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Anniversary of Anti-Semitic Student Organization Quiet as Roumanian Police Keep Order

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Bucharest, Dec. 10.—Today's celebrations of the anniversary of the establishment of the anti-Semitic student movement passed without disorder in Bucharest and in the provinces. Everywhere the police succeeded in maintaining order. Inquiries at the ministry of the interior indicated that special precautions had been taken throughout the country to preserve peace.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Dec. 10.—A near panic broke out today among the Jews of Piatra when they received word that Professor Alexander Cuza, leader of the anti-Semitic movement, was coming to the town with a group of his followers in connection with the suit of a Christian worker against his Jewish employer.

The hasty intervention of a delegation of Jews with the police prefect of Piatra led to the intervention of the central authorities in Bucharest who sent word that Professor Cuza would not come to Piatra. It was recalled that when Professor Cuza and his followers passed through Targu-Frumos last summer anti-Jewish riots took place.

Meanwhile the Bucharest police have granted permission to the nationalist students to hold a mass meeting in Bucharest tomorrow in connection with the anniversary of the students' movement. The permit was granted notwithstanding the protests of Jewish leaders in and out of parliament. Senator Meyer Ebner protested again today but was told that the students had promised to maintain order and to see to it that there were no disturbances.

Building Railroad Line from Calais to Palestine

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, Dec. 10.—A new rail connection between Calais and Palestine that will enable travelers to go directly to the Holy Land without changing trains was announced for construction here today by the French government. The enterprise is part of the \$20,000,000 undertaking of France to develop Syria, which is under a French mandate.

J. N. F. Gets \$33,500 from Palestine Jews in 6 Weeks

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 10.—Palestine Jewry contributed \$33,500 to the Jewish National Fund in the six weeks since the White Paper was issued, according to figures made public here today. These figures are three times the collections for the same period last year. Workers are particularly prominent among the contributors.

New Finds May Reveal Unknown Hebrew City

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 10.—The existence of what is believed to be a hitherto unknown ancient Hebrew city between Jerusalem and Bethlehem was accidentally revealed today by the archaeological finds of a group of Jewish workmen at Talpioth, a suburb of Jerusalem.

The workmen, part of a Jewish labor battalion, uncovered a number of ossuaries with Greek or Hebrew inscriptions, a mosaic and a large vase containing many antiques. The location of the objects which when found faced towards the Temple area impel archaeologists who examined them to believe them the property of the inhabitants of a city more than 2,000 years old.

Palestine Grants Concessions for Manganese Copper Exploitation

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 10.—Important concessions for the exploitation of extensive copper and manganese deposits in the Akaba region of the Red Sea coast, were granted today by the Palestine government to Messrs. Macartney and Kirby, two Englishmen who have been prospecting in that district for some time.

The mineral deposits are said to be worth nearly \$125,000,000.

Apologize for Passion Play Ads in Pittsburgh Schools

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Pittsburgh, Dec. 10.—The circulation of advertising material announcing the Freiburg Passion Play through the public schools of Pittsburgh and attempts to encourage such pupils to attend the performance of this play was made the subject of successful representations to the Pittsburgh school authorities by the Pittsburgh Council of the American Jewish Congress.

In a letter addressed by Oscar Robins, president of the Jewish Council, to the board of public education he called attention to the violation of the traditional American spirit of separation of the public school system from religious instruction which is involved in attempts to advertise and to patronize through the channels of the school performances of a religious character. "This," he said, "is particularly obnoxious where the performance, as in the present instance, tends to arouse ill-feeling on the part of the youthful members of one religious group against those of another."

In reply, Ben G. Graham, superintendent of schools, expressed his regrets that this literature should have been circulated through the schools and offered his apologies for any offense which may have been given "to any of our pupils or their parents."

Berlin Police Ban All Street Demonstrations to Prohibit Further Hitlerite Outbreaks

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 10.—All street demonstrations in Berlin were forbidden today by Albert Grzesinski, police chief, in order to prevent further Hitlerite outbreaks such as yesterday's in the Hollendorfsplatz where the National Socialists massed to protest against the showing of the American talking picture, All Quiet on the Western Front. Addressing a crowd of his followers, Paul Goebbels, Hitlerite leader, threatened Jewish pogroms in a legal way.

