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## JEWISH COLONISTS IN SOVIET RUSSIA PASS CROP CRISIS

Supplied with Seed, Face Good Outlook for Winter Crop

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Oct. 10.—The Jewish colonies in Soviet Russia which have suffered as a result of a bad summer crop, have now passed the crisis and are facing the prospect of a good winter crop, it appears from reports received here from various regions.

Eight thousand pud of seed were shipped from the District of Kursk to the Jewish colonies in the region of Eupatoria. The chief problem of the settlers, lack of seed, has been overcome. The shipment was made at the special order of the Soviet Government Trade Department on the request of the Ozet, the society for settling Jews on the land. Owing to an insufficient supply of wheat seed, the Ozet agreed to accept corn seed as part of the shipment. One thousand hectares of tilled soil in the Jewish colonies awaiting seeding, will now be sown.

The correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here learns that all other colonies of the Agrojoint, the Ort, the Ica, including even the colonies of the Odessa region, which were the greatest sufferers from the bad crop, have been fully supplied with seed.

The Agrojoint reports that the colonies under its auspices are now concluding their winter seeding and that conditions are generally improving, the settlers being secure with food and fodder for their livestock.

The third general conference of the Ozet is scheduled to take place on December 24. A plan to send an agronomist to America to study American methods of rice planting and the possibility of introducing modern machinery is being considered by the Ozet.

An exhibition of paintings by Frank Horowitz of scenes in the Agrojoint colonies is to open here soon.

## BELGIAN KING AND QUEEN MAY VISIT PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Oct. 10.—King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium will visit Egypt in February, it was stated. It is probable that the Belgian King and Queen will also come to Palestine.

## EXECUTIVE OF AMERICAN RABBIS' CONFERENCE MEETS IN CINCINNATI

Votes to Send Representative to Non-Zionist Conference on Palestine

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Cincinnati, Oct. 10.—A special endowment fund for the Central Conference of American Rabbis, for the furtherance of literary works and other spiritual activities in behalf of Judaism has been established by Lucius N. Littauer of New York, Dr. H. G. Enelow, Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, New York City and president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis announced at a meeting of the Executive Committee held here. The fund will bear the name of Mr. Littauer and will provide \$5,000 a year for the purposes indicated.

The Executive Board appropriated out of this fund allocations for several activities. The board voted to support the new congregation of the Marranos at Braganca, Portugal, who have returned to Judaism. They also made an appropriation for the restoration of the Israel Jacobson Temple at Seesen, Germany, the first temple built for Reform Judaism. Further appropriations were voted for the publication of the Jacob's Thesaurus of Hebrew books and the book of the late Professor Hakavy of Petrograd, left in manuscript at the time of his death ten years ago. This book will be under the editorship of David Maggid of Moscow.

Detroit was chosen as the city for the 1929 convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The convention will be held from June 26 to July 2, 1929 and will mark the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the conference. A two-hundredth anniversary celebration for Moses Mendelssohn and Lessing, with special reference to their close friendship and the work they did in promoting good will between Jew and Gentile, will be held during the convention. In connection with the celebration the Board decided to publish a volume in commemoration of Mendelssohn, containing a critical survey of his work and his influence, by scholars of several countries.

It was also decided to dedicate the year book of the conference to the late Professor Mielziner of Hebrew Union College.

An annual prize was established for the best essay on some subject connected with Jewish theology by a student of the Hebrew Union College.

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## BRITISH ATTITUDE TO JEWISH AGENCY PROMISES TO BE CON- STRUCTIVE SAYS WARBURG

Reposes Great Hope in Non-Zionist Conference

The attitude of the British Government towards the proposed enlarged Jewish Agency and the recommendations of the Joint Palestine Survey Commission promises to be most constructive, declared Felix M. Warburg, in a special interview on the subject of the forthcoming Non-Zionist Conference to be held in New York on October 20-21.

Mr. Warburg has great hopes for the Conference. As one of the four high commissioners responsible for the report of the Joint Palestine Survey Commission, Mr. Warburg visited Palestine in 1927. From the very inception of the negotiations with the Zionist executives, through the various stages that have preceded the calling of the Non-Zionist Conference, Mr. Warburg has collaborated to the fullest extent with Mr. Louis Marshall, the leading spirit in the movement.

