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AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS REFERENDUM TO ASK FOR UNITED FRONT

Jews of America Will Vote In Nation Wide Democratic Elections; Decision Reached After Lengthy Discussion by Governing Council

New York—The Administrative Committee of the American Jewish Congress, meeting at the Hotel Astor last night, fixed the text of the referendum to be submitted to the Jews of America on the occasion of the nation-wide democratic elections of the American Jewish Congress.

The Administrative Committee decided that all questions foreign to the immediate purpose of organizing a united Jewish front for the defense of Jewish rights should be excluded from the referendum. For this reason it has decided that the only question to be submitted to the vote of the Jews of America should deal with the creation of a united democratic front against anti-Semitism.

The question is to take the following form:

Do you favor a union of all American Jewish groups engaged in the struggle for the equal rights of Jews, which shall undertake the defense of such rights on a single all-inclusive organizational basis, in accordance with American ideals?

The referendum will be held in all major cities in the United States where Jews reside in the month of June.

At the same time, Mr. Fertig announced that representatives of leading Jewish organizations participating in a meeting of the National Board of Elections last Tuesday evening at the Hotel Astor, pledged themselves to devote the next six weeks until the end of June to mobilize their constituents to participate in the registration and in the elections. A direct-by-mail conference, reinforced by special conferences with a view to registering every member of these national organizations, has been undertaken.

An Executive Committee, which will meet regularly until the elections are over, was set up by the National Board of Elections, comprising one representative each of the following organizations: Hadassah, Federation of Polish Jews, Hapoel Hamizrachi, Independent Order Brith Abraham, Independent Order Brith Shalom, Jewish National Workers Alliance, Masada, Mizrahi Organization, Order Sons of Zion, Pioneer Women's Organization, Poale Zion-Zeire Zion, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, United Rumanian Jews of America, Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress, Youth Division of the American Jewish Congress, and the Zionist Organization of America.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES DISTRIBUTED

Registration certificates for the National Board of Elections, of which he is the Chairman, Hon. M. Maldwin Fertig, announced that interest in the registration of Jews in the American Jewish Congress is nationwide. He stated that in the past fortnight in which two-thirds of the Jewish population of this country reside, he has gotten under way to distribute registration certificates to all Jews in the efforts to create a united democratic front against anti-Semitism. The hundred and ten certificates and total in millions, have already been distributed throughout the country. The certificates, which are being distributed by telephone, telegraph, letter and personal visit to the offices of the American Jewish Congress has been compelling that in the last week registration has been compelled to issue an additional 100,000 book-

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Registration committees have been set up in all major cities in Pine Bluff, Little Rock, Ark.; Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento, Calif.; Denver, Colo.; So. Norwalk, Waterbury, New Haven, Washington, D. C.; Cheyenne, Chicago, Ill. and Peoria, Ill.; Des Moines, Iowa; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Baltimore, Md.; Boston, Chelsea, Mass.; Revere, Quincy, Beverly, Salem, Brockton, Malden, Somerville, Springfield, and Winthrop, Detroit, Michigan; St. Paul, Kansas City, Mo.; St. Louis, Omaha, Nebr.; Asbury Park, N. J.; Porth Amboy, Passaic, and Newark, N. J.; New York City, Buffalo, Vernon, Rochester, Syracuse, Yonkers and Suffern, N. Y.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, O.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Dallas, San Antonio, Texas; Okla-

DR. S. H. MARKOWITZ TO OCCUPY PULPIT

Rabbi S. H. Markowitz of Ft. Wayne, Ind., will occupy the pulpit of the Congregation Children of Israel this Friday night and Saturday morning. His sermon for Friday night will be "The Temple of the Future." Saturday morning he will talk on the Scriptural Lesson of the week.

Rabbi Morton J. Cohn will conduct the services.

ILLNESS IS FATAL TO MORRIS MEYER

One of the first residents of the B'nai Brith Home died Tuesday following a long illness. He was Morris Meyer, a native of Germany, and a former merchant of Little Rock. Mr. Meyer was 76 years of age.

He leaves one brother in Germany. Services were conducted by Rabbi Morton Cohn Wednesday at the grave in Children of Israel Cemetery.

ETTELSON TO RETURN NEXT SEPTEMBER

Rabbi Cohn to Serve as Junior Rabbi

Dr. Harry W. Ettelson, Rabbi of Congregation Children of Israel, will resume his duties in September. This announcement was made this week by J. C. Felsenthal, president of the Congregation.

Rabbi Morton J. Cohn, who has filled the pulpit since Dr. Ettelson's departure, will be retained as Junior Rabbi, having charge of the Sunday school department and junior congregation. This was decided at a board meeting last Thursday.

Dr. Ettelson had been given a leave of absence to rest his vocal chords, which had become strained.

BARON HIRSCH TO GRADUATE FORTY-FIVE

Commencement Exercises to Be Held May 29; In Charge of Rabbi Taxon

Commencement of the Baron Hirsch Synagogue Sunday School will be held Sunday, May 29, at 2:30 p. m. The graduation class this year is the largest in the history of the Sunday School. Forty-five children will be graduated.

Rosalie Wagerman has been named valedictorian and Sylvia Shankman salutatorian.

The names of the graduates are: Geraldine Abraham, Sylvia Abraham, Selma Abraham, Herbert Abramson, Marie Bernstein, Melvin Bernstein, Hope Bespalow, Rosalee Bloom, Mildred Bluestone, Sylvia Blumenfeld, Belle Davis, Alvin Eber, Margie Evensky, Sue Felt, Benny Goldstein, Birdie Herzog, Minna Hillinger, Helen Jacobson, Pauline Kaplan, Harold Katz, Ruth Katz, Esther Kirsch, Beverly Levin, Beatrice Levine, Beatrice Levinson, Sylvia Levinson, Dorothy Lee Lewis, Rosalee Mendelson, Helen Morris, Isabelle Nemetz, Paula Newman, Yetta Rosenberg, Milton Rottersman, Rebecca Salky, Shirley Salky, Leonard Schultz, Maurice Segal, Marie Siegel, Herzl Shankman, Sylvia Shankman, Gloria Shefsky, Rosalee Wagerman, Stanley Walter, Harry Washer, Fred Zuckerman.

MORRIS BLOOM DIES TUESDAY

Member of Baron Hirsch Juniors Was 23

Morris Bloom, life-long resident of Memphis, died at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday at the Baptist Hospital. He was 23 years of age.

A clerk at the A. Schwab Co. department store, Mr. Bloom had been in the hospital three weeks.

He was a member of the Baron Hirsch Junior Congregation. He graduated from Tech High School in 1932.

Mr. Bloom leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Izzy Bloom; his brother, Harry Bloom; his sister, Rosalie Bloom, all of Memphis.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday at the residence, 670 Tate. They were conducted by Rabbi Morris Taxon. Burial was in Baron Hirsch Cemetery, with Thompson Brothers Funeral Home in charge.

TOWNS BAR NAZI MEETINGS, PARADES

Babylon, Long Island. (WNS) — Long Island is fast becoming unhealthy for them, the Nazis learned, when Babylon's town board passed a local ordinance forbidding public assemblies and parades without permits 24 hours after the nearby village of Lindenhurst had denied the German-American Bund a parade permit and banned a Bund carnival. The Babylon ordinance forbids the use of any "red or black flag" or any "banner, ensign, or sign having upon it any inscription opposed to organized government or which is sacrilegious or which may be derogatory of public morals." The officials of the two towns acted after widespread protests by veterans and religious organizations.

