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## **LORD MELCHETT ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ENGLISH ZIONIST FEDERATION**

**Express Agreement with Main Policy  
of Agency but Demand Changes  
in Program**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, July 9. — Electing Lord Melchett (Sir Alfred Mond) as president of the English Zionist Federation, the English Zionists at their annual conference held here Sunday, July 8, adopted a number of resolutions concerning the recommendations of the Jewish Agency Commission's report.

Although expressing agreement with the main policy outlined by the Jewish Agency Commission in its report made public two weeks ago, the Federation of English Zionists went on record as demanding important changes in the proposed program.

The resolution stressed the opinion that it is essential for both the Jewish Agency and the Palestine administration to encourage Jewish immigration into Palestine by providing a special, adequate item in their budgets for this purpose. While endorsing the policy of consolidation in the Jewish colonies already existing in Palestine, the English Zionists in their resolution declared that they consider the temporary cessation of new colonization work in Palestine as undesirable. Such a move would be "detrimental to obtaining financial support from the Jewish people."

The resolution was also at variance with the recommendation of the Jewish Agency Commission concerning the communal settlements known as Kvutzoth. The resolution pointed out that the Kvutzoth, whose disconting-

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## **ZIONISTS OBSERVE DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF HERZL**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienne, July 9.—The twenty-fourth anniversary of the death of Theodor Herzl, founder of the World Zionist Organization and creator of political Zionism was observed here Sunday, July 8.

A huge mass demonstration which lasted four hours took place. The Zionists including many delegations from Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Roumania marched to the Jewish cemetery and laid wreaths on the grave of the Zionist leader. The League of Zionist Revisionists and the Trumpeldor Youth Organization took a leading part in the procession.

## **JULIUS ROSENWALD TO ERECT MODEL APARTMENTS FOR NEGRO FAMILIES IN CHICAGO**

**Makes \$2,500,000 Investment for 300  
Families**

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, Ill., July 9.—A model apartment building for three hundred families of Chicago's colored population is to be provided by Julius Rosenwald. It will represent an investment of \$2,500,000 and will cover an entire city block. It is to be called the Michigan Boulevard Gardens.

The project is said to be the second largest of its kind in the world, being only surpassed by the Paul Lawrence Dunbar apartments for colored residents in the Harlem district of New York City, erected by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

## **WANT HEBREW UNIVERSITY POST GRAD RABBIS' COURSE**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem July 9.—The establishment at the Hebrew University of a post-graduate course for Rabbis in the Diaspora, who, on returning to their countries will be permeated with love for Palestine and Jewry, will thus be able to promote the national revival, was suggested by Rabbi Chaim Nahum, Chief Rabbi of Egypt, former Chacham Bashi of Turkey under the Sultan, at a banquet given him here by the Sephardic Community in honor of his visit to Palestine.

Representatives of the Zionist Executive, the Jewish National Fund, the Keren Hayesod, the Jewish National Council, the Jerusalem Jewish Community, the Hebrew Teachers' Association, and other bodies delivered addresses praising Chief Rabbi Nahum's services to Jewry and especially to Palestine.

Chief Rabbi Nahum in his reply urged the unity of all sections of Jewry and pledged himself to spread interest for Palestine among the Jews of Egypt.

## **COLOGNE JEWRY TO CARE FOR ANCIENT CEMETERY**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, July 9.—The old Jewish cemetery in Cologne, which dates back for about 2,000 years to the days of the Romans, has been taken under their care by the two congregations of Cologne.

Rabbi Dr. Kober, speaking at the dedication service, said: "This is the oldest Jewish cemetery in Cologne, the

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## **PALESTINE WORKERS BEGIN FIGHT AGAINST THE JEWISH AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Zionist Laborites in U. S. Protest;  
Dr. Wise Will Not Attend**

**Berlin Meeting**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 9. — The Jewish labor parties in Palestine, which have consistently supported the policy of Dr. Chaim Weizmann for the enlargement of the Jewish Agency to include non-Zionists and have by their votes helped to make this policy the official program of the Zionist movement, are now turning against the Jewish Agency.

Resolutions to oppose the acceptance by the Zionist Actions Committee, which will meet in Berlin on July 19, of the report of the Jewish Agency Commission were adopted yesterday by the labor parties Ha'poel Hazaiv and Achduth Ha'Avodah. The Achduth Ha'Avodah has decided to "overthrow" the program of the Jewish Agency Commission and the Zionist Executive if the latter will insist on adherence to this program.