"My work with the Palestine Joint Survey Commission," said Mr. Warburg, "answered to a question as to his own findings about Palestine, 'gave me an opportunity to learn the facts concerning that land in a more thorough manner than it is possible during a

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## HABIMAH CELEBRATES ITS ANNIVERSARY, DECEMBER 15

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Oct. 10.—The tenth anniversary of the founding of the Habimah, Hebrew theatre, will be celebrated here on December 15. The subcommittee is headed by Chaim Nachman Bialik. Honorary chairmen of the committee are Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Stanislawski, Stefan Zweig and Mr. Simon, editor of the "Frankfurter Zeitung."

The Habimah troupe will proceed to Europe in January for a tour in various countries.

## PILICHOWSKI SAILS FOR UNITED STATES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Oct. 10.—Leopold Pilichowski, noted artist, sailed for the United States where he will continue an exhibition of his paintings shown in New York recently.

Mr. Pilichowski stated he has been asked to take his exhibition, including the painting of the opening of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, to a number of cities in the United States.

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## N. J. STATE FEDERATION CONVENES THIS WEEK (Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Newark, N. J., Oct. 10.—The program for the seventeenth annual convention of the New Jersey Federation of Y.M.H.A.'s and Y.W.H.A.'s which takes place at Atlantic City Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12-14, was announced today by E. J. London, field secretary for New Jersey for the Jewish Welfare Board. Felix Fuld, Newark philanthropist, will deliver the presidential message and preside at the opening session.

One of the important topics to come up for consideration will be a conference on the question of "Financial Support of Jewish Centers" which will include discussion on the relation of a Jewish Center to a Jewish Federation and also to the Community Chest. Other conference topics will include: "The Jewish Center as a Jewish Influence," the "Jewish Cultural Program of the Jewish Center" and "The Jewish Center in Relation to Jewish Life," the latter topic to include Community Development, Jewish Education and Religious Institutions.

Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, executive director of the Federation for Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies of New York will be the principal speaker at a luncheon Sunday afternoon.

Elijah Adlow of Boston, former member of the Massachusetts Legislature, was named by Governor John T. Fuller as Justice of the Boston Municipal Court. This is the second Jewish appointment to the Bench made by the Governor this year. Mr. Adlow was the Governor's spokesman when he served in the legislature. The Governor's Council will soon meet to act on the confirmation of the appointment. Last year he was candidate for the position of Attorney General of the State but was defeated in the primaries.

## AMERICAN JEWRY DEEPLY CONCERNED IN JEWISH AGENCY SAYS DAVID M. BRESSLER

American Jewry is deeply concerned in the issues and problems facing the proposed enlarged Jewish Agency. In these terms David M. Bressler, acting chairman of the United Jewish Campaign of New York, expressed his attitude towards the Non-Zionist Conference to be held at the Biltmore Hotel, New York, on October 20-21 in a statement made public by the headquarters of the Non-Zionist Conference.

"There are problems which we cannot sidestep," declared Mr. Bressler. "Immigration is one of them. Whatever our attitudes toward Palestine may have been before the war, they cannot remain the same in view of the change in the conditions of emigration and immigration now prevailing throughout the world. We know that the Jews of Eastern Europe are barred from the Western World, certainly for the time being. True, Palestine is not equipped to absorb large numbers of immigrants. Yet the settlement of even 100,000 more Jews there within the next ten years would mean substantial relief to their brethren in the lands of their origin.

"American Jewry particularly cannot remain blind to this problem. Our doors are closed to our co-religionists. In many instances they are closed to our near relatives. Moreover, we know something about immigration and about the scientific solution of the problems arising from it. Regarding the proper approach to the question of Palestinian immigration as one of the major functions of a re-organized Jewish Agency, as indicated in the recommendations of the Joint Palestine Survey Commission, I feel that the Non-Zionist Conference is of deep concern to the American Jew irrespective of his point of view on political Zionism.

