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SLANDERING A RACE

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BURKE did not know the method of drawing up an indictment against a whole people, but there are those to-day who have a facility for uttering slander against a whole race. That is, indeed, a charitable and restrained description of their doings, which in fact sound a depth of malignant turpitude as well as of fantastic self-stultification scarcely rivalled in the annals of calumniation.

There was occasion for surprise and for real grief when so respectable and intelligent a journal as the *London Morning Post* lent itself to the publication of a prolix serial diatribe against the Jewish people as the source of all the evil in the world. That was going beyond the limits of the eccentricities for

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which that paper had formerly been known, and there was sincere gratification when the *Manchester Guardian*, in most masterly fashion, exposed and refuted the falsity of the whole thing a few months ago. We had been glad to think that the episode was ended, and that whatever motives inspired the *Morning Post* thus to degrade its columns had spent their force and would be felt no more.

That the gentle sport of Jew-baiting should be taken up by Henry Ford in his *Dearborn Independent* did not surprise nor disquiet us. It was only what might have been expected of him. He was just about the sort of man who would naturally take up the most crazy and detestable fad and make himself as offensive as possible to his fellow men.

We must confess, however, our profound surprise, chagrin and regret at seeing the slanderous fabrications taken in hand by one of the oldest and most respected of American publishing houses, and invested with the undeserved authority of its imprint, in a professedly serious and permanent volume. Few publishers have given more of real value and high credit to American literature than the

Putnams, or have stood for a finer American spirit. It is lamentable to add that few, if any, have stooped lower from that high estate and more grievously sullied their name with an unworthy print than they have done in republishing here the malignant drivel of the *Morning Post*.

On another page we take pleasure in reprinting a detailed exposure of these detestable slanders upon the Jewish race, slanders based upon almost incredibly impudent forgeries and falsehoods and old wives' hobgoblin tales. They have, of course, the unmistakable German flavor, redolent of the days of Court-Chaplain Stoecker and his infamous *Judenhetze*, when he was the spiritual guide of William von Hohenzollern and encouraged that degenerate prince to conspire against his father and to arrest and blackmail his mother at her husband's bier. Because of that taint upon them it is all the more astonishing and disgraceful that respectable agencies should have given them currency in England and America.

Racial animosities, like class wars, are always odious; even when they have apparent

foundation in actual occurrences or circumstances. When, as in this case, they are based upon nothing but fabrications and forgeries, and when they have no other motive than the most sordid, they are melancholy exhibitions of man's evil passions at their worst.

THE ROMANCE OF THE JEW

Wonder of History

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"His preservation one of the most remarkable phenomena of the centuries. A patriot in every land. Despite age-long persecution he is indestructible. Eminent in Peace and War."—Dr. Purvis.

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THE ROMANCE OF THE JEW



Texts: And I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. Gen. 12:3. What advantage then hath the Jew? Much every way. Rom. 3:12.

OUR Jewish friends are now observing their New Year—the 5,681st. The period includes the fast of Guadaliah and culminates in Yom Kippur, the most solemn Day of Atonement, next Wednesday.

As a man of affairs I want to stop and take notice of one of the most remarkable phenomena of the centuries—the preservation and indestructibility of the Jewish race. Here is a marvelous thing—a bush is burning and is not consumed! “Show me a miracle,” said Frederick the Great to his chaplain. “Sire, it is the Jews,” answered the man of God. As an ambassador of God. I, too, in a labor of love, would stop and pay a tribute of

appreciative recognition to this wonderful people to whom you and I are indebted for so many things, not the least of which is the fundamentals of our own Christian religion.

All the world's a stage whereon not only individuals, but nations and races, are players. Every nation has played some part, great or small. Each one has had its message for the centuries in which it lived. Rome gave government; Greece, culture; Phoenicia, commerce; the Jew has carried monotheism, the worship of a single God, through the ages. He has played his part and played it well. Where he has faltered or blundered he always paid a fearful penalty. I know of no other that has suffered so much and survived.

When the temple in Jerusalem was destroyed the Jew became a wanderer, a man without a country. There isn't a continent, there isn't a nation, upon the face of the earth of which he is not an inhabitant. Innumerable forces of history through many ages have helped to form his destiny. His story is at once the miracle and the romance of human history. None can blot him out, Babylonian captivity, Roman domination, Grecian absorption, mediaeval persecution,

modern massacre, have been in vain. Talk about the splendid line of Roman pontiffs on the banks of the yellow Tiber—the Jew has outlived Egypt, Chaldea, Assyria, Persia and the dynasties of the past. While our fathers were savages living on roots in the forest or gnawing a bone in a cave, his were princes in the House of King David. He of today is nothing more or less than a child of his great yesterday. Though removed from his Asiatic origin well nigh 2,000 years, there's a queer dualism which makes him a creature old and new. He has one foot on the soil of antiquity, the other rests on the foreground of today. His profile is that of Ur of Chaldees, but in Russia his features are Russian, in Italy Italian, in Spain Spanish. There are 50,000 black Jews in Abyssinia, negro Hebrews, while there are even Chinese Jews who observe all the Jewish religious rites and all their dietary laws—yet they have the almond eyes, the flat noses and the yellow skin of Mongolians.

In the Fiery Furnace.

The three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace were forerunners.

In the sixteenth century in Venice was begun the concentration camp known as the Ghetto. Back of the old ghetto, or iron foundry, the Jew had to live in a restricted district. The name was gradually applied to the Jewish quarter of every city. In each ghetto he developed a life of his own—religion, custom, literature, tradition, song, pleasure, all his own.

During those middle ages he was persecuted relentlessly, bitterly. It wouldn't surprise me if that mediaeval life had not left an indelible impress on him. That past, indeed, his any past, is not a mere memory to be cherished and revered, but a hideous, living, ever present experience, burned on his consciousness. Is he "peculiar"? If he is, circumstances have made him so. Suppose we had taken a few hundred thousand people of any nation two thousand years ago, set them apart to live in restricted districts, forced them to wear a distinctive garb, forbidden them to engage in agriculture, limited their usefulness to particular trades, only in rarest cases allowed to own property, many other things prohibited under pain of death—wouldn't any people become "peculiar"?

Would it be wondered at if long continued persecution would leave them suspicious? The constant menace of the proselyter would make them no less fearsome than the torture chamber itself—they would soon fear the Greeks when bearing gifts. Each period of oppression would send him back decades, grieved and bewildered.

