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To Be Discussed at Next Council Meeting; Germans Doubt Validity of Bernheim Plea; Manchester Guardian Urges Investigation; Untermyer to Present Case

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

GENEVA, May 22.—The urgency of the Jewish petitions to the League of Nations was recognized this morning at a secret session of the League Council. The German representative, Herr Keller, also admitted the urgency of the petitions. Thus all three petitions regarding the status of the Jews in the plebiscite area — that presented by the Jewish organizations of various countries, the one from the parliamentary club of Jewish deputies (Kolo) of Poland, and the petition of Franz Bernheim, former resident of the region, will come up for discussion by the League.

Doubt, however, was cast on the admissibility of the Bernheim petition by the German representative who said there was some question as to whether Bernheim, who lost his position with a business house in Gleiwitz, as a result of the Nazi anti-Jewish decrees, and now resides in Prague, can be considered a member of an Upper Silesian minority group.

Sir Eric Drummond, general secretary of the League, asked that Germany submit the grounds on which this doubt was based at the next meeting of the council.

Fear Issue Obscured

Fear is expressed in League circles that the important issue of disarmament, which leaped to the fore with

announcement that Premier Mussolini of Italy had secured agreement of the nations to his four-power pact, may obscure the Jewish question. This is particularly so, it is felt, since the powers are not anxious in the present state of political uncertainty and conjecture to increase the acuteness of the situation as might result from outspoken criticism of Nazi policies.

Discussion of the Jewish question in Upper Silesia by the League Council, it is believed, would extend to discussion of the situation of the Jews in Germany using the declaration of the German peace delegation in 1919 as a basis.

Warned of Violations

It was learned here last night that Dr. Felix Calonder, the Swiss president of the Upper Silesia mixed

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"Yellow Ticket" for Jews In Nazi Passport System

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, May 22.—What amounts to a "yellow ticket" for Jews was introduced into the German passport system this week. German passports do not contain details regarding religion and racial antecedents, but now, every passport issued to Jews has the name underlined twice. Apart from the fact that this serves as an indication that the holder of the passport is a Jew, it serves as a signal to the customs authorities to make a most careful and thorough search of the luggage of the traveller.

Every opportunity is being utilized to underline in this manner the passports held by Jews. Not only when new passports are issued, but also whenever a Jew's passport is presented for extension of time, or for a visa, the opportunity is seized to mark the document.

Government assurance that there would be no interference with Jewish stock-brokers followed circulation among all stock-brokers of a questionnaire requesting that they

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AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS IN SESSION, SEEKS MEANS TO AID GERMAN JEWS

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

WASHINGTON, May 22.—It appeared likely here this afternoon that delegates to the sessions of the American Jewish Congress, now in progress here, would have an opportunity to register their views on the use of a boycott by the Jews of America against German goods, as a weapon to wring better treatment for the Jews of Germany from the Nazi regime. The sentiment of the delegates seemed in favor of employment of the boycott weapon.

No formal sessions were held this morning. Many of the delegates utilized the opportunity to visit their Congressmen to urge adoption of a strong stand on the part of the American Government on the question of persecutions.

Acceptance by Professor Albert Einstein of the honorary chairmanship of the World Jewish Congress; unanimous decision to raise a fund of one million dollars to combat Hitlerism wherever it may manifest itself; determination "to continue to

focus the attention of the world on the inhumanities and indignities which Hitler is inflicting upon the Jewish people" were some of the salient features of the first two sessions of the convention.

The plea for a union of all forces in American Israel was answered by Rabbi Wise in his message when he

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Arrest Fifteen in Bomb

Slaying of Nahalal Jews

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, May 22.—Fifteen have been arrested in the village of Safaria, Doar Hayom, Hebrew daily reports, on a charge of having murdered Chaim Jacoby and his nine-year-old son at Nahalal, in December, 1932. One of the arrested men confessed his guilt, according to the report.

