

REV. MARLIN REGRETS UNFRIENDLY COMMENT ON JEWISH POPULATION FIGURES

Generalization Serious Mistake Which
Will Not be Repeated, United
Presbyterian Writer Assures

Rev. H. H. Marlin, editorial writer of the "United Presbyterian," a religious weekly published in Pittsburgh, who was recently criticized in the Anglo-Jewish press for unfriendly comment made in the "United Presbyterian" of August 2, 1928, in connection with the publication by the Department of Commerce of the results of its census of Jewish religious bodies, indicating the number of the Jewish population, expressed his regrets at the statements he had made, in a communication to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Replying to an inquiry directed by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency informing him of the criticism his remarks had called forth in various quarters, the Rev. Marlin virtually withdrew his statements and gave the assurance that the generalization in which he indulged was a serious mistake which will not be repeated.

"I am sorry I wrote that editorial," Rev. Marlin stated in his letter. "It was written in the spirit of sincerity and without any feeling of animosity to the Jewish race. The 'United Presbyterian' is not unfriendly to your people. Quite the contrary. In the two pages which I have edited for some years in 'United Presbyterian' I have spoken in the highest terms at various times concerning the great outstanding characters of the Jewish people. The editorial of which you complain is partly complimentary, but there are some statements there which are wounding to the Jewish heart and we very much regret them. I attempted a brief characterization of the Jew as he is generally viewed by Gentile eyes. It is not wise nor just to indulge in that sort of generalization. It was a serious mistake and a mistake which will not be made a second time. I am

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YIDDISH BOOK TO MARK INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Sept. 20.—A jubilee volume in Yiddish is being published by the Latvian government, in connection with the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the independence of Latvia.

Dr. Bilman, Chief of the Press Department of the Foreign Ministry, is editing the book.

LAST JEWISH SCHOOLS IN CONSTANTINOPLE CLOSED FOR LACK OF FUNDS

Rabbinate, Deprived of Authority,
Powerless to Intervene
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Constantinople, Sept. 20.—The last two Jewish schools in Balat, a quarter with a population of 10,000 Jews, were closed because of lack of funds to carry on their work. Previously the government ordered the Talmud Torahs closed.

The Rabbinate of Constantinople is entirely powerless to take steps to provide for the schools as under the present regime it has no authority whatsoever.

DEPUTIES CLUB APPROVES CREATION OF POLISH JEWISH ECONOMIC COUNCIL

Purpose to Promote Business Relations
Between America and Poland
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Sept. 20.—The Club of Jewish Deputies in session today voted to cooperate with a committee of American Jews, said to have been created in New York recently, for the purpose of furthering closer American-Polish business relations.

Under the plan a Jewish Economic Council is to be created and charged with the task of helping Jewish small manufacturers in Poland to export their products to the United States.

LORD MELCHETT SAILS FOR AMERICAN VISIT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Sept. 20.—Lord Melchett sailed yesterday on the steamer Homeric for the United States.

Lord Melchett is coming to America on business. He will lecture at Harvard on industrial co-operation. He will also go to Canada.

ZIONISTS LEAD IN PINKS KEHILLAH ELECTIONS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Pinsk, Sept. 20.—A new Kehillah Council was chosen in the general elections held here yesterday. The Zionists elected three representatives, the Bund and the Orthodox group two each, the non-partisan group, the Right and Left Poale Zion groups one each.

Vilna, Sept. 20.—Dr. A. Wygodski, member of parliament, belonging to the Zionist group, was elected president of the Vilna Kehillah Council.

AMERICAN RABBIS BRING APPEAL AGAINST PRISON SENTENCE FOR POLISH RABBI

Imprisoned for Refusing Army Super-
visor's Order to Cut Off Beard
and Earlocks
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Sept. 20.—A test case of great importance to many Orthodox Polish Jews will soon be tried in the Polish military high court, due to the intervention of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

A military court some time ago sentenced Hirsch Frankel, assistant rabbi of Tarnopol, Galicia, now a soldier in the Polish army, to four months solitary imprisonment for his refusal to obey the order of his superior in the regiment to cut off his beard and earlocks. Frankel, in declining to obey the order, declared that he would not violate the commandment of the Torah. The sentence was recently confirmed by the Military Supreme Court.

The Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, through the office of the Polish Consul in New York City, engaged the services of the well known Polish attorney Hofmokl-Ostrowski to fight the case. According to court procedure, a decision by the Military Supreme Court is not subject to appeal, the only avenue of relief being executive clemency of the President of the Republic. Mr. Hofmokl-Ostrowski found, however, that a precedent existed for exception being made to allow an appeal. The case is soon to come up before a plenary session of the Military Supreme Court.