In spite of all this he has developed a marvelous love for his stepmother-lands. The Jew has always been a patriot of the land which gave him birth. He quickly adapts himself to the country that gives him food and shelter. He soon finds himself. Given the opportunity, he perfects himself in science, music, painting, sculpture, literature, philosophy, sociology, philanthropy, medicine, mathematics, history, astronomy. In all he gave his best; frequently in return he was refused civil privilege, political office, military honor. Their hands were tied and they were blamed for not using them! Persecution, fire, sword, rack and dungeon were his reward. Captive children, murdered men, ravished women were considered his birth-right.

How loyal he is may be seen in the strife

of the Great War. In England eight per cent of the Jews enlisted to six per cent of non-Jews. America sent between 200,000 and 225,000 into all branches of the service. Their quota, as being about three per cent of the population, they exceeded by one-third. Of the 800 citations for valor, 174 won the Croix de Guerre, 130 the Distinguished Service Cross, 3 the U. S. Congressional Medal of Honor, our highest gift, and 2 the rare French Medaille Militaire. Their casualties were about 18,000. Three thousand five hundred laid down their lives by the side of their non-Jewish comrades under the poppies of Flanders. They, too, had a rendezvous with death. Honor to them! In the great conflict on all sides one-twentieth of the Jews of the world fought with nothing to gain but the opportunity of killing their own martyred race!

The Melting Pot.

America spells opportunity for the Jew.

Someone has said: "In this melting pot the Jew will be lost—he is losing rapidly through inter-marriage, modernism and infidelity."

No. He will not be lost. If he will only be true to his ancient landmarks he will find himself. You see, he belongs here as surely as the rest of us. He came with Columbus. There were five Jews in the fleet. Rodrigo Sanchez was the overseer of the crew. Luis de Torres was the interpreter. They were of the first to behold and set foot on the new Promised Land. Abraham and Columbus were men who pioneered westward not knowing whither. If, as is said, Columbus' mother was Suzanne Fonterosa, a Jewess, then Columbus was a fine successor to Abraham. There is no discovery without faith—both were men of faith. Who can tell whether the hand that has guided the Jew westward, from the Euphrates to the Jordan, from the Jordan to the Nile, from the Nile to the Tiber, from the Tiber to the Guadalquivir, did not also lead him across the Atlantic that he might, under God's sun, in a land of freedom, live where he chooses, worship as he desires; no ghetto to wall him in, no restriction to fetter his feet, no tribunal to cow his spirit; free to develop his highest faculties, and in return give the best that is in him to make America the hope of a struggling world. I believe

America's noble treatment of the Jew is graven on his heart. He is of a race capable of splendid sentiment and great gratitude. Time will never efface it.

The Jewish Old Testament literature moulded Puritan thought. It was the Jew who loaned Washington \$600,000 to finance the Valley Forge campaign. The inscription on the Liberty Bell in our fair city is taken from the Jewish Bible. Lincoln's addresses show his inspiration from Jewish Elijah. What a coincidence that the Lincoln penny, the coin of the little child and the common people, is a product of a Jewish designer—Victor D. Brenner. In America the Jew is a patriot without a hyphen. They have never tried to form a "Jewish vote" at election time. He is the average citizen, reaching the heights and depths of human possibility. He is as rich as Dives or as poor as Lazarus. He is Carl Marx the socialist or Rothschild the capitalist. He is Felix Adler the law-abiding or "Ikey the gunman." He is a Shylock or Baron de Hirsch. He is a wanderer and yet he clings to the pale. He is homeless, yet he owns Broadway. The Jew at the lowest was Judas—at the highest he was Jesus.

An American Jerusalem.

Not in Judea, but in New York is the real Jerusalem.

If there are 15,000,000 Jews in the world America has about 3,000,000, of which about 1,500,000 are in and about Greater New York. In that city every sixth person you meet is a son of Israel, while on Manhattan Island the proportion is one to four. About one-third of the student body of Columbia University is Jewish, the City College is nearly ninety-seven per cent. New York has the largest high school in the world—the Washington Irving—practically all of its 6,000 pupils are Jewish. The New York telephone directory shows sixteen columns of Cohens and but fourteen of Smiths. In Philadelphia there are two and one-half columns of Cohens to eleven of Smiths. There was a time, a generation ago, when New York was Roman Catholic—today it is Jewish!

Will the Jew go back to Jerusalem? Never, except as a tourist. America is the Jew's Palestine, and Washington, D. C., his Zion. I suspect that if you plant the blue and white flag of Zionism on one side and the red, white and blue of the United States on the other

and demand of the Jew, "Choose ye this day which you will serve," there will be but one answer.

This is his country. He is on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States, he is in Senate and House of Representatives, he is Governor in three States, he is Mayor of several cities. Two of New York's most successful newspapers, the *World* and the *Times*, are works of Jewish proprietors. The business manager of the Hearst newspapers is Jewish. The banking house that stands next to J. P. Morgan & Company is Jewish. A Jewish engineer built the Pennsylvania tunnels under the East River.

Will the Jew intermarry? I do not know of the future—but he has and does! August Belmont married a daughter of Commander Perry. The distinguished Dr. Abraham Jacobi married May Putnam, Walter Damosch married the daughter of James G. Blaine. Ossip Gabrilowitch, the musician, married Mark Twain's daughter. Do you know any of the fruit of Christian-Jewish marriages? Let me refresh your memory. Did you know that Bret Harte was one? A few others are Sir John Herschel, the astron-

omer; Francis Turner Palgrave, the critic; Sir John Millais, the artist; Leon Gambetta, the statesman; Sir Arthur Sullivan, the composer, and—now hold your breath!—the mother of General William Booth, the youthful pawnbroker's assistant, the glorious Christian saint of Salvation Army fame, was a Miss Moss, a Jewess! Take a look at his picture and see how she bequeathed to him that magnificent Old Testament physiognomy which was such a valuable asset in his public appearance.

“Hath Not the Jew a Soul?”

Will the Jew become a Christian? I rather think not. Not in appreciable numbers. Do we have grapes of thorns and figs of thistles? Not in this year of our Lord, 1920.

The young Jew is causing his elders considerable anxiety religiously. As in all other religious bodies there is much drifting in these days of transition. The young Jew is making money, he is getting an education, he is intense on social problems, many are pronounced Socialists—but he isn't becoming Christian. Not Christianity but Christians stagger the Jew. What he has undergone at

the hands of Christians in Europe would stagger us if the condition were reversed.

America is not yet perfect in its tolerance—humanity never will be. But thank God for the American spirit of fair play and a chance. It is ten thousand times better than Russia or Central Europe from which many of the Jews have fled. Give the Jew a Gentile's chance, give the negro a white man's chance, give the woman a man's chance, give the poor the rich man's chance, and they will make good. America spells that chance!

