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## ROUMANIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES MOVE TO SOLVE MINORITIES PROBLEM

**Takes Steps to Prevent Disorders in  
Bessarabia**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Oct. 6.—A bill regulating "satisfactorily" the problem of the national minorities in Roumania will soon be introduced by the Roumanian government, it was announced today following a meeting of the Council of Ministers.

Government Member Duca reported on the bill and it was declared that the matter will be taken up in detail at the next session of the Council.

The government also decided to launch relief action on a large scale in the famine region in Bessarabia with a view to preventing the feared outbreak of disorders.

## CLEMENCY TO JEWISH SOLDIER NOT YET GRANTED

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Oct. 6.—The report that President of the Polish Republic Moscicki granted executive clemency to Hirsch Frenkel, assistant rabbi of Tarnopol who was sentenced to imprisonment for refusing to obey his army superiors' order to shave off his beard and earlocks, was denied. The report was premature, it was declared. Frenkel is still an inmate in the Lemberg prison.

## DEMAND RETRIAL FOR NURSES ACQUITTED OF ANTI-SEMITISM

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Minsk, White Russia, Oct. 6.—Charged with cruelty and anti-Semitism against Jewish children in the Children's Hospital of Minsk, the woman superintendent and five nurses were tried in the Minsk court.

Despite the fact that the majority of the witnesses, including doctors at the institution, substantiated the charges, only one of the defendants received a sentence and was released on condition of good behavior. The others were acquitted. The Minsk press demands a retrial.

## BAMBERG, PIONEER IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY, DIES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Oct. 6.—Herman Bamberg, one of the pioneers in the export of German textile products, died here yesterday at the age of 82.

The Berlin press eulogizes the late Mr. Bamberg who was a member of the Berlin City Council, the Reichswirtschaftsrat and of the Handelskammer, Chamber of Commerce, as one of Berlin's best sons.

## GERMAN ANTI-SEMITES PRESENT UNSOLVED MYSTERIES AS RITUAL MURDERS

**Statements of District Attorneys Disprove Libel upon Jewish Intervention**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Oct. 6.—Attempts to revive the ritual murder libel in Germany by anti-Semitic newspapers were frustrated by the action of the Federal Ministry of Justice as the result of the intervention of the Central Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith.

The anti-Semitic newspapers in recent weeks attempted to present a number of mystery murders and attacks which were not cleared up by police investigation in various parts of Germany as "ritual murder cases." The Central Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith intervened with the authorities who caused the state attorneys in the localities where the unclear cases were recorded to issue statements as to the nature of the cases. Several such statements were published today giving full descriptions of the circumstances and persons involved. It appears that these cases had as their background sex degeneration. Ritual murder suspicion is out of the question, the state attorneys emphasize.

## SYNAGOGUE ATTACKED IN GERMAN TOWN

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Oct. 6.—Much damage was done to the synagogue at Krefeld last night when unknown hoodlums entered the house of worship. The windows were smashed and valuable paintings on the windows were destroyed.

## TO NAME JEWISH SCHOLAR TO RUSSIAN ACADEMY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Oct. 6.—Professor Abram Dobrynin will be elected to the Russian Academy of Science in elections to be held on October 10th. He will be named to the Chair of Philosophy, it is learned.

## JERUSALEM LEADERS GIVE SUKKAH RECEPTION TO LUKE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Oct. 6.—A reception in honor of Acting High Commissioner H. C. Luke was given Thursday night in the Sukkah of Joseph Meyuchas, president of the Jerusalem Kehillah.

In his address, Mr. Meyuchas declared "the eyes of the whole world are upon Palestine." Replying, Mr. Luke stated jovially that sometimes he wished the eyes of the world were turned less to Palestine. In his address he thanked the Jewish representatives for cooperation with the government.

## POLISH AND JEWISH MERCHANTS UNITE TO OPPOSE THE CREATION OF OIL TRUST

**See Danger to Their Livelihood in  
Such a Move**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Oct. 6.—Polish and Jewish merchants have united to oppose the creation in Poland of an oil trust which would eliminate the retail merchant in the sale of naphtha.

