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Establishment of Independent Labor Unions in Palestine Urged on Zionist Revisionists

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Prague, Aug. 13.—The establishment of independent Zionist Revisionist labor unions in Palestine to compete with those under the wing of the General Federation of Jewish Labor was urged here by B. Weinstein, a Jewish labor leader from Palestine, speaking at the fourth annual world conference of the Union of Zionist Revisionists which has been in session since Sunday. Similar action was recommended by a number of Revisionist workers from Palestine, in a memorandum presented to the conference.

It is learned here that the Revisionists' political commission has approved the project advanced by Dr. Robert Lichtheim, German Revisionist leader, that the Revisionists undertake independent political action. No action has been taken, however, on the suggestion of Meer Grossman, English Revisionist, that no more funds, other than those needed for the actual support of the Jewish community, be sent to Palestine. There appears to be no unity on this question, and it is not likely that the conference will approve this plan which is considered likely to prove a boomerang.

On the other hand there is a strong tendency prevalent among a large number of the more than 200 delegates to have the Revisionists, in conjunction with the Left Zionists, proclaim an independent Zionist organization with functions similar to the present Zionist

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Deny Report of Trotsky's Czechoslovakian Visit

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Prague, Aug. 13.—Inquiries made by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here by telephone today elicited the information from the Franzenbad authorities that Leon Trotsky, exiled Soviet leader, was not in Franzenbad nor was he expected, as had been reported yesterday by the Bratislava paper "An-Op," which stated he was to meet Georges Tchitcherine and A. V. Lunacharsky for a talk concerning Trotsky's return to Russia.

The Czechoslovakian foreign office stated that it was unaware that any visa had been issued to Trotsky. The informed concerning Trotsky's supposed arrival at Franzenbad. Official circles informed the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the rumor probably emanated from the report in a Budapest paper that its reporter had recognized Trotsky on a train bound for Czechoslovakia. This report was broadcast from Budapest without confirmation.

Roumania Tells Joint Foreign Committee Anti-Semitic Trouble Work of Few Individual Agitators

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Aug. 13.—The anti-Semitic activities in Roumania are exclusively the work of a few individual agitators who have utilized the economic depression in the country to intensify their propaganda, according to a cabled statement received here today by Lucien Wolf, secretary of the Joint Foreign Committee of the Anglo-Jewish Association and the Board of Jewish Deputies, from G. Gafencu, under-secretary of state in the council of Roumanian ministers.

The official statement, which is in the nature of a reply to the concern expressed by the secretary of the Joint Foreign Committee over the Jewish situation in Roumania, points out that for over a year the Roumanian government adopted a not too stringent policy against these agitators, a policy which the government feels gave certain satisfactory results until the election of Professor Alexander Cuza to parliament.

Until then the anti-Semitic agitation was on a very small scale, the statement explains, and had absolutely no following. The agitation in Bukovina started, according to M. Gafencu's statement, from the peasants' discontent

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Vaad Leumi Asks Change in Control of Jewish School System in Palestine

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Aug. 13.—A resolution recommending that the Jewish educational system in Palestine, now under the control of the Jewish Agency, should pass to a joint board of representatives of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish communities starting with the year 5692 was adopted at today's meeting of the Jewish National Council following a full discussion of the matter. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Jewish teachers. If the new arrangement is carried out it would be effective for a period of five years and would relieve the Jewish Agency of the sole responsibility for Jewish education.

The Jewish National Council also instructed its officers to place on the agenda of an early meeting the question of transferring the Jewish health and sanitation work to the Jewish communities. The Council voted to devote \$25,000 of the relief funds at its disposal for the extension of Motza provided the Palestine Emergency Fund carries out the full program of reconstruction there involving another \$50,000. The Council also voted to take the initiative in reviving the question of the reconstruction of Hebron and voted another \$25,000 if plans for that are launched.