You and I, Christians, worship the Jehovah of the Jews—as Christ came to interpret Him. The Jewish Scriptures, the Old Testament, begins with the story of Man, not with a history of the Jews. Our religion, the Christian religion, was founded on Jews and Judaism. Every book of our New Testament was written by a Jew, with the possible exception of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. My text was written by a little Jewish tent-maker, he, who, next to Moses, has cut the greatest swath in human history.

It was Simon Peter, a Jew, to whom Christ said, "On this rock I will build My church." Our very calendar is based on the birthday

of a Jew, and our greatest, sweetest holiday centers around the manger-cradle of a little Jewish babe! Of the Christians of the world 500,000,000 worship Jesus, a Jew. And 200,000,000 venerate Mary, a Jewess!

But, say, Christian preacher, you haven't told the faults of the Jew. No. That is not now the subject of my story. I know the Jew's faults—I know his virtues—they are both surprisingly like the Christian's—and when I weigh them in the balance I am glad to extend my hand to my intensely human neighbor—the Jew.

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Ford Attacks Jews, Why ?

Read a Little History

The Earth is Round

Race Hatred Out of Date

By ARTHUR BRISBANE



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PREJUDICE and race hatred are dying, but slowly. Race hatred, resulting in murder, among ignorant peasants of Eastern Europe, does not surprise you.

But when race hatred, taking a new lease of life, appears in the Far West in a weekly newspaper owned by Henry Ford, one of the most useful citizens in this country, you are surprised.

What cunning instigation persuades Mr. Ford to deal with a subject he does not understand, to attack a race of whose achievements and history he is ignorant, and to use the great influence of his name and the slight influence of his newspaper harmfully?

Ford, presumably willing to learn, should study with open mind, as he studies gas engines and transportation, the history of the Jewish people. A book simply written is offered to his attention, "Jewish Contributions to Civilization," written by Joseph Jacobs,

published in Philadelphia by the Jewish Publication Society of America.

Jews are disliked because they have been successful. In lines that have been open to them, not closed by hatred and prejudice, they have been conquerors.

World conquerors have never been liked by those that studied their excellence. From the Phœnicians of old, a Semitic people that led the world in daring, to Yankee and Japanese conquerors of to-day, there has been no love wasted on winners by those whom they overcame.

Romans, Normans, Spaniards, Englishmen, Prussians, Goths, Mongols, in their days of conquest were never popular.

The Jew's conquest in his own field has run through centuries, beginning more than two thousand years before our era, and running up to this day. Every other successful name that you see, in a great city, is a Jewish name.

Jews, numbering less than one per cent. of the earth's population, possess by conquest, enterprise, industry and intelligence fifty per cent. of the world's commercial success. They are disliked by those that seek excuses for failure.

This does not apply to Henry Ford, who could buy, with perhaps two or three exceptions, the richest Jew in the world once every year and have plenty left.

Those that misrepresent Henry Ford's real character and the historical facts in Mr. Ford's weekly newspaper are repeating what they have heard, not what they know or believe.

Mr. Ford should remember how he himself has been ignorantly or maliciously attacked and hated. As an antidote to prejudice and lies handed down through centuries there are here offered to Ford and others a few facts.

You are told that Jews reap the harvest of those that dare, that they do not take risk on their own account.

What about the Phœnicians? They were of the Semitic race. They were first to sail from the Mediterranean through the Straits of Gibraltar out into the wild Atlantic.

They were first to open the tin mines of England, first daring explorers in many lands.

And they were first to navigate out of sight of land, traveling at night by the stars—they had no compass—risking shipwreck in fog or cloudy weather.

Does that show lack of enterprise or physical courage?

Men ask, "What have Jews contributed to the intellect of the world?"

Three books have influenced the human mind above others—Homer, Aesop's Fables and the Bible.

The Jews wrote the Bible and gave Christianity to the world. The mother of Christ was a Jewess—especially chosen, undoubtedly, for nobility of character and purity of soul.

That fact alone should make "Christians" hesitate to condemn Jews indiscriminately.

The intellect of man owes much to the writing of Jews, who possess the art of condensing thought. Here are a few sayings that Henry Ford and others use often, not suspecting that they are quoting the Jewish mind:

"A tale that is told."

"A land flowing with milk and honey."

"The wife of my bosom."

"The apple of my eye."

"Vanity of vanities."

"Heaping coals of fire."

“Weighed in the balance and found wanting.”

“Put not thy trust in princes.”

“Go to the ant, thou sluggard.”

“Righteousness exalteth a nation.”

“A soft answer turneth away wrath.”

“Love is strong as death.”

Is there lack of mental concentration in those sayings that might be sketched out to fill every column of this newspaper?

Whether the Jews originated monotheism, belief in one God, or borrowed the idea from Babylonians, that borrowed it from others, we don't know. But we know that we got that idea from the Jews, and we should be grateful to them.

Renan thought the Jews got their idea of one God while wandering in the desert, flat, apparently infinite, and nothing visible to be worshipped. They were compelled to look above and imagine one God up there. But that is not convincing to those that know how the mind of man has worked while creating religions to represent the stage of development.

Those that misrepresent Jews say they are not creators in industry, that they live by

getting part of profit produced by some one else. As well say that Henry Ford is not a creator in the automobile business, but simply draws profit from the men who invented the gas engine.

In modern industrial and commercial progress the railroad stands at the head. Have Jews done anything for the railroads of the world?

The Rothschilds carried the load in building the Great Northern Railroad of France, and the principal railway in Austria.

Baron de Hirsch founded his fortune by establishing the railway system in the Balkans. Like many other Jews, he left all of that fortune to be spent in good work after his death.

The German-Jewish banking house of Bleichroeder was the backbone of the Prussian railway system until Government took it over.

The Bischoffheims built up the railroad system of Belgium. The Pereires, also Jews, built the southern railways for Russia. Ask the ghost of E. H. Harriman how the Jewish firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Company enabled him to develop his lines, making it possible to

change them into real railroads to the tune of fifty thousand miles of trackage and twelve billions of dollars.

Jewish enterprise that runs practically every manufacturing sewing machine in the United States also started running the biggest locomotives of the world.

These Pereires that developed the railroads in south Russia also developed railroad systems in the north of France, and they were the creators of the *Credit Foncier* and *Credit Mobilier*, that became the chief pillars of financial strength in France.

Men like the Pereires and others were not only "business men." One, Jacob Rodriguez Pereire, was the first to teach deaf-mutes, which is not exactly a money-making enterprise.

All of that family were earnest radicals, by the way, and making millions did not, as usually happens, cure them of radicalism and original thought.

