German-Jewish Press Criticizes Attacks on U. S. “Intervention” (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, May 3—Continuing the discussion regarding the representations made in the United States to the German ambassador, Baron von Prittwitz, by American Jews over the sachchita ban in Bavaria and the desecration of Jewish cemeteries, the Jewish press here, particularly the “Frankfurter Izraelit,” remarks that “we are opposed to making opposition to German anti-Semitism an international world concern, because we trust the sound sense of the German nation.

“German Jewry is strong enough to protect their rights but after what has happened, we desire the American action to be effective.”

The organ of the Central Association of German Citizens of the Jewish faith condemns the abuse in the anti-Semitic press because of American “intervention,” saying that the National Socialists “created in Germany conditions which cause concern abroad but they are surprised when the reaction abroad becomes evident.”

Ambassador Ratzesky Honored by Czechoslovakian President (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Prague, May 3—A cavalry division escorted Abraham Ratzesky, the new United States Minister at Prague, to an official reception at which he was the guest of President Masaryk. Members of the American Legation and of the Czechoslovakian Foreign Office were also present.

“The eyes of the world,” the minister said, “are on the Czechoslovak Republic, the land of promise and already rich in achievement, in industry, finance, education and social welfare. I have been charged by President Hoover to convey his warm personal wishes for your welfare and the assurance of his deep interest in the continued prosperity and happiness of the Czechoslovak Republic.”

German Anti-Semite, Former Socialist Editor, Dead (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, May 3—Father Max Maurenbrecher, once a Radical Socialist, but recently a member of the Volkslist, and during the war editor of the “Deutsche Zeitung,” died today. As an anti-Semite agitator, he zealously spread the legend of Jewish Bolshevism and the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. Lately he had lived in retirement as a priest in a Thuringian village.

Says Pope Demanded Conversion of Jews When Herzl Asked Aid of Vatican for Zionism (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, May 3—The Pope demanded the conversion of all the Jews when Theodor Herzl, founder of politics Zionism and the first president of the World Zionist Organization, approached the Vatican to support Zionism. This was revealed yesterday by Heinrich Yorksteiner, Herzl’s companion, on the occasion of the celebration here of the 8th anniversary in the Foyer Commons Room.

Yorksteiner declared that Pius the Tenth told Herzl, during the audience, that “we must never favor Jewish settlement in Palestine, although it is impossible for us to prevent it. In any case, when the Jews come to Jerusalem we will furnish priests to convert all of them.” He also said that other Vatican dignitaries told Herzl that the Holy Father saw an easy remedy for Jewish persecutions and Jewish need when all Jews were converted.

Arab Delegation in Interview With Colonial Minister (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, May 3—The Arab delegation now here for negotiations with the British government, had an interview with Lord Passfield, Colonial Minister, yesterday in the Foreign Office. The delegation issued a statement in which it declared itself pleased with the results of the interview, which will be continued next week.

Problems of Small Communities, Need for Jewish Education, and Symposium Occupy Attention of United Synagogue Convention (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Discussion of the activities of the United Synagogue of America by Nathan Levy, its president, and Mrs. Samuel Spiegel, president of the Women’s League, and a symposium on the synagogue in Jewish life were the program for the first day of the eighteenth annual convention of the United Synagogue and the thirteenth annual convention of the Women’s League held jointly at the Hotel Commodore.

In his address Mr. Levy reported an increase in the membership of the central organization from 244 congregations to 261, and from 274 sisterhoods to 286. The paramount need in the work of the organization, he asserted, is more branches to guide the small communities and an extension of educational aids.

Can Guide Jewish Work

“The small community,” Mr. Levy declared, “often becomes a larger one. If we are with it at the start, we can guide its Jewish work through a healthy course of development.”

“As for Jewish education we must realize that, like secular education, it is still in the process of growth. We must make provision for experimentation and for conferences of teachers and leaders.

He also touched upon the publication of Prayer Books embodying a uniform ritual and new editions of texts books; the Students’ House and Boy Scout work conducted by branches; the training of a synagogue in Palestine, and the successful first year of the National Federation of Men’s Clubs.

“The United Synagogue of America is more than an organization;” he continued, “it is a movement. It is the physical embodiment of the divine urge of the Jewish people to maintain and to further the religious ideals and practices to which we and our ancestors have been dedicated. It is the forum of the life of Judaism, rooted in the nourishment of the past, will flower and bear fruit in the present and future. The deepest aspirations of

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Banking Organization Being Set Up for Jewish Communities in Eastern Europe Resembles Federal Reserve System Here

American Jewry is setting up for devastated Jewish communities in Eastern Europe a banking system which resembles in many respects the United States Federal Reserve, according to David M. Bressler, one of the national chairman of the Reconstruction Campaign, and who is also a member of the Joint Distribution Executive. It supports a network of financial institutions functioning in ten countries under the direction of the American Reconstruction Foundation, which was established in Europe in conjunction with the Jewish Colonization Association.