"Moreover, the human factor must be considered. There are in Palestine at this time something like 150,000 Jewish men, women and children. Their future and their security cannot and should not be jeopardized because of any such academic considerations as Zionism or Nationalism. Before everything else, they are human beings and Jews, striving with all that is best in them to achieve spiritual and economic independence. The report of the Joint Palestine Survey Commission contains a constructive program of great promise to the Jewish population of Palestine, and should make a strong appeal to forward-looking men and women of vision, be they Zionists or non-Zionists."

Plans for the erection of a synagogue in Waycross, Ga. have been approved at a gathering of members of the Jewish community.

## EXECUTIVE OF AMERICAN RABBI'S CONFERENCE MEETS IN CINCINNATI

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This prize was voted in honor of the seventieth birthday of Claude G. Montefiore, outstanding British Jewish Liberal leader.

It was recommended to the Tract Commission of the Central Conference and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, that tracts be published in the Yiddish language, to present Jewish religious and ethical subjects in general, and the meaning and history of Reform Judaism in particular. The conference voted additional subsidies to various organizations working on literary and spiritual Jewish lines.

Dr. Enelow, president of the Board, was appointed representative of the Central Conference to the forthcoming Non-Zionist Conference.

Those present at the meeting were Dr. H. G. Enelow, New York, president; Rabbis David Lefkowitz, Dallas, vice-president; Morris Newfield, Birmingham, treasurer; I. E. Marcuson, Macon and J. L. Fink, Buffalo, secretaries; David Alexander, Akron; Leo M. Franklin, Detroit; Solomon B. Freehof, Chicago; Samuel M. Gup, Providence; Benjamin Friedman, Syracuse; Edward L. Israel, Baltimore; Emil W. Leipziger, New Orleans and Eugene Mannheim, Des Moines.

The first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Texas Zionist Association, to be held since the National Zionist Convention, will convene at Fort Worth, on Sunday, October 14. The sessions will be held jointly with a conference of United Palestine Appeal chairmen, and plans will be adopted for launching the 1928-29 United Palestine Appeal drive in Texas. Louis A. Evers, Houston is President of the Association, while A. Golenterek of Tyler is Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal for the State.

A further distribution of income amounting to \$7,017.47 from funds of the Community Trust was authorized by the Distribution Committee of the Trust. The beneficiaries of these allocations are the Visiting Nurse Service of the Henry Street Settlement in Manhattan, the St. Stephens College at Annandale-on-Hudson, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Palestine, and Camp Edith Macy, maintained by the Girl Scouts at Briarhill, N. Y.

Charles H. Kelsey, Chairman of the Title Guarantee Trust Co., and of the Executive Committee of the Community Trust, said that the Trust's appropriations during 1928 have passed \$61,000. This is larger than for the whole of any previous year. Following the establishment of the Community Trust's offices in 1923, Mr. Kelsey said, disbursements amounted to \$478. In 1924, rose to \$16,162. In 1925, to \$25,659. In 1926 and mounted to \$66,634 in 1927.

"The expansion of the Community Trust," he stated, "is illustrated by the fact that the number of its participating financial institutions has increased from five to twenty-two in five years and the volume of its distribution has been greater in each year than in any previous one."

## BOSTON PREPARES FOR NATIONAL UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL CONFERENCE

New England Zionist Region to  
Present \$50,000

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Boston, Oct. 10.—Plans for the forthcoming meeting of the national conference of the United Palestine Appeal to be held in this city November 10 and 11 were formulated at a meeting of the local committee of the United Palestine Appeal, where it was announced that the conference will be held at the Statler Hotel.

A reception committee of the leading Zionists and others interested in Palestine work is being organized to participate in the reception to be tendered to the delegates and guests who are to come from all parts of the United States. Details of the plans are to be announced following their approval by the headquarters of the United Palestine Appeal.

A check for \$50,000 will be presented to the conference by the New England Zionist Region. The campaign for the New England quota will be launched October 28, when Dr. Chaim Weizmann will be the guest of honor. The drive will be concluded at a dinner following the closing session of the national conference.

