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MUST NOT BECOME NATION OF REFUGEES SAYS DR. WISE

Wise Opposes Policy Of Sending Jews To Former German Colonies

Any attempt to convert the Jews into a refugee nation, under the auspices of the General Jewish Conference of all Jewish organizations in the safeguarding of the rights of Jews and relief of the persecuted, and the organization of an American boycott against the products and services of Nazi Germany, upon last Thursday at the Hotel Commodore, was denounced by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, who said that the Jewish people are not a race of beggars, and we must not be made into a nation of refugees.

Dr. Wise, who was joined by Dr. Chaim Greenberg, and Baruch Zuckerman, made his first public utterance on the Nazi terror of a fortnight ago, which has horrified the civilized world. Dr. Wise devoted his address to a discussion of Jewish position on the action to be taken in connection with the various proposals now being offered for a solution of the problems of the Jewish victims of Nazism. Recognizing that thousands of involuntary immigrants are leaving and must leave, and should be enabled to leave Germany forever, Dr. Wise made it clear that, "not being a race of beggars, though we are wanderers, we are resolved that we are not to become nor to be dealt with a refugee people because of the German-speaking people are forcing our brother Jews into exile. The refugees for Jews are the lands in which they have lived and created and served and died for centuries and millennia. We raise our voice today against every proposal and program which deals with Jewish migrants or exiles as if they were to be further penalized by being settled in uninhabited lands of doubtful title, lands of uncertain capacity for colonization and resettlement."

Discussing recent proposals to settle Jews in former German colonies, Dr. Wise declared "We lift up our voice in most solemn protest against any and every thought of settling Jews in the German colonies of yesterday. Having lived under the blight of the Nazi terror, we are not to be made into a nation of refugees."

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WILL GERBER

Will Gerber, City Attorney is co-chairman of the Sam Schloss Lodge, B'nai B'rith Membership Campaign. See editorial "Mr. Kuswarm Speaks" in this issue.

Chairman Ira Lichterman reports progress—More details in our next issue.

RABBI CHILL TO GIVE RADIO TALK

Rabbi Abraham Chill of Congregation Sherith Israel of Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the executive committee of the Southeastern Zionist Region, will speak over Columbia Broadcasting Station WLAG, 1470 Kilocycles, Sunday, December 4 at 4 p.m. His subject will be "Open the Doors," which will deal with settlement of German refugees in Palestine.

NATIONAL OFFICER TO BE GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs. Oscar Bender of Philadelphia, a member of the National Board of Madassah, will be guest speaker at the meeting of Memphis Hadassah Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the library of the Menorah Institute. Margaret Morris, first vice-president, will preside due to the absence of the president, Margaret Sokol. Sophie Wainman will give the opening prayer. Hebrew songs will be sung. Girls over eighteen years of age are urged to be present.

We Should Know!

By MILTON W. GOLDBERGER

A group of Zionists decided to honor Hardwig Peres on his eightieth birthday. The decision was made last June.

What better tribute could be paid to such a man as Mr. Peres as founding a colony in Palestine to bear the name "Peres Memphis Colony." Thirty thousand dollars is needed to complete this project. It was the consensus of opinion that the general public would respond to such an appeal in just recognition of the long years of service that Mr. Peres has given to every worthwhile organization in the city.

At a single meeting of the Executive Board of the Memphis Zionist District approximately \$2,000 was raised for this purpose. Then the drive was postponed. First came the Welfare Fund—then other emergency campaigns, and the drive came to practically a stand-still.

But this is also an emergency measure. As Dr. Stephen S. Wise has so forcefully stated: "We are not a race of beggars, and we must not be made into a nation of refugees." The place for the oppressed Jews is in Palestine, and just as the force of public opinion changed Great Britain from scrapping the Balfour Declaration—so will this same force, make Great Britain open the doors of Palestine for the Jews.

But they must have land—a place to live, and before the price of land becomes exorbitant, we Jews must buy as much land as humanly possible.

A campaign committee has been announced. Abe Plough heads the committee as chairman. Fred Goldsmith is treasurer and Louis Kotler secretary. Plans have undoubtedly been made, but we believe that these plans should be made public at once. After all, the time set for the celebration is January 5—which is slightly more than a month from the present date.

The Peres Colony will form a part of the solution of the great problem of resettlement of Jews. Not just a temporary plan or make-shift measure—but actually a permanent solution of the Jewish Problem.

Contributions are now in order. Send your check to Fred Goldsmith, Treasurer, Memphis, Tenn.

DELAYED SERMON AT TEMPLE FRIDAY NIGHT

Dr. Ettelson Will Tell Fiction and Facts About Jews

Dr. Harry W. Ettelson will speak on the subject "Some Fictions about Jews" and "Some Facts" at Services Friday night at the Temple Congregation Children of Israel.

This subject was originally announced for three weeks ago, but was postponed at the time because of the Special Services of Prayer and Intercession on behalf of the persecuted minorities of all religions and races that was held throughout the country.

Rabbi Morton J. Cohn will read the services.

Saturday morning will be the monthly Children's Service. Dr. Ettelson will deliver a sermonette and the children's choir will sing. A blessing at the Altar will be given to the December birthday children.

Four members of the Confirmation Class will participate in the Services. They are Jack Kopald, Martin Roth, Elvis Ginsburg and Gloria Plough.

ARCHBISHOP URGES FAITHS TO UNITE TO FIGHT SUBVERSIVENESS

Cincinnati (WNS) — A plan to educate 3,000,000 parochial students in "enlightened American citizenship" has been suggested by the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, Archbishop of Cincinnati, as an example by which other religious denominations might unite "in concrete action against a common enemy, subversiveness." Worldwide protest against persecutions of "Jew and Gentile, Protestant and Catholic" might serve as indication that essential differences between religious faiths are "of little moment in a common cause."

NAZIS FORCE EDICTS IN PRAGUE

Prague, Czechoslovakia (WNS) — Nazi penetration into Czechoslovakia is beginning to show there with orders and decrees sent out by the Party of National Unity, which replaces the various political parties formerly existing. All pictures of former Presidents Thomas G. Masaryk and Eduard Benes were ordered removed from public buildings and replaced by the shield of the Czechoslovak republic.

GOEBBELS DEFINES NATIONAL SOCIALISM

According to the latest ordinance, in liquidation of Jewish enterprises, remaining stocks, damaged during the wrecking operations of Nov. 10, must be offered to respective commercial or industrial organizations at a price fixed by estimators appointed by local chambers of industry. Sale to the public is forbidden.

Destitute Jews in the future will be cared for only by Jewish organizations, the decree ordered, the government being absolved of all responsibility except in special cases where Jewish organizations are unable to aid and then only after "strict investigation."

In a speech at the joint session of the Reich Kultur Chamber and Strength Through Joy organization in the Kroll Opera House, Propaganda Minister Goebbels described the anti-Semitic policy as an integral part of National Socialist culture. He referred to the "anti-German campaign" as "a product of the cowardly and stupidly brazen hypocrisy that has long been accustomed to face Germany with the manners of a hysterical governess and has presumed to interfere with German domestic affairs without being asked," but added that now "we are immune."

Meanwhile, a ban has been placed on all Jewish religious services other than marriage and burial rites.

With the news of the 20 per cent levy on Jewish fortunes came reports of a new suicide wave. Although it is impossible to determine how many Jews were subject to the levy it is estimated that in Berlin 35,000 Jews are listed as owning more than 5,000 marks.

A special "pawn-brokerage" office has been established by Nazi officials, to buy, at their own evaluation jewels and other precious belongings which Jews must exchange for cash needed for emigration or to pay their share of the 1,000,000,000-mark fine imposed on them. Among the art objects offered are heirlooms that have been in Jewish families for generations.

New York (END) — Shying away from suggesting a Republican candidate for President in 1940 Alfred M. Landon, 1936 Republican Presidential nominee pictured Governor Lehman as the "outstanding candidate for the Democratic nomination for President in 1940."

NEW ANTI-JEWISH DECREES MAY BE FATE OF GERMAN JEWRY

Unless Democracies Evacuate German Jews At Once, New Horrors Will Be Added

Berlin (WNS)—Unless the democracies evacuate the German Jews at once and at their own expense, they will be starved into crime and then exterminated with "fire and sword." This is the lurid picture of the fate confronting German Jews as splashed across the front page of Schwarze Korps, organ of the Gestapo (secret police) and Hitler Elite Guard, which together dominate the German domestic situation. The first step toward carrying out the plan which the Nazi organ outlines will be a new anti-Jewish decree issued by Field Marshal Hermann Goering under whom all measures for "liquidation" of the Jews—now being issued in rapid succession—will be concentrated.

The new decree, it is understood, will create definite ghettos by compelling the Jews to live in certain restricted districts in a number of cities, probably 25. At the same time they are to be excluded under pain of punishment from certain parts of cities in which they will be permitted to dwell such as Berlin's government district, and from other cities such as Potsdam, Weimar and Berchtesgaden they will be banned entirely.

Elimination of Jews from German business life is being effected in a series of sweeping decrees issued by the government, one of which orders complete liquidation of all Jewish retail stores, mail order enterprises, commission houses and handicraft shops. The decree, signed by Economics Minister Walter Funk and Justice Minister Franz Guertner under the personal direction of Goering, is expected to be followed by similar orders eliminating Jews from their few remaining positions such as in industry and the wholesale trade. Compelled to pay salaries up to the first of January, Jewish-owned business enterprises must nevertheless be dissolved immediately.

Despite pleas from the United States and other governments that rights of citizens in Germany be protected, there is nothing in any decree thus far to indicate special protection.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE HEARS THAT JERUSALEM CENTER AND SYNAGOGUE IS COMPLETED

New York—Word has been received from Palestine that the Jerusalem Synagogue and Center has been completed, it was announced this week by Mrs. Samuel Spiegel, National President of the Women's League of the United Synagogue. The Women's League has raised and contributed \$24,500 towards the building and furnishings of the Synagogue and Center.

"The idea for a Jerusalem Synagogue and Center was first projected some years ago," declared Mrs. Spiegel, "and we are happy to hear that it has been completed. It was our idea then that a synagogue center for youth was essential to the upbuilding of the Jewish Homeland and we have received word from Palestine from Mr. Leon Hoffman, son of our Honorary President, Mrs. Charles I. Hoffman, that the Jerusalem Synagogue and Center, even before it was fully completed, was performing valuable services in that field. Now that it is completed,

ROBERT BRIFFAULT WILL SPEAK DEC. 8

Men's Club Lecturer Will Answer Pressing Question

Robert Briffault is the next speaker to appear on the Temple Men's 1938-39 Lecture Series. He will speak on the subject, "Will the Democracies Have to Fight?" Thursday evening, December 8, at 8:30 o'clock at the Temple Congregation Children of Israel.