A special conference called by the Central Committee of the Jewish merchants association was attended by 113 delegates from seventy-six towns in the Republic. Among the delegates present were fifteen Christians. Mr. Openchowski, formerly a member of the boycott organization, Rozwoj, assured the Jewish merchants that he was friendly to them and stressed the necessity of cooperation between the Poles and Jews for the protection of their mutual interest. It was pointed out that several thousand Jewish families who are now in the naphtha retail business would lose their means of livelihood. A committee consisting of Jewish and Polish merchants was chosen.

Warsaw, Oct. 6.—A move endangering the economic existence of many Jewish merchants in the iron trade was made by the Ironworks Syndicate, which adopted a resolution increasing the prices to merchants ten percent, but not increasing the prices to syndicates and agricultural cooperatives.

It was stated that the action of the syndicate was aimed at driving the Jewish merchants out of the iron trade.

## SENTENCE JEWISH SOCIALIST LEADER TO PRISON

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Posen, Oct. 6.—Boleslaw Drobner, ex-leader of the Independent Socialist Party, was sentenced by the district court of Bromberg to two years imprisonment.

The sentence was imposed on the basis of charges of "anti-state propaganda" in connection with his work for the party.

## JABOTINSKY ARRIVES IN PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Oct. 6.—Vladimir Jabotinsky, leader of the Zionist Revisionists and newly appointed vice-president of the Judea Life Insurance Company, Ltd., arrived in Jaffa, to take up residence in Palestine.

Mr. Jabotinsky was greeted by representatives of the Tel Aviv municipality and the Kehillah.

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## LIFT EMBARGO ON J. T. A. SERVICE IN ROUMANIA

The order of the Roumanian government prohibiting the entry of Jewish Telegraphic Agency service in any language into Roumania was withdrawn, Prince Michel R. Sturdza, Charge d'Affaires of the Roumanian Legation at Washington, informed Jacob Landau, Managing Director of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

"I am pleased to inform you that upon communicating with my government I received a reply informing me that the measure was taken by mistake and that steps have been immediately taken to rescind that order," Prince Sturdza wrote.

The Charge d'Affaires also took occasion to deny the reports from Budapest that anti-Semitic disorders occurred at Ismail, Bessarabia. A formal denial of this report was telegraphed to the Roumanian Legation from Budapest, he declared.

## MARK HINDENBURG'S BIRTHDAY IN PALESTINE (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jaffa, Oct. 6.—The German colonists in Palestine, mainly of the colonies Sarona and Wilhelm near Jaffa, gave a reception here yesterday on the occasion of the birthday of President von Hindenburg of the German Republic.

German Consul in Jerusalem, Hoffmann, stressed the friendship which exists between the German colonists in Palestine and the Mandatory Power, which helped reconstruct the German colonies after the war. The Germans will also contribute in the future to Palestine's development, he stated.

## CORPORAL H. M. McCANN SPENDED, MAJOR WARNER REPORTS TO GOVERNOR SMITH Reprimanded and Suspended Indefinitely for Part

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Albany, Oct. 6.—The Massena case was closed yesterday, so far as the state is concerned, with the announcement by Governor Smith that Corporal H. M. McCann, of Troop B of the state police, has been severely reprimanded and indefinitely suspended for "gross lack of discretion in the exercise of his duties and for conduct most unbecoming an officer."

The action was reported to the Governor by Major John A. Warner, superintendent of the state police, who conducted the formal hearing.

Governor Smith made public the letter of Major Warner as his announcement of the disposition of the case. The letter read:

"An exhaustive hearing was conducted by me this day with reference to the charges preferred that Corporal H. M. McCann, a state trooper, he revived the ancient slander that human sacrifice was at one time a part of the Jewish ritual. This took place in connection with the disappearance of a child in the village of Massena on September 22, which was then under investigation by the state troopers. The child was found in the woods twenty-four hours after her disappearance.