One and one-half million Jews in Eastern Europe are dependent for their livelihoods upon occupations established with the aid of outstanding loans of credit cooperatives in the Foundation system, Mr. Bressler said in describing the scope of the philanthropically supported banking business. The outstanding loans at present amount to $13,400,000, he said, and in the course of a year the credit cooperatives have a turnover of more than $60,000,000. The average of the number of borrowers is 305,748, and the average size of a loan, $60.

Allied Campaign to Aid

One of the purposes of the present $6,000,000 campaign from which $3,500,000 is destined for the continuation of Joint Distribution Committee work in Eastern Europe and $2,500,000 for the Jewish Agency for Palestine, will be the extension of the existing banking system, Mr. Bressler said.

The credit mechanism, he explained, has at the apex the Council of the American Reconstruction Foundation, composed of twelve delegates from the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Colonization Association, the leaders of the Reconstruction effort, the Foundation in 1924, and eight representative leaders of Eastern European Jewry, Lient. Gov. Herbert H. Lehman of New York State, as chairman of the Reconstruction Committee of the Joint Distribution Committee until the Foundation was organized, directed the revival of the Jewish credit cooperative movement in Europe.

Council Rules Entire System

Unlike the Federal Reserve Board, the Council lays down general rules governing the entire system, determines whether advances and interest rates may be increased and regulates interest rates. It receives and votes on recommendations of the Foundation managers, Dr. Bernhard Kahn and Louis Ongre. Foundation funds are advanced at low rates of interest to central banks and federations of cooperative credit societies. The central institutions in turn transmit this credit to their member-cooperatives, who possess share capital in the central banks and in the same relationship to them as member banks stand to the district banks in the Federal Reserve System, Mr. Bressler explained.

Credit Cooperatives Smallest Units

The credit cooperatives are the smallest units in the system and are owned by the individuals who borrow from them or hold deposit accounts with them. They exist today to the number of 712 in Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Roumania, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Esthonia, and Turkey. While the present investments of the Foundation amount to $2,922,883, additional contributions have now been invested in share capital and deposits, over $11,000,000.

Mr. Bressler said that the most completely organized network exists in Poland where the Foundation investments amounted to $1,504,222. Here 446 credit cooperatives with a total membership of 177,932, have a total share capital and reserves of $1,000,000. The cooperatives have 165,929 loans outstanding. Fifty-four merchant banks in the system serve the upper classes of Jews, and manufacturers, and consumers' and producers' cooperatives help the working classes.

Has Central Bank

The Bank dla Spolzdelni is the central bank and is owned by the federation of cooperatives. Besides being a saving house and the central financial institution for the cooperatives, the bank does a commercial business with private firms and individuals. Another central bank in Poland is the Central Jewish Volksbank in Vilna. Cooperatives in Galicia have already subscribed to a large part of the share capital necessary for the establishment of a separate central bank in their district. The Foundation's second largest investment is in Roumania, Mr. Bressler said, and amounts to $534,059.81.

French Jewess Breaks Endurance Flying Record

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, May 3—Mlle. Lena Bernstein, an aviatrix of French-Jewish parentage, has achieved a new endurance mark of 35 hours, 46 minutes, 55 seconds, which breaks the world record for airplanes of all kinds, having won one prize, male or female. She surpassed the women's endurance record by almost ten hours held by Mlle. Maryse, and was forced to come down only when her fuel gave out.

Miss Elinor Smith, whose record for endurance flying in America is 24 hours, 21 minutes, 33 seconds, has wired her congratulations to the French aviatrix and has announced that she will attempt to break Mile. Bernstein's record in June.

1200 More Declassed Jews to Get Industrial Training

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, May 3—Twelve hundred more declassed Jews will be qualified soon to be sent to the Luganski work for instruction. Among them are 400 able bodied men between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five. The selected apprentices will receive free lodging and twenty-five roubles monthly.
New York's Big Drive Rapidly Organizing and Many Others Under Way for Allied Campaign

With New York's preparations for its $2,500,000 drive making steady progress, a number of important drives for the $6,000,000 Allied Jewish Campaign have been scheduled for the current month, according to an announcement from national headquarters.

A trip through the middle West by Chairman Baerwald and Bressler, and through several Eastern States by Chairman Lewis, with other important officer and Honorary Secretary Hyman at the helm at national headquarters, in New York City, has further accelerated the tempo of the campaign.