Are Jews of use in the scientific world? Felicien David, a Jewish musician, planted in the brain of de Lesseps and Muhammed Ali the idea of the Suez Canal.

A Jewish musician started the idea. A Jewish statesman, Disraeli, who never took the trouble to make any money for himself, had intelligence enough to buy the stock of the canal for England, thus earning great power and many millions for his country. He also made his Queen Empress of India. Great statesmen among Jews. Germany keeping Jews out of diplomacy now recognizes a mistake.

To see a Jewish scientist of highest class go to the great University of Chicago. Professor Michelson may be too busy to see you, but any book will tell you that he is the man that taught the world how to measure the speed of light. All astronomers work in infinite space, using the "foot rule" that he gave them.

Is it true that Jews borrow ideas from others and are never intellectual pioneers?

Of all philosophers, the greatest, perhaps, is the Jew Spinoza. Certainly none stands above him. He has taught many of the world's ablest minds.

What sort of man was he? Read Sir Frederick Pollock's "Life of Spinoza." We praise the naturalist Agassiz, because he said

he had no time to make money. Spinoza had no time even to accept money.

While writing books that are immortal he worked at his trade grinding lenses. He was not worth fifty dollars when he died, yet he refused the fortune that an English disciple would have given to him, saying, "Give it to your brother, he needs money."

Karl Marx, who disturbs the dreams of many prosperous gentlemen, was a Jew. That may not be in the language of our day "a boost" for his race, but it shows that they do their own thinking.

Trotsky, who could walk from a sewing machine on the East Side of New York to a 50 per cent. interest in the dictatorship of Russia, is another Jew. That shows power of "adaptation to environment."

Have Jews physical courage? Ask the prize fighters, any of the gentlemen whom Mr. Benjamin Leonard has stretched out in the course of his career.

Better still, ask the pages of history.

Read of six hundred Jews burned alive at one time in Strasburg, any one of whom could have saved his life by denying his religion.

Not one would deny it. Does that show courage?

As those six hundred died, so tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands have died in the horrors that have been perpetrated for centuries in the name of Christ, the son of a Jewess.

In ancient laws you may read that the Jews were "the property" of the king. Sometimes he protected them. They could make money, he needed it, and knew how to get it from them. Nearly always he had a Jew for his physician, and great heads of the church also had Jewish physicians, although ordinary Christians were not allowed to employ them.

"Widows, orphans, aliens, Jews, lunatics and later the printing press" were under the control of the monarch.

Jews and the printing press combined have done a great deal to put the monarch out of date. Jews have been leaders always, in courageous, radical thought. That is why the Czars butchered them. They outlive the Czars.

Ancient, deeply religious minds believed, with childish ingenuousness, that whereas

Jews should all have been wiped out after the crucifixion they were kept alive to prove the truth of the Bible.

Thus, St. Bernard says: "They are living symbols for us, representing the Lord's Passion. For this are they dispersed to all lands, so that, while they pay the just penalty of so great a crime, they may be witnesses for our redemption."

St. Bernard was a sincere, very good man, and in the brutality surrounding him his words probably were a protection for Jews.

But, more enlightened today, we know that God kept Jews alive, not to prove that He told the truth in His Bible, but rather because He knew that the rest of the world needed their energy, intelligence and other good qualities.

The race from which He selected the mother of His own Son might certainly possess many desirable qualities.

The Bible repeatedly says that the Jews were His chosen people.

Are Jews perfect, better than others? By no means.

Their ancient superstitions and laws are in some instances worse than our own, in some

instances better. They probably have as many defects as any other race, perhaps more, because they are more highly complicated. More things go wrong in a twelve-cylinder engine than in a one-cylinder machine.

Intelligent men, studying a block of ore in a mountain, or a block of human beings in history, ask not how much ordinary earth but how much gold is in that block. The Jewish mental block assays very highly, and history proves it.

Behold, reasonable space in a crowded Sunday newspaper has been exhausted, and the review of Mr. Jacobs' book has not begun.

It should interest you, buy and read it. It gives facts, a truthful review of history.

Hatred of Jews and ignorance concerning them that marked the Middle Ages disgrace any man in this age, and are especially unworthy of such a man as Henry Ford.

Occasionally this writer receives a letter from a colored preacher in the South who says earnestly that the earth is really not round, but flat, and the reverend "can prove it."

He is not asked to prove it, the rotundity

of the earth is no longer discussed. And it is not necessary for Jews to prove the falsehood of slander circulated against them for ages. Such a man as Henry Ford, loving justice, should not allow his name or his money to be used on the side of ignorance and slander.

**HENRY FORD'S
CHALLENGE**
and
A JEW'S REPLY

By DR. STEPHEN S. WISE



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A JEW'S REPLY*

THERE is a putative "Jewish Peril," the peril of a vile forgery, entitled "The Protocols and World Revolution," published, one regrets to note, by a hitherto reputable publishing house of Boston, a forgery which is not only an indictment of but a crime against a whole people. The very phrase "Jewish peril" sounds like some mad Nietzschean cry that the Jews have poisoned the world with Christianity. Wherein lies the "Jewish peril"? Is it in the Jewish Bible, Old and New? Is it in the God of the Jewish Bible? Is it in the Sabbath of the Jew? Is it in the Prophets or the Apostles, or in Jesus the Jew? Is it in the spectacle of the unimpairable and miraculous loyalty of the Jew?

And yet certain perils are bound up with

* The above is excerpted from a series of recent addresses by Dr. Wise, which are shortly to be reprinted in full.

the so-called "Jewish peril"—perils that are real and not fictitious. The "Jewish peril" is the cry of every group in Europe today which desires the restoration of the old pre-war order, whether in militarist Germany or in Czarist Russia. It is a brazen attempt to find some scapegoat, an excuse for a return to the order that was. While mobs may be diverted for an hour from pursuing their purposes, the cry of the "Jewish peril" is no solution of the problem which has created world-wide unrest. Polish mobs may forget about the crimes of Polish imperialism whilst committing unspeakable crimes against Jewish men, women and children, but this solves no problems.

After the Jews shall have been crushed, if crushed they are to be, what is to become of their blood-whetted destroyers? Instead of seeking a true and abiding solution of the problems of the world, the anodyne of the "Jewish peril" is offered to a world largely under arms by those either responsible for the social and moral disorder of the world or ready to capitalize it to the end that the old order of imperialism and militarism may be re-established.

Yes, there is a "Jewish peril," real and undeniable,—the peril not occasioned *by* the Jew but *to* the Jew. If it be willed by the world, so shall it be! Physical pain and suffering can be borne for centuries without collective hurt. Not so spiritual hurt, which after a time leaves its ineffaceable mark upon its victims.

