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POLISH JEWISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ATTACKED AS PUBLICITY STUNT

"Emes" Attacks American Delegation
as Speculators

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Aug. 11.—The plan of establishing a Polish Jewish "Chamber of Commerce" with a view to relieving the economic situation of Polish Jews by bringing about closer business relations between the United States and Poland, now being negotiated in Warsaw allegedly in behalf of the Federation of Polish Jews of New York, was bitterly attacked today by the Moscow Communist Yiddish daily "Emes."

Terming the members of the delegation representing the Polish Federation "Jewish Polish American speculators," the "Emes" asserts that the undertaking and the fanfare of the delegation is "nothing but a sheer empty publicity stunt with no actual prospects of realization attached to it, like the Chaim Salomon movement," sponsored some years ago by the same Federation and for which considerable funds were raised in the United States.

Despatches received by the New York office of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency during the past few days related that Mr. Z. Tygel, secretary of the New York Federation, now visiting Warsaw, conferred "with the Polish Vice-Premier Moraczewski concerning the plan" and that the Vice-Premier promised the cooperation of the Polish government.

Warsaw despatches also spoke of press conferences called by Mr. Tygel and "official protocol" signed by Mr. Tygel in behalf of the Federation and by Deputy Hartglass and Senators Davidson and Szabad in behalf of the Club of Jewish Deputies to entertain a permanent contact between the Federation and the Club. Mr. Tygel also called on the Minister of the Interior, the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Commerce.

FIRE CAUSES HAVOC IN MORAVIAN TOWN

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Prague, Aug. 11.—Twenty Jewish residents in the town Loschitz, near Olmutz, Moravia, were seriously injured in a fire which broke out there last night. Sixteen houses were razed, leaving many Jewish families roofless. An 800 year old wooden synagogue was destroyed in a fire in Olischan, Western Moravia.

GERMAN SPORT SOCIETIES PAY TRIBUTE TO THE JEWISH WAR HEROES

Appeal to Soldiers to Eradicate Class
and Race Hatred

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Cologne, July 27.—Tribute to the memory of Jewish war dead was paid by representatives of German sport societies on the occasion of the Turnfest held here this week.

Memorial services were held at the monument to the Jewish war dead on Roonstrasse. Wreaths were laid on the monument by the organization representatives.

Following the religious services Justicar Dr. Bodenheimer delivered an address in which he expressed his hope that the German sporting societies, through their spirit of impartiality and sportsmanship will contribute toward bringing about a condition in which "class and race hatred will disappear and unity among all sections of the German people prevail."

An appeal to gather further data about the Jewish soldiers who fell in the German army during the World War was issued by the Union of Jewish Soldiers who served at the front.

Data is needed particularly from the province of Posen and the district of Hamburg.

LONDON TIMES PRAISES PLUMER ON RETIRING

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Aug. 11.—Lord, Plumer, retiring High Commissioner of Palestine, was praised by the London Times in an editorial today "for reconciling animosities and drawing the Arabs and Jews steadily closer together."

"The time is perhaps near," the editorial writes, "thanks largely to these efforts, when the constitution of the country may be more broadly based on chosen elements of both races."

EXONERATE JEWISH ENGINEER FROM BRIBERY CHARGE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Aug. 11.—Accusations of bribery made against the Jewish engineer Babus are unfounded, the public prosecutor announced today.

The charge was brought against Babus, who represents a Swedish match trust, that he bribed the Latvian Minister of Finance with \$50,000 to obtain a monopoly for Swedish matches.

SOCIALIST LEADERS GREET INTERNATIONAL'S NEW PRO-PALESTINE COMMITTEE

Leaders in America and Europe Join
in Praise

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Brussels, Aug. 11.—Greetings for Socialist leaders in America and Europe were received on the formation here of the Socialist Pro-Palestine Committee. Among those who sent messages were Abraham Cahan, Abraham Shiplakoff, and Joseph Shlossberg of New York, Lt. Com. Kenworthy and Richard Henry Tawney of England.

Lord Olivier, in reporting for the Colonial Commission of the International, said that Palestine was not included in the colonial resolution because it is not considered a colonial territory. The status of Palestine as a mandatory territory is quite peculiar. The mandate gives sufficient guarantees to the population, he stated.

MISSIONARIES HOLD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Berlin, August 1.—The second conference of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance, missionary organization, was held in Hamburg a few days ago, representatives being present from the Hebrew Christian Alliances in America, Great Britain, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Poland, Roumania, Sweden, Switzerland, and other countries. About three hundred delegates attended the sessions.