Suffern, N. Y. (WNS)—The board of trustees of Suffern cancelled a permit to hold a meeting of the German-American Bund after the local chief of police warned that his force was insufficient to cope with indicated trouble. Fritz Kuhn, national Bund leader, was to have been the speaker.

INTERNATIONAL HEAD



HENRY MONSKY

Henry Monksy was elected international president of B'nai Brith last week at the 15th general convention of the organization in Washington. Mr. Monksy is the seventh president of the 95-year-old order.

JEWISH WELFARE FUND TO ELECT NEW BOARD

Luncheon Meeting to Be Held Tuesday at Hotel Claridge

The Jewish Welfare Fund will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, 12:15 p. m. at the Hotel Claridge. Following the luncheon, the board of directors will be elected for a three-year term.

Reports of the welfare fund will be given.

The nominating committee, composed of Marc Wile, chairman; Mrs. Neuton Stern and Robert Cohen, have submitted the following nominees: Sam Abraham, Mrs. Harry Dlugach, Fred Dreifus, Sam Fortas, Herbert Herff, A. E. Hohenberg, Mrs. A. G. Jacobs, Leo E. Levy, M. A. Lightman, William Loeb, Aaron Scharff, G. M. Schloss, Perry Sewel, Sara Shainberg, Joe Shankman, Avron Spiro and Marc Wile.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

JACOBS OFFERS TO AID FUND

New York. (WNS)—Apparently acting on a suggestion first made by Irv Kupcinet, sports editor of the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate, in his weekly sports column a fortnight ago, Mike Jacobs, Jewish promoter of the world's championship heavyweight prizefight between Joe Louis and Max Schmeling scheduled for June 22 at Yankee Stadium, has offered ten per cent of his net profits on the fight to President Roosevelt's international refugee aid committee. Jacobs made his offer in a letter addressed to President Roosevelt. While Jacobs denied that his unprecedented move was intended to take the winds out of the sails of the anti-Nazi boycott of the fight that was expected to be its result as the boycott organizations moved to consider their future attitude.

PROTEST NAZI DECREE

Berlin. (WMS)—A formal protest against the application to American citizens of the Germany decree of April 28 ordering Jews of all nationalities to register property holdings in Germany has been lodged by the United States government in the form of a note delivered to the Foreign Office by Ambassador Hugh R. Wilson. The note declares that the United States "considers the application of measures of the nature indicated to the property of American citizens of the Jewish race would violate rights accorded American citizens under the treaty of friendship, commerce and consular rights between the United States and Germany signed December 8, 1923." After quoting pertinent provisions of the treaty, the note points out that those provisions are "applicable to all the nationals of the other country without exceptions based on race or creed."

The note asserts that the matter is urgent and asks for an early reply. It declares that "in view of the scope and purpose of the decree and its discriminatory character, the government of the United States enters emphatic protest against its application to American citizens. It feels that on further consideration of the matter the German government will agree with the considerations set forth above and will give early assurance that the measures will not be applied to American citizens."

B'NAI B'RITH TO RAISE \$500,000 FOR ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

Henry Monksy Named International President; Communism, Fascism and Nazism Scored in Resolution To Protect Democracy Against Enemies

Washington, D. C. (WNS)—Full power to adopt during the next three years an aggressive program of resistance to democracy's "three mortal enemies, Communism, Fascism and Nazism" and authority to evince a plan for raising an emergency budget of \$500,000 for the anti-Defamation League and \$100,000 for the Hillel Foundations were voted to the newly-elected executive committee of B'nai Brith at the close of its 15th general convention. Henry Monksy, Omaha attorney and former president of District No. 6, was elected international president to succeed Alfred M. Cohen of Cincinnati. Mr. Cohen, who retired after 13 years in the presidency, was elected honorary president. The convention increased the order's number of vice presidents from two to three and elected to that office Judge L. M. Golden of San Francisco District 4, Archibald A. Marx of New Orleans, 7, and Louis Fab-

ricant, District 1, of New York.

Elected to the executive committee, in addition to the three vice presidents who will represent their districts, were Sidney G. Kusworm of Dayton, Ohio, District 2; Judge Joseph L. Kun of Philadelphia, District 3; Sidney Stern of Greensboro, North Carolina, District 5, and Benjamin Samuels of Chicago, District 6. Sigmund Livingston of Chicago was re-elected chairman of the Anti-Defamation League Commission with the following to serve under him: Judge A. K. Cohen of Boston, Samuel I. Sievers of St. Louis, Abraham Berkowitz of Philadelphia, Judge I. M. Golden of San Francisco, Louis Ottenberg of Washington, D. C., and A. B. Freyer of Shreveport, Louisiana. Harry K. Wolff of San Francisco was re-elected chief justice of the B'nai Brith court of appeals.

Meeting immediately after its election, the new executive committee voted \$10,000 to the Youth Aliyah movement of Hadassah to provide for the transfer of 28 children from Austria, Germany and Poland to Palestine. The appropriation was made after an appeal by Mrs. David de Sola Pool, vice president of Hadassah, and Mrs. David Greenberg, chairman of Hadassah's Youth Aliyah committee. The executive committee also made an appropriation to buy kosher meat for Jewish philanthropic institutions in Germany. In this the committee acted on an appeal by Rabbi Jacob Hoffman, former chief rabbi of Frankfurt-am-Main.

Among the decisions reached by the

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ELLA J. DINKELSPIEL DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Dinkelspiel Taken to Hospital Earlier in Morning

Mrs. Ella Joseph Dinkelspiel died suddenly of a heart attack Friday morning at the Baptist Hospital. Mrs. Dinkelspiel was taken to the hospital earlier Friday.

A resident of Memphis for the past 10 years, she was the widow of Dave Dinkelspiel, a former Blytheville, Ark., store operator. She had been living with her brother, Maurice B. Joseph of 220 North Willett. She was a member of the Congregation Children of Israel Temple.

She leaves six brothers, Maurice, Herman, Mose and A. Joseph, all of Memphis; Sam Joseph of Jacksonville, Fla., and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Samuels and Miss Nettie Joseph, both of Memphis.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at the J. W. Norris Funeral Home with Rabbi Morton J. Cohn officiating. Burial was in Congregation Children of Israel Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Elias J. Goldsmith, Emil Dinkelspiel, Dave Harris, W. S. Littlefield, Meyer Klein, Herman Adler, Ralph Levy and Louis Barnett.

REST CONDUCTIVE TO GREATER PROGRESS

Rabbi Taxon Will Discuss Laws of the Sabbathical Year Saturday Morning at Baron Hirsch

"All the reactionary forces that are now dominating the world's affairs and retarding human progress will eventually give rise to a period of rich productivity," Rabbi Morris N. Taxon will predict Saturday morning at the Baron Hirsch Synagogue.

Rabbi Taxon will discuss the Laws of the Sabbathical Year and Jubilee from the weekly text as his sermon which begins at 10:00 a. m. Saturday.

The rabbi pointed out that the laws of rest are conducive to greater progress. "In the history of man, we notice that history works by darts—at times humanity is at a standstill—and then suddenly there is a play on the reserved energy of humanity which makes for leaps and bounds in progress," the rabbi said.

JEWISH EDUCATIONAL ASSEMBLY OPENS

The Jewish Educational Assembly opened its series of lectures under the leadership of Dr. S. H. Markowitz of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Thursday night at Temple Children of Israel. "Home, Temple, Synagogue and the Jewish Child" was discussed by the rabbi.

Among other subjects to be discussed during the series are "Use of Bible Stories in the Religious School," "Worship in the Religious School," "Ceremonials in the Religious School," "The Teaching of Hebrew in the Religious School," and "Experiment in the Experience-Centered Curriculum."

