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Jews' Status As Citizens Still Unclear

Hitler Failed to Give Clue; Leaders Silent On Draft Ban

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency) BERLIN, May 22—"We have no comments to make," Jewish leaders here replied today when asked by foreign correspondents to express their opinion on the new conscription law proclaimed yesterday, which bars Jews from the German army.

Keen disappointment is being voiced in Jewish circles because Adolf Hitler failed to refer to the Jewish question in his address before the Reichstag yesterday. Jewish leaders were certain that the Reichschancellor would take this occasion to announce the status of the Jews in Germany as far as their citizenship is concerned, especially since Minister of Interior Frick recently indicated that a new law defining the citizenship rights of the Jews was in preparation.

Held as 'Enemies of State'

The new conscription law which bars Jews from military service places the Jewish population in the same category as "enemies of the State, criminals and persons who do not possess German citizenship."

While excluding them from the army, however, the new law provides that the Minister of War can draft Jews in time of war "for any purpose he sees fit."

The conscription law also prohibits German reserve soldiers from marrying Jewish women. Those violating this prohibition will never be promoted above the ranks of a private.

See Jews in Germany Still 'Formidable Body'

(Special to the J.D.B.) LONDON, May 22—The official conscription decree excluding Jews from the German army is widely commented on today in the English press, which points out that "the Jews, for all their persecution by the Nazis, are still a formidable body and still present a thorny problem to Herr Hitler's government."

An explanation of why the Jews have been barred from the German army is given in an editorial in the Irish Times, which finds that the Jewish problem in Germany is becoming more acute.

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Legislative Shift in Esthonia To Give Jews Representation

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency) TALLINN, Esthonia, May 22—The Jews of Esthonia will for the first time be able to have a representative in the Esthonian State legislative system, it was announced today. An announcement was made in connection with the conversion of the Jews to Christianity. The Jews live in sufficient numbers to warrant representation in the Esthonian Chamber in place of the Parliament. The chamber will include representatives of all professions and nationalities. Heretofore it has been possible for the Jews to return a representative to the City Councils only in the towns of Tallinn (Reval) and other places where the Jews live in sufficient numbers to warrant representation.

Forbid 100 Doctors To Treat Hamburg Ill

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency) HAMBURG, May 22—Ninety-two Jewish and eight non-"Aryan" doctors were officially informed today that beginning July 1 they will not be permitted to treat patients who receive municipal relief in Hamburg.

"Recipients of relief from the municipality must be treated by 'Aryan' doctors only," the official notification states.

Charges of Bias Are Upheld in Rutgers Probe

Colleagues Accuse Head Of German Dept. of Anti-Semitism

(Special to the J.D.B.) NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., May 22—Charges of anti-Semitism brought against Dr. Frederick J. Hauptmann, head of the German Department at the Women's College of Rutgers University, were substantiated today by a number of witnesses before the committee of trustees of Rutgers.

Several professors, including Prof. Evelyn A. Clark and Prof. William Oncken, openly accused Dr. Hauptmann of anti-Semitism at today's hearing. Prof. Clark, a teacher of classical languages, declared that Dr. Hauptmann defended Nazi anti-Semitism in 1933 when Hitler came into power and that he dismissed Prof. Leinard Bergel for his opposition to the Nazi propaganda conducted in the college.

"Dr. Bergel stood out in the German department as an unusual scholar," Prof. Clark testified.

Prof. Oncken, head of the Italian department, testifying before the investigating committee, emphasized that Dr. Hauptmann, who is a German citizen, is doing all he can to ruin the careers of American citizens and those intending to become American citizens.

Rabbi on JNF Mission Arrives in Buenos Aires

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency) BUENOS AIRES, May 22—Rabbi J. L. Zlotnick of Canada arrived here today as representative of the Jewish National Fund.

Student Unit In Bucharest Helps Jews

Peasant Party Promises Aid in Curbing Anti-Semitic Outbreaks

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency) BUCHAREST, May 22—A student delegation appeared today at the headquarters of the Rumanian National Peasant Party and asked leaders of the party to create a united front to fight anti-Jewish propaganda in the universities.

The delegation pointed out that a great number of non-Jewish students in the universities feel compromised by the continual anti-Semitic outbreaks in the University of Bucharest.

The leaders of the Peasant Party made it clear to the delegation that they will be glad to assist in any effort to check anti-Semitic activities in the universities.