Consider what is happening in East European lands. Can these things be and be done without the doers being terribly and even curelessly hurt? If war leaves its marks for evil upon them that wage it, what shall be said of them that wage war against such as answer not? War is redeemed in some part by the risks taken by the warriors. What of the morale of such as war upon the unweaponed, that make a business as does Eastern Europe of slaying the defenceless because they are Jews?

And this is happening in Europe today with results bound to be terrible if not fatal to East European nations. Can Europe hope to be spared the ruinous hurt done in its lands to every finer moral sentiment? Europe cannot remain unhurt by the treatment of the Jew in which European lands indulge

today,—by the virtual exile of the world's greatest scientist, Einstein, from the academic halls of Germany; by Hungary's barbarous treatment of its Jewish citizenry; by Poland's ghastly excesses against its Jewish men, women and children; by the Ukraine's hellish dealing with its Jewish victims. Our Bernard Cantor, my beloved young friend and colleague, was only one of tens of thousands of the victims of Ukrainian butchery,—Cantor differing from the others only, but, oh, what a difference, in that they could not escape and he chose to go to his brothers to share their life and to die as many of them needs must die.

Consider the character of the charges included in the general indictment the "Jewish peril." The Jew is said to confuse the mind of the world through processes of disintegration and corruption of public opinion. The seriousness and credibility of the charge is shown by the accusation that the capitalist Jew is in league with the workingman Jew to upset the world, the Jewish millionaire and the proletariat Jew, forsooth, conspiring to bring about the overthrow of civilization.

No, Europe that is Christendom cannot re-

main unhurt and unbowed by this savage, godless treatment of its Jewish people. The Jewish people will survive as survived they have. They are brought low for an hour, but they will rise again. But their persecutors are perhaps forever fallen. Let Poland slay its Jews, yet will Israel live. But will Poland live, and, though it live, will it not be morally maimed and spiritually broken for all time?

I have said that Israel will live, and that, grievously unjust though the charge of the "Jewish peril" be, Israel will recover from every wound inflicted. And yet in another sense this is not true. The gravamen of the "Jewish peril" lies in the fact that the Jew succumb to his fears rather than remain sustained by his pride and resolution. And, be it confessed, Jews do succumb in all lands. Austria has during the past months witnessed a very frenzy of Jewish baptisms,—the baptism, not conversion, of poor, cowardly, broken Jews, who flee to the baptismal font as a refuge from their Christian persecutors. These flee *not to Christianity but from Christians*. This is alike Israel's peril and Christendom's shame.

It is the special shame of Christendom in America today that that tissue of lies and forgeries known as the Protocols or the "Jewish peril" is being given circulation by a confessedly nearly illiterate multi-millionaire, who has taken upon himself the onus of filing the gravest charges that have ever been uttered against Jews in this or any land. In America it is not enough for Christians to say that they have no part therein, that they place no credence in the charge. It is their business and above all in their Christian churches it is their duty to cry out against these hideous falsehoods uttered against a whole people.

This is the time to protest, before it is too late, before the disease shall have taken root throughout the land, and become endemic and fateful to our moral well-being. The world long smiled at the symptoms of national disease in Germany and neither within nor from without Germany was there an attempt made for more than a generation to cure the disease. Suddenly the plague broke loose; it was too late. This is the time for the voice of Christianity to make itself heard in the land against a most godless and anti-Chris-

tian conspiracy against the security of the Jew and the honor of Christendom.

A cure must be found for both—the peril of the one and the shame of the other. It is Christendom that must end both,—not for Israel's sake alone or chiefly but for its own. Though a Jew, I am gravely concerned about the self-debasement of the Christian world, which is turning the life of Israel of Eastern Europe into a tale of shambles. And the lead in bringing this awful chapter to an end must not and cannot be taken by Jews but by Christians. It is the body of the Jew that is hurt; it is the soul of Christendom that may doom itself.

And if it should come to pass that Christendom forbear not, then though we walk in the valley of the shadow of death, we must not fear evil done to us but only such evil as we may be tempted to do. We must keep our heads unbowed though bloody. The one thing we may not, dare not, do is to justify the baseness of our oppressors, so live as to give substance to the lies of them that defame us. It is we who now more than ever in the centuries of our tragic story have reason to turn and to pray: "Father, forgive them,

though they *know* what they do." The world we must learn to forgive though ourselves we shall never be able to forgive, if we forget the injunction laid upon our fathers: "Be a blessing." "Bless them that curse thee."

Henry Ford's series of articles in "The Dearborn Independent," now reprinted in pamphlet form under the heading, "The World's Foremost Problem: The International Jew," is not so much a challenge to the Jew as an affront to public opinion, as an insult to every public decency. Before the war and the state of psychic disturbance which it has brought about, not even a Henry Ford would have dared to publish material resting for the most part upon the so-called Protocols, a forgery so clumsy, so stupid, so obvious, that none save Henry Ford could be deceived thereby.

The very title of the pamphlet, "The World's Foremost Problem: The International Jew," is a direct libel against the Jewish people at a time when the world is beset by problems national and international, and is by indirection an attempt to seize hold of the Jew as the scapegoat solvent of all its problems; the Ford screed is the most

insidious of appeals to explain world-unrest by erecting the bogey of Bolshevism an an invention of Jewish capitalism and Jewish proletarianism leagued together *ad hoc*.

What Henry Ford's motives may be, it is not easy for one to determine who is unfamiliar with abnormal psychology or psychiatry. It may be that this adventure in the retailing of the contents of old garbage-pails represents a prospective Presidential candidacy. It may be nothing more serious than a publicity feat of the not unknown Ford products. Back of Henry Ford's invasion of the field of Jewish libel may lie abysmal ignorance, but that ignorance is being utilized with a skill and adroitness compact of malignity.

I am a Zionist. I have been associated with the leaders of the Zionist movement for twenty-three years, Herzl, Wolfsohn, Nordau, Weizmann, Sokolow, Brandeis, Mack. I am entirely familiar with the words and works of the Zionist leaders throughout all these years. No man that is sane can for a moment believe that the Protocols are anything other than an amazing forgery, designed after the pattern of many older for-

geries, to place in the mouth of Jews sentiments and purposes hostile to the world. Zionism set out to concern itself frankly and publicly with a great public purpose, invoked and secured the support of the enlightened peoples of the earth, that support finding its consummation in the San Remo decision of April, 1920, which awarded to Great Britain the mandate over an ultimately Jewish Palestine. This San Remo decision of England, France, Italy and America was, to use a term as it is used in the Christian world, one of the most Christian acts of nineteen hundred years.