Internationally recognized as a best selling author and political economist, Dr. Briffault is widely acclaimed as a brilliant, attention holding speaker.

He obtained his experiences first hand by participating in the march of events during and after the World War.

He is the author of the widely discussed "Europa" and Europa in "Limbo", both of which deal with troubled current European affairs. Dr. Briffault twice won the Military Cross for bravery. It was in the trenches that he began his first book, "Psyche's Lamp."

The next lecture following Dr. Briffault will be on January 16, at which time Erika Mann and Klaus Mann, German exiles, will talk on "A Family Against A Dictator."

vision for foreign citizens of Jewish extraction except in the case of the 20% capital levy on property. In order to collect the 1,000,000,000-mark fine imposed on the Jews as punishment for the murder of Ernst vom Rath, the government decreed a 20% capital levy on the property of all German and stateless Jews possessing more than 5,000 marks. Foreign Jews were specifically exempt, although German Jews living abroad must pay on their domestic and foreign properties as well as those who reside in Germany.

GOERING SCORES EXTRA-LEGAL ACTION AGAINST JEWS; 1500 CHILDREN GO TO NETHERLANDS

Berlin (WNS) — Field Marshal Hermann Goering told thirty-six Nazi district leaders that he would hold them personally responsible for any extra-legal action against Jews, sources close to Field Marshal Goering said he explained to the party leaders who were called to Berlin to consider the economic situation, that the time for street action against Jews was over and that anti-Jewish decrees already issued were regulating the "Jewish problem."

In the meantime Jewish leaders expressed fears that a one billion mark government levy against Jews would make their emigration virtually impossible in the next nine months. Jewish quarters were extremely worried after studying the decree issued yesterday, by which the Jewish fine will be collected in four installments, ending August 15, 1939.

B. B. CAMPAIGN HEAD



The appointment of Max J. Schneider, president of the National Safety Bank and Trust Company of New York, as chairman of the New York B'nai B'rith Membership Campaign was announced by Henry Monksky, national president, this week.

Mr. Schneider, who has long been active in communal and Jewish philanthropic activities, was the Democratic candidate in 1936 for the presidency of the City Council of New York.

CARL FROMM, 45, WAR-TIME GERMAN AVIATOR, DIES HERE

East Orange, N. J. (WNS)—Dr. Carl Fromm, engineer and aviator who during the World War bombed Paris and London from a Super-Gotha plane, died here in St. Mary's hospital after an abdominal operation two weeks ago. Forty-five years old, Fromm, was born in Dueren, Germany, graduated from the University of Aachen with a doctorate in mechanical engineering and was teaching at the university when the war broke out. In 1923 he came to this country, settling in Allentown, Pa., where he became vice president of the Allentown Aviation Corporation. In 1929 he became a citizen. Two of his brothers, Sully and Otto Fromm, fled from Germany to the Netherlands, another brother, Walther, arrived here two weeks ago, and another, Fritz Fromm, is a resident of Newark, N. J.

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PLAIN TALK

BY AL SEGAL

HERSCHELL GRYNZSPAN

Non-Jewish friends of mine are disappointed in Herschell Grynzspan. (He is the Polish-Jewish boy who shot the German Ambassador's secretary in Paris.)

They say it was so foolish of him to waste a bullet on a German ambassador's secretary or even on the ambassador himself. They mean that bullets could serve better to rid the world of the ruling brutes in Berlin.

Indeed, any discussion of this matter with non-Jewish friends always leads to the question: Why don't the Jews fight?

My friend, Mr. Dolan, asked me this. Mr. Dolan is mindful of the valor of his ancestors in Ireland and England. He has the proud memory of his great-grandfather who perished in Ireland fighting for his human rights.

"They hanged my great-grandfather," says Mr. Dolan with the pride of a Daughter of the American Revolution—telling about a forbear at Valley Forge.

"Indeed, as Mr. Dolan says, the lot of the Irish in Ireland some 100 years ago was just about as unhappy as that of the Jews in Germany today. They suffered degradation and impoverishment.

"But as they fought," exclaims Mr. Dolan. "They fought 100 years and many died in guerilla warfare and many swung on the gallows. Why don't the Jews fight?"

Mr. Dolan has been reading about the affliction of Jews in Germany for five years yet this is the first he has heard of any Jew firing a shot. And it was only a half-insane boy who fired the shot, and at whom?

Mr. Dolan is quite disgusted with the pacifism of Jews. "I might be killed. I most probably would, I would probably be torn to pieces, but to die that way is better than to live this way. To die fighting for your rights is better than to live without any rights at all. To die that way is to win the admiration of the world. That is better than having merely the world's pity."

I scarcely know what to answer him. I can think of many answers but none of them would be satisfactory to Mr. Dolan.

I could tell him of the amazing victories of pacifism that I, the Jew, have seen in the 2000 years.

"Oh, Mr. Dolan, even after the 2,000 years the pacifists are still a living effective people, but the power of all their persecutors (except the current one) is in the dust. Look, Mr. Dolan! Even at this hour these pacifists are on the front pages of all the newspapers, addressing the consciences of men. The might of their persecutors is only a story in the yellowed pages of history. You see, the pacifists are the victors, after all. "Yes," Mr. Dolan probably would answer, "the pacifists are back on the front pages with their everlasting pain."

"Notice, too, Mr. Dolan, that the cruel laws of the old persecutors are only quaint relics of history—the pathetic witnesses of man's inhumanity to man."

"True, Mr. Segal! The pathetic cruelties of the old persecutors have been succeeded by the streamlined brutalities of the new ones."

"But, Mr. Dolan! Cruel laws do die of their own venom, as we have seen. Yet the moral law of the persecuted pacifists remains bright in the world. It is in all the churches, in all the ways of civilized men. The Ten Commandments, Mr. Dolan. 'Thou shalt not kill.' 'Thou shalt not steal.'"

give it the go-by, she finds out why. Kids seldom tell why they do or don't like a toy. It's her job to observe them and note their reactions, make detailed comment and profitable suggestions. The toy might be perfect in every detail. Children might cry for it, and play with it, and live it to destruction for an hour or so—and then suddenly abandon it.

Lillian Rifkind's eyes widen. Her ears perk up. Ahah! I thought so! It's blue. It should be green, or violet, or yellow, but not blue! Not that toy; no, never blue. It is taken to mothers; their approval gained, playing with it is daddy's job for Sunday morning. Teachers, playground instructors, children's guides everywhere are contacted before the professional toy tester brings to a close her long comprehensive report. Name of toy—is it good, bad, indifferent; where tested; child reaction; adult reaction; color; durability; practicality; good for country, city, house, apartment, indoors, outdoors, upstairs, downstairs; group toy or individual; quieting effect, or exciting; stimulate child's interest in new field; boys or girls interested; ages; stimulate mental, artistic, musical, scientific activity; physical activity; and so on and on and on.

No wonder they start sweating way back in July. Things weren't that way in mother's day.

THE JEWISH LADIES AID SOCIETY

Conceived and dedicated to the broadest principles of charity, the Jewish Ladies Aid Society are entitled to the support of the years ago. Since that eventful day, these ladies and the ones who have allied themselves to the society have endeavored to relieve suffering among our Jewish needy and those transients who pass thru our city.

In all of these long years, neither executive officer nor working member have received one penny for their services—despite the fact that during the course of the year, they have given freely of their time and efforts.

Only once a year, do they make an appeal for funds to carry on their work for the year. On this occasion, they hold what is known as the "Donor's Banquet." Only those who have raised \$12.50 can attend—and have the right to bring a guest. Last year approximately 400 attended, and the Jewish Ladies Aid Society were enabled to carry on their work of relief for twelve months.

This year the Donor's Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 11. An even larger attendance should be present because their needs are greater. The Jewish Ladies Aid Society are entitled to the support of the community on their record. Let's make this the largest Donor's Banquet in the history of the society.

MR. KUSWORM SPEAKS

Sidney Kusworm is a successful attorney of Dayton, Ohio—but he finds, or takes the time, to have his say about the B'nai B'rith. As an unpaid worker, he has the right to speak his own mind—and does.

Mr. Kusworm spoke in Memphis last Sunday evening. A fair sized crowd heard him speak. It is regrettable that more were not present. If every eligible member of the local Jewish community had heard Mr. Kusworm, the membership of the local lodge would have grown by leaps and bounds.

Mr. Kusworm painted a picture—not a pretty picture by any means. He gave a comprehensive survey of conditions thruout the world. And Germany is not the only country in the world that has seen the growth of Anti-Semitism. Right here in the United States, it is growing and growing, according to reports whose authority is beyond question.

He told what the B'nai B'rith is doing about it. Combating lies with truth... fiction with fact—but always on the alert to keep untarnished the fair name of the Jew. He spoke of land purchase in Palestine by the B'nai B'rith to settle refugee Jews—he told of the part that the B'nai B'rith played in keeping Great Britain from scrapping the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate of the League of Nations. He outlined the philanthropy of the Order—its Hospitals, Homes for the Aged, the Orphans, and the Infirm. He discussed the Hillel Foundation and Aleph Zadek Aleph Fraternity.

And the cost—just fourteen dollars a year. The return—untold satisfaction in knowing that as a Jew, one is doing his part to carry on his responsibilities as a Jew, and in doing his part to make the world a safer and better place for both Jew and Gentile.

COUGHLIN AGAIN

Again Father Charles Coughlin has made himself the center of a deplorable situation because of his refusal to submit his radio scripts in advance to radio stations for approval.

Vulture-like, Father Coughlin is feeding upon the carrion of racial prejudice and hate. He is seeking, in a time of bitter distress for multitudes of helpless and innocent people, to underwrite the propaganda of their enemies. Father Coughlin has adopted anti-Semitism as a chief article in his preachment because he has lost out on other issues, and has not been able to draw dramatic attention to himself by his discussion of economic and political issues, except when he links them to anti-Semitism.

The Catholic Church in this country has a liability in Father Coughlin. He is antithetic to everything holy and universal in Catholic teaching. He breathes hatred and incitement in every utterance; he stoops to the lowest methods of vilification and abuse. His attempt to link all Jews to Communism is characteristic of his vicious methods of attack.

Democracy is a fine social philosophy. Freedom of speech is a precious privilege. That is why those who are entrusted with the instruments of free speech must be careful not to permit any one to defile them.

The disappearance of Father Coughlin from the ether would hardly be a calamity.