Berlin, July 9.—The rejection or acceptance of the recommendations of the Jewish Agency Commission, now the center of heated debate among Zionists in Europe and in Palestine, will not, as such, determine the fate of the enlarged Jewish Agency, argues the "Juedische Rundschau," German weekly, organ of the German Federation of Zionists, in its issue today.

The "Rundschau" points out that if the matter is brought to a vote in an extraordinary Zionist Congress this year or in the regular Zionist Congress next year, the paradox of the situation would be that those who are opposed to the Jewish Agency idea would vote for the recommendations of the Jewish Agency Commission, while those who are for the enlarged Agency will vote against its recommendations.

Within the Zionist Congress such groups as the Eth Libnoth, the pro-Weizmann section of the Polish Zionists; a large section of the Mizrachi, the Revisionists, many Radical Zionists, the Palestine middle class parties and a section of the center group have the same views as the Jewish Agency Commission regarding the Kvutzo and other questions of labor and colonization. The question, therefore, as to whether the recommendations of the

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## HUNGARIAN JEWS TO ERECT MONUMENT TO DEFENDER

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Budapest, June 18.—Hungarian Jewry has decided to erect a monument to Karl Eotvos, who defended the Jews accused in the blood libel of Tisza-Eszlar in 1882. The monument will be erected in a prominent position in Budapest.

The Tisza-Eszlar blood libel agitated the whole country at the time. Kossuth, who was then living in exile in Italy, raised his voice in denunciation of the authorities in stirring up medieval prejudices. Karl Eotvos, who was member of Parliament and a prominent journalist came forward to defend the accused Jews and he also addressed a protest to the Minister of Justice against the manner in which the prisoners were tortured. His protest, however, had no effect.

After dragging for months, the case ended in August 1883 with a unanimous verdict of acquittal and the release of the prisoners, most of whom had languished fifteen months in prison. The verdict was the signal for a series of uprisings in Budapest and other parts of the country and the released prisoners and the lawyers for the defence were scandalously insulted by the crowds.

A Jewish boy of fourteen, Moritz Scharf, the son of one of the prisoners, intimidated by torture and threats, told a story in court of how the ritual murder had been carried out. The glaring contradictions of his story, however, and the falsity of his accusations as exposed by an inspection of the alleged scene of the murder, convinced the court that his evi-

## J.D.B. NEWS LETTER

### Notes on Activities of Australian Jewry

(By Our Melbourne Correspondent)

Melbourne, June 3.—Three hundred Jewish immigrants have arrived here on board the steamer "Cepheus."

It is the largest group of Jewish immigrants to arrive at one time since the present Jewish immigration stream commenced. Most of them have tickets to Melbourne, which makes for difficulty in settling them. Perth and Adelaide, ports of call before Melbourne and with substantial Jewish communities, are passed by, and few immigrants can be persuaded to go on to Sydney, the largest Jewish community in Australia. It is felt that a wider distribution of the immigrants would be advisable.

The Australian Jewish Community is giving its support to the campaign for funds which is being carried on here by Mr. Jacobi, the representative of the Ort-Oze-Emigdirekt. The Victorian Jewish Immigration Questions Department, representing the Jewish Community of Victoria, held a special meeting at which it decided "unanimously that having noted with great sympathy the distress and catastrophic economic conditions prevailing among the Jewish people in Eastern Europe, and having learned with great satisfaction of the activities of the Ort-Oze-Emigdirekt in their endeavors to reconstruct the life of the Jewish masses on the basis of good health and productive labor in the fields and in the workshops, this meeting pledges itself to support the reconstruction campaign for the Jews of Eastern Europe and calls upon the Jewish Community of Victoria to respond generously to the appeal now being made by Mr. Jacobi."

The trustees of the Levinson Estate have forwarded a cheque for \$500 as a contribution to the campaign fund.

The topic of the day here is the payment of fines aggregating over \$500,000 by three brothers, Emanuel, Louis and Alfred Abrahams, well-known Jewish investors and merchants, on charges of income tax frauds. No case of recent times has excited so much interest in the country. The verdict is a consequence of dramatic departmental investigations, which culminated in the forcing of several powerful safes and the seizing of a

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dence was invented. After the trial, the boy, whom the anti-semites had alienated from his faith and his co-religionists, returned to his parents and fully redeemed his terrible past, supporting his father until his death in 1905.

## VICTIMS OF BULGARIAN EARTHQUAKE NEED CREDIT AID, ENVOY DECLARES

Hope for J. D. C. Credit System, Dr. Serper Tells Berlin Group  
(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Berlin, June 20. — The towns in Southern Bulgaria which suffered in the earthquake still present a terrible picture of devastation, Dr. Serper of Sofia, a member of the Jewish Consistory of Bulgaria, who is now on a visit here, said in a report he presented at a gathering of Jewish Press representatives and others held at the Berlin offices of the Joint-Ica Reconstruction Foundation. Dr. Bernhard Kahn, the European Director of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Dr. Noel Aronovici, General Secretary of the Reconstruction Foundation were present.

