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JEWISH GROUPS MAKE NATIONAL APPEAL TO COORDINATE EFFORTS

**National Appeals Information Service
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The National Appeals Information Service, including in its membership forty-six Federations of Jewish Charities from every part of the country, today announced that, following preliminary negotiations with representatives of leading organizations making a national appeal, steps have been inaugurated to consolidate the fund-raising efforts of these national bodies wherever possible into one joint campaign to eliminate duplication, reduce overhead and thereby effect economies and smoother functioning.

The decision to unite the campaign efforts of the foremost national organizations was made public here, together with a transcript of the discussions at a recent meeting in Chicago, attended by delegates of the National Appeals Information Service and by presidents and other representatives of twelve national organizations and presided over by William J. Shroder, of Cincinnati, former president of the National Conference of Jewish Social Service.

In addition to the consideration of the problem of overlapping appeals from the standpoint of the federations, the problem also was considered from the viewpoint of the national organizations and a special session of this

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Dr. Melchior Appointed Hague Economic Expert by Germany

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Dr. Carl Melchior, partner of Max Warburg and co-proprietor of the Hamburg House in Hamburg, has been named by the German cabinet as an economic expert to the coming Hague Conference. Dr. Melchior is well-known as an economist and financial authority and he has on several occasions represented Germany as an economic expert at international conferences.

CENTRAL RECONSTRUCTION FUND NOW FUNCTIONING

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 28.—The central fund for reconstruction of the destroyed Jewish colonies and for the relief of the victims will begin functioning tomorrow under the management of Charles Passman, formerly general manager of the American Zion Commonwealth. All monies will be handed over to the reconstruction fund, which will make loans through the existing banks.

Jews Are Hittites, Not Semites, Says Professor (Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The Jewish people, in the opinion of the famous Czech-Slovakian Orientalist, Prof. Hrošeny, of Prague University, are not Semites, but Hittites, declares a special copyrighted article to the Chicago "Daily News" from Eugene Crawford, its Vienna correspondent. The Jews, according to Prof. Hrošeny, are descended from a race thousands of years old, which once dominated the entire East. This opinion he bases on several years' study and excavation in Asia Minor. Prof. Hrošeny states that monuments excavated by his expedition show that the Armenians, Persians, Jews, Assyrians and Hittites belong to the same ethnological family.

Great Britain Must Make Palestinian Nation, Says London "New Statesman"

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 28.—It is not enough for England to declare that she is not going to abandon the Palestine Mandate, but she must do all in her power to make a Palestinian nation, declares the "New Statesman" in an editorial in its current number. The "New Statesman," founded by Sidney Webb, now Lord Passfield, the Colonial Minister, is known as an advocate of liberal and labor causes.

Discussing the recent joint letter by Lord Balfour, Lloyd George and General Smuts in the "London Times," calling for the appointment of an authoritative Palestine Commission to investigate the workings of the Mandate, the "New Statesman" asks whether the British government is alive to the situation and whether it is looking beyond a mere apportionment of the blame and the conclusion of some sort of a truce for the immediate future.

Unless the government is preparing plans for more comprehensive attempts at obtaining cooperation between the Arabs and Jews, on which the fate of the Palestine experiment hangs, there is a strong case for the proposed commission, declares the "New Statesman."

Jew Named Secretary of German Finance Ministry

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Hans Schaeffer, the Jewish author of the federal home economic law and a Palestine sympathizer, has been named secretary of the new German finance ministry.

LUKE WHITEWASHED, POLICE FORCE PRAISED, IN FREEDY'S SUMMARY

Government Counsel Upholds Palestine Officials and Calls Zionists Unfair; Justifies Policy

By GERSHON AGRONSKY

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Jerusalem, Dec. 28.—Giving the Palestine police a clean bill of health for their actions during the August riots and refuting the charges made against them then Acting High Commissioner H. C. Luke by innumerable Jewish witnesses and by Sir Boyd Merriam, counsel for the Jews, Kenelm Preedy, counsel for the Palestine administration at the Inquiry Commission hearings, in his summing up yesterday of the government's case, lent credence to the slogan "the government is with us" which the attacking Arabs shouted during the assaults on the Jews.