Jacoby and his young son were injured when a bomb was thrown into their home on the night of Dec. 22. They subsequently died of their injuries in the hospital at Haifa.

Young Ukrainians Attack

Jews in Wolhynia Area

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WARSAW, May 22.—Anti-Jewish excesses have broken out in many places in the province of Wolhynia, according to reports to the *Nasz Przegląd* here. Young Ukrainians rioting in the township of Rafalówka, smashed windows in Jewish homes and terrorized the inhabitants. Three rioters were arrested. Many Jews were attacked by demonstrators in Koberburg. Several were seriously injured.

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No Intervention Brooked In Anti-Jewish Fight Says Minister of Justice

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BERLIN, May 22—The Reich's Minister of Justice Frank assured a meeting of the lawyers' association here last night that he would treat the Jewish question loyally within the framework of the laws intended to exterminate "foreign race" influence, but would not permit excesses or brutality.

"The National Socialists are anti-Semites, but not barbarians," he told the assembled lawyers.

Addressing a meeting of newly-admitted barristers, in the presence of foreign diplomats, Dr. Frank announced the "unwearying" removal of the "foreign race" from collaboration in legislation through interpretation through having members in the courts which have jurisdiction.

The conduct of the anti-Jewish fight, Dr. Frank asserted, would be "in accordance with the cultural height of the German people. In this connection," he warned, "let none intervene." "We will debate our principles with no one in the world."

Officials Approve Yarkon River Project

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, May 22—Colonial Office engineers have approved the Yarkon River water-supply project designed to relieve the acute water shortage in the city of Jerusalem, an official Government communique declares.

A group of Jewish capitalists have notified the Palestine Government they are ready to invest three hundred thousand pounds in the project if they are granted the concession.

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commission, officially drew the attention of the German representative a month ago to the violation of the 1922 German-Polish convention. Under Article 585 of the convention, the representative was obliged to communicate Dr. Calonder's notification without delay to the German Government which consequently, had the warning against violations a month ago.

Following the announcement of Japan's withdrawal from the League of Nations, the Irish representative becomes rapporteur on minorities to the League council, it was pointed out here. It is believed that the Committee of Three, by which the petition of the Jewish organizations will be reported, will consist of an Italian, Spanish and Norwegian representative.

Calls for Investigation

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, May 22—A thorough investigation of the position of the Jews of Germany is urged editorially by the Manchester Guardian today, vigorously rejecting the argument of non-interference in the internal affairs of Germany.

The doctrine of non-interference is incompatible with every principle on which the League of Nations was founded, the Guardian stresses. "Indeed," it warns, "if persecution of the German Jews continues, non-interference will become impossible."

In reply to questions as to what action the League can take, the newspaper points out:

"Firstly: Offer the Jews of Upper Silesia protection in accordance with the convention.

"Secondly: It is conceivable that the League of Nations become the patron of a scheme for Jewish emigration from Germany.

"Thirdly: Under Articles four and eleven of the convention, any member of the League might draw attention to circumstances endangering the peace. With the persecution of the Jews, the Hitlerites have thrown Germany into unprecedented isolation and one of the great powers, preferably England, might take advantage of the convention safeguards, in which case the whole body of evidence against Germany would be submitted to the League without German evasions such as are practiced at present. Germany would have to defend herself where she has no defense and excuse the inexcusable. Germany is already isolated, but even greater isolation will follow. Such an arraignment

would be, at least, a beginning," the Guardian concludes.

Untermyer to Present Case

Samuel Untermyer has conditionally accepted the request of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, made Sunday at the organization's thirty-eighth annual memorial services at Temple Beth-El, to present to the League of Nations and the forthcoming World Economic Conference the charges of anti-Semitism in Germany.

The request was made in the form of a resolution urging Mr. Untermyer to present "the facts establishing the violation by the present government of Germany of the Covenant for protection of the rights of minorities" in the Versailles treaty. A cablegram was dispatched to Geneva informing League authorities of the desire of the veterans to be represented.

