Writer in Bombay Papers Makes Plea for Moslem Understanding of Zionism

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bombay, Apr. 26—A plea to the Moslems to understand the aims of Zionism is contained in a letter signed by "Onlooker," printed in today's "Times of India" and the "Bombay Chronicle," the latter the English organ of the Revolutionary Party. In a two column letter, "Onlooker" analyses the speeches and resolutions of the recent All-Moslem Palestine Conference held here and shows that the position of the Jews in Palestine and of the Moslems in India is analogous because both are minorities.

"Onlooker" then goes on to point out that Great Britain rewarded the Moslem Arabs for their wartime assistance by establishing Arab sovereignty over the whole Arabian peninsula except Palestine. He says, "to help the Jews reestablish themselves helps humanity to solve one of its knottiest problems; to retard them, as some Moslems would, denies, on fictitious grounds, the Jews' rights to a country where their historic title has been proved and recognized, thus depriving them of a cherished opportunity that Moslems and all nationalities ask for themselves."

At the All-Moslem Palestine conference held here resolutions were adopted calling for the repeal of the Balfour Declaration, the termination of the Palestine Mandate and a free and independent government in Palestine comprised entirely of "original Palestine inhabitants."

Jewish Population Indignant as Jews Remain in Arab Quarters

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 26—General indignation among the Jewish population here is being expressed because with the approach of the Moharrem season (moving day) many Jewish institutions and prominent Jews still tenants of Arab landlords are not moving to quarters owned by Jews.

Jewish Fraternity Gets Highest 1929 National Scholastic Rating

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Baltimore, Md., Apr. 26—Phi Alpha, a national Jewish college fraternity comprised of 8 chapters, achieved the highest scholarship standing during 1928-29 in the Inter-fraternity Conference, which embraces 66 fraternities, according to notification received. Phi Alpha heads the list, followed by Alvin E. Duerr, Secretary of the Inter-fraternity Conference. The Conference embraces the leading non-Jewish as well as Jewish fraternities throughout the country.

Austrian Zionists Preparing for 70th Birthday of Herzl

(Vienna, Apr. 26—Big preparations for the commemoration on May 2nd of the 70th birthday of Dr. Theodore Herzl, founder of political Zionism and first president of the World Zionist Organization, are being made here now by the Austrian Zionists. Dr. Leo Motzkin, chairman of the Zionist Actions Committee, is coming here from Paris to address the meeting which will, on account of the Sabbath, take place Saturday evening May 3. On Sunday, May 4th, a great procession of Austrian Zionists will march to the cemetery where Dr. Herzl was buried.

Dr. Herzl was born in Budapest on May 2nd, 1860. He was educated in Vienna, where he afterwards engaged in journalism, joining the staff of the Vienna "Neue Freie Presse," on which he held the position of literary editor till his death on July 3rd, 1904. He also wrote many plays which were produced on the Vienna stage. It was in Vienna that Dr. Herzl started his Zionist activity, addressing his first public meeting on behalf of Zionism.

Says Race Prejudice Must Be Dropped in Conduct to Foreign Born

(Washington, Apr. 26—"Race prejudice must be dropped and our conduct toward the foreign born must be exemplary of a true democracy where civic and political equality must endure as to all worthy people," declared Commissioner General of Immigration, Harry E. Hull in a statement issued here today in which he said:

"Within recent years the importance has been realized of advising aliens of the rights and duties of American citizenship.

"The typical immigrant enters America with just a vague idea of its type of government. He needs instruction as to its functions. He needs to appreciate the significance of his oath of allegiance."

Einstein Honorary Member of Philosophical Society

(Philadelphia, Apr. 26—Professor Albert Einstein is among the 19 famous scientists who have been honored this week by the American Philosophical Society which is holding its annual convention here. He has been named an honorary member of the society.

Harris Bill With All Its Amendments Recommitted to Immigration Committee

(Washington, Apr. 26—The Harris bill, with all its amendments, was recommitted to the Senate Immigration Committee yesterday by a vote of 34 to 30. In the committee it will have to be reconsidered and acted upon again before the Senate can take it up.

The general impression is that the Senate has become so confused in the past few days of hectic amendments and cross amendments that it was compelled to recommit the bill in order to get out of the confusion.

There is a strong possibility that the recommittal will serve to kill the measure for this session although this is not yet quite certain.

No arrangement for a meeting of the Senate Immigration Committee has been made for consideration of the re-committed Harris bill and its various amendments containing the amendment reducing the annual quota immigration to 80,000, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency is informed. A meeting probably will be held next week.