JEWISH BODY NAILS LIE OF GERMAN ANTI-SEMITES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Sept. 20.—The Central Association of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith has disproved another accusation recently made much use of in the German anti-Semitic Voelkische press, in its campaign of contrasting facts with assertions.

The Voelkische press during the month of August carried on a wide agitation in connection with the case of a merchant, Kaufman, who was sentenced to one and a half year's imprisonment on charges of assault. The newspapers asserted that Kaufman was Jewish.

The Association now announced that it has established that Kaufman is not a Jew. He was a group leader in the Berlin Stahlhelm.

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COMMUNITY FUND AND JEWISH FEDERATION ANNOUNCE SIMULTANEOUS CAMPAIGN To Launch Baltimore Appeal Simultaneously

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20.—Although both campaigns will be separate efforts, the Associated Jewish Charities and the Community Fund will conduct their drives for funds this fall simultaneously.

Both appeals will commence Nov. 11, according to a joint announcement by Sidney Lansburgh, president of the Jewish Charities, and Dr. J. M. T. Finney, president of the Community Fund.

Four years have passed since the Jewish Charities made its last general appeal to the Baltimore Jewish community, Mr. Lansburgh declared.

"Dividing resources and greater demands necessitated a campaign for funds this year," he said. "The board, accordingly, decided to devote the week of November 11 to an appeal to the Baltimore Jewish community for financial support. The presidential election and the Jewish holidays made it impossible to have the campaign sooner, and it could not be postponed to any later date.

"Contributions to the Associated Jewish Charities will be solicited only among our own people, but at the same time we will extend every cooperation and support to the Community Fund. These two major campaigns will react to the advantage of both charitable organizations. Both causes are worthy and both deserve the fullest measure of support."

Of the thirty-two member agencies of the Community Fund, none is either a Jewish or Catholic organization.

EXTENSIVE EMIGRATION AID EUROPEAN JEWRY'S GREATEST NEED, HIAS LEADER REPORTS

Condition of European Communities, Not Improved, He Asserts

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 20.—Adolph Copeland, president of the Chicago branch of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid and Sheltering Society, was the guest of honor at a banquet last night at the Anshe Shalom Center.

Mr. Copeland, who has just returned from a trip to Europe where he viewed the work done for Jewish emigrants in various countries, described the conditions of European Jewry in his address. Hirsch Sabel acted as toastmaster. Besides the guest of honor the speakers were: Rabbi J. Larfield, of Temple Ben Aizel, Austin; Prof. H. J. Feusic of the Polk School; Rabbi Saul Silber of the Chicago Hebrew Seminary; Rabbi J. Marcus and Mrs. William Silberman, president of the Chicago Women's Auxiliary of the Hias.

"The Paris office of the Ica is doing wonderful work," Mr. Copeland declared, "in helping along refugees. It is open from morning until night and very frequently overtime.

"The Bucharest Hias office is the center of hope for hundreds and hundreds of refugees.

"In Poland, Roumania, Latvia," he declared, "conditions are hopeless. To add to all the misery of the Jews in those lands, there are no opportunities for them to obtain higher education."

"Conditions of the Jews in Europe are not improved," Mr. Copeland asserted, "and I told Louis Marshall when I saw him in the East last week, that conditions are worse, if anything, despite reports to the contrary."

"The great necessity for one agency to handle immigration and emigration work, was emphasized by Mr. Copeland. This same agency, he added, must find places where the unfortunate people may find refuge and peace. He saw little hope for settlement in South Africa now but, declared that later on between 5,000 and 7,000 may

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LAY CORNERSTONE FOR IRENE KAUFMAN SETTLEMENT

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 20. — With many of Pittsburgh's philanthropic, civic, and social leaders present, the cornerstone of the new \$625,000 addition to the Irene Kaufmann Settlement was laid. Louis J. Affelder, president of the association, was master of ceremonies. Dr. Samuel H. Goldenson, of Rodef Shalom Temple, Irvin F. Lehman, president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of this city, and Sidney A. Teller, resident director of the settlement, also spoke.

The addition, which will contain an auditorium, equipped as a little theater,

POLITICAL EMANCIPATION REDUCED THE BIRTH RATE AMONG EUROPEAN JEWS

Decline Among Jews Greater Than in Other Communities

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

London, Sept. 8.—The contention that Jews are a prolific race is refuted in a letter published in the current issue of the "British Medical Journal," the organ of the British Medical Association, by Dr. M. Sourasky, who bases his statements on statistics which have been collected in the course of investigations conducted by the Jewish Health Organization of Great Britain. Dr. Sourasky refers to a remark on the high birth rate among Jews made by Dr. Letitia Fairfield during the discussion on the falling birth rate at the annual meeting of the British Medical Association.

