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German Court Rules Rabbi Not Clergyman Within Terms of Tax-Exemption Ordinance

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Berlin, Apr. 28.—A rabbi is not a clergyman within the terms of the ordinance exempting a clergyman's house from taxation the Upper Court ruled today. The case arose when a Jewish community center asked the court to rule on the release from taxation of the community center which is also used as a house by a rabbi.

The Court's decision was that the ordinance privileging clergymen from taxation referred only to Christian church societies. In a sort of obiter dictum the Court pointed out that its decision was not to be considered as going contrary to the Reich's constitution because the tax privilege does not refer to old churches and certain other religious societies.

Commenting on the Court's decision, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" says that "the Constitution proclaimed equality for all religious societies and it is therefore incomprehensible why the clergy of one religion are granted privileges not accorded to those of another. The Court overlooked the fact that the Constitution now considers Jewish community centers and Israelitic religious societies as bodies of public right and it also overlooked the fact that the term clergymen referred to clergy of all public religious communities. If on one hand a clergyman is considered as a public or recognized religious head then it is inconsistent to exclude rabbis from the same category."

Arab Paper Asks Dismissal of Three Palestine Officials

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 28.—The dismissal of the "Zionist," Norman Bentwich, attorney general of Palestine "who is flooding Palestine with laws unsuitable to the traditions of a majority of the inhabitants, Albert Hyamson, chief of the Palestine immigration department, who is opening the gates to Jewish immigration" and I. A. Abramson, district commissioner of Haifa (a non-Jew) "for allowing lands to go to the Jews" is demanded by the Arab paper "Falastin," in an editorial whose arguments are reminiscent of the exploded legend of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

May 1st Demonstrations to Be Banned in Haifa

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Haifa, Apr. 28.—The government authorities here have published a notice forbidding demonstrations on May 1. In the meantime a number of Communists have been arrested after a search of their homes.

Yemenite Jews' Condition Made Worse by Palestine Troubles

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Apr. 28.—The condition of the Jews of Yemen has been badly aggravated by the Palestine troubles, it was revealed by Lucien Wolf, secretary of the Jewish Board of Deputies, at a meeting of the Board here. He said that the Moslem fanatics of Yemen had become more excited by agitators throughout the country who were calling for the extermination of the Jews.

Mr. Wolf's report showed that the number of Yemenite refugees in the Mediterranean ports number 300 families and 250 orphans. Eighty Yemenite families are at Aden in the utmost misery while 50 families were recently transported to Palestine but further permits are difficult to obtain, for aside from cost of transportation the Palestine authorities require a guarantee of maintenance for orphans amounting to \$1,000 each. The Joint Foreign Committee of the Board of Jewish Deputies and the Anglo-Jewish Association is corresponding with the Zionist Organization and the American Jewish Committee, he said, concerning relief for the Yemenite Jews.

Regarding conditions in Roumania, Mr. Wolf declared that there were no serious disturbances of late but only the usual minor incidents of an anti-

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500 Delegates Settle Down to Business with Opening of B'nai B'rith Convention

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Cincinnati, Apr. 28.—Some 500 delegates from every state in the Union and a number of foreign countries were settling down today to the real business of the thirteenth quinquennial convention of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith which was opened here yesterday with the presidential address by the Hon. Alfred M. Cohen, president of the Constitution Grand Lodge.

In his opening address, Mr. Cohen discussed the situation of the Jews in all parts of the world. With reference to Russia he said that "the state of mind in Russia is not difficult to understand in view of the fact that while the Czars ruled every form of injustice was practiced and the livery of Heaven was stolen to serve the devil in. Russia now is attempting the impossible for experience has shown that people can not be made moral by law and the yearning for a better life fed by religion cannot be quenched by law."

Discussing Palestine, Mr. Cohen declared that "in no uncertain way Great Britain has solemnly reiterated its intention to stand by its assurance and that of the League of Nations given 12 years ago that the Jews would be made secure in Palestine as a National

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Zionist Convention Awarded to Cleveland; Weisgal Resigns and Committee Named to Frame New Zionist Program for U. S.

The awarding of the 33rd annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America, beginning June 29, to Cleveland, the naming of a committee of ten to formulate a new program for Zionism in America which will take into account recent developments in Palestine as well as in the United States and the submission by Meyer W. Weisgal, secretary of the Zionist Organization of America and editor of the official Zionist organ, "New Palestine," of his resignation from both posts to accept the editorship of the "Toronto Jewish Standard" were the announcements made at the meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, supreme Zionist body in this country, held Sunday afternoon.