All members of the Congregation are invited to attend these meetings.

ILLNESS FATAL TO RAPHAEL ROSENBLUM

Veteran Tailor One of Arbeter Ring Founders

One of the founders of the Arbeter Ring and a tailor for 32 years, Raphael Rosenblum, died Saturday morning at Baptist Hospital, following a three month illness. He lived at 285 Maryland.

Eighty-five years old, Mr. Rosenblum was a native of Russia. Educated there and in the schools of England, he came to America 40 years ago and shortly afterwards to Memphis.

Besides a founder and leader in the Arbeter Ring, he was a Woodman and a member of the Sons of Israel. He operated a tailoring business at 208 South Main Street for more than 30 years before retiring last year.

Mr. Rosenblum leaves his wife, Mrs. Libbie Rosenblum; a daughter, Mrs. M. Silverstein, and three sons, Harry, Sam and Charles Rosenblum.

The body was in state at the Arbeter Ring Sunday before burial by Rabbi Morris N. Taxon. Burial was in Baron Hirsch Cemetery.

Pallbearers were M. J. Merlin of Atlanta, Max Kaplan of Cleveland, Miss. Sam Sharpe of Forrest City, Ark.; J. Scheinberg, E. Scheinberg and Ike Ostrov of Memphis.

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B'NAI BRITH'S CONVENTION

A passionate conviction that democracy, as opposed to any ism except Americanism, must be fought for and upheld in this country at all costs was the keynote of the reports, speeches, deliberations and recommendations at B'nai Brith's 15th general convention. This triennial assembly of delegates representing 70,000 members in all parts of the world seemed to sense the seriousness of the world Jewish crisis without resorting to hysterical oratory or alarmist prophecies. The decisions of the convention revealed that B'nai Brith recognizes the urgency for ever widening activity on two fronts—self defense against anti-Semitism and a constructive strengthening of Jewish consciousness among American Jews. This was apparent in its request to its executive to devise means of raising \$500,000 for expanding the Anti-Defamation League and another \$100,000 for B'nai Brith's Hillel Foundations and other cultural agencies.

The change in leadership was also a sign of the times. Under more normal conditions Alfred M. Cohen would doubtless not have retired in favor of the younger and more dynamic Henry Monsky. But despite his great services to B'nai Brith, Mr. Cohen recognized that the organization's and Jewry's interests would be better served by the election of a more youthful leader. And so the choice fell on the able and fearless Omaha attorney, who although still in his forties has a brilliant record of achievement in Jewish life dating back twenty years. With Monsky at the helm the convention gave B'nai Brith the go-ahead signal to assume greater and more effective leadership in American Jewish life.

CLEVER UNCLE MIKE

Mike Jacobs' offer to turn over 10 per cent of his personal profits on the Schmeling-Louis fight next month to President Roosevelt's international refugee aid commission is open to two interpretations. The most obvious, of course, is that it is a clever move intended to head off the anti-Nazi boycott of the championship bout because a Nazi is one of the participants. The boycott organizations are definitely on the spot since they cannot with good grace push a boycott of an enterprise part of the receipts of which are to go to the relief of the victims of Nazism.

The less obvious but more interesting interpretation is that Uncle Jacobs has slyly put none other than Herr Schmeling in a tight corner and whichever way he turns the results will be not to his liking. If Schmeling says nothing and goes through with a bout which is helping to raise funds for refugees from persecution in his own country, he will lose caste in Naziland where he is a national hero. If he decides not to risk the anger of der Fueher by participating in such an event he will lose his chance to regain the heavyweight title and sacrifice the respect of fair-minded and sport-loving Americans.

The original suggestion that Jacobs offer a portion of the gate receipts to a refugee agency came from our own sports editor, Irv Kupcinet, who offered that idea to the promoter two weeks ago. Now we are wondering whether Jacobs hasn't taken advantage of this to rid himself once and for all of Schmeling.

JEW AS SOLDIERS

From two widely separated points there came last week tributes to the heroism of the Jew as a soldier during the World War. In both instances the source was non-Jewish and official. The first was Georges Rivellet, former minister of pensions in France, who declared that with a population of 190,000 Jews in French Algeria at the outbreak of the war, 32,000 were mobilized and 6,500 were killed in action, and that 12,000 foreign Jews, of whom 1,200 were killed, volunteered for service in the French armies. A few days later Rear Admiral Clark H. Woodward, commander of the Third U. S. Naval District, speaking at exercises marking the dedication of Louis Sobel Park in Brooklyn, named for Louis Sobel who was killed in France fighting with the A. E. F., said that 20 per cent of the Jewish enlistments in the A. E. F. were voluntary, "and unusually high figure, of which the entire nation may well be proud"

These undeniable facts are part of the official war records of France and the United States. Yet they are known to only a handful. Even Jews are not as familiar as they should be with the record of Jewish soldiers in the armies of every country that participated in the World War. Isn't it time that someone undertook to do a comprehensive book on the subject?

to the U. S. C. campus next month, will be a trip around the world . . . Jack Junior will be accompanied by a classmate, Al Gordon . . . Here to write his column for the Toledo Blade, Newark Star-Eagle and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Harold W. Cohen, motion picture critic for the latter paper, is the guest for three weeks of Dick Purcell . . . Harry Brand, 20th-Fox publicity chief, left Los Angeles several days ago via the Panama Canal for Plymouth, England, stopping over for a day early this week in New York. The question that bothers is: How long will he stay abroad? It seems that Brand will remain in England until his boss, Darryl Zanuck (studio production chief) arrive in London . . . But Zanuck won't leave for London until his boss, Joseph M. Schenck, chairman of the board (who is temporarily running matters in New York) can get away for a trip to Europe. And Schenck is tied up in New York because Sydney Kent, president of 30th-Fox, is, at the moment, in—of 20th-Fox, is, at the moment, in—of Radiolio: A new radio producing company in town indicates the exceedingly narrow gap between radio entertainment and motion pictures. Heading a newly-formed outfit are Louis Laemmle, brother of Carl Laemmle, Sr., and H. A. Wohl, both well-known figures in the industry. Laemmle formerly operated a chain of theaters in the Chicago area,

while Wohl for several years has been identified with film production . . . Two non-Aryans—the only two the band possessed—survived a recent shakeup initiated by Lud Gluskin, Columbia music executive . . . William S. Paley, CBS chief, is back in New York after several days here in connection with festivities attendant upon opening of the web's new outlet . . . Max Reinhardt has taken over the chain's old building, incidentally, as a site for a school of dramatic acting and as headquarters for his Summer Festival project . . . Odd Bodkins: Edward G. Robinson's next role will be the type of story in which he shows up to best advantage . . . Titled "The Earl of Chicago," the tale to be produced by Selznick-International, is a satire on a Chicago gangster thrust into the midst of London society . . . Ralph Leon, baritone, and Glen Tozer, soprano, both at M-G-M, rehearsed vocals at the studio until quite late one recent Saturday afternoon. Upon their return to work Monday morning, they informed their vocal coach, Arthur Rosenstein, that they had been married in Yuma on Sunday. . . Myron Brinig's best-selling tale of San Francisco, "The Sisters," go before the lens soon. An earthquake scene which is to climax the film, is being conceived which likely will outdo in "splendor" the terrific upheaval presented in M-G-M's "San Francisco."

PLAIN TALK

BY AL SEGAL

CINNA THE POET

Orson Welles' stream-lined, modern version of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" came to our town, and I am still bemused by the scene in which Cinna the Poet is torn to pieces.

