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COMMUNITIES BILL OBJECTED TO BY JEWISH LEADERS BECOMES LAW

Rumanian Parliament Passes Bill
With Large Majority, Ignoring
Jewish Protests

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, July 25—The bill, changing the regulations governing the organization of Jewish communities in Greater Roumania, sponsored and championed by the Maniu government despite the protests of Roumanian Jewish leaders, became a law when the Roumanian Parliament followed the action of the Senate, in passing the bill.

The House passed the measure by a majority of 216 against 34. The new law gives any Jewish group the right to form a religious congregation. The congregational system now enacted into law substitutes the principle of the unity of the Jewish community, adhered to hitherto. Under the old law only one Jewish community, with its own houses of worship, according to the respective rituals required, could exist. Jewish leaders, opposing the new measure, contended that the new law would bring chaos into Jewish communal life and disrupt its unity.

ACQUIT ANTI-JEWISH AGITATOR IN HANOVER

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, July 25—The anti-Semitic agitator Meunchmeyer, former clergyman, who was tried by the Hanover court for making anti-Semitic references in his public addresses, was acquitted of the charges against him.

Meunchmeyer admitted that he frequently referred to the Reich as a "Jewish republic" and that he had stated that "Rathenau's murder was Germany's fortune." The Liberal press criticizes the verdict of the court and points out that the blame is to be laid at the door of the German Federal Court which recently handed down a decision in a similar case that speaking of the Reich as a Jewish republic constitutes no offense.

ANTI-SEMITIC NEAR RIOT IN FRANKFORT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Frankfort, July 25—A near riot of an anti-Jewish character was prevented by the intervention of the police last night when a group of hooligans invaded the Garden Restaurants at Oberstorshaus.

The group, members of the National Socialist party, carried swastika flags and shouting "Germany awake, down with Jews," started to attack Jewish guests. Panic-stricken, the guests fled. The police ordered an investigation.

ZIONIST DELEGATES FROM ALL PARTS OF WORLD GATHER IN ZURICH FOR 16th BIENNIAL CONGRESS

Lively Group and Party Caucuses Begin Four Days Before Opening Session;
Many Americans Already There; National Fund Closes Conference;
To Seek \$5,000,000 for Land Purchases.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Zurich, July 25—The sixteenth Zionist biennial Congress which will be opened here Sunday, July 28 at 3 P.M. at the Town Theatre, will have an unprecedented attendance by delegates and guests from all parts of the world. Delegations from the outlying parts of the British Empire, the United States, Palestine and Eastern as well as Central European countries, are arriving hourly to make their headquarters at the various Zurich hotels for the ten-day period during which the Zionist legislative body will be in session here.

A number of preliminary conferences and party caucuses have already begun. Several members of the Zionist World Executive, including Miss Henrietta Szold of New York and Jerusalem, Louis Lipsky, President of the Zionist Organization of America, Colonel Frederick H. Kisch, member of the Jerusalem Zionist Executive, and Felix Rosenbleuth of the London Executive, have already begun conferences with party and group leaders, and the game of Congress politics, with a view to forming a strong majority for the proposals which are expected to be ratified for the conclusion of the partnership between the Zionists and the non-Zionists, is already in full swing. The arrival of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, and Nahum Sokolow, Chairman of the

WARN LIECHTENSTEIN RULER AGAINST MARRYING JEWESS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, July 25—The population of the principality of Liechtenstein is opposed to the marriage of its new ruler, Prince Franz Josef, to Baroness Elsa von Guttman, concerning whose nuptials much discussion took place in European centers because she was a Jewess.

Baroness von Guttman was the official wife of the present Liechtenstein ruler for ten years prior to the death of his brother, Prince John II. After Prince John's death and the succession of Prince Franz Josef to the sovereignty of the 12,000 population of the principality, he decided to legally solemnize their marriage. It is related here that a delegation representing the citizenry submitted a humble petition "not to give the Catholic people of the Liechtenstein a Jewish princess." The ruler was adamant in his refusal.

World Executive, is awaited within a day or two.

About three hundred delegates, it is anticipated, will be seated as the representatives of their respective Zionist constituencies. This will be effected, however, not without difficulties, as numerous groups from various countries, including several American Zionist groups, are contesting the elections on various grounds. The protests are now being considered by the Congress Court, a juridical body set up before each Congress goes into session. The number of protests against the result of the elections is unusually high, in view of the great importance attached to this year's sessions.

