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HIGH COURT SETS ASIDE SENTENCE OF FIRST JEW EVER TO BE CONDEMNED TO DEATH IN PALESTINE; JEWS REJOICE AT NEWS URPHALI TO GET RETRIAL

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 25—Joseph Mizrahi Urphali, the first Jew ever sentenced to death in Palestine, had his sentence set aside today by the Court of Appeals and the case is to be remitted for fresh evidence. The decision was rendered by the senior British judge A. O. C. K. Corries, acting as president of the Court of Appeals and Judges F. H. Baker and R. Copland of the Jerusalem District Court.

The rendering of the decision which took ten minutes pierced the uncanny stillness of the breathless court as Judge Corries delivered in measured tones his verdict which made a difference between life and death for Joseph Urphali, a prosperous Jaffa Jew.

Robbed in the scarlet blouse and trousers and black cap reserved for a man condemned to the gallows and standing in a cage elongated to accommodate the twelve Arabs from Kolonia who were acquitted for the murder of the members of the Macleff family and their guests in Motza, Urphali instantaneously changed from a bent old man, weighted down by his manacles, to a free, upstanding middle-aged man, impervious to his handcuffs which slipped off as his aged mother embraced and kissed him before he was returned to prison.

In everybody's opinion, the retrial means an acquittal. If Urphali's counsel, Elish, hadn't asked for a retrial as an alternative to a complete vindication, Urphali would have left the court today an entirely free man, instead of merely with hopes of being bailed Sunday.

Urphali's young wife sharing in the deathly suspense shared the joy too as she stood up during the judges' pronouncement.

The Court clearly discredited the four Arab witnesses, saying that it was impossible to reconcile their evidence with the medical evidence, and holding that the lower court had been unjusti-

Halsmann Case Has Cost His Family and Friends Nearly 100,000 Shillings

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Jan. 25—The trial and appeal in the Halsmann case have cost Halsmann's family 100,000 shillings. The cost has fallen heavily upon the young man's family, friends and Jewish committees in connection with both the Innsbruck trials and the hearing before the Supreme Court. The documents in the case now weigh 12,000 kilograms.

fied in accepting the Arab's story. At first the judgment ruled out Urphali's counsel's contention. Then it declared that the prosecution had not made out a satisfactory case in alleging that two Arabs had been killed on the day of the riots when the Arabs attempted to invade Tel Aviv from a point just outside Urphali's house. At this point the hopes of Urphali's relatives and friends rose and fell as they crammed the court room, until the concluding sentences made it clear that the verdict would be a retrial.

Two thousand people, mostly Jews, filled the former office of the Russian diplomatic representative in Palestine, where the law courts are maintained, and were loud in their anxious murmurs which interfered with the pronouncement of the judgment to such an extent that the police were ordered to disperse the crowd which later overflowed all the lanes and streets in the neighborhood.

Urphali's retrial makes the second half of the Sabbath a joyous one for the entire Jewish community for whom a confirmation of the death sentence, following the acquittal of 12 Arabs in the Macleff case, rightly or wrongly, would have been interpreted as symbolic of the Palestine administration's post-riot justice.

Vogelstein Says Union of Hebrew Congregations Trying to Raise Generation of Idealistic Jews Who Will Be Credit to Judaism

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 25—"We are endeavoring to raise up a generation of God-fearing, law-abiding, idealistic men and women who will be a credit to Judaism and faithful servants to mankind."

Ludwig Vogelstein, of New York, chairman of the executive board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, thus defined the guiding purpose of that organization in his address at the semi-annual meeting of the board here Saturday evening, at the Hotel Sinton.

"The Union," said Mr. Vogelstein, "is the national organization of 282 Reform Jewish congregations in the United States and Canada, and the consideration of its welfare is equivalent to considering the progress of the American Jew and his loyalty to the faith of his fathers.

