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Professor Sobernheim, Orientalist, German Foreign Office Official, Dies at Age of 61

Had Been Rapporteur on Jewish Political Affairs Since 1918; Famous Orientalist; Active in Jewish Life

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—Professor Moritz Sebastian Sobernheim, noted Orientalist and Rapporteur on Jewish political affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, died here today in his sixty-first year.

Professor Sobernheim had been first Councillor of the Legation in the German Foreign Office and Rapporteur on Jewish political matters since 1918.

Professor Sobernheim attained wide repute as an Orientalist and was an outstanding authority on Semitic Epigraphy. He was secretary of the Near Asian Egyptian Society at the time of his death.

Professor Sobernheim was a member of the Baalbek Expedition of the Prussian Government and has made many visits to Palestine and Syria on behalf of the Institut-Francais D'Archeologie Orientale. He has published a number of books on the people of Tripolitana,

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Alfred M. Cohen Heads Ohio Electoral College

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

COLUMBUS, Jan. 5.—Alfred M. Cohen, of Cincinnati, president of the B'nai B'rith, oldest Jewish fraternal organization in the United States, was yesterday unanimously elected president of the Ohio Presidential Electoral College, on its organization here.

Mr. Cohen served as president of the Ohio Electoral College, at the first election of President Woodrow Wilson, and was a member of the College at Wilson's re-election.

2 Jews Named to Tokio Royal Academy of Music

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

VIENNA, Jan. 5.—Two Austrian Jewish musicians have been appointed professors at the Royal Academy of Music in Tokio.

The two musicians thus honored are Robert Polak and Leo Sirota, who received contracts for two years and the title of Sonin, which is equivalent to that of Privy Councillor.

Vigorous Campaign Against Speculators in Citrus Land, Orange Groves in Palestine

Central Bureau, Functioning Through Tel Aviv Office of American Economic Committee, Established for Protection

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM—A vigorous campaign is being waged in Palestine against speculators and uncontrolled brokers who force up the prices of citrus land and orange groves, Emanuel Neumann, head of the Economic Department of the Jewish Agency, has informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

In order to protect and guide middle class settlers and investors, a central information bureau is being established. The bureau, whose function it will be to deal with all questions connected with the purchase of agricultural land and orange groves in Palestine, is to be under the supervision of a committee representing all elements of the Yishub, including the Federation of Jewish Farmers, and the information bureaus attached to the various organizations.

The work will be conducted through the office of the American Economic Committee at Tel Aviv. Competent experts and trustworthy brokers will be listed and recommended, whose fees will be fixed and whose method of work will be regulated by the Committee.

Prospective buyers in Palestine and abroad will be advised to consult this bureau before committing themselves.

Satisfaction with this move is expressed in all responsible circles, where it is regarded as an important and timely step to assist middle-class immigrants, and to protect them from unscrupulous elements who are inclined to take advantage of the increasing demand for citrus groves and the ignorance of the buyers.

William Wolf to Retire From Jewish Colonial Trust

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, Jan. 5.—William Wolf, for twenty-five years manager of the Jewish Colonial Trust, will be retired and placed on the pension list, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns today.

No official announcement of Mr. Wolf's retirement will be made until the meeting of the Board of Directors in the middle of this month, when a successor to Mr. Wolf will be appointed.

Trial of Zionist Revisionists For Conducting Independent Political Work Opens

Locker and Lauterbach Represent Zionist Organization; Dr. Soskin Conducts Own Defense

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—The trial of the Zionist Revisionists charged with breaking the resolution adopted by the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization, prohibiting all separate unions within the organization from conducting independent political work, opens here this evening before the Zionist Court of Honor.

The Revisionist organization was adopted as a separate union within the organization with this proviso at the last session of the Actions Committee in London last summer.

The specific charge against the Revisionists is that Dr. S. E. Soskin, secretary of the World Union of Zionist Revisionists, infringed upon the agreement, when he was received in audience by the Polish Foreign Minister Beck with whom he discussed Zionist matters.

Dr. Soskin will conduct his own defense. Dr. S. E. Groneman, chairman of the Congress Court, will preside.

Berl Locker, member of the World Zionist Executive in charge of organization, and Dr. Lauterbach, secretary of the organization department of the Executive, will represent the Zionist Organization before the court.