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HARBIN JEWS FEAR ANTI-JEWISH POGROM, SOVIET AGENCY REPORTS Influx of White Guards Intimidates Jewish Populace; Many Families Leave City

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, July 25—Jews in Harbin fear the outbreak of a pogrom as the result of the Russian Chinese situation, Tass, Soviet News Agency, states.

Soviet officials who have arrived in Moscow today from Harbin, have informed the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that there are persistent rumors that the White Guards are preparing for a pogrom against the Jews in Harbin. The Jewish population of Harbin, which takes this rumor seriously, is panic-stricken, and has sought the protection of the local authorities.

The number of White Guards in the city is increasing daily in preparation for an invasion of Soviet territory, it is stated.

The White Guards treat the Jews with the same arrogance that persisted under the old Czaristic regime. As a result many Jewish families are deserting Harbin.

The Chinese situation does not adversely affect the region of Bira Bidjan where the first Jewish Soviet Republic will shortly be formed according to a government announcement, inasmuch as Chabarovsk is now the important center for the transit of troops. It is believed that the Jews in Bira Bidjan may prefer to settle near the railway stations, and earn a livelihood as small traders, selling cigarettes and other articles to the troops who pass through.

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NEW JERSEY OUSTS ALIEN CIVIL SERVICE WORKERS

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Trenton, N. J., July 25—The Civil Service Commission of the State of New Jersey has ordered the discharge, beginning August 1, of all aliens employed by the State, counties and municipalities, under the civil service. The step is taken in enforcement of the New Jersey law prohibiting the employment of aliens in public works. More than three hundred aliens will be affected.

The announcement was made by Charles P. Messick, secretary to the Commission, who stated that the only exception would be made for such aliens as are employed in mental capacities where citizens cannot be obtained to perform the work. The policy to retain aliens until satisfactory citizens can replace them will be followed in order not to work hardships on hospital patients.

It is understood that the Commission is having difficulty in replacing some of the vacancies, particularly in the State Highway Commission where fifteen draftsman and designers are scheduled to go on August 1.

David Belasco, veteran American Jewish producer, known as the Dean of the American theatre, celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday on Wednesday in Atlantic City where his latest play, "It's a Wise Child," is being groomed for its New York premiere.

Asked concerning his retirement from the stage, Mr. Belasco said, he feels as if he were on the threshold of his career and looks forward, "I am confident of the great years ahead," he said, "I feel as I did at 21. Retire? I shall retire when I am carried feet first out of the theatre."

Mr. Belasco has been responsible for the production of some three hundred plays. He has been connected with the theatre since he was eight months old, when he made his first appearance with his mother in a mother and infant part.

In addition to producing the plays of others, Mr. Belasco has produced more than one hundred plays of his own authorship.

J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

Reform Rabbis Resent Conservative Attacks

By Our Chicago Correspondent

Chicago, July 22—What may be regarded as an indication of the reaction in circles of Reform Rabbis in the United States to the arguments made against this wing of American Judaism at the recent session of the Rabbinical Assembly of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America was expressed in an article in the current issue of the Reform Advocate by Tobias Schanfarber, Rabbi Emeritus of K. A. M. Congregation.

The writer first denies the assertion that it was the graduates of the Jewish Theological Seminary who created what is now called the third party in American Judaism. "The graduates of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America are riding in the face of the history when they wipe off the records all that was done for Conservative Judaism before Dr. Schechter's inaugural address in 1902. They seem oblivious of the services rendered to traditional Judaism by men like Szold, Jastrow, Kohut, Hirsch and others and center all their thought on the one man and the one institution. The sainted Morais, also, seems forgotten. Though were it not for him there perhaps would have been no Theological Seminary of America," the writer says.

Rabbi Schanfarber devotes the major part of his article to taking to task Rabbi Max Drob of Philadelphia and Rabbi Elias Margolis of Mount Vernon, New York, for the assertion that Reform Judaism in the United States has made a 'mess of its task,' and proceeds:

"To say as Rabbi Drob said in his paper that 'the reform rabbis have made a mess of their task' does not relieve the so-called conservative wing of Judaism of its 'own mess.' We are the last ones to say that all is well within the ranks of reform Judaism, but are conditions any better in the life and in the synagogues of the adherents of the self styled advocates of traditional Judaism? Are their followers any more devoted to Judaism than are the members of the reform synagogues? Do they show their attachment and love for Judaism by attending synagogue service? We were present on a recent Sabbath at the synagogue of one of the graduates of the Theological Seminary and had we not been there, there would not have been a minyan in attendance. What about this mess? We know of a synagogue in the west of which a graduate of the Theological Seminary is rabbi that has been forced to discontinue the Saturday service altogether. We are well aware of the fact that there are a number of synagogues of reform congregations that have given up the Saturday service and it is regrettable enough, but why speak of the 'mess' of reform congregations when the 'mess' is

equally sad in the conservative synagogues.