Reinforced police squads are patrolling the city and dispersing every gathering no matter how small, without warning. A general feeling of anxiety prevails as it is felt that counter-action by the Hitlerites may be expected.

In his address yesterday, Goebbels threatened the Jews of West Berlin and warned them that Hitler was at the gates of Berlin. After his address a crowd of Hitlerites began heading towards West Berlin but was stopped by a large police detachment.

While the Berlin Hitlerites continue to exploit the protests against All Quiet on the Western Front for anti-Semitic agitation, German Jewry is embittered and disappointed because the other political parties and their press have failed to enlighten the German masses about the falsity of the Hitlerites' accusations in connection with the production of All Quiet on the Western Front.

The propaganda of the National-Socialists has led the uninformed German

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Einstein to Receive J.N.F. Zionist Delegation Tomorrow

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

On Board S.S. Belgenland, Dec. 10.—As the S.S. Belgenland neared New York harbor, Professor Albert Einstein was still working hard with his assistant, Dr. Walter Mayer. With the flood of invitations that have poured in on him from all sorts of organizations asking him to address banquets and be the guest of honor at various events, Dr. Einstein has thus far accepted one luncheon engagement and will meet with two Jewish delegations and will speak over the radio under the auspices of Avukah, the American Student Zionist Federation.

When the Belgenland docks tomorrow morning he will have completed almost nine days on board ship but he is nevertheless well and cheerful. On Friday morning he will receive a delegation of the Jewish National Fund and of the Zionist Organization of America. At noon he will be a luncheon guest of Adolph S. Ochs, publisher of the New York Times, in the Times' offices.

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**4 Theatrical Unions Seek
Way to Open Yiddish Theatres**

Representatives of four Yiddish theatrical unions at a meeting on Tuesday voted to plead with the union stage hands and musicians to make some wage concessions which would permit the reopening of the nine New York Yiddish theatres that have been closed since Sunday night. These theatres employ 700 people.

A committee was chosen to seek a conference with officials of these two unions. The stage hands' and musicians' unions are the only two Yiddish theatrical unions who thus far are unwilling to make any concessions to the demand of the Yiddish theatrical managers for a 40 per cent wage reduction. The committee which will confer with these two unions is headed by Reuben Guskin, manager of the Hebrew Actors' Union.

**\$50,000 Raised at Hebrew
National Orphan Home Dinner**

Fifty thousand dollars was paid by one thousand guests to attend a dinner for the benefit of the Hebrew National Orphan Home, Yonkers. The dinner, which was held on Tuesday night at the Hotel Astor, also marked the confirmation of thirty-eight of the 400 orphan boys in the home.

Among those who spoke were Major-General Hanson E. Ely, Supreme Court Justice Aaron J. Levy and Benjamin F. Spellman, who was toastmaster. Judge Otto A. Rosalsky, Police Commissioner Mulrooney, Albert Ottinger and John F. Curry, leader of Tammany Hall, were among the guests. Telegrams were received from Governor Roosevelt and Mayor Walker.

**Detroit Hadassah Oversubscribes
Annual \$15,000 Campaign**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
Detroit, Dec. 10—The Detroit Hadassah concluded its annual campaign for \$15,000 with a \$25 donor's lunch at which it was announced that the drive had been oversubscribed by \$1,800. The luncheon was attended by 650 women.

**Newton Baker Gets Medal for Promoting Good Will Between Jew
and Christian; "Sore Spots" of Religious Prejudice Thrashed Out**

In the presence of over 200 representatives of many faiths from various points in the country gathered at a dinner concluding the Seminar on Human Relations between Protestants, Catholics and Jews, held at the Hotel McAlpin, Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War, was presented on Tuesday night with the American Hebrew Medal for the Promotion of Better Understanding between Christian and Jew in America. Mr. Baker was the guest of honor and principal speaker at the dinner. Rabbi Isaac Landman, editor of the American Hebrew, presented the medal, which is the first award of its kind and will from now on be presented each year to the American who has done the most to promote amity between the three major faiths in this country.

The Seminar began its sessions in the morning and lasted all day. It was held under the auspices of the National Conference of Jews and Christians and its purpose was to "acquire a better understanding, more intelligent appreciation and friendlier cooperation of cultural groups living creatively in a democracy."