"Present at the hearing was Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, who brought this matter to my official attention in a communication under date of September 29. Associated with Dr. Wise were two members of the congress administrative committee, Bernard G. Richards and Louis Lande, the Hon. George Gordon Battle, of New York, acting as counsel to the delegation.

"There were also present as voluntary witnesses the Mayor of Massena, Honorable Gilbert W. Hawes, and Mr. Andrew Hammer, attorney for Massena; Rabbi Berel Brennglass and Mr. Jacob Shulkin, president of the Jewish Congregation of Massena, and Lieutenant E. F. Helm, of Troop B, Division of State Police, to which Troop Corporal McCann is attached.

"As a result of this hearing I have severely reprimanded Corporal McCann and indefinitely suspended him for gross lack of discretion in the exercise of his duties and for conduct most unbecoming an officer."

Rabbi S. Brennglass and J. Shulkin, president of the Jewish congregation of the town of Massena, have written a joint letter to Louis Marshall, informing him of their entire satisfaction with the apology of Mayor Hawes.

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## WEIZMANN GIVES LUNCHEON TO EMINENT BRITISH STATESMEN Will Leave for United States October 10th

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Oct. 6.—Eminent British statesmen were the guests of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, at a luncheon given Friday at the Ritz Restaurant here. Among those present were Col. Leopold H. Amery, British Colonial Secretary; Sir John Chancellor, new Palestine High Commissioner; Marquis of Reading, Sir Wyndham Deedes.

—At a press conference arranged Friday by the Zionist Executive further information with regard to the negotiations for the extension of the Jewish Agency was given. It was declared that since the London meeting of the members of the Palestine Joint Survey Commission, no further negotiations took place, it being preferred that negotiations be conducted orally.

Dr. Weizmann is leaving for the United States on October 10th, to attend the Non-Partisan Conference with the participation of American non-Zionists. It is expected that Dr. Weizmann will return to London at the end of November, where he will devote himself to political activities and proceed to Palestine in March.

Nahum Sokolow, chairman of the Zionist Executive, will interview Prime Minister Venizelos of Greece in connection with complaints submitted to the Zionist Executive by the Zionist Organization of Greece.

## MARK ANNIVERSARY OF YIDDISH AS NATIONAL TONGUE (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Czernowitz, Oct. 6.—The twentieth anniversary of the first Yiddish language conference held here, at which Yiddish was proclaimed as a national language of East European Jewry, was marked here, at a conference of Jewish writers and publicists.

Among these present were Salman Reisin, Noah Priulzky and Dr. Shabat of Poland. Messages of greetings were received from Dr. Chaim Sztolowski of New York, Sholom Asch, and others, in which it was emphasized that Yiddish is now enjoying the status of a living, cultural language.

Hugo Weisgal, fifteen-year-old boy who came to this country eight years ago, has been awarded the Boise memorial harmony scholarship at the Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, Md., according to an announcement by Otto Ottmann, director of the school.

Weisgal is a student in the senior class at the Baltimore City College. His father, Rabbi Adolph J. Weisgal, is the cantor of the synagogue of the Chizuk Amuno Congregation. The scholarship is for three years' study at the school.

# **MASSENA MAYOR APOLOGIZES FOLLOWING FORMAL HEARING BEFORE NEW YORK STATE POLICE SUPERINTENDENT**

**In Letter to Dr. Wise, Mayor Hawes Expresses Unequivocal Regrets; Corporal McCann Also Presents Apology; Marshall Receives Similar Letter**

Following the formal hearing before Major John A. Warner, Superintendent of the State Police at Albany yesterday, conducted at the order of Governor Smith, Mayor W. Gilbert Hawes of Massena, a voluntary witness at the hearing, presented his apology for the events in Massena arising out of the disappearance of a child and the subsequent suspicion and rumors reflecting against the Jewish population in the town. Mayor Hawes addressed his letter of apology to Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress who, with a delegation of that body, attended the hearing. The letter stated:

"As a result of the hearing before Major John A. Warner, at which I was present as a voluntary witness, I am confirmed in my conviction that I have committed a serious error of judgment into which I was led in part by the excitement incident to the disappearance of the Griffith child of my community. In the light of what I have learned since the incident in question, and particularly in the light of the solemn protest of my Jewish neighbors, I feel that I ought to express clearly and unequivocally, as I now do, my deep and sincere regret that by any act of commission or omission I should have seemed to lend countenance, even for a moment, to what I ought to have known to be a cruel libel imputing human sacrifice as a practice now or at any time in the history of the Jewish people.

"I clearly see and I have no hesitation in affirming that, when first the suggestion was made that the disappearance of the Griffith child might be associated with the alleged practice of human sacrifice by Jews, far from giving hospitable ear to the suggestion, I should have repelled it with indignation and advised the State Trooper to desist from his intention of making inquiry of the respected Rabbi of the Jewish community of Massena concerning a rumor so monstrous and fantastic.

"I should have known, what I did not then know but since have learned, that in the Middle Ages Jews have paid an awful toll in life because of just such unthinkable charges, and that the accusation of ritual murder was imported in the early Christian centuries by pagan peoples to the disciples of the Christian church. I now see that I was no more justified in permitting the Rabbi of the congregation of Massena, representing the ancient and honorable community of Israel, to be interrogated with regard to the myth

of ritual murder than I would have been justified in permitting the Minister of any Protestant church or the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese including Massena, to be questioned concerning ritual murder as a Christian church practice if the person under wrongful suspicion, as was this Jewish boy, had chanced to be a member of any one of the Christian communions.

"I do not make this statement of profound regret because of any fear on my part that charges will be brought against me looking to my removal from the office of Mayor to which I have been elected five times, four of these elections being unanimous. I know that the citizenship of Massena, including its Jewish members, will not seek to dishonor me through removal from office because of an error of judgment which no one deprecates more than I do.

"I write this word of heartfelt apology because I would do justice not only to the Jewish people of Massena, but because I desire to offer complete and unreserved amends to that great people which has given to the world the God I worship and the religion I love," Mayor Hawes concluded.

## **Corporal McCann Apologizes to Rabbi**

The apology of Corporal McCann was addressed to Rabbi Brennglass of Massena and read:

"I am writing to say that I regret more than I can tell you and am very, very sorry for my part in the incident at Massena.

"After the hearing today, I realize as I did not before, how wrong it was of me to request you to come to the Police Station at Massena to be questioned concerning a rumor which I should have known to be absolutely false. I was terribly excited and at the time, having been on duty for many hours without food or rest. Otherwise, I would have thought of the consequence of such an act and would not have done what I did.

"I mean every word of this apology and I hope you will take it in the spirit in which it is written."

George Gordon Battle attended the hearing at Albany as legal advisor of the American Jewish Congress. Louis Lande was present as associate counsel. Bernard G. Richards, Executive Secretary of the American Jewish Congress, Lieutenant E. F. Heim of the State Police, Rabbi Brennglass, J. Schulkin president of Congregation Adath Israel, Massena, and Andrew J.

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# **BETTER UNDERSTANDING COMMISSION ISSUES STATEMENT ON MASSENA TALE** **Deplores Ritual Murder Tale; Flays Agitation**

A statement condemning the ritual murder libel in Massena was issued by the Permanent Commission on Better Understanding between Christians and Jews in America. The statement read: "Fellow Americans: Were it not for the far-reaching menace implied in the blood-ritual accusation against the Jews, raised for the first time on American soil, this barbarous charge would not merit the dignity of a public statement by the Permanent Commission on Better Understanding Between Christians and Jews in America. However, the history of persecution resulting from religious canards proves that, once started, these false rumors swiftly spread and are virtually impossible of extirpation. Only last month this hideous blood accusation raised its head in Germany, Poland and Jugo-Slavia.

