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Rabbis' Declaration Obtained by Force Not Made Public

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Riga, May 6—Earlier rumors that the Russian secret police had compelled a number of leading Ukrainian rabbis to sign a statement denying that the Jewish religion is persecuted have now been confirmed. The declaration was signed by Rabbi Friedman of Odessa, Rabbi Greenpress of Poltava, Rabbi Tumarkin of Charkov, Rabbi Rosin of Cherson and several others.

At the last minute, however, the secret police decided not to publish the statement because it had become known abroad that the signatures were obtained under duress. The police then sent for the leaders of the Charkov Jewish community and demanded to know how it had become known outside of Russia that the rabbis had been forced to sign a declaration.

Greece Gives 1,800,000 Drachmas for Jewish Schools

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Salonica, May 6—The Greek government's subsidy for Jewish schools this year totals 1,800,000 drachmas (\$23,400) an increase of 400,000 over last year's subvention. The increase is due to the efforts of Senator Mallah and the urgent request of the Federation of Jewish Communities. In the meantime the Jewish community of Salonika is still trying to obtain the government's support for the establishment of a Greco-Jewish secondary school.

Slovakian Jews Building Orphanage, Apprentice Home

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Prague, May 6—A modern orphanage and apprentices' home is being built by the Social Relief Union of the Jews of Slovakia. A subsidy of \$5,000 has been given for this purpose by the Joint Distribution Committee. Two thousand dollars of this sum will be used to purchase a suitable site. It is expected that the government will follow in the footsteps of the Joint Distribution Committee and also give a subsidy for the building.

Ask Jewish Elementary School at The Hague

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

The Hague, May 6—Jewish deputies in the local municipal assembly have suggested to the municipality that it establish a Jewish elementary school where Jewish children will receive an education in general subjects in addition to training in the Jewish religion. The Jewish deputies hope that with the support of the Social Democratic deputies they will be able to carry their plan against the votes of the Roman-Catholic groups.

Sir John Simpson Leaving Today for Special Mission of Investigation in Palestine

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, May 6—Sir John Simpson, newly appointed officer to visit Palestine on a temporary mission for the purpose of reporting in consultation with the High Commissioner on important questions of land settlement, immigration and development, will leave for Palestine tomorrow, declared Phillip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in replying to a question of Howard Bury, today in the House of Commons, that was addressed to the Prime Minister.

Mr. Snowden said that he was not in a position to make a comprehensive statement regarding the government's action on the report of the Inquiry Commission but he said that regarding one section of the report it had been decided to send a special officer. He praised Sir John, saying he "has very high qualifications and has agreed to undertake the mission and is leaving for Palestine tomorrow."

Mr. Snowden also said that conversations with the Arab delegation are proceeding on the various matters raised in the report. An opportunity would be given soon for discussion on this subject, Mr. Snowden told the House.

Bury's question has been regarding a statement on the proposed government action on the Commission's report and when it was intended to have a day for debate on the subject. Asked whether the sending of Sir John to Palestine meant that the various recommendations made by the report are going to be carried but reopened by Sir John, Mr. Snowden replied in the negative.

Polish Chalutzim Halted For Lack of Expected Certificates

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, May 6—A group of Jews, most of them chalutzim, who were supposed to leave today on a special train from Warsaw on their way to Palestine, were compelled to abandon their trip at the last minute because they did not receive their expected certificates.

The chalutzim in the group expressed great disappointment for they had been preparing for the trip for many weeks.

Jailed Jerusalem Communists Demand Condemned Be Freed

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 6—A hunger strike has been proclaimed by the Communists detained in the prison here. They are demanding a special regime and the pardon of all those condemned to death as a result of last Summer's riots.

Indian Moslems' Resolutions on Palestine Go to British Cabinet

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, May 6—The telegrams from the Moslems of India containing the resolutions adopted at the recent All-India Palestine Conference have been referred to the Cabinet, declared Wedgewood Benn, Secretary of State for India, in the House of Commons in replying to a question from Howard Bury M.P., who also called attention to the resolution adopted at the Conference calling for a celebration of Palestine Day throughout India, Burma and Ceylon May 16 and to the anxieties of 70,000,000 Indian-Moslems.

Mr. Benn promised Lord Winterton to see that the Premier and Lord Passfield, the Colonial Minister, receive copies of the resolutions which had been supported by the most responsible Moslems in India.

Rotterdam Building Central Jewish Cultural House

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Rotterdam, May 6—A central house for the Jewish cultural and literary organizations is being built here on the initiative of the Society of Jewish Interests which is intended chiefly for the Jewish youth. The center will also include a moderately priced kosher restaurant.

