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## ANTI-SEMITIC OBSTACLES

JEWISH LAND SETTLEMENT  
IN CAUCASIAN DISTRICT  
"Emes" Bares Facts of Government  
Land Administrators' Opposition

(J. T. A. Mail Service)  
Moscow, August 23.—The obstruction  
of the settlement of Jews on the land  
in a Caucasian district through the ob-  
duracy of an outspoken anti-Semite is  
related in the "Emes" Communist Yid-  
dish daily here.

Some time ago the district Soviet ex-  
ecutive for northern Caucasia decided to  
allot four thousand desiatin land for the  
settlement of the Jewish inhabitants of  
the region of Stepanov on the river  
Terek. The district executive also as-  
signed 80,000 rubles for the irrigation  
of the allotted land. The entire prepara-  
tory work was conducted by the local  
Ozet committee.

When the actual work of preparing  
the land for the Jewish settlers was  
about to begin, the administrator of the  
government land in that district, Matziuk,  
objected, declaring that he was not in  
agreement with the decision of the  
district executive. Matziuk explained his  
position thus: "The Jews should not be  
given any land. It is economically use-  
less and politically it is even harmful."

The work was finally begun over Matziuk's objections. But in the spring 12  
tractors stood idle for two weeks before  
Matziuk's consent could be gotten to  
commence tilling the soil. Matziuk is  
still placing every conceivable obstacle  
in the path of the Jewish settlement.

The matter is being investigated by  
higher officials.

Max Levy, president of the Jewish Com-  
munity Center of Staten Island, is the only  
Jew nominated by either party in Staten  
Island. He is a candidate for District At-  
torney on the Republican ticket.

TO ORGANIZE SEPHARDIC  
JEWS IN LATIN AMERICA  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Belgrade, Sept. 8.—All the existing  
organizations of Sephardic Jews in  
Latin America are to be affiliated  
with the Sephardic World Federation  
in the course of a tour in Latin Amer-  
ica shortly to be made by Rabbi Sab-  
batai Djaen, Sephardic Chief Rabbi of  
Bitolj in Jugoslavia, it has been an-  
nounced here.

Rabbi Djaen, who visited Latin  
America on a similar mission once be-  
fore, will act as the delegate of the  
Executive of the Sephardic World  
Federation of Jerusalem during his  
propaganda tour. He will organize the  
various local Sephardic bodies in Latin  
America under the auspices of the  
Buenos Aires Committee of the Sephar-  
dic World Federation, and then act  
as intermediary between the Sephardim  
of Latin America and the Jerusalem  
Executive of the Federation.

SELL SYNAGOGUE DUE  
TO LACK OF ATTENDANCE  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Constantinople, Sept. 8.—One of the  
few ancient synagogues in Haskeny,  
the Jewish quarter of Constantinople,  
was sold for a sum of \$90.

The Jewish population in the suburb  
of Haskeny had dwindled to negligible  
proportions. The synagogue has gradu-  
ally fallen into disuse because most  
of the Jewish residents have left the  
district.

ADOLPH COPELAND REPORTS  
ON JEWISH EMIGRATION

Adolph Copeland, President of the  
Chicago Branch of the Hebrew Shelter-  
ing and Immigrant Aid Society of Amer-  
ica, and vice-president of the national  
organization, returned to America on the  
steamer Orinoco on Friday. Mr. Cope-  
land, who was accompanied by Mr.  
Copeland, spent three months in Europe  
on behalf of Hias studying Jewish im-  
migration conditions in the various central  
points.

Upon his arrival he was met by offi-  
cers and directors of Hias. He will ren-  
der a full report of his tour to a special  
meeting of the Board of Directors to be  
held on Tuesday.

ASK POSTPONEMENT OF  
EXAMS DUE TO HOLIDAYS  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Sept. 8.—The Rabbinate of  
Warsaw directed a request to the de-  
ans of the Warsaw Technical Institute to  
postpone the examinations set for  
September 15.

