

Tells Yevseks to Differentiate Between Pre-Soviet Peasants and Present Jewish Colonists

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Feb. 26—"The left-wingers should understand the difference between the old pre-revolutionary peasants and the new post-revolutionary Jewish colonists," declared J. Merzhin, Jewish Communist leader, addressing a meeting of the Ozet, the society for settling the Jews on the land, called to discuss the question of collectivizing the Jewish colonies.

Replying to certain Jewish Communist leaders who doubt whether the collectivization of the Jewish colonies should be completed within this year as decided by the Comzet, the government department for settling the Jews on the land, Merzhin said that "the Comzet's collectivization tempo will do less harm to the Jewish colonies than the present tendency of certain Jewish left-wingers who are anxious to liquidate the kulaks in the Jewish colonies as was done with the non-Jewish peasants."

He pointed out that in the entire Cherson region there are perhaps three Jewish kulaks, but that despite that, "the Jewish Communists in Kalinin-

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Memory of Christian, Who Was Protector of Jews, Honored

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Grodno, Feb. 26—Two thousand people assembled here yesterday in the Great Synagogue to attend a memorial service for the Christian Colonel Kshishchek. Hundreds shed tears and sighed, and cries were heard when the rabbi recalled the deeds of Colonel Kshishchek as the chief of the Grodno military forces, as a friend of humanity and protector of the Jews, who never refused to intervene on their behalf. The Jews here were particularly thankful to him because when the government took over the famous Shereshevsky tobacco factory, he influenced the Jewish employes to remain, as a result of which 40 percent of the people now employed there are Jews.

Kehillah Protests Against Anti-Semitic Window Display

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Feb. 26—The local Kehillah has called the attention of the Vienna municipal authorities to an exhibit of anti-Semitic placards in the show-windows of a large perfumery firm in one of the exclusive residential sections of Vienna. When the Jewish leaders pointed out that this might incite to anti-Semitic disorders, the municipal authorities, through court action, had the exhibit stopped.

Two More Rabbis Arrested By Russian Secret Police

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Moscow, Feb. 26—Rabbi Lazerev, Chief Rabbi of Leningrad, and the well-known Rabbi Yasnogorowski, were both arrested today by the G. P. U., Russian secret police. Both are accused of maintaining illegal connections abroad, particularly with the Lubawitscher Rebbe (Rabbi Joseph Schneursohn).

Boycott Agitator Fined and Sentenced to Three Months

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 26—A boycott agitator by the name of Hassan from Jaffa has been sentenced to three months in prison and fined fifty dollars. Assistant District Commissioner Crosby, in sentencing him, regretted that the law does not permit a heavier sentence. He warned Hassan that his punishment would be much more severe for a second offense.

MOTZA JEW FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 26—The examining magistrate has dismissed the murder charge against Samuel Brosa, leader of the Jewish community of Motza, who was arrested last September. The magistrate declared that the evidence against him was fabricated. He had been free on bail of \$2,500 since his arrest.

Rosenberg Protests Dragging Jewish Reconstruction and Relief Problems in Russia Into Politics and Controversy; Finds Disparaging Remarks on Agricultural Work Unsubstantiated

A protest against dragging problems of Jewish reconstruction and relief in Russia into politics and controversies, was voiced yesterday in a statement issued by James N. Rosenberg, President of the American Society for Jewish Farm Settlements in Russia, Inc., in which he declared that recent statements, disparaging the agricultural work among the Jews of Russia, were made without any attempt to substantiate them.

Mr. Rosenberg's statement, in which he points out that under all circumstances, 3,000,000 Jews will have to stay in Russia, and will have to adjust themselves to Russian laws and systems, is as follows:

"Tremendous pressure is being brought to bear on the Agro-Joint, the agency of the American Society for Jewish Farm Settlements in Russia, Inc., by thousands of Jewish families who seek opportunity to settle in the Jewish farm districts. This work will be carried on with unabated zeal.

Letters Made Public Reveal Revisionists' Negotiations With Zionist Executive a Failure

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Feb. 26—Negotiations between the Zionist Revisionists and the Zionist Executive concerning the political position of Zionism and the internal situation of the movement are thought to have broken down as the result of a letter, dated February 20, addressed by the Zionist Executive to the Revisionists which, together with other correspondence, is now made public by the Revisionists.