In a statement to the National Executive Committee, M. Suprasky, a member of the Jewish National Council of Palestine, declared that "the Jews of Palestine insist that there shall be a Jewish majority in the Jewish National Home." He also urged that there should be an immigration of Jews from America to Palestine.

After the announcement of Mr. Weisgal's resignation, the Executive Committee voted to tender him a farewell

banquet in New York May 17, in recognition of his 15 years' service to the Zionist movement in the United States.

The committee named to formulate a new program for Zionism in America as well as to adopt a new form of propaganda in this country and to plan a new form of administration for the Zionist Organization, consists of Rabbi James G. Heller, Cincinnati, chairman, Morris Rothenberg, New York; Judge Bernard Rosenblatt, New York; Deputy Police Commissioner Nelson Ruttenberg, New York; Mrs. Israel Shapiro, Baltimore; Elihu Stone, Boston; Abraham Goldstein, Hartford, Abraham Goldberg, New York; Rabbi Barnett Brickner, Cleveland, and Morris Weinberg, New York.

A report with regard to the negotiations now being carried on to restore a united front in American Zionism, as between the present Zionist administration and the Zionist faction headed by Supreme Court Justice Brandeis and Judge Julian W. Mack, which was removed from power at the last Cleveland convention of the Organization held in 1921, stated that discussions were still in progress but that nothing definite had been arrived at which would permit

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New Jewish Welfare

Group Formed in Omaha

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Omaha, Neb., Apr. 28—The first step in the reorganization of Omaha's Jewish welfare program was taken here with the organization of a new welfare group, "The Jewish Philanthropies of Omaha," and the announcement of a campaign to be held May 19 to June 1, for the benefit of constituent organizations.

The organization of the "Jewish Philanthropies" is an outgrowth of the survey of Omaha's Jewish community by the Bureau of Jewish Social Research of New York. Under the plan proposed by the Bureau, the work of the Jewish Welfare Federation and the Jewish Community Center will be financed by the Omaha Community Chest, while other philanthropies of purely Jewish interest will be included in the "Jewish Philanthropies" group.

Sam Beber is chairman of the campaign, and Samuel Gerson is executive secretary. Harry H. Lapidus was chairman of the Citizens' committee for the Survey, out of which the "Jewish Philanthropies" plan developed.

Petach Tikvah Jews Fined

for Refusing Cars Admission

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Tel Aviv, Apr. 28—Rabbi Sapir and the colonists Vinnitsky and Yemini, all of Petach Tikvah, have each been fined \$25 and ordered to deposit \$250 for one year as a guarantee of good behavior, because they led a crowd of one hundred members of the Shomrei Shabos (Sabbath Protectors) who used force to prevent automobiles from passing the Petach-Tikvah-Tel road to Petach Tikvah on Saturday.

By mistake they held up a car carrying British soldiers. The rabbi and the two colonists denied that they threw stones but the magistrate found proof of an illegal gathering and the infringement of individual liberty.

Michigan J. N. F. Conference

Sets Quota of \$30,000

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Detroit, Apr. 28—A quota of \$30,000 for Michigan during the coming year was adopted and the state was organized into a special region of the national body at the state conference of the Jewish National Fund here yesterday that was attended by over 300 delegates representing 90 Jewish organizations in Detroit and six other Michigan Jewish communities.

The state was organized into a special region in order to conduct fund drives and to direct a systematic educational campaign for Palestine. Of the \$30,000 quota adopted, Detroit will raise \$22,000. Aaron Kurland, Phillip Slomovitz and Rabbi Ashinsky were chairmen of the conference, while Rabbi Ashinsky was named honorary state president of the region and Mr. Kurland, president.

Other officers chosen were Rabbi A. M. Hershman, Mrs. Ralph Davidson, Mrs. Louis Leber, Mr. and Mrs. Max Hayman, vice-presidents; Rabbi Reuben Hurwitz, treasurer and an administrative board of 35 and a state executive committee of 75.

Resolutions adopted protested against alien registration, invited M. M. Ussishkin, head of the Jewish National Fund, to Detroit, greeted the Allied Jewish Campaign and congratulated Nahum Sokolov on his seventieth birthday. Greetings were received from Dr. Chaim Weizmann, M. M. Ussishkin and Emanuel Neuman, president of the Jewish National Fund.