Ban Soil Export

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce has issued a decree forbidding export of black soil from Rumania. This action follows a great hue and cry raised by anti-Semitic leaders and picked up by the peasants, after a few shiploads had sailed down the Danube bound for Palestine.

Several Jews, leaving Rumania to settle in Palestine, perplexed as to how to transport their capital in view of Rumania's stringent ban on exporting currency, conceived the idea of taking with them some of the rich black loam which covers part of Bessarabia, Oltenia and Moldavia and makes those regions so fertile.

They duly applied to the authorities for permission to buy and export the loam; a valuation was put upon it and several hundred tons

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Banker Denies Hitler Mission

Not Seeking Reich Loan Here, Dr. Goldschmidt Declares

The report in a local newspaper alleging that Jacob Goldschmidt, well known Jewish banker from Germany, came to New York as Hitler's envoy to seek a loan for the Third Reich, was emphatically denied yesterday in a statement issued by Dr. Goldschmidt to the Jewish Daily Bulletin.

"Neither directly nor indirectly am I trying to arrange a loan for Germany in the United States," Dr. Goldschmidt said. "The report which appeared in the New York Evening Post is absolutely untrue from beginning to end."

Dr. Goldschmidt made the denial at the Savoy-Plaza Hotel, where he is staying during his visit in New York.

Dr. Goldschmidt was the head of

Orange Growers Out To Keep Prices Up

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency) JAFFA, May 22—Negotiations were started today between Jewish and Arab orange growers in Palestine for the maintenance of standard prices on oranges during the next season.

The growers have declared themselves ready in principle to destroy part of their crop, if necessary, in order to avoid a possible drop in prices, thus following the example of Brazilian coffee planters.

4 Jews Named On Greek Lists For Parliament

Government, Royalist Parties Each Put 2 on Slates

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency) SALONICA, May 22—Two Jews were today nominated by the Government Party as candidates on its lists for the parliamentary elections to be held June 2.

The Royalist Party, which is competing with the Government Party in the elections, also nominated two Jews on its lists. The Royalist Party is led by General Metaxas.

Although the Jewish population may vote for different tickets, it is quite certain that most of the Jews will vote the pro-Government ticket. Jewish leaders in Greece are highly satisfied with the policy of the present government in combating anti-Semitism and with its outspoken pro-Jewish attitude.

Pangalos Seeks Votes

General Pangalos, who has formed a new party here in the belief that the followers of Venizelos will vote for him, is also trying to win Jewish votes. In a proclamation issued by him this week, he warned Jews that if they all vote for the Government Party it will be taken as a sign that the Jewish population is siding with one political group only, which may spell undesirable consequences for the Jews later.

The fight among the contending parties for the Jewish vote is one of the major issues in the election campaign, since the Jews, numbering more than 50,000 in Salonica alone, gave a majority of 11,000 votes to the present Government Party during the last election.

League Mishandles Exile Work World Trade Union Group Told

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency) COPENHAGEN, May 22—Protestations against the League of Nations for "not properly handling the refugee situation," were voiced today by numerous speakers at a meeting of the executive council of the International Federation of Trade Unions.

Describing the situation of Jewish and other refugees from Germany as "a humanitarian catastrophe," the speakers demanded that a permanent institution be organized under the League for the protection of refugees. The League of Nations was criticized at the meeting particularly for not fulfilling its obligations towards the refugees from the Saar. The Executive members com-

Rift Will Not Stop Visas to Revisionists

Allotment on Present Basis Agreed on by Executives

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency) JERUSALEM, May 22—An agreement was reached today between the Zionist Executive and the World Revisionist Executive which provides that immigration certificates for Revisionists are to be granted from the current labor schedule on the same basis as hitherto, even if the Revisionists establish an independent World Zionist Organization.

The Zionist Executive in Palestine has notified the members of the Executive in London of the agreement, explaining that the right to receive collective immigration certificates is provided for the Brith Trumpeldor, Revisionist youth organization, if the Revisionists should leave the Palestine offices in Europe where distribution of the certificates is supervised.

While the agreement reached today deals only with the certificates under the current labor schedule, negotiations for a long term agreement are being continued.

