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THOUSANDS OF JEWISH WORKERS LOSE JOBS IN POLISH TEXTILE CENTER

60,000 Workers Hit by Reduction in
Production

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Lodz, Apr. 23—Several thousand Jewish textile workers are among the 60,000 workers who were given notice by their employers here.

Seventy per cent of the textile manufacturers resorted to this means of relieving the situation. It was declared that the large plants are preparing to reduce production to a three-day week, while the smaller plants will operate at most on a two-day basis and some will close down entirely. The crisis, it is declared, is due to the manufacturers' inability to dispose of their production in the internal market while the export abroad has also decreased.

The executive committee of the textile workers' union adopted a resolution today protesting against the reduction and asked the government to intervene.

JERUSALEM ELECTRIC CO. CON- CESSION TO JEWISH WORKERS INSUFFICIENT; PLAN BOYCOTT Future Work Distant and Operations Small; Large Undertakings Now Under Way

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 23—The promise of the Jerusalem Electric Company, a non-Jewish company, to employ Jewish labor in its future works, is considered insufficient by Kehillah leaders, following a protest they made that Jewish labor had not been utilized in the present undertaking of electrifying the city of Jerusalem. Upon investigation it was learned that the company will not start new works for several months and that the future undertakings will be small, while the chief works, in which Jews are not employed, are now under way.

The insistence of the Kehillah leaders that Jewish labor be employed immediately has been without effect. A protest campaign is now being planned. The Hebrew Teachers Association adopted a resolution to boycott electricity from the corporation if Jewish labor is not employed.

KING'S MESSAGE ASSURES EQUALITY TO ALL CITIZENS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Rome, Apr. 23—The view that the status of Italian Jewry will not undergo any change because of the recent agreement between the Italian government and the Vatican found further support in a reference made by King Emmanuel in his message at the opening session of parliament.

The throne message reiterated that the principle of full liberty to all recognized creeds and cults will be maintained in the State.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY CONSIDERS STEPS TO PROHIBIT PASSOVER PASSION PLAY PRODUCTION IN NEW YORK

May Prosecute Producer and Theatre Owner If Passion Play Is
Presented; Under Section 2074 of New York Penal Law,
Personification of Deity Is Prohibited

As a result of the protest voiced by Louis Marshall against the contemplated presentation at the Hippodrome of the Freiburg Passion Play by Morris Gest in association with David Belasco, District Attorney J. H. Banton has taken under consideration the question whether the presentation of the Passion Play is not contrary to the law of the state of New York, the "Jewish Daily Bulletin" learned from reliable sources.

Action on the part of the District Attorney would be based on Section 2074 of the Penal Law of the State of New York which prohibits the presentation of any play in which the "Deity which is worshipped, revered, adored or venerated by any religious denomination or sect or class of people professing a particular and well defined form of religious belief and practice" is personified by a living character.

The District Attorney will make clear his stand on the question in a few days. His decision, it was stated, will most likely prevent the presentation of the Freiburg Passion Play to which objections were raised.

Mr. Marshall, as president of the American Jewish Committee, based his objection on two reasons, first, because the presentation of the play may lead to a recrudescence of religious prejudice as was shown by experiences of the past and, secondly, because millions of Christians regard the presentation of such plays as a vulgarization of what they hold as sacred. Mr. Marshall voiced his particular objection to the fact that this presentation is sponsored by Jewish producers.

The violation of this section of the law carries with it a six months prison sentence and a \$500 fine.

Section 2074 of the Penal Law of the State of New York reads as follows:

"No person, association of persons, company or corporation shall in any public or private place, hall, theatre or auditorium, present or enact or suffer to be presented or enacted any exhibition, play, drama, tragedy, opera, comedy or performance in which shall be a living character representing the Deity or known by any appellation which may be recognized standards of any particular form of religious worship or belief indicates the Deity or is reasonably referable alone to such Deity which is worshipped, revered, adored or venerated by any religious denomination or sect or class of people professing a particular and well defined form of religious belief and

practice. Any violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor. Any license granted to the owner, proprietor, or manager of the place where the offense is committed must, upon conviction of this offense, be revoked."

