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PRUSSIAN FREEMASONS DEFEND ARYAN REPUTATION AGAINST LUDENDORF ATTACK

3 Lodges Declare They Share Ludendorff's Anti-Jewish View; Cause Stir
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Apr. 4.—The frequent association of "Freemasons and Jews" often found in the rabid anti-Semitic literature of Germany, caused a section of German Freemasonry to renounce any such association.

At a mass meeting of the Wandsbeck Freemasons called for the purpose of defending themselves against the agitation carried on by the former war lord, von Ludendorff, one of the speakers, a teacher, declared in behalf of three old Prussian lodges that they are "one hundred per cent free of Jews." Other lodges which engage in humanitarian work admit a three per cent Jewish membership, he stated. "We, too, consider the international Jewish finance as a sore on the people's body," he declared, adding that before the war there was not a single Jewish officer in the Prussian regiments, and that the only regiment where there was a baptized Jewish officer was known as the "Cohen regiment." "We ask every applicant for membership in our order whether he is aware that he has Jewish blood in his veins."

This action of the three Prussian lodges caused a stir in the democratic German press. The newspapers urge the old Prussian lodges to publicly state whether they identify themselves

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APPEAL FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR LITHUANIA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Kovno, Apr. 4.—Thousands of Jewish families in various districts of Lithuania are suffering famine and the Kovno Relief Committee has entirely exhausted its funds in an attempt to ameliorate the dire situation, the committee announced issuing an appeal for special emergency relief. Matzoth for the forthcoming Passover holiday is especially needed, the Committee declared.

LORD BALFOUR RETIRES FROM PUBLIC LIFE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Apr. 4.—The Earl of Balfour, author of the Balfour Declaration recognizing the historic claim of the Jewish people to Palestine and establishing the formula of the Jewish National Home there, is retiring from public life at the age of eighty-one.

A decision of Lord Balfour to sell his town house, No. 4, Carlton Gardens, where he has lived for 58 years, and retire to his country residence at Whittingham is regarded by the London press as an official declaration of his withdrawal from public life. It is believed that he will even retire from the Lord Presidency of the Privy Council.

PALESTINE CONSTITUTION GAVE NEW STATUS TO WOMEN SEEKING BAR ADMISSION

High Court Rules in Case of Achad Ha'am's Daughter-in-law
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 4.—The Constitution of Palestine, promulgated several years ago, created a new status for women seeking admission to the bar. This was the ruling of the Palestine High Court in the case of Mrs. Ginzberg, daughter-in-law of the late Achad Ha'am, Hebrew writer and philosopher.

Mrs. Ginzberg sought court action to compel the Palestine legal board to permit her to practice before the courts, having made an application when she was refused permission to take the bar examinations.

The court stated that Mrs. Ginzberg was not permitted to take her examinations in 1922 in accordance with instructions given the Palestine government by the Colonial Office, but this happened before the Palestine Constitution was promulgated and before the High Court was constituted. The litigant was advised to make another application to the legal board for examinations. Should she now be refused, the court will try the case.

ENGLISH AGUDISTS TO TAKE PART IN AGENCY CONFERENCE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Apr. 4.—The London branch of the Agudath Israel, Orthodox world organization, which has consistently opposed the Zionist Organization, decided to participate in the Jewish Agency conference to be held here on April 21 to indicate British Jewry's desire to cooperate in the extended Jewish Agency for the rebuilding of Palestine.

Two delegates to the conference will be sent by the Agudath Israel. The condition for the Agudath's participation was put forward as being that the Jewish Agency confine its activities to purely political and economic questions. It was stated here that the London branch's acceptance of the invitation to the conference was made on instructions from the head office of the Agudath Israel in Frankfurt.

EINSTEIN APPEARS BEFORE PRUSSIAN ACADEMY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Apr. 4.—An elaborate presentation of his new unitary field theory was made by Professor Albert Einstein at today's plenary session of the Prussian Academy of Sciences held here.

His theory, Professor Einstein declared, was a mathematical rearrangement of his previous research work, using mainly the methods of the English mathematician, Hamilton.