The gravamen of the Ford charge is that the Jews have set out to conquer the world. I for my part pray for the conquest of Christendom by Christianity, for the world's sake, for Israel's sake, that Jews may be free once again, as they ought to be, to concern themselves with the problem of self-mastery and self-conquest. The allegation is that Jews are not only powerful but that they aim to be omnipotent,—in other words, the conquerors of the world. If the legend be true, how reconcile this imagined conquest of the world, this fabled omnificence of the Jew, with the

status of half the Jews of earth? The Jews of Eastern Europe whom, I say it with infinite sorrow, we seem powerless to save; the Jews of Central Europe, who have entered upon an era of unparalleled misery, scapegoat in deservedly broken Germany, shuttlecock of Austria, despised victim of Hungary! If we aimed at power, if we cherished designs of world-supremacy, would we not will to keep ourselves alive? Five to seven million Jews are in blackest, awfulest misery, and in America, including the gifts of non-Jews, not more than fifteen millions have been given by three million and more American Jews during the past year.

Does it savor of great power and conquering world-might to admit that of ten millions asked for by the Zionist Organization of America as the Palestine Restoration Fund, not two millions have come to hand? Is not Zionism in itself a token of want of power? Some Jews wish to rebuild the Jewish homeland, but many more must flee thither for refuge. So poor and powerless are we that we cannot even afford to bring to Palestine tens of thousands of homeless

Jews struggling afoot and starving throughout Europe.

Henry Ford makes the ludicrous charge that the Jews of the world have apparently secured the five points of the star,—the purse, the press, peerage, Palestine and proletarianism,—the sixth point to be the Prince of Israel. Would God that a Prince of Israel who was on earth nineteen hundred years ago, he whom Christians name the Prince of Peace, might come to earth to teach and to lead them that call themselves by his name and withal reject him indeed.

Ford challenges in the terms: "The Jew believes that the world is his by right: He wants to collect his own and the speediest way of doing so is the destruction of order by revolution." This is utterly and abominably false. The Jew does not believe that the world is his by right. I reply to Ford's challenge, "The Jew believes that right must rule the world."

Ford's challenge takes the form, "There were as many Gentiles killed by Gentiles as there are Jews in the world,—it was a great victory for Israel." In truth, one million Jews and more have been killed by war

or through the aftermath of war within the last six years. Hundreds of thousands of Jews were slain in the Russian army, Jews infinitely more loyal to Russia than the Romanoffs. One hundred thousand Jews have been butchered by the Fords of the Ukraine within two years. Ford is dastardly enough to point out that few Jews could have died in battle in any army, for only crosses are to be seen in the war cemeteries of Europe, and this defamation of our honored, hallowed dead in every European war-cemetery comes with poor grace indeed from the abetting-father of the skulking, shirking Edsel.

Ford's challenge assumes "Jews today are the only people whose special and extraordinary privileges are written into the world's treaty of peace." Special and extraordinary privileges forsooth! Because the democracies of the world set out to recognize the rights of minority peoples in Eastern Europe,—Jews included! And these special and extraordinary privileges are being honored in the breach altogether by Poland and other East European lands, which will find

support of all their injustice to the Jew in the Ford words and works.

Though I must postpone the discussion of what Jews think of non-Jews in answer to the challenge of Ford, I will tell what one Jew thinks of one non-Jew. No man ought to be free to have the power which Henry Ford is exercising for evil. No man, though as rich as Ford or Cræsus, ought to be suffered to libel a whole people in a land, the well-being of which depends upon the spirit of understanding and of conciliation, of tolerance and of good-will. Ford declares that the authorship of the Protocols, basic to his own challenge, is imputed by Jews to a criminal or a madman. The reply of one Jew to Henry Ford is that his work, "The World's Greatest Problem: The International Jew," is the work of a criminal or a madman. And I do not believe, despite certain significant intimations, that Henry Ford is a madman.

Henry Ford is seeking to introduce into American life a tendency that is divisive, disruptive and morally fateful. The American people will have none of him and his ways. When once the American people, lovers of

fair-play and of justice, understand that Henry Ford is seeking to introduce the spirit of or that makes for pogromism into America. they will abhor and renounce him. Henry Ford needs to be reminded that America is not a matter of *cheap engines* but of a *precious spirit*. Henry Ford shall not be suffered to cheapen the spirit of America; he shall not be permitted to vulgarize and corrupt America's soul.

The challenge reads that we are attempting to destroy Christianity. One Jew replies: Far from that, the evil is that there is not enough Christianity in the world. If there were, Henry Ford, his incendiary word, his criminally inciting purpose, would not be tolerated for an hour. Henry Ford challenges in the terms, "the Jews are said to come and meet and go in every capital of Europe with a nameless program." Not a program! It is not a Jewish program, but Christian pogroms that bring us together. Henry Ford calls himself a Christian. No Ukrainian hooligan, slayer of women and children, was ever more truly guilty of the spirit of the pogrom than is Henry Ford.

And if Henry Ford be right and his chal-

lenge be valid, then let it be remembered by them that understand that Jews are as they were, and that they were as they are, that Jesus of Nazareth was of them and with them and for them, that every calumny against the brothers and sisters of Jesus, the Jew reviles him. God pity and forgive Henry Ford. God save America and keep America true to the American hope of goodwill and brotherhood among men.



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A Cobbler Who Did Not Stick to His Last

APELLES, the most celebrated of the painters of ancient Greece, was in the habit, upon completing a picture of his, to exhibit it in public, and to conceal himself behind it, to hear whatever comments were being made respecting it. On one occasion he heard a cobbler calling attention to a mistake the artist had made in one of the shoes of one of the characters on the canvas, which mistake Apelles forthwith corrected. Flattered by seeing the artist accepting his criticism, the cobbler undertook to criticize other parts of the painting, to which the artist remarked: "It is not for a cobbler to criticize ought else but a shoe."

Ford Likened to Cobbler.

What Apelles said to the shoemaker that we would say to Henry Ford, who has re-

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cently floundered into journalism, and has undertaken to malign and to besmirch the character of the Jewish people of our and other lands. In a periodical of his, called *The Dearborn Independent*, he has published a series of articles so virulently anti-Semitic that the like of them has probably never before been published in our land, articles so outrageously malicious and slanderous that, had they appeared in any other periodical, and been published by any other man than Mr. Ford, they would have given occasion for very serious concern on the part of the Jewish people. Fortunately for us, Mr. Henry Ford has, upon several occasions, within recent years, given exhibitions of such monumental ignorance, that he has forfeited the right of having serious consideration attached by thinking people to anything he may say or publish.