The towns of Philippopolis, Tchipran and Stara Zogora, which have large Jewish communities, he said, are in ruins. It is impossible to start rebuilding the houses which were destroyed because the earth is not yet quiet. The population is camping out in tents in the open fields, where they are safe from the falling ruins. It is not possible to start rebuilding the houses before the autumn so the sufferers should be able to have a roof over their heads before the winter.

Rebuilding the houses, Dr. Serper said, would not be enough to put things straight. The Jewish population of these towns had for the most part lived by trading and they were now completely ruined. The Jewish communities in Northern Bulgaria are doing everything they can within the limits of the general relief work to help the earthquake victims. There are about 45,000 Jews in Bulgaria, of whom more than 20,000 live in Sofia. The second largest community, Philippopolis, the spiritual and cultural centre, has about 7,000 Jewish inhabitants. The catastrophe in Southern Bulgaria has shaken the whole of Jewish life in the country. In Philippopolis two synagogues, two schools and four large loan houses of the community, which had contributed considerably to the communal budget were destroyed. The children are being taught in the open fields. Religious services are held in the open air. The school in Tchipran was levelled to the dust. The synagogue alone remained standing. In the small town of Stara Zogora, 40 Jewish families had been completely ruined.

The Jews of Bulgaria, Dr. Serper said, hope that the Joint-Ica Reconstruction Foundation will provide them with a system of credit co-operative aid to enable them to carry on their reconstructive work.

# **RABBI SOLOMON POLIATSCHKEH, FAMOUS TALMUD AUTHORITY, PASSES AT AGE OF 51**

## **Dean of Talmudic Academies Here and Abroad; Funeral Today**

Rabbi Solomon Poliatschke, dean of the Talmudic Department of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, internationally known authority on Halacha, died Sunday night after a brief illness at the Sydenham Hospital, New York. Death came after an operation performed by Dr. A. A. Berg of Mount Sinai Hospital, when it was found that the Rabbi suffered from osteomyelitis of the jaw which resulted from an abscessed tooth.

Extensive arrangements were made for the funeral which will take place today.

Rabbi Poliatschke, who came to the United States seven years ago at the invitation of the Yeshiva, was counted as one of the Gaonim of the present age. He was born 51 years ago in Meitshet, Lithuania, and started his Talmudic training at the age of 12 in the Yeshiva of Wolozhyn. He soon acquired fame as the "Illui of Meitshet," by which name he was called up to the day of his death. He was the most beloved pupil of Rabbi Chaim of Grest-Litovsk. He held the position of Rabbi in Brest. Later, he was invited to become the dean of the Talmudic school of the Yeshiva in Lida, district of Vilna, where he remained until the outbreak of the World War.

In the New York Yeshiva he instructed students in the Talmud four times weekly and attracted a large number of pupils, enjoying the great respect of Orthodox rabbis for the depth of his Talmudic expositions. He was the author of a number of works.

His widow, three daughters and two sons survive him.

The German film "The City Without Jews," which was banned last week by the New York State motion picture censors just before it was to be shown at the Fifth Avenue Playhouse, has been passed by James W. Wingate, head of the board, and will have its premiere at the same theater where it was to have been offered just a week ago. The reviewers originally saw the film on June 28. They recommended it be rejected. Application was made for rescreening before Mr. Wingate, who saw it in Albany last Monday. He said that with the elimination of some scenes he believed the picture would be unobjectionable. The film was shown again after deletions had been made, and the license was issued.

Jacob S. Pearlstein, educational director of the Jewish Centers Association of Detroit since March, 1927, was appointed director of research and community organization of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Cleveland.

Mr. Pearlstein succeeds Dr. John Slawson, who will go to Detroit Sept. 1 as managing director of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit to succeed Morris D. Waldman, who is at that time to assume the executive secretaryship of the American Jewish Committee.

# **LYOYD GEORGE SPEAKS ON LORD MELCHETT AND JEWS**

## **(J. T. A. Mail Service)**

London, June 26.—Speaking last night at Carmarthen, the constituency which Lord Melchett represented in Parliament until his elevation to the peerage which has caused a by-election there, David Lloyd George replied to a speech delivered by Lord Melchett in the constituency a few nights ago.

