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## FLOODS ADD TO SUFFERING IN FAMINE DISTRICTS OF BESSARABIA

**50,000 Inhabitants Threatened with Loss of Homes Due to Flood Resulting from Melting Snow**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Mar. 26—The suffering from famine and want which the Jewish population in Bessarabia is now undergoing is further aggravated by floods in the area resulting from the melting snows, according to reports arriving here. One casualty, that of a Jewish driver travelling near the town of Bender, was reported.

Fifty thousand inhabitants are threatened with loss of their homes as the melting snows flow into the lower regions throughout Bessarabia.

The lower sections near Kishineff are flooded. The villages Romanovka and Tshimishlia, in the district of Bender, which has a dense Jewish population, are completely isolated. Water has risen to the height of two meters. The organization of rescue parties to take the dwellers from the houses was necessary. The local fire brigades were unable to cope with the calamity.

The Jewish driver, who was travelling  
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## ARNOLD ZWIG HEAD OF GERMAN WRITERS' ASS'N.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Mar. 26—Arnold Zwig, well-known German Jewish writer, was today elected president of the Association of German Writers.

The organization includes writers of Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia who use the German language in their works.

## DESECRATE MONUMENT OF WALTER RATHENAU

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Mar. 26—The monument of Walter Rathenau, which stands in Rothenburg, was desecrated last night by unknown vandals. The belief was expressed that members of the National Socialist Party besmirched the statue.

## 59 SYNAGOGUES IN RUSSIA CONFISCATED IN 1928

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Mar. 26—Fifty-nine synagogues were confiscated in Russia during the year 1928. A report to this effect appeared in the "Krasnaya Gazeta."

## RABBI MORGENSTERN DIES IN POLAND

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Mar. 26—Rabbi Moische Mordecai Morgenstern of Pilaw died at the age of 66. He was an uncle of the Rabbi of Kotzk.

## POLISH SEJM ADOPTS JEWISH DEPUTIES' PLAN TO AID TOWN POPULATION

**Sejm Closes Sessions Without Action on Abolition of Czaristic Structures**  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Mar. 26—Jewish residents of Poland, mainly concentrated in the towns, will be the recipients of government aid, according to a resolution adopted at the closing session of the Sejm. The resolution, introduced by the Club of Jewish Deputies, provides that the government help the urban population.

The Jewish deputies' resolution followed the adoption by the Sejm of a resolution to grant government relief for the village population suffering from hunger and cold due to the unusual frosts this year. Credit will be granted the village population and the collection of taxes relaxed.

The Sejm concluded its session without further action on the proposal to abolish the anti-Jewish legal disabilities based on the old Czaristic laws.

## SWISS PRESS ADVOCATES ABOLITION OF SHECHITA PROHIBITION NOW IN FORCE

**Points Out Jewish Community Compelled to Import Kosher Meat**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Geneva, Mar. 26—Abolition of the prohibition of shechita, the Jewish method of slaughtering animals for food, is being urged by a number of Swiss papers.

The papers point out that the shechita prohibition instituted in 1893, which underwent certain modifications during the World War, has lately been put into full force again. The Jewish community is compelled to import kosher meat which they bring mainly from Lichtenstein. The Lichtenstein Government has permitted the "Schweizerischen Israelitischen Gemeindebund" to slaughter cattle on the condition that all cattle be purchased locally.

In urging the abolition of the shechita prohibition in Switzerland, the Swiss papers argue that it would be preferable that cattle be purchased in Switzerland.

## ANTI-SEMITISM IS NOT KNOWN IN LUXEMBURG

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Luxemburg, Mar. 26—Anti-Semitism is unknown in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg; it is revealed in a survey of the Jewish population.

Of the total population of 268,865, 3,600 are Jewish. Two hundred reside in the capital city of Luxemburg, the rest in the provinces.

The Jewish population is prosperous and Jewish immigrants who came here from East-European countries are well established, the report shows.

## CENTRAL UNION OF GERMAN JEWS DECLINES TO JOIN JEWISH AGENCY

**Individual Members Not Bound by Resolution, Decision Reached by 45 to 35 Vote**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Mar. 25—A resolution declining to participate in the Jewish Agency was adopted yesterday at the annual meeting of the Central Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith, by a vote of 45 to 35. The Central Union has a membership of 6,000.

The resolution adopted states that since Jewish circles in Germany are not united on the question of the Jewish Agency, the Central Union as an organization does not find it possible to participate in the Agency. Individual members, however, are not bound by this resolution and may join on their own behalf.

## ZEPPELIN TO JOIN TEL AVIV PURIM FETE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Mar. 26—As the Graf Zeppelin soars over the city of Tel-Aviv on its Palestine flight, its passengers will join in the Purim festivities which all Palestine celebrates with great gaiety today.