Ford Should Stick to His Motor

The world gladly and justly credits him with being one of the foremost manufacturers, a maker of a motor than which there is none more efficient for its price; a creator, within a comparatively short time, of one of the

greatest enterprises and one that has yielded him a vast fortune. Farther than this the world's admiration of him does not extend. So colossal was the ignorance he displayed on the witness stand, during the trial of the libel-suit he had instituted against *The Chicago Tribune*, where, for instance, he spoke of Benedict Arnold, the arch-traitor, as one of the signers of the *Declaration of Independence*, that the only decent attitude we can assume toward him is that which Apelles assumed toward the cobbler, the only thing we can say in all fairness to him is this: "Henry Ford, stick to your motor. That is about the only thing you know, and know well. When you start tinkering on other things of which you are, and ever will be, hopelessly ignorant, you only succeed in making a sorry spectacle of yourself."

Ford at One Time Taken Seriously.

There was a time when numbers of people, including myself, were inclined to take him seriously. It was when, at the height of the world-war, he proposed acting as a peace-maker between the warring nations. But when they saw him taking a shipful of

dreamers and visionaries to Europe to pit them against great statesmen and skilled diplomats and powerful field-m Marshals, when they saw and heard how these emissaries made a laughing-stock of themselves and of our country, they were at a loss what to think of Ford, whether to think him a madman or a simpleton or a shrewd self-advertiser. There were then, as there are now, many who believed him to be the three in one.

Roosevelt's Opinion of Ford.

We have a statement concerning him by the late Theodore Roosevelt, told in a recently published book entitled "*Talks with T. R.*", that reads as follows:

"Ford is a pretty good man for making cheap automobiles. He makes a good car for the money, and in his sphere has done a very good work. But he won't stick to his sphere. He would instruct Cosmos. It would not be bad if he knew anything about matters outside of automobiles that he attempts to manage and direct. He does not seem to have the faintest idea of these matters. He knows nothing of world politics, yet he sets himself up, with the aid of an army of press-agents, as the man who must teach everybody. He has no conception of what we mean by Americanism, and has an extreme idea of the importance and power of his money. He is ignorant, yet because he has

been so successful in motors, many, many persons, hardly as ignorant as himself, think him wise in all things, and allow him to influence their views. Henry, like Barnum, has been a great advertiser. I do not say his peace-ship was an advertising dodge—I will give him credit for being sincere there, but I won't say that he has not been given credit for a lot of philanthropy that was merely good business. Other of his schemes given much publicity are imaginings that in others would attract no attention.

“He and his son Edsel make a precious pair. The exempting of that young man was a glaring bit of injustice. Had I had my way, he'd have gone into the trenches, and taken his chances, just as any poor man's son had to go and take his chances. Instead he is safe in Detroit. Cases like his make fine material for demagogues who try to tell the ignorant this is a government for rich men.”

Regarded Now a Self-Advertiser.

As said before, from having, like Roosevelt, believed in Ford's sincerity when hearing of his sending a Peace-Ark to Europe, for the purpose of getting the war-lords to agree upon terms of peace, I came later to doubt his sincerity, to regard the widely-trumpeted affair as a shrewd advertising scheme. And I am sure, had Roosevelt been alive today, and had he who, time and again, had expressed himself in highest terms of the excellence of

the Jewish people, read the defamatory articles which Ford has seen fit to publish against them, he would have concluded as I have, that there never could have been even a trace of real and sincere love of peace in the heart of Ford. No man can wish to see peace and good-will established on earth who has it in his heart, at a time of world-wide unrest, and intense racial prejudices, and national hatreds, to publish against a people that has its dwelling place in all lands, and among all nationalities, articles so heinously false that they cannot but arouse in the ignorant, credulous, bigoted, an antagonism so intense that it may inflame some of the ignorant into assaults, outrages, massacres, like unto those that followed upon like publications in Russia, Germany and Austria.

Ignorant of Harm He Is Doing.

I do not for one moment believe that Henry Ford had any such evil intentions when he entered upon the publication of his anti-Jewish articles. But I do believe that he is too ignorant to understand the malignant power of calumny, the inflammatory nature of religious or racial or national defamation,

the readiness of the unthinking, excitable, fanatical mob to believe implicitly what is dished up to them with an air of authority, and under the pretense of shielding their religion and freedom from destruction. I believe that Henry Ford treated the whole affair as a matter of business. As an expert advertiser he knew that these articles could not but arouse intense indignation, loud outcries, plentiful rejoinders, on the part of Jews and some non-Jews—as has really happened—which publicity would gratify as much his lust for fame as his greed for gain.

May Incite Assault Against Jews.

Suspecting such a motive as that, I refused, at first, to heed the many requests that came to me that I answer the outrageous charges raised against the Jews in the Ford publications. I believed in treating them with the silent contempt they deserved. I refused to add material for the lime-light in which the vainglorious and colossally ignorant Mr. Ford desired to pose as a savior of the American people. But, seeing these articles given ever wider and wider circulation, hearing of vast numbers of them being sent to the agents

of the Ford machines with instructions that they be given wide distribution, seeing these articles republished in pamphlet-form and spread broadcast throughout the land, I have come to the conclusion that Roosevelt was right when he said that "many, many people, hardly as ignorant as Ford, think him wise in all things, and allow him to influence their views." I have come to the conclusion that, since many people entertain all sorts of prejudices against the Jew, and still others, lacking information respecting the crass ignorance and inordinate vanity of Henry Ford, may believe what they read in his publication against the Jew, it will probably be the wiser course to acquaint the public with the nature of these articles, and with the how and why they came into existence.

Charges Jews With Seeking to Overthrow Governments and Christianity.

Before proceeding, however, it will be well for those of you who have not read these articles to have some conception of the villainous libels against the Jews they purport to spread. They charge them with having organized, in a secret conclave, of which even

but very few of their own people have knowledge, an international conspiracy, that has for its object the suppression of Christianity, and the overthrow of all governments. They propose effecting this end by pitting Christian nations against each other, thereby causing the slaughter of one another. They propose conquering by obtaining mastery over the commerce and capital of the world. They propose to force the world to their mode of thinking and acting by seizing the press of the world. They propose weakening the nations of the earth by dividing them into separate, hostile bodies, while they constitute themselves into an international organization extending to the ends of the earth. These secret activities of the Jews constitute, according to these Ford articles the World's Greatest Problem, and, unless the world arouses itself in time, unless it faces this conspiracy and overthrows it, itself will be overthrown by it.

Specimens of Ford's Charges Against Jews.

