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Jewish Parliamentary Club Voices Distrust in Present Roumanian Government

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Dec. 15.—Distrust of the Mironescu cabinet and displeasure with the government's measures to combat anti-Semitism were expressed today in the Roumanian Parliament by the Jewish parliamentary club. Speaking on behalf of the club, Senator Meyer Ebner, said that while the Jews appreciate King Carol's honest efforts they are displeased with the government's actions in fighting anti-Semitism.

Neither the government nor the courts have done their duty, Senator Ebner charged, adding that this failure has created the impression that the anti-Semitic agitators are above the law while the Jews are outside the law. Senator Ebner enumerated the events of the anti-Semitic outbreak in Galatz and also those in Bukovina. Under such conditions, he said, the Jewish parliamentary club cannot vote confidence in the present government.

The Bucharest daily, Adevarul, today sharply criticizes the government for its unjustified leniency towards student hooliganism and repudiates the statement of Prof. Nicolai Jorga that school boys and not students were responsible for the December 10th disturbances. The fact that the police identified some of the rioters as students but did not arrest them shows that the students were responsible for the riots from beginning to end, the paper states.

Hear High Commissioner Chancellor to Quit in 1931

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 15.—According to persistent rumors Sir John Chancellor, High Commissioner of Palestine, will leave his office when his term expires in 1931. Other rumors have it that when Sir John was in London last summer arrangements were made for him to remain in office for another quinquennium when his term has expired in order that he continue the policy of the White Paper.

Dwelling upon this uncertainty concerning Sir John's tenure of office, the Hebrew daily Haaretz states that the High Commissioner will leave in the middle of 1931.

Will Make Talking Film of Famous Dreyfus Case

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 15.—The famous Dreyfus Affair is to be made into a talking picture next year, according to an announcement today by the British International Pictures. It is to be filmed in the Elstree Studios, and will be directed by Milton Roesner under the supervision of F. W. Kraemer, a German production expert.

Kalinin Hopes Jews Will Organize Own Republic in Soviet, Preferably at Bidjan

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Dec. 15.—Michael Kalinin, president of the Central Executive Committee of the U. S. S. R., reiterated his hope here today that the Jews would organize their own republic in the Soviet Union, preferably in Bira Bidjan. At the same time, however, he stressed the need of upholding the Jewish colonies in Crimea, where the Jews have shown signs of great progress.

M. Kalinin expressed that hope in an address at today's session of the conference of the Ozet, the society to settle Jews on land, which is now being held here. He also expressed extreme satisfaction with the great adaptability Jews have shown in land-work in various parts of the Soviet Republic.

"The rise of the Jewish peasantry is truly remarkable, especially in view of the fact that the old regime kept them from settling on land by force. The Jews have mastered a crisis which four years ago threatened their very existence," M. Kalinin said, adding that the deceased Jews have found new fields of activity as a result of the Five Year Plan.

Oxford Students Who Defended Jews Going to Palestine Again

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 15.—The students of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, a party of whom were in Palestine during the riots of August 1929, and at the risk of their lives helped defend the Jews, are to go to Palestine again during next summer's vacation. The council of Wycliffe Hall at its autumn meeting decided that arrangements should be made for the summer vacation term of 1931 to be spent in Palestine and Egypt.

The students of Wycliffe Hall, which is one of the three Anglican theological halls for graduates at Oxford and represents the Evangelical wing of the Church of England, have visited Palestine and Egypt twice during their last four years. During their last visit, in August 1929, their studies were interrupted by the Palestine riots, and the members of the Hall were enrolled as special constables to help maintain peace.

Marshal Pilsudski to Visit Palestine Next Year

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Dec. 15.—Marshal Joseph Pilsudski, Minister of War, expects to visit Palestine where he will be the guest of Sir John Chancellor, Palestine High Commissioner, according to an announcement made public here today.

The newspaper Haintige Najes reports that Pilsudski will go abroad shortly and that he will also visit Egypt.

Einstein Appeals to U. S. Jews to Continue Relief Work of Joint Distribution Committee

A warm appeal to the Jews of the United States to continue the relief work of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Europe was made, according to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, by Prof. Albert Einstein at a gathering of the leading members of the Jewish community at the residence of James N. Rosenberg, 27 West 67th Street, Sunday afternoon.