The first morning session, at which Felix M. Warburg presided, heard addresses on the problems of religious prejudices and their elimination by Chancellor Elmer E. Brown of New York University, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, president of the New York Federation of Churches, and Mrs. Estelle M. Sternberger, executive secretary of the National Council of Jewish Women.

See Departure from Ideals

The second morning session was devoted to a round table discussion of the particular "sore spots" which developed as a result of religious prejudices. The discussion was preceded by an introductory talk by Professor William H. Kilpatrick of Columbia University who presided. What may be termed the worst "sore spot" was indicated by one of the speakers to be "a departure from the original American ideals," as voiced in the Declaration of Independence, that all men were born free and equal and that Church separated from the State made religion the private affair of the individuals. A man is thus considered a good man, irrespective of his religious beliefs, if he abides by the laws of the land.

The two afternoon sessions were devoted (1) to addresses on the Problems of Human Relations and (2) to a round table on Specific Problems. James M. Speers presided at the first session which was addressed by Dr. John Haynes Holmes, pastor of the Community Church, and by Professor Reinhold Niebuhr of the Union Theological Seminary. The second session was addressed by Harry A. Overstreet of the College of the City of New York and many representatives of the various groups.

The final session was again devoted to a round table discussion and the various topics touched upon during the day were thrashed out, many speakers

laying before the audience quite frankly and openly the reasons for intolerance and prejudice and possible solutions for eliminating them. Dr. Kilpatrick, who presided at this session, also summed up the discussions of the day at the dinner.

The audience as well as the speakers represented a colorful picture of religions as well as racial representatives. There were Catholic priests, Protestant pastors, rabbis and several representatives of Negro groups and also lay and professional persons of all occupations and officers and leaders of educational groups.

Landman Bestows Medal

In presenting the medal, Rabbi Landman said, among other things: "I bestow this on you, Newton D. Baker, as a symbol. It is in recognition of your preeminent services in breaking down barriers of bigotry and in building bridges of better understanding, fear of each other will cease, prejudices vanish, and hatred will be uprooted. Men who understand each other cannot hate each other."

In accepting the award Mr. Baker pointed out the danger of indulging in prejudices which imperil the success of democratic government. "Democracy as a form of political organization can only succeed in an educated people. I have long believed that the more religion a man had, of his own kind, the more tolerance he would have for people who had other kinds. The world needs more religion, not less, but it needs less religious controversy, not more."

General John F. O'Ryan presided at the dinner. The other speakers included Roger W. Straus, Michael Williams and former Supreme Court Justice Joseph Proskauer.

**American Zionists Designate
Days for Shekel Campaign**

The need of having a large and representative American delegation at the World Zionist Congress which will meet in Carlsbad, Czechoslovakia beginning next February 18th, is the substance of a message issued by Robert Szold, Chairman of Administration of the Zionist Organization of America, urging the participation of American Jewry in the forthcoming elections for the Congress.

The national headquarters of the Zionist Organization has designated Sunday, December 14th and Sunday, December 21st as dates on which the various groups associated with the Zionist movement, such as Zionist districts, Hadassah chapters, camps of the Order Sons of Zion, and branches of the Avukah, may concentrate their efforts on the sale of shekels. Each shekel, which may be bought for fifty cents, is a token of membership in the World Zionist Organization, and permits the purchaser to vote for delegates to the Congress.

Head of Separate School Body Takes Issue with Secretary of Jewish School Commission

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Montreal, Dec. 10—Refuting yesterday's statement by Nathan Gordon, secretary of the Jewish School Commission, in which he defended the Commission from attacks on it by those leaders who favored a separate Jewish school system, H. M. Caiserman, chairman of the Separate School Committee, today made a number of allegations against the members of the Jewish School Commission and against the agreement they concluded with the Protestant School Board.

Referring to that part of the contract that gives the Jewish children the same rights they enjoyed under the 1903 agreement, Mr. Caiserman says that means the right "to receive a Protestant education on the same basis as Protestant children" and charges that the Jewish Commission has "entirely failed to provide for any element of Jewish education in its unfortunate settlement."