"It is appropriate to record that our activities have extended in many directions. Our regional rabbis are actively engaged in their field. We are plan-

Bessarabian Commandant Says Minorities Should Make No Demands or Quit Country

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Jan. 25—Minorities, especially minorities in Bessarabia, cannot make any demands on the government because Roumania is a national state and those who are satisfied may remain there; others should emigrate to Russia and Palestine, declared the chief commandant of Bessarabia, General Dragu, in a lecture at Kishinev today on the subject of the Roumanian State.

In discussing General Dragu's remarks, the Bucharest paper "Deverul" points out his incomprehensible attitude and calls upon the government to make a strong investigation to avoid a repetition of such incidents where the chief commandant discusses politics, especially politics contrary to the government's minorities policy.

J. N. F. Receipts for First Quarter of 5690 Increase

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 25—The receipts of the Jewish National Fund for the first quarter of the year 5690 were \$240,955 as compared with \$156,185 during the same period in 5689, an increase of 54 percent. The principal participants in these receipts are the United States, \$37,000; Poland, \$23,000; Germany, \$24,000; Great Britain, \$13,000, and Palestine \$8,000. A definite increase was recorded in the receipts from all of these countries over the year 5689.

ning a district council meeting for Atlanta, Ga., in the month of March. We are planning a Metropolitan district rally in New York on the anniversary of Isaac M. Wise's birthday and plan to combine with it the dedication of Isaac M. Wise Memorial Hall in Temple Emanu-El.

"A convention of the World Union for Progressive Judaism is scheduled to take place in London on July 28th of this year; we are entitled to thirty-five delegates there.

"We have indirectly assisted in the publication of the two volumes of the late Professor David Neumark's book on Jewish philosophy, and we have agreed to assist in the jubilee edition, of Moses Mendelssohn's works."

Mr. Vogelstein paid tribute to Adolph S. Ochs, who, as chairman of the Hebrew Union College Endowment Fund, successfully raised over \$100,000 for the College, which is affiliated with the Union, and announced that

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Denies Hague Reparations Agreement Is Jewish Product

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Berlin, Jan. 25.—Countering the statement of the anti-Semitic papers that the Hague reparations agreement is a product of Jewish spirit and international capital, the Central Society of German Citizens of Jewish Faith points out that the Hague agreement calls for a three hundred million dollar loan from the firm of J. P. Morgan and Co., which, it says, has for years had a reputation of being anti-Semitic and employs no Jews. The Society also explains that even today, none of the directors of J. P. Morgan & Co. are Jews.

Anti-Semitic Paper Would Kill 15,000 War Babies

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Jan. 25.—The 15,000 children born of German mothers, whose fathers were members of the Allied army of occupation, should be killed in order to maintain the purity of the race, since in many cases the fathers were negroes and orientals, declares the "Ostdeutscher Beobachter," the Koenigsberg organ of the Hitlerites. The paper also asks that the mothers be treated to prevent their bearing any more children. Commenting on this demand, the Central Society of German Citizens of Jewish Faith calls it "an immense race and ritual murder."

Moslem Youth Association of Jaffa Ordered Liquidated

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 25.—The Young Men's Moslem Association of Jaffa has been ordered dissolved by District Commissioner Campbell, acting under instructions from High Commissioner Chancellor. No reason was given for ordering the Association to disband.

Plans to Relieve Plight of East-European Jews Made at Tool Campaign Convention

Over two thousand people filled Mecca Temple at the opening of the first national convention of the People's Tool Campaign Friday night. About 800 delegates from all over the country participated at the opening of the convention which was presided over by B. C. Vladeck, national chairman of the People's Tool Campaign, which aims to furnish tools and raw materials to declassed Jews of Russia through the Ort.

A number of prominent speakers described the horrible situation of the declassed Jews in Eastern Europe and especially in Russia. James Marshall, son of the late Louis Marshall, described his personal experiences during his visit to Russia last summer.

A vivid picture about the plight of the Jews in Eastern Europe was painted by Joseph Hyman, general secretary of the Joint Distribution Committee, who, as a representative of the Joint, spent several months in Eastern Europe investigating the situation of the Jews there.