Senator Harris stated today following the Senate's vote recommitting the bill to the Committee that he fully intends to continue pressing for action on the bill. Prior to the recommittal vote, Senator Harris offered an amendment which would have technically defeated Swanson's amendment restoring the original plan, but on an annual quota immigration of 82,000. The Senate, however, instead of acting on this amendment, voted to recommit the bill.

Cleveland Zionists Invite National Convention There

(Cleveland, Apr. 26—A resolution inviting a forthcoming National Zionist convention to Cleveland was unanimously adopted at a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Zionist District last night.

The resolution is signed by Isaac Carmel, Acting President of the Cleveland Zionist District; Harry Weinraub and Sigmund Goler, Vice-presidents; Max Kohlman, treasurer; and Samuel Katz, Secretary.

The last Zionist convention held in Cleveland was in June, 1921, when there was a split in the ranks and Justice Brandeis and a group of influential Zionists resigned from the Administration. It is expected that at the forthcoming convention this group will return to take part in a coalition administration, together with the leaders who have been in office for the past nine years under President Louis Lipsky.
All America Conference Meets to Create Cooperation Between National Minorities in U. S.

The first conference of the All America organization, a movement founded in Philadelphia in May, 1929, by B. Rivkin, a Yiddish newspaperman, will be held Thursday, May 8, at the Civic Club of New York. President John Dewey will be chairman. The All American movement as created by Mr. Rivkin, aims to create cultural cooperation between the various national minorities in the United States together with Americans.

Among those who have endorsed the movement are Waldo Frank, Lewis Mumford, Dean Everett Marten, Dr. Horace Kallen, James Rorty, Max Eastman, Mark Van Doren, David Pinski, Peter Wiernik, and Hillel Roffish. Richard Aldridge, the poet, was chairman of the meeting that met in Philadelphia last May.

The conference will discuss and work out a formula for cooperation between minority groups and Americans, last to mirror the aims of the movement and issue a statement to the public. Among those to whom the idea appeals most, according to Mr. Rivkin, are old stock Americans, who consider it a form of Americanization. Its purpose, Mr. Rivkin points out, is not self-defense for any group but rather a federation of all groups seeking the synthesis of American culture.

The idea of the All-American movement originated with Mr. Rivkin, who is styled a “dreamer of the ghetto” because he feels that religion is on the wane, Yiddish is in danger of disappearing and assimilation is gradually annihilating the spiritual life of the Jews. He sees it as an endeavor to prevent the deterioration of the cultural life of the Jews and other minority groups in America. Mr. Rivkin conceived the All-American movement.

Hadasah Receives $58,000 in Two Bequests

The receipt of $58,000 in two bequests to Hadasah, the Women’s Zionist Organization of America, was announced yesterday by Mrs. Edward Jacobs, head of the Palestine Committee of the organization.

According to Mrs. Jacobs, $34,000 comes from the estate of the late Amelia Ostroski, of San Francisco, Cal., as the first installment of her bequest of over $100,000, which is designated to be used for the poor and needy of Palestine. The interest on a bequest of $24,000 under the will of the late Simon Russek, of New York, who was a prominent wholesale operator will be used for public health education through the Straus Health Center of Hadasah in Jerusalem. In its medical and health work in Palestine Hadasah is constantly striving preventive care and it decided, accordingly, that the most fitting use for the Russek gift would be to further Hadasah’s campaign for the preservation of health.

Rabbis Fight Use of Word “Judea” in Political Club Name

Opposition to the use of the word “Judea” by a Brooklyn political club on the part of the Brooklyn Jewish Ministers Association has caused a rift between the association of Brooklyn rabbis and the Judea Democratic Club, of which Maurice E. Biederman is the leader.

At a meeting last week of the Ministers’ Association, of which Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal of the Brooklyn Jewish Center is president, and at which 20 rabbis were present, the use of the world “Judea” by the club was condemned on the ground that political clubs should not be organized along religious or racial lines.

In answer to this resolution of the rabbis, Mr. Biederman declared that “having succeeded in doing nothing to do with religion and does not propose to bring religion into politics. "We are just a religious group banded together to do our share to promote good government and community welfare, which is the perfect right to our name," said Mr. Biederman.
Ussishkin Urges American Jews to Perpetuate Balfour Name Through Palestine Memorial

American Jews were urged to take a leading part in the international movement to create in Palestine a memorial to the late Lord Balfour, the author of the declaration pledging the British Government to use its best endeavors for the creation in Palestine of a Jewish National Home, in a cablegram addressed by M. M. Ussishkin, president of the Jewish National Fund with headquarters in Jerusalem, to Edward Mandel, president of the Jewish National Fund of America.

