ISIDORE D. MORRISON DONATES OPHTHALMIC INSTITUTE TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN JERUSALEM, FIRST UNIT OF MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Well Known New York Lawyer and Zionist Leader Provides $100,000 Building Fund and $10,000 Annual Maintenance Cost; Testamentary Provision Made for Extension and Complete Maintenance as Part of Hebrew University; Announcement Made by American Jewish Physicians’ Committee.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem will be equipped with an Ophthalmic Institute for research as well as clinical purposes, constituting the first unit of the University's medical department, through the generosity of Isidore D. Morrison, well known New York lawyer and American Zionist leader. Long standing, it was announced yesterday by Dr. Nathan Ratoof, President of the American Jewish Physicians Committee and Chairman of the University Hospital Committee, which are cooperating with the Board of Governors of the University in upbuilding and enlarging the University in Jerusalem.

A fund sufficient for the erection of a building to house the Institute and for its equipment will be placed by Mr. Morrison at the disposal of the University authorities and the University Hospital Committee in New York. It was estimated that the building and equipment cost will amount to about $100,000. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison have, in addition, pledged themselves to contribute annually the amount of $10,000 toward the maintenance cost of the Institute. The balance of the maintenance cost is to be provided, it was stipulated, out of sums of the general budget of the University. Mr. Morrison added that he has made testamentary provision for the extension and enlargement of the Institute as well as for its complete maintenance as part of the University.

The Institute is to be erected on a site owned by the University Hospital Committee and will be modelled after the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. The plan for the construction of the building will be supervised by Dr. S. S. Goldwater, head of Mount Sinai Hospital. Dr. Isidore Goldwater, eye surgeon at Mount Sinai Hospital and head of the University Hospital Committee, will visit Columbia on operations of the eye, will sail for Palestine next month to complete the plans for the Institute.

To a representative of the “Jewish Daily Bulletin,” Mr. Morrison explained that he was prompted to provide the establishment of the Ophthalmic Institute because he realized that in the Near East where the population is the greatest sufferer from eye diseases, there are no outstanding institutions where those diseases may be properly investigated and that their spread prevented. It was his desire to provide a nucleus for the medical department of the Hebrew University through the establishment of this Institute.

Mr. Morrison, who has been active

PLAN ANTI-RELIGION CAMPAIGN IN RUSSIA DURING PASSOVER WEEK

“Culture Week” Aimed by Jewish Communists at Religious Observances

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Apr. 20.—What is termed a “Culture Week,” but will in effect be a campaign against Establishment and religious observances, is the plan of the Jewish section of the Communist Party for the week when the Jewish population will celebrate the Passover festival.

The week, according to the Vesektzia plan, it is to be devoted to propaganda among the Jewish masses against Synagogue worship and the eating of matzoth. In Leningrad concerts and meetings were arranged for the first Seder-night. Active members of the Vesektzia were mobilized for the propaganda campaign. Charkoff, a group of Kustrielskih has a special meeting adopted a resolution introduced by the Vesektzia representatives to work on the Passover holiday.

In Kiev the famous Brodsky synagogue was converted into a club. In Leningrad, the Communist club, the Yiddish Red Soldier, demanded the conversion of a synagogue for its use as club headquarters.

PASSION PLAY'S PRESENTATION BY JEWISH PRODUCERS VIEWED AS STIRRING ANTI-JEWISH PREJUDICE IN UNITED STATES

Morris Gest, Ignoring Protest of American Jewish Committee President, Says He Prefers Audience and Critics to Pass Judgment; Heartlessness


The presentation of the Freiburg Passion Play, scheduled to be opened at the Hippodrome in New York, according to an announcement by Morris Gest, was viewed as an act of "assuming heartlessness" on the part of the American Jewish Committee and Morris Gest, who is the producer, to the stirring of anti-Semitism.

An exchange of letters and telegrams between Louis Marshall, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Morris Gest, who is the producer, were made public through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency yesterday brought to light a spirited controversy on the subject.

Immediately upon the announcement by Mr. Gest of his intention to stage,

ROUMANIAN JEWS UNITE TO UPHOLD KEHILLAH AUTONOMY AGAINST GOVERNMENT DESIGNS

Jewish Deputy Sounds Strong Note of Protest in Parliament Address

(Bucharest, Apr. 20—The Jews of Bucharest, although strongly divided along political lines, will act in unison to defend the autonomy of their community life against the attempts of the government to gain control of the Kehillah.

This sentiment was expressed by Deputy Theodor Fischer in his address in parliament concerning the recent attempts of the government authorities to place the Bucharest Kehillah under the control of a government commission.