"I wish every American Jew would go just for a short time to Eastern Europe and see how our brethren struggle," Mr. Hyman said, "as a result of the revolution in Russia, and the after-effects in the rest of Eastern Europe, hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions of Jews became declassed. That means they cannot make a living by the trade or profession they have occupied before. The most important help we American Jews can give is tools and machinery and raw materials for the Russian Jews in order that they may become productive and full-fledged citizens of the country; and credits to the small Jewish merchants in Poland and other Eastern European countries. I wish, therefore, that the delegates of this convention should aid the success of the People's Tool Campaign and so render a great help to our brethren abroad."

Dr. Leo Bramson, president of the world Verband Ort, who is now visiting this country, greeted the convention in the name of the Ort. Other speakers were: Paul F. Warburg, Abe Cahane, editor of the "Jewish Daily Forward," Judge Jacob Panken, Alexander Cahane and others.

Herbert H. Lehman, Lieut. Governor, sent a message of greeting regretting his inability to be present at the opening of the convention.

That the situation of the Jews in Eastern Europe is getting worse every year, that the number of Jewish "declassed" in Poland, as well as in Russia, is increasing and that it is impossible to establish more Jews as farmers in Russia than have already been established there, were some of the striking statements made by Dr. Leon Bramson, president of the World Ort organization, in addressing the opening business session of the first annual convention of the People's Tool

Walcott Offers Resolution Against Calendar Reform

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 25.—Vigorous opposition on the part of Hartford Jewry to the proposed calendar reform movement which would create a 13-month year of 28 days each was revealed with the introduction of a resolution in the United States Senate by Senator Frederick C. Walcott as a climax of a campaign that has engaged the attention of many prominent Hartford Jews.

The petition was presented jointly by the local council and board of trustees of the Temple Beth Israel of Stamford, Conn., and opposes "any modification of the existing calendar that would include a blank day or otherwise disturb the continuity of the Sabbath."

Tacoma Jews Finance Translation of Hebrew Work

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Seattle, Jan. 25.—Dr. Itzhaj Spector, head of the department of Hebrew Education of Tacoma, will have his scholarly work, "The Ethics of the Shulhan 'Aruk," translated into English with the aid of the Jewish community of Tacoma. Dr. Spector's work was written as his dissertation for a Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago in 1928.

Campaign in Beethoven Hall on Saturday

Dr. Bramson declared that the situation of the Jews in White Russia, where two-thirds of them are without any occupation whatsoever, was worst of all. However, even in Poland, he said, more than two-fifths of the Jewish population is dependent on charity. Dr. Bramson said that the work of the People's Tool Campaign in raising money in this country with which to provide the declassed Jews of Eastern Europe with tools and machinery so that they can earn a living, is as important as any work that is being done today on behalf of impoverished Jewry in those countries.

Between seven and eight hundred delegates, a large proportion of them representing Arbeiter Ring branches, participated in the convention. B. Vladeck, national chairman of the People's Tool Campaign, in his report of the year's activities, stated that about \$100,000 was raised during 1929, which was only half of the quota assigned for the past year. He appealed to the delegates to intensify their activities during the coming year, so that a full \$200,000 may be raised during 1930. J. Baskin, national treasurer, also reported.

J. Bernstein, of Detroit, was elected chairman of the morning session on Saturday. At the afternoon session several resolutions were adopted with a view to strengthening the People's Tool Campaign in the future, and reports on the work of the campaign in various cities throughout the United States and Canada were rendered.

Success of Federation's 1930 Campaign Was Due to Loyalty of Jews of New York City, Speakers at Annual Meeting Show

Loyalty year after year on the part of the Jews of New York to philanthropic causes, regardless of outside factors, was cited by speakers at the thirteenth annual meeting of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies yesterday afternoon at the Community House of Congregation Emanu-El, as the prime factor in the success of last year's campaign for funds by the local Jewish community chest in behalf of its ninety-one constituent agencies.

Visioning the amalgamation within the next twelve months of the organized Jewish charities of greater New York as constituted in the New York and Brooklyn Federations and expressing confidence that the greatest Jewish community in the world will subscribe the vast funds necessary for the enlarged enterprise, Dudley D. Sicher, as president of the New York Federation, rendered his report before the annual meeting of the New York organization, which now serves Manhattan and the Bronx.