The memorial to Lord Balfour is to be created in Palestine in accordance with a decision of the Zionist General Council at its recent session in London. The fund nation and this purpose, it is expected, will be raised through proceeds of a Balfour Volume of the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund, the agency for the acquisition of land in Palestine. The nature of the memorial is to be decided at the next meeting of the General Council in accordance with the amount then available. There will be room for 5,000 inscriptions in the Balfour Volume of donors who contribute $100 and upwards towards the Fund, a sum of $500,000 will thus be raised in the Jewish communities throughout the world. The Jewish Agency for Palestine was the first to enter its inscription in the Balfour Volume and the Vaad Leumi, the National Council of Palestine Jews was the second body to pay its tribute to the memory of Lord Balfour.

Einstein, Freud Ask Aid for Yiddish Scientific Institute

An appeal to Jews everywhere to support the Yiddish Scientific Institute of Vilna, Poland, which was founded five years ago to foster scientific knowledge in the Yiddish language, was made by Professor Albert Einstein, honorary president of the Institute; Professor Sigmund Freud, famous psychoanalyst; and S. Dubnow, noted Jewish historian. The Institute now has branches in 124 countries. During the short time of its existence, it has issued several volumes of historic, economic, philological, ethnographic and bibliographic interest. Several famous non-Jewish scientists have praised the work of the Vilna Yiddish Scientific Institute.

Seeks to Test Constitutionality of Bible Reading in Public Schools

A test case to determine whether or not the reading of the Bible in public schools is constitutional is being undertaken by the American Civil Liberties Union. Since the Bible chosen in all cases is the Christian version, the American Civil Liberties Union is offering its services free of charge to any Catholic, Jewish or agnostic family who would be willing to make this test case, which would bring the constitutional question and decision will bring the case into the Federal courts.

Jewish Suicide Record in Eastern Europe Due to Insolvency: Abnormal One, Joint Distribution Committee Report Shows

The record of Jewish suicide in Eastern Europe, due to insolvency, is an abnormal one according to a report by David M. Bressler, executive member of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and Joseph C. Hyman, secretary of that body, which has just been made public by the Al- most unusually, the report states, for this period, the Jews are preponderantly the traders, the merchants, shopkeepers and small industrialists in the countries.

The Bressler-Hyman report is based on observations made during a recent tour of Eastern Europe, at the request of the Joint Distribution Committee, for the purpose of studying the conditions and insolvency problems of the Jews on the Continent. Their tour covered nine countries, including, besides those mentioned, Lithuania, Czechoslovakia, and Austria.

"The World War itself, with its hardships and bloodshed, its destruction of life and property, has been succeeded throughout Europe by a War after the War, which, in its economic implications, is likely to have, for the Jews, almost as serious consequences," the Bressler-Hyman report declares.

Jews Lost Markets After War

"In those parts of the Old Russian Empire in which the Jews lived, they had been the merchants, the factors in commerce and industry, the concessioneers, the middlemen, carrying on in a large measure the domestic and a considerable part of the foreign trade of Russia with its population of 180,000,000 people. With the partitions and repartitions that followed the Peace, markets were swept away; in place of open trade and commerce, new frontiers and tariffs diverting and well-nigh drying up the normal currents of trade. The Russian market was taken over by the Poles and the small Border States, especially Lithuania and Latvia, with almost ruinous consequences for the Jews of the latter countries. The record of Jewish insolvency, bankruptcy and open suicide is a tragic and abhorrent one. For the Jews in Eastern Europe the War is by no means over. The new governments, with very few exceptions, have been and are increasingly pursuing the policy of strengthening the private national, social and industrial interests of the predominant nationalities and of building up their strength, with resulting disadvantage to the other elements of the population. Jews have been deprived of many licenses and certificates of received or earned by them; they have been refused employment on public works and operations except to a negligible degree; with the rarest of exceptions, they do not hold public office or enjoy civic emoluments. The growth of Jewish cooperatives of non-Jewish in Poland, Lithuania, Roumania, etc., has been openly favored by Government banks and semi-official financial institutions, while the Jewish co-operatives and Jewish banks receive little support from these sources.

Must Be Aided

"Our hopes that we could, within a very short period, save Eastern European Jewry to carry its own burden are in our opinion, in no wise justified. For some time to come, and while the Jews of Poland and the border countries are trying to adapt their economic structure to the new system of nationalities, tariff wars, new boundaries, large scale production, government monopolies, and changed markets—a hard and lengthy process, we fear, fraught with much suffering—we shall have to lend them our hands, our strength, and at least modestly, our substance."