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SOVIET CO-OPERATIVES OFFER KOSHER PASSOVER PRODUCTS FOR SALE ABROAD

Sealed and Testified as Kosher by
Russian Rabbis

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw Apr. 23—An odd light on the anti-religious campaign now being conducted by the Jewish section of the Communist party in Soviet Russia in connection with the Passover festival was thrown by the commercial offer made by the Soviet cooperative representatives here to Jewish merchants and consumers' cooperatives of Warsaw.

Kosher goose fat especially prepared for Passover, is greatly in demand in this city on the eve of the festival, for use by Jewish families to be eaten with the matzoth and for preparation of the special dishes during the holiday.

The representative of the Gostorg, the Soviet commercial agency here, has offered for sale goose fat especially prepared for the Passover in accordance with the strict rules of the Orthodox code. The jars of fat, prepared by the Soviet cooperatives of Charkoff, Kiev and Berditcheff, bear the labels "Kosher L'Pessach" (approved for Passover). The seal of Rabbi Levi Halevi Grossman, City of Kiev, is attached to each jar. Certificates of supervising rabbis attesting to the kosher preparation of the fats are also furnished. To make assurance doubly sure, the certificates of approval contain a

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AUSTRIAN ZIONISTS DISCUSS AGENCY AT CONVENTION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Apr. 23—The Zionist Federation of Austria is now sitting in convention here. The first sessions were devoted to a discussion of the extension of the Jewish Agency and to the causes of the alleged depression in the Zionist movement in Europe. Dr. Goldhammer and Dr. Friedmann led the discussion. Dr. Goldhammer was re-elected president. No resolution on the Agency was adopted. The Revisionists are participating in the proceedings, although the group led by Robert Stricker is absent.

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GOVERNMENT INVITES JACOB LANDAU, J.T.A. MANAGING DIRECTOR, TO VISIT ROUMANIA **Promises There Will Be No Recurrence of 1927 Incident** (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 23.—An invitation to visit Roumania was extended to Jacob Landau, managing director of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, who is now on a trip here. The invitation, signed by Gafencu, Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry, asked Mr. Landau that the Roumanian Government "will take necessary measures to facilitate your travel. Any incident is excluded."

The incident referred to occurred May 10, 1927, when Mr. Landau, on his way back from Palestine, was held at the Roumanian port, Constanza, by the Roumanian authorities and was refused permission to enter the country, in revenge for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's having circulated throughout the world press the reports concerning the continuous anti-Jewish excesses in Roumania.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Landau had his passport properly vised by the Roumanian authorities, he was refused permission to land and was taken back to the steamer Marie, where he was held practically under arrest, guarded by two soldiers during the entire day and through the night. After being held, Mr. Landau's release was effected through the intervention of William C. Culbertson, then United States Ambassador at Bucharest.

The invitation, sent by telegram to Mr. Landau by the Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry, declared: "We shall be very content if you will kindly visit Roumania also. The Roumanian government will take the necessary measures to facilitate your travel. Any incident is excluded. We ask you to inform us of your arrival."

NO ISSUES TO APPEAR

ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY
Due to the Passover holidays the "Jewish Daily Bulletin" will not appear on Thursday and Friday.

IN POLAND PREPARE FOR MAY 1st DEMONSTRATION

To Have Program Separate from Polish Labor Groups
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Apr. 23.—Remembering the clashes which occurred during the May 1st demonstrations of 1928, resulting in many injuries, the Jewish labor parties of Poland have decided this year to observe May Day apart from the Polish labor parties.

It was during the joint demonstration of the Jewish labor parties and the Polish Socialist Party last year that the demonstrations turned into a wholesale attack on Jews. This year the Jewish parties have decided to limit their May Day demonstrations to the Jewish quarter of Warsaw.

The police in the capital have taken extensive precautions for that day, which has become in recent years an eventful day. The authorities have undertaken raids on suspected organizations. Arrests were made among labor leaders, including many Jews. Rumor has it that the authorities will this year prohibit the holding of street demonstrations, but this report was denied. It was declared that only those organizations whose program is directed against the state will be prohibited from marching.

Warsaw, Apr. 23.—Jonas Gruenbaum, 16, the youngest son of Deputy Isaac Gruenbaum, was arrested by the police on the charge of Communist activity.

Young Jonas' arrest followed the arrest of his older brother, Elzer, who was similarly charged. In his diary, which was confiscated, there was an entry that Jonas was dismissed from school for Communist agitation.

