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All World Jewry Mourns Death of Lord Melchett, Great Jewish, British Mind

Three worlds joined today in mourning Lord Melchett, whose death on Saturday came as a distinct shock, though he was an old man and had been ill of plebitis for some time. The world of Jews knew him as one of the leaders in their concerted effort to establish the Jewish National Home in Palestine, the chairman of the Council of the Jewish Agency for Palestine; the world of industry knew him as the head of a \$500,000,000 chemical corporation, reputed to be the richest man in England, and the wisest of modern industrialists; the world of art knew him as a great collector, and as a patron of living artists and writers.

Lord Melchett was 62 years old when he died. He became ill last October, immediately after his return from the United States, but his illness was not regarded as serious until early last week.

He was, until shortly before his death, president of the English Zionist Federation. Upon the death of Louis Marshall, Lord Melchett was chosen as chairman of the Council of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. He resigned this post when Dr. Chaim Weizmann resigned as president of the Jewish Agency in protest at the Passfield White Paper on Palestine.

Lord Melchett was not merely a Zionist of word, but of strong deed. He was chairman of the Non-Partisan Survey Commission for Palestine, and sought to establish definite constructive plans for the development of the country. He took part in the organization of various Palestinian industries, being on the board of the Palestine Electric Corporation, and taking part, through the Economic Board for Palestine, in many other commercial ventures. Tel Mond, a new settlement in the orange-growing district of Palestine, was his latest venture.

Son of Noted Chemist

Lord Melchett, or Alfred Mond, was born in 1868, the son of Dr. Ludwig Mond, world-renowned chemist, who founded the family fortunes when he discovered a new way of making and bottling soda water. Dr. Ludwig Mond came from Germany to England, and started his factory there in partnership with John Brunner. Later they extended their industry, pioneering in heavy chemical production.

Alfred Mond was educated at Cheltenham College, St. John's College, Cambridge, and at Edinburgh University. He was called to the Bar, but forsook the practice of law to continue the development of his father's enterprises.

As a chemist and metallurgist he re-

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Chicago Rabbis Battle Shochet Racketeering

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Chicago, Dec. 27—The Orthodox rabbinate of Chicago has declared a ban on poultry which is to be effective on Monday, and has ordained that no fowl found in Orthodox markets shall be kosher after that date. All Orthodox synagogues of Chicago have been notified to this effect during their Sabbath services today.

This order of the Chicago Orthodox rabbinate has been issued in the war which it is waging against many local shochtim, on terrorism in the kosher butcher business here and on infractions of kashruth ritual. At a meeting in the Hebrew Theological College tonight the situation was discussed by rabbis and leaders of the Chicago Orthodox kehillah. It was claimed that shochtim have been ignoring the rule that they must appear monthly for examination on their knowledge of the Mosaic law of kashruth and as to the keenness of their blades. Other transgressions charged were terrorism, slugging, racketeering, etc.

It was stated that one shochet, Noah Greenberg, was slugged last week and that officials of the shochtim union, among them Joe Etkins, business manager, have been tried for murder and other crimes in the Criminal Court and have been acquitted. Shochtim are not permitted to kill if they are racketeers, the rabbis were told, since the Talmud demands clean, pious men for ritual killings.

Now the Orthodox rabbinate has ruled that any Chicago shochet who kills poultry after Monday will be barred forever from the profession and branded as unfit to kill. Presidents of Orthodox synagogues are asked to co-operate so that no "bootleg" killing will be done.

Columbus and Leif Erikson Trod Well-Known Waters; An Arab Discovered America!

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Cairo, Dec. 27—An Arab discovered America. Moslem tribes are still to be found in Brazil and Mexico. After the Arabs came the Norsemen. And when America was quite an old story, Christopher Columbus happened along!

The newest theory of American colonization was advanced before an audience of 2,000 in a lecture here today by Achmed Pasha, historian, who presented the Arab historical claims before the Wailing Wall Commission. He was asked to select members to form a scientific expedition in search of Arabian tribes in America.

