregation is to be sold to the Greek Orthodox Church it was learned.

The present location of the temple is on the south side of Atlanta, a section formerly resided in by the city's most influential families. Under leadership of Rabbi David Marx, the congregation has seen the structure as a house of worship since its erection more than a generation ago. Since then the

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congregational bodies."

"If this peril is realized by the generality of the German people," the Pastor concludes, "then the conversionist work among the Jews, which ignores the fact that in spite of baptism Jews remain Jews even after a hundred generations, just as much Jews as they were 3,000 years ago, will disappear into the limbo."

The President of the Board of the Berlin Jewish Community, Commercial Councilor Gerson Simon, celebrated his seventieth birthday today. Herr Simon is the head of the firm of Jacob and Richter. He is President of the Federation of Lace Wholesalers and President of the Berlin Textile Trade Employers' Federation. He is on the Committees of many industrial and mercantile organizations.

For many years past, he has been entrusted by successive German Governments with the carrying through of important commercial undertakings. During the war he acted on behalf of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and War in the occupied areas and in the neutral countries. Various of the post-war Governments employed his services in connection with the trade agreement negotiations, in which capacity he attended Conferences in Paris and Rome and is at present acting as Commercial Adviser in the trade negotiations with Poland.

Herr Simon comes of a well-known Jewish family in Cologne. In Jewish affairs he belongs to the Conservative wing and he is the President of the Religious Centre Party in the Berlin Jewish Community. He participates in practical Palestine work.

The Assembly and the Board of the Berlin Jewish Community presented the President with an address recording their esteem and affection.

North side of the city has become the foremost residential district and a movement has been started to erect the temple, as well as the club, on that side.

The new temple site was the home of the late Colonel William Lawson Peel. The purchase price for the Peel estate was \$62,000 while \$60,000 was paid for the clubhouse site.

The new Jewish Community Center of Congregation Beth Hillel, Kenosha, Wisconsin, will be dedicated on Sunday.

The building houses all Jewish activities, including the synagogue. There is a gymnasium, club rooms, reading rooms, Sunday School class rooms, and an auditorium. The cost of erection and equipment was \$125,000. Dr. Julius Rappaport is the rabbi of the congregation and J. D. Rosenblum is president.

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paid their dues to the District or to the national office for the year 1928 are eligible to vote, and the number of delegates to be elected must be based on the number of paid members. The unpaid members, whose names we have asked you to forward to the national office cannot be included in the total for the election of delegates.

"In order that your delegates may be seated at the Convention, it is essential that every District comply strictly with the above rules."

Israel Maltin, auditor of the Zionist Organization of America, in commenting on the figures given by Mr. Smerencko, declared: "The statement that the Zionist Districts carry no charge account is untrue. The Zionist Organization owes at all times, to every district, the two dollars refundable to the district on every regular member and the five dollars due the district on account of every sustaining member. At certain times of the year the Zionist Organization owes the districts as much as \$10,000. Last year, at the closing of the books the Zionist Organization owed to the districts \$5,734. In 1926, at the end of the fiscal year, the Zionist Organization owed to the districts \$3,350.87. To date, June 8th, the Zionist Organization holds in reserve for the districts approximately \$5,000 due to them on account of membership refunds."

St. Louis, Mo., June 8.—The election of delegates and alternates to the Pittsburgh Zionist convention was held at the Y. M. H. A.-Y. W. H. A. One of the nine delegates elected was Doctor Alexander S. Wolff, a signatory to the call for the Washington opposition conference.

The District Grand Lodge No. 4 of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith will hold its convention in Spokane, Wash., June 23d to June 26th.

Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz, of Temple Beth Israel, Portland, will be the principal speaker at the open meeting at the Masonic Temple, Monday evening, June 25.

The convention sessions will be held at the Davenport Hotel.

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