Austrian Catholic Church Now Allowing Catholic-Jewish Marriages Without Conversion

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Aug. 13.—The Austrian Catholic Church is now permitting the contracting of religious marriages between Catholics and Jews without the previous conversion of the Jewish party to the marriage, thus making it possible for the bride and bridegroom to retain their own faiths. This permission is being granted in order to cut down the growing number of civil marriages which makes it necessary for both parties to declare themselves as without any religion or for both parties to become either Christians or Jews.

Not only does the Catholic Church here feel that this permission will do much to prevent civil marriages between Jews and Catholics but it hopes that after such a marriage the Jewish party will submit to conversion. No change has been effected in the custom of requiring the non-Catholic party to the marriage to sign an undertaking agreeing that any children resulting from the union will be brought up as Catholics.

It is alleged that a similar practice has been introduced into the Catholic Church in other countries.

Arab Executive Calls Strike to Protest Urphali Reprieve

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Aug. 13.—The Arab Executive has decided to call a general Arab strike on August 23, the first anniversary of last year's riots. The strike will be called as a protest against the reprieve recently granted to the Jewish merchant from Jaffa, Joseph Mizrahi Urphali, whose death sentence was commuted to ten years' imprisonment. The decision to call a strike followed severe criticism leveled against the Arab Executive for its weak stand regarding the reprieve. The Arab Women's Society is alleging that the reprieve to Urphali shows favoritism to the Jews and is not calculated to improve Arab-Jewish relations.

Dr. Shiels Going for Short Visit to Palestine

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Aug. 13.—Dr. Drummond Shiels, under-secretary for the colonies, will utilize the Parliamentary recess to make a short visit to Palestine, it was officially announced today by the British Colonial Office. He will confer with officials of the Palestine government concerning the political and economic situation in the country.

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Roosevelt Names Davidson

to Agricultural Commissioner
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 13.—Gabriel Davidson, general manager of the Jewish Agricultural Society, has been appointed by Governor Roosevelt to serve on an agricultural advisory committee that is to guide the activities of a newly formed information bureau to serve prospective purchasers of farms in New York State. The bureau has been set up in the New York City office of the state department of agriculture and markets.

Mr. Davidson has been affiliated with the Jewish agricultural movement in the United States for close on to twenty-five years—for over half of that period as the head of the Jewish Agricultural Society, an organization that assisted thousands of Jews the country over to become established on the land in the United States.

Mr. Davidson's council was sought by the governor's agricultural committee during its recent investigation of farming conditions in the State.

Professor Fineman Named to

Beth Sefer Reali School

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Philadelphia, Aug. 13.—Professor Hayim Fineman, head of the English department of Temple University, and one of the outstanding leaders of the Poale Zion movement in the United States, has accepted the position of head of the English department in the Beth Sefer Reali school in Haifa, Palestine. Professor Fineman expects to leave this country September 16, so as to arrive at the school in time for the opening of Fall Semester.

The Beth Sefer Reali school is one of the outstanding educational institutions of Palestine and has a large number of American-Jewish students in attendance. A committee is being organized here with Rabbi Max D. Klein to arrange for a suitable farewell to Professor Fineman.

**England Criticizes Mandates
Body's Report on Palestine**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Geneva, Aug. 13.—The observations of the British government to the report of the Mandates Commission on the Palestine question which sharply criticized Great Britain, is an extremely outspoken and pungent document not only defending the British actions but actually going so far as to counter the criticism of its own, it is learned. The observations of Great Britain, which constitute a reply to the Commission's report, and the report itself are now in the hands of the League of Nations' printer and will be made public in the next few days.

The delay in releasing the Commission's report is due to the fact that Great Britain had asked that the report and the British government's observations on it should appear simultaneously. The British observations were only received by the secretariat of the League of Nations three days ago.

While the report of the Mandates Commission in advance summaries is said to have blamed the British government more strongly than is usual in dealing with mandatory powers and to have taken issue with the findings of the Palestine Inquiry Commission, which reported that there was nothing anti-British in the riots of last Summer, the observations of the British government are said to uphold the report of the Shaw Commission.