Kielce Jews Thank Police For Averting Pogrom

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WARSAW, Jan. 5.—A delegation representing the Jewish Community of Kielce, visited the Police Commandant yesterday to express their gratitude for the action of the police in preventing a pogrom upon the Jews planned by the National Democrats.

On Tuesday, the police of Kielce raided the homes of leaders of the National Democratic Party, and discovered evidence of preparations for a pogrom. Heaps of stones, which were to be used as weapons, were also found at the time.

The National Democrats now endeavor to explain that the stones were accumulated for the purposes of defense in the event of an attack by the Jews.

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Dr. Jacob Baruch, Scholar

And Linguist, Dies

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

DETROIT, Jan. 5—Funeral services were held here yesterday for Dr. Jacob B. Baruch, scholar, physician and linguist, who died at the age of seventy-two, following a prolonged illness.

Dr. Baruch was a graduate of the Sorbonne, where he received his degree of Ph.D. He received his M.D. from the Michigan College of Medicine in 1903. Prior to receiving his medical degree, he was the principal of Detroit's first Hebrew school.

Dr. Baruch wrote numerous monographs on Biblical and medical subjects. He was one of the organizers of the Maimonides Medical Society and was one of the first Zionists in Detroit.

Prof. Davidson Resigns

As Seminary Registrar

After twenty-five years of service as Registrar and Secretary of the Faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Professor Israel Davidson, at his own request, has been relieved from administrative work so that he may devote himself entirely to his duties as Professor of Mediaeval Hebrew Literature at the Seminary and to his scientific and literary labors.

Dr. Davidson has been a member of the Faculty of the Seminary since 1906, and has lectured on Mediaeval Hebrew Literature and Jewish Liturgy. He is recognized as one of the foremost Jewish scholars in this field. He has written several important works.

Professor Louis Finkelstein, who occupies the Solomon Schechter Chair of Theology at the Seminary, will take up the post of Registrar and Secretary of the Faculty.

Censorship So Rigid Jews Aware of Gravity of Excesses Only 11 Days After Beginning

Disclosures Made by Waraaw Correspondent of "Jewish Morning Journal"

So rigid a censorship was maintained by the authorities over the press, that it was not until December 6th, eleven days after the anti-Semitic excesses had been initiated in Lemberg, that Polish Jewry even in the capital city of Warsaw was aware of the extent and seriousness of the disturbances.

Foreign public opinion was more fully aware of the gravity of the events and their sweeping character than was Polish Jewry, as a result of the strict watch maintained by the Polish censor. These disclosures are made in an article which appears in the "Morning Journal," written by A. Seltzer, the paper's Warsaw correspondent.

The Jewish press, Mr. Seltzer says, was dependent upon the official Polish Telegraphic Agency for its reports of the riots, in which 500 persons suffered injury, he says, and were advised by the authorities to print only the "Pat" stories. Days passed, he says, without the papers receiving either telephoned or telegraphic reports from their correspondents in Lemberg.

When papers from abroad arrived, describing the extent of the excesses, the reports were received with skepticism and regarded as exaggerated.

It was not until December 6th, when the Club of Jewish Deputies submitted its interpellation to the Polish Sejm, in which the disturbances were described in detail and the Jewish injured listed, that the Jewish press and the Jewish Community were informed of the actuality. The interpellation was permitted publication, only because the law provides that all documents submitted to the Sejm may be published, Mr. Seltzer revealed.

Appeal for Fund to Rebuild Hasmo- nean Sport Club

An appeal to American Jewry to contribute to a fund to enable the rebuilding of the Hasmoanean Sport Club of Lemberg, Poland, razed by anti-Semites, during the recent excesses, has been addressed by a Lemberg Jewish Committee and published in the "Morning Journal."

The paper, both in its news columns and in the column conducted by Jacob Fishman, its managing editor, urges American Jewry to come to the aid of the Hasmoanean Club, which will not be able to rebuild its premises without aid from abroad.

Mr. Fishman holds that the response of American Jewry is a challenge which it must answer. He points out that the anti-Semites razed the Club premises because the Club was the symbol of the Jewish will to resist attack.