SPEAKING OF WOMEN

NOTES OF THE FEMINE WORLD

By Diana Klotts

WELCOME HOME MOLLY

Back in New York after six months abroad is Molly Picon—hungry, tired, and legs still wobbly from the boat trip. She arrived on the liner Washington after midnight, caught a few hours sleep, hurried to Newark Friday morning to open a week's engagement in vaudeville, and rushed back to New York after the late show without having stopped to eat. But with all the rush it's great being back, Molly says, and "no words in the dictionary can describe the feeling of relief on returning to this America of ours." Things look glum everywhere over there now. Of Paris, where she was at the height of the war crisis, Molly says "you never saw the life go out of a great city so completely" as it did there.

Molly made the trip with Jacob Kalich, her husband-manager-author. When they arrived in Poland, their first stop, where Miss Picon made a movie, "Mamele," for a Polish company, they had four trunks of clothing; when they left they hardly had a change and had to replenish their wardrobes in London. Everything they had had been given away to the poor.

made Poland a veritable nightmare. In London a two-week engagement stretched into ten including several television programs. Molly had been working hard. Soon, she realized, she would be going back to America where hard work was daily routine. In Europe it seemed that all the world was a place of horror and fear, hunger and unrest. If there were but some place one might go to for peace! So they embarked on an Arctic tour, going as far as possible by boat.

In Spitzbergen Molly gave a "concert" at the Nord Pol bar. Comprising the audience were the bartender (a Norwegian meteorological student), two assistants, two huskies and three polar bear cubs. By special request (of the meteorologist), she sang, "Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen" and her own "East Side Symphony."

There was peace. There was quiet; maybe even happiness of a sort. But no. Not for Molly. She wasn't born under that star. "Home" for Molly means hard work, lots of noise, huge audiences wanting more and more till there's just nothing left to give; a little sleep, a bit of food and more work. But noise is peace, when noise is laughter—in a world where laughter is dead.

Molly had a very hard time of it.

most to the North Pole in search of peace.

In Europe little children go about the streets with solemn faces. . . But Molly's home now. . . In Spitzbergen the nights are long; there's quiet everywhere. . . But Molly's home now. . . Home is where they laugh. . . Where they laugh is where there's peace. . . Molly's home.

LILLIAN RIFKIND—TOY TESTER

Yes, here we make a business of fun. In fact, fun for children is quite a science and not as simple a matter as you may believe it to be. Way back in the stuffy, hot days of July manufacturers of toys started sweating over games for Christmas. Now you might say, Well if a man's making dolls, all he has to do is dress 'em up, put on some hair, and his work is done. But no. Not since we've become psychology-conscious. That may have been the way some years ago, in the darker days before Lillian Rifkind. Now the idea is this: manufacturers, jobbers, salaried—even some shoppers—all might think a toy's a hit. But if the kids don't, it's a flop. With each flop a fortune is lost; enough fortunes, and the business is lost. No, that just wouldn't do. So, what happens is: before they get too deeply involved in the production of a new toy, manufacturers send a sample to Miss Rifkind. She takes it around to a dozen or so places where kids congregate and turns them loose on it. If it goes over in a big way, she examines it for durability, safety, educational value, etc., and sends back a detailed report—by which the manufacturer may proceed well-armed in his new toy. If the children

"Yes, indeed, Mr. Segal. Your noble laws stand honored only in the breach. You've got to fight for them." "Consider, Mr. Dolan, what majesty of character is in our pacifism. In all the years of Nazi murder and rapine only two Nazis have been killed by Jews. (There was another case in which a Jew named Frankfurter shot a Nazi in Switzerland.) How beautiful it is, Mr. Dolan, that only two hands of Jews have been raised against the multitude of murderous hands of Nazis. The law of the pacifists shines dazzling in the chaos of a lawless world. Indeed, the Jews are offering to the world and exemplar of the Christly ideal."

"But what does that get you?" Mr. Dolan might ask. "Does it lessen your pain? Does it soften the barbarians?"

"Yes, Mr. Dolan, it does lessen our pain to stand with dignity amid the blows, to be faithful to our ideals even in the shambles, to keep clean hands among murderers. It doesn't soften the murders but we may hope that in a thousand years (you see, Mr. Dolan, Jews have learned to count time by ages) in a thousand years people will find something lovely for their hearts in us. They may say, 'The Jews remained civilized in a world that was descending to barbarism.'"

Mr. Dolan would snort at this. He would tell me that the little boy Herschell Grynzspan (who shot the ambassador's secretary) is the most dignified of Jews. He made only a futile gesture of resistance but (Mr. Dolan would say) he belongs to the saintly company of free spirits who

have set their liberty and their lives on the altar to be the symbols of their protest.

"Do you repudiate this boy?" Mr. Dolan would ask me.

I should feel embarrassed by this question. What should I say of Herschell Grynzspan? Ought I say, He must not be counted one of us? He has been faithless to the dignity that is required of Jews, untrue to our duty to be civilized even among savages. True, he is an irresponsible child but we may acknowledge no part of him.

Should I do this Mr. Dolan? No!


I would answer him: "Well Mr. Dolan, Herschell Grynzspan is the symbol of our despair. A little boy raising his hand vainly against ruthless force. A child striking with his fist in a den of hungry wolves. Oh, Mr. Dolan, do you know, this is between you and me, sometimes even I have crazy visions: I invent a bullet so cunning that merely at my bidding it goes, it goes over mountains and oceans, goes directly to the name and address I have written on it. Do you know where it goes?"

"I guess, Mr. Segal, it goes to a certain big house, to a certain heart in Germany."

"Yes, Mr. Dolan, but I must not speak of that. I, the Jew, shall stand in the high dignity and valor of the civilized man who knows from history that justice marches to strike down the destroyer in good time."

"But what of this little boy, Mr. Segal?"

"My mind abjures him, my heart embraces him."



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OUR BOOK REVIEW

KEEPING UP WITH GOOD BOOKS

By Rabbi Herman Pollack

THE FISHMANS
Translated From the German by Maurice Samuels
(Viking Press, New York City)

The novel, written by a thirty-year old author who is in exile in France from Germany, has been awarded the Heinrich Heine prize. Of East European background, Katz has been reared in Germany, where he participated in progressive social movements. This is his first novel, and was produced under most arduous circumstances. He wrote at night after working by day at odd jobs; his study was a cold cellar, his material small pieces of paper.

The story begins to unravel in Strody, a small town in Galicia, where the Fishmans lived. Written in the first person, the author relates that the earliest recollection of his life was being a refugee at the age of seven. He pictures: "There the streets had lain, empty and dead. So we had set forth, leaving behind us shattered window-panes, a destroyed bridge, and an abandoned house of worship. I crouched in a shaky ladder-wagon, which creaked and groaned in every separate part and which was chock-full of sacks and bundles. With me, jammed close against me and one another, sat my mother, my younger brother, my grandparents, and two strangers with long beards and black sheepskin caps."

Existence for the Jews in Strody was precarious, living under the dread of an outburst of racial fury at any moment. In self-defense they would receive jibe and ridicule with a polite smile and call their most furious enemies "Mister." "Most of the Jews learned how to maintain the indifferent features of a bystander when they got a boot behind. How to smile even when the heart was bleeding. How to laugh when the blood boiled and the pulses hammered."

His grandfather, Leib Fishman, was an inn-keeper, who enjoyed comparative security. Yossel, his father bore a permanent eye injury received during a street-fight on market-day, between the peasants and the Jews, precipitated by the intoxicated Yanek, the gamekeeper. His mother, Leah, came from Bessarabia, the only one in her family who survived the Kishinev massacre. Through the intervention of the "intermediary," Shadchen, Yossel and Leah were married, and, unlike the marriages of today, their romance began after the wedding, not before.

Yossel Fishman earned his liv-

15,000 ITALIAN JEWS LOSE JOBS

Rome (WNS)—In compliance with the recent cabinet decrees excluding Jews from government positions and ordering their exclusion from certain professions and business, more than 15,000 Jews have been dropped from government and private jobs, according to reports in authoritative quarters. Nearly 2,500 of these were in Rome.

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hood "by the sweat of his brow", peddling goods to the peasants who were none too easy to approach. "You've got to come to them after a meal. The fuller the stomach the milder the thoughts. A stomach is a stomach, there's no difference that way between a peasant and a Jew. Never have anything to do with hungry peasants." Soon Yossel yearned to go elsewhere, "to seek escape from their imprisoned existence." "I'll break stones somewhere, I'll carry heavy burdens, I'll starve, only not to stay here," he cried out.

After Jacob, the first child was born (narrator of the story), Yossel migrated to America to find a greater measure of freedom and opportunity. He worked in a tailor shop, saved his weekly earnings to bring his family to the New World. When he did have sufficient funds to send for them, illness prevented their departure. And when plans for departure had been made the second time, war had broken out.

During lunch hour Yossel read the news: "Russians March on Austria! Reported on the Stryz." He decided to leave America, and return to his family. Meanwhile, the Fishman family in Galicia were compelled to flee from the invading Russian army. "It was the war that thrust us out of Strody, not like a human being, not like a child—like soulless bundles of war material. And thus I became one of the uprooted, the despised, the harassed."

A telegram sent by Yossel to the family aroused the suspicion of Berlin authorities. He was held for espionage, taken to Berlin and imprisoned. "God have mercy when this race of men, which has transformed a persecution complex into a profession, smells a victim." Yossel was later released, subject to a careful watching. The Fishmans, in the meantime, escaped from the Cossacks and found temporary respite in a refugee camp for the people of Galicia. When Yossel reached Galicia, he was drafted, given notice to report for mobilization. The Fishman family was now in Saxony, Germany, where Leah worked in an ironware factory. When she lost this job, she tried to earn a living collecting old sacks.

Yossel located his family, was granted a furlough, and had a chance to spend a few days with his ailing wife before she died. On the day of her funeral, Yossel had to report for duty. The children were placed in a "home."

Katz concludes: "What followed was a youth filled with passionate dreams of a homeland, of taking root, of friends, of an unreplaceable mother. How I longed and implored my way through to all this, how I struggled—and how I was betrayed!" The author has achieved greatness. With a light, gentle touch, he portrays the pathos and anguish of human suffering. The story of the struggle and despair of the refugee of 1917 should make one all the more sympathetic to the plight of the refugee today.

BONNET IN BROADCAST TO U. S. EXPRESSES FRANCE'S INTEREST IN SOLVING REFUGEE PROBLEM

Paris (WNS)—In a broadcast to the United States Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet said that the Franco-British talks concluded this week strengthened the common effort to save Europe from the horrors of war. With reference to the Jewish question M. Bonnet said, "Grave human problems remain to be solved. President Roosevelt in taking the initiative in calling the Evian Conference showed the importance the United States attaches to the refugee question. France, faithful to her tradition, already has received 200,000 despite the heavy expense entailed in such an influx of persons."

