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# DEATH OF CHIEF RABBI EZEKIEL LIPSHITZ PRESIDENT OF UNION OF POLISH RABBIS.

Warsaw, Mar. 21st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Chief Rabbi Ezekiel Lipshitz, the Chief Rabbi of Kalisch, and for many years President of the Union of Rabbis in Poland, died to-day at his home in Kalisch.

Rabbi Lipshitz, who was 70 years of age, was a renowned scholar, and was held in great respect by Jews and non-Jews alike throughout Poland.

In the interests of Polish Jewry, Rabbi Lipshitz several times visited the United States of America and other countries, and although he was a member of the Agudath Israel, which has not entered the Jewish Agency for Palestine, he himself became a member of the Council of the Jewish Agency when it was formed in 1929, in the same way as did another prominent Agudist, Rabbi Leo Jung, the leader of the Agudath Israel in the United States of America.

At the last Conference of the Union of Rabbis in Poland held in January of this year, Rabbi Lipshitz as President was in the chair, and he delivered the report to the Conference on the situation of the Jews of Poland. He was re-elected by the Conference as President of the Union, jointly with Deputy Rabbi Levin, one of the Agudist members of the Polish Parliament.

## In America.

When Chief Rabbi Lipshitz was in the United States of America in 1926, he was received by President Coolidge at White House, being introduced by the Polish Ambassador at Washington, M. Ciechanowski, who acted as his interpreter. In his address to the President, Rabbi Lipshitz said: I have arrived in the United States as a representative of the Federation of Orthodox Rabbis of Poland. I feel happy to be able to express in the name of the Rabbinat of Poland and of the entire Jewish Community of Poland to you, as the head of the greatest Republic in the world, their deep feelings of sincere appreciation and gratitude to the American people, and particularly to the Jews of America, who are represented by the Joint Distribution Committee, which has done so much for our brethren in Poland in the time of their great need after the world-war, and which still continues its great work at this time when we are again experiencing a severe financial crisis.

Chief Rabbi Lipshitz also attended during his stay in America the Conference of the American Union of Orthodox Rabbis, and addressed the Conference on the difficult position of Polish Jewry.

In the course of his address to the President of the United States in 1926, Chief Rabbi Lipshitz appealed to him on behalf of the hundreds of wives and children of residents in the United States, who are in Poland, unable, because of the American immigration restriction laws, to join their husbands and fathers, and asked that they should be allowed to come in as non-quota immigrants.

On his return to Poland, Chief Rabbi Lipshitz reported to a special session of the Union of Polish Rabbis on his visit to the United States. He was certain, he said, that the Jews of America would take into full consideration the needs of the Jews of Poland in connection with the raising of the new relief funds in America. He had also been given a personal interview with President Coolidge, and had submitted to him the petition of the Polish Union of Rabbis for permission for the 800 Jewish women in Poland whose husbands are in America, and are declarants for United States citizenship, to enter the country to join their husbands outside the ordinary immigration quota, so that the present disastrous separation of families should cease. He was confident, he said, that the United States Government would do something to remedy this state of affairs.

(It has not yet been done. As recently as a week ago representatives of the Hias, the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the B'nai B'rith, the National Council of Jewish Women and the Order B'rith Abraham appeared before the Congress Immigration Committee to plead for facilities to admit the wives and children of American residents outside the quota to reunite families at present separated by the law. The Congress Immigration Committee decided only last Thursday to support in Congress a measure which would include wives and children of aliens resident in the United States as non-quota immigrants, in order to unite families).

#### At The Jewish Agency Conference.

When the Council of the Jewish Agency held its constituent meeting in August 1929, Chief Rabbi Lipshitz was the first speaker, being called upon immediately after Dr. Weizmann's inaugural address and the formal greetings of the representatives of the League of Nations, the Swiss Government and the Jews of Switzerland. The work of upbuilding in the Holy Land, he said on that occasion, ceases now to be the affair of a party, and is to become the cause of the entire Jewish people. If I speak here of a representation of the whole people of Israel, it is because I am firmly confident that through the Agency the path will be smoothed and the door opened wide for the adhesion also of those groups who are still absent from our midst. We must admit that the groups of whom we are speaking are actually much older in their love and longing for Eretz Israel than many others; that from religious motives they have till now believed that they must suppress their longing for Eretz Israel, because to them religion is not a private matter, but the real vital nerve of the Jewish national life, and because they see in the cultural work which is being fostered by certain Zionist circles a menace to the continuance of traditional Judaism in the Holy Land. In how far the conception of these circles is right, this is not the time nor the place to discuss. I myself belong to no party, but all the more do I feel justified in making these few general remarks. It is hard to build up a country, but still harder to ensure its continued existence. When speaking with enthusiasm of the land of Israel one must above all think of the people of Israel. For the land can only be holy for the people, and when one speaks of ensuring the existence of the country, only the existence of the people can be meant. The fact that the Jewish people, despite its two thousand years of martyrdom still exists, while far greater and more powerful peoples have long since disappeared, that fact is incomprehensible on any human calculation. Nevertheless, we who believe do not wonder at it. We believe that Israel