VILLAGER'S HOMECOMING AVERTS ACCUSATION OF RITUAL MURDER

Peasants Testified They Witnessed Sale to City Jews for Ritual Purposes
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Apr. 4.—The chance homecoming of a farm hand to his native village, following a short absence, saved the seven Jewish families of the village, Pluk, district of Siedlce, from the dire consequences of a ritual murder agitation.

A public meeting had already been held in the village in the presence of the local sheriff and the aged Catholic priest, where peasants swore that they had witnessed the transaction whereby Abraham Dwosz, a Jewish farmer who had employed a Christian farmhand, sold the farmhand to the "city Jews for ritual purposes." Twenty "Zlotoys" was alleged to have been the price paid. The farmhand was previously employed by the local large landowner, Pugowski, a Pole, who dismissed him. The farmhand found employment with local Jewish farmers. He then suddenly disappeared from the village. When his absence was noted the Polish peasants started the rumor which culminated in the public meeting.

Soon after the meeting the farmhand returned to the village. The "witnesses" lost no time in withdrawing their "testimony" indulging in mutual recriminations. Abraham Dwosz, whose life was placed in jeopardy because of the rumor, has now instituted libel proceedings against his false accusers.

GERMAN REFORM JEWS JOIN PRO-LEAGUE SOCIETY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Apr. 4.—The Association of Liberal Jews in Germany, comprising the membership of Reform congregations, has decided to join the German League of Nations Society.

In a statement issued the association declares that it is glad to cooperate with the Society for world peace through inter-confessional friendly relations.

POLISH RABBIS ARE FOR WAILING WALL PURCHASE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Apr. 4.—The proposal formulated by a group of American Orthodox rabbis that steps be taken with a view to purchasing the square in front of the Western Wall of the Temple in Jerusalem now under Moslem ownership was approved in principle by the Executive Committee of the Union of Polish Rabbis in session here.

The resolution adopted states, however, that before any action is taken, the opinion of Palestine rabbis is to be ascertained.

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SECRETARY WILBUR TO SPEAK AT THE EINSTEIN CELEBRATION IN NEW YORK

Baron Von Prittwitz, German Ambassa-
dor, Also to Make Address
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, Apr. 4.—Secretary of
the Interior, Ray Lyman Wilbur, ac-
cepted an invitation to speak at the
celebration of Prof. Albert Einstein's
fiftieth birthday which will be held
Tuesday evening, April 16, at the Met-
ropolitan Opera House, New York.

Secretary Wilbur communicated his
acceptance to Herman Bernstein, chair-
man of the Committee on Arrange-
ments, who extended the invitation in
behalf of the Jewish National Fund
and the Zionist Organization of Amer-
ica, who are arranging the celebration.

Secretary Wilbur was formerly Pres-
ident of Leland Stanford University.
His Department embraces the Federal
Bureau of Education. This will mark
the first Jewish gathering to be attend-
ed by a representative of the Hoover
administration.

The German Ambassador to the
United States, Baron von Prittwitz,
also accepted Mr. Bernstein's invitation
to attend the celebration.

One hundred delegates, representing ten
communities, formed a permanent organization
of junior club leaders at a state conference
on junior work held in Newark, N. J., under
the auspices of the New Jersey Federation of
Y. M. H. A.'s and Y. W. H. A.'s. Dr. Freder-
ick Thrasher, of New York University, was
the principal speaker. The meeting also
was addressed by E. J. Lando, executive director
of the Federation; Harry Lehan, of Elizabeth
and Louis Urbans, of Paterson. The second
annual dramatic tournament of the
Federation will be held in Jersey City, April
14th, it was announced.

Jewish residents from many West Texas
towns attended the dedication exercises of
Beth Israel Synagogue in San Angelo, the first
synagogue in that territory, on Sunday after-
noon.

Three local Protestant ministers, Rabbi
Harry A. Merfield of Fort Worth, H. Samson,
president of the Council of Beth Israel, and
David Goldman, acting rabbi of the congrega-
tion, delivered addresses at the dedication.