People Stand as Group

"The Jewish people," the famous savant declared, "stand as a group who are always keenly responsive to the suffering in any portion of their people. Such suffering in any one portion of the group affects the entire body of Jews. At least half of the Jewish people in eastern Europe are in a socially and economically unhealthy condition. This is partly due to the present day conditions, partly to circumstances as they have been shaped by historical processes. The Joint Distribution Committee has done valiant work in ameliorating these unhappy conditions. I am happy to greet here Dr. Bernhard Kahn. Under his leadership the Joint Distribution Committee has been instrumental in effecting considerable improvement in Jewish conditions of eastern Europe.

"I sincerely trust that the Jews of the United States will continue this work, for with comparatively small sums of money important reconstructive results can be obtained. I am confident that you will continue your vigorous interest. Only when the Jewish people retain their feeling of brotherliness, can we achieve self-respect and pride in

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Austria May Also Bar All Quiet on Western Front

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Dec. 15.—Austria is expected to follow in the footsteps of Germany and prohibit the showing of the American talking picture, All Quiet on the Western Front. A campaign to prevent its showing in Vienna and other cities of Austria has already been started by anti-Semitic groups. The Hackenkreuz societies have called many meetings to protest against the picture.

It is understood that Franz Winkler, minister of the interior, has asked the Berlin authorities to send him the documents on which the Berlin action was based. This action is believed to be preliminary to prohibiting the picture in Austria.

Meanwhile Erich Maria Remarque, author of the book from which the film has been made, is planning to institute legal action against the anti-Semitic papers both here and in Germany who have called him a Jew.

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Fund of \$110,000 Ready for Jewish Educational Work

A sum approximating \$110,000 was subscribed in donations and annual scholarship contributions, at the ninth annual dinner of the Jewish Education Association held Sunday night, at the Commodore Hotel. The affair was attended by nearly 650 persons.

Among the larger contributions reported were \$10,000 from Felix M. Warburg, a similar sum from Ivriah; \$5,000 each from Joseph Leblang, Mortimer L. Schiff, Israel Unterberg, Estate of Israel Miller, Estate of Daniel Richter; \$2,000, Congregation B'nai Beshurun, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Golding, Lieut.-Gov. Lehman, Harry H. Liebovitz and Family; \$1,250, Joseph Durst, Arthur Lampert; \$1,000, Charity Chest of the Fur Industry, Samuel C. Lampert, Bernard Semel, Abraham Siegel and Mrs. Samuel Levy.

The necessity of continuing an awakening public consciousness toward Jewish education was stressed by the various speakers who included Israel Unterberg, president of the Association; Dr. Lee K. Frankel, Bernard Semel, Joseph Leblang, vice-president of the Association, Mrs. Leblang, who is honorary chairman of Ivriah, the Women's Division; and Mrs. Gabriel Hamburger, chairman of the division; and Jonah J. Goldstein, who acted as toastmaster. A message was read from Lieut.-Gov. Lehman praising the Association and re-affirming his interest in its work.

Reporting on the work of the Association for the past year, which he described as a year of "exceptional difficulties," Mr. Unterberg stated that the number of pupils in the Jewish religious schools requiring free scholarships had increased by 2,500 as a result of current economic depression. The total number of Jewish children in Greater New York receiving Jewish education, however, Mr. Unterberg reported, has not decreased, the number being approximately 101,000 children.

Knowledge of Hebrew Widespread in Salonica, Leading Jewish Center in Balkans; Economic Conditions Bad; Z. O. Strong

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Salonica, Dec. 3 (By Mail).—In Greece, where until the first Balkan War only about eight or ten thousand Jews lived scattered among two and a half million Greeks, there are today about 100,000 Jews, including from 60 to 70 thousand in the city of Salonica alone. There are three Jewish representatives in the Greek parliament, Deputies Bessantschi and Matalon and Senator Asher Mallach, who is at the same time president of the Zionist Organization of Greece. All of them were elected in Salonica upon a Zionist platform and they also appear in parliament as the representatives of the Zionist cause. At the present moment they are standing with the government party and have recently received several concessions from Premier Venizelos with regard to Jewish schools.