Mr. Untermyer said he would go to Geneva if the non-Jewish veterans of the United States joined in the request. The Jewish veterans, J. George Fredman, their commander, declared, would seek this action by the non-Jewish veterans' groups at once. Representatives of these bodies at the services Sunday endorsed the resolutions and promised their support.

Several thousand veterans attended the services which followed a parade. Speakers at the services included Mr. Untermyer, Mayor O'Brien, Rabbi Edward Lissman, chaplain of the fire department; Col. Maurice Simmons, past commander-in-chief of the Spanish War Veterans; Hon. W. W. Cohen, and Commander Fredman.

Honor Hardwig Peres

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 22—Hardwig Peres, Memphis businessman and civic leader, has been awarded the Newburger Cup for 1933. The cup is awarded for "distinguished public service" annually to the outstanding figure in Memphis Jewry. It is presented by the Junior Congregation of Children of Israel.

Rabbi Meyer at School Services

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 22—Rabbi Myron Meyer of this city will deliver the sermon at the baccalaureate services of the St. Joseph Junior College next Sunday morning. The 127 members of the graduating class will be present at the Adath Joseph Synagogue to hear Rabbi Meyer discuss the problems facing them after they leave school. Special musical programs will be arranged for the service.

Jewish Communal Activities In Germany in Serious Plight

(J.T.A. Special Correspondence)

BERLIN, May 9—The Jewish community organizations in Germany have been plunged into desperate need by recent events, says the *Israelitisches Familienblatt*, giving as an instance the important community of Cologne, which only recently was able to raise a budget of about a million marks, and now cannot raise enough to carry on its most essential activities even for the first few months of the year. The most careful calculations and far-reaching economies have not helped, and the community is again seeking ways to save its institutions from collapse. The officials have had new salary cuts, so that some of them are really only recipients of charity doles. The synagogue choirs have been disbanded, the kindergartens until recently the pride of the community, have had to be closed down. The youth home, which was opened only recently, has had to be closed. The question is now what to do with the children's homes, the apprentices' home and the orphanage.

The only consolation is that hard as things are, the members of the community are firm in their resolve to save everything that can be saved, to sacrifice all individual advantages so that the community may be maintained, hoping that better times will come, says the newspaper.

Similar conditions exist in Dueseldorf. The Jewish community welfare centre has been compelled by the growing need to extend its work, and the community board is trying to raise the funds for urgent relief work. The Jewish Youth Organization and the Maccabee Sports Club are in a desperate plight. The use of the Municipal gymnasium, tennis courts, and sports grounds are prohibited, and the Jewish Youth Home is on the verge of being closed.

Zionist Region to Hold Conference This Week-End

The annual conference of the New York Zionist Region will be held next Saturday and Sunday at Pine Park Hotel, Highland Falls, N. Y., according to an announcement yesterday by Carl Sherman, president. Among the speakers scheduled are Mr. Sherman, Professor Israel Wechsler, Morris Margulies and Abraham Goldberg.

Special transportation arrangements have been made by the organization's officials for members who plan to attend the conference.

Can Find New Members For Literature Academy Hitler's Paper Boasts

(J.T.A. Special Correspondence)

BERLIN, May 9—"Our victorious march has resulted in the exclusion of a number of former members of the Academy of Literature, a fact which can only be welcomed," Chancellor Hitler's paper, the *Voelkischer Beobachter*, writes. "Those who admire the 'grand Bolshevik experiment' like Thomas Mann, who designate the National Socialist Party the most degenerate scurriness of our time as Wassermann did, to whom the followers of Adolf Hitler are nothing more than malignant churls as they are to Franz Werfel, who would like us to be eliminated from German history like the disease out of the blood as Doebelin does, who was on November 9 in heaven (and during the War published a pacifist periodical in Switzerland) like Rene Schickele, who feels as much bound to Marxist ideas as Leonhard Frank, Alfons Paquet and Fritz von Unruh, against whom all who are capable of judging have spoken so unanimously as they have against George Kaiser and his Insignificance, Ludwig Fulda, not forgetting the very much over-estimated Bernhard Kellermann, Alfred Mombert and Rudolf Pannwitz, have no place any longer in an Academy in the new epoch, quite apart from the fact that on racial grounds the exclusion of many members seemed essential.