Although the Mandates Commission is said to hold that the inadequacy of British military forces and police was one of the chief causes for the spread of the riots, the reply of the British government is reported to be repeating the arguments of the Shaw Commission that the riots of 1921 occurred when the British garrison was adequate, hence it is no indication that larger military forces could have prevented the disturbances of 1929.

**Waldman Confers with League
on Position of Jewish Minorities**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Geneva, August 13.—Morris D. Waldman, secretary of the American Jewish Committee, conferred with the Minorities section of the League of Nations about the situation of the Jewish minorities in Eastern Europe. Mr. Waldman has just returned from Roumania where he made a first hand study of the Jewish situation.

**10% Increase in Aid to Jewish
Families in Worcester Noted**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Worcester, Aug. 13.—A ten per cent increase in the amount of money expended to aid Jewish families in the city is noted in the July report of the United Jewish Charities issued today. The unprecedented demand for relief, the highest since the foundation of the organization, is due to the depression which has hit Massachusetts with particular severity, officials claim.

**British White Paper Reveals
Soviet Strictures on Religion**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Aug. 13.—The growing severity of the Russian legal restrictions against religion since the death of Lenin in 1924 and the departures in the Soviet's attitude toward religion since the promulgation of the 1918 decree dealing with the separation of church and state are revealed in a White Paper published here by the British government. The material contained in the White Paper is based on information obtained by the British embassy in Moscow.

The issuance of the White Paper is in conformity with a promise made by the Labor government to the Conservatives at the height of the world-wide protests against religious persecution in Russia earlier in the year.

The White Paper points out that while in 1918 it was decreed that "each citizen is free to profess any or no religion" and all laws banning civil rights as a result of the profession of any particular religion were revoked, by 1924 the religious legislation was amended to bar from election to office and the right to vote all "ministers of religion of all beliefs and doctrines, actually following their profession, and monks."

By 1926 the religious decree of 1918 was further changed and extended to persons "formerly or at present serving as 'servants of religious cults of all religions and persuasions, such as monks, lay brothers and sisters, priests, deacons, psalmists, mulaps, muezzins, rabbis, cantors, Roman Catholic clergy, pastors, readers and persons with other names who carry out similar duties independently of whether they receive a salary for the execution of those duties."

The White Paper points out that the 1918 decree has been extended in other directions, too. While religious education was originally only banned in all state, public and private educational institutions where general education was given citizens were permitted to teach and be taught religion privately. This has since been changed to make it a violation of the criminal code punishable by compulsory labor for a period of not more than a year to teach religion to persons under age in state or private educational institutions.

The full text of the decree of the All-Russian Central Executive and the Soviet of the People's Commissars of the U. S. S. R. was first made available in English in this country by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. It was reprinted in Bulletin No. 261 of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

**Award Contract for
Haifa Railway Shops**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Haifa, Aug. 13.—The contract for the construction of the railway shops here was awarded to Guth & Gurewitz, Jerusalem contractors. They were low bidders with a bid of \$290,000 as compared with the high bid of \$350,000.

First Day of Codreanu's Trial Passes Quietly; Students Hand Out Inciting Literature

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Aug. 13.—The first day of the trial of Zela Codreanu, anti-Semitic agitator, who is charged with inciting to riot and murder, passed quietly enough. The court, under the chairmanship of Judge Minculescu, a severe and straightforward jurist, adjourned until tomorrow after sitting all day. M. Stanescu is the prosecuting attorney. The court room was closed to the public, twenty gendarmes guarding all the entrances. There were a few students present and two lawyers, Mora and Ionescu, counsel for Codreanu.

The prosecuting attorney charged Codreanu with praising Georg Beza's attempt to kill Dr. Constantin Angelescu and with inciting to murder. Codreanu's attorney raised a technical question that the court was incompetent to try his client because there was no jury. He also denied that Codreanu had praised the attempt to murder Dr. Angelescu, saying that the anti-Semitic leader had only praised Beza.