The Hasmoanean Sport Club is

Governor Lehman Urges Beer Sales Tax; Relief Measures, Labor Legislation

First Message to Legislature Favorably Received; Free from Partisanship

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

ALBANY, Jan. 5—Governor Herbert H. Lehman delivered his first message to the New York State Legislature as the Chief Executive of the State, yesterday, before a joint meeting of the Senate and the Assembly.

The message, devoid of partisanship, was favorably received and stressed the need for co-operation in meeting the crisis in the State; urged making utilities bear the major share of State regulation cost; more rigid control of holding companies; and a halt in State aid.

Expressing the view that the United States Congress would before the end of the year enact some measures to modify the present prohibition laws, Governor Lehman urged the State to be prepared for such legislation and prepare for setting up machinery for the sale of beer and for the collection of incidental revenue on the sale of beer.

Governor Lehman pleaded for slow and orderly process in rebuilding the economic structure.

The State must apply to the Federal Government for aid in relief, as the State is no longer able to carry the burden even though aided by benevolent private effort.

He warned against placing on the shoulders of any one class heavy burdens for the benefit of the other class, declaring that "benefits cannot be conferred on one to the detriment of others."

As a means of meeting the unemployment situation, Governor Lehman recommended a shorter working week and preparatory work by the Legislature to establish unemployment insurance.

Board of Jewish Ministers

Elects Officers at Meeting

At the meeting of the membership of the New York Board of Jewish Ministers, Rabbi Max Drob, of Concourse Center of Israel, was elected President. Other officers elected are: Vice-President, Rabbi Samuel J. Levinson, Temple Beth Emeth; Treasurer, Rabbi Israel Goldfarb, of Congregation Beth Israel-Anshe Emeth; Secretary, Rabbi J. X. Cohen, of the Free Synagogue.

The New York Board of Jewish Ministers was founded in 1881 and its constituency is made up of rabbis of all the different phases of Jewish religious life in New York City.

twenty-five years old, is the oldest Jewish sport club in Poland and one of the oldest sport clubs in the country.

Lord Melchett Describes Aims of Maccabee Union as Three Fold

Idea Behind It Is Natural Resistance to Oppression; Physical and Moral Discipline and Courage Development

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

BERLIN—An explanation of his conception of the meaning of the Maccabee movement was given to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by Lord Melchett, honorary president of the World Maccabee Union during his recent visit to Berlin, in connection with the work of the Maccabee Union.

"The idea behind the Maccabee Movement is very old and appears to me to comprise three factors: natural resistance to oppression, physical and moral discipline, and development of courage for the realization of our ideal," Lord Melchett stated.

"No people that has suffered like the Jews can remain unaffected in character, even if they have, at the same time experienced a process of spiritual refinement. One of the most usual and often grounded charges made against us by our enemies is that the Jew lacks courage. That a small people, the smallest race on earth, should, during 2,000 years of persecution, have lost the courage to strike back, is no wonder. On the Maccabee, and on the Maccabee alone rests the responsibility for changing this side of the Jewish character. Physical and spiritual preparedness give one the power with which to confront one's adversaries. They give him faith in himself, and the presence of mind to master and to control his feelings.

"Mental, spiritual, and physical
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Max G. Baron Inducted as Judge of Circuit Court

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—Judge Max G. Baron, chairman of the Board of Jewish Education and vice-president of the Zionist Organization of St. Louis, was officially inducted into office as Judge of the Circuit Court in the presence of several hundred distinguished members of the bar and representatives of leading organizations.

Hon. Guy Thompson, retiring president of the American Bar Association, paid tribute to Judge Baron and the qualities which enabled him to rise from news vendor to a high judiciary post.

Tributes were also paid by Judge Franklin Miller, Judge William T. Jones, Emil Mayer, president of the St. Louis Bar Association, and Joseph T. Davis, who presided. A menorah, with seven candles, was presented by Samuel I. Sievers, B'nai Brith leader. The Zionist Organization of St. Louis presented a Shield of David, composed of flowers.

J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

Organ of International Students' Organization Scores Violence in Universities and Lack of Reprobation

By Our London Correspondent

GENEVA.—The opening of the academic year has been so frequently the occasion of violent disorders in the universities that they have almost come to be regarded as normal, and have ceased to attract that reprobation which they undoubtedly deserve, the organ of the International Students' Service which appears here writes in its editorial in the current month's issue over the signature of James Parkes. This year far from being an exception, he says, has seen serious trouble in Germany, Austria, Hungary, Poland and Roumania, disorders beginning from student groups in which several persons have lost their lives and several hundred have been injured.