In Athens there are about 2,000 Jews, most of whom have come there from Salonica, Constantinople and Smyrna. By profession they are merchants and brokers. They are very indifferent to spiritual matters. There are no signs of any Jewish life among them, to say nothing of Zionist activities. One can hardly find a Jew who talks and understands Hebrew. Besides Kavalla, where the Jewish community numbers about 6,000 souls, there are also small Jewish communities in Drama, Serres and Xanthi.

Balkans Center of Judaism

When one speaks of Judaism in Greece one really means Salonica where the Jews, not only because of their numbers but also because of their achievements in a cultural, national and humanitarian way, play a prominent role. Although Salonica too isn't what it was once, what it was under Turkish rule when the Jews formed a majority of the city population and with the power of numbers and prosperity virtually ruled the city, nevertheless Salonica, even today, is one of the most important Jewish centers in the Balkans.

The Zionist Organization is quite strong there, counting a membership of 3,000. These are divided into Mizrahists, General Zionists and Revisionists. The Mizrahi is the strongest group of the three. There are no anti-Zionists in Salonica.

There is quite a widespread knowledge of the Hebrew language, together with the Sephardic Ladino, in Salonica. For me the Hebrew language was the only means of communicating with them. There are about a dozen Jewish schools where Ladino and Hebrew are the languages of instruction and a number of Hebrew kindergartens, which are led by a Palestinian young lady from Metullah. The Hebrew-speaking club meets every Saturday, when lectures and discussions are conducted under the chairmanship of Deputy Bessantschi and Mr. Florentin. The economic situation of the Jews of Salonica is extremely unfavorable.

Because of the Hellenization of the

city, many Jewish businesses were ruined and many Jews have been forced to emigrate, among them the famous "Hamale," or Jewish dockyard workers, who were strict Sabbath observers. No ship that entered the Salonica harbor on the Sabbath at that time could unload its cargo on that day. Today there is no more "Hamale." Almost all of these harbor workers have emigrated or have taken to other occupations. The rest, who still cling to their jobs at the dockyards, must work on Saturdays.

After the great fire of 1917, which laid waste the entire Jewish quarter of Salonica, together with the great Central Synagogue, which was one of the landmarks of the near East, and 70 other synagogues, the Jewish quarters were built. Each one of these now has a synagogue, a school and a kindergarten. The largest of these quarters I visited in the company of the Zionist leader, David Florentin. It is located on the land which the Italian section of the Eastern armies of the Allies occupied during the World War, and stretches over an area of 1,200 hectares. Here about 900 homes have been built during the past few years, in which about 5,000 people live. The entire quarter is the property of the Jewish Community, which rents the homes. It contains, besides a synagogue, school and kindergarten, also a large hospital, which was erected years ago with the money furnished by the Ica. It is also worth mentioning that in this section there is a thoroughfare called Nordau Street. However, this street was not so named to honor the great Zionist leader, Max Nordau, but another Nordau who was a great Greek patriot.

Wailing Wall Commission's Report in Colonial Office Hands

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 15.—The report of the Wailing Wall Commission is already in the hands of the British Colonial Office, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today from a reliable source. The Colonial Office has not yet had an opportunity to consider the report and hence has not decided whether it will be published.

In any case copies of the report will have to be submitted to the League of Nations before publication as the Commission is an international body appointed under the authority of the League of Nations. The Commission of three members recently completed its report on the claims of Moslems and Jews to the Wailing Wall.

The Colonial Office today denied to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the truth of the rumor current in Palestine that Jamal Hussein, London representative of the Arab Executive, was endeavoring to prevent the publication of the Wailing Wall Commission's report. The rumor is without the slightest foundation, the Colonial Office said.

Make New Efforts to Vindicate Philip Halsmann

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Dec. 15.—New efforts on the part of influential legal and scientific circles in Austria to reopen the case of Philip Halsmann, young Jew now serving a four year prison term for patrieide, began here today. In an endeavor to prove Halsmann's innocence and to show that his trial was biased, a number of prominent professors have taken it upon themselves to examine the grounds on which Halsmann was convicted.

Prof. Sigmund Freud, interesting himself in the case for the first time, criticizes the psychoanalytic elements in the verdict. The Austrian judiciary has thus far shown no signs of supporting the movement but well-informed circles are of the opinion that the case will be reopened next year.