Outside of the court room things were quiet, too, no additional military force being noticeable in the streets of Bucharest. In the provinces, however, the agitation was noticeably stronger. In Focșani thousands of leaflets with the motto, "Direct your eyes and heart towards Vacareshti," were distributed. Vacareshti is the name of the prison where Codreanu is being held.

The literature was on display in the students' houses but the secret police took measures to prevent its distribution in the streets.

Canadian Minister Is Opposed to Influx of European Immigrants

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Toronto, Aug. 13.—W. A. Gordon, the new Canadian Minister of Immigration in the Conservative cabinet which has just been chosen by Premier Bennett, is an outspoken opponent of East and Central European immigration into Canada. During the recent parliamentary campaign Mr. Gordon several times expressed himself as absolutely opposed to immigration from the continent of Europe. Drastic changes in Canada's immigration policy are therefore expected now that Mr. Gordon has assumed the direction of the Federal immigration department.

"In spite of the great unemployment in the country today," said Mr. Gordon in one of his campaign speeches, "we nevertheless see that Canada is being invaded by carload after carload of East Europeans and continental Europeans."

Mr. Gordon accused the former Liberal government of being indifferent to the question of immigration while Canada is suffering from unemployment.

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Borscha Peasants Resolve to Live Peacefully with Jews

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Aug. 13.—A resolution expressing their desire to live at peace with their Jewish neighbors was adopted today at Borscha by a mass meeting, attended by over a thousand people. The chairman of the meeting was Father Gabriel Timusa. The meeting demanded the resignation of the police prefect, M. Jaga, to whom the unemployment in the town is attributed.

A meeting of a different character was held at Poiana, a neighboring town, where the anti-Semites demanded the removal of the head of the Borscha municipality, the dissolution of the town council, the release of the anti-Semitic priest, Father Dumitrescu, who is charged with instigating the Borscha fire, and the withdrawal of the gendarmes. Father Morariu, a notorious anti-Semitic cleric, who has been holding nightly anti-Semitic demonstrations, moved the adoption of the anti-Semitic resolutions at the meeting. They were passed.

Children's Dressmakers' Strike Is Due Here in Fortnight

A general strike of 7,000 children's dressmakers in New York City is expected within the next two weeks. The aim of the strike will be primarily to abolish the non-union sweatshops in the children's dress industry, according to leaders of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union.

At a conference Tuesday night between union officials and officers of the Infants, Children and Junior Dress Manufacturers' Association, representing twenty-two of the 150 employers in the trade, the union demanded a \$2 weekly increase for the workers, a forty-two hour five-day week, the abolition of the sweatshop and the creation of impartial machinery for the settlement of disputes. These demands were received by the employers.

Officials of the union pointed out that unlike other garment trades, the children's dress industry is highly unorganized, only 1,500 of the 7,000 workers in the trade belonging to the union. Most of the workers are young girls and women beyond middle age. Non-union girls average from \$8 to \$20 a week and work about 32 weeks a year, while in union shops the scales range from \$14 to \$35 a week, declared Harry Greenberg, manager of the Children's Dressmakers' Union.

Will Dedicate Chapel of Mt. Sinai Sanitarium

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Montreal, Aug. 13.—The chapel of the new Mt. Sinai Sanitarium in St. Agathe, which is about to be completed, will be dedicated Sunday, August 17. The new sanitarium, for which the provincial government has contributed \$150,000, is situated in the heart of the Laurentian mountains. An effort will be made shortly to raise an additional \$100,000 to provide the equipment and furnishings of the institution.

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against the banks and bankers and the money-lenders and took on the form of an anti-Semitic movement because the majority of these "as well as those who own capital for lending purposes are Jews."

As proof of this explanation, Gafencu cites the fact that the discontented peasants in Balaceana broke the windows of the richer Jews' houses but left untouched the houses of the poor Jews. Speculating on the tension between the poor population and the money-lenders, the agitators tried to take advantage of the economic situation in order to intensify their anti-Semitic propaganda, M. Gafencu says.