He was no Jew, but Cinna the Poet (as offered in the Welles' version) looked to me more Jewish than Shylock; though in this case I may be like the Jew who being asked to write an essay on elephants wrote on "The Elephant and the Jewish Problem." We are always seeing reflections of ourselves in the strangest places.

Anyway, Cinna the Poet's tragedy was much like our own. Cinna's bespectacled eyes seemed misty with dreams of brooks and rills and starlit nights. He was wearing modern clothing with baggy trousers and one could guess that when Cinna the Poet wasn't dreaming he pressed garments for a living in some Roman clothing factory. Perhaps he dreamed even when he was at the pressing machine, and when his mind was absent (being far off in a cloud) a pair of pants occasionally burned.

Cinna came upon the stage with his pockets full of poems. Things were in a bad way in Rome, what with Caesar having been assassinated, and civil war being rife, and hateful mobs at large. Cinna himself had nothing to do with these events and, indeed, he appeared to be one who, if he could have had his way, would rather have seen all the streets of Rome lined with gladioli and daffodils and strewn with the fragrance of roses.

Yet, it seems, there was a grave offense in him: He was certainly most different from the mass of Romans who were wearing uniforms that looked suspiciously like storm troopers' costumes. Yes, Cinna the Poet was different. In him was none of the patriotic truculence that was trampling all over Rome; he looked, in fact, like a fellow who wouldn't step on a fly. Cinna seemed a stranger to everything that was Roman; it was plain enough that he was more efficient with a stylus than with a sword—a most unRomanlike Roman.

The Roman storm-troopers became aware of Cinna's alien nature the moment they set eyes on him. Though they said not a word, the insolent swing of their shoulders (under Sam Brown belts) plainly spoke: "Look at that guy! He ain't no regular Roman. Let's get the little so-and-so. What right has he to be alive in Rome—him that don't look like no regular Roman?"

They advanced on Cinna in concentric circles, and what must have frightened him most was that they weren't people he could reason with. He kept explaining, "I am Cinna the Poet" but for answer they had only their inexorable feet moving to crush him, their menacing shoulders. . . . "He ain't got the regular Roman Blood. He's so pale."

"I am not Cinna the Conspirator, I am Cinna the Poet" . . . Couldn't they understand? He knew nothing of politics. He was just a fellow with dreams. . . . "I am Cinna the Poet."

The circles of the storm-troopers drew closer to gather him in. If they had only answered him, Cinna might have perished joyously in fervent dialectic; they were speechless, senseless images of hate.

"I am Cinna the Poet" . . . He took poems from this pocket and that.

Look! Look! Those were his poems. "I am Cinna the Poet" . . . Wouldn't they be so good as to read his poetry? . . . "I am Cinna the Poet."

Then in one swift movement the

Merry-Go-Roundup: Harry Seymour has been assigned the dialog direction of Warner Bros.' "Girls on Probation" . . . Director Lew Seiler will megaphone the next Kay Francis picture at Warners, "Lady Doctor" . . . Kurt Neumann has inked a contract with Paramount calling for his services as director for the next 52 weeks . . . When he winds up his chore in "Ellis Island," Gregory Ratoff's next assignment for 20th-Fox will be as director of "By the Dawn's Early Light" . . . Ratoff's studio has bought his screen play, "My Own Funeral" . . . Sophie Tucker packed a midget piano on the train with her other day when she left for a personal appearance tour, so she could rehearse her numbers enroute . . . Hollywood is clapping hands for the anti-Nazi activities of Wendy Barrie, niece of Sir James Barrie, in New York . . . Sylvia Sydney is booked for a personal appearance in George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" in Dennis, Mass., the week of July 11 . . . She is now working with George Raft in "You and Me," for which Kurt Weill, internationally-famed composer is writing the underscore.

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circle storm troopers fell upon him, and the last I saw of Cinna (as the stage went dark) he was disappearing under their feet, the last I heard of him was his scream, "I am Cinna the Poet," as they reached to tear him apart.

Ho, ho, I laughed, Cinna and I, the Jew, are kinsmen. I should have liked to reach across the abyss of time and clasp his hand . . . "Landsmann! You and I, my dear Cinna. Yes, Cinna, I have been telling them, too in all my times.

"Gentlemen," I have said, 'don't you know me? Surely you know me. I am Abraham who discovered God and I am Moses who received the Ten Commandments. Here is the one that says, Thou shalt not kill. I have always tried to be faithful to that respecting human life as if it were God Himself. I am no warrior, gentlemen, and the sword trembles in my poor hand and I cannot put it through my enemy's breast. The Commandment is always in my ears.'

"But they do not hear me, for their hate is senseless, like the stones that roll from the mountains to crush people.

"Gentlemen," I have said again and again, 'don't you know me? I am the prophets and their visions are in my eyes. These are the books of the prophets. See, gentlemen, this is a writing on peace and justice and righteousness and brotherhood. This is what we all want, isn't it . . . peace and justice and to render mercy and be brotherly. These are my books. In my dreams I like to build a good world of peace and justice for all of us.'

"But they understand nothing and there seems nothing sentient in them above their feet which come to trample me.

"Gentlemen," I have said to them, 'you must know me. Jesus is my kinsman. He is the one who gave the

beautitudes . . . "Blessed are the meek" . . . and "Blessed are the makers" and "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake" . . . He said this. Yes, men, He is the one on account of whom there is Christmas and He is my kinsman and we have same dreams in our eyes. So I think that from his dreams and a just and lovely world could be built for everyone. You and we build a good world together these dreams.'

"But, my dear Cinna, they are nothing, except by their violence they fall upon me and trample as they have been doing in all times. They trample me and tear apart even as I cry, "Oh, my dreams which go black in my

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BEN BRITH NUMBER ONE

Introducing Henry Monsky
By BERNARD POSTAL

B'nai Brith's 60,000 members are hailing their new international president, Henry Monsky, who was elected at the 15th general convention in Washington. Mr. Postal, managing editor of the Seven Arts Magazine Syndicate and member of the Hudson Lodge of B'nai Brith, gives us a pen picture of the man who is now Ben Brith number

one. When the fifteenth general convention of B'nai Brith last week elected Henry Monsky to the international presidency of the oldest national Jewish organization in the country and the largest Jewish fraternal order in the world it didn't simply pick a success to Alfred M. Cohen, who reigned after thirteen years, but brought a new name into the Jewish headlines and introduced a new face to the galaxy of national Jewish leadership. Before we attempt to introduce you to this man Monsky who takes rank with the contemporary giants of Jewish leadership in America, a few little known facts ought to be cited.

Monsky is the seventh president of the 95-year-old order and the youngest man to hold that office since 1900, when Leo N. Levi, then became the third president. Before Levi, only two other presidents have been younger than Monsky, who was 48, at the time of their election: Harry Jones, who was 32 when he succeeded the order in 1843; and Julius Schuman, who became president in 1868, when he was 42, and served continu-

ously until 1900, longer than any other president in B'nai Brith history. Monsky is also younger than the average age of all former B'nai Brith presidents, which is 51.

First Cornhusker
A native son of Nebraska and of Omaha, its metropolis, he is the first Cornhusker to attain national stature in Jewish affairs, and thus one of the very few Jewish-key men in America who live west of the Mississippi River. Monsky is also the third American-born president of B'nai Brith. Jones, Bien and Simon Wolf were born in Germany, while Adolf Kraus hailed from Hungary. Only Levi, a Texan, and Cohen, a son of Ohio, among B'nai Brith chief executives, share with Monsky the distinction of being native-born. It is also worth recording that Monsky is the first B'nai Brith president who is of East European Jewish parentage. Five of his six predecessors were either German-born or of German ancestry for B'nai Brith was for years a stronghold of German Jewry. It is only in the last generation that Jews of East Europe origin came into B'nai Brith in real numbers and the election of Monsky is proof of the complete democratization of the order.