Anti-Semitism Grows as Foreign Jewish Students Crowd French Universities

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, Dec. 27—While representatives of Jewish students in French universities met here to consider the problem of the influx of hundreds of students monthly from countries where numerus clausus are in effect, anti-Semitic disorders were reported to be spreading in France. French students, emulating Hitlerites, invaded a hall given by Jewish students of the University Association of Tours, and attempted to break up the affair.

The Jewish students succeeded in throwing the anti-Semites out of the hall, warning them that "France isn't Fascist!"

Anti-Semitism has, however, been visibly growing in France since Prof. Bosc recommended that the universities should have numerus clausus, particularly directed against the Jews.

At the three-day conference of Jewish students, it was reported that there are over 5,000 Jewish students from other countries in French universities. Hundreds more are coming almost every month out of Poland, where there are restrictions against Jewish students.

Eight large universities were represented at the conference. Efforts were made to find means to give financial help to the immigrants.

Palestine Official Praises Henrietta Szold's Work

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 26—The Director of Education for Palestine, H. Bowman, today wrote to the Henrietta Szold Jubilee Committee in praise of the enormous work in the educational field accomplished by Miss Szold during her many years in Palestine. Attestations of respect and admiration for Miss Szold have come to the Jubilee Committee from all quarters.

"I wish her many more years of fruitful endeavors," wrote Mr. Bowman.

Russian Commissars Seek to Buy Oranges in Syrian Districts

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Beirut, Dec. 27—Four soviet commissars desiring to purchase oranges for Russia arrived in Anatolia today. They have been informed that Turkey would impose a heavy duty on Syrian fruit en route to Russia.

The Syrian orange-growers have requested that the government allow their delegation to negotiate directly with the Russian commissars.

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Wide Sentiment Against

Holding Zionist Congress in February Among U. S. Leaders

Arguing that it would be unreasonable to hold a Zionist Congress at the present time, since the Congress would only be a battle-ground for Jewish factions at a moment when they should show themselves united, many Zionist leaders, and important instruments of the Jewish press, are urging a postponement of the Congress announced for February 24.

Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, of the Euclid Temple of Cleveland, made public through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency a letter which he wrote to Jacob de Hass, who invited him to become a candidate for the delegate list to the Congress.

Rabbi Brickner, in declining to be a candidate, said that a Congress at this time "might serve to depose Dr. Weizmann from leadership at a time when he has been carrying on vis-a-vis with the British government, a political manoeuvre which is both dignified and powerful. It is true that Dr. Weizmann's leadership has not always been of the strongest character, but just now he happens to be doing the only thing that can be done. To replace him by one of the leaders of the minority groups, the Revisionists or the Radicals, would be harmful and unwise to say the least.

"A conference in February," says Rabbi Brickner, "can only serve to reveal to the world and especially to the Arabs and the British Government, how very disunited we are; this, at a time when we should be bound up as one powerful unit.

"Are we really prepared for a Congress? What new program do we bring to this Congress? Is it the bare desire to depose Dr. Weizmann? Are we ready to accept Jabotinsky in his place?

"Of course, if Justice Brandeis would

Isaac N. Natkins, General Mgr.

of Jewish Forward, Found Dead

The Jewish newspaper world today mourned the death of Isaac N. Natkins, 47, general manager of the Jewish Daily Forward, who was stricken by heart disease in Cleveland on Friday, and was found dead in a hotel room. Mr. Natkins was on tour, making a general survey of Jewish newspapers.

He is survived by a widow, three sons, and a daughter.

Will of Mrs. Hattie Weil

Remembers Jewish Charities

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Detroit, Dec. 27.—The will of the late Mrs. Hattie Weil, who died March 31, just filed here for probate, leaves controlling interest in the Weil Furniture Co. to her son, Victor Weil, provided he will carry on the business. Her daughter, Mrs. Florence Weil Roemer, gets the remainder of the stock.