POLISH JEWISH VETERANS

UNITE FOR BETTER RELATIONS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Apr. 4.—A Federation of
Jews who fought in the Great War
and for the independence of Poland
has just been formed here. The Polish
Telegraphic Agency reports.

A number of speakers addressed the
meeting, urging the need of creating
such a Federation, consisting of all
Jews who fought in the war and for
Polish liberation, and all Jewish re-
servists in order to aid the State in its
constructive work and to promote
Polish-Jewish friendship, and to spread
among the Jews the idea of physical
culture and of military preparedness.
The Federation will also have charge
of the Jewish war graves and the pro-
vision of financial assistance for the
Jewish ex-soldiers. Telegrams of
loyal greetings were sent by the meet-
ing to the President of the Republic
and to Marshal Pilsudski.

BANQUET TO LAUNCH

NEWARK I.O.B.B. DRIVE

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Newark, N. J., Apr. 4.—A banquet at
which Supreme Court Justice Joseph
M. Proskauer and Rabbi Nathan Krass
will be the principal speakers, will be
held under the joint auspices of the
B'nai Brith Wider Scope Committee
of Newark, N. J., and the Menorah
Association, on Sunday night in the
Newark Y.M.H.A. auditorium.

The dinner will mark the opening of
a drive for \$60,000 in behalf of the
Wider Scope Committee and the Men-
orah Association. Louis Bamberger
is honorary chairman of the drive
which will be in the nature of a mem-
orial to the late Felix Fuld. Justice
Proskauer, who was an intimate friend
of Mr. Fuld, will devote his address to
a eulogy of the latter's life. Supreme
Court Commissioner Joseph Kraemer,
chairman of the drive, will act as toast-
master.

At the first workers' luncheon, next
Tuesday, Dr. Boris D. Bogen, secre-
tary of the Independent Order B'nai
Brith, will be the principal speaker.

Maurice Bloch, Democratic Assembly
leader in the New York Assembly, and
president of the Independent Order
B'nai Brith, District No. 4, was the
guest of honor at a testimonial dinner
given by residents and businessmen
of the Yorkville section, New York
City, at the Hotel Commodore, New
York.

Senator Robert F. Wagner was toast-
master and Mayor Walker was one of
the speakers. Governor Roosevelt
spoke from the Executive Mansion in
Albany over the telephone to the
guests at the dinner.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, John Sullivan,
the Rev. Francis P. Duffy and Ephraim
Byk, President of the Yorkville Cham-
ber of Commerce, addressed the
gathering.

A banquet was held by the Sons of Jacob
Congregation, Torrington, Conn., to mark the
purchase of a site for a new synagogue.
Samuel M. Leavitt, president, and David
Cramer were the speakers.

ANNUAL MEETING OF N. Y.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

The annual conference of the New
York Section of the National Council
of Jewish Women will be held at the
Hotel McAlpin, New York, April 7, 8
and 9. The Board of Directors will
meet on Sunday under the chairman-
ship of Mrs. Jules Hart, president.

A dinner to delegates and guests of
honor will be given by the Richmond
Hill Section.

The work of the sections in commu-
nities throughout New York State will
be discussed in reports and forums
during the three-day sessions of the
convention which will be opened Sun-
day night at the Richmond Hill Com-
munity Center. Dr. Alexander Lyons
of Temple Beth Elohim will be the
principal speaker.

Two sisters who had lost tract of
each other for twenty years were re-
united as a result of a search made by
the Department of Immigrant Aid of
the Council of Jewish Women at the
request of Lenin's widow.

The sisters are Mrs. Anna Taube of
Tacoma, Wash., and Mrs. Dora Ra-
field of Riga, Latvia. Located and in-
formed that her sister was still alive
and waiting to hear from her, Mrs.
Taube sent a letter to the Immigrant
aid office, enclosing a note for her sis-
ter in Riga.