exists by virtue of the Divine decree which promises it eternal life. In view of these reflections, he concluded, one cannot lightly disregard the misgivings entertained by the orthodox circles I have mentioned. The Jewish Agency, however, can and should find means to dispel these misgivings and to supply the bridge by which these brethren of ours can cross over to us. One God, one people and one spirit shall be our watchword. Only by complete unity can the sun rise fully on our vision and the word of the Prophets be accomplished.

### His Appeal To Polish Government On Behalf Of Polish Jewry.

Speaking at the Conference of the Union of Polish Rabbis in January of this year, Chief Rabbi Lipshitz dwelt on the tragic position of the Jews in Poland. Economically, the situation is unbearable, he said. The Compulsory Sunday Closing Law is largely responsible for that, because it has hit the great majority of Jews who are Sabbath-observant. I appeal to the Government, he said, to modify the law, because we are convinced that if it does it will benefit not only the Jewish people, but also the Polish State in which we live.

The Rabbis of Poland, Chief Rabbi Lipshitz concluded, are united in this Union not in a professional organisation to defend their professional and personal interests, but our programme is the sacred Torah and the building up of Jewish life on the firm foundations of the Jewish faith.

### NEW YORK COMMUNISTS IGNORE FAMILY'S WISH FOR PRIVACY AND CONVERT WINTCHEVSKY FUNERAL INTO DEMONSTRATION: THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE PRESENT: FIGHT BREAKS OUT BETWEEN SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS: ARMOR AND OTHER COMMUNIST LEADERS INJURED.

New York, Mar. 21st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Many thousands of people took part in a big demonstration which was organised to-day by the Communists here in connection with the funeral of Morris Wintchevsky, the "father" of the Jewish Socialist movement and the founder of the Jewish Socialist press and literature, ignoring the desire expressed by the family that the funeral should be private, and that there should be no public demonstrations in connection with it.

The Socialist friends of the family, and the Communists taking part in the demonstration actually came to blows. Kalman Zevi Larmor, the well-known Yiddish journalist (he was at one time a London resident, an active Poale Zionist, and writing in the London Yiddish Press), and other Communist leaders sustained injuries.

### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CRITICISED AT ANNUAL MEETING OF HEBREW IMMIGRANT SOCIETY IN NEW YORK FOR ITS EFFORTS TOWARDS FURTHER RESTRICTION OF IMMIGRATION: ELLIS ISLAND COMMISSIONER APPEALS FOR CO-OPERATION TO HELP TO EASE IMMIGRANT CONDITIONS AND PLEDGES HIMSELF TO FIGHT FOR MEASURES TO UNITE FAMILIES.

New York, Mar. 21st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The United States Government is severely criticised for its efforts towards further restriction of immigration in a resolution adopted to-day at the annual meeting of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (Hias).

The Commissioner on Ellis Island, Mr. Edward Corsi, who addressed the Conference, appealed for co-operation to help to ease the conditions imposed upon immigrants, and pledged himself to fight for the enactment of a measure by Congress to unite families separated by the operation of the present immigration laws.

Other speakers were Mr. Abraham Herman, the President of the Hias; Dr. Singelovsky, one of the leaders of the O.R.T. World Federation, who has just arrived in America in the interests of his organisation; Mr. B. C. Vladek, Manager of the Jewish daily "Forwards" and Chairman of the American People's O.P.T. Federation; Mr. James Bernstein, General Manager of the Hias, and Mr. Jacob Massel, member of the Hias Executive.