Bequests in the will include one for \$3,000 to the Detroit United Jewish Charities; \$1,000 each to the Detroit Jewish Fresh Air Society, Jewish Women's Club of Detroit, Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati; \$500 each to the Cleveland Orphan Home, Denver Hospital for Consumptives, Detroit branch of Salvation Army and Visiting Nurses' Association. The sum of \$2,000 is turned over to Rabbi Leo M. Franklin to be used in accordance with a memorandum in his possession.

and could make the supreme sacrifice and leave the United States Supreme Court Bench to assume the helm of leadership, then the entire picture would assume different proportions. I feel certain the whole Zionist world would praise the Lord for the appearance of a Deliverer in Israel. It seems, however, that those in authority in the present administration in the Zionist Organization of America feel that this is neither possible nor desirable."

Rabbi Brickner suggests, "Would it not be far better to convene the Congress after an election has taken place in Great Britain, which may yield a new government, and after the vexed Indian situation is cleared up?

"Every indication points to the conviction that the Yishuv in Palestine, the Labor Groups, and the Mizrahi do not favor the immediate calling of a Congress. These, to be sure, constitute most important elements to be considered."

The Jewish Day, in a long editorial, stresses many of the reasons given by Rabbi Brickner, emphasizing the fact that there is no program for the Congress. "Those who come to the Congress with arms raised to depose Dr. Weizmann may find their arms waving in the air," says the Day, "as it is possible that Dr. Weizmann may not be a candidate to succeed himself as president." The Day also declares that "this is not the time to change leadership."

United Synagogue Holds State Conference in New Jersey

A State-wide Conference on behalf of the United Synagogue of America will be held in Newark, N. J., tonight at 8 o'clock at the Y. M. H. A., announces Rabbi Charles I. Hoffman, president of the New Jersey Branch.

The United Synagogue of America is a national organization, dedicated to the furtherance of traditional Judaism in this country, with synagogues, sisterhoods and brotherhoods throughout the land.

The principal address on this occasion will be delivered by Louis J. Moss, national treasurer of the United Synagogue of America.

Avukah Secures Teaching of Hebrew in U. S. Schools

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Boston, Dec. 27.—Rabbi Samuel M. Blumenfeld of Chicago, national Avukah president, in his report to the fifth Avukah convention being held here, stated yesterday that one important achievement of Avukah was that of making the renaissance of the Hebrew language a vital factor on American campuses. The Hebrew language, he pointed out, has already been recognized as a regular subject in high schools and colleges in a number of cities throughout the country, including New York, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Seattle, Portland, Ore., and others, due to the efforts of Avukah.

Dr. Mitchell Salem Fisher of New York, chairman of the Administrative Committee, reported that ten new chapters of Avukah have been formed this year, as far south as Texas and as far north as Winnipeg, Canada. George M. Hyman of New York, national executive secretary, reporting on Professor Albert Einstein's recent radio address under the auspices of Avukah, stated that as a result of this address many letters have been received from Christian clergymen and others who wish to be more informed on the Zionist movement and the activities of Avukah.

Jewish Community of Elkhart

Revives, Builds Center

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Elkhart, Ind., Dec. 27.—This city, long dormant as a Jewish communal center, despite its 100 Jewish families, will be revived Sunday night when its new synagogue and Jewish community center, the Kchilath Israel, will be formally dedicated before Jewry of all the surrounding cities, including South Bend, Mishawaka, Michigan City, Gary and Hammond.

A congregation was formed recently with Rabbi Abraham Goldberg of I. J. Ferman, funds were raised for the erection of the synagogue, and Philip Soslawsky was elected its president. Rabbi William M. Stern and Rabbi Philip S. Greenstein of South Bend will speak at the exercises, at which will also be presented the Torahs, the Ark and the Ten Commandments.