"At any rate, it has shown that these people can be quite easily spared. At a moment's notice we found writers of German spirit who are immeasurably above them, to form the foundation of a much nobler institution. We hope that Stefan George, the great master of language and artistic restraint, will be willing to co-operate. It is the desire of the Ministry of Education and of us all, and would enrich the Academy. The reconstruction of the Academy is not to be considered complete. It is only the first step to show the world what works the National Revolution finds in accord with specific German character, and there will be many more valued writers added to its ranks. In this connection, we may mention Otto Erler, Rudolf Paulsen, Richard Euringer, Gertrud von Lefort, von Melchow and Josef Magnus Wehner, all great names, writers who will do us honor, and will raise Germany's prestige in the world. That is our cultural policy in the sense of Adolf Hitler.

"The fact that Gerhardt Hauptmann, Ina Seidel, Hermann Bahr, Schmidtbona and Max Halbe have remained members of the Academy

Tel Aviv to Build Homes For Refugee German Jews

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

TEL AVIV, May 22—The municipality of Tel Aviv has assigned the sum of five thousand pounds to be expended in the building of inexpensive homes in this city for Jewish refugees from Germany.

Jewish physicians in this vicinity are making every effort to persuade Dr. Halberstarr, famous German Jewish scientist and formerly director of Berlin's Radium Institute, who is now here on a visit, to remain and open an institute here. This, they believe, would make Palestine into a medical center for the entire East.

Open Baltimore Campaign For Relief and Palestine

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

BALTIMORE, May 22 — Over \$55,000 in initial subscriptions was reported at the meeting at the Lyric Theatre last night launching the Allied Jewish Emergency Campaign in Baltimore. The drive for the relief purposes of the Joint Distribution Committee and for the rebuilding of Palestine, will last one week and will seek a hundred thousand dollar quota. Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron is chairman of the appeal. Morris Rothenberg, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, of New York, delivered the principal addresses at the meeting.

Omaha Starts Drive

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

OHAHA, May 22—The fourth annual campaign of the Jewish Philanthropies of Omaha is now being held, with a total of \$40,000 being sought for thirty local, national and international Jewish agencies.

Dr. Abe Greenberg is general chairman of the drive. Wm. L. Holzman is honorary chairman, and Jacob S. Pearlstein is executive director.

will only surprise those," the *Beobachter* adds, "who took as gospel truth the fairy-tales invented by our opponents that we would have an Academy made up of every well-meaning dilettante who is on our side. On the contrary, we are much more keen on capacity, and will find it where others less discriminately searching would not succeed. We have not modified in the slightest, the very critical views which we have expressed in these columns about Gerhardt Hauptmann, his ideology is very remote from ours, but we recognize his power and sense of atmosphere."

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declared: "There has not been a moment in years which has not found the American Jewish Congress prepared to enter into a union of the forces of American Israel." Continuing he said: "There is a real danger lest in American Israel slogans concerning unity come to mean more than the fact of effort on behalf of the interests of the Jewish people. Unity which paralyzes and may even be designed to paralyze the effective member within the bond of unity is not unity at all but a reduction to the lowest common denominator of impotence in Jewish life. The American Jewish Congress is prepared to cooperate—in the field of action. It cannot surrender its convictions and it will not forego action in the interests of so-called unity. When I say the American Jewish Congress will not surrender its convictions, I am thinking primarily of those so-called Jewish leaders who think of the Jewish religion as the only bond of unity among the Jewish people."