"When this same rabbi has the affrontery to say that 'traditional Judaism as expounded by the Jewish Theological Seminary does not differ fundamentally from so-called Orthodox Judaism. In fact they are identical except for the method used,' he is saying what he knows does not harmonize with the facts. Certainly the authorities of the Elchanan Spector Seminary would repudiate such a statement. When the rabbi of the B'nai Jeshurun Congregation of New York sanctions the introduction of a Sunday lecture in his congregation is he acting in harmony with the spirit of simon-pure orthodoxy? When a large number of the graduates of the Theological Seminary introduce confirmation of girls are they acting true to the spirit of the Shulchan Aruch? When they hold these confirmation services on a Sunday instead of the traditional day of the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai are they simply deviating in method and not in the fundamentals of Orthodox Judaism? When the graduates of the Theological Seminary permit men and women to sit in the same pew at worship again is this merely difference of method or is it breaking fundamentally with the traditions of orthodox? We are afraid that the real genuine orthodox believers will not want to form any compact with the graduates of the Theological Seminary even if the graduates of the Jewish Theological Seminary say that their Judaism and the Judaism of orthodoxy are 'identical.'"

"Rabbi Israel Goldstein is right when he declares that 'an invasion of secularism in the synagogue in the United States has created a menace which threatens to drive out the Jewish God-idea and bring into Jewish religious life a confusion unparalleled in the history of the ancient Jewish institution.' Rabbi Goldstein was careful enough not to say that this secularization of the synagogue was confined to the reform rabbis. Some of his conferees are not so cautious. They seem to think that whatever is awry in Judaism, is to be laid at the doors of the reform rabbis. How false an attitude of this kind is will at once become apparent when we consider the recent declaration the so-called 'Program' of a rabbi in the west, a graduate of the Theological Seminary of America. He says: 'I can not believe in the personal God of traditional religion. To me God is the advancing totality of man's highest ideals. He is not the source whence man comes, but on the onward moving goal toward which man is directing himself. God is not a constant but a daily growing God.' And of such not a little more. A man who preaches a misty, vague, non-personal God of that character has no right in the Jewish pulpit today. He is not a God to whom one can pray. Small wonder that this same rabbi smulculates the Union Prayer Book at his service and theatrically turns down the lights at two different times during worship to secularize the worship and

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ZIONIST DELEGATES FROM ALL PARTS OF WORLD GATHER FOR CONGRESS

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One angle of the program will be tackled, in addition to the Congress Court, by the Zionist General Council, which opens its session here on Friday. On its agenda there figures the consideration of a protest of Zionists groups in East Galicia and in Congress Poland, against the procedure followed in that country in the election of the non-Zionist delegates to the extended Jewish Agency. The General Council will also consider proposals for the election of a praesidium for the plenary session of the Congress, the fixing of the Palestine budget and the problem of bringing aid to Russian Zionists who have been excluded by the Soviet government but may be permitted to emigrate to Palestine in the event that journey expenses are put at their disposal.

The Congress Court has, up to date, passed on the result of the elections in 21 countries, including the Zionist organizations of Germany and England.

Jewish National Fund to Seek \$5,000,000

Two important preliminary conferences have come to a close today. The conference of the Jewish National Fund, the Zionist land purchasing agency in Palestine, concluded with the adoption of a decision to seek the sum of \$5,000,000 as a budget for the next two years, to be expended for the purchase of areas of land in Palestine, as the inalienable property of the Jewish people. This land, administered as public property by the Fund, is leased to Zionist settlers on a 99-year basis. M. Hochberg, a delegate representing South African Zionists, pledged his group to raise the amount of \$75,000 as a part of the \$5,000,000 budget.

Greater opportunity for the Jewish National Fund was seen in view of the expected consummation of the plan for the extension of the Jewish Agency under Zionist and non-Zionist leadership. Under the new arrangement the Jewish National Fund will emerge as the only purely Zionist fund, not administered by the mixed body. Emanuel Neumann of New York, President of the Jewish National Fund in the United States, told the delegates that the Fund will find much sympathy among American Jews in the years to come. Many American non-Zionists are heartily in support of the purposes of the land purchasing agency, he said.

M. M. Ussichkin of Jerusalem, head of the World Jewish National Fund organization, urged the formulation of a program which would fully protect the autonomous character of the Fund. He proposed that a Board of Governors of the Fund be chosen by Zionists only. He further proposed to seek the revision of the present agreement between the Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Foundation Fund. This agreement was concluded several years ago when the

two Funds issued appeals to the Jewish public, for the purpose of avoiding rivalry.