Sir Leon Levison, the president, presided. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Max Reich of America, Rev. E. Bendor Samuel of London, Rev. Peter Smoljar of Riga, Rev. S. B. Rohold of Palestine, Rev. Nahum Levison, Mr. Hugh Schoenfeld, Rev. L. Rosenberg, Dr. A. P. Gold-Levin, and others. The Rev. J. I. Landsman spoke on "What is Judaism" and Pastor Kunert on "What is Christianity."

MELCHETT DENIES REPORT OF PROMISED LOAN

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

London, August 2.—An enquiry at Lord Melchett's London office with regard to the report that he had promised a loan for the purpose of constructing a road from Haifa to Mount. Carmel, brought the reply that the report is without foundation and that Lord Melchett has given no such pledge.

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INSTAL KOSHER KITCHEN

AT BOY SCOUT CAMP

A kosher mess has been established for the Jewish boys in one of the largest Scout camps in Illinois, according to an announcement by James E. West, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

In his announcement Mr. West said, "We must recognize the fact that certain groups of the Jewish faith rigidly instruct their children in the observance of the dietary laws and they claim quite legitimately, the right of religious instruction of their own children according to their own faith, and I think you will find that we would be placed in a very weak position, if by our failure to make it possible for boys to be faithful in their religious duties, any considerable number of them are prevented from availing themselves of the Boy Scout facilities. Our camping department has found it advisable to follow a consistent course and make it possible for boys, while in camp, not only to be faithful in their religious meetings, but in their actual living from day to day."

The kitchen equipment for the kosher mess has been made possible by the United Synagogue of America, which is one of the twelve national Jewish organizations affiliated with the Jewish Committee on Scouting. This Committee is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America.

WITHOUT SETTLERS INITIATIVE
ROTHSCHILD WOULD NOT HAVE
UNDERTAKEN COLONIZATIONAged Philanthropist in Communication
with Author, Explains Motives
and Difficulties

Baron Edmond de Rothschild, who invested millions in Jewish settlement work in Palestine resulting in the creation of some of the most prosperous Jewish colonies in Judea, would never have dared to take upon himself the responsibility of sending out colonists were it not for the initiative taken by the first settlers coming from Russia and Roumania, prompted by the return to Palestine movement.

Baron Edmond, whose Palestine work for the past fifty years has earned him the affection of Jews throughout the world, who refer to him as the "Nodiv Ha'yodua" (the famous philanthropist), gave an explanation of the motives which prompted him to undertake the work in a communication dated July 6, 1928, to David Druck, New York journalist and author of the recently published work, "Baron Edmond de Rothschild, The Story of a Practical Idealist." The text of the letter was made public by Mr. Druck.

In outlining the difficulties of the colonization work during the Turkish regime, the aged philanthropist says that he persisted in his work although "almost everybody and especially the Jewish notables looked with misgivings upon the establishment of Jews in Palestine and believed my endeavors doomed to failure."

Baron Edmond writes: "You have certainly understood the predominant idea which has guided my actions. It was not a simple act of charity, but an undertaking of quite a different nature from the moral point of view. At that time I felt grave anxiety regarding the future of Judaism. Our unfortunate co-religionists in Eastern Europe, where they are so numerous, were suffering under the most crushing oppression and were beginning to give way to the deepest despair.

"I was constantly talking over this distressing question with that high minded and great hearted man, the Chief Rabbi Zadoc Kahn, who has devoted his whole life to the defense of Jewish interests, and I finally came to the conclusion that we must look towards Palestine to save Judaism, by creating over there centers where the Jewish moral and intellectual culture could be fully developed.

"But, in view of the uncertainty I felt with regard to their future, I would never have dared to take upon myself the responsibility of sending out colonists. The 'return to Palestine feeling,' inspired by the Hoveva Zion, prompted a number of Russians and Roumanians to establish themselves in that country, and to form small Jewish colonies which,

owing to inexperience and to the many difficulties they had to face, soon found themselves in dire distress. Chief Rabbi Zadoc Kahn informed me of their sad plight, and in agreement with him, I determined to come to their assistance, which was moreover in accordance with my own ideas. It was only after this decision had been taken that I received the representative of the Rishon-le-Zion colonists and, according to your narrative, Rabbi Mohilever, of whose visit, as Mr. Franck wrote to tell you, I had no recollection, doubtless due to the fact that this interview in no way influenced the decision I had just taken. It is only at a later date that the occasion of the foundation of the colony of Mazereth-Bathia brought me in touch with him on the subject of Palestine.

"Perhaps I ought to mention that, with the exception of Chief Rabbi. Zadoc Kahn and a very small number of other persons, almost everybody and especially the Jewish notables, looked with misgivings upon the establishment of Jews in Palestine and believed my endeavors doomed to failure.