Congress League Petition

Dr. Wise also pointed to the fact that the American Jewish Congress made representations to the League of Nations and in this way helped to place the problem on the agenda of the League. His address lasted forty-five minutes and was listened to by upwards of one thousand people who crowded the ballroom of the Willard Hotel. When the applause following his conclusion subsided, he remarked facetiously "those who do not agree with the chairman are in New York City."

Declaring "that the Congress movement is the heir of the Zionist movement," Prof. Horace Kallen expressed the thought that henceforth the Congress should carry on this work. The Zionist movement as such, he said, has accomplished its task.

Referring to the American Jewish Committee, Prof. Kallen said: "This Committee is the organization which raises today the loudest dissentient voice in American Israel. It is the chief obstruction to unity. Its status is paradoxical. No one can doubt or challenge the goodwill and strong wish to help the Jews of Germany and of the world, of most of the members of the American Jewish Committee. One can only doubt their courage and intelligence. They began well, and with the sympathy and goodwill of the masses of American Israel behind. They began with an endeavor after democracy. They made one attempt. It failed and they lacked the will and courage to try again and the patience to wait."

Resolution Adopted

Resolutions expressing gratitude

of American Jewry to the countries adjacent to Germany for courtesy and hospitality extended to German refugees were introduced by Jacob de Haas and passed unanimously.

Resolutions introduced by Dr. S. Margoshes and unanimously adopted, called for continuation of protest until:

1. An immediate cessation of all anti-Semitic activities and propaganda in Germany.

2. The abandonment of the policy of racial discrimination against, and of economic exclusion of Jews from the life of Germany.

3. The protection of Jewish life and property.

4. There shall not be an expulsion of Ost-Juden, of Jews who have come into Germany since 1914.

The resolution calling for the raising of one million dollars with which to fight Hitlerism, was introduced by Judge Mitchell May of New York. The fund is to be known as the "Emergency Defense of One Million Dollars and more to protect the Jewish rights in Germany and the rest of the world."

An eloquent plea for peace was made towards the close of the second session by Rabbi Wolf Gold, who speaking on behalf of the Mizrahi, criticized the present Congress for differing in policy and procedure from its predecessor. The Mizrahi organization, he said, is for the World Congress, but said the first need is for unity in the immediate family.

Urged Peace

Rabbi Eliezer Silver, president of the Agudath Harabonim, spoke in a similar vein, adding that his organization addressed letters to both the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress, asking them to make peace. The former, he said, declared their readiness; the latter merely acknowledged the letter with thanks.

A resolution introduced by Israel Thurman, of New York, approved the convening of the World Jewish Congress, August 1934, at Geneva. It also empowered the American Jewish Congress to designate seventeen representatives to membership on the World Council for the World Jewish Congress, "for the purpose of outlining the program of the World Jewish Congress and for the further purpose of organizing and developing the preparations for the World Jewish Congress."

The morning session was given over to an address by Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, chairman of the executive committee, who reviewed the history of German anti-Semitism and called upon the concerted effort of World Jewry to combat it.

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state their race and religion, it was revealed today. The questionnaire naturally aroused considerable commotion among the brokers, with the result that the authorities found it imperative to issue their assurances.

Hundred Jewish Brokers

Altogether, it is estimated, there are one hundred Jewish stockbrokers in Germany, of whom 25 are in Berlin. Thirteen of these reach the age limit shortly when, in any case, they would be replaced by "Aryans." Therefore, the authorities considered it most advisable to adopt a more gradual process of elimination in dealing with the brokers.

The state commissar for Berlin, Maretzky, today ordered the municipality not to honor bills presented by Jewish shoemakers. The order was not published but was circularized to all concerned, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency securing a copy.

The order prevents Jewish shoemakers from working for the municipal orphanages, homes for the aged and other institutions.

Bonfires and torch parades accompanied the burning of Jewish books yesterday at Heidelberg and Cologne Universities. The Heidelberg procession to the bonfire was headed by the entire university faculty with storm troops and members of the Stahlhelm participating in the affair.

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