Upholding the theory that the Arabs came to Jerusalem on August 23, the day when the riots broke out, armed because they feared that the Jews would attack them, Preedy suggested that the reason for the arriving Arabs not having been disarmed was that the Jews attacked the Arabs and the Arabs, not unnaturally being afraid, armed themselves for self-defense, and while they may have come to Jerusalem for assault, their primary reason was self-defense.

To have disarmed them, said Preedy, would have given ground to the already current rumor that the government favored the Jews. Briefly dismissing the beginning of the riots, he passed over the fact that the Arabs of the countryside around Jerusalem were on mischief bent and that the police knew it, or if they did not know of it, they

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Anti-Semitism Impels Jews to Quit Austrian Heimwehr

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Dec. 28.—A number of Jewish leaders of the Austrian Heimwehr have quit the Viennese division of the Heimwehr because of the growth of anti-Semitic tendencies. Some Christian artisans quit the Heimwehr for the same reason.

Hitlerite Chief Jailed for Misappropriating State Funds

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 28.—The Hitlerite leader Ahlgrimm of Mecklenburg, has been sentenced to two and a half years in prison by the court at Ludwigslust for misappropriating 6,200 marks of state monies.

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Fined for Pulling Emergency Cord to Ward Off Attacks

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Bucharest, Dec. 28.—A fine of 5,000 ley has been levied on the Jewish passengers who pulled the emergency cord of a train going to Czernowitz, when two anti-Semitic students attacked them. Among the passengers injured were Marcu Weissmann from Novo Sulz, a student at Bucharest University, his friend, Israel Suprin, and the merchants Rubinstein and Woly, the latter being 70 years old. By the time the train stopped, the attackers had disappeared.

Czernowitz, Dec. 28.—The local press publishes reports from eye-witnesses to the recent attack on Jewish passengers by Cuzist students in which it is pointed out that the soldiers on board the train did not intervene, although some of the students shouted "with these ten fingers we once turned two synagogues into ashes."

SEES JEWISH LIFE LACKING IN LEADERS

That Jewish life is lacking in leadership material at the present time and that this lack will have to be supplied from among the youth was the assertion made by Dr. Israel Goldstein, President of Young Judea, national Jewish youth organization, at the opening last night, of the annual mid-year conference of Jewish youth leaders at Temple Anshe Chesed, 100th Street and West End Avenue.

Dr. Goldstein, who is Rabbi of Temple B'nai Jeshurun, opened the three-day conference to discuss problems of American Jewish youth, which is attended by Jewish youth leaders from all parts of the country. His address reviewed the present situation in Jewish life and the necessity of training the youth to a feeling of communal responsibility.

Jonah Goldstein in Radio Address Pleads for Attitude of Communal Responsibility Toward Jewish Religious Education

Speaking Sunday to a radio audience over Station WEAF, attorney Jonah J. Goldstein, noted New York Jewish communal leader, discussed "Jewish Education—A Communal Responsibility." In the course of his remarks, Mr. Goldstein said:

"I plead for a new attitude towards religious education, the attitude that such education is a communal responsibility. I do not exempt the individual parent from his or her responsibility for the religious education of their children. Religious education, like charity, should begin at home. But just like charity, it should not stop there. The first responsibility rests upon the parent. I speak from an intimate acquaintance with the problems of Jewish education when I tell you that there are certain fundamental aspects of it that cannot be solved unless we regard such education as a communal responsibility.

"The problem of the teacher is basic to the whole structure of Jewish education. Educators will tell you that any system of schools is as good as

its teachers. The children must have religious teachers who are worthy representatives of the culture and idealism which they are to acquire from them.