Following this, he points out that the government immediately took the most severe measures to put an end to the agitation, strictly forbidding meetings of a public nature and ordering the police to watch with the greatest zeal the anti-Semitic agitators. The official Roumanian statement further enumerates the number of prominent anti-Semitic agitators in various towns and villages who have been arrested and also the more than 200 peasants who are being held for participating in anti-Semitic agitation in the villages.

Emphasizing that the anti-Semitic agitation has found no response from the great masses of the Roumanian people and that only in certain sporadic instances such as at Borscha and Balaceana did the agitation have any result, due chiefly to the economic situation, the Roumanian statement declares that regarding "the exaggerated information circulated abroad concerning the anti-Semitic movement, the political factor must be taken into consideration all the more as the Jewish parties of Roumania seem to be divided as to the policy which should be followed."

Revisionists Say Rutenberg Negotiated with Nashashibi

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Aug. 13.—A charge that Pinchas Rutenberg, president of the Jewish National Council, has negotiated with Mayor Nashashibi of Jerusalem, is made today by the Hebrew daily, "Doar Hayom," which adds that at the last meeting of the Council the Revisionist members were unable to make either a confirmation or denial of this matter.

It is understood, however, that in a recent conversation between Mr. Rutenberg and Mayor Nashashibi, the latter expressed his readiness to pursue a less hostile policy if the Jews would not oppose his mayorality. While the Mayor gave no definite promises it is believed that he is somewhat disturbed by the movement against him.

The Revisionists claim that the Jewish council of Jerusalem did not authorize the movement for Jewish autonomy in Jerusalem and raised an objection to the Hatsothov society formed for that purpose because it was hopeful of some arrangement with Mayor Nashashibi.

Economic Readjustment in U.S. Impels Jewish Educational Institutions, Says Levine

That the economic readjustment now taking place in the United States as the result of the prolonged economic depression, and the attendant evils of unemployment and financial stringency, is imperiling the existence of many Jewish social and educational institutions in New York City, was revealed yesterday in a statement issued by Judge S. Levine, of the Court of General Sessions and President of the United Yeshivah Chest of Greater New York, a federation of 10 Jewish day schools, which set out to raise a sum of \$500,000 to relieve the financial burden of these 10 schools.

"It is increasingly clear," Judge Levine stated, "that as a result of the depression, we are faced with the emergence of new economic conditions, and with the necessity of adopting new adjusted standards in our social and philanthropic activities. The depression, which embraces not only the United States, but many countries throughout the world, has made itself felt most strongly in those fields where crises are felt most acutely. It is generally admitted that many philanthropic and educational Jewish agencies in New York City must subject themselves to a thorough-going readjustment, often leading to a curtailment of activities.

Hundreds of Communal Agencies

"With the growth of the Jewish community in New York during the past three decades, mainly as a result of the Eastern European immigration, hundreds of communal, social, religious and philanthropic agencies have come into being, due to the social-mindedness and generous impulses of the mass of immigrants. Institutions were built by the score without ample and permanent provision for their maintenance, and upkeep. One outstanding lesson gained from the present depression must be that the fate of vital agencies, functioning for the welfare of the community, cannot be made dependent upon the high degree of prosperity, or generosity of a comparatively small number of donors. Agencies such as educational institutions, as exemplified by the Yeshivahs, must be regarded as a community obligation which embraces the entire group whose ideals they expound and exemplify. Unless this is thoroughly and promptly understood by the Jews of New York, many institutions into the making of which the labor and self-sacrifice of an entire generation has gone, will have to disappear, to the detriment of the best interests of the community," Judge Levine further stated.

City-Wide Outdoor Campaign

The statement was made by Judge Levine in explanation of the city-wide outdoor campaign launched by the United Yeshivah Chest for the purpose of raising \$500,000, mainly through small contributions, to meet the \$500,000 deficit of the 10 Jewish schools.