In reality Monsky is far from being a newcomer to the national scene in the sense that he was an unknown prior to his election. As a matter of fact he has been one of the fifteen or twenty key figures in B'nai Brith ever since the early 1920's. As early as 1930 he was already talked of as a likely president. Monsky has been a member of B'nai Brith for 26 years and when he was only 31 had already risen to the presidency of District No. 6, the largest of the seven American districts, which embrace the northern midwest states and central Canada. From this office he climbed to membership on the national executive committee, the body that is the final arbiter of B'nai Brith policy between national conventions, which prior to 1935 came every five years.

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achievements, the Hillel Foundations and the Aleph Zadek Aleph junior order, originated in District No. 6, in which Monsky has been the principal figure for a decade and a half. A. Z. A. was born right in Omaha and Monsky was for long prominently identified with its development as a member of the supreme advisory council. Monsky's name is also inseparably associated with the organization of the magnificent Hillel Foundation and the expansion of the Anti-Defamation League, headquarters of which is also in District No. 6. His connection with all three of these B'nai Brith agencies grew out of his leadership in the Wider Scope Campaign. He was the chairman of a committee which recommended the establishment of this fund-raising plan which to this day is used to support all the major activities of the order. From 1927 to 1929 he served as national chairman of the Wider Scope campaign which raised \$2,000,000 for the establishment of the first group of Hillel Foundations and for the furtherance of the work of the Anti-Defamation League and the A. Z. A. Monsky's importance in B'nai Brith circles was also evidenced by the fact that he is one of his organization's representatives on the Committee on Cooperation, which includes the B'nai Brith, the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish War Veterans and the American Jewish Congress.

These B'nai Brith achievements were not of the kind that focuses public attention on a man but within the organization of 60,000 members scattered over 30 countries and on five continents they were recognized as the marks of an able executive and of a man destined to go far in the service of Jewry. If Monsky had a flare for personal aggrandizement his prominence in B'nai Brith would have been a convenient ladder on which to climb high. But the fact is that he has gone out of his way to avoid publicity. Little or nothing has ever been written about him, and only the bare outlines of his biography are known. But what little we know reveals a record of solid but un-spectacular achievements in the broad field of social welfare and civic enterprise. The essential facts of his life are soon told.

Born in Omaha February 4, 1890, he was graduated from Creighton University, cum laude, in 1912, in which year he began the practice of law. He was the founder, first vice president and president of Omaha's community chest; a director of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, member of the Omaha Welfare Board and president of the Nebraska Confer-

ence of Social Work in 1924 and 1925. He has also served as president of the Omaha Council of Boy Scouts, president of the Omaha Talmud Torah, vice president of the Omaha Jewish center, member of the executive committee of the National Conference for Palestine, vice president of the Plain States Regional Conference of the Council of Jewish Welfare Funds and Federations, the national board of the Family Welfare Association of America, the national board of Community Chests and Councils, Inc., and has been a leading official in all Omaha drives of the Joint Distribution Committee. In politics, he is a Republican, having been a member of the executive committee of the Nebraska Republican State Committee.

Physically he's of medium height and weight, dark complexioned, with a thin, lined face. He speaks extremely well but without oratorical flourishes. Those who know him intimately predict he will be the greatest president B'nai Brith ever had because of his unusually broad background. Those who have worked with him know him for a convincing leader and a good organizer, the kind of executive who can get the most out of people associated with him and retain their loyalty and affection.

That, in brief, is a picture of Henry Monsky, Omaha's leading communal figure, the West's candidate for national Jewish honors and the new Ben Brith number one.

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UNION MAY ESTABLISH NATIONAL YOUTH GROUP
Dinner Audience Hears Practical Experiences in Good-Will and News of Religious Revival in Southwest

Cincinnati.—The possibility that a national Liberal Jewish youth organization may be established under the auspices of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the appointment of a committee to study the methods to be followed in setting up such a group and to report to the Executive Board, were among the highlights of the semi-annual meeting of the Union's Board of Managers of Synagogue and School Extension held here last week.

The matter of a new Youth Federation was discussed at the dinner meeting which climaxed the all-day session of the Board. Final decision rests with the Executive Board and will probably be made at that body's Atlantic City meeting next month.

Board Adopts Budget
The Board of Managers adopted a budget of \$105,713.37 for the ensuing

THE WORLD'S WINDOW

By LUDWIG LEWISOHN

YOUTH AND BOOKS

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If there is no next generation of instructed Jewish youth in America the plight of American Jewry twenty years from now will be more desperate than its plight today. Ignorance paralyzes any man in the modern world; it makes him the prey of the first scoundrelly demagogue who choose to roar at him. Ignorance for a Jew is even more desperate; Jewish ignorance for a Jew degrades him. For he accepts the estimate of himself and of his people that his enemies insinuate or frankly proclaim. An ignorant Jew cannot be a self-respecting human being. He cannot defend himself or his people in a world in which both need defense. To enslavement of circumstance he adds enslavement of soul.

I have recently met many young Jews, young men and young women. They are an attractive generation. They have good minds. They can be won and instructed. Many are reaching out for their Jewishness. But amid the innumerable voices of the world they do not hear that one needful voice. They hear American voices. And so they must and so they should. But they hear other alien voices. And because their American lives are not ideal and because they see that this American life is not ideal for others than themselves either, they fall a prey to fallacies and foolish doctrines that will destroy not only them but their fellow-Americans of other strains and faiths.

What is to be done?

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GOLDWYN PRODUCING ANTI-NAZI FILM

Goldwyn-Mayer to Produce "The Exiles"
Hollywood. (WNS) — Hollywood's anti-Nazi picture is being made at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. Goldwyn, head of the company, disclosed that he had ordered a film called "The Exiles," which deals with the flight of Austria to Germany and the effect on Jews and other victims of Nazism. The picture will star Heifetz, the violinist, in his screen role. Replying to warnings by his associates that the film might ruin the American movie trade in Germany, Goldwyn said "I'm not afraid against Mr. Hitler. Why should Sam Goldwyn wait 200 years to make a picture of the most dramatic thing that's happened in this century?" He said he wasn't worried about losing business in Germany because "they haven't let me make a film of mine over there in years."

A Punch Scene in J.D.C.'s Play "It Did Happen There"



THE dramatic hit of this year's crop of amateur theatricals is the play "It Did Happen There" written by Marjorie Marks (Mrs. James Jacobson) of Woodmere, L. I., for the Junior Division of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Thus far the play has been produced by twelve communities in which the Joint Distribution Committee is conducting campaigns for funds for its overseas program of aid and reconstruction. Jewish communities in ten other major cities in the United States have already scheduled the play for production. The one act play consists of a prologue, two highly dramatic episodes which take place in Central and Eastern Europe, and an epilogue. Its principal theme is the plight of European Jewry today and the responsibility to them of Jews who live in safety and freedom in the United

States. In the opening scene the Steins, an American Jewish family, are seated in the living room of their home listening to an appeal by a J.D.C. worker to contribute to the local campaign. Papa Stein asks for time to consider what his contribution will be, and during the course of the evening falls asleep on the sofa. In the guise of Papa Stein's dream, the playwright dramatically brings to the attention of the audience the terrible plight of their fellow Jews overseas. One of the most dramatic and intense scenes in the entire play shows the Stein family of Eastern Europe, huddled in their cellar dwelling, hungry, cold and ill, awaiting with terrified anticipation the entry of a band of hoodlums who have been devastating the homes of Jews in their community. The communities where "It Did

Happen There" has been produced under the auspices of the Junior Division of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee are: Rockford, Ill.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Long Branch, N. J.; Columbia, S. C.; Port Arthur, Tex.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Binghamton, N. Y.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Monessen, Pa.; Woodmere, L. I.; (from whose production the above scene was taken) Mineola, L. I.; and Canton, Ohio. In the following cities the local membership of the J.D.C.'s Junior Division has the play scheduled for production: Los Angeles, Cal.; Oakland, Cal.; New Haven, Conn.; Detroit, Mich.; St. Louis, Mo.; Cleveland, Ohio; Harrisburg, Pa.; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Hackensack, N. J. Mrs. Myron S. Falk, Jr. is national chairman of the Junior Division of the Joint Distribution Committee Campaign and Mrs. Ralph M. Cole, is vice-chairman.