The Ministry of the Interior covered its desire to place the Kehillah under political government influence with the pretext that there is a necessity for controlling the affairs of the Kehillah, to which the Jewish population will agree. Both the Club of Jewish Deputies and the Union of Rumanian Jews, political adversaries, will defend the autonomy of the Kehillah, "just as the Catholics and the Protestants would never tolerate a condition in which their institutions are placed under"

SAN SALVADOR BARS PALESTINE IMMIGRANTS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 20.—Immigration from Palestine has been prohibited by the Republic of San Salvador, and to the effect that the South American Republic would bar Palestinians from entry to that country has been received here.

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REUBEN BRAININ ARRIVES IN SOUTH AFRICA, CAMPAIGNS FOR RUSSIAN COLONIZATION FUND

Local Zionists Cold to Mission; Absent from Reception (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Johannesburg, Apr. 20—Reuben Brainin, well known Hebrew writer and champion of the cause of Jewish colonization work in Soviet Russia, arrived in Johannesburg yesterday. A reception in his honor was held Thursday night at the City Hall in the presence of 1,500 persons. He was introduced by Bernard Alexander, chairman of the South African campaign committee for Russian colonization. The mayor of Johannesburg extended a welcome to the visitor from the United States.

That the controversy between the Zionists and non-Zionists over the Russian colonization work has not been entirely ended in South Africa became evident from comments of some of the guests from the reception given in honor of Mr. Brainin. The local Zionist Federation has so far taken no cognizance of Mr. Brainin’s visit and his mission. A neutral attitude is the most to be expected, it was said.

ST. JOHN ERVINE PROTESTS HE IS NOT ANTI-SEMITE

St. John Ervine, British playwright, and until recently guest dramatic critic of the “New York World,” voices a note of protest in the current issue of the “American Hebrew.”

Mr. Ervine seeks to refute the charge made by William Zukerman, London correspondent of the United States, that Ervine had been sounding a warning in the “London Observer” against “the Judaiization of America.”

Mr. Zukerman stated that: “Mr. Ervine’s articles simply teem with Jews. From the ‘Levithan’ (which is the ‘Levy Nathan’) he has been haunted by Jewish spectres. Every article tells a new and wonderful tale of the Jewish invasion of New York and of America. How the Jews are gradually pushing out the poor Yankee and the real ‘American’ is being drowned in the Semitic sea surging around him and how America is being visibly stamped with Orientalism.”

Mr. Ervine, whose protest was written on his departure from America, says as follows: “Why is it that Jews always conclude that you are anti-Semitic if you mention Jews or that you are trying to promote a position when you inform ignorant people of the number of Jews in New York? And why, too, are so many American Jews so anti-British when England is the only country in the world that gives the Jews a square deal? There is no office or position in England that a Jew cannot hold. How, then, did I become Prime Minister? A Jew became Viceroy of India and Ambassador to the United States and Lord Chief Justice. Is there any likelihood of a Jew becoming the President of the United States?”

INTRODUCE HUMANE ANIMAL SLAUGHTER BILL IN COMMONS

Would Exempt Schechta from Contemplated Ruling (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Apr. 20—A bill for introducing methods for the humane slaughter of animals for food, which would not, however, affect the Schechta, the Jewish meat-slaughterer’s method, was introduced in the House of Commons by Lieut. Colonel T. C. Russel Moore, Conservative.

At its first reading, the bill found support in Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Conservative, and Noel Buxton, Laborite.

Col. Moore has been sponsoring the measure since 1927 when it was passed in its final stage by the Scottish Standing Committee of the House of Commons. At that time Col. Moore moved a clause exempting from the provisions of the bill any animals slaughtered for the food of Jews by a Jew duly licensed for the purpose by the Chief Rabbi. This clause was opposed by some members but it was carried in the committee by a vote of 18 to 3.

REPORT VATICAN TO SEND PAPAL NUNCIO TO JERUSALEM

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Apr. 20—The return of temporal power to the Vatican will be marked by the creation of the post of Papal Nuncio in Jerusalem, it is reported today in the press here in despatches from Rome.

 Monsignor Valéry was slated for the post and the construction of a residence for the Papal Legate has already been started according to the reports. Jerusalem will then see for the first time in many centuries the head of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land.

On the occasion of the papal visit to Palestine it was announced that the question of the post was necessary, in order to open a channel for the solution of the difficult questions engaging the Vatican and England, and to provide for the Catholic church the status of a temporal power.

U.S. JEWISH LEADERS INVITED TO ROUMANIA'S ANNIVERSARY

An official invitation to the celebrations being arranged for May 10th by the Romanian Government marks the tenth anniversary of Greater Romania was extended to the officials and executive members of the United Romanian Jews of America by Victor Filip, representative of the government.