"My own opinion, on the contrary, was that if the colonization were to succeed it would have an enormous influence on Judaism in general, through the respect which the Jewish centers established in Palestine would inspire throughout the world.

"I had to struggle against tremendous difficulties, which at times seemed insurmountable; there was the hostility of the Turkish Government—which I had foreseen from the beginning and which explains my reason for withholding my name as long as it was in my power—and also the inferior quality of the soil, ignorance and inexperience of the colonists. In addition to this, I had the greatest difficulty in finding competent administrators and persons fitted for the direction of agriculture, for at that time scientific methods of agronomy did not exist. All these obstacles which I had to overcome were to me very much more important than the few revolts of colonists at Mazereth-Bathia and Rishon in particular, which you describe at such length. I had so many other things to occupy my mind: Petah-Tikvah, where I introduced orange growing, with the result that what used to be but a small center is now a colony with a population of nearly ten thousand souls, Samaria, where, owing to my efforts, a swamp of more than two thousand acres, spreading malaria throughout the country, has been

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WELFARE COUNCIL REGRETS

DR. HARRIS'S WITHDRAWAL

The resignation of Dr. Louis I. Harris as Health Commissioner of New York is referred to as "a serious loss to the community" and his twenty-year record in the Department is termed "a public service which will long be remembered" in a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Welfare Council comprised of 640 of the family welfare, child welfare, health, educational and recreational agencies of Greater New York City.

"The accomplishments of the Municipal Health Department under the guidance of Dr. Harris are too well known to call for enumeration here," the resolution states. "Everyone undoubtedly realizes that he leaves the Department better than he found it, with improved personnel and with higher standards of efficiency. What is perhaps not so well known is the outstanding character of Dr. Harris' cooperation with the private health agencies of the city and with the public and private welfare organizations in other fields of social service. Dr. Harris has shown a singular appreciation of the needs and points of view of social agencies in relation to his department; the Welfare Council especially has had frequent occasion to be impressed with this fact and to be deeply appreciative.

"Among the accomplishments of the Health Commissioner, which are of significance to the community as a whole and are particularly appreciated by the social agencies of the city are: the re-organization of the work of the Health Department especially relating to public health nursing and public health education and the appointment of persons of outstanding fitness to supervise this work; the adoption of a plan for the compilation of health statistics by small areas so as to provide more accurate indices of conditions in particular communities; and the organization of a toxin-antitoxin campaign which is shortly to utilize practically all of the private and public health education resources," the resolution states.

A plan to divide Brooklyn into thirty-three zones with a working Chairman and staff in each, was adopted yesterday by the Executive Committee of the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities at its regular weekly luncheon at the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. This is the latest development in the campaign for \$1,035,000, which will open Oct. 17.

Under this plan Benjamin C. Ribman, Chairman of the Geographic Committee, announced, zone Chairmen will be appointed to lead individual groups of workers in each section of Brooklyn as well as in Jamaica, Richmond Hill and other parts of Queens.

J.D.B. NEWS LETTER

Acute Shechita Problem in White Russia's Capital

(By our Moscow Correspondent)

Moscow, July 31.—Jewish ritual slaughterers in Minsk went out on strike a few days ago against the town administration, which had decided to reduce their wages forty percent. The Jews of Minsk thereupon stopped buying Kosher meat, fearing that it was not slaughtered according to Jewish law. The town authorities found themselves compelled to issue a public statement, to the effect that other Shochtim had been engaged in place of the strikers, and that there would be no shortage of Kosher meat in Minsk. The population, however, did not fully accept the assurance, and rumors went about the town that Shechita had been entirely prohibited in Minsk.

Finally, realizing that other Shochtim had been engaged in their place, the strikers decided to submit to the decision of the Minsk Soviet and accept the forty percent reduction on their wages. The Soviet declares that it has cut the dages because the Shochtim in Vitebsk, Homel, and other towns in White Russia receive only sixty percent of the fee the Minsk Shochtim have been receiving hitherto, and it is desirable that wages everywhere should be put on the same level.

The Yiddish Communist daily, "Oktiabr," of Minsk, devotes an article today to the subject of the strike among the Minsk Shochtim. It makes no mention at all of the cut in wages which was the reason for the strike, and alleges that the strike was called because the Shochtim and the Rabbis wanted to help the private butchers to compete against the co-operatives and the Government slaughter houses.