FRAT HONORS NEW MEMBERS

The Chi Alpha Tau Fraternity will entertain Friday night, May 20, with a steak fry at Ellendale. The steak fry is to be given in honor of its two new members, Henry Samuels and Jack Kaminsky.

The group will meet at the home of Ernie Weiss, 1920 Mignon, at 7:15 and will drive from there to Ellendale, where an enjoyable evening will be had by all.

Those planning to attend are: Officers: Eugene Bernstein, president, with Helen Ruth Waller; Ernie Weiss, vice president, with guest; Donald Brod, secretary, with Aileen Lewis; Paul Goldstein, bailiff, with Rosemary Alperin.

Other members and guests are: Henry Samuels with guest; Hal Gerber and guest; Robert Banks and Jocelyn Plough; Jack Kaminsky with Miriam Bernstein; Israel Bloomfield with guest; Dave Schatz with guest; Stanley Rothschild, stag, Jay Katchman with guest. Pledge, Harold Lapidés with Lois Frank.

Isadore Epstein will be unable to attend because of sickness.

INTERNATIONAL BODY TO AID REFUGEES

Geneva. (WNS)—The first meeting of the inter-governmental committee to further the emigration of refugees from Austria and Germany in accordance with the plan outlined by President Roosevelt in his invitation to 33 powers will be held at Evian-les-Bains, France, on July 6, it was announced by Leland Harrison, United States minister to Switzerland, and confirmed by the American State Department in dispatches from Washington. Mr. Harrison revealed the date and place of the meeting in the course of a conference with members of the League of Nations' Council's committee on international aid to refugees, who had called on him to offer the League's cooperation in carrying out President Roosevelt's program.

The League officials informed Mr. Harrison that they had prepared a report for submission to the Council recommending a three-point program for refugee aid: 1, coordination of the League High Commission for German Refugees and the Nansen Office for stateless refugees into a single autonomous office to aid refugees of all nationalities and creeds; 2, coordination of League efforts in behalf of refugees with Roosevelt's plan of relief; 3, participation by the League High Commissioner for German Refugees in July 6 conference.

Washington, D. C.—(WNS) — A concurrent resolution calling on Secretary of State Hull to urge the British government and the international refugee conference to be held in France on July 6 on the call of President Roosevelt to take steps to lift the curbs on Jewish immigration to Palestine has been introduced in

Congress by Representative Hamilton Fish of New York. Offered in the name of "the liberty-loving American people," the resolution is intended to "provide a refuge homeland in that ancient land of their faith for persecuted and destitute Jews of Central Europe."

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By **DR. STEPHEN S. WISE**
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Once again and not for the last time, American Jewry is called upon to reach a decision for itself, to reach it in a public way. I emphasize public because if the election were held in secret, some part of the criticism directed against it would be justified. There is nothing secret or clandestine or hidden about any action of the American Jewish Congress or the World Jewish Congress. What we do, we do publicly, frankly, openly, never secretly. We do not ape the manners of old-time diplomacy at its worst. We are in accord with the best traditions of the democratic way which is the way of open covenants, publicly and openly arrived at.

The Jews of America, men and women of the age of 18 years and over, will, at the elections, June 25-27, be called upon to give the answer to the question whether they desire to be represented as a group within American life by those whom they democratically choose, or whether the management and control of American Jewish affairs shall be in the hands of such as do not consult their fellow Jews, whether at home or abroad, but limit their consultation to a few persons who, for one reason or another, are or deem themselves to be especially competent in the management of Jewish affairs.

At the elections in June, two answers are to be given, one, to the question whether there shall be a representative, democratically chosen body in the leadership of American Jewish affairs, and two, who are to be the persons that shall constitute the American Jewish Congress at its sessions in September.

Jewish elections in America, which, of course, do not touch the regular elections of the American life, are not a new thing. Such an election was held in June, 1917, under the leadership of the Hon. Louis D. Brandeis,

who had given his full support to the idea of an American Jewish Congress and who stood out in world Jewry as the representative of democratic idealism in the leadership of Jewish affairs. The American Jewish Congress then constituted has for 20 years and more faithfully and tirelessly safeguarded the rights of Jews in foreign lands wherever these were threatened or violated, and the American Jewish Congress has arranged for a referendum in order that it may have, as it were, a vote of confidence from the Jewish masses in America.

I recall to my fellow-Jews that, when the crimes of Hitlerism began five years ago, it was the American Jewish Congress that summoned world Jewry into action and that began that collective protest which, whether availing or unavailing, proved that Hitler's challenge to world Jewry, not merely to German Jewry, would be met with dignity and self-respect and that world Jewry must take the lead of all other groups in resisting an assault upon the integrity and security of Jewish life everywhere.

Upon a most recent occasion it was the World Jewish Congress, of which the American Jewish Congress is a part, that acted instantly and vigorously when the Goga regime threatened to cancel the legal status of the Jew in Rumania.

Every manner of objection will be offered to the elections and to the referendum which is to be held. These objections are born of timidity and spoken by those who cannot understand. The American Jewish Congress is as truly American as it is Jewish and has adopted the American method of consultation of all Jews in America in order that their will may be ascertained and their decisions recognized and executed. The American people know that we do not dream of setting up an independent group or bloc. We are Americans of Americans. But that does not mean that we may not be Jews and that we do not recognize the call of our brother-Jews wherever they need us. Not to build a Jewish empire, not to achieve Jewish conquests—the very terms are non-sensical—but in order that the war of Nazism against Jews may not be unchallenged, in order that Jews may enjoy all their legal, political, civil and social rights in lands where law and justice may yet be expected to prevail.

The elections and the referendum are an expression of the will of Jews in America to do their duty as Americans, to accept the way of American life and to make that way of life serviceable to Jews in other lands who are not free and whom it is the business of American Jews to help, to serve, to safeguard in their status of equality.

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CAN JEWS PLAN THEIR FUTURE?

A Startling Answer to a Vital Question
By WILLIAM ZUKERMAN

Taking as his text a point raised in an editorial criticism of his recent article, "Jews Are Fighting Back," Mr. Zukerman asks whether Jews can make necessary social changes of their own volition before external pressure forces such reforms, and answers his own question bluntly and with his customary frankness.

—The Editor.

The editor of the Jewish Ledger in Rochester has taken exception to the views expressed in my article, "The Jews are Fighting Back." The article, as the reader will remember and as has been very fairly summarized in an editorial in the Ledger, points out that the present wave of persecution which has overwhelmed European Jewry, has not been without some modicum of good. Even this great tragedy, dark as it is, has brought a few rays of light.