"The solution undertaken by the Jewish Education Association in the creation of a Board of License to pass on the qualifications of teachers approaches the problem fundamentally. This step could be undertaken only by a communal organization having the confidence of the community behind it.

"The Jewish Education Association of New York has regarded it as its first duty to arouse the conscience of Jewish parents in the matter of giving their children a Jewish education. It has utilized every available medium for this purpose. This is clearly a task which only a community agency can undertake.

"The Jews of America must come to realize that the Jew who is Jewishly illiterate is an insult and an injury to them as a community. It is their duty, as Jews and as Americans, to give their youth a Jewish education."

Strike at Jassy Continues as Officials Deny Numerous Clausus

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Dec. 28.—The striking students at Jassy University have decided to continue their strike as a result of the rejection by the university senate of their memorandum demanding a numerous clausus. The senate denied the request as being opposed to cultural theories. Four of the student leaders have been put back several classes, two others have been suspended, and two have been barred from all examinations for a year.

Eugene Meyer Mentioned as Ambassador to Germany

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, Dec. 28.—Eugene Meyer, former director of the War Finance Corporation and a Farm Loan Commissioner, personal friend of President Hoover and well-known California business man is being prominently mentioned here as the next United States ambassador to Germany to succeed Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, who has just resigned.

Second National Beauty Contest for Jewish Women Under Way

The second National Beauty Contest for Jewish women of United States and Canada, is announced by the Jewish National Workers' Alliance of America.

The prize for the two winners who will be crowned as "Queen Esther" and her "Lady in Waiting" will be a trip to Palestine.

This award will be given at a ball to take place March 15, at Madison Square Garden, and the judges will be prominent Jewish artists and men of letters. Thousands of Jewish women are expected to enter the contest.

Mrs. Kohut's Book Is History in New and Charming Manner

More than one former East Sider will get a twinge of remorse for the callous way in which he has forgotten his humble origin, if he or she reads "As I Know Them," that charming book of reminiscences by Mrs. Rebekah Kohut, published by Doubleday, Doran. And in these reveries of Mrs. Kohut's, in which she leads us from the East Side with all its paths to colorful and significant chapters in the history of American Jewry as she has known it in the past forty years, one becomes aware that here is history, the history of the Jews in America, being written in a new and fascinating way, in a way that is bound to help the Jew and the non-Jew in understanding their mutual problems and in solving them, too.

David Mosessohn Named to Hoover Trade Board

David N. Mosessohn, editor of the "Jewish Tribune," and executive chairman of the Associated Dress Industries of America, representing a trade membership with a capital of about \$800,000,000, has been appointed to President Hoover's national business survey conference, which was announced last week by Julius Barnes, of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Magida Is Vice-President of Community Center Secretaries

In a recent story reporting the resignation of A. S. Magida as director of the Kansas City Y. M. H. A., it was erroneously reported that Mr. Magida was president of the National Association of Jewish Community Center Secretaries. He is vice-president. A. W. Rosenthal of New York is president.

Coordination of Fund-Raising Efforts by Jewish Organizations Making National Appeals to be Tried by Ten National Groups

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group resulted in the announcement by Rabbi William Freedman, president of the National Jewish Hospital of Denver, that the national organizations were in whole-hearted sympathy with the proposal to amalgamate fund-raising activities in as many localities as possible and that they were prepared to create a united council to co-operate with the National Appeals Information Service in the proposed work.

The statement released today explained that more than eighty delegates representing twenty-nine cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific took part in the discussions at the Chicago meeting and that twelve national organizations also were represented among those present.