A feature of the proceedings of the conference was the address in Hebrew by Aime Palliere, former French Catholic clergyman who embraced Judaism. Judaism without Zionism, he stated, was inconceivable to him.

The proceedings of the conference of the Women's International Zionist Organization were likewise followed with great interest. Methods of co-operation between this organization and the Hadassah, the American Women's Zionist Organization, were discussed. The creation of a joint council to take charge of the work of the two organizations in Palestine was proposed.

Executive Opposes Changing Character of W. I. Z. O.

Another question which aroused wide debate was whether the Women's International Zionist Organization was to remain a purely Zionist body or invite membership of non-Zionist women on lines parallel to those which were adopted as the basis for the formation of the extended Jewish Agency for Palestine.

The Zionist Executive, through its spokesmen, expressed its desire that no changes be made in the status of the Women's International Zionist Organization.

Caucuses of the Hitachduth, Zionist labor party, and of the Mizrachi, the orthodox Zionists organization, were also begun today.

A rumor, still unverified, spread among the arriving delegates, is to the effect that Bernhard Baron, former American cigar maker and present British tobacco magnate and philanthropist, has indicated his intention to place at the disposal of the Jewish Agency the amount of £500,000 for Palestine work.

LOUIS WILEY FETED BY BRITISH LEADERS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, July 25—Louis Wiley, business manager of the "New York Times," was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the Chairman of the "Daily Chronicle" newspaper group.

Among those who attended were United States Ambassador Dawes, Lord Birkenhead, J. H. Thomas, Lord of the Privy Seal, Sir Joseph Duveen, T. P. O'Connor, and the editor of the "Express," Blumenfeld.

William Morris, president of the Jewish Theatrical League of America, has been appointed managing director of the new \$750,000 National Variety Artists' Saranac Sanitarium at Saranac Lake, Eddie Cantor, president of the N. V. A., announced.

"In making this appointment," said Mr. Cantor, "the officers and directors of the N. V. A. are motivated by the fact that, from the humanitarian point of view, William Morris is the biggest man in the show business." The new sanitarium will be completed early in September.

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JEWES AROUSED BY PERMIT TO MOSLEMS TO CONTINUE BUILDING NEAR WAILING WALL

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 25—Considerable excitement and much indignation has been aroused in Jewish circles here by the announcement that the government has granted permission to the Moslems to continue their building operations near the Wailing Wall.

Chief Rabbi Jacob Meir, of the Sephardic community, places responsibility for the situation upon the Zionist Executive and the Vaad Leumi, National Council of Palestine Jews.

Chief Rabbi Kook and officials of the Zionist Executive have interviewed the government officials on the subject. The Zionist officials have cabled to Zurich for instructions from the Zionist leaders on what further steps are to be taken.

The opinion prevails in the Jewish community that the Moslems intend to make the pavement around the Wailing Wall a main passageway to the Mosque of Omar. This is a violation of the status quo.

FORM BODY OF U.S. STUDENTS AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

An organization of the American students studying at the Hebrew University this year has been formed according to the announcement of the American Advisory Committee, of which Felix M. Warburg is president. Israel Chipkin, Director of the Jewish Education Association of New York, and George Hyman, also of New York, at present Assistant Registrar of the University, were among those present at the organization meeting held on the campus on Mt. Scopus.

The object of the Society is to spread information about the University and to interest friends in its work. On his return to America in September, Mr. Chipkin will organize an alumni association among the twenty-six students from America who have been enrolled at the University. There are also five Palestinian students who formerly attended the University who are at present in America and who are invited to join the Association.

The American Advisory Committee also announces that an expression of warm appreciation from Dr. Thomas Masaryk, the President of the Czecho-Slovakian republic, has been received for the photographs and account of the excavations made by the Hebrew University at Beth Alpha. Dr. Masaryk's interest in the Hebrew University dates from his visit to Palestine two years ago, when he was a guest of Dr. Hugo Bergmann, Librarian of the University. Dr. Bergmann was formerly Librarian of the University of Prague.

Mrs. Golda Grossman, Asbury Park's oldest citizen, died Tuesday night of a stroke in her 102nd year. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the home of her grandson, Samuel Eidelberg, by Rabbis Silverman and Hershon. Mrs. Grossman, who had lived here for nearly fifty years, was born in Nowidrow, a suburb of Warsaw, Poland, Sept. 24, 1827.