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A. Z. A. NEWS

By Robert Bozof

Harry Pearlman and Sol Berzansky will represent the Memphis chapter in debating at the New Orleans convention of the A. Z. A.'s southern legion of the seventh district, with Harold Cohen serving as alternate. The tryouts held last Monday night with five candidates out for the team, were judged by Irving Strauch, Leo Berzansky, and Jerom eRosengarten. Leo Schneider and Robert Bozof were the defeated competitors for places on the team.

The subject of the debate was: "Resolved that the Jews should find a refuge haven in additions to Palestine."

"Contest Nears Finish"

Alephs have but two more weeks to secure the necessary points to win themselves free trips. The contest committee, Ruben Engelberg, William Light, Robert Bozof, and Irving Lubin, meeting with advisors and the president of the chapter, decided upon how many points would be necessary to win a free trip, and how many points for partially free trips.

Robert Bozof is leading the contest at the present time.

Wins Softball Trophy

The A. Z. A. Softball team will receive a beautiful trophy from the Memphis Park Commission for winning the Jewish Fraternity League championship.

Albert Bozof, who captained the squad through a season marred by only one defeat, representing the chapter will accept the trophy.

President At Meeting

Morris Fogelman, president of the B'nai B'rith lodge of Memphis, attended a recent meeting of the fraternity. He praised the chapter for its activity and its large attendance, and told the chapter that A. Z. A. work was of much importance to the senior order.

Following the meeting a smoker was held with refreshments for all the members.

Mrs. Sewell Speaks

Mrs. Perry Sewell, representing the Hadassah organization, addressed the A. Z. A. fraternity at a recent meeting, speaking of the youth movement in Palestine.

Describing the conditions of youths in Germany, Austria, and Poland, and the work of her organization in rehabilitating young refugees in the homeland, Mrs. Sewell spoke before an audience of sixty members and guests, all of whom were vitally interested in her talk.

The chapter announced that a money raising affair would be given in conjunction with the Girls' Auxiliary to raise money for the splendid work which the Hadassah is undertaking.

For the past few years, A. Z. A. chapters all over the country have donated money for the planting of trees in Palestine. This year the national convention voted the money raised in the future would go to the Youth Ali Yah movement.

JEWS PROBLEM IS REALLY GENTILE ONE

WASHINGTON—"The Jewish problem is in essence a Gentile problem,"

With these words, Louis Golding, author of "Magnolia Street" and many other Jewish best-sellers, begins his latest book, "The Jewish Problem," which is being serialized exclusively in America by the National Jewish Monthly, published by B'nai B'rith. The first chapter is appearing in the publication's December issue, out soon.

"I mean this not merely in the limited, and it is hoped temporary, matter of the Jewish refugees from Gentile persecution," Mr. Golding continues. "I mean that the Jewish problem has been a Gentile problem from the first decades in which it raised its baneful head, and will remain so till the Gentiles themselves have solved it."

The book will not be published in this country as such, but will run serially each month in The National Jewish Monthly. It will deal with all the reasons for anti-Semitism, and will give factual arguments refuting them.

"Anti-Semitism," declares Mr. Golding in his first chapter, "did not come into being because some Jews, or even because all Jews, were dislikeable. Its original grounds were religious—not political, not social, not economic, not personal. It was postulated that the people who denied Jesus must not be admitted to the free life of their neighbors. At present, that line of attack has been completely abandoned—officially, at least."

"But throughout the history of anti-Semitism the line of attack has changed perpetually. . . . The Jew, then, is reproached as being now black, now white, now both simultaneously. The Jew knows more clearly than the anti-Jew that there is no logic in these mutually contradictory reproaches. They are attempted rationalizations of historic and wide-spread prejudice, and it should be possible to trace these prejudices to their sources."

MANY AREAS OFFERED AS HAVEN FOR REFUGEES

Washington (WNS)—Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes said today that it might be well to consider Alaska as a possible refuge for German Jews along the lines pursued by this country in its Matanuska Valley project to give homes to American families who had been unable to find adequate means of livelihood within the States.

Medicine Hat, Alberta (WNS)—A plan to bring 10,000 Jewish refugees—two thousand families—from Europe to settle on community farm lands in the Medicine Hat district is under consideration. Government sanction would be required to permit entry of the refugees into Canada.

Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanganyika (WNS)—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's statement on the possible settlement of Jewish refugees in Tanganyika has been favorably received by all the Britons in the territory, who are seeking a sound development policy. Leading business men predict all-around progress as more areas can be developed.

Havana (WNS)—In an effort to facilitate the entry of Jewish refugees into Cuba, President Federico Laredo Bru has signed a decree ordering Cuban consuls to grant visas to Jews fleeing from Nazi persecution, provided they can comply with the immigration laws of the island. Under-Secretary of State Miguel Campa announced.

Bucharest, Rumania (WNS)—A Rumanian proposal to provide for settlement of Jews in Northern Rhodesia, British crown colony in Africa, was said today to have been advanced and to have received sympathetic consideration in London.

Paris (WNS)—Members of the League for the Honor of Israel, composed of Jewish women, appealed to Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, mother of the President, to try to influence her son to permit a greater number of orphaned Jewish children to enter the United States.

Dublin (WNS)—A committee representing the Catholic Church and Jewish interests was formed today to make provision for receiving German and Austrian refugees. Frank Fahy, speaker of the Dail Eireann, was appointed chairman and a public appeal will be made for funds.

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INTERESTING FACTS

By RABBI HYMAN GOODMAN

The story of Remus and Romulus, the legendary founders of Rome who were nourished by a she-wolf is mentioned in the Talmud and the Midrash.

Britain is mentioned in the Midrash.

An actual case is recorded in the Talmud of a hen that was executed by stoning for manslaughter.

Daniel Bomberg (1517-1549), a Christian printer, arranged the page sequence of the Talmud which is followed in the printed editions of this day.

Croesus, the wealthiest man of antiquity is mentioned in the Talmud.

A direct quotation from the New Testament is found in the Talmud (Sabbath 116b).

The Midrash tells that when Joseph was brought into Egypt as a slave he was taken for a German.

The birth of sextuplets is recorded in the Talmud. The wife of Abed-edom and her eight daughters-in-law each gave birth to a sextuplet (Berakot 63 b).

It seems that multiple birth was a hereditary trait transmitted through the males of this family.

Radio mentioned in the Talmud? "The Rabbis have taught: Three sounds travel from one end of the earth to the other. Some Rabbis would also include the sound of Radya." (Yoma 21 a). Radya is the name of an angel.

A man by the name of Ben Kamsar, according to the Talmud, was able to hold four pens between his fingers and write a four letter word with one stroke. He refused to divulge the secret of this skilful art of multiple writing.

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Y. E. D. FRATERNITY WILL HAVE NEW YEAR'S AFFAIR

Celebration Will Be At Menorah Institute On Dec. 31

Y. E. D. Fraternity announces this week that it will sponsor New Year's Eve Party December 31 at the Menorah Institute. The affair, which will begin at 10 o'clock and continue until 3 o'clock will be one of the outstanding New Year's parties. Music will be furnished by Bill Taylor's Collegians.

A floor show will be provided in the way of special entertainment. Set-ups will be furnished for the guests of the fraternity.

The group only recently celebrated its eleventh anniversary with a dinner and dance at the Hotel Peabody.

The fraternity sponsored a New Year's Eve party at the Menorah two years ago, and this one promises to be a repetition of that most successful affair.

Saul Brown, vice-president of the organization, is in charge of arrangements. Assisting him are Gordon Baum, Max Brown, and Herman Lazarov.

Aaron Brenner is president of the Y. E. D. Sam Buring is secretary, Julius Panitz, treasurer and Nat Buring, sergeant-at-arms.

Members of the fraternity include: Herman Appleson, Ben Aronwald,

TEMPLE J. C. WILL PRODUCE MUSICAL

Hodge-Podge To Be December 4, 5; Miss J. C. Will Be Named

Hodge-Podge of 1939, a musical production, will be presented by the Junior Congregation Children of Israel next Sunday and Monday nights in the Vestry Rooms of the Temple Children of Israel at 8:15 o'clock.

The outstanding feature of the musical show will be the presentation of Miss Junior Congregation of 1939. The recipient of this honor will be determined by a ballot Sunday night by those attending the first performance. The winner will be presented both Sunday and Monday nights.

Those nominated for the title of Miss Junior Congregation are Miriam Wurtzburger, Jocelyn Plough, Bobette Klein, Michelle Myers, Natalie Herzberg, Dorothy Wurtzburger, Carol Cohen, Mildred Salomon, Harriet Gruber and Aileen Lewis.

Milton Sternberger is producing the show and has written the dialogue. Berl Olszinger is in charge of musical direction and has arranged several compositions for the show. Tecla Corem, formerly with George White's Scandals, has charge of the dancing numbers.

Probably outstanding as a dance team will be Jeanne Bloch and Hal Miller. Max Mayer and William Springer will also have starring comedy roles. Arthur Friedman will star in the role of The Prince. Dorothy Wurtzburger, Aileen Lewis, and Jay Schwarz will have the vocal leads.

Billy Sternberger, Dave Steppach, Allan Wolf, Arthur Katz, Courtney Shurman, Ralph Levy and Isadore Epstein are in charge of technical direction. Joe Stuart has charge of publicity and the program. Richard Weinberg is financial director.

Admission to the show is 35 cents for members and 50 cents for non-members.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS TO PRESENT PROGRAM

The fifth grade of Baron Hirsch Sunday School will present a program Sunday morning, December fourth at nine thirty a.m. Dr. Harry Yergin is the class teacher.

The program will be as follows: Opening Prayer by Betty Burson, Piano Selection "Butterfly Waltz", Marion Lefkowitz, Recitation "What Bill Said" by Arlene Belz, Accordion Selection "Alexander's Ragtime Band" by Dorothy Weinman, Song, "Morning Hymn" by the Sunday School, Piano Selection "Parentella" by Teddy Petrovsky, Rabbi Morris N. Taxon will speak on the subject of "Charity" and the closing prayer will be given by Arthur Lettes.

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Call Max Brown for reservations, phone 8-0221.

MRS. SCHNEIDER TO ENTERTAIN WITH TEA

Mrs. Max Schneider, president of the Salon Circle, will entertain Friday afternoon, Dec. 2, at her home, 1806 Poplar, with a tea in honor of the Cultural group of Salon.

Mrs. Jake Felt, chairman of the cultural group, has arranged the program.