DECLARE MORE HILLEL FOUNDATIONS NEEDED

The need of establishing Hillel Foundations at American universities to minister to the spiritual and cultural requirements of the Jewish student was emphasized by speakers at the dinner given Monday night by Assemblyman Maurice Bloch to members of the metropolitan zone of District No. 1, I.O.B.B., of which he is president.

Speakers asserted that the only way to keep the Jewish youth close to their faith, and the only way of preparing them for leadership of American Jewry is to extend to them an abundant knowledge of Jewish history and culture. The Hillel Foundations present the most direct method of meeting this problem, speakers stated, and the establishment of additional Foundations was urged. There are now seven such centers throughout the country, with two others to be opened in the Fall.

The Wider Scope Committee of the establishment of these Foundations, is at present engaged in raising funds for this purpose and other phases of its cultural program. Louis Fabricant, treasurer of the Committee, announced the launching of the District's campaign outside of New York City, with a goal of \$72,000. The drive in the metropolitan zone will be launched in September.

TO CHECK ANTI-SCHECHITA CAMPAIGN IN EUROPE

Will Join French and German Jews in Memorandum to Vienna Conference
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Apr. 23.—The danger of an increased propaganda against schechita in European countries was reported at the monthly session of the Board of Jewish Deputies held here on Sunday, April 21. Anti-Semite agitators are making every effort to utilize the forthcoming conference of the Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to be held in Vienna, to stir prejudice against the schechita.

The agitators intend to exhibit in various European countries a "faked" schechita film produced in 1913.

The Board decided to associate itself with the memorandum which will be submitted to the Vienna conference delegates by German Jewish bodies and by the Jewish Consistory of France.

Col. Samuel Finburgh, M.P., urged the adoption of the newly invented casting machine. He added that Col. Moore, who introduced a humane slaughter bill into the House of Commons several days ago, gave assurance to Jewish representatives that the Jewish population will, under the proposed bill, receive the same privileges as are contained in the Scottish bill which he fathered two years ago.

30 INJURED IN CLASH OF POLISH AND JEWISH STUDENTS (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Lemberg, Apr. 23.—Thirty persons were injured in a free-for-all fight during which knives and revolvers were used and chairs were hurled in the air. The fight, between Polish and Jewish residents who were gathered at the restaurant Pohulanika.

The gathering started as a friendly gesture when Jewish students of the so-called assimilationist group invited their Polish fellow-students to leave their own celebration on another floor of the restaurant and join the party of Jewish students.

Toasts of friendship and brotherhood were made. Suddenly a dispute arose which developed into a fist fight lasting several hours. Several of the party received serious injuries and the restaurant was wrecked. It was not until the police arrived that order was restored and medical aid brought to the victims. What happened to bring about the abrupt cessation of amity is not distinctly known, but it was stated that it was over a "question of honor" that the war broke out. Who insulted whom was not cleared up.

The membership campaign of the District has gained momentum, it was reported, and a great number of applicants have been proposed.

The dinner was given by President Bloch in appreciation of the assistance he received from the members during his administration, and the other speakers of the evening were Maurice P. Davidson, chairman of the Wider Scope Committee; Prof. A. Broderick Cohen, David N. Moessohn, Joshua Kantrowitz, and Louis W. Osterweis.