The contention that Jews are a prolific race is being made repeatedly, though all the facts point to the contrary, Dr. Sourasky writes. It is true that Jews have the injunction to "increase and multiply and replenish the earth" and that Biblical history records that in Egypt "the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly." It is also true, if Biblical statistics are to be accepted at their face value, that the seventy souls that migrated with Jacob increased in the space of 430 years to about 3,000,000 (603,550 males "from twenty years and upwards all that were able to go forth to war in Israel").

"But Biblical commands and statistics are no criteria of conditions obtaining in modern days. The fertility of the Jews was probably high during the beginning of the last century, but towards the latter part conditions had changed enormously. With the political emancipation of the Jews in Western Europe, a great weakening of religious fervor occurred with a consequent disregard of Biblical injunctions. The Jewish birth rate declined rapidly and in many places fell much below that obtaining among the non-Jewish communities."

Dr. Sourasky appends a table of statistics in Berlin, Vienna, London and other places showing that the decline in the birth rate is found among Jews in a most accentuated form.

"The figures," he concludes, "show that the declining birth rate is presenting an even more acute problem to Jewry than to other communities. There is certainly no justification for speaking of a high fertility among Jews; that is now a thing of the past."

seating 625 persons, is the gift of Henry Kaufmann, philanthropist of New York and Pittsburgh, in memory of his wife, Theresa Kaufmann. The new project will also have a gymnasium, swimming pool, locker rooms, public baths, shower baths and executive quarters.

OSCAR S. HEIZER, U. S. CONSUL IN JERUSALEM, HONORED BY JEWISH LEADERS AT DINNER

Praised for Cooperation With Jewish Efforts in Rebuilding Country; American Influence in Holy Land Emphasized as Vital Factor in Addresses by Judge Mack, Dr. Kaplan and Samuel C. Lampport; Department of Commerce Investigation Disproved Alarming Reports Concerning Palestine's Economic Situation.

Oscar S. Heizer, United States Consul in Jerusalem, was the guest of honor at a dinner given on the occasion of his visit to the United States by Samuel C. Lampport, Wednesday evening at the National Republican Club, 54 West 40th Street, New York City.

Men prominent in various branches of American life and active participants in the Zionist movement gathered to pay tribute to the American Consul whose cooperation with the Jewish efforts for the rebuilding of Palestine as the Jewish National Home were highly praised.

An investigation made last summer by the United States Department of Commerce, in consequence of the alarming reports then spread concerning the economic situation in Palestine, particularly the conditions affecting the Zionist structure in the country, disproved these reports. The investigation showed that although difficulties were encountered, progress was being made and that substantially, the situation had not changed since the last Consular report on Palestine was published. This fact was brought out in the address made by James F. Hodgson, of the United States Department of Commerce, formerly commercial attaché to the American Consulate in Alexandria, who made this investigation together with Mr. Heizer.

Samuel C. Lampport, the host, acted as chairman. Addresses were delivered by the guest of honor, Mr. Hodgson, Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, Judge Julian W. Mack, Jacob Fishman, Gustavus A. Rogers and New York Deputy Police Commissioner Nelson Ruttenberg.

In introducing the speakers Mr. Lampport said: "I am indebted to James F. Hodgson for letting me know Mr. Heizer, one of the best friends of the Jew I know, had arrived for a visit here. Anything that happens in Palestine palpitates in our hearts here, and we know what you have been doing, and we have seized upon this opportunity to express to you our appreciation.

"Mr. Heizer is held in great esteem by all parts of the Jewish population in Palestine. He is known for the friendly interest he takes in every phase of the situation in Palestine. His reports to the Department of Commerce with regard to the commercial development of Palestine are indicative of a man who combines earnestness with the desire of helpfulness."

Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan in his address said: "I want to express my hearty gratitude to Mr. Lampport for having given us the opportunity to meet Consul Heizer, this evening, and to wish him 'bon voyage' on his return trip. Representing this great country of ours, you

have to bring its influence to that budding land, which spells freedom, opportunity and justice to all. What a wonderful privilege to represent America in the midst of that great babel of nations, tongues and religions represented in Jerusalem! To make her influence felt by the complete freedom from all prejudice, by the sense of justice to be admin-

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CONTINUED SUFFERING OF EUROPEAN JEWS MAKE URGENT REDEMPTION OF PLEDGES

David A. Brown Makes Plea for Payment of Outstanding Pledges

The misery and suffering that still prevail in all parts of Europe and Russia make the redemption of the pledges made by American Jews to the United Jewish Campaign to relieve the situation an urgent responsibility, it is stressed in the appeal issued by David A. Brown outlining the Joint Distribution Committee's commitments to complete the 1928 program.