The Zionist Executive definitely declines the Revisionists' proposal to entrust the political work in the future to a committee independent of the Zionist Executive. In its reply to Revisionists, the Zionist Executive points out that the direction of political work passed from the Executive of the Zionist Organization to the Executive of the Jewish Agency and therefore the Jewish Agency is the only appropriate organ that can decide whether the conduct of political affairs should be transferred to a special committee.

The reply further states that should such a demand come before the Jewish Agency, the Zionist Executive would oppose it. As an alternative to the Revisionists' demand, the Zionist Executive suggests that they nominate a member to the political committee, who will meet with the Zionist Executive from time to time as other re-

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"Within the last few weeks, statements have appeared in the public press pertaining to the settlement of Russian Jews on the land. We deem it necessary, in view of these reports, to cite a few facts which bear on the subject.

"The program of settling Jews on the land was commenced by the Joint Distribution Committee, under the active direction of Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, in 1924. Since then the Agro-Joint has expended \$8,000,000 in this activity, and the Jewish population engaged in farming has increased from 15,000 families at the end of 1923 to over 50,000 in 1929, or a total of about 200,000 Jews. The settlement of 4,500 additional families is contemplated as the program for the current year and there are thousands of applications for which the Agro-Joint has neither the funds nor available land. Daily the offices of the Agro-Joint are besieged by an increasing number of applicants

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**Registration Proponent Amends
Bill to Bargain with Foes**

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Washington, Feb. 26—Congressman Cable of Ohio has made a new move to overcome the opposition to his voluntary alien registration bill, by reintroducing his bill with an amendment for legalization of those aliens who entered the United States unlawfully up to July 1, 1924. At present only those aliens who entered unlawfully prior to June 3, 1920 can secure legalization.

The correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns that Congressman Cable, knowing that the opponents of his registration bill are anxious to obtain an extension for illegal entrants, hit upon this amendment as a bargaining point on which to make a deal with them. That he is willing to do this discloses his anxiety to obtain action on the registration bill, as he is known to be a confirmed restrictionist.

Congressman Cable has also introduced a bill to remove certain disabilities from American women, namely to exempt from the quota husbands of American citizens and also to enable immediate naturalization and temporary admission outside the quota for this purpose of women formerly American citizens who lost their citizenship by marrying an alien prior to September 22, 1922.

**Arabs Would Organize
\$2,500,000 Company**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Feb. 26—A proposal to organize a company with a capital of \$2,500,000 by half a million Arabs each contributing five dollars annually, is contained in a directory circulated by the boycotters in Jaffa, Jerusalem, Nablus, Haifa and Gaza, listing three hundred merchants whose goods and patriotism are advertised. The boycotters oppose excessive use of motorcars and censure the land agents.

**Lipsky to Answer Critics;
Dr. Wise to Discuss Palestine**

Louis Lipsky, president of the Zionist Organization of America, will for the first time reply to critics of the present Zionist administration in an address which he will deliver this evening at the Temple B'nai Jeshurun Community Center, under the auspices of the West Side Zionist district, on "The Arab Problem, Dr. Magnes and the British." Mr. Lipsky is expected to make an announcement of importance with regard to cooperation between the various Zionist factions in this country. There will be an open discussion of Mr. Lipsky's address.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise will also discuss the present situation in Zionism in an address before the Forum of the Independent Order Brith Abraham next Sunday afternoon, March 2, at Morris High School, Bronx. The subject of Dr. Wise's address will be "Problems of Palestine—Past and Present."

**2,000 Homeless Jewish Men
and Boys in New York City**

There are two thousand homeless Jewish men and boys in New York City, who wander through the streets of the metropolis yearly, according to a report just made public by the Committee on Homeless, which was established by the Jewish Social Service Association and the United Jewish Aid Societies of Brooklyn, under the chairmanship of Howard S. Cullman.

During the past year the committee has examined 640 men, most of whom, to the surprise of the committee, consisted of the younger element. "Such youngsters," says the report, "were generally bright, impressionable, impudent, incorrigible, and, in some cases, sufficiently daring and delinquent to make them potential criminals." The committee would try to lead these boys on the proper path, and to effect a reconciliation with their parents.

**Brooklyn Jewish Hospital Had
More Free Cases Than Others**

The Brooklyn Jewish Hospital treated 56,519 persons during the past year, which was the first year of residence in its new 650-bed building, and has given more free service than any other non-municipal hospital in Brooklyn. This was the statement made by Joseph J. Baker, president of the hospital, in his report rendered Tuesday night at the annual meeting held in the hospital's auditorium.

The hospital's dispensary had 137,797 visits during 1929, said Mr. Baker.