This date coincides with the first day  
of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New  
Year, and the rabbis asked that the  
date be changed in order that Jewish  
students may be enabled to take the  
examination without violating the holy  
day.

26% OF BIRO-BIDJAN  
SETTLERS RETURNED HOME  
(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Moscow, Aug. 18.—Up to the end of  
July, 170 settlers, or twenty-six per  
cent of the total number who came  
to Biro-Bidjan, Bureya, returned home,  
statistics published in the "Emes" here  
yesterday show.

Professor B. Brook, agricultural ex-  
pert who has been connected with Jew-  
ish colonization activities in Russia, is  
the writer of the article in which he  
discusses the cause for the return of  
the 170 Jewish settlers of Biro-Bidjan.  
He draws a comparison in this respect  
between Biro-Bidjan and the other  
Jewish settlements in the Ukraine and  
Crimea, pointing out that in the other  
settlements the percentage of those  
who abandoned the land and returned  
to their homes has been considerably  
higher than in Biro-Bidjan.

The reasons which actuated the 170  
settlers to leave Biro-Bidjan, Prof.  
Brook declares, were as follows: the  
extremely unfavorable weather condi-  
tions in the Far East this year; the  
colonization apparatus was not pre-  
pared in respect to organization and  
road connections; the shortage of  
building material; the tractors and  
ploughs did not act in time; various  
errors of organization in supplying the  
settlers with implements and other  
needs. Moreover, some of these who  
came to Biro-Bidjan were unsuited  
for the difficulties which confronted  
them and the number of artisans was  
too large proportionately for an agri-  
cultural colonization enterprise.

In view of these hardships, Prof.  
Brook concludes, it is to be wondered  
at that a larger number did not abandon  
Biro-Bidjan.

HAINISCH THANKS KEHILLAH  
FOR CONGRATULATIONS  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Sept. 8.—Michael Hainisch,  
Austrian President, addressed a letter of  
thanks to the Vienna Kehillah for its  
engrossed address of congratulations on  
the occasion of his seventieth birthday.

The President emphasizes the loyalty  
and the devotion of Vienna Jewry to the  
Republic of Austria and their love of the  
fatherland. The President declares that  
he will always cherish the memento of  
the Vienna Jews.

SOUTH AFRICANS INVEST  
IN PALESTINE INDUSTRIES  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Sept. 8.—A group of  
South African Jewish industrialists  
have purchased 900 dunams of land  
near Ness Zionah where they will  
start plantations.

In the group are the well known  
Jewish industrialists Polikansky and  
Yaffa. Mr. Yaffa will also establish a  
cold storage company, investing in this  
undertaking \$35,000.

# GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION PROVES RITUAL MURDER CHARGE FALSE IN BUCHARA Attitude of Militia Held Dangerous for Jewish Population

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Sept. 8.—The falsity of the ritual murder rumor which called forth wide excitement in Tcharzhuya, Buchara, was proved by an official investigation made by the authorities.

It developed that about ten years ago a Jewish butcher named Rubin and his family were killed by bandits. Only one child, a deaf mute, survived. The boy was adopted by relatives and because of his abnormality he was closely guarded in the house. This aroused suspicion on the part of neighbors and it was soon whispered that the boy, kept in the house, was Christian and was being used "for ritual purposes." By the process of addition a story was concocted that the Buchara Jews had invented a special machine for sucking blood from the boy for the purpose of exporting it to the Jewish communities abroad.

The attitude of the militia in the district was uncertain, adding danger to the safety of the Jewish community. It was stated that some of the militia officials gave credence to the rumor.

The Tachkent Communist press, in publishing the details of the investigation, proving the absurdity of the charge, severely criticizes the militia.

# CANNOT EMPLOY JEWS WHILE CHRISTIANS AVAILABLE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Sept. 8.—No Jews will find employment in the Warsaw tramway lines as long as Christian workers are obtainable, declared City Councillor Ilsky in reply to a question raised in the City Council at its Friday session.