**SENATE COMMITTEE REJECTS
BILLS TO REPEAL OR POSTPONE
NATIONAL ORIGINS CLAUSE**

**Nye to Lead Fight for Action on
Senate Floor**
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, Apr. 23.—The Senate Immigration Committee by a vote of four to two today again rejected the bills of Senator Walsh of Massachusetts and Senator Nye of North Dakota to repeal and postpone respectively the National Origins clause. In taking this action the committee reiterated its allegiance to the National Origins clause registered at the last session. Today's decision of the committee took the technical form of a vote to indefinitely postpone action on both bills which, from the practical standpoint has the same effect as an outright rejection. Senator Walsh and Senator Nye were not surprised at the committee's action for its support of the National Origins plan and hostility against any effort to interfere with its going into effect was well known, but the procedure of prior action by the committee was a necessary parliamentary requirement before action could be taken by the Senate itself. Senator Nye, following the committee's action, today announced that he and Senator King of Utah, Democrat, will ask this afternoon that the committee be discharged from consideration of the bill in order that the Senate itself may consider and take action thereon. Senator Nye indicated he expects Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, leader of pro-National Origins forces to precipitate a filibuster against this request. It appears therefore, that the anticipated fight to a finish on this great controversial issue is about to begin in real earnest with the Senate floor as the first battleground. Lined up against Senator Reed and his followers is President Hoover himself who has indicated in no uncertain terms his uncompromising opposition to National Origins legislation. The Senate's decision on the plan may prove the first test of President Hoover's authority in Congress. Senator Nye, in addition to the bill for postponement, which was voted on today by the committee, also had introduced yesterday a bill to repeal the clause differing somewhat in its terms from that of Senator Walsh. Senator Nye's bill is practically a duplicate of a measure introduced some time ago by Senator Shipstead providing for a new quota plan differing from both the National

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J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

**Drives Throughout the Country for
U. P. A.**
By J. D. B. Correspondents

Milwaukee, Wis., Apr. 21.—Twenty-seven Milwaukee Jewish organizations, through their accredited representatives, pledged their cooperation with the United Palestine Appeal in their forthcoming drive at a meeting held at the Hotel Wisconsin. Captains were named and teams organized to represent practically every Jewish organization in Milwaukee.

Morris Miller, general chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, acted as chairman of the evening. "I welcome you in the name of the United Palestine Appeal," he said. "Your presence here this evening is adequate proof of your determination to work energetically for the cause. I am sure that everyone of you will tenaciously stick to the job until the drive for \$50,000 is successfully consummated. With such enthusiasm I have no fears but what the drive will be an unquestioned success."

Chicago, Ill., Apr. 20.—May 6th will signify the official opening of the United Palestine Appeal here with a dinner at the Palmer House at which Nahum Sokolow, chairman of the World Zionist Executive Committee, will be the principal speaker.

South Bend, Ind., Apr. 20.—Plans are complete for the United Palestine Appeal drive, which will be held in a few weeks. Last year's quota was not quite reached, but the local Zionist organization is expecting a better response this year. Zionists in Gary, Hammond, Terre Haute, and Indianapolis, the capitol, are also planning drives which will be inaugurated within a few weeks.

Paterson, N. J., Apr. 22.—Five thousand persons witnessed the laying of the cornerstone of Temple Emanu-El and the Abraham M. Fabian Memorial Hebrew School on April 21.

Louis Marshall, Vice-Chancellor Vivian M. Lewis, Mayor John V. Hinchcliffe and Rev. David S. Hamilton, of St. Paul's Episcopal church, spoke. Jacob Fabian, donor of the school and chief contributor to the building fund of the temple wielded the trowel.

Children of the temple school sang and Rabbi Charles I. Hoffman, of Orb Shalom synagogue, Newark, offered the invocation, Rabbi Max Raisin of Temple B'nai Jeshurun, this city, delivered the benediction.

Telegrams of congratulation were received from President Hoover and Governor Larsen.

A public tribute was paid Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fabian at Hotel Alexander Hamilton Sunday evening by officers and members of Temple Emanu-El in appreciation of their benefactions.

The couple were presented with a gold scroll plaque inscribed with a list of their many gifts to the temple.

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**WARBURG AND MAGNES VOICE
APPRECIATION FOR MORRISON
SON GIFT TO UNIVERSITY**

**Declare Eye Institute Will Enhance
University's Value and Benefit**
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 23.—The appreciation of the Hebrew University to Mr. and Mrs. Isidore D. Morrison for their gift of an Ophthalmic Institute to the Hebrew University was expressed by Felix Warburg, Chairman of the American Committee on the Hebrew University, who is now in Jerusalem, and Dr. Judah I. Magnes, Chancellor of the University, through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

"I was very happy to learn about the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, enabling the Hebrew University to add a very vital and important institute," Mr. Warburg told the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "It will greatly enhance the value of the University and act as a beneficial influence for the welfare of the country. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison deserve to be complimented for their far-sighted and generous action."

Dr. Judah I. Magnes, Chancellor of the Hebrew University, in voicing the thanks of the University, declared: "The Institute for the treatment and investigation of eye diseases comes at a most timely moment when plans for the establishment of the University Hospital are being worked out jointly by the Hadassah and the American Jewish Physicians' Committee. It will render much help to the country and will be free to all inhabitants irrespective of race or religion. I express my gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Morrison in behalf of the University."