"Observer" Criticizes Holmes'

and Samuel's Palestine Books

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Apr. 28—"The one thing in common these books have is bitter criticism of the Palestine administration," writes the London "Observer" in commenting on the recent Palestine books of John Haynes Holmes and Maurice Samuel. "The bitterness comes as an unpleasant surprise, for to readers of the Shaw Commission's report such anti-British sentiments are extremely unjust" says the "Observer."

"Dr. Holmes ignores the fact that had British arms not conquered Palestine the task of the Zionists would have been infinitely more difficult and perhaps impossible. Maurice Samuel ignores the obligations of the Mandatory power to the Arabs." The "Observer" notes that "Dr. Holmes stayed only three weeks in Palestine and Maurice Samuel made two visits" and that "both made judgments of Arab and Jewish relations with the British that are far removed from the Shaw report."

Locusts Impede Auto

Traffic on Boundary

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 28—Large hordes of locusts today covered the Palestinian-Syrian frontier at Ras Al Nakura making it extremely difficult for automobile traffic between Palestine and Syria.

Ussishkin Coming Here in

Fall for J. N. F.'s Campaign

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 28—Announcement that he was going to the United States in the fall for the great J.N.F. campaign was made here today by M. M. Ussishkin, head of the Jewish National Fund, at a lengthy press conference. He discussed the problems of the Jewish National Fund and pointed out that he had found the sessions of the Actions Committee and the Jewish Agency full of an understanding of the land problem, which he termed the "outstanding (one) of our Palestine work."

The land problem, Mr. Ussishkin said, can be solved mainly through the Jewish National Fund and "if the Jewish people realize that we will achieve our aims. If the Jewish National Fund's annual income grew from several scores of thousands of dollars to \$300,000 why cannot the increase be three or four times more," he concluded, with an appeal to the newspapermen to support the Balfour Memorial and the campaign for \$500,000.

4th Delegation Named to

Support Palestine Arabs

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 28—An Arab delegation to be sent to Java and the Dutch East Indies to arouse Moslem support there for the Palestine Arabs announced today makes the fourth delegation of Arabs seeking support abroad. There are now Arab delegations in England and the Hedjaz and one is on its way to the United States.

The Arab paper, "Jamal El Arabia," organ of the Grand Mufti, commenting on the Arab delegations, points out that "the Zionists are profiting from delegations to the Jewish world and so will the Arabs from Arab delegations urging the Islamic world to support the Arab negotiations in London."

Report American Consul

at Jerusalem Resigning

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 28—Paul Knaben-shue, American consul in Jerusalem, is going to the United States to establish an American-Palestine bank, and in order to devote himself to this bank he intends to resign from the diplomatic service, the Arab paper "Meraat Al Shark" says.

Austrian Students Not of German

Origin to Be Banned from Union

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Apr. 28—All students registering at the University will have to state their national origin beginning with the Summer term, the Rector announced today. This ruling means that those of German origin will be made known and admitted to the Students' Union while all others will be excluded.

The Rector's order thus puts into effect the nationalistic measure by means of which only students of proven German origin are admitted to the Union, this despite wide-spread protests.

American Jewish Congress Will Survey Employment Discrimination Against Jews

Among the most important problems now engaging the attention of the American Jewish Congress, it was reported at a recent administrative committee meeting, is the question of alien registration. Grave danger exists, it was pointed out, of the enactment into law of the Blease Bill for the voluntary registration of aliens. Warning of the danger of the bill's passing, it was reported, was communicated by the American Jewish Congress to key men throughout the country.

A survey on discrimination against Jews in employment was authorized and David L. Podell named chairman of the committee which will undertake this study.

The recent official pronouncements of the Soviet authorities calling for a moderation of policy in religious persecution and collectivization were referred to as a hopeful sign, while the need for continued watchfulness for the practical application of these pledges was emphasized.

Reports on the activities of the Congress with regard to matters affecting the Jews in Poland, Roumania, Lithuania and Hungary, were rendered. A report on discrimination against Jews in the colleges was submitted and a number of proposals offered for consideration by the Administrative Committee.

Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem Dies at 71

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 28.—Eliase Tourian, Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem, died here yesterday at the age of 71. He was transferred from Constantinople to Palestine after the war and his election was confirmed by King George. Tourian was a great scholar in Greek, Hebrew, English, German, Latin and Syriac and it was he who introduced Hebrew into the curriculum of the Armenian Seminary.

The Patriarch devoted himself to educational work and as one of the guardians of the Holy Places did everything possible to secure the religious position of the Armenians. He was a member of the Armenian delegation to the Peace Conference and was held in high esteem by all communities.