15,000 Crowd Garden for Z. O.'s Maccabean Festival

Nearly 15,000 people, most of them jamming the floor of Madison Square Garden, celebrated Chanukah on Saturday night at the Maccabean festival. Professor Albert Einstein and Frau Einstein appeared and remained for about a half hour on the platform. A long spontaneous outburst of cheering greeted their appearance and the entire mass of people with a united movement swept toward the platform.

Professor Einstein was stirred by the extraordinary spectacle before him. The mass of standing people all with their faces upturned, crowding toward the platform was an unusually impressive sight. He was conducted to the microphone and he called out his greetings in German. "I only want to say that I greet you with all my heart. Let us remember on this festival commemorating the Maccabees that times change but we remain." Mrs. Einstein modestly hung back but was led up to the microphone. "I greet you" she called and ran back to her seat laughing.

The festival was addressed by Robert Szold, president of the Zionist Organization of America who spoke very briefly of the present Zionist situation. Most of the evening was given over to dancing and to a program of entertainment in which leading Jewish artists participated. Cantor Joseph Rosenblatt sang two songs; Molly Picon told a few stories and sang some comic songs. The motion picture singer, Rudy Vallee sang Eli Eli. There was a violin solo by Jascha Fishberg and music by Alex Kudich's string quartet. Leon Blank recited a poem.

The Jewish Choral Society sang a number of songs under the direction of A. W. Binder. Harry Hirshfield, Jewish comic strip cartoonist was master of ceremonies. J. J. Goldstein, chairman of the Festival Committee, presided. Nathan Strauss was honorary chairman of the Festival Committee.

Local Zionist organizations, units of the B'nai Brith, benefit societies and Palestine organizations had boxes around the hall. The festival lasted far into the night.

Lay Leaders Seen Basic Need of American Jewry; Thousands of Layman Mark Chanukah

Lay leaders, as well as a revitalized faith in religion, were declared to be basic needs for American Jewry today, at the annual Chanukah dinner of the Metropolitan Conference of Temple Brotherhoods held Sunday night in the Isaac Mayer Wise auditorium of Temple Emanu-El.

Murray Seasongood, former Mayor of Cincinnati, O., one of the principal speakers, further urged that the Jews show more activity in the political life of the community, "but on a moral basis, not creedal."

Plea for Lay Leadership

The plea for lay leadership was made by Ludwig Vogelstein, chairman of the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, who in the course of his address, declared: "over 2,000 years have passed since the glorious and victorious war of the Maccabees against Antiochus Epiphanes. The last 150 years have gradually brought emancipation and equality to most Jews of the world—at least on the statute books."

The dinner was addressed also by Rabbi Samuel S. Cohen, professor of theology at Hebrew Union College, and Charles P. Kramer, chairman of the Metropolitan Conference, who acted as toastmaster. The latter asserted that "we actually need a rededication and reconsecration to our religion, rather than to evidence a lack of faith because we have permitted materialism to rule and guide us, rather than spiritually."

The affair was attended by more than 1,000 persons from Greater New York, New Jersey, Westchester and Long Island.

Chanukah Celebrations

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—Thousands of Jewish laymen and their families gathered Sunday evening, Dec. 16, in a number of cities throughout the country for simultaneous celebrations of the advent of Chanukah or the Hebrew Feast of Lights, an eight-day holiday.

The twelve Men's Clubs of Greater Chicago held their banquet in the new Shalom Temple. Speakers included Rabbi William H. Fineshriber of Philadelphia and Hon. Irwin Stalmaster of Omaha, Neb. Sol Heller directed a special choir.

The nation-wide character of the celebration was featured by the invitation extended to all interested to listen in to Station WLW's broadcast of part of Cincinnati's Chanukah program from the Hotel Sinton. The three brotherhoods there heard Rabbi Morris M. Feuerlicht of Indianapolis and Arthur L. Reinhart, Cincinnati, of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. This is believed to be the first broadcast of a Chanukah program.

In addition to the cities holding joint programs, just named, the following cities had a similar celebration by one Brotherhood each: Albany, N. Y.; Baltimore, Md.; Denver, Colo.; McKeesport, Pa.; Montreal; St. Joseph, Mo.; St. Paul, Minn.; San Francisco.