Health Commissioner Wynne, who was the principal guest speaker at the meeting, praised the directors and staff of the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital for splendid service and management. The officers of the hospital who were re-elected at Tuesday's meeting are: Joseph J. Baker, president; Sidney Weinbaum, vice-president, and chairman of the executive committee; Louis M. Strauss, treasurer; Isador Isaacson, secretary.

**Jews of Portugal, Spain
Friendly to Zionism**

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Lisbon, Feb. 6—Dr. Ariel Bension, delegate of the Kerel Haysod, has just finished a successful campaign in Spain and Portugal. In spite of the difficult economic situation obtaining in both countries, and particularly in Portugal, it was proved that the sympathies of Jewry are entirely with their brethren in Palestine and the desire to demonstrate that Palestine Jewry does not stand alone, was very keen.

In Spain, where there is no organized community, a number of Jews, whose identity had hitherto not been disclosed, donated to the Fund, so that steps are now being taken to organize themselves into a Jewish body. A luncheon was given in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Bension, in Madrid, tendered by Don Manuel Ortega, a non-Jewish friend of the cause. Many distinguished writers and prominent non-Jews were present, and expressed themselves in favor of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine.

In Portugal, where Zionism counts many friends, a distinct material success was achieved, making the per capita contribution of the small Jewish colony among the highest in the world. Several Marannos made voluntary contributions for the sake of "La Tierra Santa," which they have never forgotten. A great deal of enthusiasm was created in the community. Dr. Bension met with the Minister for Foreign Affairs and with other notables of the government. The general feeling among the non-Jews of Portugal is one of friendliness and respect for the Jew.

**Luke to Lecture on Riots
Before English Association**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Feb. 26—H. C. Luke, acting High Commissioner of Palestine during the late riots, and by many blamed for the disturbances, who is now on a vacation in England, will lecture here March 3 on the riots. His address will be made before the Near and Middle East Association with Sir Dennison Ross presiding.

The president of the association is an intimate friend and colleague of Howard Bury, anti-Zionist M. P. The association itself is considered anti-Zionist in its leanings.

**Hyman Zeitz, Prominent
Jewish Merchant, Dead**

Hyman Zeitz, a director of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum and of the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities, prominent Brooklyn merchant and banker, died Tuesday morning in his seventieth year after an operation. Mr. Zeitz was president of Martin's Department Store for the last twenty-six years. In 1926 he made an investigation for the United Jewish Charities of the conditions of impoverished Jews in Paris.

Court Permits Jewish Father to Bury Daughter Reconverted to Judaism on Her Death Bed

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Pittsburgh, Feb. 26—Testimony in the Allegheny County Common Pleas Court that a former Jewess, converted to the Roman Catholic faith on her second marriage, was reconverted to Judaism during her recent fatal illness, resulted in a decision today by Judge George V. Moore allowing the father to bury his daughter.

The Court's ruling was made in an equity action instituted by Thomas Butler, second husband of the dead woman, who sought to restrain relatives of his wife from burying her. The action was brought against A. K. Birnkrant, the woman's father, Bernard and Wilbert Rice, sons of the woman by her first marriage, and Walter S. Willig, an undertaker. The case is unusual in the legal annals of western Pennsylvania.

The woman died yesterday at her father's home, where she had lived since her discharge from the hospital. Her husband was with her at the time of her death. Butler said he had made arrangements for the funeral and had engaged an undertaker, but when the latter called for the body, the woman's father declined to let him have it.

Mrs. Butler is said to have married Butler in the Roman Catholic faith in McKeesport in 1920.

Unveil Tablet to Jews Who Died in the World War

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Johannesburg, Feb. 3—Unveiling of the memorial tablet in the Jewish Guild Memorial Building to the Jewish soldiers who fell in the World War took place here recently with the Governor-General of South Africa, the Earl of Athlone and Princess Alice present. Others who participated in the services included Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, and Chief Rabbi J. L. Landau, who reminded the gathering that most of the dead who were being honored were not British born and had volunteered their services since there was no conscription in South Africa.

Rabbi Named to Virginia Religious Freedom Committee

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Richmond, Va., Feb. 26—Rabbi Edward N. Calisch of this city is a member of the committee which has just been named by Governor Pollard to arrange for the Virginia Celebration of Religious Freedom on Sunday, April 13, the anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson. The day will be celebrated throughout the nation, and governors in every state in the union are naming similar committees. The celebrations are being arranged under the national auspices of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, which will center its observance at Monticello, the home of Jefferson.