Mr. Filip also informed representatives of organizations affiliated with the United Romanian Jews.

Those going to Romania, for the occasion, will be given free Romanian railroad tickets in addition to various concessions on the French railroads, and fifty per cent reduction on the Romanian railroads.

A drive to raise $10,000 for the United Palestine Appeal was launched in Houston, Texas, M. N. Davidson is chairman of the campaign.

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(Continued from Page 1) political control of government organs, much less would we prefer to see a Kehillah board be substituted by partisan nominees of the government. The entire procedure is contrary to the law, Deputy Fischer stated.

Especially to the protest made by Dr. William Filderman, former Attorney General of the country. According to a report Dr. Filderman told the Prime Minister that among bayonets might drive out the Kehillah board, over the boards of hundreds of Jews, the Jewish population will continue its fight against the control of its religious affairs by non-Jewish commissions.

The representations of the Jewish leaders seem to have had an effect and the action of the Ministry of the Interior was temporarily suspended, but the final disposition of the matter is still uncertain.

BLOCH DINNER TONIGHT FOR B'NAI B'RITH MEMBERS

Maurice Bloch, minority leader of the New York State Assembly, will give a dinner tonight at the New York Turn Verein to members of the metropolitan branch of the Independent Order B’nai B’rith, of which he is president. The dinner is being given in appreciation for the cooperation extended to him in the two years he has served as president.

On the occasion of his term of office, which will culminate at the annual convention of the District in Buffalo on May 12 and 13, Assemblyman Bloch is engaged in an intensive membership campaign throughout the Empire State and is looking for support in the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York. The goal of the drive is that every delegate attending the convention, of whom there are 150, bring the names of three prospective members.

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COMMON WORK IN PALESTINE WILL SUCCEED, WARBURG TELLS ZIONIST LEADERS

Removes Fear of Domination by Americans, Agency Formation

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM, Apr. 20—"I am sure our common work will succeed," Felix M. Warburg told the Palestine leaders in his address at the session of the Vaad Leumi, National Council of Palestine Jews, which met to welcome the distinguished American.

"We shall not be your guardians. No Americans will be sent when the Jewish Agency is organized, to direct Palestinian affairs. You know your own country better and much better yourselves," Mr. Warburg declared in speaking of the future work for Palestine. "Dr. Weizmann's recent stay in the United States greatly advanced the Jewish Agency negotiations with the non-Zionists, who, though they keep their eyes open, have little desire to unite toward the upbuilding of Palestine and realize its importance for Jewry and the entire world. Particular importance is attached to the spiritual influence which will emanate from Palestine. This influence must be continued when the Hebrew University is highly appreciated. However, the number of those interested in Palestine is still small. I hope that the beauty and moral value of your work will persist and the moral aspirations of the Chabab will not diminish," Mr. Warburg said.

POLICE STOP MEETING FOR RITUAL MURDER AGITATION

Vienna, April 20—Efforts to raise the ritual murder accusation on a large scale at mass meetings on the eve of the Passover were checked by the police.

The Vienna Hakenkreuzler organizations were responsible for the efforts to call the mass meetings to stir up hatred against the Jews by reviving the old libelous tale. "The police confiscated a great mass of literature on the ritual murder, though, the advertising agency declined to placard announcements of the meetings.

PRELIMINARY CITIZENSHIP TO STATELESS IN ROUMANIA

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUCHAREST, Apr. 20—The legal status of a great number of Jews in the new Romanian provinces, hitherto classed in the category of Stateless, was temporarily solved by an order of the Ministry of the Interior.

Recently an order was promulgated for the registration of aliens in Roumania. To relieve the inhabitants of the new Roumania, who are eligible for citizenship but have not received their status for various reasons, the Ministry ordered the issuance of temporary citizenship papers for them.

J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

Merger of Synagogues Is Found Inadvisable

By J. T. A. Correspondents

St. Louis, Mo., Apr. 20—Discussion regarding the consolidation of three Reform congregations of St. Louis has been in recent weeks in the community. The congregations are Temple Israel, whose Rabbi, Leon Harrison, met his untimely death last summer, Shaare Emeth, led by Rabbi Louis L. Witt, which merged to become Shaare Emeth, and B'nai Ely, whose spiritual leader is Rabbi Julian Miller. Shaare Emeth has a Rabbi Emeritus, Samuel Sale.

There is another Reform congregation in St. Louis, the Hebrew Congregational Synagogue, whose spiritual advisor is Rabbi Samuel Thurman.