A yellow motif will be carried out for the tea with yellow chrysanthemums. Centered on the laced draped table will be yellow candles in silver candelabra.

Mrs. Schneider will be assisted in receiving by her officers Mrs. Gustav Lehman, Mrs. Ike H. Alperin, Mrs. Sidney Kantor, Mrs. Edward Waller and Mrs. Leon Becker.

SALON GROUP MEETS

Scrap Book group of Salon Circle will meet Monday, December 5, at 2 o'clock at the home of its chairman, Mrs. Henry Moskovitz, 850 Maury.

PLEA FOR SALE OF T. B. SEALS MADE

Shelby County Tuberculosis Society Sponsoring Sale

"Keep the Christmas Seal candle lighted!" This is the plea made to the public by the Shelby County Tuberculosis Society, who is sponsoring the sale of Christmas Seals to provide funds to carry on its health-giving program.

"The lighted candle on the 1938 Seal is indicative of the enlightenment concerning tuberculosis that has been kindled in the work through Christmas Seals," according to McKay Van Vleet, General Chairman of the campaign. "Before the Christmas Seal made possible the education of the public, tuberculosis ranked first as cause of death. To be told one had it was practically a death warrant. There were scarcely any facilities for the care of those sick with the disease.

"Today tuberculosis is known to be preventable and curable. It has dropped from first to seventh place as a cause of death and the death rate has been cut two-thirds. Sanatoria have been developed for modern treatment of the disease. By means of tuberculin tests and x-rays the disease may be detected early."

"Although a generous response is being made to the Christmas Seal appeal, more funds to carry on the work are needed for next year," Mr. Van Vleet said.

"After you have purchased your Christmas Seals, do not forget to use them. Their use immediately identifies you as being one of those who is aiding the fight against tuberculosis. The Christmas Seal is your opportunity to give health and happiness to others and to insure your home and your loved ones against the danger of a dread disease."

LOS DIABLOS SPONSOR SKATING PARTY DEC. 8

Los Diablos Sorority will sponsor a skating party Thursday evening, December 8, from 10 o'clock until 12 at East End Skating Rink. Betty Kaplan is in charge of the affair.

Tickets may be secured from Miss Kaplan, Dora Hanowitz, Rachel Namiot, Aileen Kahn, Francis Tennentbaum or Rose Braslow. Admission is 25 cents.

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NEW YEAR PARTY

THREE RETURN FROM HADASSAH MEETING

Membership Drives Discussed At Birmingham Convention

Margaret Morris, Sylvia Goldstein and Rebecca Sokol have returned from the tri-city convention of Junior Hadassah held recently in Birmingham. The cities represented were: Atlanta, Memphis and the newly organized group in Columbus.

One of the primary purposes of the meeting was to discuss ways and means of increasing membership in Hadassah.

Of interest was the fact that Columbus, with 19 members, has already raised its quota for Palestinian work. Margaret Sokol, president of the local organization, attended the national convention in Pittsburgh Nov. 24-27, but has not yet returned to the city.

The regional convention of Hadassah will be held in Atlanta, Ga., during the month of January.

OPEN HOUSE HONORS NASHVILLE VISITOR

Maxine and Connie Blecher Entertain For Miss Schweizer

A large crowd of the younger set gathered at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Blecher on East Parkway Saturday night to welcome the arrival of Emily Schweizer of Nashville, the house guest of Maxine and Connie Blecher last week-end.

Games of every description were enjoyed and despite the fact that the holiday season had called many friends of the young hostesses to other cities, there still seemed a number in town sufficient to make a lively party which lasted far into the night.

Maxine Blecher received with Peter Binswanger, Connie Blecher with Edgar Rothschild and Emily Schweizer with Harry Cohn.

Among those present were Allan Wolf, Dave Steppach, Billy Sternberger, Milton Sternberger, Berl Olszinger with Dorothy Wurtzburger, Maxine Meyer with Alvin Marx, Syl Goldsmith with Sam Bauman, Jr., Bernice Seligstein with Joe Aschendorf, Rose and Charles Dan, Jocelyn Plough and Joe Rose, Leon Rose, Alex Sternberger, Jean Bensinger with Raymond Brod, Herbert Wolf, Sam Sessel, Joe Levy, Jim Davis, Joe Stuart, Joe Henochberg, Max Mayer, William Springer, Jay Silverstein of Chattanooga, visiting Edgar Rothschild, with Aileen Lewis, Jack Mayer, Sonny Katz, Isaac Haas, Ralph Levy, Ellis Titche, Edward Alperin, Joe Rothschild, Maury Strauss, Jay Schwarz with Mary Sulzbacher of Nashville and Alfred Scharff with Mildred Salomon.

PROGRESS CUP SHOWN TO TEMPLE SISTERHOOD

Dr. Ettelson Reviews Outstanding Story At Meeting

The Progress Cup, awarded to the Memphis Delegation of the Temple Sisterhood, for outstanding fellowship and educational work of the organization, was displayed at the meeting of the group Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock at Temple Congregation Children of Israel.

The outstanding feature of the business meeting was a discussion of the highlights of the recent Kentucky-Tennessee Federation of Temple Sisterhoods convention at which time the Progress Cup was awarded. Speakers were Rabbi and Mrs. Morton J. Cohn, Mrs. M. M. Gattman, Mrs. J. C. Felsenthal and Miss Aimee Halle.

Dr. H. W. Ettelson reviewed "My Son, My Son," by Howard Spring after the luncheon. The opening prayer was given by Mrs. S. L. Bauman.

Mrs. I. H. Peres and Mrs. Louis Barnett were co-chairmen for the arrangements for the luncheon. Assisting them were Mrs. Syd Lerner, Mrs. Monte Foltz, Mrs. A. Wurtzburger, Mrs. Elias Goldsmith, Mrs. A. Joseph, Mrs. Ben Levy, Mrs. Louis Kiersky, Mrs. Mayer Myers, Mrs. Mannie Klein, Mrs. Mollie Pierce, Mrs. A. D. Bearman, Mrs. Aaron Goodman, Mrs. D. J. Bieber, Mrs. Morton Stein, Mrs. Maude Brenner, Mrs. Leo Schwab, Mrs. J. Kapell and Miss Anna Weil.

ACQUIRES PULPIT

Rabbi Harry Z. Schechtman left Memphis Wednesday night for Beaumont, Texas, where he will be Rabbi of the Orthodox Congregation there.

Rabbi Schechtman has been connected with the Baron Hirsch Sunday School for the past year as principal.

Shirley Rose Rubin did a song and tap number over radio station WMPJ last Saturday.

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NEW YEAR PARTY

COCKTAIL PARTY TO HONOR NEWLYWEDS

Mr. and Mrs. Saul Perlman To Be Entertained Sunday

A cocktail party and open house, in honor of Saul Perlman and his bride, the former Leah Schultz of New Orleans, will be held Sunday afternoon from 5 o'clock until 9 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Perlman, 898 North Idewild.

Hosesses for the occasion are Mrs. Louis Brenner, Mrs. Aaron Brenner, Mrs. Nathan Goldstein and Mrs. Louis Perlman.

TEAGUE TO SPEAK

Teague Forum Groups Meeting Starts At 7 P. M.

W. C. Teague, editorial writer of the Commercial Appeal, will speak before members of the forum group of the Temple League Sunday night at 7 o'clock in the Junior Congregation Children of Israel Building.

Mr. Teague will discuss Political Party Trends in the United States today.

Izzy Bloom, chairman of the group, has announced that the meeting will be over by 8 o'clock.



Dear Sylvia:

I have started this letter no less than a dozen times and each time get interrupted and into the waste basket goes the letter only to have he same thing happen all over again. This time I have firmly resolved to finish come what may.

Did you have a nice Thanksgiving? I believe that is the thing to ask one following a holiday isn't it. Well, I surely did have an enjoyable day with plenty of Turkey etc.

The Joint dance was Wednesday night at the Nineteenth Century Club and there was quite a large turn out. I saw Arthur Friedman and Natalie Herzberg, Aimee Herzberg and Abe Kriger, Marian Sternberger and Isadore Epstein, Suzanne Feld and Cliff Goldner, Shirley Kiersky and Albert Brandeis, Joseph Joseph and Mary Louis Krakauer, Mildred Heyman and Abe Lapides, Aileen Lewis and Harold Lapides, Eli Jaffe and Lorraine Krom, Roy Jaffe and Lois Frank, Carol Cohen and Sydney Abraham, Richard Weinberg and Jocelyn Plough, Dorothy Wurtzburger and Harry Cohn, Carl Stark and Hannah Padawer, Edgar Rothschild, Harold Tenenbaum of Little Rock, Jay Schwarz, Mildred Rotterman and Albert Bozoff, Sol Siegal and Sadie Waldofsky, Harry Engelberg and Sara Novick, Esta Katz and Gilbert Cooper, Dorothy Lewis and Benny Lewis.

Geraldine Abraham and Maurice Segal, Goldie Green and Dave Rosenblum, Ruby Shefsky and Eddie Fortas, Ralph Hoffman and Gertie Weinberg, Shirley Rose Salky and Samuel Goldberger, Joe Rose, Peter Binswanger, Joe Henochberg, Max Mayer, Nat Epstein, Max Weiss, Frank Pierce, Joe Stuart, Leo Schneider, William Pure, Sol Jaffe, Harold Miller, Ernie Weiss, Jerry Bearman, Sherman Levy, Jerry Asch, Jay Kochman, Donald Brod, and Joe Levy. I think this just about covers the affair.

The Delta Omega Kappa Sorority entertained Thanksgiving Eve with a scavenger hunt and weiner roast. The gang gathered at the home of Sara Kaufman and proceeded onward from there later meeting in Overton Park for food. Meriam Saller was with Jack Segal, Dolly Malkin and Milton Angel, Dorothy Kipper and Milton Kaplan, Rose Schaffer and Harry Padawer, Isabelle Nemetz and Irving Sachritz, Bena Tenenbaum and Jerry Rosen, Israel Padawer, Goldie Green and Dave Rosenblum, Sara Kaufman and Bernard Messinger, Fritzi Kaplan and Morris Rosenberg.

Out Thursday night: Raymond Brod, William Springer, Maxine Blecher and Berl Olszinger and Dorothy Wurtzburger. At the show: Edgar Rothschild and Connie Blecher, Max Weiss and Mary Louis Krakauer, Nat Epstein and Nat Herzberg.

Friday night there were a few out. Allan Wolf and Connie Blecher, Eli Jaffe and Lorraine Krom, Mildred Rotterman and Albert Bozoff, Aileen Lewis and Donald Brod.

Pingponging over at Dave Schatz' Marian Sternberger, Ernie Weiss, Isadore Epstein, Sydney Abraham, Ralph Levy, Jack Mayer and Carol Cohen.