Representatives of a number of both Jewish and non-Jewish organisations in America appeared last week before the Congress Immigration Committee to oppose the efforts being made to enforce further restriction in immigration to the United States, and to demand a law which would enable families to be re-united. Mr. Read Lewis, Director of the Foreign Language Information Service, said that if further restriction was enacted into law, an amendment should be passed admitting relatives of residents in a preferential category outside the quota. He pointed out that there is already actually in force a 90 per cent. reduction in immigration as a result of the restrictions enforced by Consuls abroad, in accordance with the instructions of the State Department. Under the present regulations, he said, relatives from five countries have to wait for periods between 5 and 20 years before they can be admitted. Miss Elizabeth Eastman, of the National Board of Young Women's Christian Associations, was another member of the deputation, on which the chief Jewish representative was Mrs. Cecilia Rakovsky Davidson, representing the Council of Jewish Women, who pointed out that in 1931 two emigrants had left America for every immigrant who was admitted.

At the beginning of this month, Rabbi Dr. Stephen S. Wise, ex-Congressman Nathan D. Perlman, Dr. S. Margoshes, the editor of the "Day", Mr. Maurice D. Rosenberg, representing the B'nai B'rith, and Mr. Isidore Hershfeld, of the Hias, appeared before the Congress Immigration Committee to protest against the efforts of the Government to enact further restriction of immigration. The restrictionists, Rabbi Stephen Wise said, have taken an almost sadistic satisfaction in gloating over the inability of separated families to achieve their hope of being reunited. It is nothing less than indecent, at the behest of ill-willed fanatics, to make impossible, in the name of further restriction, the reunion of prospective American citizens with their nearest relatives, he declared. Nothing is gained unless it be a certain measure of sadistic satisfaction to these anti-alien fanatics, and this is hardly one of durable satisfactions that gentlemen of the Congress ought to seek to promote.

JEWISH IMMIGRATION CONFERENCE CALLED BY HICEM FOR THIS WEEK TO CONSIDER PLANS FOR IMMIGRANT AND CO-OPERATION: PLAN TO AVOID MIGRANTS "TO HAVE HOT PARS FOR 'HOLE JOURNEY HAVING TO BE SENT FROM ONE JEWISH COMMUNITY TO ANOTHER."

Paris, Mar. 21st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Jewish Migration Organisation Hicem (Hias-Ica-Emigdirekt) has taken the initiative in calling a Conference which will be held in Luxemburg on March 23rd. and 24th., in which delegates of the most important Jewish organisations in France, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Luxemburg, the Saara district, Austria and Czecho-Slovakia will take part to consider bringing about co-operation between the different organisations in Western and Central Europe engaged in the work of assisting Jewish migrants.

The economic crisis which is affecting the whole world has brought about increasingly severe restrictions against immigration in all countries, overseas as well as in the countries of Western and Central Europe, the Ricem headquarters office states in announcing the convocation of the Conference. The unemployment which is caused by this crisis affects especially the Jewish immigrant population, and as a result there is a considerable growth of movement among the Jewish migrants, especially in Western Europe.

"Whether they are seeking a more habitable country where they will be able to earn their living, or whether they are deciding to return to their native countries, these people, the statement says, find themselves compelled to undertake long and arduous journeys without the necessary resources for making these journeys, and the charitable organisations in the places where they live are not always able to ensure them the fare for their journey to the place of their destination, and so they are generally sent on from one community to another by various organisations engaged in migrant protection work.

There is grave inconvenience in this procedure, the Ricem explains. On the one hand it compels these unfortunate people to wait for weeks frequently on their journey from Eastern Europe, when the whole journey could be made in about two or three days, and on the other hand, it causes considerable expense to the Jewish Communities of the towns through which they have to pass. The Conference which is now being called by the Ricem is intended to co-ordinate the efforts of the various institutions concerned, and to rationalise the use of their funds for the purpose of assisting the migrants.

#### 80TH. BIRTHDAY OF ISAAC DREYFUS-STAUSS LEADING FIGURE IN SWISS JEWRY.

Geneva, Mar. 22nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Isaac Dreyfus-Strauss, who was for many years President of the Jewish Community of Basle and is President of the Palestine Committee in Switzerland, celebrates to-day his 80th. birthday.

Mr. Dreyfus-Strauss is the head of the banking firm of Dreyfus, Sons and Company, and is one of the leaders of Swiss Jewry. He succeeded his kinsman, Samuel Dreyfus-Neumann as President of the Basle Jewish Community, and when he retired, he was succeeded by his cousin, Mr. J. Dreyfus-Brodsky, who is now President of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Switzerland.

Mr. Dreyfus-Strauss has been particularly active in the promotion of Jewish religious life. He was one of the founders and is the head of the administration of the Basle Beth Hamidrash. He also founded and is President of the Basle Jewish Orphanage and he was for many years President of the Basle Jewish Nursing Fund. About 25 years ago he started the movement resulting in the establishment of the Basle Jewish Hospital, of which he is President. His wife, Madame Dreyfus-Strauss has also played a prominent part in Jewish activities in Switzerland, and she has been for decades the President of the Jewish Women's Organisation in Basle.