The purpose behind the consolidation would be to provide one large house of worship for the three congregations. At one time announce was made in the daily papers that the consolidation has been effected. However later developments proved that this was erroneous and announcement was recently made that the three congregations would continue as before. The president of the Shaare Emeth Hebrew Union College visited St. Louis recently and advised against consolidation, stating that the experiences of other communities did not warrant a merger as contemplated in St. Louis. Therefore, and B'nai Ely continue building new temples and Temple Israel will erect a community house adjacent to its present location.

Mrs. Rachel Stix-Michaels was elected vice-president of the Board at its regular meeting. This election puts her in line for the presidency of the Board of Education two years hence. In nominating Mrs. Michaels it was stated that no member of the school board had served more indefatigably than Mrs. Michaels. Her husband was a leading citizen of St. Louis. There is a public school named after him.

Allentown, Pa., Apr. 20—Steps were taken for the organization of Allentown's fourth Jewish congregation when a group of local citizens elected officers for the Temple Beth-El, as the new synagogue will be known.

The officers chosen are Louis Hertz, president; I. Deborah, vice-president; J. Friedman, secretary, and M. Shulman, treasurer. Rabbi Louis N. Levitsky, of Wilkes Barre, was present at the meeting and delivered an address.

With the formation of the new congregation, Allentown now has four congregations: Orthodox, one Reform and one Conservative, which is the new congregation.

Elmira, N. Y., Apr. 20—A minister, a priest and a rabbi participating in a roundtable discussion on the subject "Church and World Peace" at the fifth session of the International Relations Conference held here under the auspices of Elmira College, agreed that the churches of the nation could unite to promote world peace without compromising on their differences in creed and denomination.

The speakers were Dr. Brewer Eddy, secretary of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions; the Rev. Moorhouse I. X. Miller, member of the Executive Committee of the Catholic Association for International Peace and a professor at Fordham University; and Rabbi Alexander Lyons.

"Peace," declared Rabbi Lyons, "has been the prayer, the prophecy and the hope of the church through the ages. Western civilization and the Jew have been the bearers of this message. When people would beat their swords and their spears into pruning hooks." The Brooklyn rabbi declared that the churches which have united national and world welfare should seek opportunity and work all the work together.

Dr. Eddy declared that if the millions of the Jewish organizations and the Catholic Church were added to the 25 million, not only Church members of this country, the group would be the most intelligent, the most patriotic and useful half of our population.

ASK FOR SPECIAL LAW ON MINORITIES RIGHTS IN ROUMANIA

Social Democratic Deputies Submit Request to Government.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BUCHAREST, Apr. 20—The promulgation of a special law setting forth the rights and privileges of the national minorities in Roumania was demanded in a memorandum submitted to Prime Minister Manu by the Social Democratic Deputies, Pistiner, Fluersch and Redisceanu.

The memorandum states that the government has not taken any steps for the immediate regulation of the minorities' school questions prior to the enactment of the new law. In regard to the Jewish population the memorandum asks that the government establish state secondary schools as well as elementary schools already in existence and the creation of a Jewish teachers' seminary.

The disciplinary commission which investigated the recent disturbances in Lipkow and Britschen submitted a report showing the guilt of two assistant prefects in the towns mentioned. The matter was referred to the Ministry of the Interior. Newspapers demanded that the officials be tried and punished.

NEW SOVIET LAW TO PUNISH ANTI-SEMITISM

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

MOSCOW, Apr. 20—the Commissariat of Justice was instructed to institute and carry out a bill for the enactment of a special law increasing the penalties to be meted out by the Soviet courts for anti-Semitism in all of its forms and manifestations.

Two anti-Semitic students who were expelled from the University of Vorozen for anti-Semitic acts were reinstated.
PRESENTATION OF PASSION PLAY WILL PRODUCE ANTI-JEWISH PREJUDICE
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dent of the American Jewish Committee by declaring in a telegram under date of April 7, 1929, that he prefers the first night audience and the critics to pass judgment.

It was this attitude which Mr. Marshall termed "an astounding heartlessness which will never be forgotten." The telegram to the American Jewish Committee, recalling the agitation over the production of Cecil de Mille's "King of Kings" and the ensuing wave of anti-Jewish prejudice, argued that Morris Gest as an American Jew should abstain from staging the Passion Play.

Following two letters dated April 2 and April 12, Mr. Marshall wired to Mr. Gest on April 17 insisting upon a reply. Mr. Gest's telegraphic reply read: "I have refrained from answering you so far, I prefer to have the opening night audience and the critics of the leading newspapers who represent the fainthearted public of New York pass judgment upon the religious pageant. Personally I do not find it offensive, but I would not sponsor its presentation."