Although the immigration certificates are granted to the Jewish Agency in which the non-Zionists are partners, the negotiations with the Revisionists for the distribution of the certificates are conducted not by the Jewish Agency but by the Zionist Executive in Palestine, since the Jewish Agency as such is not interested in whether or not the Revisionists participate in the next Zionist Congress.

Bureya Drainage Plan Wins Soviet Approval

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency) MOSCOW, May 22—Pursuing its plans to facilitate a larger Jewish colonization in Biro-Bidjan, the Far Eastern autonomous Jewish district, the Commissariat of Agriculture today approved a project to drain 8,900 hectares of land near Birafield this summer.

More than 1,700 hectares of this land will be fit for cultivation by Autumn, it was announced. The rest of the land will be cultivated in 1936.

The Daily News Letter

After Pilsudski -- What?

By a J.T.A. Special Correspondent

WARSAW.

Marshal Pilsudski, Poland's grand old man and the Republic's greatest cohesive force, is dead and has left a void that, unfortunately, no Pole may be able to fill. His death must be considered a great blow to Poland—to the Jews of Poland it may yet be a calamity.

For Marshal Pilsudski, without any doubt, must be considered to have been a fair and loyal friend to the Jews. There is no telling to what extent Poland's traditional anti-Semitism might have gone but for the old man in Belvedere Palace and his restraining influence. I need not go into all the many instances in which Marshal Pilsudski showed his friendship toward and interest in the Jews. Hundreds of instances must have been cited in the press of the world in the two weeks or so since his sudden death. It is no secret that he did not favor discrimination against the Jews and frowned strongly on anti-Semitic manifestations in Poland of all degrees.

to attack them in the streets, when Endeks in municipal councils tried to deprive them of their rights, when local officials taxed them unfairly, would be undertaken only grudgingly—unless Pilsudski intervened. For whatever rights, whatever justice the Jews in Poland obtained, Marshal Pilsudski was in no small part responsible.

That is why every Jew in Poland regards the death of Marshal Pilsudski as a personal loss and as a disaster for the Jews. To the Jews he had always been fair and friendly and Jews today well know how to appreciate these qualities. I can think of no Jew living today whose death would be considered by the Jews of Poland as a loss comparable with that of Marshal Pilsudski. Regardless of political beliefs, regardless of one's personal distaste for the Fascist type of State which Pilsudski created here in Poland, every one must unite in honest admiration and respect for the many fine virtues this ruler of his people possessed.

His Chief Successor Friendly

Marshal Pilsudski's principal successor is his intimate friend and collaborator, General Rydz-Smigly, a comparatively young man of 46. The new Inspector General of the Army and commander of all Poland's military forces, is a brilliant, talented and highly capable man. He numbers many Jews among his intimate friends. He is highly esteemed in Jewish intellectual circles in which he frequently moves. His personal attitude to the Jews, without any doubt, is fully as friendly as that of Pilsudski. Polish Jewry, therefore, expects, quite rightly, the same fair consideration at his hands as that for which it looked to the old Marshal. But there is this difference.

Pilsudski was a national hero, a man whose name was spoken by Polish patriots in the same breath as that of Kosciusko and other Polish immortals. He was able to become Dictator of Poland because of the great hold he had on the Polish people. His word was law.

Their Influence Less

This is not the case with the four men who have fallen heir to his power. Rydz-Smigly has a strong personal following around Wilno, but nothing like the hold Pilsudski had on the hearts and imaginations of the people. President Moscicki is well-liked throughout the country, but he, too, cannot impose his will by word. The same is true of General Kasprzycki, who succeeds Pilsudski as Minister of War. Col. Beck, fourth member of the ruling junta, as active leader of the government bloc, has as many political enemies as he has friends.

With the best intentions in the world, these men will not be able to do unto Poland as did Marshal Pilsudski for they have not the tremendous grip on the Polish citizenry that he had. Where Pilsudski ruled by will, these men will have to rule by political strategy. They will have to be in politics, not above it—and they, like all other political leaders, will be as much the subjects of their followers as the leaders.

Can They Check Anti-Semitic Drive?

It is therefore most questionable whether these men, whatever their intentions, could halt a popular resurgence of anti-Semitism without

Between the Lines

By B. SMOLAR

Soldiers and Slaves

It was no surprise to learn from the Nazi Conscription Law promulgated yesterday that Jews will be barred from the army. This was expected months before the law was proclaimed.