Bercovitch Chosen Councillor of Montreal Bar Association

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Montreal, Apr. 28.—Peter Bercovitch, K.C. Jewish member of the Quebec Legislature, was chosen councillor of the Montreal Bar Association for the 1930-1931 term at the caucus of the English speaking lawyers.

Jewish lawyers recently initiated a movement to obtain representation on the council of the local bar.

Liberal Paper Attacks French Canadian Anti-Semitic Press

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Montreal, Apr. 28.—The liberal French weekly "L'Action Libérale" publishes today a sharp attack on the "Gogla clique and its publications for the anti-Semitic tirade against the Jews of the Province Quebec.

Taking to task the editor of the anti-Semitic journals, the liberal organ says: "This clown of the political circus, who has made it his specialty to insult our public leaders, has in the most shameful way cast undeserved insults upon the Jews. Just because Premier Taschereau has given the Jews the right to have their own schools, these anti-Semites desire to label this act of elementary justice a crime of national treason.

"When Taschereau and David," adds the paper, "brought in the bill to create separate Jewish schools, they only reiterated the Catholic principle prevailing in the Province of Quebec regarding education, that the authority belongs to the father of the family and not to the state."

In conclusion, the paper says that the anti-Semitic agitation is the work of a bandit clique which is out to destroy the good name of the Province.

Excavators Uncover City That May Be Gomorrah

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 28.—Excavations at the Oriental city of Ghor, some kilometres from the Dead Sea, were completed today by the Rome Pontifical and Biblical Institute. The work was under the supervision of Father Mellon, Jerusalem director of the Institute. The excavations uncovered a large city destroyed by fire at the close of the first Bronze Age and never subsequently rebuilt. Human skeletons, the foundations of several houses, the oven of a granary mill, ceramics, silex instruments and various minerals were unearthed.

Later diggings turned up the foundations of stone walls between which straight streets ran in all directions and couches of ashes. It is believed the city was destroyed about twenty centuries before Christ. The date and character of the ruins induce Father Mellon to think that the expedition has discovered the Biblical Sodom and Gomorrah.

Jewish National Workers Alliance to Meet in Montreal

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Montreal, Apr. 28.—The twelfth convention of the Jewish National Workers Alliance will be held in Montreal from the 17th to the 21st of May, inclusive.

Local branches and the whole national-Socialist movement are making intensive preparations for a successful and interesting gathering. Three hundred delegates and guests are expected from various parts of the United States and Canada.

The Convention will be held at the Mount Royal Hotel and the opening session will be addressed by well known national Socialist leaders.

Montreal Yiddish Newspaper Dissatisfied With Personnel of Jewish School Commission

Though not satisfied with the personnel of the Jewish School Commission of Seven, a majority of whom are said to be opposed to separate Jewish schools, the Montreal Yiddish daily, "Eagle," nevertheless hails the appointment of a Montreal Jewish School Commission by the government of the Province of Quebec as an historic occurrence, marking the recognition by the provincial government of the right of Montreal Jews to control the education of their children.

"It is clear that the commission is not such as will under all circumstances choose the path of separate schools," says an editorial in the "Eagle" of April 25th. "There is only one out-and-out separatist in the commission, Michael Garber. There is a second representative of 'down-town,' Dr. Max Weisman. We know very little of the doctor's attitude towards the school question, since he has never made a public statement with regard to it. We know, however, that Dr. Weisman is too much a man of the people, too intimate with the Jewish masses, to ignore their voice and their wishes.

"The other five members of the commission have an attitude towards the school question which is more or less known. The only one of the five who has been standing more or less aside and has only on certain occasions let it be known that the idea of a separate panel, if it should be impossible for us to get our rights in a different manner, doesn't frighten him, is Rabbi Abramowitz. A. S. Cohen, too, has not officially intervened in the fight, but one can imagine his trend of thought on this question. The same can be said of Edgar M. Berliner. As regards Messrs. Nathan Gordon and S. W. Livingston, their attitude is well known, although we hear that Mr. Gordon has somewhat modified his uncompromising attitude because of the events of the past few years. With regard to Mr. Livingston, he has only recently declared that he would regard it as a calamity if a separate panel should be created. Mr. Livingston, however, has to his credit a public opposition to a certain plan proposed more than a year ago, which would have solved the question in a dishonorable manner.

"It is in short not a commission for erecting separate schools, but for solving the Jewish school question in a more or less honorable manner. Our attitude towards the question is well known and certainly the choice of the commission is not such as can satisfy us. Still, we do not intend to adopt an attitude of non-confidence towards it. We are too well acquainted with the difficulties surrounding the entire question to allow ourselves from the very beginning to undermine that discipline and loyalty which is necessary at this moment with regard to our school question."