The mere fact that a man changes his name," he said, "is not sufficient reason for changing his principles. It is not so long ago that he attacked the present Government he now asks you to support. I have a great respect for the race to which he belongs. I stood up for it during the war. I have a genuine regard for that great race, but there would have been no Jew in the House of Commons or in the House of Lords had it not been for the Liberal Party. They were excluded by legislation from voting and it was the Liberal Party which fought the battle of Jewish emancipation and enabled them for the first time to get into Parliament."

Max Rhoads of Washington D. C., was unanimously re-elected national president of the Avukah, American Student Zionist Federation, at the conclusion of the third annual three-day Convention of that organization at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Other officers elected were Samuel Blumenfeld and Rabbi Mitchell S. Fisher, New York; Joseph Shubov, Boston; Hyman Smoler, Chicago, and William B. Rudenko, Philadelphia, vice-presidents; Alex Wynan, New York, treasurer and Emanuel Aaronson, Washington, D. C., Assistant Treasurer. Charles Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh was chosen acting treasurer of the permanent Board of Trustees which is to be formed next fall. At a luncheon at the Zionist Convention on Monday, addressed by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and Louis Lipsky, \$5,600 was raised toward Avukah's \$15,000 annual budget for its activities among the Jewish students in the colleges.

The annual report of the president, showed that thirty chapters comprise the Avukah organization, in forty universities and colleges.

The publication of a Zionist Anthology, and a handbook on Zionism as texts for conduct of the organization's cultural activity, was recommended. It was announced that there would shortly be issued by the Avukah, jointly with the Zeire Zion a journal dealing with "Hib-Chalutzim" in connection with the tenth anniversary of the latter organization.

Rabbis holding Chaplaincies in the Officers Reserve Corps will hold services at the Citizens Military Training Camps which hundreds of Jewish young men will attend during the summer.

Rabbi S. J. Schwab, of Wichita Falls, Tex. will officiate at Camp Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; Rabbi Frank L. Rosenthal, of Columbus, Ga. at Camp McClellan, Ala.; Rabbi Harry R. Richmond, of Paducah, Ky., at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; and Rabbi Julius Silberfeld, of Newark, N. J., and Rabbi Benjamin Tistner, of New York City, at Flatbush, Bayside, N. Y. The Jewish Welfare Board will cooperate with the rabbis in the promotion of the religious and social welfare of the men.

# **MILLION JEWS IN POLAND BENEFIT BY THE CREDIT INSTITUTIONS OF J. D. C.**

## **874 Loan Kассas Functioning; Need Aid for 100 more**

Over one million Polish Jews benefited during the year 1927 by the credit institutions established with the support of the Joint Distribution Committee, according to a report submitted to David A. Brown, National Chairman of the United Jewish Campaign by Dr. Bernhard Kahn, European Director of the Joint Distribution Committee.

The number of credit institutions in Poland extending loans to the Jewish middle-class, the small trader and artisan, is 874. Of these, 370 are cooperative loan associations which were founded by the Joint Distribution Committee and which are still receiving support for the Joint-Ica Foundation. During the year 1927, these loan kassas operated with a capital of \$4,383,887 and granted 326,724 loans. "Repeat" loans constitute sixty per cent of the total number given and 134,668 families have benefited by these loans.

In addition to the 370 cooperative loan societies, there were at the beginning of this year, 504 free loan associations, so-called Gemilath Chesed Kассas. The total number of loans issued by them was over 140,000. Discounting the "repeat" loans issued by these societies, there were 80,000 additional families, or 400,000 persons, benefited by these small credit institutions. The operating capital of the Gemilath Chesed Kассas would have been considerably increased during the past year, had the Joint Distribution Committee been in a position to grant additional support for the establishment of new institutions, Dr. Kahn stated in his report.

According to its original program the Joint Distribution Committee established the Kассas in cities and towns that contained about eighty per cent of the Jewish population in Poland. Over one hundred free loan associations have been organized since that time by the Jews in various towns, these institutions have appealed to the Joint Distribution Committee through the "Hilt," the Central organ of the Gemilath Chesed Kассas, for help in establishing themselves on a firm basis.

The report states that these 100 new kassas are located in the most impoverished towns which have no means of securing any other form of credit and stresses the necessity of providing credit to those towns which contain about ten per cent of the Jewish population of Poland.

A new Hebrew daily newspaper is to start publication shortly in Jerusalem under the editorship of Mr. Elmaleh, former editor of the "Doar Hayom."