DR. CHAIM HELLER SAILS TO
REOPEN JEWISH ACADEMY

Dr. Chaim Heller, famous scholar
and educator, is sailing today on the
steamer "Olympic" following a short
stay in the United States.

Dr. Heller is returning to Berlin to
re-open his Beth Midrash Elyon, an
academy for high Jewish study and re-
search work, which he established at
the close of the world war with the aid
of funds from the United States. It
is understood that Dr. Heller during
his stay in America secured further
means for the continuation of his
academy and for the publication of
some of his works along Bible research
lines. The program also includes the
publication of a new manuscript by
Nachmonides (Ramban) on Maimonides'
Sefer Ha'mitzvot.

Several of the post graduate stu-
dents of Dr. Heller's Berlin academy
are now occupying important positions
in the rabbinical and research work in
various European countries. Dr. Heller
was accompanied by his daughter, Miss
Miriam Heller.

Justice Albert Cohn of the New York Su-
preme Court, will be one of the speakers at
the fourth annual convention of the Deborah
Jewish Consumptive Relief Society to be held
at Broadway General Hotel, New York, April
6th and 7th. Judge Cohn will be Honorary
Chairman of the convention.

Congressman F. H. LaGuardia and Dr.
Louis L. Harris, former Health Commissioner
of New York City, will also address the
convention, it was announced by Mrs. Solomon
Shapiro, president of the Deborah Society.

Plans for a new institution to house at least
four hundred the number of patients now accom-
modated by the Deborah Sanatorium, will be
discussed at the convention.

VATICAN CONSIDERS TRANSFER OF CHURCH'S JURISDICTION TO EGYPTIAN DELEGATE

Negotiations for Accord with Soviet Russia Said to Be Under Way
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Apr. 4.—The transference of the jurisdiction of the Catholic Church in Palestine, now held by the Apostolic Delegate to Syria, to the Apostolic Delegate to Egypt, in the British zone of influence, is under consideration by the Vatican, according to a news report from Milan to the Ullstein press service.

In connection with this the news agency states that it learns that negotiations between the Vatican and the British government for the settlement of the question of the administration of the Catholic Holy Places are in progress.

The Vatican and the Soviet government have unofficially reached an agreement which would give the Roman Catholic religion in Russia greater freedom than it now has, according to a cable from Rome to the "New York Sun."

The correspondent, Carroll Binder, states that he learns on the basis of authoritative information that the Vatican is about to score a new diplomatic success which will rival in importance the recently concluded concordat with the Italian government.

Barring unforeseen impediments, a formal accord will presently be drawn up in which the Vatican will recognize the Soviet Government and the church will embark on an extensive religious campaign in Russia with the full consent of the Government, the correspondent writes.

It is expected that the Bolsheviks, despite their official predilection for atheism, will send an ambassador to the Holy See. Commissioner of Education Lunacharsky is being mentioned for that post.

Russia derives benefits from the accord in the way of the coveted recognition.

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DR. SOSKIN HERE TO STUDY CULTIVATION METHODS

Dr. S. E. Soskin, agricultural expert and member of the central committee of the Zionist Revisionists, arrived in New York on Thursday for a three months' stay in the United States.

The purpose of Dr. Soskin's visit is to aid in the campaign of the Revisionists, oppositional group within the Zionist Organization, to elect delegates to the forthcoming Zionist Congress in Zurich this Summer. He will visit California where he will study the methods of intensive cultivation practiced in certain districts there and which he proposes to introduce in Palestine.

"The report of the experts of the Non-Partisan Palestine Survey Commission proved that my plan of intensive cultivation in Palestine is the method to be introduced," Dr. Soskin declared. "Although the Zionist Congresses in previous years accepted my plan, it was not put into effect because of lack of funds," he said.

J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

Wailing Wall Still a Question in Australia

By Our Australian Correspondents

Sydney, N. S. W., Mar. 4.—The Jewish community of Sydney welcomed the announcement of the New Year Honors List, delayed through the illness of King George, which included Knighthood for Daniel Levy of this city, repeatedly elected Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales.