The Jewish Councillors inquired as to why the street car management ignores the resolution of the Council not to make any distinction between Jewish and non-Jewish workers on the municipal tramway lines.

# LAND ACQUIRED FOR STRAUS COLONY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Sept. 8.—Land for the Straus colony, Nathania, named for Nathan Straus, was acquired today. The area comprises 3,000 dunams near Herzliha and will be the first colony to be established at the seashore. The amount of £70,000 will be invested in establishing the colony. The first fifty settlers will proceed to the colony shortly.

# PRESS EXHIBITION TO OPEN THIS MONTH

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Sept. 8.—A press exhibition will open in Tel Aviv on September 21. Five hundred exhibits have been arranged, 400 of which are Hebrew. The rest include periodicals in Ladina, Arabic, English, French, German and esperanto.

# MAY SETTLE DISPUTE BETWEEN SEPHARDIC CHIEF RABBI AND JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL

Palestine Council Impeached Rabbi for Opposition to Community Organization

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Sept. 8.—The conflict which has been raging for past several weeks between Rabbi Jacob Meir, Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Palestine, and the Vaad Leumi, National Council of Palestine Jewry, may be amicably settled.

This opinion was rendered yesterday by the World Union of Sephardic Jews, to which the conflict was referred for mediation.

The controversy started when a delegation representing the National Council called on Lord Plumer before his departure from Palestine to bid him farewell on behalf of Palestine Jewry. During the audience, Chief Rabbi Jacob Meir expressed his dissatisfaction with some of the provisions of the Palestine Communities Ordinance, a subject of controversial nature within the Jewish community for the past several years. It was charged that Rabbi Meir did not inform the members of the delegation that he would touch upon this subject during the audience. The action was in particular surprising in view of the fact that the National Council, with which Rabbi Meir was closely affiliated, was the leading champion of the principle of unity of the Jewish community in Palestine and led the fight against the oppositional elements grouped around Rabbi Sonnenfeld and the Agudath Israel, who fought against the Communities Ordinance.

On the following day Rabbi Jacob Meir published a statement in which he outlined the reasons for his action and declared himself in opposition to some of the principles of the Ordinance which aims at the organization of Palestine Jewry into an official community to be known under the name of Keneseth Israel, but from which groups or individual members have a right to secede and form congregations of their own. One of the objections of the Chief Rabbi was the granting of suffrage within the Keneseth Israel to women.

The National Council, of which the Palestine Rabbinate is the official organ for religious matters, demanded that Rabbi Meir withdraw from his post in view of his disagreement and in view of his surprising action, which was termed inopportune. The matter has aroused wide attention and discussion in the Palestine press, many asserting that the Rabbi was being "impeached" or that he is to be.

In the opinion rendered by the World Union of Sephardic Jews, it is now declared that after going over the facts it finds that both parties in the controversy have exaggerated. By expressing his opposition to some of the provisions, the Chief Rabbi did not mean to express his intention to leave the Keneseth Israel as, on the other hand, the National Council did not impinge him as Chief

# BROOKLYN FEDERATION CALLS RABBIS' CONFERENCE ON COMMUNAL PROBLEMS

Session This Evening First of a Series of Meetings

Rabbis representing the largest congregations of Brooklyn will meet tonight at the Jewish Center, 667 Eastern Parkway, to conclude plans for the concerted participation of all Brooklyn temples, synagogues and Jewish centers in the Twentieth Anniversary Appeal of the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities.

This conference, called by Judge Grover M. Moscovitz and Nathan D. Schapiro, Chairmen of Federation's Committee on religious organizations, is the first of a series of meetings planned to present communal problems through the rabbis who will actively engage in Federation's work. The campaign for \$1,035,000 will be launched on October 17, by the Federation.

The meeting will be preceded by a dinner arranged by Rabbi Louis D. Gross, Rabbi A. M. Heller, Rabbi Aaron Burack and Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal.