A radio message was received by the Berlin office of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today from Dr. Herman Badt, Ministerial Director of the German Cabinet, who is a passenger aboard the Zeppelin. "Birchath Zion" (Greetings from Zion) was the message, despatched from the Zeppelin by Dr. Badt when they reached Palestine.

Fifteen kilograms of confetti and fireworks, were taken along by Dr. Eckener from Berlin for the purpose of joining from the air the Tel-Aviv inhabitants in their Purim celebration.

Dr. Badt was the winner in the first chess tournament aboard the Zeppelin, where a chess club was formed with Dr. Eckener as president.

## JASSY PHILANTHROPIST LEAVES LARGE CHARITY GIFT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jassy, Mar. 26—Gifts totalling 15,000,000 lei were made to Jewish and non-Jewish institutions by the relatives of the late Morris Wachtel, philanthropist of this city.

Six million lei of this fund went to the Jassy Jewish hospital; one million to the Jewish Loan Fund and five million to general cultural institutions.

Six hundred thousand lei was left for the workers' sanitarium in Palestine.

## EINSTEIN HONORARY MEM- BER OF KENESSETH ISRAEL

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Tel Aviv, Mar. 26—Professor Albert Einstein was elected honorary member of the Keneseth Israel, the unified Palestine Jewish community.

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## AMERY DENIES JABOTINSKY'S LETTERS PHOTOGRAPHED ON PALESTINE ARRIVAL

Declares Only Customary Examination  
Carried through; Method Now  
Abolished

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Mar. 26.—A denial that the Palestine immigration officials photographed correspondence or made extracts from letters found when the luggage of Vladimir Jabotinsky was examined on his arrival in Palestine, was made by Colonial Secretary Amery in reply to a question raised by Josiah Wedgwood, Labor M. P.

Colonel Wedgwood asked the Colonial Office whether they had received a report regarding the examination of Jabotinsky's luggage, indicating who was responsible and why this had been done. Colonel Amery stated that the High Commissioner reported that the examination was undertaken in accordance with the general practice which has since been terminated.

## \$40,000 RAISED IN NEW YORK FOR MATZOTH FUND

A total sum of \$40,000 to supply Matzoth to Jews in Soviet Russia was raised in New York.

The campaign, which was conducted through the New York Yiddish papers, resulted in \$25,000 contributed through the "Jewish Morning Journal" and \$15,000 through "The Day."

Judge Samuel Seabourne, president of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, appealed for wider support in his report presented Sunday at the annual meeting held Sunday at the Warner Memorial Gymnasium of the asylum. Judge Seabourne said the budget for the asylum for the coming year was \$200,000 of which \$100,000 was to be raised by public subscription.

Treasurer elected for four years were Julius Ochs Adler, Harry M. Warner, Louis Strauss, Simon J. Kline, Mrs. Myron L. Borg, Edmund E. Wise and Henry L. Sternman.

## FRATERNAL ORDER SEEKS FUND FOR RUSSIAN JEWS

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

St. Louis, Mo., Mar. 26.—A movement to raise funds to supply Russian Jews with tools has been inaugurated under the auspices of the Progressive Order of the West, a fraternal organization with a membership of 12,000 having headquarters here.

At a conference of local Jewish organizations held at the Hotel Statler Sunday, called on the initiative of the Progressive Order of the West, it was resolved to launch a campaign for funds. A quota of \$30,000 was adopted for St. Louis.

The fraternal order will issue a call to its lodges throughout the country to contribute toward the fund, it was announced. The campaign here will open in June. Judge Moses Hartmann was chosen head of the campaign committee.

## HARBIN CARES FOR 574 JEWISH EMIGRANTS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Harbin, Mar. 26.—Five hundred seventy-four emigrants who passed through Harbin during 1928 were assisted by the Hicem, Hias-Ica-Emigdirekt. Few of the emigrants remained in Harbin, due to the poor conditions here. The majority proceeded to other countries, mainly South America.

Mukden, Mar. 26.—The Jewish community of Mukden has grown during the last few years from 30 to 100 families. Emigrants from Russia who arrived here were aided by the local community which also grants assistance to unemployed.

Intending immigrants to North China are warned of poor conditions there, according to a report received by the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society in New York from its Harbin Bureau. Russian Jews who have been declassified are arriving at Harbin. The Hias bureau there in its attempt to aid the emigrants is in touch with Jewish communities in Shanghai, Mukden, Tientsin-Tsien and other Chinese cities where some of the emigrants are directed. The Shanghai Jewish community has established an association to aid emigrants in settling there and at other points, the report declares.