The cause underlying these disorders is two-fold. The deepest is undoubtedly the prevailing political chaos of the Continent, the uncertainty of the validity of all ideas, the discontent with existing circumstances, which lends violence a meretricious halo of imaginary heroism. Some students in Vienna, threatened by the Rector with a semester's suspension, replied that their comrades in the war had to face a longer suspension than that, and seemed to consider the answer not only relevant but noble.

Some among the National Socialists of Germany, the National Democrats of Poland, and the Iron Guard of Roumania seem to think that there is something fine in violence itself. As it is always a minority which is attacked, the delusion is a strange one.

As a secondary cause, but one which each year augments in gravity, there is the unemployment of University graduates, a problem of ever-increasing seriousness, and which is actively occupying the attention of the International Students' Service at the present moment.

The fear of having no job is at the bottom of the oft-repeated demand for a numerus clausus against Jewish students. When unrest takes this form it may be explicable, but in the form of rioting it is indefensible.

Except in Austria and Hungary, Mr. Parkes continues, the rioting begun by students has extensively involved the rest of the population, and here the evil influence of older leaders has a very large share of moral and actual responsibility. The perpetual incitements to violence addressed to a rash and inexperienced youth, predisposed to political and economic discontent, are the real sources of these disorders. Some of the agitators are journalists, but some are university professors. These riots

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White Russians Suspected Of Murder of President of Jewish Community of Harbin

Paper Asserts Kidnapped Jew Succumbed to Injuries Inflicted by Brigands Who Continue Ransom Demands

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

HARBIN.—The suspicion is gaining ground that White Russian Emigrants are responsible for the kidnapping and murder of Meir Koffman, ex-president of the Jewish Community of Harbin. Details of the incident, which profoundly shocked the entire Harbin Jewry, have now been revealed by the Japanese paper, "Harbinskoye Wremya," published by White Russian emigrants.

The report discloses that even after Koffman had succumbed to the injuries which he had received at the hands of the brigands, the kidnappers nevertheless continued their negotiations with his family in an effort to obtain a ransom, while the desiccated body of Koffman was being used to manure their fields. The efforts of the relatives, however, proved unavailing owing to their inability to produce any letters in the writing of the dead man.

The entire Jewish population of Harbin is panic-stricken. The fear of a similar fate falling to their lot, however, prevents them from pressing their claims for justice. Another Jew, a young man of the name of J. Sherel, was kidnapped by Russian bandits while leaving the synagogue on Yom Kippur night, and although several months have elapsed since that time no word of his fate has been ascertained.

Y.M.C.A. in Palestine Denounced By Jews and Moslems

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM.—A movement has been started here in certain Jewish and Moslem quarters against the Young Men's Christian Association, which has just completed its new building in Jerusalem, the largest Y.M.C.A. building in the world, accusing it of being a conversionist organization, seeking to proselytize Jewish and Moslem young people by offering them athletic and educational advantages.

The Central Jewish Committee for Fighting Against Conversion has issued a leaflet, appealing to Jewish parents and Jewish leaders in Jerusalem to prevent young Jews from joining the Y.M.C.A. athletic and cultural clubs, and warning them that otherwise it will publish a list of names of all Jewish young men and women who have associated themselves with the Y.M.C.A. in Jerusalem, branding them as traitors to the Jewish cause.

The Arab Moslem press is publishing similar denunciations of the Y.M.C.A. in Palestine as a Christian missionary institution.

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Baalbek, Palmyria and Samaria.

He was active in Jewish communal affairs, and had served since 1924 as president of the German Federation of Israelite Communities, which was organized in 1872. Under his leadership the Federation's principal aim was to bring about the formation of the projected all-German Federation of Jewish Communities.

As president of the Society for Promoting the Science of Judaism, he rendered many important achievements in the field of Jewish science and of Jewish scientific publications.

He was a member of the Board of the Jewish Colonization Association, Ezra, and a member of the praesidium of the Pro-Palestine Committee in Germany. He was also one of the founders and chairman of the Religious Centre Party in the Jewish Community.