Other speakers at the meeting included Lieutenant-Governor Herbert H. Lehman, a director of the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society, one of the constituent agencies of the Federation; and Sam A. Lewisohn, chairman of the Business Men's Council of the Federation.

Citing the growth of the organization from 12,000 supporters when it was founded in 1917 to 32,000 during the year just ended, Mr. Sicher pointed out that the 1929 budget prepared by the Distribution Committee agreed on a \$9,958,000 gross expenditure for its ninety-one affiliated societies, \$5,278,706 of which was to be supplied by the Federation, and that the voting of these sums created at the beginning of 1929 a cash deficit of \$2,047,000, a shortage which was wiped out by the recent successful completion of the organization's campaign.

Walter E. Beer, treasurer of the Federation, reported that the organization had receipts in 1929 of \$5,337,192 and expenditures in that year of \$5,336,701.

In spite of the difficulties encountered by the Federation during its 1929 campaign, the organization's income for the year was actually larger than that of any other year in its history, according to Sam A. Lewisohn, who as chairman of the Business Men's Council, reported on the fund-raising activities of the local Jewish charities during 1929. At the same time 7,200 new members were secured and more than 5,000 people contributed in amounts less than ten dollars, which constitutes the membership change of the Federation, Mr. Lewisohn stated.

Pointing out that the Jewish Communal Survey of Greater New York was completed after three years work in the fall of 1929, the report stated a special committee under the chairmanship of Judge Joseph M. Proskauer has been giving consideration to such problems arising from the shift of the Jewish population from one section of

the city to another, or indicating the consolidation and amalgamation of societies in similar fields of work and the possible elimination of duplication of effort.

In line with this tendency, Mr. Sicher cited the recent merger of the Beth Israel hospital, completed early in 1929, and the old Jewish Maternity Hospital and stated that plans are under way to proceed with the erection on East Seventeenth Street, adjoining the present site of the new Beth Israel Hospital of a new modern maternity hospital building.

In addition to the opening of the new Beth Israel Hospital, the Montefiore Hospital for Chronic Diseases likewise completed its \$2,000,000 model country sanatorium for incipient tuberculosis at Bedford Hills, Westchester. The Hebrew Orphan Asylum, whose main buildings are at Amsterdam Avenue and 138th Street, also is building on its property known as Edgewood in the Bronx, where it is already conducting experiments in the more intensive training of mentally subnormal girls. In the spring of the present year the new building of the Young Men's Hebrew Association at Lexington Avenue and 92nd Street, which Judge Proskauer is president, will be opened. During 1930 Mount Sinai Hospital will also erect an additional

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Warburg To Be Principal Speaker, Hadassah Luncheon

Felix M. Warburg, chairman of the administrative committee of the Council of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, will be the principal speaker, and Mrs. Warburg will head the group of patronesses of the \$50,000 luncheon which the New York chapter of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization, will hold at the Hotel Roosevelt on February 18. Besides her own contribution of \$500, which every patroness will give, Mrs. Warburg has offered an additional \$50 for every patroness secured.

The luncheon will mark the completion of the fund-raising campaign of the New York chapter for the Hadassah Medical Organization in Palestine.

Hitlerite Member of Reichstag Jailed for Insult to Jews and Premier of Prussia

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Jan. 25.—The Court of Appeal here has sentenced to six months in prison the National Socialist member of parliament, Herr Strasser, who insulted the Prussian Prime Minister Brauns, the vice-president of the Berlin police, Herr Weiss, and the Jewish lawyer Lowenthal. Strasser had accused Lowenthal of defending a Jew charged with criminal assault. The trial of the accused man developed that he was a Christian and one of the leaders of the anti-Semitic Voelkischer Stahlhelm.