A short while ago, the Jewish Communists in Minsk started a campaign headed by the "Oktiabr," to induce the Jews of Minsk to eat kosher meat. The "Oktiabr" complained that the animals slaughtered in Minsk for the State and co-operative butcher shops are all slaughtered according to Jewish ritual law, and that the result was that six Shochtim and the Rabbi of Minsk are thus all being provided with a livelihood.

The chairman of the Minsk Central Labor Co-operative in a statement published in the "Oktiabr," explained that it was impossible to put a sudden stop to Shechita, because that would strengthen the position of the private butchers. In future, however, he said, there will be two or three butcher shops in Minsk which will sell both kosher and non-kosher meat, and efforts will be made to increase the use of non-kosher meat among the

JUNIOR B'NAI BRITH

PREPARES FOR ACTIVITIES

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Cincinnati, Aug. 10.—Arrangements for the forthcoming activities of the Aleph Zadek Aleph, the junior organization of the Independent Order of B'nai Brith, are being made by the Advisory Council here. The program will include studies in religion, social service, communal work and educational activities.

Questionnaires are being sent to various communities which will aid the Advisory Council in making programs and suggesting work to the A. Z. A. chapters in those localities. The chapters will study what is going on in their respective communities with a view of helping wherever they can be of assistance.

Among the activities for the coming year will be special A.Z.A. services in temples and synagogues arranged in cooperation with the A.Z.A. chapters, members being requested to attend these and other Jewish services during the year.

Groups and study circles in Hebrew will be part of the program of the season. Studies in Jewish history, the Bible, contemporary events of Jewish interest, movements of significance in Jewish life, will form part of the program.

Exhibits of Jewish art, Jewish ceremonial objects, books on Jewish subjects, Jewish concerts, will form an integral part of the activities of the A.

Z. A. chapters. Discussions, debates on Jewish subjects and oratorical contests will be arranged.

The new phases of work will not interfere with the athletic activities of the A. Z. A.

The Advisory Council of the A. Z. A. is headed by Sam Beber, Omaha, Nebraska, president.

An effort to overcome the problem of fog in aviation has been undertaken by the Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics. The campaign, according to Harry F. Guggenheim, President of this organization, is to go on until the difficulty of fogs in flying has been conquered or airmen realize their efforts are useless.

The fund will establish "a full-flight laboratory on a section of an established airway where fog-flying under regular operating conditions can be studied."

Ezekiel Rabinowitz, Assistant Manager of the Judea Industrial Corporation, has resigned his position to become manager of the Palestine Industrials, Inc., a New York company which imports Palestine products.

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Jewish population.

The Jewish Community at Olevsk in the Province of Volhynia in the Ukraine, which is engaged in a dispute with the local Shochetim, has agreed to have the dispute settled by the Rabbi of Stolin in Poland, which is a little way over the border in Poland, near Olevsk, which is close to the frontier. The city of Pinsk is close to both towns. The materials relating to the dispute have been sent to Stolin.

ROSENWALD CELEBRATES SIXTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 12.—Julius Rosenwald celebrated his sixty-sixth birthday today.

Messages of congratulations were received by Mr. Rosenwald from Jewish and non-Jewish leaders throughout the world.

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ATTEMPT TO DESECRATE JEWISH CEMETERY FAILS

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Cologne, July 27.—An attempt to desecrate the Jewish cemetery in Cologne failed, due to the fortuitous presence of the watchman in the section of the cemetery which the vandals attempted to invade.

A group of German boys wearing the swastika emblem of the anti-Semites, were climbing over the wall when the watchman appeared on the scene. When his warning to descend was not heeded, he threatened action. A fist fight then developed and only ceased when the watchman threatened to use firearms. The boys then fled. They were not identified.

Recently the Jewish cemetery at Cologne-Deckstein was partly destroyed. The police did not succeed in apprehending the vandals. Several days ago unknown vandals destroyed the Shield of David on top of the chapel erected in the Jewish cemetery at Bonner Tor.

WITHOUT SETTLERS INITIATIVE ROTHSCHILD WOULD NOT HAVE UNTAKEN COLONIZATION

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drained and is today one of the most fertile regions of Palestine; not to mention High and Low Galilee. These are the serious questions which demanded my attention. According to your book, the wine question was one of the most vital problems, whereas in actual fact this was only one of the questions which called for a profound study.

"Today, to my great joy, colonization has entered into a new phase since the Jewish National Home has been recognized by the great powers of Europe and America. For so many centuries, Eretz Israel has been a dream, always alive in the heart of every Jew; it has maintained in them the wonderful spirit which has helped them to bear the most awful persecutions. Today Eretz Israel is a reality and I have complete confidence in the future of Judaism," Baron Edmond concludes.

Jewish Dietary Laws Observed