

SETTLEMENT OF LONG-STANDING QUESTION TO GIVE JEWS OF MONTREAL OWN SCHOOL SYSTEM UNDER JEWISH COMMISSION OF FIVE MEMBERS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Montreal, Mar. 22—Montreal Jews will have their own schools by September, which will be operated by a Jewish school commission of five members to be appointed by the government. The Jewish "entente" with the Protestants, according to which Montreal Jewish children have these many years been going to the latter's schools, has been abandoned.

The Jewish school commissions will have full rights on Montreal Island. They will be under the provincial education regulations and also under the surveillance of the superintendent of education, just like the Catholic and Protestant commissions. As a result of this arrangement, there will be no need for Jewish representation on the Council of Education.

At this moment, Jewish leaders declared today, the outstanding problem is the settlement of the problem of financing the schools and the settlement of Protestant and Jewish accounts in that connection.

The above announcements were made today following a conference between Premier Taschereau, Provincial Secretary David and Cardinals Rouleau and Gauthier, Bishops Courchesne and Comtois. It was declared that the original Bercoitch bill about a separate Jewish school panel has been superseded by a bill containing the above-mentioned points.

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Montreal, Mar. 22—Replying to the attacks on the proposed Jewish School Law of the Province of Quebec, which will come up before the Legislature as a Governmental measure, Premier Taschereau of Quebec issued a letter to His Eminence Cardinal Rouleau of Quebec City, in which he defends the proposed school measure. He emphatically declared that the projected law applies solely to the Island of Montreal, and not to the whole province, as both Cardinal Rouleau and Archbishop Gauthier of Montreal had stated.

"You further state," the Premier continues in his letter, "to ensure the education of Jews, is it necessary to falsify our educational system?" But I ask how we will falsify it by giving the Jews, who are nearly as numerous as Protestants in Montreal, their own schools. This system, moreover, will not interfere in any manner with Catholic schools, which will be in no way affected.

"And I ask what effect our refusal to grant separate schools to Jews in view of the opposition of the Episcopate, would have on other provinces, where our compatriots are fighting for

separate schools. We refuse to receive Jewish children in Protestant schools, except under certain conditions which fathers of families believe unacceptable. Are we to leave these 12,000 children (there are 12,000 Jewish children in the city of Montreal alone) in the streets, without education and without schools, on September 1 next, when the Protestants have solemnly informed us that they will not receive them? I have no hesitation in informing you that if we do not find a satisfactory solution to this problem, we will give birth in this Province to an excessively dangerous agitation, the consequences of which it is difficult at this moment to appreciate.

"There is talk of postponing our projected law until later. But we have already been faced with this problem for the last five years, the question having gone as far as the Privy Council, and I do not believe that it is in our Province's interest to let the Privy Council settle this problem. It would be much better for us to settle it ourselves."

The Jewish school question in Montreal, which has now at last been definitely settled by the granting of separate schools to the Jews of the Canadian metropolis, has been agitating the Jewish community there for the past few years. According to an arrangement with the Protestants made a generation ago, the Jews of Montreal have been sending their children to the Protestant schools there, since in Montreal and in the entire Province of Quebec there is no unified secular public school system such as exists in the

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Rabbinical Courts in Egypt to Get Standing of State Courts

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Cairo, Mar. 22—All foreign consuls in Egypt will be instructed to treat the decisions of the rabbinical courts in Egypt just as they treat the decisions of the state courts. A promise to this effect was given by the Egyptian foreign minister during an audience with Chief Rabbi Haim Nachum Effendi.

Cults' Jewish Dept. Sans Jews

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Mar. 22—The Jewish section of the Polish Ministry of Cults is now without a single Jewish member as the result of the transfer of Mrs Chodorov to another department. Some weeks ago, M. Adalberg, the head of the Jewish section, resigned, and was replaced by a non-Jew.

Jewish Communist Press Outlines Details of Active Anti-Passover Campaign

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Mar. 22—The entire Jewish Communist press of Russia has officially opened its anti-Passover campaign by outlining how the drive should be conducted. The Kharkov "Shtetn" urges that every Jew, whether worker, artisan, employee or colonist, should stay on his job during Passover, that no Jew should attend synagogue, that not a sign of matzoths or other Passover food be seen in a Jewish house, that all Jews submit their praying shawls, phylacteries, candlesticks and religious books for junk to be sold for the industrialization fund, that all Jews resign from the official Jewish communities and that they join instead the League of the Godless.