## PONTIAC FIRST TO COMPLETE PAYMENT OF U. J. C. PLEDGES

Pontiac, Michigan is the first town to complete its payments of United Jewish Campaign pledges, according to a report from the headquarters of the United Jewish Campaign.

In response to the recent appeal by David A. Brown, national chairman, United Jewish Campaign, to provide the treasury of the Joint Distribution Committee with the funds required during the remaining months of the year, the Pontiac Committee forwarded to the state treasurer, Bernard Ginsburg, Detroit, a check in final payment of all pledges made to the United Jewish Campaign.

The collection in full of its pledges took less than the allotted time of three years in Pontiac. The campaign in that city was launched in May 1926 and the final payment on the \$3,600 pledged was not due until May 1929. Mr. Jacobson was chairman of the campaign.

The sum of \$45,000 was subscribed by members of Beth El Congregation, Chelsea, Mass., toward a fund for the erection of a synagogue.

Congregation Beth El was organized in February of this year when Rabbi Irving Miller was engaged. Services have been held at the Young Men's Hebrew Association. The congregation has a membership of 200 and plans to select a site for the new building within the next few weeks.

George E. Gordon is president of the congregation. The cost of the new building will be \$125,000.

## J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

### 'King of Kings' Causes Further Objections; Important Decision Rendered in Denver

(By our Denver Correspondent)

Denver, Col., Oct. 6.—An interesting decision concerning the exhibition of motion pictures which cause objections of religious or racial groups was rendered here by a board of arbitrators when Cecil de Mille's "King of Kings" was booked for a run here and met with the objections of leaders of the Jewish community.

The Pathe Film Company having finished presenting the "King of Kings" as a road show is now playing it throughout the country at popular prices in regular picture show houses and has added a musical score synchronized with the picture.

When the picture was in the hands of the road show people in the spring of this year, the Denver Anti-Defamation Committee attempted to cause the picture not to be shown but the management of the theatre was not in sympathy with the Committee's efforts and would not grant a hearing. The picture was then shown at top prices for one week and is said not to have done a very good business.

Recently the "King of Kings" was again advertised for a two or three weeks run at the America Theatre here. The Anti-Defamation Committee lodged objections with the manager, Harry E. Huffman, and succeeded in having a preview before representatives of the Jewish bodies of this city, including two rabbis. At the conclusion of the preview, at a conference held of the Jews witnessing the performance, it was unanimously decided that protests be written against the showing of the picture. Although Mr. Huffman is not a Jew he appreciated the sincerity of the objection and ordered the contract cancelled. He was to present the picture on a percentage basis which would have subjected him to large damages according to the method provided in the standard form of contract.

Paragraph twenty-one of the standard form of film contract provides that the exhibitor may cancel this contract if the film is offensive on racial or religious grounds. He urged this defense to the breach of his contract. The contract also provides that if this defense is made that the matter should be submitted to a Board of Arbitrators which is selected in the manner provided in the standard forms of the National Board, a board of six, three of whom are chosen by the Distributors' Board of Exchange and three selected by the Exhibitors' Association in the respective local communities and the decision of this Board is final. The

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## TO PRESENT OPTIMISTIC REPORT ON PALESTINE AT OPPOSITION CONFERENCE Sessions Next Sunday to Formulate Program

An optimistic note as to the future possibilities of Palestine will be sounded at the conference to be held this Sunday, October 14, at the Hotel Majestic, under the auspices of the Association for the Reorganization of the Z. O. A. opposition body, it was announced.

Israel B. Brodie, chairman of the organization, who has just returned from a visit to Palestine, will bring a message of cheer as to the economic possibilities on which he has gathered information during his visit, the announcement states.

The sessions of the conference will be devoted to a discussion of the program.

## YOUNG JUDEAE DINNER FOR DR. GOLDSTEIN SUNDAY

A representative gathering will attend the testimonial dinner being tendered to Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of Young Judaea, at the Hotel Astor in New York City on Sunday October 14, according to L. D. Morrison, chairman of the Testimonial Dinner Committee.

The speakers will include New York State Supreme Court Justice Arthur S. Tompkins, who will attend as a representative of the Good-Will Union.