"The incident which occurred in the village of Massena, New York, on the eve of the Day of Atonement, September 23rd, when the heads of the Jewish congregation were interrogated concerning what proved to be the temporary disappearance of a four-year-old Christian girl, as if there might be some relation between her disappearance and the alleged blood-ritual practice, moves this Commission, representing Protestants, Catholics and Jews to declare this age-old accusation to be false. It is, moreover, cruel and unconscionable—an abhorrent fiction, calculated to transplant into American minds a long-reputed mediaeval libel that has been the cause of untold suffering and repeated acts of bloodshed in the Old World.

"Since the twelfth century, Jews in various countries of Europe have been accused of using Christian blood for ritual purposes; and to obtain this blood, to commit assault upon and even to murder Christian children for that purpose. More than one hundred and thirty such accusations are recorded since the year 1144; in each case the accusation was incontrovertibly proved to have been falsely conceived and maliciously spread. So horrible and monstrous is this charge that the best minds of all ages and creeds, including Popes founders of the Reformation and statesmen, have denounced it and publicly warned against its further dissemination.

"As late as 1840, fifty-eight Jewish converts to Christianity, headed by the Bishop of the Anglican Church at Jerusalem, solemnly protested that 'we have never directly or indirectly heard, much less known, among the Jews of... the practice of killing Christians or using Christian blood, and we believe this charge, so often

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# MAYOR OF MASSENA APOLOGIZES FOLLOWING FORMAL HEARING

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Hammer, attorney for the village of Massena, were also present.

Louis Marshall, president of the American Jewish Committee, stated today in reply to an inquiry of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he will accept the apology of Mayor Hawes.

The President of the American Jewish Committee this morning received a letter of apology from the Mayor of Massena, the text of which was similar to the one signed by the Mayor at Albany after the hearing presided over by Major Warner in the presence of Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

## "Sun" Commends Marshall's Action

"As a leader among American Jews Louis Marshall cannot be too strongly commended for his vigorous letter to the Mayor of Massena, New York. Apparently that official has given countenance to a revival of as cruel and false a slander as ignorance, superstition and malice ever have employed to wound a sensitive people.

"Somewhere in the blackest abyss of the Dark Ages malice and stupidity contrived to invent this slander against Jews. They were accused of murdering Christian children, using their blood in sacrificial rites. So far as anybody has been able to ascertain, there never has been a Jewish ritualistic practice which gave even the slightest color of plausibility to this hoary lie. But it has been revived from time to time among superstitious peasants in the most backward parts of Europe, serving to inflame them to anti-Semitic rage and incite them to pogroms. Until now, however, American common sense has prevented this grotesque libel from gaining credence here.

"The story from Massena is that some 'foreigner' repeated the slander to a State trooper. At that time the populace of the village was agitated over the disappearance of a child who had wandered away from home and was not found until the next day. On the eve of the Day of Atonement, that most sacred of Jewish holy days, the trooper summoned the rabbi of a Jewish congregation before the Mayor for questioning. There he was interrogated as to whether it was the custom among his constituents in the old country to offer human sacrifice.

"Such questions in the circumstances could have but one implication. They implied that the innocent child missing child had been the victim of ritualistic murder, that this murder was committed by Jews. The mere fact that this could take place in the State of New York is in itself sufficient to cause revulsion and horror among all

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brought against them formerly and now lately revived, to be a foul and Satanic falsehood.

"Emperors, too, were outraged at this accusation, and Frederick the Great of Germany exonerated the Jews from the grave crime with which they have been charged, declaring 'the Jews of Germany clear from all suspicion.'

"The Permanent Commission on Better Understanding Between Christians and Jews in America, supported by most thorough and authoritative investigation on the part of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish scholars, solemnly affirm that the blood accusation is a cruel and utterly baseless libel on Judaism; that there is no custom, ceremony or ritual among Jews anywhere, no more than there is among Christians anywhere, and nothing in their traditions or literature, which calls for the use of human blood for any purpose; that in the whole of the varied and vicissitudinous history of the Jews throughout the world there has never been nor is there today, even a set of Judaism that has observed so barbarous and inhuman a practice.