In South China conditions are more favorable but the Jewish settlements are small and prospects are only good for those who know some English and are in possession of funds, states the report.

The process of Chineseization which the Nationalist Chinese Government is conducting causes the exodus of a large number of Europeans and aggravates the situation in Harbin and surrounding territory. Hitherto the Harbin Hias Bureau had to render aid to emigrants in transit but now the immigration into Harbin has increased and the work had to be extended in consequence.

## MARYLAND TO HAVE KOSHER FOOD LAW

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Annapolis, Md., Mar. 26.—Designed to prevent the sale of non-kosher food preparations as kosher, a bill has been passed by the Senate of the Maryland Legislature. The measure, which was introduced by Senator Edward J. Colgan, Jr., of the Third Legislative District of Baltimore, is not expected to meet with opposition when it comes before the House.

For failure to observe the proposed act, a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or imprisonment of not less than 30 days nor more than one year, or both fine and imprisonment, is provided.

## MONTEFIORE HOSPITAL OPENS \$1,200,000 DRIVE

A fund of \$1,200,000 for new construction to provide more modern facilities is being sought by Montefiore Hospital for Chronic Diseases, the largest hospital for chronic invalids in the world, it was announced.

Of the sum required almost half a million dollars has already been subscribed. Subscriptions will be made payable in four annual installments beginning July 1, 1929. Harold Lehman is treasurer of the fund. Sol G. Rosenbaum is president of the hospital, which is one of the affiliated institutions of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies.

A gift of \$100,000 from Solomon R. Guggenheim was announced on the opening day of the drive. Two gifts of \$50,000 each were received from Samuel Sachs and Harry Warner. Sol G. Rosenbaum contributed \$25,000 as did Harold, Walter and Gertrude Hochschild.

## COMMUNITIES PREPARE FOR ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Cleveland, O., Mar. 26.—The campaign for \$90,000 for the Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education will be launched here on March 31 and continue until April 8. Irwin N. Loeser has been named chairman of the drive. Mrs. Marc J. Grossman heads the women's division.

Oakland, Cal., Mar. 26.—The United Jewish Welfare Fund of Oakland, will launch its fourth annual campaign on May 3.

A new plan for the campaign this year has been adopted. Instead of having teams of solicitors built up by the campaign organization itself, the campaign will be conducted through the various local Jewish organizations, each one of which will be a campaign unit.

The closing dinner of the campaign will take place Sunday, May 12. The amount to be raised is \$31,650.

Samuel R. Feller has been elected chairman of the Junior Federation, to succeed Aaron W. Berg, it was announced. He will direct the work among the youth for the New York Federation for Jewish Philanthropic Societies.

# ANTI-SEMITISM IS PENE- TRATING CHINA THROUGH MONARCHIST PROPAGANDA

Members of Kolchak and Semionov  
Armies Stirring Up Hatred  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Harbin, Mar. 26.—Anti-Semitism is penetrating into China due to the propaganda spread by the refugee monarchists from Russia. Four members of Kolchak's and Semionov's armies, now serving in Chinese institutions, are stirring up hatred against the Jews among the Chinese.

A recent case in a Harbin factory revealed the propaganda being spread by the Russian monarchists. The factory Sonchosin, the largest Chinese leather factory in Harbin, recently invited European experts to make a study of and prepare a plan for improving the factory system.

The announcement that the factory desired the services of experts appeared in the local papers. When several Jewish experts applied, the Chinese manager of the factory declared: "We cannot accept Jews because they are Bolsheviks." It was revealed that the factory employs many former monarchists who are conducting systematic propaganda against the Jews.

Steps to dispel the false impressions created among the Chinese are being undertaken by the Jewish press, which plans to issue leaflets periodically to enlighten the Chinese and to show the falsity of the monarchists' propaganda.

## NEW YORK ORT TO OPEN DRIVE APRIL 21

Plans for launching the Ort tool and supply campaign in New York City on April 21 were adopted at a meeting held at the home of Felix Warburg under the chairmanship of Paul Felix Warburg, treasurer of the Ort National Committee. Present were a number of the Committee of 100 each of whom has pledged to raise \$10,000 toward the fund to supply Russian Jews with tools and machines.

A second committee of twenty-five has been formed in New York, each member having pledged to raise \$25,000. Speakers at the meeting included Howard S. Cullman, national chairman, Judge Grover Moscovitz, Dr. David Lvovitch, V. S. Korobkoff, Mark Eisner, New York chairman. The New York campaign will be inaugurated at a dinner April 21 at the Biltmore Hotel, it was announced.

## RABBI SIMON SHKOP ACCEPTS YESHIVA POST

Rabbi Simon Shkop, noted Hebrew scholar of Grodno, Poland, has accepted the post of Professor of Talmud and Codes at the Yeshiva College. Dr. B. Revel, president of the faculty, announced.