Gives Picture of Jewish Life in Patriarchial Age

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Philadelphia, April 26—A graphic picture of the life of the Jewish people of the Patriarchial Age to the period of the exile, was unfolded here last night before the savants who assembled from all parts of the country to attend the 20th annual meeting of the American Philosophical Society, the oldest learned society in America. These leaders of thought and culture listened with rapt attention as Dr. Wm. F. Albright, Professor of Semitic Languages at Johns Hopkins University, formerly Director of the American School of Oriental Research, in his own fascinating manner, traced the various stages of development of the Jewish people showing incidentally that the biblical accounts of the events in the life of Israel were absolutely accurate when compared with archaeological research.

Book of Genesis Accurate

Taking for his theme, "A Millennium of Biblical History in the Light of Recent Excavations," Professor Albright pointed out that "it is now becoming increasingly clear that the traditions of the Patriarchial Age, preserved in the book of Genesis, reflect with remarkable accuracy the actual conditions of the Middle Bronze Age, and especially of the period between 100 and 1500 B. C. The ancestors of Israel are represented as semi-nomadic Hebrews, moving from the desert to northern Mesopotamia, where their home had been and where their base continued to be. In Palestine they wandered in the central highlands, between the Canaanite and Amorite towns, which were scattered sparsely over it."

The commercial proclivities of the Jews, Professor Albright declared, had their origin in these early archaeological times. "It is quite certain," Dr. Albright declared, "that the commercial expansion of Jewry under the conditions of the Diaspora was by no means so sudden as used to be thought, but was simply an acceleration of an other-

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wise normal evolution. Our new comprehension of this evolution is naturally of great value for the just evaluation of the work of the prophets. It cannot be accidental that the great prophetic activity of the eighth century B.C. was coeval with a burst of commercial and industrial activity. This new life brought with it a great extension of the bounds of Hebrew thought, both cosmically and politically, but it also involved a transformation of the old, relatively democratic social organization of the early monarchy into a more complex industrial system, where the upper classes oppressed the lower classes.

Poor Felt Oppressed

"Even where there was no real oppression, the introduction of new luxuries, enjoyed only by the rich, and the formation of caste barriers gave the poor a feeling that they were being oppressed. The prophets tried to bring about a social and economic revolution, or, if that failed, then they tried to bring back the primitive semi-priestly life of early Israel, much as Mahatma Gandhi is endeavoring to do in India today. It was this reaction to simplicity of life and law which was probably responsible for the collection in writing of the Hebrew traditions which we find in the J and E documents, from the eighth and early seventh centuries, as well as in Deuteronomy, which represents an effort to restore the primitive Mosaic legislation at the end of the commercialized seventh century, where it appears oddly anachronistic, despite certain modern touches, especially in cult legislation."

Feist Will Makes Bequests of $10,000 to Charities
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)
Newark, N. J., Apr. 26—Charitable bequests, totaling $10,000, were made in the will of Abraham Feist, prominent Newark realtor, who died April 8. The gifts to institutions are as follows: Newark Memorial Hospital, $500; Newark Eye and Ear Infirmary, $500; Babies' Hospital of Newark, $500; St. James' Hospital, $500; Beth Israel Hospital, in memory of Mr. Feist's parents, $2,000; Hebrew Benevolent and Orphan Asylum, in memory of a brother, Solomon, $2,000, and the Daughters of Israel Home for the Aged, in memory of a brother, Jonas, $2,000.

Mr. Feist also left another sum of $2,000 to the Beth Israel Hospital, designating that the bequest should be in memory of himself.

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$250,000 Drive for Addition to I.O.B.B. Orphans' Home Starts
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)
Bethlehem, Pa., Apr. 26—The drive for $250,000 for an addition to the B'nai B'rith Orphans' Home at Erie, Pa., was started here today when an intensive campaign to raise $2,000 in this city began. Morris Black, prominent Bethlehem business man, is chairman of the drive and Rabbi I. Chapin is associate chairman.

The home takes care of children from District No. 3, which includes the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia. The drive is expected to end by May 1.

Gentiles Contribute to Jewish Hospital Fund
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)
Los Angeles, Apr. 26—In addition to the gift of $2,500 presented by Joseph Scott, leading Catholic layman of this city, towards the Million Dollar Fund for the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital (Jewish) which will be dedicated May 11, and opened for patients May 14, I. Irving Lipshitz, executive director of the Jewish Federation here, announces additional gifts from Gentile citizens of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Louise E. Kerekhoff donated $5,000 yesterday, stated Mr. Lipshitz, and among the other Gentile contributors are J. E. Brulatour, Mrs. Albert Crutcher, Oscar Lawlor, Judge William S. Baird, Judge Hugh S. Crawford, the Superior Optical Co. and Dr. A. Ray Irvine, totaling approximately $13,500.

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