The testimonial dinner to Dr. Goldstein, of which Nathan Straus, is honorary chairman, is intended to inaugurate the 1928-29 season of Young Judaea activities.

The city of Boston will receive \$100,000 under the will of the late A. Shuman to establish a building for men patients convalescing from acute diseases, Mayor Nichols announced.

The hospital for men will be known as the A. Shuman Memorial Building. Mr. Shuman was active in local civic work particularly the City Hospital.

The offer of W. J. Wollman, New York banker, to build a \$100,000 rest centre for mothers and children in Central Park as a gift to New York City in memory of his mother was approved by the Community Council of the City of New York. Mr. Wollman is awaiting acceptance of his offer by the city before proceeding with the execution of his plan.

The newly erected Temple Israel building, the first of a series erected by the Boston Temple, will be dedicated Sunday, October 14. Rabbi Harry Levi and Rabbi Samuel Wolk will conduct the religious services. A. C. Rutenber, chairman of the building committee and Geo. Kuffenbarger, the president will participate in the exercises.

A synagogue for the Brith Israel Congregation of Philadelphia, Pa. will be constructed at D Street and Roosevelt Boulevard. It will be of brick and terra cotta.

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# BRITISH ATTITUDE TO JEWISH AGENCY PROMISES TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE SAYS WARBURG

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short visit. I doubt if ever before there was a study of Palestine conducted by a body of independent experts on such a comprehensive scale. The Survey Commission disregarded all personal or partisan factors. The experts could not be guided by prescriptions emanating from far-away countries or from cabinet philosophers. Yet the investigators were not blind to the self-sacrifice of the pioneers who are building up Palestine.

"As one of the signers of the report, I confess that my fondest hopes were fulfilled when the Commission arrived at its unanimous recommendations—satisfactory to such eminent and critical minds as those of Mr. Louis Marshall and Dr. Chaim Weizmann. If Dr. Weizmann had been a man of smaller stature, he might have gone in for fault-finding in a partisan spirit. He rose above mere partisanship, however and acknowledgment is due to him for his share in the gratifying accord achieved."

When asked how the British Government regarded the recommendations of the Joint Palestine Survey Commission and the proposed participation of American Jewry in the enlarged Jewish Agency, Mr. Warburg stated:

"During our sojourn in London last summer, we held conversations with the Colonial Office of His Majesty's Government. The attitude of the higher officials was one of the utmost friendliness. They displayed the keenest interest in the recommendations of the Joint Palestine Survey Commission. Their position on the question of the enlarged Jewish Agency promises to be most constructive in the great tasks ahead of us."

"I greet the meeting of the Non-Zionist Conference with confidence. There is no doubt in my mind, on the basis of my experience in the councils of the J. D. C., that once the proposed enlarged Jewish Agency is called into existence, where trustworthy Zionists and non-Zionists will sit side by side, all past differences will be forgotten and all minds will be centered on the main objective of reconstructing the Holy Land. We shall be able to solve our great problems without passion, without being influenced by our other interests and affiliations, without any consideration but that of Palestine and with a common determination to measure up to the great job before us."

"When I first went to Palestine, I approached the country with great misgivings. I came out imbued with the spirit of tremendous sacrifice animating the settlers. Without comfort, without limelight, without the ambition to amass fortunes—all the three elements frequently attributed to the

## FURTHER COMMENT ON HOOVER'S INTERVENTION

Communication to the Editor

Sir:

I am surprised that Congressman Emanuel Celler takes exception to Mr. Louis Marshall's statement recounting Herbert Hoover's attitude to the Pinsk outrage and the steps adopted by him to prevent further bloodshed. I go even further than Mr. Marshall. I know that, without being asked to do it, Mr. Hoover understood measures to prevent the recurrence of similar massacres as soon as his relief workers informed him by telegram of the Pinsk affair.