Like the late Dr. Joseph Jacobs of New York, Sir Daniel was one of the most brilliant graduates of the University of Sydney, in the Senate of which he now sits. Like his predecessor in the Speakership, the Hon. John Jacob Cohen, now senior Judge of the State District Courts, he has always taken active interest in Jewish affairs; he attended at the Great Synagogue here last Sabbath, the day after the official intimation of his Knighthood, in order to receive the traditional "call to the Torah."

Some years ago, while Judge Cohen was still Speaker, and Sir Daniel Levy then Deputy Speaker, the Legislative Assembly adjourned on the Day of Atonement, because the desire of both its chairmen to observe that day was known and respected throughout the State Parliament House.

Miss Gladys Hope Marks, B. A., has been appointed Acting Professor of French in the University of Sydney, and is the first woman to take up professional duties in an Australian university.

Melbourne, Mar. 1.—Nothing of recent times has so thoroughly stirred Australian Jewry as has the controversy over the incident at the Wailing Wall which still agitates the community. The issue has developed from a mere difference of opinion to a storm of the first magnitude. Today, on the face of things it has become a struggle between the Zionist and non-Zionist forces. But there has been so much misunderstanding, so much want of tact, so much of personal spite, that at the moment a non-partisan onlooker would find difficulty in deciding what the dispute was all about.

The community is beginning to feel that there are issues other than those which appear on the surface. The Zionists assert their opponents of being cowardly and un-Jewish since they declined to agree to a resolution deploring the Wailing Wall incident on the score that their action might be construed as a reflection on British justice. The non-Zionists repudiate the charge. The resolution that they were asked to agree to, so they claim and the facts seem to support them, "protested most emphatically against the actions of His Majesty's Government in Palestine," whereas the resolution ultimately adopted was worded very differently. Had they been asked to cooperate on the basis of the resolution in its final form, they would have been

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IMPORTATION OF MATZOTH COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY. COMMUNIST PAPER CHARGES

"Emes" Attacks Moscow and Leningrad Kheillah Leaders and N.Y. Papers
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Apr. 4.—The Jewish communal leaders in Soviet Russia who asked for help from abroad to supply observant Jewish families with matzoth for the Passover holiday and the American Yiddish dailies who made public appeals for funds to send the matzoth, were charged with counter-revolutionary aims in an editorial published in the Communist Yiddish daily, "Emes." The attack is directed mainly against the Moscow and Leningrad Kheillah leaders and the "Jewish Morning Journal" and "The Day" of New York.

"Thus, beginning supposedly with national, religious pity, they conclude with shameless, open agitation against Soviet Russia," the "Emes" writes.

CHALUZIM GROUP TO LEAVE MOSCOW FOR PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Apr. 4.—A group of Russian Chaluzim will leave Moscow for Palestine during the month of April. The group consists of fifteen Palestine pioneers. Some of them will leave on the sixteenth of April and the rest on the twenty-fifth. More passports for emigration to Palestine are expected soon.

RELIGIOUS POLICY CAUSED AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT FALL

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Apr. 4.—The Austrian Republic is today facing a governmental crisis following the resignation of Monsignor Seipel, chancellor.

It was declared on authoritative information that the cabinet fell because of the oppositional campaign against the Chancellor's religious policy, which largely affected the educational system. The crisis will not soon be solved in view of the differences which divide even the majority parties.

WEIZMANN TO BE IN PALESTINE APRIL 17

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, who has been ill for a number of months, will be sufficiently recovered to proceed to Palestine, according to plans he had made last year, the New York headquarters of the Zionist Organization of America announced.

Dr. Weizmann is due to arrive in Jerusalem about April 17, and will probably stay in the country three weeks.

HIAS DIRECTORS BOARD REELECTS OFFICERS

The Board of Directors of Hias at a meeting held Wednesday elected the following officers for the current year: Abraham Herman, President; Albert Rosenblatt, Max Meyerson, Morris Weinberg and Aaron Benjamin, Vice-Presidents; Harry Fischel, Treasurer; Nathan Schoenfeld, Honorary Secretary.