**LIPSKY AND FEUCHTWANGER
ARRIVE IN JERUSALEM**
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 23.—Louis Lipsky, president of the Zionist Organization of America, arrived in Palestine to meet Dr. Chaim Weizmann and other Zionist leaders.

Leon Feuchtwanger, German-Jewish novelist, author of "Power," "The Ugly Duchess" and other works, has come to Palestine on a visit. He arrived today.

**EUROPEAN COLD WAVE
REACHES PALESTINE**
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 23.—Europe's cold wave has reached Palestine.

Defying the record of past years April is a month of cold rains and hail which lasted for two days. The many tourists who have come here for the Passover holiday are walking about in overcoats and furs which they had packed away on arriving.

More inclement weather is predicted for the next few days.

Funeral services were held Sunday for the late Dr. Joseph Barsky, sixty-four, who died in Beth Israel Hospital, New York, in which he had been consulting physician since 1900. He was a graduate of the Pharmaceutical College and the New York University Medical College, class of 1893.

For nearly thirty years Dr. Barsky had been associated with Beth Israel Hospital. He was the President of the Medical Board and was active in developing the social service work.

**ANTI-JEWISH ATTACKS
OCCUR IN DANZIG**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Danzig, Apr. 23.—Windows in many Jewish shops in the Free City of Danzig were smashed Sunday night, apparently by an organized Hakenkreuzler band.

The attacks were viewed as an act of revenge for the refusal of the Danzig authorities to permit the holding of a all-German Hakenkreuzler congress in the city. Some of the hooligans were arrested by the police.

SENATE COMMITTEE REJECTS BILLS TO REPEAL OR POSTPONE NATIONAL ORIGINS CLAUSE

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Origins plan and the 1890 census basis now in effect but rather closely resembling the latter system. The committee, however chose to vote on Senator Walsh's bill. In today's committee vote, the only Senators opposing the National Origins plan were Chairman Johnson and Nye. Those voting for retaining the National Origins plan were Reed, Keyes, Harris, and Hatfield. Several members of the committee were absent, but with full attendance present the result would probably have been the same as the majority of the committee members are adherents of the National Origins plan. Meanwhile the House majority leader, Tilson of Connecticut, announced his opposition to the National Origins plan and is conducting active efforts among members of the House to support President Hoover's wish that the National Origins plan be nullified.

BROADWAY ASS'N. OBJECTS TO SALOMON STATUTE SITE

The directors of the Broadway Association of New York at a meeting held Monday evening adopted a resolution voicing their opposition to the erection of a monument to Haym Salomon, revolutionary patriot and financier, at Lincoln Square, at the intersection of Broadway and 66th Street.

John E. Grotke, managing director of the association, declared the group is not opposed to the erection of the monument in principle but merely to the proposed site, as an encroachment on park property.

Mr. Benjamin Winter, President of the Polish-Jewish Federation of America, which is erecting the monument, announced work would begin next week.

The plans for the monument were approved by the Municipal Art Committee and the site selected by it.

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Mayor Hincheliffe was among the speakers who praised Mr. Fabian for his generosity.

Hartford, Conn., Apr. 22—A total of \$8,000 of the allotted \$30,000 was raised for the United Palestine Appeal in Hartford, at a meeting at which Judge William M. Lewis of Philadelphia was the principal speaker.

Opening its \$35,000 campaign for the United Palestine Appeal, more than 300 guests contributed \$18,000 towards the Washington Heights and Inwood Division's quota at a dinner at the Paramount Mansion, New York, Sunday night.

Morris Rothenberg, national chairman of the board of directors of the United Palestine Appeal, delivered the principal address. Hyman J. Reit was toastmaster and Deputy Police Commissioner Nelson Ruttenberg, chairman of the local campaign, was another speaker.

AFGHANISTAN HAS ELEMENT CLAIMING JEWISH DESCENT

British Colonial Minister Reports on
Benei Israel Sect
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Apr. 23—The claim to Jewish descent is alive in the population of Afghanistan, is the revelation made in a despatch from Kabul to the London "Daily Telegraph" by Sir George MacMunn, English soldier and colonial officer.