As to Mr. Gordon's statement that the Separate School Committee knew of the Jewish Commission's meetings six months before, Mr. Caiserman terms it "untrue and misleading in every sense. Commissioner Garber reported confidentially to our Committee about four weeks ago about a certain state of the negotiations but counselled against calling any public meetings until he informed us. And when he did so the agreement was already concluded. When a deputation of the Separate School Committee desired a conference on the matter it was informed by the chairman that the contract was in the hands of the notary and that no changes could be made."

Agreement to Hasty

Mr. Caiserman also points out that the Jewish school law "gave the Jewish School Commission two alternatives, to negotiate for an understanding with the Protestants, and failing to reach an understanding until July 1, 1931 to establish separate Jewish schools. If a majority of the committee were not assimilationists and if they were not ready to liquidate any Jewish rights why did it hurry to sign an agreement without consulting any Jewish representative body when the law gave it time until July 1, 1931?"

"At that time the provincial elections would have been over and with them the anti-Semitic outburst on the part of the Conservative party. Why have Liberal politicians made statements to the press months ahead that an understanding with the Protestants was under way? Why has the Commission signed the contract without security for Jewish representation on the school board, the engagement of Jewish teachers in proportion to the number of Jewish children in the Protestant schools and at least one hour of Jewish subjects in the curriculum?"

Arguments Unjust

"Other so-called rights are merely pulling the wool over the eyes of the Jewish community. The argument that such demands would be unconstitutional

House Immigration Committee Approves 2 Year Alien Stoppage

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Washington, Dec. 10—The House Immigration Committee voted yesterday to suspend all immigration for a period of only two years, instead of five years as was originally suggested in the Johnson Bill. This makes the House bill in accord with the Reed bill introduced in the Senate.

Wives and minor children of alien residents who are legally in the United States will be excepted from the suspension clause and will be allowed to remain in the present category of quota preference immigrants, provided they have registered with American consuls for visas before midnight of yesterday. Those who have not done so would under this vote be barred under the two years' suspension clause.

The clause prohibiting the admission of Russian subjects was stricken from the bill. This clause was aimed against Communists and would have prohibited the admission of immigrants who are citizens of any country with which no diplomatic relations exist.

Representative Dickstein of New York was mainly instrumental in carrying out these amendments. Regarding the proposal to suspend immigration for five years, which on motion of Mr. Dickstein was reduced to two years, the New York Congressman said:

"The five-year suspension would imply we expected the depression to last five years. If it lasted that long, we would have a revolution."

The Immigration Committee will meet again today and Mr. Dickstein, who is its ranking minority member, will ask that the clause which allows the admission of relatives who have registered with American consuls up to yesterday be changed to allow admission of relatives who have registered up to the time the bill goes into effect.

The House Immigration Committee also voted yesterday to admit outside the quota husbands of American citizens who married before midnight last night.

Temple Brotherhoods Sponsor Joint Chanukah Dinner

The Metropolitan Conference of Temple Brotherhoods will sponsor its annual Chanukah dinner Sunday night, in the Isaac Mayer Wise Auditorium of the Community House of Temple Emanu-El. The principal speaker will be Murray Seasongood, former Mayor of Cincinnati, Ohio, the only Jew ever to hold that office; and Rabbi Samuel Cohen, of Hebrew Union College.

does not hold because the provision in the present contract that Jewish children can attend any and all Protestant schools is also unconstitutional and can be challenged by the Protestants in the courts of the country.

"The concluding statement that 95 per cent of the population is against Jewish schools is ridiculous. Why does the Jewish School Commission refuse to have a referendum on the question?"

16 Jewish Laborers Arrested for Unemployment Demonstration at Ness Ziona; Others Detained

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 10—Sixteen Jewish laborers at Ness Ziona, including two secretaries, were arrested and 12 others detained today at the Ramleh jail for participating in yesterday's demonstration of unemployed workers at Ness Ziona where a number of hot heads smashed windows in the colonists' houses and did not retreat until the police fired in the air.

The secretariat of the Ness Ziona workers adopted a resolution today regretting that the unemployed had resorted to violence and calling on the workers to submit to discipline. Meanwhile at Hadera the colonists are seeking to solve the unemployment problem in the orange groves by peaceable means. They have prepared a list of all planters capable of furnishing work. At Petach Tikvah the colonists re-affirmed their demand for a wage reduction to three shillings a day after a conference with a joint delegation of the Vaad Leumi and the Jewish Agency.