NUMBER OF MEALS ISSUED IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY TO JEWISH UNEMPLOYED AND HOMELESS IN AMERICA - NEARLY TOTAL FOR "POLE" OF 1931 YEAR.

New York, Mar. 11th. (J.T.A. Mail Service).

65,153 meals were served to Jewish unemployed and homeless during January and February by the Department of Sheltering of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society of America, the B'ias; at its headquarters, Mr. Isaac L. Asofsky, the General Manager, states in a report issued here.

In 1930 the total number of meals provided was 79,982, and in 1931 it was 156,301, which means that in the first two months of this year nearly as many meals were served by the B'ias as in the whole of 1930, and almost as many as in the entire year of 1931.

The number of nights of shelter provided totalled 7,226 in January and February 1932. In 1930 the number of nights of shelter provided was 12,917, and in 1931 it was 20,075.

The dormitory and dining room accommodation of the B'ias have been greatly enlarged in order to meet the increasing demands.

M. NAHUM SOKOLOV DENIES JEWISH AGENCY OR ZIONIST ORGANISATION CONSIDERED ALLEGED ARAB-JEWISH ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE PROPOSALS.

New York, Mar. 11th. (J.T.A. Mail Service).

I wish to reassure my American friends that there is not the slightest basis for believing that this proposal has received the consideration of the Jewish Agency or the Zionist Organisation, Mr. Nahum Sokolov, the President of the Jewish Agency and the Zionist World Organisation, declares in a statement which he has just issued here on the subject of the recent reports concerning alleged plans for an Arab-Jewish Round Table Conference, said to have been sponsored by the Egyptian ex-Khedive.

The only bodies that have power to deal with the question, Mr. Sokolov said, are the Zionist Actions Committee or the Executive Committee or Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency. No authoritative body has considered the matter.

Nor is there any reason to believe that it will be considered, he proceeded. On the very face of it, it is absurd to countenance any plan that aims to divide small Palestine into even smaller units. The integral development of Palestine is dependent upon the co-operation of all elements in the land working toward a common purpose.

I do not wish to impugn the motives of those who are said to have offered the plan or of those who have already discussed it, but I do wish to say most emphatically that the documents which purport to reveal the plan of Arab leaders to support the establishment of cantons have been shown to be a fake, contrived by some unknown adventurers. They have no authenticity and no support.

It has been suggested that the Zionist denial of negotiations in regard to the cantons is a purely diplomatic gesture. Such assertions are not prompted by truth. The Zionist movement indulges in no secret diplomacy. Its policies are openly determined by authoritative bodies. We cannot forbid private individuals to publish views of which we do not approve. But it should be distinctly understood that no one of the responsible Zionist or Jewish leadership has made any advances for the discussion of the canton plan.

The Jewish people welcome all efforts to advance the upbuilding of Palestine. They have the determination and they are carrying out a programme to co-operative in every respect with the Arab population of Palestine. Thus far, however, no authoritative Arab body has made the offer to participate in a round table discussion with the Jewish representatives in order to solve problems that are of common interest.

The Jewish Agency has a definite programme with regard to the Arabs of Palestine, Mr. Sokolov concluded. It is to promote harmony and mutual understanding. But the basis of such harmony must be the recognition by the Arabs of the Palestine Mandate and its provisions for the Jewish National Home, which is the cornerstone of the Mandate. We are prepared to negotiate at any time with the Arabs about certain details in the interpretation of clauses, but there can be no equivocation about the Jewish National Home itself. The way is open for co-operation with the Arabs in the economic, industrial and agricultural development of the country by which the Arab population should be benefited in the greatest possible measure, as it has already benefited.

DR. CYRUS ADLER PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE DENIES REPORT THAT HE ENGAGED IN CONVERSATIONS WITH SENATOR BORAH TO EXERT MORAL PRESSURE ON HITLERISTS TO CEASE ANTISEMITIC PROGRAMME.

New York, Mar. 11th. (J.T.A. Mail Service).

Dr. Cyrus Adler, President of the American Jewish Committee, authorised the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to-day to make public the following statement denying that he had any conversations with Senator William E. Borah, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee concerning finding some means of exerting moral pressure on the Hitlerists to cease their antisemitic programme.