Professor Sobernheim, who was born in Berlin on August 13, 1872, was a grandson of City Councillor Magnus, who was for many years a leading member of the Board of the Jewish Community of Berlin, and a stepson of Consul-General, Dr. Eugene Landau, the famous industrialist, vice-president of Hilfsverein der Deutschen Juden. He was a brother of Dr. Walter Sobernheim, the industrialist and Dr. Kurt Sobernheim, the financier.

One-time Locksmith Now Head Of Bira Bidjan Government

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

MOSCOW — M. B. Heller, a one-time locksmith, who has just been graduated from the Academy of Red Professors in Moscow, has been appointed the new Chairman of the Bira Bidjan District Executive Committee, which makes him the head of the government in the Bira Bidjan region.

A talking motion picture, depicting the constructive work in Bira Bidjan and the every-day life of the Jewish settlers there is now being made in Bira Bidjan by the White Russian State Cinema Organization, at the special order of the praesidium of the White Russian Central Executive Committee which has taken the Bira Bidjan movement under its patronage.

The film will show not only the constructive achievements, but also the difficulties encountered by the settlers, the havoc caused by the torrential rains, the floods, the shortage of housing, etc., and how the difficulties are being overcome.

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would very rarely develop to the point which they have this year reached if there was not at least a tacit sympathy with the rioters on the part of important members of the university staff and indifference on the part of others.

The inflated Nationalist teaching, the prostitution of science to the evolution of pseudo-biological theories for the support of political extremism, the actual participation by professors in the parties of violence, the cowardice shown in some cases by the actual executive authorities have inevitably encouraged students in their evil ways. This weakness has had notable exceptions, on the part of both university and Government authorities, and the very fact that, for example, in Hungary, the firmness of the Government has taken so long to take effect shows the seriousness of the problem.

For there is a problem to be solved, both a cultural and an economic problem. It is tragic that so many really talented students go through their studies with a feeling of complete helplessness as to their ability to find an opening in the profession they have chosen. The minority problem inevitably presents itself in its most acute form in the universities.

This is where the condemnation of the professors is most justifiable, for what effort has been made to find a solution of these problems which have driven their students to the dishonorable methods of iron pipes and weighted sticks, of noisy demonstrations and futile bloodshed? Is it not time that they both published a serious declaration condemning all this violence, not only as dishonoring the name of student, but as utterly powerless to attain any valid result; and gave themselves to a more serious study of the problems of graduate employment and more harmonious relations between majorities and minorities?

In spite of all the talk of the revolt of youth, youth still follows leaders older than itself. Some of those who incite to violence are professors, and for the rest silence is not enough. Even if the whole poisoned atmosphere of Europe is in the last resort responsible for all the diseases it produces, yet when these diseases attack students as a class, it is legitimate to ask what remedy their teachers as a class are offering for them. It is those few professors who have had the courage to denounce and to protect who will be the first to admit that the answer of the universities to the crisis of today is a humiliating silence.

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equilibrium are all vital matters for a people. It is the work of the Maccabee Movement to infuse these qualities once more into the Jewish youth. It is the task of the Maccabee to impress young Jewish men and women with the ideal of a perfect body not only for aesthetic reasons but also that they may learn to achieve classic self-control, which is only to be obtained through competitive sport and bodily exercise.

We are now entering a new era of Jewish life. The Maccabees have, last year, for the first time, so far as I know, held an international sport festival at Tel Aviv. I was present during the first day, and it appeared to me the most exciting and wonderful demonstration of its kind that I have seen.

"May our energies be united that we may secure and develop the success already achieved, deeply rooted in the three great ideas of valor, self-discipline and faith."

Funeral Services Held For Joshua Meltzer

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

BRIDGEPORT, Jan. 5.—Funeral services were held yesterday for Joshua Meltzer, former member of the Connecticut Legislature, who died at the age of seventy.

Mr. Meltzer, who was born in Koenigsberg, East Prussia, came to this country at an early age and received his education in this country.

Habimah to Present Repertoire Abroad

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5.—The Habimah, noted theatrical troupe, which has presented a series of repertoires in Palestine for several years without interruption, is now planning a tour of European lands, it is learned here.

Among the plays to be presented abroad are Sholom Aleichem's "200,000" and "Rachav," by Harry Sackler, American Jewish playwright, who is in Palestine now on a visit.

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