The trouble between the workers and the colonists in the orange-growing belt is an almost annual affair coinciding with the beginning of the orange-picking season. The Jewish laborers claim that not enough Jews are employed in the Jewish-owned groves. The planters at Petach Tikvah have agreed to assure the employment of a larger number of Jews if the Jewish Federation of Labor will agree to cut the daily wage scale to three shillings.

Berlin Police Ban All Street Demonstrations to Prohibit Further Hitlerite Outbreaks

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masses to believe the Hitlerite legend that the direction and production of All Quiet on the Western Front is an American-Jewish plot to disgrace the German war heroes. Resenting the failure of the government to prevent the circulation of this canard, Jewish leaders here believe that the other political parties fear to defend the German Jews because such action might lead to their being labelled "Jew-protectors."

The protests against All Quiet on the Western Front show no sign of ending and have taken on a definite anti-Semitic character. While the Hitlerite demonstration was in progress yesterday, passing Jews were insulted and threats were made to "hang and kill them all." The police had a difficult time in breaking up the crowd. Many of the National Socialists were arrested, among them Deputy Fabricus.

He was brought to court today on a charge of resisting the state attorney's writ for his arrest. Despite his claim to immunity as a member of the Reichstag, Fabricus was brought to trial by the state attorney who found a clause in the constitution which legalizes the arrest of a deputy.

Zionist Deputies in Sejm Form Parliamentary Club; Jewish Government Deputies Organize

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Dec. 10.—The six Zionist deputies who were elected to the new Polish Sejm yesterday organized themselves into a Jewish Parliamentary Club. Dr. Joshua Thon was elected president of the club, which consists of four Zionist deputies from Galicia and two from Old Poland. Deputy Henry Rosmarin of Galicia was elected vice-president. Deputy Isaac Gruenbaum, former president of the club, promised loyal support to the decisions of the Club.

The three Jewish deputies who were elected on the government ticket have organized themselves in a "Progressive Club." Only the deputy of the ultra-Orthodox Agudath Israel, Rabbi Levin, has not joined with any other Jewish parliament members.

Although the members of the club will have no opportunity to participate in the parliamentary committees, because they number less than ten, it is stated here however, that the government party will appoint the Jewish deputy, Wislicki, as a member of the commerce committee, and that Deputy Minezberg will be appointed to the education committee.

The lack of unity among Polish Jewry was well reflected at the opening session of parliament yesterday. The ten Jewish deputies were divided into three parties. While in the former Sejm all the Jewish deputies belonged to one club and together occupied a prominent place in the Sejm, the six Zionist deputies yesterday sat behind the Ukrainians, and Deputy Gruenbaum, who formerly sat near the platform, yesterday occupied the last row among the minority groups. The three Jewish deputies who were elected on the government ticket were scattered among the non-Jewish deputies belonging to that party, while the Agudath deputy, Rabbi Levin, sat alone.

Jewish Fraternities to Give Hebrew University Scholarships

Scholarship funds for needy students at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, were announced Tuesday at a meeting of representatives of Jewish fraternities, called by Harold Riegelman, former chairman of the Inter-Fraternity Conference. Scholarships amounting to \$300, the amount necessary to cover a student's minimum living expenses, will be awarded by Sigma Alpha Mu and Kappa Nu Fraternities. Mr. Riegelman, speaking on behalf of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, stated that at its convention in late December, Zeta Beta Tau would undoubtedly renew the scholarship awarded last year to a student at the Hebrew University.

Announcement was made at the meeting of a campaign by Young Judea of Canada, to complete the fund of \$5,000 established as a permanent endowment for scholarships at the Hebrew University.

Mr. Riegelman also announced that the Hillel Foundation of the University of Illinois, in cooperation with Avukah and Junior Hadassah, would establish a scholarship this year

Judge and Jury Sample Matzos in Federal Court Trust Case

The U. S. District Court became the scene of a matzo-eating match yesterday as Judge Knox and the members of the jury proceeded to taste several brands of matzo in order to determine whether they were all alike. The question arose in the case brought by the Rabbi Weinberger Matzo Company against the Manischewitz Company and the Horowitz-Margaret Company in which Rabbi Weinberger charges the other companies with using trust methods to control the matzo market.