"During the entire summer we have been working feverishly on collections throughout the country in the hope that we would receive sufficient funds to meet our monthly budget requirements for Europe," Mr. Brown stated.

"Our minimum requirements to October were approximately \$3,000,000, while the total of our receipts up to Sept. 12 were \$1,454,888, a fraction less than half.

"We will need before the end of this year approximately \$3,500,000. We have still outstanding in the form of pledges seven to eight millions of dollars. There should be no great problem involved in securing the amount required providing, of course, that those whose responsibility it is, will assume it and carry on the work of collection in an aggressive manner.

"The days of depression are over. We are about to enter an era of prosperity such as this country has not had for many years. Many who have used the excuse of bad business, hard times, and therefore have failed to pay their pledges, should be prevailed upon now that times are better and are going to be still better, to meet all past and present obligations.

"It is not my intention to stress the situation in Europe. I have done this time and time again. No words of mine can begin to paint the picture of the misery and suffering that still prevail in all parts of Europe and Russia.

"Again let me urge you to reassemble your forces so that the outstanding funds can be collected and put into action for the purpose for which they were pledged."

J.D.B. NEWS LETTER

Intermarriage, Proselytism and Immigration, Australian Problems

(By our Sydney Correspondent)

Sydney, Aug. 15.—The vigorous Jewish life in the Australasian States having hitherto been on a comparatively small scale, and the majority of the settlers having come from England and brought with them the tradition of the centralized and watchfully efficient British Jewry, the view of that majority has generally prevailed in the solution of communal problems.

Prominent among these has been the question of mixed marriage, an almost inevitable outcome, until the present generation, from the overwhelming masculinity of the Jewish population. In earlier years, the reception of proselytes for marriage purposes by self-appointed practitioners, usually a transaction on a commercial basis, led to such scandals that some congregations set their faces against any reception of proselytes at all. Certain legal difficulties also ensued from the circumstance that in Australia cemeteries are usually State property, the portions allotted to the various communities being administered by trustees under regulations of the Legislature.

The establishment of a recognized Beth Din, first in Melbourne, then in Sydney and in Perth, by ordained Rabbis in office with recognized congregations, regularized the position, and by the consequent responsible discrimination abated both scandal and legal difficulty. Attempts to reintroduce a traffic, by unqualified persons in the financial interest of minor "congregations," have from time to time, however, been disclosed, and several such simultaneous "receptions" this year in a Melbourne suburb led to an upheaval of protest.

The Beth Din representing the three long-established congregations of that city, which work together in all matters except liturgy, under a united Advisory Board, took the prompt action of citing before it the minister and the president of the offending new "congregation"; and the support of public opinion led to the eventual withdrawal of the preposterous claim that any self-constituted Jewish association, even in a city where a Court of ordained Rabbis is in session, may indiscriminately offer formal admission into the fold of Israel for a fee.

The mission to the Commonwealth of Mr. S. Y. Jacobi, representing the Hicem, is likely to mark a turning point in the local outlook towards the European Jewish problem.

Jewish immigration, though constant, has been so controlled by the Government regulations, that it has been largely of a nominal character, and not beyond the capacity of the local communities to absorb. First Melbourne, then Sydney, have latterly had their existing organization almost swamped, chiefly by un-

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istered equally among all men regardless of race or religion—

"We Jews and lovers of Zion give you this additional duty to carry with you, and, as the Jewish adage has it, to act as a protecting genius over your work—our love and devotion for Palestine.

"Palestine is the cradle of religion, world religion. It is the cradle of all that is high and exalting in the human spirit. It is the one land that imposes obligations upon all mankind and upon us Jews most of all, because the roots of our soul are there. And we beg of you to have all whom you are going to encounter there realize that the American Jew looks to Palestine and hangs upon its future and is ready to do everything in his power to make that future great and glorious.

"With this 'Mizvah,' may God help that you go back there and carry on your great and noble work with success and as a blessing to all," Dr. Kaplan concluded.