## PALESTINE WORKERS BEGIN FIGHT AGAINST THE JEWISH AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS

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Jewish Agency Commission will be accepted has no relation to the question of the Jewish Agency per se, because it is quite possible that those who criticize the negotiations with the Marshall group will, at the next Zionist Congress, adopt a program practically similar to the Commission's recommendations. Groups like the Revisionists, which oppose the Agency policy, held similar views regarding the economic work. The labor parties, which supported Dr. Weizmann's Agency policy, must vote against the report because it is contrary to their most important principles.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress and vice president of the Zionist Actions Committee, will not be present at the Committee's meeting scheduled to open in Berlin on July 19. At the Free Synagogue today, in reply to an inquiry of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, it was declared that Dr. Wise will not go to Europe this summer.

Much interest was displayed in Zionist circles in the expected discussion on the Jewish Agency report which will take place at the Berlin meeting and the attitude which Dr. Wise would take on that occasion.

The central committee of the Jewish Socialist Labor Party Poale Zion of America issued a statement criticizing the recommendations of the Jewish Agency Commission as containing "principles and proposals which are in thorough contradiction to the principles of Zionism and the interest of the Jewish people."

The declaration calls "upon Dr. Weizmann to repudiate the main principles upon which the Jewish Agency report is based. Failing that, 'the Actions Committee will have to abide by the most far-reaching consequences.'"

"The report avoids specifying its attitude toward Jewish labor, does not contain any undertaking to employ only Jewish workers in the new colonization, takes away the main control from the national colonization institutions and paves the way for private concessions in Palestine which will place in the foreground the material interests of private capital and not the economic and national interests of the Jewish masses in Palestine.

"The report does not indicate any special care for Jewish immigration, denies in principle the national funds thus taking away the ground for the creation in Palestine of a Jewish ma-

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quantity of private bonds and documents. Special legislation had to be introduced by the Federal Government before proceedings could be taken. The affair has created a very painful impression in the Jewish community.

The question also came up in the form of a debate in the Federal House of Representatives, where Deputies criticized the action of the Government in accepting \$500,000 from the Abrahams brothers and refraining from prosecuting them.

Dr. Maloney, the member for Melbourne, took occasion to answer those people who are exploiting the Abrahams affair to attack the Jews. "I feel certain," he said, "that no decent Jewish man or woman in Australia has any sympathy with the Abrahams brothers. I believe, on the contrary, that they take the view that it would have been justice if the Abrahams had been more severely punished. I feel it incumbent on me to say a word for the Jewish people, because I have heard repeatedly in this connection the statement: 'Oh, The Abrahams are Jews, so what can you expect?'"

The appointment of Philip W. Ross of New York as the executive secretary of the Jewish Committee on Scouting was announced by Dr. Cyrus Adler, chairman of the committee. Mr. Ross has assumed his duties preparatory to launching the work of the Committee at full speed in the fall.

The activities of the Jewish Committee on Scouting have been made possible by the contribution of Mortimer L. Schiff, International Commissioner and Vice-President of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Committee has established its office in New York City.

majority in the course of time.

"The recommendation against the concentration of the land under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund and the attempt to transform the National Fund into an agency to purchase and to sell land to private persons instead of giving it under a long term lease to those who wish to till it, constitutes a danger for the entire colonization in Palestine, threatens to transform small Palestine into a center of speculation and to remove those safeguards which would secure the soil remaining with those who till it and thus build the national home," the declaration reads.

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ance the Jewish Agency Commission recommends, have "evoked the self-sacrifice of the Chaluzim and the admiration of the Jewish and non-Jewish supporters of the movement." The further establishment of Kvuzoth, with such safeguards as are necessary for economic considerations should be permitted.

Regarding the land reserve which the Jewish Agency is to acquire to enable the colonization of settlers on the basis of private ownership, in addition to the Keren Kayemeth plan, the conference of the English Zionists urged that this land should not be reserved by the Jewish Agency to the private settlers without such safeguards as would insure its remaining in Jewish hands and preserve the interests of the Jewish National Home.

The resolution of the English Zionists also declares that the annual minimum budget of £1,000,000 contemplated in the Agency report for the next five years is "inadequate and disproportionate to the magnitude of the task and the hope reposed in the extended Jewish Agency."

The conference expects the enlarged Agency, when constituted, to lay down a definite program and to secure a fund covering at least the minimum budget proposed in the Commission's report.

A protest against the deportations and floggings of prisoners in Palestine jails was registered by the conference.

## COLOGNE JEWRY TO CARE FOR ANCIENT CEMETERY

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old Jewish possession in Cologne, and after Rome probably the oldest Jewish cemetery in the Western countries, kept in use since the days of the Romans right up to 1695. It could tell us much of the martyrdom of the Jewish faith and of the heroes of the Jewish spirit. The burial place consecrated by such dead will now remain always as a testimony to the Jewish community of Cologne."