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NATIONAL SORORITY SETS DATE FOR DINNER-DANCE

Sigma Theta Pi Announces December 23 As Day For Annual Affair

Gamma Chapter of Sigma Theta Pi Sorority announces this week that it will entertain with its annual dinner dance on December 23 at the Hotel Gayoso.

Dinner will be served in the private dining room at 8 o'clock for the members of the sorority and their escorts and out-of-town members of the national organization and their escorts. Dr. and Mrs. Seligstein and Miss Miriam Phillips and escort, advisors, will also be present at the dinner.

The colors of the sorority, blue and gold, will be the color scheme throughout the affair. The dinner will be served on gold colored plates with blue glasses finishing the scheme. Floral decorations will also be blue and gold.

The dance floor will be decorated in blue and gold with the blue and gold neon plaque of the sorority's crest hanging over the bandstand.

Dancing will begin at 11 o'clock and continue until 3 o'clock. Approximately 300 guests will be invited for dancing. Invitations will be mailed early in December.

Mildred Salomon, president of the organization, will receive. Other mem-

bers are Aileen Lewis, vice-president, Celia Jane Caldwell, recording secretary, Jean Bensinger, corresponding secretary, Mildred Heyman, treasurer, Dorothy Wurtzburger, sergeant-at-arms, Maxine Blecher, Jeanne Bloch, Suzanne Haas, Natalie Herzberg, Hermoise Katz, Shirley Kiersky, Marge Kosman, Bobette Klein, Jean Claire Marx, Emily Rose Michel, Michelle Myers, Janet Pachter, Jocelyn Plough, Bernice Seligstein and Mimi Wurtzburger.

Inactive members of the sorority include Rosestelle Bach, Aimee Herzberg, Gloria Menke and Doris Strauss.

J. C. BITS

By Ruby Shefsky

What with Thanksgiving Dinners, football games, dances, bad colds, etc., your reporter has had plenty of running around to do. And just think—there's more coming.

Well, the last football game of the season between the Temple Juniors and the Baron Hirsch Juniors took place Nov. 20 with the Baron Hirsch emerging as victors with a score of 8-6. This evens the two teams up. And so, the glorious season is over.

Last Sunday we had a very fine speaker in A. D. Bearman. He spoke on "Finding New Leaders Among Youth."

Our membership dance which we gave recently was a great success of which we are all very proud.

Oh yes, something new. The Junior Congregation is one up on unusual happenings. We seemed to have had a minor appendicitis epidemic, but we are happy to announce the recovery of Bernard Messinger, Helen Ruth Waller and Ralph Alperin.

A board meeting was held Wednesday night at the home of Fritzi Kaplan. The constitution and other important matters were discussed. Helen Ruth Waller, our social activities chairman, is a new board member and Edward Fortas has resigned as he felt that his duties as a Sunday School teacher required his time.

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Reorganization of the Jewish Basketball League, formerly the Jewish Fraternity League, was held last Monday night in the offices of Dr. Henry Weiss in the Sterick Building.

Officers of last year were re-elected. Ike Simon was again chosen president, Dr. Henry Weiss, vice-president and Julius Panitz, secretary-treasurer.

The league this year will be composed of four teams, the A. Z. A., the Oaklites, the Junior Congregation Children of Israel, and the Herman Grubers. Bob Pigue, Jr. is coaching the Temple Juniors, Aleck Okeon the Oaklites, Jake Engelberg the A. Z. A., and Bernie Byall the Grubers.

The first game of the season will be played December 8 at the Catholic Club when the Oaklites meet the Temple Juniors and the Grubers take on the A. Z. A. Games will be played from then on every Thursday night. Admission is 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

To Sponsor Dance
It was decided at the meeting that a dance would be sponsored Sunday night, December 18, at the Menorah Institute, to raise funds necessary for the expenses needed to run the league. Tickets may be secured from any member of the teams. Admission will be 50 cents a person.

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DEPARTMENT STORE LEADERS SCORE FALSE RUMORS OF DISMISSALS

New York (WNS)—Emphatic denials issued from leaders of department stores regarding recent rumors that department stores planned to dismiss a certain number of their employees and give their jobs to Jewish refugees from Germany. Expressing deep sympathy for the victims of outrages in Germany, the store spokesmen nevertheless asserted that any idea of displacing their employees was preposterous and that such rumors were either "utterly false and malicious" or "just nonsense."

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POLAND BANS B'NAI B'RITH

Warsaw (WNS)—Confiscation of all property of the Jewish fraternal organization B'nei B'rith, was ordered by the Polish government on a decree banning Free Masonry in Po-

land. Virtually nothing, however, would be confiscated inasmuch as the B'nei B'rith in Poland never owned much property and all funds collected by it were immediately turned over to charitable organizations.

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TIDBITS FROM EVERYWHERE

By Phineas J. Biron

NUTZI STUFF

American aviation circles claim that the reason Nutzi Germany is making such a big play to win Lindbergh's friendship is that the Nazis feel they may be able to use him to get the helium they want from Uncle Sam. Which reminds us that Lindbergh's home in Berlin will be the swanky apartment formerly occupied by Samuel Einzelfeld, a wealthy Jewish rug manufacturer who is now languishing in a concentration camp. Stugs from Einzelfeld's factory cover the floors in the Nazi Brown House in Munich. If you like to draw conclusions from coincidences, ponder the fact that March 18 is the birthday of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and also of Herschell Grynszpan, the young Polish Jew who assassinated Ernst vom Rath, third secretary of the German embassy in Paris. Rath, incidentally, was on the point of resigning when he was shot. He was all fed up with Nazism. All of which leads us to remind you of our hunt here last week—namely, that the Rath shooting was just another Reichstag Fire incident.

WHAT PRICE A REFUGEE

Those in the know are far from optimistic about the various colonization schemes and territories being offered to German Jewry by the British government. The low-down is that Downing Street considers this a good opportunity to relieve Jewish pressure on Palestine. The refugee question will loom large on the agenda of the Pan-American Conference opening next month at Lima, Peru. There's a good chance, too, that the Red Cross will shortly take a hand in the refugee situation caused by the Gory Swastika. All shipping companies plying between Germany and the United States have taken special precautions to halt the wave of stowaways growing out of Nazi oppression. Stowaways now number about 60 a month. This brings us to a wisecrack that has become current in refugee circles hereabouts, but which you will have to read out loud with a genuine German accent if you want to appreciate it really: "the course of recent Jewish history, if states, has progressed from Magen David to Affidavit."

WHISPERINGS

Wonder who's back of that self-

styled secret organization calling itself "The 4,000" which is sponsoring a movement to confiscate property in America owned by foreign propagandists, the closing of the consulates of totalitarian States and the deportation of non-citizen propagandists? The rumor is out that Governor Frank Murphy of Michigan may succeed Hugh Wilson as U. S. Ambassador to Germany. In any event, you can bet that Wilson isn't going back to Berlin. William Dudley Pelley, Silver Shirt Generalissimo, turned anti-Semitic because Hollywood producers rejected scripts. Goebbels became a fiery Jew-bomber for a similar reason. Don't be surprised if the convention of the Amateur Athletic Union this coming week end in Washington adopts a hot anti-Nazi resolution. And some of the same gentlemen who insisted on America's sending a team to the Berlin Olympic Games will be among its principal backers. Hollywood is putting up a stiff battle to resist pressure from Wall Street, which opposes filmland's intention to pull out of the German and Italian markets because of the many ludicrous restrictions imposed by film censors in the dictator lands.

Incidentally, some of those investigation bodies that are forever shouting about "Red" professors might have a look into the case of Elizabeth Schrader of the German department of Columbia, who openly admires Hitler and thinks he's got the right idea where Jews are concerned.

JEWISH NEWS

Judge Samuel Seabury is reported to be the leading candidate for presidency of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League. When is Mike Jacobs czar of boxing, going to reveal the charitable organization to which he will donate the \$7,500 which represents ten per cent of his net profit on the Schmeling-Louis fight? Those three English-Jewish weeklies within 150 miles of New York that were advertised for sale in the New York Times last week are the Jewish Ledgers of Hartford, New Haven and Springfield, Conn. The B'Nai B'Rith Messenger of Los Angeles and its arch-competitor, the Jewish Community Press, will be merged in the next couple of weeks. A New York Jewess has gone into the business of preparing gefueltte fish at thirty cents a ball delivered. But, then, Macy's

has carried a canned version of this Famous Jewish delicacy for years. Credit Rabbi Shapiro of Caldwell, N. J., with a right smart idea. Every Jew in his community has agreed to contribute a small sum of money for German refugees every time he breaks bread. A sizeable amount has already been turned over to the JDC. Other towns and organizations could do worse than copy this plan.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Bernard Postal, managing editor of the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate since 1933 and despite his youth one of the veterans of English-Jewish journalism, has resigned to become B'Nai B'Rith's first national director of public relations. He'll make his home in Washington. James Waterman Wise has just finished writing a play that deals with a most timely topic. We'll give you three guesses as to what it's about. Max Reinhardt, who is in New York again, would like to see a revival of his "Eternal Road" production of a couple of seasons ago, because of its timeliness. Few people knew that the late pianist and composer Leopold Godowsky was a real philosopher as well as a fine musician. His death last week left unfinished a manuscript on the philosophy of music that is a literary masterpiece. In the last few months of his life he became very much interested in the establishment of an institute that would raise the standards of music and music-teaching in this country. Frantisek Chvalkovsky, Czechoslovakia's foreign minister since the partition of his country, was a sure bet to be the new president of his dismembered republic until the Slovak anti-Semites discovered that his ancestry was suspiciously non-Aryan. Father Flanagan's famous Boys Town in Nebraska has a new singer for its choir in the person of the fourteen-year-old son of Rabbi Shumlan of Hackensack, N. J. Father Flanagan asked for young Shumlan after hearing him broadcast on an amateur program, and got his services after assuring the lad's father that the boy would be given strictly kosher food.

REICH-NIPPON PACT TO MARK BEGINNING OF JAPANESE ANTI-SEMITISM

Paris (WNS) — Japan will bar German Jews after the signature of the German-Japanese cultural pact this week, it was reported here. Jewish professors now teaching at Japanese universities will be retired when their contracts expire. The pact will provide for mutual recognition of the racial principles of Japan and Germany.