Seven Groups as Nucleus

Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, executive director of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies of New York, proposed that by way of beginning the unification of fund-raising, seven national organizations be selected to serve as a nucleus for the further development of the concerted national appeals. The organizations named included the Jewish Consumptive Relief Society of Denver, the National Jewish Hospital of Denver, the National Home for Jewish Children at Denver, the National Jewish "Hospital" of Denver, the National Home for Jewish Children at Denver, the Ex-Patients Tuberculosis Home of Denver, the Leo N. Levi Memorial Home of Hot Springs, the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of New York and the Jewish Consumptives and Ex-Patients Relief Association of Los Angeles. The proposal was adopted and at a later session it was announced that several organizations concerned were planning a meeting in March for the consideration of plans to effect the proposed national council to direct these operations.

Overhead Cost Heavy

Dr. Lowenstein reviewed the work of the National Appeals Information Service and pointed out that the overhead of national organizations for money-raising was from ten to sixty percent of the amounts raised, making an average of about thirty-five percent overhead for such work. Louis M. Cahn, director of the Chicago Jewish Charities, proposed that a given territory in the country be selected where a united campaign for the national organizations might be conducted to serve as an experiment both for future campaigns and also to inform the first large section of the public regarding the idea behind the merged fund-raising effort.

To Eliminate Duplication

The National Appeals Information Service was founded several years ago as the result of a desire to bring better order in the campaigns which the

national Jewish organizations carry on throughout the country and to inform Jewish communities regarding the organizations making the appeals, with special reference to the usefulness of the projects and the efficiency with which the fund-raising was conducted. From time to time attention of the general public has been called to the fact that national organizations conducting their campaigns independently, duplicate costs of campaigns and involve the local communities in expenditures of too high a proportion of their contributions for overhead, which, with more systematic campaigning concentrated in one appeal for all, might result in the raising of a greater proportion of money for the direct purpose intended. Because of the lack of knowledge regarding the institutions, in many communities, help is given without regard to the relative importance of the associations appealing and with more systematic study of the amounts equitably to be expected from given communities for a particular cause. This means too often that worthy organizations must depend on a haphazard method of determining the extent of their support. This situation the appeals service, with the cooperation of the national agencies themselves, is attempting to solve.

The question of the quotas for various communities and the proportionate amounts to be given to each of the national organizations under the new plan was discussed at great length and it was decided that for 1930 the quotas should be fixed at the figure which each organization raised independently in 1929. Subsequent quotas beginning with 1931, are to be fixed by a committee including representatives of equal voting strength from the national organizations and from the constituency of the N. A. I. S.

Will Be Guide for Future

The seven organizations which are to participate in the experimental appeal in a locality yet to be determined have a total annual budget of \$1,800,000. It is likely that the initial experiment will cover a territory embracing several small towns within the same general area, where seven agents of the appealing organizations now do and where it will be possible to save the overhead of several competing campaigns. The procedure found advisable in this initial effort will serve as a guide in future campaigns. The experience gained, together with the reports prepared, will be submitted at a meeting of the N. A. I. S. in June, to be held in Boston at the same time that the National Conference of Jewish Social Service will be in session.

The problem of fund-raising for the national agencies concerns three types of communities, first, the four or five large cities where federations make no appropriations to national organizations, the middle-sized communities where the newly-created council may

"Friends of Palestine Arabs" Conducting Anti-Zionist Campaign in United States

The "Friends of Palestine Arabs," an organization of American Arabs devoted to anti-Zionist propaganda in this country, has recently been organized in New York City, according to information received by the Jewish Daily Bulletin. The organization has its headquarters in the offices of Selim Totah, a lawyer and an American of Syrian extraction, in the Woolworth Building.

Lectures are now being given free under the auspices of the organization in Young Men's and Women's Christian Associations, clubs, colleges and Foreign Policy Associations by Arab speakers. Ameen Rihani, a well-known Arab writer, is one of the society's lecturers now touring the country. The society also reprints articles from American magazines which favor the Arab side in Palestine.

Several debates between Arab propagandists and Zionist leaders have taken place in this country during the past few months since the August outbreaks in Palestine, in some of which the British side is also presented. One of the recent three-sided discussions was held before the Foreign Policy Association of Philadelphia, during which Prof. A. E. Prince, of Queens University, Canada, justified the course pursued by Great Britain in Palestine and pleaded for the annulment of the Balfour Declaration.