Philip Halperson, for fifteen years a matzo dealer who admits who worked for a year helping Rabbi Weinberger prepare the case against the "trust," asserted that all matzos are alike in quality. "Various matzo bakers have told me that all matzo bakers in America buy the same flour from the same firms. They say there is only one grade of Passover flour."

Judge Hyman J. Reit, attorney for the Manischewitz interests, cross-examining Mr. Halperson, brought out that Halperson was not aware of the fact that the Manischewitz Company bought no flour at all from the dealer Halperson had named. "As a matter of fact," said Judge Reit, "you know that there are several grades of flour for Passover baking." At this point, Judge Knox reached for one of the score of packages of matzo, matzo crackers, matzo meal and matzo cake, spread on a table before him. He got out his pen knife and cut open the package. Attorney G. A. Rogers, for Rabbi Weinberger, said "why don't you try some of our product too, Judge." The Judge bit off a piece of matzo, laughed, and said "this is some of yours."

Then the jury began to be interested. One juror observing that it was near lunch time, asked for a sample. Soon about a dozen packages had been opened and were being passed along from juror to juror. One juror announced that his father had been a rabbi and wanted to know whether matzo made by machine was kosher as oil is used in oiling the machinery. He was reassured when told that all matzo factories employ rabbis to see that the matzos are baked according to ritual. The judge, it was observed, did not stop eating after he had nibbled a few samples, but continued and consumed several cakes of matzo. He would not, however, say which brand he preferred.

amounting to at least \$250. The Junior groups of Har Zion and Keneseth Israel of Philadelphia, Mt. Sinai Congregation of Sioux City, Iowa, and Beth El Zedek of Indianapolis, are also raising funds for a joint scholarship to be administered in their name, according to Mr. Riegelman.

Other fraternities participating in the joint effort on behalf of students at the University in Jerusalem include Alpha Mu Sigma, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Phi Delta Pi, Phi Sigma Delta and Tau Epsilon Phi, which will bring the question of establishing a scholarship before their annual conventions, to be held during the Christmas holidays.

37 Communities in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Seek Increased United Synagogue Membership

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—In twenty Jewish communities throughout the State of Connecticut and in seventeen communities in Eastern Pennsylvania, an effort is now being made by the National Committee of One Thousand to expound the program of the United Synagogue of America, and to increase its membership, according to a statement given out today by A. B. Cohen, national chairman.

The National Committee of One Thousand was organized several months ago for the purpose of stimulating interest in traditional Judaism throughout the country, and more particularly to lend aid and encouragement to the smaller communities in the furtherance of their Jewish religious endeavor. In the course of the past several months regional conferences were held in Philadelphia for the Jewish communities of Eastern Pennsylvania and in Hartford for the Jewish communities of Connecticut.

Rabbi Charles I. Hoffman of Newark is arranging a conference for the Jewish communities in New Jersey to take place in Newark all day Sunday, December 28th. Out of this conference it is hoped will come a state-wide organization, given over to a study of the more immediate religious needs of the smaller Jewish communities in New Jersey, and also to carry out the general principles for which the United Synagogue stands.

Vice-President Hopes Zionist Difficulties Will Be Settled

The hope that the difficulties that today face the Zionists in regard to Palestine as a result of the issuance of the recent new declaration of British policy would be satisfactorily settled was expressed in a message by Vice-President Charles Curtis to the New York Zionist Region, made public here today by Jonah J. Goldstein, to whom it was addressed.

It had been expected that the vice-president would be able to attend the Maccabean festival which will be held by the New York Zionist Region at Madison Square Garden on Saturday night, December 13th as "a demonstration of Zionist sentiment and solidarity" combined with a celebration of the traditional Chanukah festival.

The message, addressed to Mr. Goldstein, chairman of the Maccabean Festival, of which Nathan Straus is honorary chairman, reads as follows:

"I have your kind invitation of recent date and regret very deeply a previous engagement prevents me from attending the Maccabean Festival to be held on Saturday evening, December 13th.

"I wish you would extend to those who attend my best wishes for their success in rebuilding the Jewish National Homeland.

"Hoping all difficulties in regard to Palestine will be satisfactorily settled, I am,

"Very sincerely,
"(Signed) Charles Curtis."