New York's drive was given additional assurance of success by the acceptance by Mrs. Felix Warburg of the chairmanship of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Campaign, with an advisory committee. Her forces have been further augmented by Mrs. Judith Epstein, national secretary of Hadassah, who has volunteered her services as secretary of the New York Women's Division of the United Jewish Campaign.

Mrs. Abram I. Elkus, wife of the former Ambassador to Turkey, as chairman of the West Side Women's Division. Mrs. Elkus was chairman of the Women's Division of the famous $6,000,000 drive of the United Jewish Campaign in New York City in 1926.

Arkansas will hold a state conference on May 18. Mississippi is also organizing a state conference, to be held simultaneously with the opening of a drive in Jackson on May 11. North Dakota will hold a state conference on June 8.

Drives held last week include San Antonio, Texas, and New Haven, Conn.

Drives outside of New York City, definitely scheduled to be held before the end of June include Poughkeepsie, N.Y., May 4; Portsmouth, N.H., May 5; Detroit, Mich., May 11; Minneapolis, (Continued on Page 4)

Conference of National Council for Jewish Education Here

Nationally known educators, among them Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Dr. Samson Benderly, director of the Bureau of Jewish Education in New York City; Israel Abrahams, educational director of the Jewish Education Association of New York; Dr. Alexander M. Dushkin, director, Board of Jewish Education of Chicago; Ben Rosen, director, Associated Talmud Torahs of Philadelphia, and Isadore Samuel, educational director of Synagogue and School Extension, U.A.H.S., Cincinnati; and a group of prominent laymen, including Ludwig Vogelstein, Judge Otto A. Rosalsky, Bernard Semel and Harry Unberger, will be among the speakers at the fifth annual conference of the National Council for Jewish Education for four days—June 21 to June 24, inclusive, to be held in New York City and at the Central Jewish Institute Camps, Port Jervis, N. Y.

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the Jewish soul will find expression through the United Synagogue.

Tribute to Founder

Mrs. Samuel Spiegel, the president of the Women's League, paid tribute to Mrs. Solomon Schechter as founder of the league, and dealt with services which have been held through the week in New York, and through supervised conferences and radio programs, for which a speakers' bureau is maintained, and monthly bulletins, which attempt to advance solutions to the modern Jewess's organizational and individual problems.

She announced the publication of "Meditations and Prayers for Women" by Mrs. Alexander Marx, for the fall and told of the sale of especially prepared phonograph records of familiar Pesach melodies last month.

"The Women's League," Mrs. Spiegel concluded, "is affiliated with every type of national and international organization for the betterment of Jewish men and women, be they white or dark skinned."

The feature of the afternoon session was a symposium entitled "Jewish Life; Order or Chaos?" begun by Rabbi Max Arzt of Scranton, Pa., after an introduction by Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Rabbi Arzt, whose topic was "Building the Structure," discussed problems of regional organizations which seek the "adoption" of small and disorganized groups. Other groups, a committee on District Organization was appointed to act upon his recommendations in mustering the far west and south.

Synagogue Must Adhere to Purpose

Once organized, the synagogue can thrive only through a steadfast adherence to a purpose, Rabbi Alter F. Horn of New York said, "The Goal of Synagogue Life." This purpose, he said, "has always been to make the knowledge of the Torah accessible to all. As a minority people who are compelled to be always on the defensive, we cannot afford to be ignorant. A community education is the only means at our disposal for survival." He asserted that modern congregational schools are on the increase, there being 910 in the United States now whereas the number of independent Talmud Torahs is declining. He emphasized the need of education through Jewish high schools and congregational adjuncts, warning that the growing ranks of the ignorant will dilute Jewish life more and more, make it ultimately colorless. "We cannot afford to wait forty or fifty years to develop an educated laity," he declared. "It is just as important, perhaps more so, to build from the top down, as from the bottom up. He repeated Dr. Solomon Schechter's advice, "With the disappearance of the Torah, the synagogue itself can become a danger to itself and a playground for all the forces of destruction. It may become a house where musicals enjoy only 'intellectual treats,' even at the

very expense of Judaism. Only knowledge can ward off this danger."

Following discussion a Convention Committee on Education was selected.

Rabbi A. A. Neuman of Philadelphia, the chief contributor to the symposium, carried the subject beyond the walls of the synagogue and discussed its relation to Jewish life as a whole, to non-congregational institutions and movements, such as Zionism, Federation, and other welfare agencies. The part to be played by women in this building process was described by Miss Sarah Kussy of Newark, N. J.

Hadassah to Mark Mothers' Day by Palestine Tree Planting

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, has launched a movement to celebrate Mothers' Day, May 11, by planting trees in Palestine in the names of mothers.