CZECHS PLAN ANTI-JEWISH PROGRAM

Prague (WNS) — Adoption of an official program of anti-Semitism by the Party of National Unity, which is now in control of Czechoslovakia, was hinted at in a party manifesto. The pronouncement declared that "as a national state, the Czechoslovak republic cannot tolerate floating alien elements. The question of emigration of Jews will be quickly solved." Meanwhile, the Slovakian ministry of education adopted ghetto regulations for Jewish students in all elementary and secondary schools as well as colleges. The regulations provide that Jewish students may enter classrooms only after Aryans have finished their studies. The regulations are temporary pending the institution of an educational numerus clausus for Jews.

U. S. WON'T TOLERATE USE OF RADIO FOR RACIAL ATTACKS

White Sulphur Springs, Va. (WNS) — "Should there ever be an attempt here by any one so to debase radio as to use it as an instrument of racial or religious persecution, the Federal Communication Commission would employ every resource it has to prevent any such shocking offense" and "President Roosevelt would, of course, support us to the limit in such a stand," Frank R. McNinch, chairman of the commission, declared in a speech before the National Association of Broadcasters' convention.

RADIO STATION REKUBES COUGHLIN FOR MISSTATEMENTS ON JEWS

New York (WNS) — A radio station took public issue with a speaker on a commercial program for the first time when Station WMCA followed up a broadcast by Father Coughlin with an announcement that "unfortunately Father Coughlin has uttered certain mistakes of facts." The station did not specify the "mistakes" in the radio priest's broadcast which was made on a national hookup from Detroit but the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League called WMCA's attention to "incorrect and deliberately misleading" statements by Father Coughlin who had devoted his speech to rehab of the familiar allegation that Jews play a leading part in Russian Communism. The Detroit priest denounced Nazi persecution but claimed that Nazism was defense mechanism against Communism.

IT HAPPENED BEFORE

THE PAST REVEALED IN PRESENT NEWS

By Rabbi Louis Finkelstein

Where Jew Is Persecuted, Church Suffers Degradation

It is an error to regard the hostility of totalitarian government to the Church and the Scriptures as independent of their anti-Semitism. The war against the Jew inevitably takes on the form of a battle against the whole Prophetic Tradition, i.e., the whole tradition of justice and ethics, which has its foundations in the teachings of the Hebrew Scriptures. This has been true in every generation, and in practically every country.

The Jew generally suffers first, because he seems to epitomize the purest and most uncompromising form of the anti-absolutist tradition of western religion. But as soon as the Jew is disposed of, the Mosque and the Church, which are associated with him in the struggle for righteousness, suffer his fate.

This fact, so fundamental for an understanding of current events, is in part obscured by the tendency of arrogant absolutists to hide behind a facade of religion so long as it suits their purpose. But sooner or later, they find the appearance of loyalty to any form of the Prophetic Tradition a heavy burden, and cast it off, like an evil spirit fleeing before the Name of God. Either, like the German Nazis, they declare open war on their faith; or, like certain medievalists, they defile the Temple itself and make the institutions of their religion the means for the achievement of their anti-religious purposes.

Caliphate Weakest When Persecuting Jews

It is no mere coincidence, therefore, that the period of anti-Semitism and anti-intellectualism in both the Caliphate and the Church correspond to that of the deepest inner corruption in both institutions. The leaders of Islam who were most fanatical in their eagerness to degrade the infidel Jew were the least obedient to Mohammed's commands to live austere lives and to observe the discipline of his faith, the irrational fanatics who drove Maimonides, the Jew, into life-long exile, committed his Arabic contemporary, the distinguished philosopher, Averroes, to equally long and bitter imprisonment.

The centuries of Jewish persecution in Christendom, were those not of increasing, but of weakening, religiosity at Rome. The white robes of the Papacy were used to cover the most scarlet wrong-doing; the halls of the Vatican concealed the most brazen iniquity. The cry for reform which arose from hundreds of Christian teachers, from Abelard to Luther, was answered with excommunications, heresy-hunting and the Inquisition. There was a close relation between the martyrdom of John Huss and that of the contemporary Jews; between the expulsion of the Jews from England and the terror which compelled Roger Bacon to record his scientific discoveries in cipher; between the threat of death to Galileo and the humiliation of Roman Jewry.

Church Reformers Herald Tolerance

By the same token, it was no accident that the voice of Reuchlin, who for the first time in centuries dared defend the Jews, heralded the Reformation; that Martin Luther himself was in his early days a friend of the Jews, and only turned against them when he became convinced that that step was necessary for the establishment of his own movement;

that it was Cromwell, the leader of English Puritanism, who permitted the Jews to re-enter Britain; and that the Reformation and Counter-Reformation, raising organized Christendom to the heights of its earliest ideals, coincided with the beginning of the Emancipation of the Jews.

There is no need to labor the fact that the three religions which had their origins in the teachings of the Prophets—Judaism, Christianity, and Mohammedanism—are closely akin. Their history, the unity of their enemies, and above all, their common achievements, demonstrate this beyond question.

Modern Hope In Religious Tradition

The facts which have been brought to light give ground for the belief that the Tradition which has been preserved in these three religions has an important role to play also in the future of civilization. These appear to be the only forces in the modern world to which we can look for the preservation of our liberties and human learning. Purified, as they inevitably must be in the very struggle against the forces of barbarism, it seems altogether probable they will be able to serve once more as they did in the course of the Middle Ages.

(Professor Finkelstein will be pleased to reply either through this column or through personal correspondence to any questions bearing on the issues raised in the series of articles. He may be addressed care of this journal or at his office in the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 3080 Broadway, New York City.)

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HOW ENGLAND FIGHTS ANTI-SEMITISM

BRITISH JEWRY COMBAT PROPAGANDA

By William Zuckerman

Having conquered most of Continental Europe, Nazism is making heroic efforts to inject England and France with the Anti-Semitic virus. Here Mr. Zuckerman discusses the methods employed by British Jewry in combatting this propaganda.

—THE EDITOR.

The question of Jewish defense against anti-Semitism is rapidly rising in significance and becoming, at the present moment, one of the most urgent problems facing Jews the world over. This is true especially in those countries where Fascist and anti-Semitic forces have not yet reached political power and are as yet on the defensive themselves. For in Fascist and in semi-Fascist States, Jewish defense is either forbidden entirely or it can no longer avail anything against the huge offensive measures directed by the State.

But even in the democratic countries where the Jews are still able to defend themselves and can do so effectively, the question is not as simple as it seems to be. Defense? By all means. All agree on its necessity. But what kind of a defense? And how is it to be conducted? What are the exact means Jews are to use in their efforts to repulse the attacks of their enemies? Many are the answers to these questions. Almost every Jewish community in Europe has a different reply based on a variety of experience and on the different circumstances, social political and psychological in the given country. An exhaustive study of

these various methods of Jewish defense used in various countries would make an interesting and useful book. The writer of this article, being a resident of England, will confine himself only to measures used by the Jewish community in Great Britain. I do so not only because I can impart this information on a basis of personal knowledge and impressions, but also because of the peculiar importance of Great Britain as a bulwark against anti-Semitism at the present moment and because the experience of British Jews can be of greatest use to Jews overseas, in English-speaking countries and particularly in the United States.

Anyone who has followed Jewish events in Europe during the last few years, cannot help realizing that England now occupies a key position as far as the Jews are concerned. And this not at all because Great Britain is the Mandatory Power over Palestine and Palestine occupies a central position for many Jews, but for quite other reasons having to do with the Jewish Diaspora. With Fascist and anti-Semitic forces having conquered practically the whole of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, England and France (and England more than France) are their last and greatest objectives. If they can penetrate into England, they win a key position for themselves for the mastery not only of Europe, but of the entire world. England now stands between a Fascist Europe and the non-Fascist rest of the world, the last, greatest bulwark against the spread of Fascist ideologies. Should they win this island, their road lies open, not only to the British Empire, but to the entire world. British Jews thus stand vigil now over the defense not only of their own interests, but also of those of entire world Jewry. Their action is therefore of importance to all Jews.

The exceptional importance of England is recognized not only by the Jews, but also by the Nazis, and they are now concentrating their greatest effort on winning a foothold in this country. This is done with the aid of secret subsidizing of various anti-Semitic activities, publications and organizations; of the latter the official British Fascist party is by far not the most important and most dangerous. Mosley's organization is too well-known and too much suspect of official propaganda to have too wide an influence. Of greater danger are the various bodies and publications which are not known directly as Nazi or Fascist and which therefore exert a greater influence. One hears very little of the British blackshirts in England of late. Not only have their uniforms disappeared, but also their publications and their notorious meetings. Yet, anti-Semitic propaganda, both in print and in speech have increased enormously during the last six months. One hears more anti-Jewish speeches on street corners and in halls; reads more anti-Jewish propaganda in letters to editors and in articles in newspapers and cannot even now be branded, as which have never been known before, openly anti-Semitic. There is no denial of the fact that there is now more anti-Jewish sentiment in England than at any time since the Great War.

Jewish counter-activity in England follows closely the Nazi footsteps in this direction. The principle of Jewish defense is that wherever the enemy attack there should be a counter-attack. Wherever the anti-Semites hold a street meeting, the Jews should hold one of their own in order to answer the accusations; wherever they hold hall meetings, Jewish speakers should be there to ask questions and repudiate the lies. Similarly, the inspired anti-Semitic letters to the editors and articles which clearly emanate from Fascist sources, should not be left unanswered. In short, every false accusation which is made against the Jews, whether in print or in speech, should be followed up with a reply giving the true facts.

With this in view, the Board of Jewish Deputies, (the Central Jewish Board in England) has established a department where all the facts and data necessary for answering anti-Semitic accusations are to be had for the asking. Jewish young men are trained as speakers to be able to stand up on a platform and refute anti-Semitic lies effectively. Every anti-Semitic street meeting is followed up with a Jewish meeting on the same spot and, if possible, to the same audience, and no Fascist meeting is left without some Jewish speaker rising to correct whatever lying statement has been made about the Jews.

A good many Jews sincerely opposed it and even fought it strenuously. Their argument was that people who met at first with a strong opposition, disliked Jews did so not on grounds

of reason, but of prejudice and emotion. Therefore valid arguments against anti-Semitism were of no avail. Even if you succeeded in convincing an anti-Semite that he was wrong in a certain accusation against Jews, he would immediately find another one, probably exactly the reverse from the one which had been disproved, as a reason for remaining an anti-Semite. As proof of the futility of this method, the case of German Jews was usually cited. The German Jews, as is well known, conducted a very thorough and strong campaign against anti-Semitism a few years before the Nazis came to power. They published thousands of pamphlets, books and publications, yet it did not avail anything.

Another reason for opposition to this type of defense was the ingrained belief on the part of the wealthy and influential section of Jewry in England (as in every country) that the less spoken or written about the Jews, the better for them. If the anti-Semites were answered, these Jews believed, it would only tend to exacerbate the question, while if they were ignored, their attack would collapse by lack of interest. By paying too much attention to the anti-Semites, they argued, we only give them prominence and strengthen their position.