Mr. Marshall replied on April 18th by telegram:

"I regret to say that your telegram is most unsatisfactory. When the welfare and peace of mind of an entire people are involved, the citizens of your city, in my opinion, for the first time in its history, to ignore the experience of the past and to disregard the harm which all people of 1929 should seek to exploit and which will occasion great mental agony and deep humiliation to thousands of estimable men and women. Your purpose to permit those who may share your indifference to the feelings of people of your race to pass judgment upon your action is a serious and a nullified one. The seeds of mischief have been sown, without giving the slightest consideration to the opinions and sentiments of the American Jew as he will be affected, evinces an astounding heartlessness on your part which will never be forgotten."

Mr. Marshall's letter to Mr. Gest on April 2nd, read:

"From the photograph section of Sunday's Times I observe that you intend to present the Freiburg Passion Play at the Century Theatre in the latter part of this month.

"I hope that this is not true, because, as an American Jew, I am convinced that this play is anti-Semitism. That has been the story of 'Oberammergau,' of the recent moving picture 'The King of Kings,' and in respect to the Passion plays of medieval times. The reason is that they are emotional, does not possess an accurate historic background, nor is it capable of differentiating between fact and fancy.

"The Jewish people, as you should know, have suffered for centuries from the reaction occasioned by plays of this character and by the story on which they are founded. I remember as a schoolboy in my native city of Syracuse, the treatment that I received from my schoolmates at this season of the year, although ordinarily our relations were of the friendliest, solely because of the impression made upon their minds from hearing the story read at the opening exercises of the school.

"Moreover, there are millions of good Christians who believe that the presentation of such a play is a vulgarization of what they regard as sacred. Why should you on the other hand, contribute to the dissemination of ill-will and hatred against your own people? Why should you furnish material to our ignorant defamers and add fuel to the flame of prejudice and bigotry? I had an opportunity to see a private view of the picture 'The King of Kings,' and was informed of its comments made after the performance by those who viewed the production as a religious pageant. I can very well understand from what I saw why it was that the immediate effect was to inspire hatred and detestation of the Jews of this day, of whom you are one, on the part of those unthinking people who were carried away by their anger.

"There are some subjects which are not for the stage and nobody should know better than you that, whether this play is regarded as blasphemous or mischievous, it should never have been brought into an American environment. There are limitations even to what is called art."

On April 12th, Mr. Marshall wrote Mr. Gest:

"On the 2nd instant, I wrote you, with the most friendly intentions, a letter in which I voiced my fears of the consequences which would be likely to ensue from the production of the Freiburg Passion Play. To my regret I have had no acknowledgment or answer from you.

"Since then there was an announcement in the Jewish Tribune that Mr. Otto H. Kahn had gone abroad for the purpose of arranging in conjunction with you for bringing to this country the Oberammergau Passion Play. I called Mr. Kahn the fact of publication and asked him whether there was any foundation for the statement, which, if true, I deplored. He promptly replied by cable that there was no foundation for it whatsoever and that he was not interested or concerned in conjunction with you or anybody else in arranging for such a project.

"I sincerely hope that so far as you are concerned, you will not go ahead with the production of the Oberammergau Passion Play, and I still cherish the idea that even as to the Freiburg Passion Play I have been misinformed. I would regard it as an act of hostility to the Jews of this country if these plays were produced here.

"As one who has always entertained the most friendly opinions of you, I earnestly urge you to enlighten me as to your position in these matters."

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the American Zionist movement for several decades, established an endowment fund of $100,000 in 1925, the interest of which is applied annually in contributions toward the Palestine Foundation Fund, the Hebrew University and the Jewish National Fund.

Isidore D. Morrison was born in Poland in 1871. He came to the United States in 1886. Combining his matriculate pursuits with studies in the evening, Mr. Morrison graduated in 1896 from the Law School of New York University and was admitted to the bar in the same year. In 1898, four years after his arrival in this country, he was a frequent contributor to the "Albany Argus," writing on political conditions in Russia at that time. In 1905, Mr. Morrison established, together with Jacob R. Schiff, the law firm of Morrison and Schiff, which became one of the leading real estate law firms in New York City.

In the Zionist movement Mr. Morrison has been one of the early pioneers. In 1898 he was chosen honorary secretary of the American Association of American Zionists succeeding Dr. Stephen S. Wise, under the presidency of Prof. Richard Gottheil, a post held until 1903.

During and following the World War, Mr. Morrison took a very active part in the Zionist movement in the United States, having served in leading honorary positions in the movement. He has been a member of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, chairman of the Finance Committee of the United Palestine Appeal in 1928 and national vice-chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, which position he now holds.