According to Sir George a part of the Afghanistan population calls itself Benei Israel and claims descent from a grandson of King Saul, named Afghana, who was commander-in-chief of King Solomon's army. The belief is current there that the Afghanistan Benei Israel represent a remnant of the ten lost tribes of Israel. Although there is not the faintest proof in favor of their contention of Jewish origin, Sir George writes, their appearance and some of their customs seem to support the claim. The biblical names, Moses, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, are current among them. It is apparent, the writer concludes, that the Benei Israel came to Afghanistan in the seventh century of the Christian era and immediately adopted the Moslem faith.

BANTON CONSIDERS STEPS TO PROHIBIT PRODUCTION OF PASSION PLAY

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The "Chicago Sentinel" in its current issue editorially lauds the stand taken by Louis Marshall on the Passion Play production in New York, declaring:

"Mr. Louis Marshall has again risen to the position of eminent leadership which he has long occupied in American Israel. A report was published recently that two Jewish producers, Messrs. David Belasco and Morris Gest, are making arrangements for bringing to this country the Oberammergau Passion Play. Upon hearing this news Mr. Marshall immediately lodged a protest with these two gentlemen, explaining to them the inadvisability of their proposed step. The Passion Play depicts the crucifixion of Jesus as it is related in the New Testament, and the harm which such a production is likely to do to American Jewry can be easily seen. The fact that two Jews are contemplating to bring this play to America reflects very little credit upon the good name of our people, to say the least. Originally it was rumored that Mr. Otto Kahn had something to do with this project but we are glad to state that this gentleman has disclaimed any connection with this undertaking. Now that Mr. Marshall has pointed out to Messrs. Gest and Belasco the untold harm which the Passion Play is bound to do to their own brethren we hope that these two theatre magnates will see the wisdom of cancelling the proposed engagement of the Oberammergau production."

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full description of the names of the Talmudic treatises composed by the supervising rabbis.

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Riga, Apr. 8—There was no other way than to send matzoth to the Jews of Soviet Russia, the Riga Committee for Providing Matzoth for Russian Jewry declares, in replying to the attacks made by the well-known Russian-Jewish journalist, Ben Zion Katz, who in a number of Yiddish papers in Poland, Latvia and elsewhere, condemned the movement carried on to send matzoth into Soviet Russia.

It was the Russian Jews living abroad, the Committee says, who contributed the funds for the matzoth. The Ica, the Alliance and the Agro-joint had all reported a shortage of flour in Russia for baking the matzoth inside the country, and for that reason, in spite of the heavy customs tolls, it was better to send matzoth into the Soviet Union than to send money with which to buy flour and bake the matzoth in the country. Owing to the heavy customs tolls, however, it has not been possible to send to Russia as large a quantity of matzoth as had been intended, and only 28 carloads are being sent. If the local committees abroad raises sufficient funds, however, the money will be sent to those Russian towns which are unable to receive matzoth from the consignments coming from abroad, so that they should make purchases inside the country.

Ben Zion Katz complained that the action of the Soviet authorities in imposing fifty kopek duty on the matzoth imports, is an insult to the Jews. "The Soviet authorities are laughing at us," he wrote. "They have given all Jewry a slap in the face. The report that the Soviet Government will not permit Jews to bake matzoth in Russia must be investigated, and if it is true a protest must be made all over the world. Such a decision would be against the Soviet Constitution. Religious Jews have a right to make with their flour whatever they wish. The Soviet Government is always claiming that it does not interfere with religious convictions. I doubt whether there is such a prohibition, but if there is, and it is for that reason that matzoth are being imported into Russia from abroad, not only religious Jews, but all Jews who respect the principle of religious liberty must raise a protest against it. We must not permit the inquisitorial methods employed against the Jewish religion to pass without vigorous action."

Irving Libenson, of the Mt. Vernon Y. M. H. A. was awarded first prize in the annual oratorical contest conducted among the 50,000 members of the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Associations. The subject of his speech was "Albert Einstein—An Inspiration to Jewish Youth." George Bronz, of the 2nd Street Y. M. H. A., with a talk on "Jewish Education: The Decisive Factor in Jewish Survival," and Irving Davidson, of the Temple Anshe Chesed Center, speaking on the same subject, received honorable mention.