Among those who will attend the conference are: Rabbi B. Leon Hurwitz, Rabbi Samuel Peiper, Dr. Max Reichler, Rabbi Maxwell Sachs, Rabbi Jacob J. Newman, Rabbi Jacob B. Grossman, Rabbi Simon Borodkin, Rabbi Abraham Barash, Rabbi Marcus Friedlander, Rabbi Jacob Bosniak, Rabbi Nachman H. Ebin, Rabbi Jacob A. Dolgenas, Rabbi Simon J. Finkelstein, Rabbi David A. Goldstein, Rabbi Louis D. Gross, Rabbi A. M. Heller, Rabbi M. A. Kaplan, Dr. Israel Goldfarb, Rabbi Samuel J. Levinson, Rabbi Simon R. Cohen, Rabbi Aaron Burack, Rabbi Abraham S. Irom, Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, Dr. Alex Lyons, Dr. Joseph Miller, Rabbi Jacob Minkin, Rabbi Nathan Shapiro, Rabbi Isidor Signer, Rabbi B. Reuben Weilerstein, Rabbi Harry Weiss.

# MANDATE, MINORITY QUESTIONS AT LEAGUE ASSEMBLY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Geneva, Sept. 8.—Questions pertaining to the protection of minorities and the administration of mandated territories were considered at yesterday's session of the League of Nations Assembly.

The mandate question was referred by the Assembly to its sixth commission for consideration.

The proposal of the Dutch representative Van Bockland concerning the protection of national minorities was supported by the German Chancellor Mueler. The application of the minorities' rights in the spirit in which they were drafted will further the mutual understanding of the nations, he urged in an address delivered Friday afternoon.

Rabbi nor has it the power to do so. A reconciliation between the parties is possible.

Rabbi Jacob Meir is a man of independent means and is known for his unyielding attitude in matters of religious principle.

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## GROUPS AIDING RUSSIAN COLONIZATION TO CREATE FARMERS' RELIEF FUND

750,000 Rouble Fund to be Used to  
Tide Over Farmers until  
Next Crop

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Sept. 8.—The organizations working in Russia for the colonization of Jews on the land, have established a joint fund for the purpose of relieving the situation of some of the colonies, tiding them over with food and fodder until the next crop.

The Agrojoint, society of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; the Ozet, society for settling Jews on the land, the Ort, society for promoting trades and agriculture, and the Jewish Colonization Association decided at a joint session of their representatives to establish a fund of 750,000 Roubles. The amount of 250,000 toward this fund will come from the Soviet Government's General Transmigration Fund, as the monies of the Comzet, the governmental department for Jewish land settlement, is intended solely for livestock and equipment. The remaining 500,000 roubles will be made up by the organizations.

The amount agreed upon is insufficient to meet the needs, unless the transmitters organize extensive help for each other. No credit will be given settlers who trade or hire labor. A minimum of one tractor will be made available for each thirty families.

Nineteen hundred houses are to be built in the Agrojoint colonies and 700 by the Ozet.

The first twenty orders for machines, paid for by American relatives, have been approved by the Ort.

## REPORT ANTI-JEWISH ATTACKS IN WILKOWISCHKI

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Sept. 8.—Anti-Jewish attacks were perpetrated in Wilkowischki last Thursday night, according to reports in the Lithuanian press.

It is stated that "a secret brigade" molested the Jewish population of the town and that there are twenty seriously injured, including women.

## POLISH JEWS IN PALESTINE TO ESTABLISH BANK

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Sept. 8.—At a conference of representatives of Polish immigrants who have settled in Palestine, it was decided to establish a bank to grant credit facilities here.

A request will be addressed to the Warsaw Kehillah for 50,000 Zlotys for this purpose.

## JEWS POPULATION IN THE U. S. SHOWS MARKED TENDENCY TO DISPERSE THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

Residents of Large Centers Move to Smaller Centers and Rural Districts;  
in Neighboring States

The Jews in the United States display a marked tendency to move away from the ports of entry and to disperse gradually throughout the country.