Of the benefits which it has brought I enumerated three: First, the new impetus which it has given to the movement for the productivization of Jewish economic life. I pointed out that tens of thousands of Jews in Central and in Eastern Europe are now abandoning their trading and their commercial occupations and are flocking into more productive

work in the shops and in factories; second, the increased tendency among Jewish employers to engage Jewish workers, a fact which was of rare occurrence and is of tremendous importance, particularly in Poland; third, the rise of the spirit of revolt and of defiance among the Jews, particularly in Eastern Europe. Jews are fighting back in Europe now, economically, culturally and even physically in a manner which is unfortunately, not known sufficiently in the non-Jewish world. Fascism has not succeeded in humiliating the Jew and in breaking his spirit; quite the contrary, the new persecutions have given a good many Jews in Poland and in Rumania a sense of dignity and courage such as they never had before. These facts, I pointed out, were some positive benefits from the present anti-Semitic wave in Europe. I should like to add on this occasion that the list of the benefits does not end with those enumerated. If I were not limited by space I should have pointed out a few others, particularly in the cultural field where what practically amounts to a new renaissance of Jewish culture is now blossoming forth under the pressure of the Fascist drive against the Jews.

The Ledger editor does not question the value of the benefits which I

have enumerated. But he asks very aptly and very rightly: "Would not an intelligent approach to all these problems by a people who are not without brains and ability, have made all this unnecessary? Is it necessary that a bunch of Endeks of Nazis should come along and kick us around so much until we will finally be persuaded to acquire all those admirable qualities? Let us keep the Fascists out, and then do some intelligent planning to secure these through our own volition," he concludes.

I should like to make it clear from the outset that I am in full agreement with this suggestion. I most heartily subscribe to his proposition that "intelligent" planning to secure these ends through our own volition" is infinitely better than their acquisition through Fascist force. In my article I did not in the least advocate that we should welcome Fascist persecution or make peace with it because of the few rare benefits which it has brought to the Jews. I know as well as anybody that the few meagre compensations which I have enumerated are pitifully inadequate to make up for the horrors and destruction which Fascist persecution has brought to Jewish life.

But the benefits mentioned were not at all offered as an exchange for the pain and tragedy of Jewish persecution. THAT PAIN AND TRAGEDY ARE THERE ALREADY, whether we like it or not. We are already being kicked about by the Nazis, by the Endeks and by the Fascists of every description. We cannot drive them out, at least not from Europe, whether we accept the few meagre benefits which they have brought or not. The question is not whether we are to have those benefits OR the persecution. The persecution is here anyway and neither Mr. Biben nor I can do anything about it. The only real question is: Shall we despair and say: The darkness around us is complete; there is not a ray of light anywhere on the horizon for us; we are surrounded by enemies on all sides, and we are facing the darkest period in our history? OR shall we endeavor to find whatever small comfort we can find in the present sea of trouble? Shall we look for whatever faint ray of light we can see? And for whatever small hope we can oschew on the horizon? I confess that in my observations of the Jewish scene in Eu-

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nificent volumes, however excellent in content and spirit, that cost three dollars and upwards and that must be dragged home from a library for a limited period. Nor badly printed and amateurishly bound books that look like the publications of "Church houses." Nor books written in an English which sounds as though the author had learned English day before yesterday in order to translate his own lucubrations from a Yiddish original.

What must the Jewish book in English be like?

It must be elegant, brief and cheap. Elegant, brief, cheap, in exquisite English. Its character must be such that a Jewish senior at Harvard will proudly leave it lying around for the inspection of his Gentile comrades.

There must be a series of such books. They must look gay and charming. They must be in every shop and in every Jewish Center and in the social halls of every synagogue and temple and in every "Y." They must be ubiquitous in college book shops and must be the first objects that meet the eyes of intelligent Jewish boys and girls wherever they congregate. And the books must cost thirty-five cents a piece in order that there may be no insuperable interval between curiosity and desire on the one hand and possession and carrying home in pocket or brief case at once.

And these must be some of the books, about a hundred pages in length, bound in cream and blue and green and vermilion and yellow boards with a well-designed label: 1. Whither Israel? Answers by great modern Jews. II. Evangel of the Righteous. A Chassidic Anthology after Martin Buber. III. Vocation and

rope. I try to follow the second course; not because I believe in fostering a cheap optimism and false hopes, but because I believe in the truth, and the truth is that with all the darkness and hopelessness which has descended upon us now, the Jewish scene is not entirely dark; there are rays of light, rare it is true, but they are there and I admit that I go out of my way to find them and to present them to the Jewish readers. But I certainly did not mean to justify Fascist persecution because of the few benefits which it has brought, as no sane person would ever welcome darkness because of a few glimpses of light which break through it.

But the Ledger's editor has, probably inadvertently, raised another, more interesting question; one which I commend to the earnest attention of every Jewish editor and social worker. In effect he asks: Cannot an intelligent people like the Jews, who have brains and ability, do some intelligent planning to secure desirable social changes through their own volition? Must we really wait for the Fascists and anti-Semites to make us introduce necessary reforms into our life by force? This is an extremely weighty question upon which much of the future of Jewry in every country in the world depends. I do not propose to answer it, for I know no answer. I want to offer only a few of my own observations on this subject which I do not in the least offer as the only truth. In fact, I shall be pleased to find myself in the wrong and corrected.

My experience in Europe has been that Jews are the last people in the world to plan intelligently their social life and to introduce any changes through their own volition, without external force. Every great Jewish social movement of the nineteenth and of the twentieth centuries has been forced upon us by anti-Semitism and persecution. The great Jewish immigration movement from Europe overseas, (in my opinion the greatest in Jewish life), was not planned and carried out willingly. The Czaristic May Laws of 1881 are directly responsible for the existence of the present Jewish communities in the United States, South America, South Africa, England and other Western countries. The Czaristic pogroms were responsible for the beginning of the Jewish settlement in Palestine, and

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Employment: The Young Jew in America. IV. Of National Socialism. By Thomas Mann and Heinrich Mann. V. Selected Poems by Chaim Nachman Bialik. VI. A Jewish Socialist. Selections from A. D. Gordon. VII. Tales by Perez. VIII. Modern Hebrew Tales. IX. Lore and Legend. A Selection of Haddadic Material from both Talmudim. XI. The Rabbi Mosheben Maimon's Guide of the Perplexed. Selections. XII. Tales by Sholem Asch. XIII. A Primer of Modern Hebrew. XIV. Paths to Zion: Travels to and Letters from Eretz Yisrael in three centuries. XV. Tales by Sholem Alechem. XVI. Tales by Israel Zangwill. XVII. Confessio Judaica by Heinrich Heine. XVIII. A Pesach Hagadda. XIX. Martha Buber: Cheruth: An address to youth. XX. Martin Buber: Of the Spirit of Judaism. XXI. Martin Buber: Israel Embattled. XXII. Tales by Ludwig Lewisohn. XXIII. Tales by Franz Kafka. XXIV. Philo of Alexandria: The Mission to Caligula. XXV. Chaim Bloch: Horsch Ostropoler. XXVI. Hermann Cohen: Our Neighbor. Four illustrations of the Ethics of Judaism.

And so on and so on, literally ad infinitum.

No one is more tragically aware of the crisis in Jewish life than I am, nor more vibrant to the needs of our brethren in Europe nor more passionately full of faith in the ultimate possibility of the redemption of the Jewish people in Galuth and from Galuth. But that possibility depends absolutely—I say absolutely and not relatively or among other things—on the complete intellectual re-Judaization of the generation in America that is now growing up. The task can be accomplished only by the wide dissemination of the cheap and attractive Jewish book. And I mean, as my tentative list shows, Jewish books, not books about Jewish things. I mean literature and life and thought and not treatises about them. I mean the living well of Judaism re-opened and flowing freely in the English language as it has flowed in Aramaic and Arabic and German and other tongues in other days and other lands.