A similar program is outlined in the Minsk "Oktiabre," while the Moscow "Emes," now restricted as a semi-official government organ, publishes only the slogans to be used in the anti-Passover campaign but refrains from commenting. These slogans include: "Against the united anti-Soviet march of the Cross and the Star of David we reply with strengthening the protection of the Soviet"; "Against Passover and for the Five-Year Plan"; "Each working Jew should officially resign from the Jewish community"; "Each working Jew should voluntarily submit his religious articles for industrialization."

While the Jewish Communists are preparing the anti-Passover campaign, religious Jews throughout the country are collecting tithes to provide the poor with matzoths.

U. S. Delegation to Agency Meeting, Arrives in London

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Mar. 22—The American delegation to the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency, which is scheduled to open here tomorrow, has arrived. Those in the delegation are Felix M. Warburg, chairman of the Administrative Committee, Louis Lipsky, James Becker, Dr. Cyrus Adler, Alexander Kahn and Joseph Hyman.

Youthful Party Members Break Up Jewish Students' Meeting

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Lemberg, Mar. 22—Youthful members of the National Democratic party today broke up a meeting of Jewish students that had been called in the University Hall with the permission of the Rector. Order was restored by the arrival of police, but the meeting was not resumed.

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Jewish Workers Welcome Dissolution of Yevsektsia

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Moscow, Mar. 22—The Jewish workers in a number of the Russian towns are greatly satisfied with the decision of the Communist party to liquidate the Yevsektsia, or Jewish section of the party, according to reports appearing in "Shtern," Yiddish newspaper of Kharkov. In a lengthy article, the "Shtern" explains that the liquidation of the Yevsektsia should not be interpreted as meaning an end to the Communist work among the Jewish workers, for such an interpretation would be wrong and harmful.

The paper says: "Although the Yevsektsia has been abolished, the Communist Jewish workers should not let themselves be misled by those who explain that the liquidation means the right to ignore all work among the Jews." At the same time the "Shtern" publishes reports that thousands of workers in the various towns are declining to accept either the leadership or influence of the Yevsektsia.

Jewish Painter Wins First Prize in Boston Art Week

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Boston, Mar. 22—Jacob Binder, prominent Boston artist, was declared the winner of the cooperative art show held March 2 to 15 at the Jordan Marsh Co.'s store in connection with Boston Art Week. Mr. Binder won the \$250 prize for his painting "The Scribe." It is of interest that Mr. Binder consented to exhibit his work only with reluctance and after the urgent request of James Fairclough, merchandise manager of Jordans, who was chairman of the Boston Chamber of Commerce Art Week.

The prize-winning picture was painted in 1925. It depicts a rabbi writing on a parchment scroll passages from the Old Testament. In 1928 Mr. Binder's work hung in the Pennsylvania Academy and at other times was on display in the St. Louis City Museum and the Copley Galleries.

New York City Preparing for \$6,000,000 Allied Jewish Campaign; Drives in Many Other Communities of Country Now Under Way

Leaders of the most important elements in the Jewish communal life of New York City are actively engaged in preparations for an early drive in behalf of the \$6,000,000 Allied Jewish Campaign, according to an announcement from national headquarters. The names of the chairman of the New York campaign committee and his associates will shortly be made public, together with the quota which the Jews of the metropolis will be called upon to contribute. Local headquarters for the New York campaign have already been established and the preliminary work for the drive is under way.

The ground work for the New York drive was laid prior to the Washington National Conference of the Allied Jewish Campaign, at a meeting on March 2, at the home of Felix M. Warburg.

Mr. Warburg laid stress on the fact that the \$6,000,000 sought through the Allied Jewish Campaign to meet the needs of the Jews of Eastern Europe and of Palestine is less than the amounts asked for in previous years for both purposes. There have been years, Mr. Warburg pointed out, when the Jews of the United States have been asked for \$7,000,000 for the Joint Distribution Committee and \$3,000,000 by the United Palestine Appeal.

Mr. Baerwald, who, in addition to being one of the chairmen of the Allied Jewish Campaign, is treasurer of the Joint Distribution Committee, pointed out that this organization had made no appeal for funds at all in 1929—that, as a matter of fact, it had not appealed for funds in New York City since March, 1926, when there was raised in the metropolis an amount equal to the national quota of the present allied effort. During the intervening years, most of the contributors had paid the pledges they made in that famous drive.

Mr. Bressler, who was actively in charge of the New York campaign of March, 1926, compared conditions existing in the metropolis then with the present-day situation.