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who desire to enter the settlements.

"The program of Jewish farm settlement has had to be conducted under unusual circumstances and from time to time has been faced with serious problems. Notwithstanding all this, it has now been virtually established that the Jews settled on the land fare better and occupy a more economic position in the life of Russia than the great majority of the Jews in the cities and villages.

"This organization, of which Messrs. Julius Rosenwald and Felix M. Warburg are honorary presidents, has enabled thousands of Jewish families to leave the cities and villages where they were herded in ghettos and constituted an outcast class practically without rights of citizenship, to become self-supporting farmers.

"Last Fall, during the rigors of the Government grain collections, several hundred Jewish settlers tried to leave the Jewish settlements in the Crimea to return to their cities and villages. It did not take them long to discover that these conditions were much worse. With very few exceptions, all of these settlers have applied for reinstatement in their old settlements.

"The question of collectivizing the farms, which is now agitating Russia, has brought up a new problem in our farm program. It would be impossible to carry on the Jewish farm work in Russia under a different system from the general Government policy. In some respects, the collectivization program will not be completely new, as a considerable amount of our work has been carried on, from the very beginning, on a cooperative basis. The collectivization plan is an experiment and if the experiment should prove successful for the peasantry at large, it may benefit the Jewish settlers as well; should it fail, the Jews will be in the same position as the remainder of the population.

"The Russian Government has cooperated to the fullest extent with the Agro-Joint and with the American Society for Jewish Farm Settlements in Russia, Inc., and besides making available large tracts of land, of more than one and three-quarter million acres, and advancing substantial credits, provides substantial amounts yearly in its budget for the settling of Jews on the land.

"The question of religious persecution in Russia is not solely or primarily a Jewish question. It affects Christians, Moslems and Jews alike. Deeply as we deplore the anti-religious policy of the Soviet authorities, we cannot help but note that under all circumstances 3,000,000 Jews will remain in Russia, will have to stay there and will have to become producers under the Russian law and system, before their economic and civic position can be made secure.

"Any statement or unsubstantiated information which deals in generalities

and which makes problems of Jewish reconstruction and relief in Russia subject to politics and controversies, deals a deadly blow to the Jews of Russia who cannot possibly reconstruct their lives under new and trying conditions without the aid of American Jewry.

"We deplore the fact that statements recently made with regard to the agricultural work among Jews in Russia were made without any attempt to substantiate them from records and data which we have in our files and most of which have been disseminated to the public for the last five or six years.

"In our work we have taken and will continue to take counsel, not of our fears, but of courage and an invincible determination to bring help and hope to the Jews of Russia. It is they who spontaneously developed the movement of Jewish farm settlement in Russia, who availed themselves of the opportunities offered them and who entreat us now to stand by them and not to desert them especially in the hour of their trial.

"Nobody minimizes the difficulty of the situation now prevailing in Russia, not alone for Jewish settlers, but for the hundreds of thousands of the Jewish urban population. In our endeavor to bring aid to the Jews of Russia, we shall not be deterred by carping criticism and misinformation."

Order of Golden Chain Will Institute First Brooklyn Link

The Brooklyn Link of the Order of the Golden Chain will be instituted this Saturday, March 1, at Arion Pythian Temple, Brooklyn, by Most Worthy Matron Lillian S. Kaphan and her staff of officers. The Order of the Golden Chain is a non-sectarian fraternal order, national in scope, and having the same Masonic affiliation requirements as the Order of the Eastern Star.

The Order came into being less than a year ago as a result of the secession of the Jewish delegates at the annual session of the Order of Eastern Star, State of New Jersey, held last summer in Atlantic City. A petition had been presented by the delegates representing more than 10,000 Jewish members of the Order, praying that certain ritualistic forms and ceremonies be modified and eliminated, so that the strictly Christian features of the Order would be more acceptable to those of the Jewish faith. After a lengthy debate, the request was almost unanimously denied, and as a result the Order of the Golden Chain was organized.

The Brooklyn Link is the first Link of the Order in New York State. Many new Links are now in process of formation.

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dorf decided that nine percent of the people in the Kalinindorf region must submit 567 pud bread per family because they are kulaks. This left wing blindness resulted in the selling out of the property of those taxed, who were really only middle-class colonists and not kulaks. The same thing happened in the Jewish colonies of the Odessa region."

Criticizing these acts as extremely silly, Merezhin explained that the feeling for private property is not strongly developed among the Jewish colonists because their property belongs to the government or foreign relief organizations which give credit to the Jewish colonists.