Turn Down Motion to Liquidate Ozet, Comzet

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Dec. 15.—A motion that the Ozet and the Comzet be liquidated because they had outlived their usefulness was defeated today at the annual conference of the All-Union Ozet, the society for settling the Jews on the land. The motion was turned down by a substantial majority of the delegates who felt that such a step was premature.

Calls Marshall "Heroic Figure in Israel" on 74th Birthday

The late Louis Marshall was characterized as "a heroic figure in Israel" by the Rev. Nathan Krass in a sermon delivered in Temple Emanu-El on Sunday morning, December 15. Dr. Krass paid tribute to Mr. Marshall on the occasion of the seventy-fourth birthday of the Jewish leader, which fell on Sunday. Mr. Marshall was at one time president of Temple Emanu-El.

The significance of the Chanukah festival was also discussed by Rabbi Krass during his sermon. Speaking of the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrians and their strong opposition to evil and oppression, Dr. Krass said that each age, each religion and philosophy had to wrestle with the problem of suffering.

Jewish Merchant Gives \$260,000 For Atlanta Teachers Pay

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Atlanta, Dec. 15.—Walter Rich, president of a local department store, today offered to advance to the city \$260,000 to meet the salaries of the public school teachers. The acceptance of this offer by the city authorities means that 1,500 employees of the Atlanta school system will receive their December pay, which would otherwise have been delayed through lack of public funds.

In accepting the offer, Mayor Ragsdale said "never has there been a more generous attitude taken in Atlanta's affairs. It means that Mr. Rich and his organization are intensely interested in the welfare of the teachers and other employees of the public school system who are giving their services for the education of Atlanta's youth. I wish to commend this action in the highest possible terms. It is a gesture of loyalty unsurpassed in Atlanta."

Police Raid Offices of Zionist Central Committee

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Dec. 15.—Late last night the police invaded the offices of the Zionist Central Committee at Nalewki No. 2 to search for unlawful literature. The police declared that they were looking for and intended to confiscate an appeal allegedly prepared by the Jewish Academic Organization, Jordania, the appeal describing the plight of Jewish students and complaints against the numerous clauses. However, the police found no unlawful documents.

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our community," Professor Einstein concluded.

Dr. Kahn Honored

The meeting was attended by the members of the executive committee of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and executive committee of the American Jewish Committee as well as a number of distinguished Jewish philanthropists. The reception was held in honor of Dr. Bernhard Kahn, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, who in a stirring address reviewed the Jewish situation in Europe and emphasized the urgent need for the continuation of the work of the Joint Distribution Committee. Dr. Kahn has supervised the spending of \$60,000,000 collected by the Joint Distribution Committee during the past fifteen years for the aid of European Jews. He leaves today for Europe to resume his work.

Other speakers were Felix M. Warburg, Lieut. Governor Herbert H. Lehman and James N. Rosenberg. The following were present:

Felix M. Warburg, Otto H. Kahn, Dr. Cyrus Adler, Lieut. Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Dr. Lee K. Frankel, Louis Wiley, Paul Baerwald, Judge Irving Lehman, Judge Horace Stern, Dr. Henry Moskowitz, Israel Unterberg, I. D. Morrison, S. C. Lamport, Ralph F. Colin, Alexander Landesco, Dr. Sidney Haas, Dr. and Mrs. Michaelis, David M. Bressler, Cyrus L. Sulzberger, Judge Edward Lazansky, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, William Goldman, Mrs. Rebekah Kohut, Bernard S. Deutsch, Henry Ittelson, Rabbi Nathan Krass, Harold Riegelman, Walter N. Rothschild, Louis J. Vorhaus, Abraham Liebovitz, Howard S. Gans, Dr. Joseph Rosen, Joseph C. Hyman, Dudley D. Sicher, Alex Kahn.

Yiddish Theatres Stay Closed As Agreement Is Not Reached

The dispute between the Yiddish theatrical managers of New York City and the unions, which has caused the closing of nine Yiddish theatres, still remains unsettled. As a result of conferences which lasted all day Saturday and Sunday, during which the theatrical managers demanded that all employees agree to a 25 percent wage cut as a condition of their re-opening the theatres, no agreement was reached, the stage employees having been willing to cut their wages only from 10 to 15 percent.