Jewish Factories in Ukraine Declared Near Collapse Due to Lack of Materials

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Dec. 27.—The campaign for the elimination of bureaucracy, and the ills of delay and incompetence which it has brought into Soviet industries, found echo from the Jewish section of the population here today in a leading article in the publication *Emes*. The campaign against bureaucracy is given renewed vigor with the appointment of Molotov as chairman of the Soviet Narkom.

Emes, in a long article, details the "state of chaos" in a number of industries in the leading cities in the Ukraine, where Jewish artels of shoemakers, textile workers, and tanners are on the verge of collapse due to lack of raw materials. Special trade committees were charged with the task of supplying these materials at wholesale for the workers. They failed to secure the supplies. The cities hardest hit, according to *Emes*, are Kiev, Priluki, Mogilev, and Rakitna. "The crisis is primarily due to the inexperience of the committees," says *Emes*. "Nevertheless, this is no excuse."

Falastin Charges Brith Shalom Desires Destruction of Arabs

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 27.—"The policy of Brith Shalom is the same as that of the Revisionist," declares the Falastin, leading Arab daily, in commenting on the questionnaire issued by the Brith Shalom to candidates for seats in the Vaad Leumi, the Palestine Jewish National Council. The Brith Shalom is an organization for promoting harmonious relationships between Arabs and Jews. The questionnaire deals with the attitude of the candidates to Arab-Jewish cooperation.

Falastin rejects the overtures of the Brith Shalom, saying, "all Jews with exception desire the destruction of the Arabs."

Roumanian Banker Presents Palace to King Carol

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Dec. 27.—Arestide Blank, head of the extensive banking interests that were founded by his father, the late Mauricius Blank, today presented a palace to the Roumanian government. The palace is for the reception of foreign representatives. It is presented in memory of Mauricius Blank. The Roumanian government has officially thanked Arestide Blank for the gift.

Arab Paper Urges Boycott On Egyptian Merchandise

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 27.—Maraat El Sharak, an Arab paper, today urges Palestinians to boycott Egyptian goods. The boycott is demanded in retaliation for the high protective tariff that Egypt has placed on certain Palestine products.

J.D.C. to Continue 5-Year Plan Despite Economic Difficulties

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 27.—American Jewry, notwithstanding its present economic difficulties, is determined to continue its relief activities on behalf of world Jewry, declared today Dr. Bernhard Kahn, European director of the "Joint," in a press interview.

The "Joint," said Dr. Kahn, has a five-year program and will not interrupt its activities, though it will confine itself to the most essential things necessary for helping East-European Jewry reconstruct its economic life.

Despite the increased activities of the "Comzet," the "Joint" is also continuing its colonization work in Russia, said Dr. Kahn. Denying press reports that he participated in the negotiations between American Jewish leaders and the Polish Ambassador to America, Titus Filipowicz, on behalf of Polish Jewry, Dr. Kahn said that the Joint Distribution Committee is working only economically, not politically.

Zionist Congress Opens in Old Roumania; Greet King Carol

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Dec. 27.—The Zionist Congress for the district of "Old Roumania" opened here today in Barascheu hall. Adolf Bernhard, member of the Council of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, presided. There were a hundred delegates and numerous guests.

Dr. Bauer, representing Yugoslavia, proposed sending a telegram of greetings to Foreign Minister Marinovitch of his country. Dr. Meyer Ebner brought greetings on the part of the Bucovinian Zionists. A telegram on behalf of the Congress was sent to King Carol.

Ukrainian Student Conference Violent Against Jews

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Prague, Dec. 27.—While a government representative sat quietly on the platform sanctioning the meeting, Student Vachalek, representing Czechoslovakia at the conference here of Ruthenian and Ukrainian students, turned the meeting into a violent anti-Semitic session. Vachalek called for an open fight of the students against Jews, declaring the Jews to be "human parasites" and the worst enemies of the country.