"London Times" Says Agency Chiefs Support Simpson

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, May 6—The dissatisfaction expressed in some quarters in Palestine with the appointment of Sir John Simpson to investigate land settlement and immigration is not shared in London circles of the Jewish Agency, says the "London Times."

The paper points out that "there is complete confidence that an inquiry conducted by a man of Simpson's wide administrative knowledge and experience in resettlement of populations will have favorable results with regard to the work of Jewish colonization in Palestine. The official leaders of the Jewish Agency will do all they can to facilitate Simpson's work in the important mission which he has undertaken."

Rabbi, Opponent of Zionism, Goes to See for Himself

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Prague, May 6—Despite the fact that he is a noted opponent of Zionism, the Munkaczever Rebbe, Rabbi Spira, has left for a four-weeks' visit to Palestine in order to see the new colonies for himself. Rumors that the British consul here had refused him a visa under Zionist influence were absolutely unfounded for he received his visa immediately on application.

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Jews and Cuzists Clash in Roumanian Village

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Bucharest, May 6—A clash took place today between the Jewish population of Targufrumos and eighteen Cuzist students passing through the town on their way back from a victorious campaign in the District Roman with Professor Cuza, an anti-Semitic leader, who has just been elected to the Roumanian parliament.

The incident began with the mishandling of an aged Jew and this was followed by the breaking of windows in Jewish shops. The Jewish population offered resistance to the assault and a number of the Cuzist students were injured. The police prefect of Jassy has taken measures to reestablish order and has ordered an investigation of the trouble.

Leningrad Jewish Leaders Suffer Hardship in White Sea Exile

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, May 6—Relatives of Rabbi Lazarev, of Leningrad, N. Nemanov, head of the Nevel rabbinical seminary and N. Yasnogorodsky, president of the Leningrad Jewish community, have received word from Russia that these three Jewish leaders, who were exiled to the Solovetski Islands (in the White Sea) are suffering from hunger because they are not supplied with kosher food and from other hardships due to the hard labor they are compelled to do.

Rabbi Lazarev, who is chief rabbi of Leningrad, was arrested February 26 on a charge of maintaining illegal connections abroad. The leaders of the Leningrad Jewish community were arrested for disobeying the regulations laid down with regard to religious communities. Rabbi Lazarev has been sentenced to ten years in exile while the community leaders have received lesser terms.

Says Purpose of United Synagogue's Federation of Men's Clubs Is to Summon Members to Rally to Judaism

"The work of the Men's Clubs is to arouse our man-power, to summon them to gather around the banner of positive creative Judaism, of Judaism that is neither stagnant nor self-effacing, but that ferments with life, and hope and joy," said Rabbi Samuel Fredman of Philadelphia, addressing the final session of the convention of the United Synagogue yesterday, which opened Sunday at the Commodore. Rabbi Fredman spoke on the origin and effect of Men's Clubs on synagogal life in America.

The convention, which devoted the main part of its last meeting to discussion of the future activities and past results of the Federation of Men's Clubs which was organized a year ago, also passed resolutions endorsing the Allied Jewish Campaign; expressing inflexible commitment to support of the Balfour Declaration; emphasizing the importance of the Hebrew language and recommending support of "Hadoar" the Hebrew paper; recommending appointment of a committee to meet with committees of the Rabbinical Assembly and the Jewish Theological Seminary and devise means of cooperating; and felicitating Prof. Samuel Davidson on his 60th birthday.

Levy Reelected

Nathan Levy was reelected president of the United Synagogue. The Federation of Men's Clubs reelected their president, Edward I. Weinrib; vice-presidents, Dr. Jesse Bienenfeld, Abraham J. Gellinoff, and treasurer, Louis Soll. Theodore Charnis was elected secretary.

Speaking on the work of the Men's Clubs, Mr. Weinrib, who presided over the session, told of the formation of a Speakers' and Artists' Bureau under the direction of A. J. Gellinoff. He stated that 18 clubs had already become affiliated with the Federation.

Resolutions dealing with the extension of the club-work, its inner activities and its possible cooperation with the synagogue, were adopted, as was also a resolution declaring the Federation "unalterably opposed" to any calendar change that would make for a variable Sabbath.