"During every campaign, every community wants to know what New York, the largest Jewish community in the world, is going to do. Up to the present time, New York has always given a good account of itself, and I am sure it will do so now. Our first attempts to organize the 1926 drive were met with pessimism. Nobody believed we could succeed. The campaign here started under conditions similar to those confront us now. There was a market crash that year, as there was last Fall. Yet, in spite of the pessimism in spite of doubts, the New York campaign was a brilliant success."

Similar confidence in the outcome of a drive in New York City was expressed by Lieut.-Gov. Lehman, who had come from Albany to attend the meeting.

Dr. Lee K. Frankel also expressed confidence in the outcome. "Six million dollars is nothing for the Jews to raise in good time or bad times," he

declared, as he pledged his cooperation. Morris Rothenberg assured the gathering that the chairmen of the Allied Jewish Campaign were under no illusions concerning the psychological factors of the campaign.

The meeting concluded with the following committee to organize the New York drive, select its officers and decide what share of the \$6,000,000 the five boroughs should be asked to give: Paul Baerwald, Dr. Solomon, Hon. Otto A. Rosalsky, Dr. Solomon, Lowenstein, Samuel Sachs, Howard S. Cullman, B. C. Viadeck, Jonah J. Goldstein, Mrs. Sol Rosenbloom, Eli Winkler, Judge Mitchell, May Hugh Grant Straus, Harry Fischel, D. S. Guttman, Philip Wattenberg and Carl H. Pfirzheimer.

Reports from the field show intensified preliminary activity in many communities since the issuance of Mr. Bressler's letter calling upon the delegates to the conference to take the initiative in their own communities to launch drives at the earliest possible moment.

A meeting of leaders of the New Haven community to organize a drive was held on the 25th. The leaders of the Washington, D. C., community are at work on the preliminary stages of a drive in the national capital. The leaders of the communities of Springfield, Holyoke, Pittsfield, Northampton, Greenfield and other Western Massachusetts towns conferred with regard to a drive for their region this week. Omaha is getting under way, and that part of New Jersey which lies within the metropolitan area is lining up for an early drive.

Leaders of the Atlanta, Ga., community held a conference this week under the chairmanship of Harold Hirsch, to discuss an early drive.

21,031 PUPILS IN ZIONIST SCHOOLS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Mar. 22—There are now 21,031 pupils in the schools maintained in Palestine by the Zionist Organization, according to a report submitted by the Zionist Education Council to the Actions Committee. The annual budget for the schools is \$637,250 which includes a government subsidy of \$96,500, a subsidy from the Palestine Colonization Association of \$37,975 and one of \$60,000 from the Tel Aviv municipality.

ARAB DELEGATION LEAVES FOR LONDON

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Mar. 22—The Arab delegation left for London this morning. About one hundred enthusiasts followed the delegation to Ludd, and some even went as far as Gaza. No member of the delegation replied to the farewell speeches that were given at Ludd. The delegation of six is going to England to lay the Arab case before the British public.

Settlement of Long-Standing Question Gives Montreal Jews Their Own School System

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United States and in the other provinces of Canada, but two separate denominational school systems, one French Catholic and the other English Protestant.

When Montreal Jews, who as taxpayers paying their school taxes into the Protestant Panel, began to demand representation on the Protestant School Board, the Protestants refused their demand. The Jews appealed to the highest courts both of the Province and of the Dominion, but lost their case. Finally, when the Jews of Montreal brought their case before the Privy Council in London, which is a sort of "Supreme Court" of the British Empire, the Privy Council too declared that the Protestants are not obligated to give the Jews representation on their school board. The Privy Council, however, did establish the right of Montreal Jews to have their own separate school system.

In the meantime, however, sharp differences of opinion developed among Montreal Jews themselves on the feasibility of setting up separate Jewish schools. Several leaders of Montreal Jewry, led by Peter Bercovitch, a member of the Provincial Legislature, thought that such schools would eventually prove harmful to Jewish interests. Others, on the contrary, led by the Montreal Yiddish daily, "Eagle," and the English weekly, "Canadian Jewish Chronicle," saw in the establishment of a separate Jewish school system an opportunity to instill a stronger Jewish spirit in the Jewish youth of Montreal.

Further negotiations about Jewish representation on the Protestant School Board ensued, even after the decision of the London Privy Council. A few months ago, the Protestant School Commissioners again rejected the Jewish demand for representation. As a result of this, Mr. Bercovitch, though declaring that he still hopes for a Jewish understanding with the Protestants which would preclude the necessity of separate Jewish schools, introduced a bill in the Quebec Legislature for the setting-up of a separate Jewish school panel, which might either establish its own schools or come to an understanding with the Protestants.