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Home. The creation of the Jewish Agency at Zurich blazes the way for world Jewry to make a united effort in behalf of constructive work in the Holy Land."

With regard to the situation in Europe, Mr. Cohen said that "in Italy the increase of the church's influence in the schools may necessitate the establishment of official Jewish schools. In Germany anti-Semitism constitutes the plank of a strong political party and in Hungary the educational problem still persists. In Roumania anti-Semitism has received somewhat of a setback by the advent of the Peasant Party but many grievances remain uncorrected, especially that concerning the legal status of the Jews in the annexed territories. In Poland Marshal Pilsudski's coup somewhat improved the Jews' political status but the industrial depression and boycott organizers have made economic conditions worse than before."

Myers Y. Cooper, governor of Ohio, paid tribute to the foresight of the dozen men who 87 years ago by founding the B'nai B'rith foresaw the need of succoring thousands of Jewish immigrants who would come to these shores. Stanley Mathews, vice-mayor of Cincinnati, told of the many Jews honored in public office in Cincinnati and said there was little need for anti-defamation campaigns here.

Rabbi Leo Baeck, president of the German Rabbinical Assembly of the B'nai B'rith lodge of Berlin declared that the Order represented the faith of mankind and that its members were humanity's pioneers. The delegates were welcomed by Nathan Fogel, president of the Cincinnati Lodge and Lucius Solomons of San Francisco, a vice-president of the Grand Lodge, responded. The invocation was pronounced by Rabbi David Phillipson of Cincinnati.

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Semitic character and complaints of the inactivity of the police which the government denies. He pointed out that the ineffectiveness of the anti-Semitic campaign in Roumania was indicated by the results of the March municipal elections in which attention to the fact that the government, however, "still makes no sign of satisfying the legitimate demands of the minorities for constructive legislation and that even the long promised nationality law has not yet seen the light."

Turning to Russia, Mr. Wolf reported that he had received no acknowledgment from the Soviet representative concerning the Board's resolution on religious persecution, although he said that Foreign Minister Henderson had replied promising to use a suitable opportunity to intervene on behalf of religious liberty. Mr. Wolf reported that the anti-religious agitation had greatly subsided in Russia.

J.N.F. Gets \$5,675 Compensation for Destruction of Hulda

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 28.—While claiming \$116,250 for damages to the colony of Hulda during last Summer's riots, the Jewish National Fund today received \$5,765 in compensation from the government. Other payments were, to Dr. Klausner \$985 while he asked \$6,615, to Dr. Yaffe \$15 while he claimed \$1,150, to Mr. Agnon \$915 whereas he sought \$9,380.

Ask Henrietta Szold be Retained as Education Chief

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Apr. 28.—A demand that Henrietta Szold, formerly a member of the Palestine Zionist Executive, be continued as head of the Zionist education department, even if she is not a member of the newly elected Jewish Agency executive, for Palestine has been addressed to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, by the Palestine Teachers' Organization.

Falks to Give \$325,400 to University of Pittsburgh

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Pittsburgh, Apr. 28.—A gift of \$325,400 will be given to the University of Pittsburgh by Mrs. Marjorie Falk Levy and her brother, Leon Falk, to commemorate the memory of their mother, Fanny Edel Falk. The endowment will be used for the erection of a model elementary school which will be under the supervision of the School of Education of the University, and will be named in honor of Mrs. Falk.

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public announcement of a union between the two forces.

The National Executive Committee also adopted a resolution expressing the sorrow of American Zionists at the death of Lord Balfour. Reports on the meetings of the Zionist Actions Committee and the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency in London, were submitted by Louis Lipsky, President of the Organization and by Dr. Abram Coranik, who were delegates at the London conference.

A report on the progress of the \$6,000,000 drive of the Allied Jewish Campaign in this country was rendered by Morris Rothenberg, Vice-President of the Zionists, and one of the national chairmen of the Allied Campaign. Other reports were submitted by Emanuel Neumann, on the Jewish National Fund, of which he is Chairman; and by Harry P. Fierst, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Zionist Organization.

Snowden's Name in Golden Book on 25th Wedding Anniversary

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Apr. 28.—The silver wedding of Philip Snowden, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, will be the occasion for inscribing his name in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund, it was announced today at the London office of the Fund. Mr. Snowden has sent the Fund a letter expressing his appreciation of the honor.

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