Library of Hebrew University Now Has 213,000 Volumes; 22,000 Received During 1929

"Notes and News," the annual publication issued by the Hebrew University Library, Jerusalem, possessing the most extensive collections in the Near East, has just been received by the American Advisory Committee, of which Felix M. Warburg is chairman. The number of volumes now included in the collection, which has the only medical library of note in the entire region, is over 213,000, of which 22,000 volumes were received during 1929.

Physicians all over Palestine make use of the medical books and current medical periodicals of the University Library. So important is this function of the Library that when the collections were moved from Jerusalem to the new building on Mt. Scopus, opened in April, 1929, a Branch Library for Physicians was maintained in the Medical Department of the Nathan Straus Health Center in Jerusalem. A second branch, also for physicians, was later opened in Tel-Aviv, with the cooperation of the local physicians' organization. This department was recently presented with a gift of 400 volumes, contributed through the Avukah organization of New England.

The largest and most important gift to the Library during the past year was a collection of 10,000 volumes presented by Emanuel Hertz of New York City, who also contributed steel shelves for the stack rooms of the new Library Building. Over 7,000 Spanish books were included in the volumes donated by Mr. Hertz, together with 200 volumes on numismatics, a collection of books on book-keeping and stenography, and a large musical collection, in addition to nearly 3,000 volumes representing modern German, Italian and English literature.

Foreign Societies of Friends of the Hebrew University have been formed in Germany, Denmark, England, Russia, Poland, Austria and Jugo-Slavia, and have also sent large collections to the Library during the past year. The committee in Kishineff, Russia, has devoted itself to the task of collecting documents on the history of Russian Jewry and of the Zionist movement in Russia. Owing to the political situation, these documents, of importance to the future historian, must be gathered chiefly in the districts which have been cut off from Russia. During 1929 the committee prepared an exhibit of the first books and archives gathered from these sources for the University Library.

In addition to the Schwadron Collection of letters, autographs and photographs of Jewish celebrities, which is the largest in the world, the Library is forming a collection of Palestinian posters, which now numbers over 2,000. Among the posters are government and municipal proclamations, announcements of educational and charitable institutions and of political parties, notices of entertainments, etc., issued during the Hebrew language controversy in 1914.

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plans for the erection of the new library at the College will soon be completed.

Stressing the importance of additional funds for the removal of the deficit and for the widening of the scope of the Union activities, Mr. Vogelstein said:

"If we are to fulfill our duty, we must apply our organization more forcefully than heretofore in the field of religious education in the larger sense of this term. This requires four different types of activities: training of rabbis, training of teachers, bringing the spiritual message to isolated districts, and creating literature and text books. All these activities are on our program, but the woeful lack of funds has hampered us in every direction."

Mr. Vogelstein, in the course of his address, commended David A. Brown for his work as chairman of the board of finance, and Hon. Alfred M. Cohen, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College.

He paid tribute to the memory of Louis Marshall and of Joseph Schonthal, Columbus, Ohio, whose memories, he said, will be a blessing to the Jews of America.

Referring to the outbreaks between Jews and Arabs in Palestine last August, he said:

"We sympathize with our brethren who have suffered so severely. This event again shows us clearly and beyond dispute that we who have been privileged to live in this country which guarantees us the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness must prove ourselves worthy of our favored position and should be in the vanguard of spiritual development and religious progress.

"Our brethren abroad are at a disadvantage in having to concentrate their thoughts upon the defense of their civil rights. Our situation is secure and we can say with the prophets: 'Not by might nor by power but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.'

"It is our duty therefore to concentrate more than ever before on the spiritual development of our brethren in this country and thus to make our contribution, as Jews, to the development of civilization of America. Our history and our tradition have prepared us for this task. For over 2,000 years we have been a literary people, have devoted ourselves to the study of the Scripture.

"Isaac Mayer Wise recognized that in the new surroundings different forms and methods are required but he was thoroughly imbued with the spirit of our Prophets and our Sages. He did not plan to abandon the essentials of our religion when he discarded certain antiquated customs.

"Our hope lies with the next generation. We must prepare for expansion. We must create facilities to receive into our organization such congrega-

tions which are drifting away from Orthodoxy and Conservatism.