"Mr. Heizer, I envy you the wonderful opportunity you have had during your five years of Consulship in Palestine," Judge Mack declared. "Within the last five years you have witnessed the beginning of the real growth of Palestine, of that newer Palestine, of that which we at least hope will be known in history as the Jewish Palestine. You have seen the beginning; that is always interesting. You have seen the hardships and struggle. In the past year you have witnessed the newer and more successful, more solid life in the Holy Land. I know from the reports you have made to the Department of Commerce that all Americans, but not least the American Jew, must wish that the golden opportunity of participating in this most interesting rebirth of a people may induce you to stay there for a long time to come. It will be surely to the advantage of America, it will be a joy and gratification to the Jewish people of America.

"There is much the American people can do in respect to Palestine. We, who in a sense represented all American Jewry, in 1918 and 1919, voiced a unanimous request that the Mandate of Palestine be given to Great Britain, and I think we are all of the opinion that the choice of Great Britain is, was and will be a wise one. But no matter how wise the choice, there have been occasions for some misgiving, some complaint, and it is well that America should have a wide-awake, keen representative there who may be cognizant of the causes of the complaints insofar as they affect America and American Jewry. It will be helpful in lessening these causes, in alleviating the situation and in bringing about a better, finer government than there might otherwise be in Palestine," Judge Mack

said.

"When I was requested by the Department of Commerce to make an investigation of the economic situation in Palestine, our government had been under the impression that the entire Zionist movement had been broken down," Mr. Hodgson stated in his address. "Your own organization made the request for a report. We found that the report of a break-down was false.

"I feel that the Zionist movement is something which should command every dollar which you have to spare. When I contemplate the culture, refinement and material well-being of American Jews and then think of the depths to which the Jews of Poland and Russia have sunk, I think it is up to everyone of us, and you that can, to lift them out of their despair and the Zionist movement is the way for carrying out this task."

Replying to the addresses, Mr. Heizer expressed his gratitude for the cordial reception accorded him.

"I have been in Palestine five years," he said. "The extent to which the introduction of modern machinery, the introduction of modern methods almost entirely through the work of the Jewish immigrants has affected Palestine, is really remarkable. The cultivation of the land, carried on as it has been for a thousand years, the threshing of the crops as they were done in Biblical times, is being changed, and while there are about 150,000 Jews in a population in Palestine of 850,000 the work they have accomplished is great. I believe they are to increase and go forward, and you certainly have my best wishes and anything I can do for them, I will be glad to do."

Among the guests present were: Gustav A. Rogers, Manny Strauss, Bernard Semel, Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan, Samuel C. Lamport, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cohen, Mrs. Edward Jacobs, Deputy Commissioner Nelson Ruttenberg, Jacob Goell, Jacob Seigal, Louis Germain, Robert Szold, Judge Julian W. Mack, Jacob Fishman, Oscar S. Heizer, James Hodson, Morris Rothenberg, Emanuel Celler, John L. Bernstein, Congressman W. W. Cohen, Z. H. Rubinstein.

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be sent there. He sees South American countries as a refuge for thousands of Jews.

"The one great fault that I find in this country," he said, "is the lack of knowledge of the work being done by the Hias. If the people here were cognizant of the Hias's work then heartfelt giving for this work would be the result," Mr. Copeland declared.

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certainly not an enemy of the Jew. To no other race do I owe so profound a debt as I owe to the Jewish race."

Rev. Marlin enclosed in his letter the comment made by him in his column on the death of Joseph Baroness in which, after speaking highly of the life and work of the late Jewish labor leader, Zionist and welfare worker, he declares that "Surely God has written the name of this Jew, Joseph Baroness, in His book of remembrance."

This was typical, he said, of many editorials he has written in admiration of great modern Jews.

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cessful settlers in Palestine, who reach Australia by the cheaper foreign steamers from Port Said.

The difficulty of placing unskilled labor, already serious under the prevailing trade-union domination, and the obligation of paying the substantial "basic wage" even to the unfit, has been augmented by the almost entire absence of Yiddish-speaking employers and the absolute need for the English language in every line of activity. Only in Perth, of all Australasian cities, was this question of language not an insurmountable obstacle to absorption, and even there the power of reception has been overtaken.

Melbourne Jewry has made an effort to establish fruit-growing and other field colonies, which have met with success in the few cases where suitable candidates could be selected. But without adequate previous training even this settlement work cannot proceed further.

The Australian Jews, only twenty-five thousand in all, have liberally contributed since the War commenced, but are now suspecting that the dole system has proved wasteful and demoralizing.

Mr. Jacobi's visit is not only turning their attention to the greater promise in preventive activities, but is also sounding an awakening note, welcome to the thoughtful here and long overdue from the quite uncoordinated and even rival schemes prompted only by pity, can effectively relieve either the growing local distress or the wider problem of Eastern European Jewish necessity.

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