The present bill, as amended by the government, does away with any further negotiations between Montreal Jews and Protestants, providing as it does for the establishment of separate Jewish schools by next September.

Reception to Rabbi Silver by Brown University Faculty

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Providence, Mar. 22—Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland, was tendered a reception by the Brown University faculty at the Brown Union, after addressing the Brown University Convocation this week.

Hebrew Orphan Asylum Spent \$683,396 in 1929, 108th Annual Report Shows

The Hebrew Orphan Asylum, the oldest Jewish child-caring institution in America, marked its 108th anniversary yesterday at the annual meeting held at the institution. Samuel Strasbourger, president of the Asylum, which is one of the ninety-one affiliated agencies of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, presented the yearly report. Dudley D. Sicher, president, and Solomon Lowenstein, executive director of the Federation, also addressed the gathering.

During 1929 the institution cared for 874 children, and the boarding-out department of the orphanage provided homes for 559 children, the report showed. Pointing out that not only must the children in the care of the asylum be prepared for their return to the community, but the families of the children must often be prepared as well to receive them, Mr. Strasbourger stated that the work of the institution had been extended to facilitate the solution of these problems.

In addition to the customary educational facilities provided by the public, elementary and secondary schools of the institution, the department of child guidance was reorganized last year to place greater stress on vocational training.

The expenditures of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum for 1929 totaled \$683,396, of which \$222,484 was contributed by the Federation, leaving a deficit of expenditures over income of \$23,498, the report showed. Legacies totaling \$63,973 were announced for 1929 and donations amounting to \$7,204 were received by the organization in that year.

The officers of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum are: Samuel Strasbourger, president; William I. Spiegelberg, first vice-president; Abraham L. Newman, second vice-president; Julius Loeb, treasurer.

2 Jews Get County Appointments

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Detroit, Mar. 22—Milton M. Alexander and Harry L. Herschberg were reappointed members of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors by the City Council of Detroit. Mr. Alexander was named by Councilman William P. Bradley, and Mr. Herschberg by Councilman Philip A. Callahan.

32 Organizations Unite in Giving Passover Relief

Using as their headquarters the Bronx Y. M. H. A., 32 organizations have combined to clear their problems of Passover relief. This work, with the assistance of the Jewish Social Service Association, was inaugurated last year with 23 organizations, and proved very successful. The organizations affording relief register the names of families assisted and in this way prevent duplication and overlapping.

Ministers, Teachers, Parents Vary on Bible Reading in Memphis Public Schools

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Memphis, Mar. 22—Widely divergent views have been expressed by ministers, Parent-Teachers' Association officials and teachers of this city in regard to the proposal of the Protestant Pastors' Association that the Bible be taught in the Memphis Public Schools.

"Public schools are not the place for religious discussion," said Rabbi H. W. Ettelson. "One of the fine things about the school system is its unity, and to introduce religion would destroy this. It is not right to have an element of religious differences in schools which are paid for by the taxes of all the people. Bible teaching is the work of the sabbath schools and churches. It is a confession of weakness on their part to make the public schools do their work. It is best that church and state be kept separate."

Rev. Cox, pastor of Central Baptist Church, says: "I would oppose any plan for having the Bible taught as a religious book by tax-paid teachers, but I cannot see any objection if the course is elective and the teachers are paid by the churches."

Miss Elizabeth Horton, of Central High School, says: "There are too many denominations in the schools to have Bible teaching. It is better to leave that to the home and church." Mrs. A. P. Wilson, president of the Snowden Parent-Teachers' Association, also opposes the idea. Mrs. David W. Marks, president of the Bruce Parent-Teachers' Association, says: "If it is going to be taught in the schools, it should be without emphasis on any doctrine."

"Schools are the only place where the Bible can be successfully taught," thinks Rev. W. L. Gilmore, pastor of Court Avenue Presbyterian Church. He says: "The fundamental principles of civilization are in the Bible, and a generation that is lacking in knowledge of the Bible is lacking in moral principles."

City Officials and Realty Leaders Honor G. R. Davis

City officials united with leaders in real estate, financial and philanthropic circles last night in paying tribute to G. Richard Davis at a testimonial dinner given in his honor at the Hotel Biltmore by the Real Estate Club of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies. More than five hundred guests were present at the dinner, at which Hon. Joseph V. McKee, president of the Board of Aldermen, Dr. Jonah B. Wise, Hon. Joseph M. Proskauer, Arthur Lehman and Frederick Brown were the principal speakers.

Mr. Davis, prominent realtor and philanthropist, recently resigned from the presidency of the Real Estate Club after eight years' leadership of the organization, founded by him in 1922.