The "Friends of Palestine Arabs" recently reprinted an anti-Zionist article, "Whose 'Home' Is Palestine?", from the "Christian Century."

Among the written propaganda that the "Friends of Palestine Arabs" have recently sent out are an article from the "New York Times" Jerusalem correspondent and one from the New York liberal weekly, "The Nation."

Condemns Closing of Play on Demand of Students

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Dec. 28.—The "Dimine-atza," one of the leading Roumanian newspapers, has attacked the Minister of the Interior for stopping the play at the National Theatre upon the request of a student delegation. The paper says that things have come to such a pass that the students demand and the government adheres.

Last week anti-Semitic students invaded the National Theatre and interrupted the performance of "The Awakening of Love," as a protest against the Jewish leading lady. The French ambassador, who was present at the theatre in protest at the action of the students.

be in position to conduct a single campaign both for local parochial and national Jewish organization requirements; and thirdly the thousands of small towns wherein it will be possible to send one man to represent all national agencies at once.

Government Counsel Preedy Whitewashes Luke, Praises Police Force and Says Zionists Are Unfair, in His Summing Up

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had been repeatedly warned by Jews. **Analyzes Charges Against Luke**

Before a crowded court room, including many Jewish leaders, Preedy referred to the Commission's task and recalled that from the start the government had not recognized any of the charges made against it. He declared that it had faithfully placed all of the police records before the Commission, as it had promised. Preedy then plunged into a minute analysis of Merriman's case, in which it was charged that Luke had yielded to the Arabs under their insistent threats. Referring to Merriman's comment on Luke's forgetfulness, Preedy asked whether Sir Boyd attacked Luke's lack of memory or whether he suggested that Luke had a convenient memory. If the latter was meant, Preedy insisted, it was a serious charge.

Emphasizing that the Palestine government's decision permitting the Moslem building operations at the Wailing Wall had been made on the advice of the British government, Preedy said that he was not suggesting that the gentlemen temporarily in charge of the Palestine Zionist Executive had deliberately raised the question of the status quo in order to cause trouble, but he pointed out that all things that happened at Zurich were reported in Jerusalem and affected the public mind. "You must be satisfied that if any man ever carried out his duty conscientiously and intelligently under trying circumstances, Luke had done so."

Has High Praise for Police

Completing his tribute to Luke, Preedy complimented the police. "I have no hesitation in assuming your verdict with regard to the police. Nobody reading these reports can help being filled with admiration for them. This applies also to the Palestine police, Moslem, Christian and Jew, but particularly to the British police and the special constables who for ten days often went without food and sleep. Remembering the embittered feelings, it is remarkable that the disaster was not greater." He pointed out that in 135 Jewish colonies, only 13 Jews were killed, overlooking the fact that the bulk of the casualties were in Hebron, Safed and Jerusalem where the Jews were unarmed. The police record, he said, was one to be proud of, and "those in responsible positions," referring to the Zionist Executive, "should have returned more than criticism."

Preedy scoffed at Isaiah Braude's suggestion that the police should have been brought in from the countryside because if the trouble had been stopped in time in Jerusalem, it would not have spread. Neither Luke nor the government are responsible if the police strength was insufficient, said Preedy, but although disaster came, the use

of the police and military was wise. Scoring Harry Sacher's charge that Luke was to blame for the riots, Preedy said that if the disposition of the police was wrong, then Major Allan Saunders was to blame and he accepts full responsibility.