"High-minded Americans had believed that the seeds of so false and monstrous an accusation against the Jews could no more find soil in America than could the stupidities of witchcraft be revived.

"The Massena incident, therefore, moves the Permanent Commission on Better Understanding to urge our fellow citizens throughout the nation, in the interest of true religion and of our common devotion to our country to prevent the spread of this libel on the Jews, to destroy it by the ridicule it deserves, and to forestall its recurrence by enlightenment, lest ill-will and religious enmity be spread among our citizenry and discord disrupt our national life."

The statement was signed by William H. Faunce, Chairman, S. Parkes Cadman, Martin Conboy, Victor J. Dowling, Francis P. Duffy, Irving Lehman, Henry Morgenthau, Roscoe Pound, Stephen S. Wise, Isaac Landmann, Secretary.

The New York "World," writing on the Massena incident states: "Public apologies have been made by the Mayor of Massena, N.Y., and by the State trooper involved for their hysterical action in questioning a Jewish rabbi on the eve of the Day of Atonement."

Right-thinking men.

Mr. Marshall has done wisely in adding the case out into the daylight. This kind of thing is like fire in stubble, easily stamped out at first but hard to control once it gains headway."

# CORPORAL H. M. MC CANN SUSPENDED, MAJOR WARNER REPORTS TO GOVERNOR SMITH

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"We wish to assure you," their letter said, "that we desire to live at peace with our Christian neighbors in Massena, and we are entirely satisfied of the sincerity of Mayor Hawes's expression of regret, and we beg to call your attention to the inclosed letter of regret and apology to us by Corporal McCann.

"In closing we wish to say that it is the unanimous sentiment of the Jews of Massena that, deplorable as the incident was, this is the best public disposition of the matter, and the incident should be regarded as closed."

Because Armour & Co., Chicago meat packers, in an advertisement in a Yonkers newspaper Jan. 27, listed among his shop dealers in that city the carded hams, A. Novich, who declares he runs a purely kosher meat shop he has brought a \$25,000 action against the company for libel, it was revealed in Supreme Court in White Plains.

The meat packing company, admitting the advertisement and error, pleaded for dismissal of the action on the ground there was no malice. Novich repudiated the action as a dispenser of kosher foodstuffs has been irreparably damaged with his Jewish patrons.

In addition to the Novich action, Kalman Feldman of Yonkers, a former inspector of kosher shops for the Congregation Chab Zedek, is suing Armour's for \$25,000, alleging that the advertisements of the company, extolling their hams and bacon, listed shops in his district as kosher, while certifying on kosher meats. As a result of the advertisements, he says he was discharged.

Justice Young reserved decision.

With Detroit within \$5,000 of its \$100,000 goal, the Cleveland Jewish Orphan Home Building Fund Campaign for \$1,600,000 in the territory comprising Districts Nos. 2 and 6, Independent Order B'nai B'rith, is in full swing. President Fred Lazarus, Jr. announced. Campaigns are reported in progress in Louisville and the State of Kentucky, the entire state of Michigan, and in many communities of Illinois.

The states of Ohio, Indiana, and Missouri completed their campaigns during the past winter and spring. Early campaigns are scheduled for Nebraska, Wisconsin, Kansas, Colorado, Minnesota, Iowa, and the Dakotas. Subscriptions totalling \$1,150,000 are recorded to date.

the grotesque hypothesis that he was responsible for the temporary disappearance of a child. The apologies are adequate and should put an end to a deplorable incident."

The "Sun" stated: "Mayor W. Gilbert Hawes of Massena, St. Lawrence county, has done the straightforward and manly thing in apologizing publicly for the part his town took in making

to the Jews which so deeply stirred the leaders of that race. This incident should impair in an important section of the New York State the force of an ancient falsehood directed against an ancient religion."