What is of surprise, however, is the provision that in time of war Jews may be drafted for whatever service the German military authorities may consider necessary.

This provision makes it clear that despite the peace assurances given by Hitler in his address before the Reichstag on Tuesday, Germany is nevertheless mobilizing all its forces for war. No matter how hateful the Jews are and how little they can be trusted by the Nazis, in case of war even a Jew can be helpful.

Jews and Asiatic Tribes

It is needless to say that during the next war in which Germany will be involved, Jews will not be sent to the front. They will not be trusted to bear arms. They will, however, be taken for service behind the lines.

Such was the position of certain Asiatic tribes in Russia during the world war. Not being trusted by the Czarist government, the members of these tribes were driven all the way from Asia to work behind the military lines of the Russian army. They were never given rifles, as they were considered both an inferior and an untrustworthy element in the country.

This racial principle followed by the Czarist regime during the world war will be observed now by the Nazi regime with regard to the Jews in the next war. In effect, it means that the Jews will be the "lower element" in the army reserves. They will be considered the slaves of the German nation.

Soldiers and Citizens

The Jews in Germany were disappointed yesterday when Hitler, while establishing their status in the army, failed to establish their status as citizens. They expected that in the course of his address to the Reichstag Hitler would touch upon the Jewish question.

This did not happen. And although some may think that it is better for the Jews that Hitler avoided announcing the revocation of citizenship from Jews, the leaders of German Jewry are not of this opinion.

The Jewish leaders in Germany are growing tired of their indefinite status which gives every individual Nazi the opportunity to act towards the Jewish population in the most lawless manner. They are tired of Streicher and his like who are utilizing the present indefinite legal position of the German Jews for anti-Jewish incitement and violence. They are looking for a definition of their status. Citizens or no citizens, they want to know what kind of protection they can expect under the Nazi regime.

Seeking Assurances

This is why the Jews of Germany looked forward to Hitler's address in the Reichstag. They expected that in his speech at the Reichstag, which was actually meant for the world, Hitler would commit himself to assurances that Jewish life and property would be secure in Germany even though the Jews would no longer be considered full-fledged citizens of the Reich.

These assurances did not come. In his prepared speech Hitler was silent on the future of the

World Press Digest

The Beobachter Makes an Appeal

The *Westdeutscher Beobachter*, leading Nazi organ in Cologne, carries the following characteristic appeal:

German retailer, you know that there are still numbers of newspapers which have a double face, posing as 120 per cent national in their editorial pages but still taking in their advertisement pages the gigantic advertisements of the Jewish stores.

What the *Westdeutscher Beobachter* publishes in its advertisement pages you have every day before your eyes; what it does not publish, and the amount of money it so foregoes deliberately day by day, does not occur to you at the moment!

Against the advertisement plantations of the Jewish stores and single-price shops, which are once more giving themselves such airs, there is need for all Germans to close their ranks. Our Jews' number will therefore give the public as complete a picture as possible of the efficiency of the German shop on the spot, which by its tradition, its experience, and its close association with the buying public, is primarily and exclusively called upon to satisfy the needs of the German purchaser.

German retailer, German shopkeeper, do you want to be out of this number? Give the "W. B." your advertisement for this Jews' number. You will find yourself there in the best of company, and will prove that you not only think and feel as a German but also act with the sense of being a German.

Think also of the time when the "W. B." was the only militant newspaper in the locality, fighting every day its inexorable fight against the Jewish stores Moloch, and consequently with the whole of the rest of the press at feud with it and slaving over it. This fight served and serves primarily the maintenance of the middle class, and so your own existence!

Melnikoff Exhibit Wins High Praise

The *Manchester Guardian*, commenting on the exhibition of the

Jews in Germany. He thus indicated that the Jewish question is no longer acute as far as he is concerned and that he does not care what happens to the Jews.

Deprived of their citizenship, barred from the army and insecure as far as their life and property are concerned, the Jews of Germany will now have to seek a way out of Germany more than ever before. Jewish emigration from the Reich will therefore be the greatest problem with which world Jewry will have to deal.

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Jewish artist, A. Melnikoff, in London, writes:

An interesting group of portrait busts, studies, and descriptive statuettes, the work of A. Melnikoff, a Palestinian sculptor, is to be seen at the Bloomsbury Gallery, Bedford Square. The exhibition includes a head of Field Marshal Lord Allenby.