Women's League

Other speakers at the final session included: Rabbi Charles Hoffman, Rabbi Elias Solomon and Louis Moss. Mrs. Samuel Spiegel was reelected president of the Women's League of the United Synagogue, and Mrs. Charles I. Hoffman again appointed honorary president. Vice-presidents include: Mrs. Cyrus Adler, Mrs. Benjamin Davis, Mrs. Morris Lurie, Mrs. J. Bienenfeld, Mrs. J. Herzog, Mrs. Sol Rosenbloom, Miss Sarah Kussy and Mrs. Alexander Marx. Mrs. David Kass was elected recording secretary and Mrs. Louis Gottschall, treasurer. Both sessions concluded at noon with a luncheon by the Women's League, New York City branch, given to the League's out-of-town members.

Budget Discussion

The budget and report of the finance committee occupied the attention of the United Synagogue convention for the

greater part of the afternoon session Monday. The \$150,000 budget submitted by the committee after extended debate was reduced to \$75,000, and a plan of three types of membership adopted to raise the amount necessary for the coming year.

Education and schools were also considered, and two resolutions introduced by Rabbi Henry H. Rubin, of Brooklyn, dealing with Jewish children in public schools, were unanimously adopted. The first puts the organization on record as opposing Friday evening and Saturday sessions in public tax-supported educational institutions, and the second declares opposition to having examinations given in public schools on Jewish holidays and Sabbaths.

Convention Dinner

Monday evening, the men's and women's organizations held a joint convention dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Commodore, with Dr. Cyrus Adler presiding. The speakers included Rabbi Max D. Klein, of Philadelphia; Dr. Israel Levinthal, Brooklyn; Dr. Jacob Kohn, New York; Dr. Elias Margolis, Mt. Vernon; Mrs. Samuel Spiegel, president of the Women's League, and Ludwig Vogelstein, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

In felicitating the United Synagogue, Mr. Vogelstein, in behalf of his organization declared: "We have no quarrel with each other. Cooperation between the two organizations will appear in time, and differences disappear."

Nine Arabs Freed of Hebron Murder Charge

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 6—Nine of the ten Arabs charged with murder in the house of Kapluto, a Hebron Jew, where five rabbinical students were killed, have been released without hearing witnesses for the defence. The tenth, previously sentenced to death in the Kastel murder case, has been held.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Haifa, May 6—The case of four Arabs charged with the murder of Reuben Mizrahi and Aaron Ajami in Safed, during the riots, opened today. One of the defendants is a relative of the Mufti of Safed.

Jerusalem Agency Executive Mourns Death of Mrs. Straus

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 6—A statement issued here by the Jerusalem executive of the Jewish Agency anent the death Sunday of Mrs. Nathan Straus said that the Agency "learns with profound sorrow the news of the death of Mrs. Lina Straus. Cooperating with her husband in all his life undertakings for the benefit of humanity, and particularly in his works on behalf of Palestine, her memory will live forever in the midst of the Jewish people, and most among the Jewish community of Palestine."

Demands Synagogue Divest Self of Non-Religious Activities

Charging that the synagogue has been occupying itself with other interests, to the neglect of its primary religious purpose, Louis J. Moss, chairman of the finance committee of the United Synagogue of America, in a radio address delivered Sunday over Station WEAf, demanded that the synagogue divest itself of non-religious activities and restore the rabbi to his former sphere of influence.

"Many of the activities of the synagogue may well be left to other agencies upon whose domains the synagogue at present has been wilfully trespassing,—without gain to itself and to the hurt of others," he declared. "The synagogue as such, and not as an adjunct to other enterprises, must again be made a vital force in Jewish life. It must never permit its predominant heritage, an abode of worship, and a home for the dissemination of learning and idealism, to be subordinated to other activities, no matter how laudable they are in themselves."

Speaking of present conditions, as they affect the rabbi, Mr. Moss declared, "The new synagogue has produced a new type of rabbi. Piety and scholarship, while desiderata, are no longer indispensable qualifications. Ability to attract members and stimulate their generosity is at least of equal weight. The leadership of the congregation is no longer in the rabbi. He has yielded this position to the layman, often poorly equipped by training or sentiment to exercise the powers of leadership."

Professor Michelson Composer of "Grandpa's Lullaby"

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, May 6—Professor Albert A. Michelson has proven to be not only Jack-of-all-trades, but also master of them all. Fresh upon the news that he has been honored by the London Physical Society for 1930 for his notable scientific contributions, comes the news that he is the composer of a musical composition which he has named "Grandpa's Lullaby."

"It's really nothing," he is reported to have said, "I composed it several years ago for a child and for the fun of it."

Professor Michelson is an accomplished violinist, and despite his numerous scientific activities finds time to indulge in his hobbies, such as playing bridge, chess and billiards.