Dr. Beskid, who presented government greetings to the students, raised no objections to the anti-Semitic harangues. Jewish political groups intend to bring action against the students.

Rivisionists Ready to Break With Zionists

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, Dec. 27.—The Zionist Revisionists of France, in conference here, have passed a resolution saying that the Revisionists will be compelled to break with the World Zionist Organization if the coming Congress does not change the Zionist administration.

Persian Jews Embracing Bahai Religion, Report

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 27.—The upper class Jews of Persia are rapidly embracing the Bahai religion, and the Jewish communities are disintegrating, according to Dr. W. Fishel, lecturer in the Oriental Institute of the Hebrew University, who has just returned from a trip to Persia, Iraq and Kurdistan.

Dr. Fishel stated to a representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that English and American Christian missions are making the most of the disintegration of Jewish communities, establishing missions and schools among the poorer classes as the community leaders turn to Bahaiism. "The Persian Jews are not only being converted but are being used as instruments for converting Jews of neighboring countries," says Dr. Fishel.

He spoke of a "Marrano" community of five thousand families in Meshed, who secretly continued to practice their Judaism, and supported Jewish schools. In many cities, he said, Jews had openly applied to missions to establish schools for their children, as they found the establishments of the Alliance Israélite and of the Anglo-Jewish Association inadequate.

One-third of the Jewish children of Teheran were attending the mission schools, said Dr. Fishel, and the Church of England has decided to open a new school within the ghetto. The same conditions are prevalent in Amadan and Isphahan, he asserted, half the Jews of Amadan having adopted an oriental faith.

Agency Reports European Countries Fill Allotted Palestine Fund Quotas

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Almost all of the European countries have covered their anticipated quotas in drives for Palestine funds, according to reports made public today after two meetings of the financial commission of the Jewish Agency. Dr. Bernhard Kahn, vice-chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee, announced that preparations are being made for a large drive in America.

The commission outlined a plan for economies in the Agency budget in London and Palestine, which will be submitted to the executive of the Jewish Agency.

French Authority Says Shechita Most Humane

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Paris, Dec. 27.—As a result of propaganda against shechita, the Jewish method of animal slaughter, the Paris municipality in its official organ today publishes an article by Dr. Foveau de Courmelles asserting that shechita is the most humane method of slaughter. Dr. de Courmelles, who is president of the French society for the Protection of Animals, says the Jewish method is least painful.

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ceived honorary medals and degrees from many universities, including the Sorbonne of Paris, the Gold Medal of the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, and Fellowship of the Royal Society.

In politics, he began in 1906 as a Liberal member of the House of Commons. Subsequently he accepted the office of Minister of Health in 1921. Later he retired from politics. By popular vote conducted by the Spectator, he was seventh in the poll for "The Best Brains of England."

He is regarded as the man who saved England after the War, by the promulgation of a wise industrialist policy, solving the labor situation. He repeatedly decried all emphasis on distinctions as between the working class and any other class, urging cooperation for the efficient development of mankind's resources.

Organized Chemical Industries

After leaving politics, he organized the Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., regarded as one of the greatest trusts in the world. He was chairman of the International Nickel Company of Canada, of the Finance Company of Great Britain and America, and the former of the Amalgamated Anthracite Collieries, Ltd., which controls over 80 per cent of the anthracite output of South Wales.

He was elevated to the peerage a few years ago, becoming the third Jew in the House of Lords.

His son Henry will succeed him to the title. Of his two daughters, one is married to Viscount Erleghue, who was one of the counsel for the Jews before the Inquiry Commission in Palestine in 1929 and who is the eldest son and heir of the Earl of Reading; the second daughter married Sir Neville Pearson, Bart., the son and successor of Sir Arthur Pearson, founder of the London Daily Express.

Lord Melchett retained his strong interest in Jewish affairs to the very end. Perhaps the last public statement he made was on October 21, when he resigned his Agency post, saying that the White Paper was "an act of almost unparalleled ingratitude and treachery committed by a government toward a credulous and harassed people."