In opening the exhibition Lord Allenby said that it was remarkable how the Jews had preserved the creative spirit in spite of their long wanderings and the cruel persecutions they had suffered. While the economic and colonizing achievements of the settlers in Palestine were well known, it was not generally realized that there was a flourishing cultural movement, and that the things of the spirit had not been forgotten in the work of building up the national home. That wonderful exhibition was a triumph, Lord Allenby concluded, not only for the artist but for Zionism, which had made possible the creation of such works.

Treatment of Jews Gives Reich Away

The *Express and Star* of London, dealing with the Jewish problem in Germany, says:

The manner in which the Nazis have trampled over the freedom of religion, and the freedom of the Press reveals the old iron heel, used by men more bitter and less responsible than any of the pre-war leaders. They have found ready soil for their dragon's teeth in a despondent people, and by combining patriotism with tyranny are reproducing the old German menace in worse form. They claim re-armament for national honor and respect, but, says Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, they want an army greater than that of any other nation in Europe, an air force already declared equal to ours, and a fleet that would be equal to the French and superior to the Italian. How Germany would act in the possession of these forces can best be gauged by her rough-shod methods against those who oppose the Nazi ideas within her own borders.

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Reports 1 in 5 German Jews Are on Relief

J. C. Hyman Addresses Luncheon of Appeal's Women's Division

One out of every five Jews in Germany today is completely dependent upon relief it was stated yesterday at a luncheon of the women's division of the United Jewish Appeal at the Hotel Commodore. The statement was made by Joseph C. Hyman, honorary secretary of the Appeal and secretary of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

The luncheon was attended by leaders of the various women's groups interested in raising \$200,000 as their share of the \$1,250,000 fund which is being sought here for the aid of the Jews of Germany and other lands and for their settlement in Palestine. Mrs. Max J. H. Roszbach presided. Others who spoke were Mrs. Richard Percy Limburg, chairman of the women's division, Mrs. Felix M. Warburg and I. Edwin Goldwasser, co-chairman of the Greater New York City campaign.

According to reports received in this country from the Zentral Ausschuz, the relief dispensing organization in Germany through which the Joint Distribution Committee is carrying on its program of help, Mr. Hyman announced that last year more than 100,000 free meals distributed by the Berlin kitchens and in addition 11,000 food packages were given away. He also said that more than 75,000 applications for economic aid were made to this organization by Jews in that country, 10,000 of these being cases in Berlin.

Bronx Drive Opens June 12
Bronx Jewry will launch its Appeal campaign at a dinner June 12 at the Concourse Plaza Hotel, it was announced yesterday by Abraham Krasne, chairman of the Bronx division of the Appeal. One thousand men and women prominent in communal, civic, and Jewish activities of the borough are expected to attend. Nathan Straus, former state director of the National Emergency Council, will be the guest of honor at the dinner.

Final arrangements were completed for this dinner last night at a meeting of the Bronx committee held at the Hotel Milburn. Representatives of Bronx Jewish organizations were present. I Teitelbaum and Mr. Krasne presided.

5 Industry Groups To Complete Organization

Leaders of five industries in the women's wear field will complete their organization work in interest of the United Jewish Appeal this week, it was announced yesterday. The coat and suit division will hold a luncheon tomorrow at the Hotel Pennsylvania at which I. Edwin Goldwasser and Michael Schaap will be the speakers.

The dress industry will hold a luncheon Friday at the Hotel New Yorker. Billy Avirutine is chairman. Jack Davis, Barney Joseph, and Murray Weisbart are helping him on the committee. Adolph Feldblum is the impatiee. Chairman of the dress industry and will be a speaker.

The leather goods group will meet at a luncheon tomorrow at the Hotel McAlpin. Samuel Goldsmith, chairman, Sol Mutterperl and Betty Schoenfeld, co-chairmen.

Hyannis, Mass. Scores 100% Record in Drive

(Special to the J.D.B.)
HYANNIS, Mass., May 22—This Jewish community today became the first in the United States to achieve a 100 per cent record in the 1935 United Jewish

NEWS IN BRIEF

Long Beach, Cal.

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman of St. Louis addressed the leading personalities among Long Beach and Wilmington Jewry at a dinner last night launching the campaign for the United Jewish Appeal in these communities. The officers of the local campaign are: Nathan Nagel, president; Mrs. D. I. Alcazar, vice-president; Isaac Sukman, treasurer and Jules Marks, secretary.