DeHaas Pays Tribute to Theodor Herzl

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Boston, Aug. 13.—Appearing before a public audience under Zionist auspices for the first time here in nine years, Jacob de Haas, organization chairman of the Zionist Organization of America, friend and biographer of Theodor Herzl, paid tribute to the memory of the founder of Zionism at a mass meeting here at the Copley-Plaza hotel.

Asserting that Dr. Herzl not only conceived political Zionism, but that he spurred the Jewish people into aggressive action for the national cause and set into motion those processes which resulted today in an overwhelming vote for a Jewish National Homeland in Palestine, Mr. de Haas was emphatic in his declaration that this feeling was an outgrowth of the pressure of Herzl's teachings. "We may not care to admit it," he stated, "but the whole attitude of American Jewry, whereby it has involved itself so deeply in the social and political welfare of the Jews in every country, calling for the raising of millions upon millions, is an outgrowth of the pressure of Herzl's teachings, and a response to his demand that we cease to be parochial, and realize that the Jews are one people, because everywhere they experience the same basic difficulties. Pride and habit still begrudge Herzl that tribute to his genius which Zionists readily offer, but which should come both from the Orthodox and the Reform. He saved Jewry for at least a generation."

The chairman of the memorial meeting was Morris Katzeff, president of the Kadimah Zionist Club.

San Francisco Cantor Marks Forty Years of Service

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

San Francisco, Aug. 13.—Cantor Joseph Rabinowitz has completed forty years of service with Temple Beth Israel here. The anniversary was made the occasion for fitting ceremonies, which were attended by many friends of the veteran cantor. Dr. Louis I. Newman, Rabbi Elliott Burstein of Temple Beth Israel and Judge Isadore M. Golden, president of the congregation, were the principal speakers, lauding the cantor for his two decades of devoted service.

Largest Roumanian Synagogue Is Destroyed by Fire

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, August 13.—The fire that yesterday destroyed the largest synagogue in Roumania at Maramoresh-Sighet is still burning today it is reported. It is alleged that when the fire broke out an odor of gasoline was noticeable in the vicinity. The fire spread so quickly that despite the heroic efforts of the Jewish population it was impossible to save the Torah scrolls. A detachment of troops is aiding in fighting the fire.

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Organization and powers to regulate Zionist questions directly with the British government.

A report based on reliable information has reached the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, that Prof. Selig Brodetsky, a member of the world Zionist Executive, and the spokesman of the latter at the Revisionist conference, may resign. His resignation is not connected with any Revisionist influence, however, but traceable merely to his personal sentiments.

Lipsky Sees Insurance Co. Offering New Outlet for Employment of Jews

The increasing encroachment of chain-store competition on the livelihood of thousands of small Jewish merchants throughout the United States, and the consequent ousting of these men and women from America's mercantile life, necessitates the finding of new channels of employment for them. This was the gist of an address delivered by Louis Lipsky, president of the Judea Life Insurance Company, and former president of the Zionist Organization of America, at a reception tendered to him last week at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, by the general sales agents of the company, who took the occasion to welcome him into the organization.

Discussing "New Trends in American-Jewish Economic Life," Mr. Lipsky spoke on the part which the Judea Life Insurance Company, as a predominantly Jewish institution, can play in easing the tension created by the rise of combines in American business life. Referring to his travels throughout the country, which had brought him into contact with hundreds of cities and towns, Mr. Lipsky declared that Jewish business people were being forced to discontinue their business on account of chain stores and therefore had to seek other means of employment. He declared that eventually the Judea Life Insurance Company could become the means of giving many of these people employment, both in field and office work. Mr. Lipsky referred, incidentally, to the rising tide of prejudice in the public utilities and large corporations which show definite prejudice in their employment of help.

The meeting in honor of Mr. Lipsky was presided over by Moe Werbelowsky of Brooklyn, Zionist worker. The speakers who welcomed Mr. Lipsky were: Samuel Mason, executive vice-president of the Judea Life Insurance Company, and Rabbi Maurice Eisenberg of New York.

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