In those places where the Jews live they constitute over eleven per cent in the large cities, over three per cent in the medium-sized cities, less than one per cent in the small towns, and over one and a half per cent in rural areas; it is shown in the study of the Jewish population in the United States made by Dr. H. S. Linfield, Director of the Statistical Department of the American Jewish Committee, which will be published in the forthcoming issue of the American Jewish Year Book. This study brought out the fact that the Jews in the United States numbered 4,238,000 in 1927.

Dr. Linfield's survey shows that the spread of Jews to cities having a population of 25,000 or over has reached 100 per cent, there being no city of that size in any part of the country without inhabitants of the Jewish faith. But also among places of smaller size the spread of the Jews is very considerable as may be seen from the following: there were Jewish residents in ninety-four of every 100 places of 25,000 to 10,000 population; in eighty-eight of every 100 places of 10,000 to 5,000; in eighty-four of every 100 places of 5,000 to 2,500; in thirty of every 100 rural villages of 2,500 or less; and in seven areas of every 100 rural areas, commonly known as minor civil divisions.

This wide dispersion over the country appears to be of recent date. "Inasmuch as the canvasses of the Jews made ten and twenty years ago and also previously did not lend themselves to an examination of the distribution of the Jews and their densities at those years," Dr. Linfield says, "it is not possible to make comparisons or to trace the movement of the Jews from the ports of their entry to the interior and from the large places to the small places, or to indicate the pace of their spread over the country. But the striking lightness of the density of the Jews in the rural places and especially in the towns of 25,000 or less would indicate that their spread to these places is recent."

The study of Dr. Linfield discloses that the chief centers of the dispersion seem to be the City of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburgh. Jews from

these large centers are spreading to the rural territory in the neighboring states as well as to smaller urban places. Similarly, the study brings out the interesting fact that there is a noticeable tendency among the Jews to spread from the North to the West and the South. Ten years ago only 3.16 per cent of the total number of Jews lived in the West, but in 1927, the percentage had grown to 4.26 per cent, and there has been a similar increase in the South.

In the country as a whole the Jews constitute 3.58 per cent of the total population, but their density varies greatly. This density is lightest in the State of Idaho and heaviest in the State of New York. "The density of the Jews in the country varies, however, not only according to geographic divisions of the country but also, or better, especially according to another factor, namely the size of the place, city or town," says Dr. Linfield. The survey shows that in those places where the Jews live, they constitute 11.1 per cent of the total population in cities of 100,000 or over; 3.1 per cent in cities 100,000 to 25,000; 1.8 per cent in cities 25,000 to 10,000; less than one per cent in cities 10,000 to 2,500; and nearly 1.5 per cent in the rural places, in which the Jews live.

## HUNGARIAN RACE PURIFIERS JOIN THE GOVERNMENT PARTY 'Bethlen Carried Out Part of Our Program, we will Do Rest,' Goemboes tells Followers

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Budapest, Sept. 8.—The Hungarian Race Purifiers, the Chauvinists and notoriously anti-Semitic Hungarian political group, officially joined the Government Party.

In a statement giving the reasons for the amalgamation, Julius Goemboes, slated as secretary of state in the Ministry of the Interior and leader of the Race Purifiers declared that "The Bethlen party has already accomplished a large part of our program; we will carry out the rest, through the formulation of government policies of expediency and efficiency."

Goemboes assurd his followers in the statement that under present conditions the separate existence of the Race Purifiers group is superfluous.

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### N. Y. WOMEN'S COUNCIL LAY CENTER CORNERSTONE

The cornerstone of the new Community House of the New York Section of the National Council of Jewish Women at 1122 Forrester Avenue, New York will be laid on Wednesday, September 12, at 4 p.m.

Judge Albert Cohn will be the principal speaker.

The new structure will house the Immigrant Aid, Legal Aid, Social Service and other activities of the organization. In addition the building will serve the recreational, cultural and educational needs of the neighborhood.