Jewish Civil War

Veteran Dead at 92

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

New Orleans, May 6—Louis Sherck, a Confederate veteran of the Civil War, died here today at 92. A native of Germany, he was prominently connected with half a dozen major organizations here, including the Touro Infirmary, the Jewish Children's Home, the Touro Synagogue and the Board of Trade. He was well-known as a produce expert.

Urges Orthodox Rabbis to Have Greater Regard for Learning, Less for Oratory

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Lakewood, N. J., May 6—The appointment of rabbis with a regard to their learning rather than to their oratorical ability was urged on the nearly 200 rabbis attending the annual convention of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada by Rabbi A. D. Shapiro, Chief Rabbi of Kovno, Lithuania, now visiting in this country. He pointed out that to name rabbis for their learning would raise the standard of the rabbis and add prestige to the rabbinate.

A resolution alleging that the Palestine Emergency Fund was being diverted for purpose other than constructive work for the benefit of the direct sufferers of the Palestine riots was presented by Rabbi Joseph Konvitz of Newark on behalf of the Committee on Palestine Affairs. The resolution called forth a heated debate.

The same committee presented a resolution urging support for the \$600,000 Allied Jewish Campaign for the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency. The convention paid tribute to the victims of the Hebron massacre and listened to a recommendation for the appointment of a permanent committee which shall deal with the issuance of an appeal for the old Jewish settlement in Palestine.

Reports presented to the convention showed that the work of many orthodox congregations and educational organizations throughout the country were badly affected by the business depression. In his presidential message, Rabbi Eliazar Silver of Springfield, Mass., recommended that extraordinary measures be taken to furnish outlying Jewish communities in the Far and Middle West with orthodox religious leaders at the expense of the stronger congregations.

Another report indicated that the Union would soon complete a statistical survey of all existing orthodox congregations with a view to getting new ones established, especially in the smaller communities and thus provide posts for the present over-supply of rabbis.

Mufti's Organ Pleased with Appointment of Simpson

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 6—The Arab paper "Jamal Al Arabia," organ of the Moslem Supreme Council of which the Grand Mufti is president, is pleased with the appointment of Sir John Simpson to investigate land settlement and immigration in Palestine. The paper considers his appointment as the carrying out of the recommendations of the Inquiry Commission and a consequence of the negotiations of the Arab delegation in London.

May 16 will be proclaimed as a holiday in Palestine by the Arab executive in conformity with the proposals of the All-Indian Moslem conference on Palestine. What form the holiday will take has not yet been decided.

Non-Jewish Officials Back Detroit Allied Jewish Drive

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Detroit, May 6—The Allied Jewish Campaign for \$305,000, which is to open here Sunday evening, May 11, with a dinner at the Hotel Statler at which Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland will be the principal speaker, received encouragement this week from leading non-Jewish citizens and officials. Among those who endorsed the campaign in statements addressed to Henry Wine-man, chairman of the campaign, are: Mayor Charles Bowles, Senator James Couzens, Representative Robert H. Clancy and Clarence J. McLeod and Superintendent of Schools Frank Cody.

"Jazz Singer" Barred Because of Its "Jewish Propaganda"

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Constantinople, May 6—Following a two week's run at a local theatre the American moving picture, "The Jazz Singer," starring Al Jolson, has been banned because it contains "Jewish religious propaganda."

Arab Assaulted for Reported Pro-Jewish Sympathies

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 6—Mohammed Altiti, an Arab from Nablus, is in a serious condition following an attack on him by unknown persons. It is believed he was assaulted because of his pro-Zionist sympathies. Together with another Arab from Nablus he sent a message of condolence to the "Palestine Daily Bulletin" on the death of Lord Balfour, and since then he had developed some pro-Jewish activities.

Jewish Artisans Participate in Warsaw Artisans' Chamber Opening

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, May 6—A large number of Jewish artisans participated in the opening of the Warsaw Artisans' Chamber yesterday. The Jewish artisans, who formed an imposing procession consisting of 28 Jewish guilds carrying standards and led by a band, paraded through the Jewish quarter. The Jewish artisans went to the Tlomackie synagogue while the Christian artisans assembled in the Cathedral. Both processions then reunited and proceeded to open the Artisans' Chamber.

Palestine B'nai Brith Urges Support for Balfour Memorial

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 6—The Palestine lodge of the International Order of B'nai Brith has issued a call to all lodges in the world to support the Balfour Memorial. One hundred subscriptions of \$10,000, are expected in Palestine. If the Jews of every country in which Jews live give no more than this sum the total sum will be available. Thirty subscriptions have already been made in Palestine.