Milwaukee

Nearly \$10,000 was raised here for the Jewish National Fund at a two-day bazaar. The Milwaukee committee of the Palestine Jewish Workers' organization cooperated in the fund campaign.

A drive to organize for election of delegates to the American Jewish Congress has been launched by the Milwaukee district. Action was taken following a visit of Rabbi L. Eichenstein, field secretary of the American Jewish Congress.

Philadelphia

The Jewish Women's Welfare Association will give a testimonial dinner next Wednesday night at the Majestic Hotel in honor of Rabbi Matthew S. Rosen, the association's religious director.

Pittsburgh

Henry Kaufmann, vice-president of Kaufmann's Department Store here and a noted philanthropist, has left on a visit to Europe. He sailed from New York on the Empress of Britain. Mr. Kaufmann is founder of the Irene Kaufmann Settlement here.

South Norwalk, Conn.

The Jewish communities of South Norwalk and Norwalk combined their efforts last night at a dinner addressed by Maurice Samuel, author and lecturer, on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. Bernard Stone also spoke at the function. Judge Poliner and Dr. Harry Frank greeted the diners. Samuel Roodner is chairman of the campaign.

Syracuse, N. Y.

The Men's Club of Temple Adath Yesurun elected Sidney Grossman president at the final meeting of the season. Other officers are Joseph Waldhorn and Lawrence Bennett, vice presidents; J. Larry Epstein, treasurer and Allan Silverman secretary.

New York City

Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies has issued the first number of Federation Illustrated, an eight-page magazine in rotogravure describing the activities of its various affiliated organizations. The first issue is devoted to work with children, done by twenty-three affiliated child-care institutions and agencies. The magazine is being distributed to contributors of Federation.

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alienating their followers and without losing the support of those necessary for the retention of power. Should such a resurgence of feeling come about, skilfully engineered by German Nazi agents, by the fanatical Naras or by guileful political opponents of the regime, the Jews, it is to be feared, would have to bear its full brunt. For despite the tolerance and friendship of the leaders, it is to be doubted whether they could or would risk sacrificing their leadership to protect the Jews. For, on a pro- and anti-Jewish issue, no government could stand in Poland if it took the former stand—unless it had the prestige of a Pilsudski.

And that is why the Jews of Poland, Socialists, Bundists, government supporters, all groups, all factions, all political beliefs unite in sincere and deepest mourning for Pilsudski. He was not their only friend. But they fear that he was their only friend powerful enough to demonstrate his friendship.

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Finds by Yale Archaeologists Force New View of Jewish Art

(Special to the J.D.B.)

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 22—A new interpretation of the Second Commandment, which forbade the ancient Hebrews to have graven images, is necessary in view of recent archaeological discoveries made in Palestine and in Dura-Europos by Yale University and the French Academy, according to Dr. Paul Romanoff, curator of the Museum of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Contrary to the age-old accepted opinion, art was never banned among the Jews, Dr. Romanoff said in an address at Yale. The Second Commandment, he stated, was not intended as a ban against plastic and pictorial art, but was mainly directed against the material representation of Jehovah, and against the making of idols of worship.

Dr. Romanoff, who has held an Alexander Kohut Fellowship in the Yale Graduate School, reported that recent archaeological discoveries reveal that the Jews had a flourishing art by the third century of the present era. This art, he said, influenced later Christian art and now explains many obscure points in the history of church art.

Open New Chapter in Art

"It has commonly been accepted that because of the prohibition in the Second Commandment, the Jews could not have developed a distinctive Jewish art, nor could they have contributed anything to the world's treasure of art," he said. "Whatever manifestations of art were found among the Jews, scholars immediately put down to the influence of Christian art. The excavations at Dura-Europos, and in Palestine, establish the very re-

verse of this widely held opinion. These discoveries not only open a new chapter in the history of Jewish art, but also demand a reevaluation in the approach to early Christian art."

A glance at the ancient world when the Ten Commandments were produced is necessary in order to find what made it possible for the Jews to have an art, Dr. Romanoff said.

The people of that time, including the Israelites, were fetish and idol worshippers, he stated. The Second Commandment aimed at the abolition of idol worship. The law, planned to emphasize the monotheistic idea, was enforced more than half a millenium before the birth of Christ, when the pantheons of Egypt and Babylon, not excluding the deities of the Canaanites and other small nations, still contained these forms of statuary.