A report containing these allegations was published in the New York "World Telegram" yesterday in a Washington despatch, signed by William Philip Simms, the Foreign Editor of the Scripps-Howard Press.

"Dr. Cyrus Adler states that the publication which appeared in the "Telegram" of March 10th. to the effect that he had conferred with Senator William E. Borah concerning the situation in Germany must have been due to a complete misunderstanding.

"When Dr. Adler was in Washington he did not see Senator Borah, did not telephone him, did not communicate with him, in any way. In fact, Dr. Adler said, that as far as he can remember, he has never communicated with Senator Borah in any way."

"WITH INTERNAL POLITICS OF GERMANY AMERICANS CAN HAVE NO RIGHTFUL CONCERN: BUT AS FRIENDS AND WELL-WISHERS OF GERMANY AMERICANS ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER HITLER CAMPAIGN OF ANTI-JEWISH ILL-WILL: STATEMENT BY DR. STEPHEN WISE AND MR. BERNARD DEUTSCH LEADERS OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS.

New York, Mar. 11th. (J.T.A. Mail Service).

Reverend S. McCrea Cavert, the General Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America at the closing session of the national seminar of Jews and Christians held in Washington (reported in the J.T.A. Bulletin of the 12th. inst.) voiced the moral indignation of the American people against organised ill-will in Germany against Jews becoming the platform of a political party, says a statement issued by Rabbi Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Honorary President of the American Jewish Congress, and Dr. Bernard S. Deutsch, the President of the Congress, commending the protest made by Rev. Cavert.

"With the internal politics of Germany, Americans can have no rightful concern, the statement proceeds. But as friends and sincere well-wishers of Germany, Americans are deeply concerned over the Hitler campaign of anti-Jewish ill-will which is in full tide in Germany to-day. The utterance of the seminar on religion ought to be no more than the first of a series of American and Christian reminders to Germany that in its anti-Jewish gospel, Hitlerism means the re-erudescence of the barbarity of medieval antisemitism.

The American Jewish Congress believes that the German people, one of the great liberty-loving and justice-revering of the earth, will reject a programme which would commit them to a policy of reaction, touching an element of its population that has been a faithful and enriching part of Germany more than a thousand years. The American Jewish Congress has confidence in the collective will and capacity of the Jews of Germany to present their case aright to the German people and through appeal to the enlightened conscience of Germany to avert the danger which seems to threaten. In any event, German Jews must know that Jews everywhere are anxiously watching the outcome of the course of current events in the German Republic and that we are resolved, whatever betide, to continue to stand at their side.

.. The one word which I wanted to have the opportunity to express, as a Christian, Rev. Cavert said at the seminar referred to, is one of profound sympathy with our Jewish brethren in what is happening or may happen to their brothers across the sea, to let our Jewish brothers know that what so deeply affects them, affects us, too, and especially to suggest that if any of us who belong to the Christian group have influential personal friends in Germany, or organisations that have contact with similar organisations in Germany, we might take the opportunity of letting them know, in all friendliness, but firmly, how the situation in Germany to-day looks to their American friends.

Our Own American Record In Matter Of Inter-Racial And Inter-Religious Goodwill Not So Spotless That We Have Right To Point Finger Of Scorn At Other Peoples: Statement By Rev. Cadman Chairman Of Jewish-Christian Goodwill Committee: Nevertheless We Cannot Ignore Discrimination Against Jews Advocated By Hitlerists In Germany.

If reports coming out of Germany are to be taken at their face value, Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, Chairman of the Committee on Goodwill Between Jews And Christians appointed by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, says in a statement issued to-day, followers of Hitler openly proclaim it part of their policy to enact legal discriminations against the Jews. Hitlerites are reported even to be going to the limit of proposing that Jewish citizens be disfranchised and treated as aliens in a land in which they have lived for centuries and to whose life they have made a rich contribution. In the light of the acute distress and suffering in Germany, it is not difficult to understand why many tend to seek national salvation through reviving a spirit of Teutonic racialism and blindly opposing everything which they regard as an extraneous influence. In spite, however, of any extenuating circumstances, no one who is deeply committed to the ideal of goodwill and understanding between the diverse groups of the modern world can help being appalled at such anti-semitic antipathies as Hitlerite nationalism seems to be in danger of creating to-day.

Our own American record in the matter of inter-racial and inter-religious goodwill has not been so spotless that we have any right to point the finger of scorn at other peoples. Nevertheless, any such discrimination against the Jews as is rashly advocated by Hitlerites in Germany has its repercussions in other countries - even in our own - which we cannot silently ignore.