Rabbi Moses Soloveitchik of Warsaw, dean of the Tschinkow Yeshiva, who was called to the Yeshiva College as Professor of Talmud, is expected to arrive in April, Dr. Revel stated.

## J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

Joint Foreign Committee Defines Attitude on Minorities Petitions Changes  
By Our London Correspondent

London, Mar. 8.—The attitude of Anglo-Jewry's committee which concerns itself with conditions of the Jews in other countries toward the proposed changes in the procedure of the submission of minorities' petitions to the League of Nations was outlined in a letter addressed by Lucien Wolf, secretary of the Joint Foreign Committee, to Sir Austen Chamberlain, British Minister, representative to the Council of the League of Nations, and with M. Adachi, Rapporteur on Minorities, and Senor Quinones de Leon, Spanish representative, appointed to study the proposals before the Council's June session. The full text of the letter is herewith given.

Referring to Senator Dandurand's proposal, Mr. Wolf wrote:

"The method he suggests for the transmission of petitions, it is pointed out, was proposed substantially in the same form by the Polish Government in 1923, but it failed to secure acceptance by the Council. On that occasion the Joint Foreign Committee communicated their views, which were in substantial agreement with those of the Council, to the late Marquis Curzon of Kedleston. I am directed to say that the Committee see no reasons to modify the views therein expressed. One addition, however, they desire to make. M. Dandurand is apparently of the opinion that the right of direct appeal to the League of Nations at present enjoyed by the Minorities is unfair to the Governments concerned, as they are thus denied an opportunity of redressing the grievances in question by friendly negotiation with the Minorities.

"This view does not appear to be borne out by the relations of the Minorities with their Governments during the last eight years. There has, indeed, never been a case of appeal to the League of Nations which has not been preceded by complaints by the Minorities to their Governments. The Joint Foreign Committee have had, perhaps, a larger experience in the matter of Minorities Petitions to the Council of the League than any other private organization, and they are able to state with confidence that it is only after every resource of direct representation and negotiation has been exhausted in their own countries, that the Minorities invoke their Treaty rights before the League. In these circumstances it does not appear necessary, or even desirable, that the few rights enjoyed by Minorities in their relations with the League should—at any rate for the present—be curtailed.

"Nor are the Committee," the letter proceeds, "able to see that any advantage is to be gained by charging the whole Council of the League with the task of examining petitions, instead of leaving it, as at present, to the Committees of Three. Under the arrange-

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## SEES Milder ATTITUDE TO MINORITIES IN NEW CABINET APPOINTMENTS

"Hajnt" Reports Friendly View of  
Proposed Interior Minister  
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Mar. 26.—The possibility of a milder attitude toward the minorities residing in the Republic of Poland was seen in the proposed changes in the cabinet. The Jewish daily "Hajnt" reports the nomination of the Vilna governor, Rackiewicz, for the post of Minister of the Interior. Rackiewicz's friendly attitude toward the minorities is well known.

The governor of Volhynia, Jozefski, has been nominated as Assistant State Secretary of the Ministry Council's praesidium on minority problems, the "Hajnt" reports.

## THIRTEEN CARLOADS OF MATZOTH SENT TO RUSSIA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)  
Berlin, Mar. 26.—Thirteen carloads of matzoth were dispatched to Central Russia and Ukraine by the Berlin matzoth committee. Funds were also sent to Russian Jews in order that they may be enabled to purchase matzoth within Russia.

An official reply from the Soviet Government regarding the duty set for the import of matzoth was received by the Berlin committee. Fifty kopeks per kilogram is the duty imposed. The importation of matzoth flour is entirely prohibited, the committee was informed.

## TO OPEN WOLFFSOHN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Wolffsohn Memorial Library building, erected at the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus as a memorial to David Wolffsohn, associate of Dr. Theodor Herzl, will be formally opened on April 29, as part of the celebration of the University's fourth anniversary. Announcement to this effect was made by the American Advisory Committee of the Hebrew University, of which Felix M. Warburg is chairman.

The structural frame of the Library building is built of reinforced concrete as a precaution against earthquakes. The foundation for the building had been laid when the earthquake shook Palestine in 1927. Although the foundation was undamaged, it was decided to guard against possible damage in the future, the Committee's announcement declared.

The Library building is erected on Mount Scopus, next to the Institute of Chemistry. Most of the unskilled labor on the building was done by university students. About half the funds for the building were furnished by the estate of the late David Wolffsohn.

## DR. HEINRICH Sliosberg ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

Dr. Heinrich Sliosberg, noted Russian jurist, arrived for a visit to America, yesterday on the Ile de France.