Miss Eudice Elkind, chairman of the Jewish National Fund Council of senior Hadassah, and Miss Naomi Flax, chairman of the council for junior Hadassah, have issued a joint appeal to the 50,000 members throughout the country, urging the purchase of trees for planting in Palestine as appropriate gifts on Mothers' Day. Miss Elkind said that 400 orders have already come to the national Hadassah headquarters here for trees to be planted in the new Hadassah Grove in Palestine, which is located in Kiryat-Anavim, near Jerusalem. The grove will be near the Einstein Forest, which was established a few years ago in honor of Prof. Albert Einstein. For the sum of $1.50 the Jewish National Fund in Palestine plants a tree in a grove, wood or forest, tends it, and if it is damaged, plants another in its place. The Jewish National Fund Council sends an illustrated tree certificate to every purchaser of a tree.

Sues to Bar Bible Teaching, Hymn Singing in Schools

A petition has been filed in the Supreme Court by Joseph Lewis, president of the Freethinkers of America, requesting that the Board of Education be restrained from allowing the reading of the Bible and the singing of hymns in public schools. Arthur Garfield Hays, Joseph Wheless and Stephen B. Vreeland are representing Mr. Lewis, and Clarence Darrow has also been retained as counsel.

Mr. Louis, who brought his action as a taxpayer, based his appeal on the fact that the Bible is the King James' version and therefore "distinctly Protestant" and as a consequence distasteful to Jewish and Catholic children.

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Eisenstein, Russian Jewish
Film Director, Coming Here

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chant. He studied for the engineering profession and was also graduated from the school of Arts. When the revolution came, Eisenstein joined the Engineering Corps of the Red Army. After the revolution he joined the first Workers' Theatre, where he made his first important success. He then became associated with the famous Russian stage director Meyerhold, and after differing with him on matters of principle, returned to the Workers' Theatre to assume complete charge. His sensational work with this group placed him in the front rank of Russian directors, and he was called upon to help in the organization of the Soviet Film industry.

To his successes "Potemkin" and "Ten Days That Shook the World," which have won international acclaim, his latest picture "New and Old," which is now being presented for the first time in this country at the Cameo Theatre in New York, has been added. This new picture was enthusiastically received at a private showing which was given for the critics several days ago. As an instance of the great praise that has been given to the picture "New and Old" by the New York critics, the motion picture reviewer of the "New York Post" concludes his criticism by saying that "Hollywood should lay down and let Mr. Eisenstein walk over it."

While the first two pictures that Mr. Eisenstein directed dealt with war and revolution, the newest one, "Old and New," takes up the problems of the Russian peasants. This picture conveys a clearer understanding of the much-discussed collectivization question in Russia and enlightens us also about the struggles of the Kulaks and the poor peasants.

"Jewish Day" Observed Today

Today is "Jewish Day" which is the beginning of "Foreigner's Week" when advertisements will be placed in the foreign-language newspapers in the foreign-speaking element, in a final effort toenumerate all those who have not as yet been counted in the present census drive, according to a statement made by Edward F. Corsi, supervisor of the Twenty-third Census District.

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Minn., May 12; Joplin, Mo., May 17; Bayonne, N.J., May 20; Gardiner and Augusta, Me., May 25; Bridgeport, Conn., June 4, and Duluth, Minn., June 10.

Judge William M. Lewis will be the principal speaker at the opening dinner of the New Brunswick, N.J., drive on May 15, and Charleston, S.C., will start on May 11. Cities where drive-dates will be fixed shortly include, Philadelphia, Pa., Stamford and Waterbury, Conn., Washington, D.C., Peoria, Ill., Lincoln, Nebr., Akron and Toledo, O., Huntingdon and Charleston, W.Va., Youngstown, N.Y., Norfolk, Va., Fort Wayne and Lafayette, Ind., and St. Paul, Minn.

Milford Stern, who was chairman of the Palestine Emergency Fund campaign in Detroit last September, has accepted the chairmanship of the Allied Jewish Campaign in Michigan outside of Detroit.

BOOKS OF THE DAY

Youth in Revolt. By Schmarya Levin. Translated by Maurice Samuel. The second volume of the life of one of the greatest contemporary political leaders of the Jewish people. Splendid picture of a dynamic personality. Harcourt, Brace. $3.50.

Born a Jew. By Boris Bogen. In collaboration with A. Segal. A fascinating autobiography of the late communal worker, which presents at the same time a considerable background of the Jewish people. Published by Macmillan Co.


America Looks Abroad. By Paul Mazur, member of the Lehman Brothers banking firm. An unusually interesting study of the economic problems facing the world today. Published by Viking Press.

Martyrs of Hebron. By Rabbi Leo Gottesman. The impressions of Rabbi who studied in Hebron Yeshiva, prior to the riots, regarding Hebron Jews whom he met and some of whom were later killed or injured in last August's outbreak.

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