Explains Jaffa Road Attacks

Citing the evidence by police officer Monroe that it would have been murder to open fire on the Jerusalem mob pouring out at the Jaffa Gate, Preedy argued that firing on them would have killed innocent and guilty, Jews among them. He excused Constable White's failure to shoot after the mob had killed the Rothenberg brothers on the ground that it was impossible to shoulder a rifle owing to the thick mass of the crowd and he had therefore used the butt of his weapon. (Preedy diverged here to say that Arab and Jewish evidence is conflicting, but that he is inclined to think that the Rothenbergs were the first victims that day.) Preedy's theory of the events on the Jaffa Road outbreak when Raitan was killed and Wolfgang von Weisl wounded, dovetails with the Arab explanation that the mob attacked because the Jews shouted "booi," the Hebrew equivalent for "shame," and hurled missiles from the Slonim building.

Preedy quibbled over Merriman's statement that by the time the mob had marched to the Jaffa Road there had already been four murders in an hour. Preedy insisted that the murders occurred within twenty minutes, and he tried to make capital of Merriman's failure to cross-examine Monroe for his failure to open fire.

Apologizes for Luke

In contrast to the seven hours consumed by Merriman in his recapitulation, and the five-hour summary of Stoker, Preedy's conclusion at the end of three hours came as a surprise. His address was in the main an apology for the behavior of former Acting High Commissioner Luke.

Constantly appealing to the Commission to put itself in Luke's place, Preedy argued that it is difficult to make decisions regarding events that are past. If, he stated, the Jewish procession on Tisha B'Ab had been stopped, the Jews would have protested. If the Moslem demonstration at the Wailing Wall the following day had been prevented and blood spilled, "think of the effect on three hundred million Moslems."

Charging that the Zionist Executive was helpful only until the funeral of Abraham Mizrahi, and afterward concentrated only on criticism and accusation of the government, Preedy asserted that Jewish warnings of disaster communicated to Luke were vague, and he asked the Commission to consider Luke's position if he had called the troops and nothing had occurred. He apparently assumed that

troops were only sent to quell, not to avert disturbances.

No Evidence of Mufti's Conspiracy

Continuing, Preedy said that if there had been any evidence of a conspiracy of incitement among the Grand Mufti, Subhi Khadra, and others, the government would have prosecuted such evidence to find out why such a conspiracy existed. That is why, the government counsel said, he did not cross-examine the Arab witnesses but did cross-examine the Jewish witnesses thoroughly—the latter having accused the government.

"How would Luke be cognizant of Friday's impending outbreak," Preedy asked, "when the Arab and Jewish representatives who met at his house on August 22, were ignorant of it and planned to meet again the following Monday?"

Not Government's Job to Deny Rumors

A very large intelligence service would be required to follow up inciting propaganda of the press, he pleaded, in answer to testimony of Harry Sacher and statements by Merriman as regards Arab incitement in the press. Moreover, he averred, it was not the business of the government to issue disclaimers on behalf of the Zionists about the Moslem holy places. "How does the government know," he queried, "what the Zionists think?" He overlooked Merriman's argument which deposed that Col. Amery had made a statement in Parliament which the Palestine government should have broadcast.

Without explaining the disarming of the Jewish constables, Preedy briefly referred to Luke's denial that action taken was weak. To disprove Merriman's statement that British officials are out of sympathy with the idea of a Jewish National Home, Preedy merely used Luke's denial, adding, "British officials are not really charged with carrying out to completion something the Zionists think they ought to have."

Devoting but five minutes to discussion of Arab land and immigration grievances, and remarking that the Commission had all the evidence as to these, Preedy declined to comment on recommendations made by both sides, saying the Palestine government's duty was to administer, not to formulate a policy.

139 Witnesses Heard

The Commission hearings ended abruptly, after one hundred and fifteen witnesses had been heard publicly and twenty-four in private. The chairman expressed the hope that methods would be devised for the purpose of securing future good government of the country and peace in the different colonies. In view of Premier MacDonald's announcement that he is considering another commission which will have power to survey the Palestine problem from all angles, Shaw's statement that the future policy of the country would be based on the departing Commission's findings seems somewhat over-optimistic.