Wins Oratorical Contest with Essay on Chaim N. Bialik

An essay on Chaim Nachman Bialik, famous Hebrew poet now living in Palestine, won first prize at the finals of the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Association's oratorical contest on "A Great Living Jewish Personality," held Sunday afternoon at the Brooklyn Y. M. H. A. The prize winner is Leo Reinstein of the Bronx Y.M.H.A., a freshman at St. John's College in Brooklyn, who will represent the Metropolitan League in the national Jewish oratorical contest to be held in New York this fall in connection with the dedication of the new Ninety-second Street Y.M.H.A.

For his speech on Chaim Weizmann, Henry Gezunterman, also of the Bronx Y.M.H.A., won second prize. Saul R. Fine of the Williamsburg Y.M.H.A., who spoke on Louis Brandeis, won third prize. Others who won prizes were George Bronz, speaking on Benjamin N. Cardozo; Benjamin Brender, who spoke on Stephen S. Wise; and Irvine B. Gilman, who talked on Arthur Schnitzler.

Jew Contributed Most to Kentucky's Welfare

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Lexington, Ky., May 6—Max B. Nahm of Bowling Green, was awarded the Sullivan Medal at the University of Kentucky here. The medallion is presented annually to the Kentuckian who has contributed most to the progress and welfare of the state during the year.

Mr. Nahm is president of the Mammoth Cave National Park Association, and the award was made to him, for his efforts to have Mammoth Cave converted into a national park.

J. H. Hagedor Receives Keneseth Israel Alumni Award

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Philadelphia, May 6—The second annual award of the Keneseth Israel Alumni Association to one of its members was presented last night to Joseph H. Hagedor, president of the congregation. He received a bronze medal and a scroll. The presentation, was made by Rabbi Julian Feibelman, associate rabbi of the congregation, and the testimonial address was delivered by Dr. William Feinschreiber, rabbi of the congregation.

Hebrew Symposium to Discuss Palestine in Diaspora Life

A symposium in Hebrew to discuss "The Place of the Palestine Idea in Jewish Life of the Diaspora" will be held jointly between the students of the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Jewish Institute of Religion, with Dr. Samson Benderly officiating as chairman and main speaker, and A. W. Binder conducting the group singing. The meeting will be held on Sunday evening, May 11, in the chapel of the Jewish Institute of Religion.

Honor Memory of Pioneer Jew of Cincinnati

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Cincinnati, May 6—Children of the Bene Israel Religious School, Rockdale Avenue Temple, this week honored the memory of David I. Johnson, pioneer Cincinnati and father of the first Jewish child born here, with tree planting exercises on the temple grounds.

Johnson was one of the founders of the congregation and at times served as its cantor. He came to Cincinnati from England when quite young and became an intimate of President William Henry Harrison. He was the grandfather of Simeon Johnson, former vice-mayor and chairman of the Hamilton County Democratic Executive Committee.

Jew Named Director of U. S. Chamber of Commerce

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Columbus, Ohio, May 6—Fred Lazarus, Jr., secretary and treasurer of the F. & R. Lazarus & Co., the largest department store in Central Ohio, is one of the nine directors who were nominated to membership on the Board of Directors of the United States Chamber of Commerce at Washington, D. C. Nomination to this body is equivalent to election. He becomes director of the domestic distribution department of the organization, representing the retailers of the country on the board. Mr. Lazarus is at present president of the Cleveland Jewish Orphan Home.

\$448,500 Total Compensation to Palestine Jews Thus Far

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, May 6—Compensation paid to the Jews thus far for personal and property damages suffered during the riots totals \$448,500.

Youthful Jewess Youngest to Make N. Y. Operatic Debut

The 17 year old daughter of poor Jewish parents, living on the lower East Side of New York, has the distinction of being the youngest ever to make an operatic debut in New York.

She is Rebecca Weinstein, a high school student, whose operatic debut in the Longacre Theatre on Sunday evening, sponsored by her teacher, Nicola D'Amico, brought forth cheers and a veritable avalanche of floral offerings from her enthusiastic listeners.

Rebecca, who has found in Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, wife of the former ambassador to Turkey, an interested and helpful friend, hopes to continue her musical studies in Italy when she is graduated from high school.

Wolff Freudenthal, Eminent Physician, Dies at 71

Dr. Wolff Freudenthal, otologist and laryngologist, and former member of the Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences has succumbed after an illness of pneumonia, complicated by injuries he received on March 10 when he was thrown by a horse and buggy. He was 71 years old.

Dr. Freudenthal, who for forty years was one of the foremost throat specialists in America, was born in Hohenhausen, Prussia, and received his education in Germany. He was actively connected with the German Polyclinic Hospital in New York, and served on the staffs of the Montefiore and St. Marks hospitals.

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