I published this fact—not as a campaign document—several years ago in McClure's Magazine in a series of two articles entitled "Herbert Hoover, The Man Who Brought America to the World." In those articles I wrote: "Mr. Lewis L. Strauss, Mr. Hoover's personal assistant in Paris, relates the following episode:

"On April 11, 1919, a telegram from Warsaw came to the office of the American Relief Administration in Paris, giving the first news of the Pinsk affair. The telegram read as follows: "Saturday, April 5 at Pinsk one was shot by order of Major in command Polish army at the Pinsk. There are conflicting reports as to cause of this shooting. The Jews give one version, Polish authorities another. There is possibility that the shooting consisted of Jews as a gathering of Communists was in reality a conference called to consider the distribution of Passover flour from America. At 5.30 P. M. on Tuesday, April 11, 1919, a meeting was held by 730 37 of Jews had been lined up against wall and shot."

"I took the telegram to Mr. Hoover and as he read it his face seemed to grow suddenly older. At his order, I called up the Polish National Committee, headed by Dr. Dymowski. Did they know of the Pinsk affair? Yes. When? Three days since. What had they to say? Well, did we not know that it was simply an execution of bolsheviks? What if they were all Jews? Why, all Jews in Poland were bolsheviks, I was told."

"Mr. Hoover wrote at once to Premier Paderewski and that gentleman came up to the office. I was present at the interview. The Prime Minister delivered a long and assured that nothing had occurred except a routine execution of bolsheviks. Mr. Hoover was in a most delicate position. With tact at which I shall always marvel, yet with a bluntness that carried conviction he told the Premier that, by way of fatherly advice to the new and the new government, he wished it to go on record that they would find it impossible and unwise to palliate such excesses as did occur by a blanket accusation of an entire section of their population."

"When M. Paderewski repeated, 'But you don't know the Jews in Poland; they're practically all bolsheviks.' Mr. Hoover answered, 'All! I can't believe it.'"

"I shall always prefer to believe that the Polish Premier was sincere in his opinion, founded at that time upon reports sent him from Warsaw, although they were later proven false to the discredit of the American Mission of Investigation. When Paderewski left our office, he went back to his headquarters at the Hotel Wagram, and composed Mr. Hoover's suggestion, in which, at his letter to President Wilson, in which, at his appointment of an American Commission to investigate the reported anti-Jewish excesses in Poland."

As the correspondent of the New York

Jew by those who know him not—the pioneers in the Holy Land have gone ahead, their eyes set upon their great ideal, in a spirit that cannot but command one's deepest admiration. It is a spirit to which we cannot fail to respond," Mr. Warburg declared.

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Pathe people demanded arbitration to determine the validity of Mr. Hufman's defense. This hearing lasted a whole day.

The Anti-Defamation Committee introduced in evidence at this hearing clippings from various Jewish newspapers and magazines protesting against the picture as being offensive to the Jews; and likewise presented the resolutions adopted by the Northern California Rabbis' Conference and other material.

The Pathe people used a Jewish employee of their's as a principal witness to prove that the film was not offensive. The Committee also had the testimony of a Methodist and a Unitarian minister, both of whom stated that in their opinion the picture is and should be offensive to the Jews.

At the conclusion of the hearing the Arbitration Board decided that Mr. Hufman was justified in cancelling the contract and found in his favor accordingly.

Simon J. Heller, Denver attorney and member of the Anti-Defamation Committee, who directed the action, in commenting on the decision stated: "We consider that a very big victory has been won and we believe that this may be used as precedent for other exhibitors who may desire to cancel their contract after protest has been lodged with them by the local Jewish community."

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 10.—Protests are being voiced here by many Jewish organizations and synagogues against the return engagement of "The King of Kings" at one of the local theaters. Committees of the B'nai B'rith and other societies are calling upon Jewish citizens not to attend the theaters while the picture is being shown.

Herald and a syndicate of other leading American newspapers in Europe, I had numerous occasions to discuss with Mr. Hoover among other things, the tragic plight of the Jews in Poland during the terrible days of 1919, and I know what he has done to prevent further outrages. His action in connection with the Pinsk affair is but one of Mr. Hoover's innumerable spontaneous evidences of justice and humanity during the years when passions to discuss with Mr. Hoover ruled the world. As a former war correspondent I know that Mr. Hoover's work was the only redeeming feature of the World War.

Very truly yours,

Herman Bernstein.

New York, Oct. 10, 1928.

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