Idolatry Banned

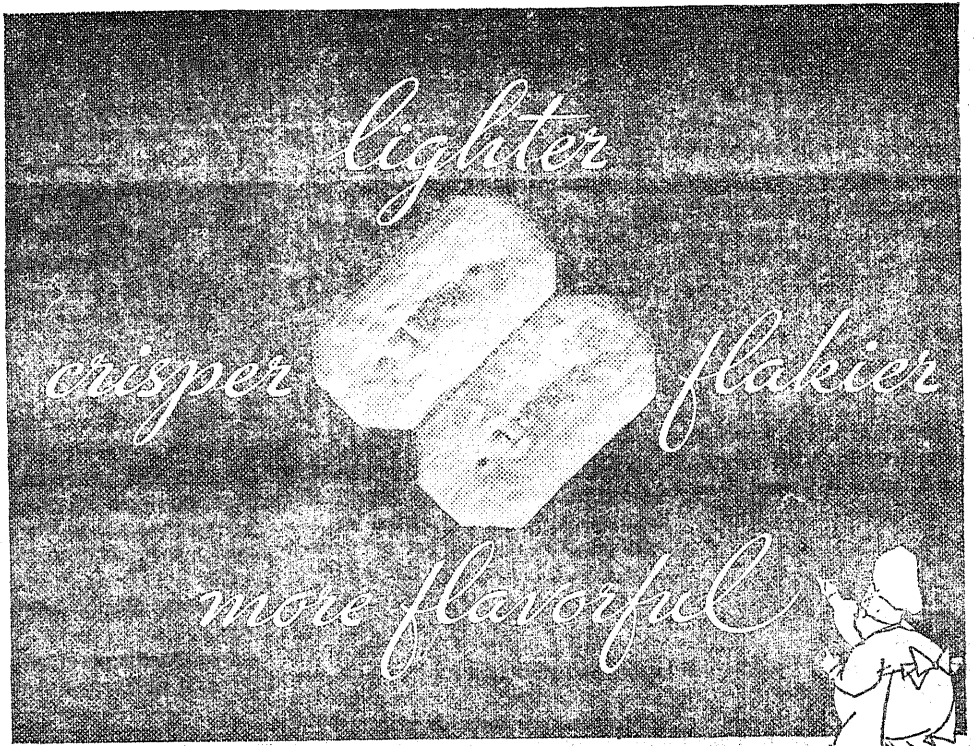
"As long as the outside world with which the Jews come in contact practiced a certain form of idolatry, this same form was forbidden to the Jews," Dr. Romanoff continued. "With the discarding of the worship of certain gods and idols among nations, the restrictions on modeling similar forms by the Jews would be eased and the interpretation of the law among the Jews could be amended to this effect. Thus the Mishnah (completed in the Second Century) tells us that statutes which were not made for worship, might be used by Jews. Later it was permitted to sculpture all forms, except the human features. The Talmud tells us that all kinds of statuary existed in Jerusalem, except human faces, because

of the anthropomorphic pagan worship of Greece and Rome. All forms were permitted except that of a dragon (a common feature, however, in later Hebrew illuminated manuscripts); all signs of the zodiac were permitted except those of the sun and the moon, since they were still worshipped.

"Jewish art during the period of the First Temple was pagan. In the days of the Second Temple plastic art (excepting human forms (was used as an ornamental motif. Painting, however, had a better chance for development among Jews. The term 'graven images' was applied to statuary but not to representations on flat surfaces. Here no prohibition was imposed. Since paganism consisted mainly in worshipping idols made in plastic forms, painting would not have been considered a violation of the law. To these flat-surface ornamentations belong murals and mosaics, even with the representation of human figures, since they were not made for worship but as Biblical motifs and symbols. The places where such artistic work could be displayed were the synagogues, for the motifs, taken from the Bible, afforded a rich source of material for the artist."

The murals and mosaics in synagogues which have been excavated in recent years indicate that the Jews employed 'visual instruction' more than 1,700 years ago, Dr. Romanoff said. The murals and mosaics served as illustrations in the classes on the Bible and Jewish folklore. After the iconoclastic revolt, this idea of visual instruction was promoted by the church as a means of educating the masses.

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