Lady Melchett was at his bedside when he died.

All London to Get Only Jewish Haircut on Sundays

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 28.—Only Jewish hair-dressing shops (called barber-shops in America) will be permitted to remain open on Sundays, according to a new ruling promulgated today. The Jewish shops must, however, be closed on Saturdays, and must display a notice to that effect in a prominent position. There is a heavy fine for violation of the ruling by Jewish or non-Jewish barbers.

Ussishkin to Start Shortly on Tour of Great American Cities

Menachem Ussishkin, the famous Zionist leader and President of the World Jewish National Fund, who is now on a mission to this country in the interest of the Fund, will visit Pittsburgh, Pa. during the coming week. Extensive preparations are being made in many Jewish communities throughout the country for receptions in honor of the Palestine leader.

In Pittsburgh, where Mr. Ussishkin will arrive on Sunday, December 28, a Citizens' Reception Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. M. B. Liechtenstein, has been formed.

Seek Funds to Save California Sanatorium for Jewish Inmates

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—In an attempt to avert an impending disastrous outcome for the efforts of the Jewish Consumptive Relief Association, maintaining one of the largest sanatoria in the west, a national advisory board has been assembled of which Marco K. Newmark, scion of one of the pioneer families of Los Angeles, has been selected as chairman.

An effort is being made to organize a national appeal for this institution, which provides the only available haven for victims of tuberculosis from all parts of the United States who require California's climatic benefits to save their lives. Diminished incomes from the East and Middle West, which contribute almost all of the patients at Duarte, has caused a large debt to accumulate in the operating expenses of the institution.

Mr. Newmark is the son of Harris Newmark, the first of the family to come to Los Angeles, whose book "Sixty Years in Southern California," edited by Marco H. and another son of the early immigrant, has now gone into its second edition at the press of Houghton Mifflin Company. Mr. Newmark, a prominent merchant, has been active in most of the philanthropic and civic institutions of Los Angeles.

Arab Chief Protests Felahin Sell Daughters to Pay Heavy Taxes

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Haifa, Dec. 27.—Thirty Arab felahin of a Gaza tribe now sojourning in the Beisan district have sold their daughters and already handed them over to masters in Tulkarem, Nablus, and Haifa, according to a declaration made today by Emir Vashir Hassan, chief of the tribe. The chieftain, in a letter to El Carmel, an Arab newspaper, declared that the heavy burden of taxes imposed on the felahin was forcing them to sell their daughters in order to pay their debts.

Emir Bashir Hassan added that a certain Transjordan official not only forced the tribesmen to labor for public purposes, but compelled them to build houses for him and for his family.

The editor of El Carmel says: "We believe what Emir Bashir says to be true, but we are amazed that such things are permitted in the twentieth century under the British Mandate."

Jewish Chautauqua Meets for Education Program

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

St. Louis, Dec. 28.—Religion is a way of life, not a creed or form, and a religious education demands the creation of an attitude, aptitude and solicitude, calling for vision, evaluation, appreciation and consecration, according to the Rev. Dr. Louis I. Mann, rabbi of Sinai Congregation, Chicago, and vice-chancellor of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, who spoke yesterday at the 44th Assembly of the Jewish Chautauqua, meeting here at the Statler Hotel.

The Assembly was attended by 125 delegates from 15 states. The sessions opened Thursday and will conclude with group discussions today.

Miss Jeanette Miriam Goldberg, executive secretary, reporting on the work of the Society, stated that with the small sum of \$12,000, the Jewish Chautauqua has made its influence felt in 35 universities all over the country.

Jewish and Arab Shoemakers Unite on Single Committee

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Tiberius, Dec. 27.—Shoemakers of all the communities in the city united here today, forming a committee to act for their common good. The committee consist of five members, three of whom are Jews, and two Arabs.

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