The president of the New York Section, Mrs. Nathan Straus, jr. will preside.

The opening program of a large number of Council Sections will be devoted to peace themes according to Mrs. Arthur Brin, Chairman of the Department of Peace, of the National Council of Jewish Women.

The Pennsylvania State Conference plans to open its annual meeting at Philadelphia, with the presentation of a peace pageant. Many sections have begun rehearsals for the presentation of the peace playlet, "When," by Mrs. A. S. Kohler, for Armistice Day.

### CREATE COMMISSION FOR PALESTINE COMMERCE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Sept. 8.—A special Commission to further commercial and credit relations between the Republic of Poland and Palestine was created by the Association of Polish Jewish merchants at a special conference held several days ago.

The conference was attended by Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Bertoni, the Polish Consul General of Jerusalem, Szybowski, the Polish Commercial attache, Hausner, and the president of the Polish Merchants Association, Wartalski.

### MOSCOW YIDDISH STATE THEATRE IN BELGIUM

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Antwerp, Aug. 24.—The Moscow Yiddish State Theatre, which is now playing in Belgium, has received much praise in the general press. The troupe was also well received in Antwerp and Brussels. An invitation to visit Holland has been received by Mr. Granovsky, the head of the company.

A part of the survey being made of the religious affiliations of Governor Smith's appointees and the subordinates in his administration was made public by Secretary of State Robert Moses. The survey shows ten Protestants, three Catholics and a Jew in the Governor's Cabinet of fourteen fully accredited members, and fourteen Protestants with eleven Catholics among the twenty-five other major officials at the head of State departmental divisions.

The other present State officials now in office, whose appointments are approved by the Governor, not including judicial appointments, includes thirty-three Catholics, 105 Protestants, eleven of Jewish descent and seven undesignated.

### 5 KOSHER SCOUT CAMPS CLOSE AFTER SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Upwards of two thousand boy scouts, from homes where the Jewish dietary laws are observed, were enabled to enjoy the benefits of camp life under the supervision of the Boy Scouts of America during the season which has just closed, according to a statement given out by Albert Rosenblatt, president of the New York Branch of the United Synagogue of America. These camps, established by the United Synagogue of America, were maintained at Narrowsburg, and Kanawake Lakes, New York, and Owassipi, Michigan.

Dr. Cyrus Adler is national chairman of the Jewish Committee on Scouting.

### BURGOMASTER REGRETS ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Prague, Aug. 27.—Disapproval of the anti-Semitic manifestations during a parade of the Hitlerists in the city of Fulek in Czechoslovakia was expressed by Herr Schubert, the Burgomaster of the city, who is himself a member of the Hitlerist group, in an open letter addressed to the Jewish community of the city.

The parade was held by the Hitlerists after the conclusion of their Convention in Fulek. The paraders, incensed at the absence of illumination in their honor in two houses belonging to Jews, indulged in abuse against the Jewish inhabitants of the town. The Hitlerists had previously made rounds of the Jewish homes and collected sums for their celebrations.

### PASTORS PROTEST COLLECTIONS FOR MISSIONARY WORK

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Sept. 8.—A protest against the recommendation of the Prussian General Church Synod to arrange Sunday collections for the Jewish missions, was published by a group of Prussian pastors.

The pastors also object to the order of the Synod that the prayer for the success of the missionary work among Jews be made compulsory.

Heads of commercial enterprises established in New York a hundred years or more ago organized the One Hundred Year Club of New York at a dinner in the Hotel Plaza Thursday.

The founder is Isaac Liberman, President of Arnold, Constable & Co.

Dr. Louis J. Kapald was installed as Rabbi of the North Shore Congregation Israel in Haverhill, Ill. on Friday. Among the speakers at the installation ceremony was Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

Harry N. Gottlieb, president of the North Shore Congregation, gave the address of welcome on behalf of the members of the synagogue.

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