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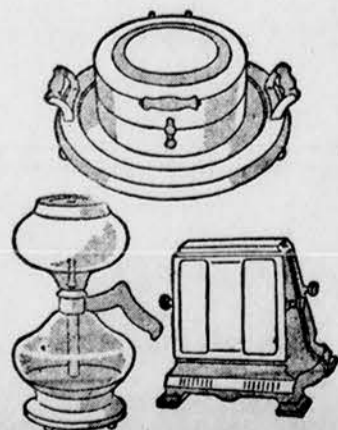
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rookie hurler, has yet to start a game or even to get a chance as relief man. Ditto for Harry Chosen, the freshman backstop of the Cincinnati Reds. Rosen is discussed above. Buddy Myer, keystone sacker of the amazing Washington Senators, seems to have been rejuvenated. He's not only fielding with his old ability but is also slapping the ball around for an average of .382.

Sportschmoos
If you're wondering what happened to Marty Glicksman, former Olympian, who promised to break sprinting records, we're telling you that he has to wear a special brace while running as support for an injured back, a heritage of Syracuse football. Pinkie Sober, one-time City College middle distance ace, is now the most popular track and field announcer in the East. Remember King Kong Klein of New York U's great 1936 eleven? Well, he's slicing baloney in a Yonker's delicatessen while waiting for a teaching appointment. He says nix to all offers from pro football managers. Allen Tolmich of Wayne University who won both senior hurdles events and the junior 100 meter dash at the national A. A. U. outdoor championships in 1937 is seriously going out for an unprecedented triple at the 938 national A. A. U. title games at Buffalo on July 2 and 3. The one-man track team intends to try for the senior 100 meter dash, 110 meter high hurdles and 200 meter low hurdles crown.

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Polish anti-Semitism for its growth after the War. The great Jewish colonization movement in Soviet Russia was forced upon the Russian Jews by the destruction of their economy by the Revolution and by the planning of the Soviet Government. Pressure of the non-Jewish world is responsible for our great Assimilationist movement which is going on in every country in the world. Persecution has given rise to and has nurtured out nationalistic movements. In fairness it must be pointed out that this principle holds true to a large extent not only of the Jews, but of most masses of people. No great social movements has ever started as a result of clever and intelligent people getting together and deciding to launch it. But it seems to me, that we Jews are less than any other people given to planning before B'NAI B'RITH TO RAISE \$500,000

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years of B'nei Brith's cooperation with the National Conference of Jews and Christians and a unanimous vote to continue this cooperation; and approval of the Palestine pavilion at the New York World's Fair. The two major resolutions denounced Communism and empowered the executive committee to combat Communism, Fascism and Nazism. The text of the resolution against Communism reads as follows: "The great masses of the Jewish people are faithful to the religious teachings of their fathers. Judaism is a part of their life. In it they find consolation and hope. They believe in its precepts and its prophecies. Russian Communism has fought unrelentingly against the religious faith of the Jew. A Communist who was a Jew is now an apostate. Communism would destroy religious faith. If Communism were to rule, it would destroy both Judaism and Christianity. There are some Communists who were born Jews, but just as there are Communists who were born Protestants and Catholics, but it is unjust for this reason to accuse either one of these religious sects with the responsibility of Communism." The other resolution declared that "in the interest of protecting democracy against its enemies, the executive committee be directed to continue all efforts to crystallize public opinion and further to enlist the aid of the liberty-loving peoples of the world, men of all creeds and of whatever nativity, in a definite program to prevent the progress and to destroy the effect of all subversive, sinister and threatening influences alike to the Jew and to Christian, to our nation, to our civilization, and inimical to the happiness, welfare, peace and security of the peoples of all democratic nations."

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CAN JEWS PLAN THEIR FUTURE

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trouble comes. We always wait for the storm to break and then we become panicky. Many of us, for instance, knew very well that the economic structure of German Jewry was not normal and was bound to lead to trouble. Many knew the same thing about Austrian and Hungarian Jewries. Some had the courage to mention it (to their grief). Many of us know of certain social changes which ought to be introduced into Jewish life in the United States, South Africa, Canada, etcetra, etcetra. Yet, certainly nothing will be done until, as the Ledger editor picturesquely puts it, some Edeekes or Nazis come along and kick us around. The truth, at least as it seems to me (and I repeat that I may be mistaken) is that although we are doubtless a people with brains and ability, we lack discipline. As a Jewish group we have lived so long without the authority of a government to force us to do things that in Jewish affairs we are probably the most anarchistic people in the world. Sure enough, we are also the most law-abiding people in the world, but the laws must be laid down by non-Jews. Our own laws we do not respect or obey. In fact, we have none; our laws are all religious, not social. Much as one may therefore agree with the proposal of volitional planning, one may safely predict that it will never work in Jewish life. I am sorry to have to come to such pessimistic conclusions, but only the plain, unadorned facts of our every day Jewish reality and history show that the only way for intelligent planning in Jewish social life is through pressure of the non-Jewish world. This pressure does not necessarily have to be Fascist or anti-Semitic. Pressure of the non-Jewish Liberal and Socialist worlds can accomplish the same aim. (Note the example of the pressure of the Soviet Government upon Jewish economic life.) The important thing is that we alone, by our own volition, seldom if ever are moved to do anything constructive in the social field.

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

- Phone all items for the Calendar of Events to the Sam Schloss Lodge at the B'nai B'rith—8-1670 no later than Tuesday noon in order to assure publication.—The Editor
Wednesday, May 18—Memphis Lodge P.O.W.—Benefit Card Party—Menorah
Monday, May 23—Sunshine Department of Salon Circle to entertain guests of B'nai B'rith Home with picnic and auto ride.
Sunday, May 29—Baron Hirsch Sunday School Graduation, 2:00 p.m.—Baron Hirsch Synagogue.
Monday, May 30—Shakespeare Class of Salon Circle final breakfast meeting—Claridge.
Confirmation Services Congregation Children of Israel—Sunday, June 5.
Wednesday, June 8—Anshei Shphard Ladies Auxiliary Annual Card party—benefit cemetery fund —Gayoso Hotel.
Jewish Ladies Aid Society—Second Sunday in each month, Menorah Institute.
Sunday, June 26 — Beth El Emeth Junior Congregation Outing.
Sunday, May 29 — Annual Election Banquet Dance — Junior Congregation Children of Israel — 6:30 p. m. — Temple.
Sunday, May 29—Annual Coin Shower — Ladies Auxiliary P. O. W. —Menorah.
Wednesday, June 15—Anshei Shphard Ladies Auxiliary Annual Card party—benefit cemetery fund —DeVoy Hotel.
Wednesday, May 25—Scout Troop 25 Cabin Fund Party — Star Light Room Garden—Hotel Claridge.
Monday, May 30—Baron Hirsch Junior Congregation Election and Banquet — Menorah.
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Cultural Group—3rd Monday in month —2:30 p. m.
Mah Jong Class—Every Friday—1:30 p. m.
Scrap book—First Monday—2:00 P.M. day.
Shakespeare—Every 4th Monday.
Sons of Israel—Second and Fourth Sunday in month—Social Center —2:30 P. M.
Ladies Auxiliary Baron Hirsch—Second Wednesday of Month—Menorah Institute
Arbeiter Farband — First Sunday in each month—638 Alabama.
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