"We do not wish to make any unseemly propaganda in this direction but we must hold out a hand of welcome to our brethren. We believe in the unity of Israel but not in monotonous conformity. As true liberals, we must permit each person to achieve his salvation in his own way.

"However, we know and need not be afraid to emphasize the fact that our strength lies in a spiritual conception of our faith and we believe that we can serve the modern man, especially the modern American generation, by emphasizing the eternal truths which have come down to us through the Bible, the Prophets and the Sages of Israel."

Cincinnati, O.—Recommendation of the continuance of the work of the Committee on Good Will Between Christians and Jews, of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, was made by Roger W. Straus, of New York, chairman of the committee, in his report to the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board of the Union here, Saturday evening.

This committee, according to Mr. Straus, has cooperated with the Good Will Committee of the Federal Council of Churches whose Information Service bulletin has listed the tracts on Jewish subjects published jointly by the Union and the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Mr. Straus also pointed out the series of luncheon seminars on "The Problems of Understanding Among Jews, Roman Catholics and Protestants" which was arranged under the joint auspices of his committee and the National Conference of Jews and Christians.

Abraham Pinanski Succeeds David Lourie in Superior Court of Massachusetts

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Boston, Jan. 25—Abraham E. Pinanski, of Brookline, has been appointed to the Superior Court bench by Governor Allen to fill the vacancy caused by the death last week of Judge David A. Lourie. The appointment was no surprise, as Judge Pinanski was highly recommended by Republic leaders both Jews and non-Jews.

The new judge, who is 42, is one of the outstanding trial lawyers in Massachusetts. During the World War he was a commissioned officer in the Ordnance Department and later a member of and legal advisor to the Claims Board of the U. S. A. He has been very active in Jewish communal affairs. He is secretary of the Federated Jewish Charities, and prominent in Zionist circles.

Success of Federation's 1930 Campaign Was Due to Loyalty of Jews of New York City

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new building upon the site formerly occupied by its old private pavilion.

Mentioning the participation of the Federation and of its affiliated societies in the administration of the Welfare Council, and of its constituent sections, Mr. Sicher stated that the Federation board has approved the Welfare Council's plan to initiate a study of central financing with reference to the applicability of such a plan to the support of social work in greater New York.

"Our relations with the various city departments as in the past have continued most friendly and cordial," the report stated.

"During the past year, together with our fellow citizens of the Protestant and Catholic groups, our Federation, represented by Sol M. Stroock, has shared in an appeal whereby the City of New York will in the future provide for the care of approved cases of children requiring further training after they have reached the maximum age limit of city support. A sum of \$100,000 has been included in the budget of the City of New York for this purpose for the year 1930."

During the last year two all-day employment conferences were held under the auspices of the Federation with a view to working out some definite program for handling employment problems as they affect Jewish workers.

Although the membership of the Federation has grown during the last year, Mr. Sicher stated that "in our judgment it is by no means proportionate to the number who should have been impelled to assist in the support of ninety-one agencies covering every field of social work. With the inspiration of the greater usefulness involved in the possibilities of a city-wide Federation, we are hopeful that the Jews of New York will enroll in far larger numbers than ever before."

Legacies amounting to \$76,773.12 from various estates were received during the year by the Federation. Additions totalling \$285,620 were made to the trust funds during 1929. The largest size fund was \$250,000 left by Aaron Haumburg. A total of \$67,301.90 came from the Josie Guttmann Fund. Special mention was made of the Colonel H. A. Guinzburg Memorial Fund of \$100,000 in honor of the deceased treasurer of the Federation, created during the year by Colonel Guinzburg's widow, Mrs. Leonie K. Guinzburg, and his two children.

The following eight trustees-at-large, whose terms expired yesterday, were re-elected for terms of three years: David A. Ansbacher, Mrs. Sidney C. Borg, Judge William N. Cohen, Dr. H. G. Friedman, Percy S. Straus, Manny Strauss, Sol M. Stroock and Ludwig Vogelstein. Dudley D. Sicher was elected to fill the place of Max D. Steiner, who resigned during the year. Mr. Sicher's term to be for one year.

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