The truth is that the official British Jewish leadership itself was, for a time, also inclined towards this view and refused to take any action. Its present defense work has been forced upon it by other, more enterprising and more progressive Jewish bodies. These bodies (in England it was the so-called Friendly Societies and the labor elements of the Jewish people's Council) have come to their conclusions by way of experience; they have found that whatever truth there might have been in the belief of the opponents of open Jewish defense, is no longer valid under present conditions. The present situation has no parallel in recent Jewish history and experiences of other days and other countries cannot apply to it. The fact that a certain system of defense failed in a propaganda-ridden Germany is no proof that it is bound to fail also in England. To ignore anti-Semitic attack in English-speaking countries does not mean to weaken it, but to strengthen it. If Jews do not reply to accusations and calumny, the anti-Semitic campaign will not collapse, but will be infinitely strengthened.

They have also found that while it is true that a rabid, fanatical, anti-Semite dislikes the Jews irrespective of logic or truth, it is also true, however, that not all non-Jews are rabid and fanatical anti-Semites. Many are affected only by false accusations, and if these are refuted, the reason for their antagonism to the Jews disappears. If the accusations are ignored by the Jews, this in itself is proof to these people that must be true, and their antagonism hardens. This is particularly true in English-speaking countries where people are accustomed to free and open discussion. In free countries like England, America, Canada, South-Africa and others, if a man is called a thief and he has a chance to disprove it, he has to do it. Otherwise the accusation stands.

Having made these simple discoveries, these democratic Jewish organizations began to urge the Central Jewish body to take the necessary action. To the honor of the British Jewish leaders it must be said that they did not persist long in their older conservative views; they quickly realized that new conditions existed which required new methods, and the Jewish Board of Deputies is now strongly behind this particular movement of Jewish defense and it can be said with certainty that at least in this particular respect, the Jewish defense work in England is very successful. I have myself attended many meetings previously addressed by anti-Semites and afterwards by Jewish speakers and have seen the effect. Almost in all cases the audiences which at first were antagonistic to the Jews because of the anti-Semite's speech, turned sympathetic towards the Jews after the accusations had been effectively answered and the meeting ended in good-will instead of animosity towards the Jews. There were certain spots in the City of London which were rapidly becoming hot-beds of anti-Semitism through a carefully planned system of Fascist open-air meetings, and these have now been practically cleaned out by virtue of the Jewish counter meetings.

It is quite possible that the open-air meeting is a peculiar institution of the English people and that in other countries the same system of trained Jewish speakers would not work with equal success, but in England it has proved effective, and it is safe to assume that in most English-speaking countries a similar

success can be accomplished. People of Anglo-Saxon origin, or those brought up on English culture, have a tradition of fair-mindedness. They also like good public speaking and wherever a good Jewish speaker speaks with knowledge, facts and feeling, he easily scores over the anti-Semites. Jewish communities overseas would do well to copy this success of British Jews. Jewish young men usually make good public speakers. If trained properly and supplied with the necessary information about Jewish life and history, they can make a formidable and effective army of Jewish defenders.

Above all it must be realized that the theory of ignoring anti-Semites does not work at the present juncture in Jewish affairs. This is no time for ignoring attacks on Jews or for keeping quiet. Every attack of the anti-Semites has to be met, and can be met effectively at least in the field of speech and print propaganda. We are as good in this as anyone else and we have the advantage that we are fighting for our lives.

There are other forms of Jewish defense in England now, and other problems arising from them. Of these I shall write in my next article.

AMERICAN LEGION OPPOSED TO BUND

Letter to B'nai B'rith States Position of Legionaries

WASHINGTON.—In a letter to B'nai B'rith, the American Legion has gone squarely on record as being vigorously opposed to the German-American Bund.

The letter was from Stephen F. Chadwick, National Commander of the American Legion, and follows, in part:

"The Legion is vigorously opposed to German-American Bunds or any other organization whose principles are not wholly and unreservedly American. I feel our best course of action against them, however, is through legislation, and that shall be our purpose during the coming year."

Henry Monsky, President of B'nai B'rith, sent the following answer to Mr. Chadwick:

"May we express our complete and entire agreement with the sentiments of your communication, and give you assurance that we crave the privilege of cooperating with you in any program calculated to attain the objectives suggested in your letter."

40 REFUGEES IN B. B. COLONY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Forty German Jewish refugees are already settled on the B'nai B'rith Colony in Palestine, and there will soon be accommodations for 100 families, according to a feature article in the December issue of The National Jewish Monthly, published by B'nai B'rith, which will be off the press this week.

The colony was provided for when B'nai B'rith, two years ago, gave \$100,000, to the Jewish National Fund for the purpose. The \$100,000 gift, largest given by any organization at that time, created a national news story, because it was announced at the height of the beginning of the present riots in Palestine, and was seen as a great moral encouragement to those engaged in the upbuilding of Palestine.

The colony consists of 8,000 dunams, (2,000 acres) of land northeast of the chain of Jewish settlements that extend via Ein Harod to the new Jewish points in the plain of Beisan, in the Jordan Valley. It is encompassed on all sides by Arab territory, and therefore has a stout stockade around it and a high watch tower equipped with a powerful searchlight.

The B'nai B'rith Colony intends to develop into a moshav, i. e., a small-holders' village, where every family will have its own house and farm, although some of the crops raised may be produced in common. Practically all of the settlers are from Germany, and all of them are sons and daughters of German B'nai B'rith members.

Dry-farming is pursued by the colonists, who have to import their water until a boring on the colony itself is completed. They are equipped with tractors, combines, and mechanical ploughs, as well as electricity, and are growing wheat, oats, and maize.

"The very mention of B'nai B'rith is now forbidden in Germany," the article concludes. "The name has been exiled with the Jews. And like them, it has found one new home in a new Jewish outpost which links Erez Jezreel with Lower Galilee."

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DR. WISE

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and burden of the Swastika, no Jew must ever again be compelled to touch soil over which the German flag has been lifted up. Moreover, we Jews do not believe in reprisal or in vindictiveness. We do not wish even the German people to believe that we desire to possess ourselves of lands of which they have by war been dispossessed. Moreover, any Jewish occupied one-time Germany colony would become, that is, its destruction, would become the supreme objective of Germany. We would have Jews live anywhere outside of the Nazi Reich, live under almost any conditions, but we will never give approval or sanction to any plan which dooms Jews to live again in a land defiled up to the days of peace by that government which has sought to destroy them. I would rather have my fellow-Jews die in Germany than live somehow, anyhow, in lands which bear the imprint of yesterday's occupation by Germany, in lands which may tomorrow be yielded back by England and France to Germany."

If England wishes to help German Jews to live, it can do the following things, Dr. Wise asserted: "It can admit Jewish children into England. It will take such action as the President of the United States has taken with regard to temporary resident of German refugees. It will cooperate genuinely with the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees, under the leadership in part of two great Americans, Ambassador Myron Taylor and Director General George Rublee, in establishing temporary, transient homes or hostels for Jews of Germany, tens of thousands of them pending their ultimate distribution among the lands, the provinces, the dominions, nations and continents in which they will ultimately be integrated.

"But the one great, indeed supreme, service that England can render the Jewish people, the whole Jewish people, not merely German Jews, is at once, without a moment's delay, to grant the request of the Jewish population of Palestine that they be permitted to welcome ten thousand Jewish children out of Germany, another ten thousand Jewish adolescents, another eight or ten thousand relatives in German lands. In one word, England can do most today for German Jews by opening wide the doors of Palestine."

Such an action will win the support of world opinion and indeed the conscience of mankind. He said, if Great Britain fails to take the larger steps, "to give home not refuge, to German Jews in Palestine, all else that it contemplates and proposes and announces will be in vain and the sincerity of English concern will be questioned."

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Phone all items for the Calender 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

Dec. 11—Jewish Ladies Aid Society Banquet, Menorah Institute.

Dec. 4—Temple Junior Musical Show, Temple Vestry.

Dec. 5—Temple Junior Musical show—Second Performance, Temple Vestry.

Dec. 8—Temple Men's Club Lecture, Temple—Robert Briffault.

Dec. 18—Jewish Basketball League Dance, Menorah Institute.

Dec. 22—Open House, home of Mrs. Edgar Haas, 625 West Drive

Dec. 23—Gamma Chapter of Sigma Theta Pi Sorority annual banquet-dance, Hotel Gayoso, 8 p.m., dancing 11 p.m.

Dec. 24—Gamma Delta Phi Fraternity Dance.

Dec. 25—Progressive Ladies Society Miscellaneous Shower at Arbeiter Ring Institute.

Dec. 25—Chi Delta Tau Fraternity dance, Hotel Peabody.

Dec. 26—Dance at Peabody Hotel Cadet Room by Jeanne Bloch and Bobette Klein.

Dec. 27—Pi Tau Pi Junior Fraternity annual banquet-dance, Rex Ballroom of Hotel Gayoso, 10 until 2.

Dec. 28—Chi Alpha Tau Fraternity Banquet-Dance, Ridgeway Country Club.

Dec. 31—Zionist Channukah party, Menorah Institute.

Dec. 31—Y. E. D. New Year's Party, Menorah Institute.

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Jan. 12—Beth El Emeth Junior Congregation Bingo party at Social Center.

Jan. 16—Temple Men's Club Lecture, Temple—Erika Mann and Klaus Mann.

Feb. 4—Temple Junior Cabaret Dance Temple Recreation Room.

Feb. 20—Temple Men's Club Lecture, Temple—Countess of Listowel.

Mar. 15—Temple Men's Club Lecture, Temple—Issac Marcossion.

March 20—Temple Junior Play Night, Temple Vestry.

May 28 — Temple Junior Election Banquet Dance, Temple Recreation Room.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Jewish Ladies Aid Society—Second Sunday in each month, Menorah Institute.

Salon Circle

Meets Every Second Monday at 2:15. Sewing Group—Every Tuesday—2:30 p. m.

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—Meets Second and Fourth Sunday in Month at 2:30 p.m. Menorah Institute.

Ladies Auxiliary Baron Hirsch—Sec ond Wednesday of Month—Men orah Institute

Arbeiter Farband—First Sunday in each month.—638 Alabama.

P. O. W. Ladies Auxiliary meets every first Sunday in month at Menorah Institute.

P. O. W. meets every second and fourth Sunday in month at Men orah Institute.

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Junior Jewish Ladies Aid Society meets second Sunday in every month at Menorah Institute, 2:30 p. m.

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