After cautioning the left wingers to distinguish carefully between the pre-revolutionary peasants and the post-revolutionary Jewish colonists, Merezhin declared that "Jewish colonization is a pure Soviet creation that was started after the Revolution along Soviet lines and under Soviet control. Hence those who think themselves left wingers in Jewish colonization work are actually denying the Soviet achievements," he warned.

Speaking of the foreign Jewish relief, Merezhin pointed out that their contributions were steadily growing smaller. He said that while five years ago the contribution of the Soviet government to Jewish colonization work was less than that of the foreign organizations, it is now much greater than their contribution.

While emphasizing the importance of the foreign Jewish relief which contributes large sums in American money and American machinery, Merezhin explained that anything coming from the Agro-Joint is not relief but a loan to the Soviet government which will be repaid in American currency plus five percent interest at the end of 17 years.

Educator Asks That Teachers Be Chosen From All Religions

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Atlantic City, Feb. 26—The selection of teachers for American public schools should not be restricted to any particular religious group, declared the Rev. J. Elliot Ross, Catholic professor at Iowa State University, in an address before the department of superintendence of the National Education Association. He also urged that leaders of both public and parochial schools should get better acquainted, in order to avoid possible friction and promote good feeling between Protestant, Catholic and Jew.

Open Heineman Building for Tubercular Children in Denver

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Denver, Feb. 26—Formal dedication of the Louis Heineman Building for Tubercular Children was held last week at the National Jewish Hospital, with Rabbi William S. Friedman, president of the institution, presiding at the services before a large gathering.

Dr. Friedman paid tribute to the donor, the late Louis Heineman of Jamestown, N. Y., whose gift makes possible the care of these unfortunate little children. He also praised Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hofheimer, who nine years ago endowed the Hofheimer Preventorium for those children with a predisposition for tuberculosis.

Mrs. Seraphine Pisko, honorary executive secretary of the hospital, and a leading figure in the institution, came to the dedication in a wheel chair. She arose from a sickbed to speak before the children to whom she acts as godmother.

Other speakers were Dr. Robert Levy, chairman of the medical advisory board of the hospital, Dr. William Rosenau, Baltimore; and Dr. Moise Bergman, of Pueblo. Rabbi C. H. Kaurav of this city pronounced the benediction.

Dr. Levy said, "Children from 38 states besides Colorado have been cared for in our institution." The new building, he explained, enables the hospital to separate tubercular children from those who have only tubercular tendencies.

Hadassah's Fifth Modern Hospital to Open in Tiberias

The fifth modern hospital in Palestine to be maintained and conducted by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, will be formally opened in Tiberias on May 1, according to an announcement by Mrs. Edward Jacobs, chairman of the Palestine Committee of Hadassah.

The institution will be known as the Peter J. Schweitzer Hospital, after its founder, the late Peter J. Schweitzer, of New York, who gave \$85,000 for the building of the hospital. Mr. Schweitzer was treasurer of the Zionist Organization of America when Justice Louis D. Brandeis was president. Interest in the hospital project has been continued by Mrs. Schweitzer, who has just added \$8,000 to her husband's contribution.

Other contributions for the hospital are \$17,500, voted by the last Zionist Congress, and \$3,500 from the Palestine Emergency Relief Committee, which was organized during the Arab riots. The Jewish community of Tiberias will participate in the maintenance of the hospital.

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responsible members of the movement to whom the Executive on one hand imparts information and offers on the other an opportunity of listening and considering any of their representations.

Discussing the Revisionists' demand for a Zionist congress this year, the Zionist Executive explains that it has obvious gross disadvantages and could be carried out only in obedience to an overwhelming demand from Zionists, and the Executive says that it possesses no evidence of such a demand but it points out that an opportunity for discussing this matter, among others, will be presented at the coming session of the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency on March 23.

The correspondence also reveals that Vladimir Jabotinsky, leader of the Revisionists, postponed his trip to South Africa from the 7th to the 21st of February because the Zionist Executive maintained that his political campaign would have an unfavorable reflection on the South African Keren Hayesod campaign.

To Discuss Alien Registration at Hias Annual Meeting

The present immigration bills before Congress will be fully discussed, and strong action will be proposed with special reference to the bills requiring the registration of aliens at the Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of America (Hias), which will take place Sunday afternoon, March 16, at the Hotel Astor. Reports of the world-wide activities of the Hias will be considered at the meeting, which will be addressed by prominent men.

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