During this week, however, meetings of members of individual Yiddish theatrical unions will be held and it is expected that some sort of an agreement with the managers will at last be arrived at. The Yiddish theatres were closed a week ago, after the managers declared that their financial losses, due to the present economic crisis, are too heavy for them at present to enable them to continue running the Yiddish theatres.

Berlin Kehillah Gives 700,000 Marks to Aid Needy Jews

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The board of the Berlin Jewish community today appropriated 700,000 marks for the immediate relief of needy Jews. Hundreds of Jewish families have applied for aid and without this grant from the Jewish community would be ejected from their homes for failure to pay rent long in arrears.

Praising Jewish solidarity, Dr. Carl Severing, Prussian minister of the interior, urged the Jews to set an example to the rest of the population by aiding the old and the weak. He spoke at a meeting of the Jewish Aged Relief Fund attended by many leading Jews.

6 European Orchestras Change Rules to Honor Menuhin

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 15.—Yehudi Menuhin, 13-year-old American-Jewish violinist, will play with six of the oldest and most famous orchestras in Europe next year. To honor Menuhin, these orchestras have changed their long-standing rule which has not permitted outside engagements with the orchestra. Instead of merely playing a single concerto as a soloist with the orchestra, Menuhin will thus be able to play three at a single concert, with the symphony orchestra accompanying him.

The six orchestras which have already agreed to this are the orchestras of Hamburg, Berlin, Leipzig, Budapest, Vienna and Paris. It is expected that within the next few weeks other equally famous orchestras in Holland, Italy and possibly Spain will also agree to star Menuhin in this way.

Dedicate School in Honor of Solomon Lewenberg

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Boston, Dec. 15.—The Solomon Lewenberg School in Mattapan, named in honor of a Jew, was dedicated tonight with Mayor Curley as one of the speakers. This is the first time in the history of Boston Jewry that a school was dedicated here in honor of a Jew. The late Mr. Lewenberg was accorded the honor for his conspicuous service to the community. He was especially interested in welfare projects in the Dorchester district, and was appointed to the Gas and Electric Light Commission by Governor McCall. Mr. Lewenberg was a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple Ohabei Shalom.

The dedication tonight was attended by Mrs. Rachel Lewenberg, his widow, and five of his children. Councillor Israel Ruby was instrumental in having this school named in honor of Mr. Lewenberg.

Samuel Braun, Lukover Rabbi, Dead at 65

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Dec. 15.—Samuel Shloime Braun, known as the Lukover Rabbi, died today at the age of 65. He was a well-known Talmudic scholar and the author of numerous scholastic works.

Jewish Centers to Continue Work Unimpaired Despite Depression, Convention Votes

Jewish centers in Greater New York will continue their activities unimpaired by any excessive curtailment due to economic depression, and will devote themselves unflinchingly to relieving unemployment distress among their own memberships, it was decided Sunday at the fifth annual all-day convention of the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Associations held at the 92nd Street. Y. M. H. A.

Sol. M. Stroock, who presided over the morning session of the convention which was devoted to a discussion of "The Business Situation and its Relation to Jewish Community Centers," sounded a keynote, which formed the basis for subsequent decision, when he declared:

"From each association's standpoint, the economies in administration due to the reduced incomes must be of a character that will still maintain the cultural, religious and other vital elements of an organization's program. Sweeping reductions in staff or in salaries, or eliminating important activities will result in serious losses of membership and community good will that have been built up only after years of arduous labor."

The principal speakers at this conference were Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, executive director of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, and Dr. Neva R. Deardorff, director of the Research Bureau of the Welfare Council of New York.

As concerns the unemployment situation, some of the more specific recommendations call for registering unemployed members of centers and endeavors to place them; also by participating in any fund raising efforts for emergency relief, and utilizing Center facilities to sustain the morale of unemployed young people.

Another recommendation urged that unemployed members should be permitted to continue their affiliation and participation in activities without being required to pay dues if not in a position to do so.

Mrs. Alex Stern, Fargo Communal Worker, Dead

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Alex Stern, one of the most active social and philanthropic workers in the state of North Dakota, is dead here at the age of 60.

Besides her husband, an influential banker who formerly held the offices of Mayor of the City of Fargo, and trustee of the State Agricultural College, Mrs. Stern is survived by three sons William, Samuel and Edward.

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