This is the gist of the charges that stretch over some nine or ten articles, each filled with a jumble of praise and condemnation, of fact

and fiction, of truth and lies, shrewdly designed by the writer to give himself the semblance of fairness, when, in reality, there has probably never before appeared in American journalism anything as rabidly and viciously hostile to the Jew as these very articles, quite equalling, if not exceeding, the worst that has ever been published against him in Russia and Germany.

Listen to a few choice morsels of the hundreds of accusations that are brought against the Jew of our and other lands. He is charged with being the creator of Bolshevism, the destroyer of the German Empire, the real ruler of England by means of the power of gold. He is charged with monopolizing the commerce and finance of the United States, with knowing more of what is transpiring in Europe than do the European Governments themselves, with possessing the power of commanding war or peace, order or chaos, with having controlled the Versailles Peace Conference. He is charged with being the most active in all agencies that are destructive of Christianity, such as Bolshevism and Socialism, with entertaining more downright bitterness of religious prejudice against the Chris-

tian than was ever entertained by Christian against Jew. We are told that a million Jews will land in this country this year, and that every one of them will bring with him his inherited hatred against Christians. We are told that the Jew lacks in patriotism, that he constitutes a nation within the nation, that he flees agriculture, that a list of property owners of New York reveals only at rare intervals a Gentile name, that he refuses to cultivate Gentile friendships because he regards himself a superior people, that all commissars of Russia are Jews, that Rose Pastor Stokes commands more power than Debs, that the Jew's record in industrial reform is *nil*, that he controls the sugar and woolen and tobacco industries, that 50 per cent. of the meat-packing and 60 per cent. of the shoe-making industries are in his hand, and scores of other delectable morsels like unto these are charged against him.

Charges Undeserving of Answer.

I shall not dignify these base accusations with an answer. Their palpable falsehood is their best refutation. Had the inventor of

them lied less he might have been believed more.

A writer, who permits his hatred of the one he attacks to carry him far beyond the line of even a semblance of truth, stamps himself an unscrupulous perverter of the truth.

A writer, who tells that the Jew conspires to destroy the Gentile people by means of gold, when the Jew is unable to save one-third of his own people who are dying of starvation in Eastern Europe, a writer who says that the Jew cares only for his own, when Jews, like Julius Rosenwald or the late Jacob H. Schiff, give, in every section of our land, frequent demonstration of princely benefactions to non-Jewish educational and philanthropic institutions, a writer such as that shows himself not only an enemy of the Jew, but also of Truth itself.

A writer, who says that almost all of the real estate of New York is owned by Jews, that Kerensky and all the commissars and most of the Bolshevists of Russia are Jews, that Sombart is a pro-Jewish author, that writer might as well have said that the great capitalists and real estate owners, Ford, Morgan, Schwab, Armour, Rockefeller, Van-

derbilt, Astor, Gould, and many hundreds of others like them, are all Jews.

A writer who says that the press of the world is owned by Jews, when, with the exception of three papers, there is not, to my knowledge, another secular paper or periodical in the whole United States that is owned by Jews, nor a single one of all the great dailies or magazines in Europe, excepting one or two in Berlin, Frankfurt and Vienna, a writer who, in the face of these facts, declares the press of the world to be owned by Jews, might, with equal truth, have declared that the Hearst papers of three or four of our great cities, and the *Tribune* of New York, the *Tribune* of Chicago, the *Ledger* of Philadelphia, the *Times* of London, the *Figaro* of Paris, are all owned by Jews.

A writer, who says that the Jew shuns agriculture, without saying, at the same time, that for nearly two thousand years, ever since he was driven from his Palestinian home, where he was nothing but a farmer, he was denied, up to recent days, the right to own an inch of soil or to cultivate it, was, on the contrary, condemned by law to dwell in the crowded

ghettos, and to follow the lowest pursuits; a writer who wholly ignores the fact that, at the present time, the Jew is gradually making his way back to his original farming-pursuit, while half of the former Gentile farmers have deserted the farms for the cities; that, for instance, one of the men in charge of the green-houses of the son of Mr. Ford, is a Jewish graduate of The National Farm School, a non-sectarian institution almost a quarter of a century old, and where two Ford tractors and a Ford truck are hard at work; an institution founded by Jews, almost entirely supported by Jews, four-fifths of whose students are Jews, and whose hundreds of graduates are giving an excellent account of themselves on farms of their own, or on farms of others, or as dairyists, orchardists, florists, horticulturists, stockmen, poultrymen, or as instructors in agricultural colleges; a writer, who fails to take cognizance of these facts, is guilty either of woeful ignorance or of deliberate malice.

A writer, who accuses the Jews of lacking in patriotism at a time when their heroic valor during the recent world-war is still fresh in the memory of the peoples, when every coun-

try engaged in the world-war speaks in unstinted praise of the sacrifice of life and limb Jews made in defense of their respective country, of the streams of blood they shed in common with their comrades of other faiths, of the Jews of the Allies and of the anti-Allies standing arrayed against each other in deadly combat, of the treasures of money and service that were cheerfully offered by them in behalf of their respective country and their respective cause, of the medals conferred upon them for deeds of valor, several of them upon an American Jewish immigrant-lad, Abraham Krotoshinsky by name, now a student at The National Farm School, who, at the risk of his life, volunteered to save, single-handed, in the Argonne Forest, Col. Whittlesey's "Lost Battalion," and accomplished this marvellous feat of valor, at the cost of being severely wounded, and who, upon his graduation, will find awaiting him a fully equipped farm, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Straus, of New York, a writer who, in the face of easily ascertainable facts such as these, charges the Jew with lacking in patriotism, declares himself an unmitigated rogue and knave.

Charges Based on Russian Forgery.

I do not for one moment charge Mr. Ford with the authorship of these anti-Jewish articles in his periodical. His own confession of illiteracy would free him from any such suspicion. Both in content and in style they reveal a writer of considerable cleverness, a writer whose knowledge of Jewish and general history, and of world-affairs, is quite extensive, a writer possessing a rare unscrupulousness for perverting facts, for twisting data to suit his evil purpose, for deliberate inventions to bolster up his accusations. Internal evidence goes far to show that the whole slander is a rehash of a fabrication of Russo-Germanic origin. We hear clearly re-echoed in it the pronouncements of a one-time secret agent of the former Czar, who styled himself Professor Nilus, and who, about a score of years ago, published what he declared to be "*Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion,*" *Minutes of the Secret International Meetings of the Elders of Israel*, telling of their conspiracy to conquer the world, overthrow Christianity, and make one of their own King of the Earth, which publication a number of experts proved to be a forgery that was as

bold as it was bald, a forgery as vile as was that of the contemptible Esterhazy against Captain Alfred Dreyfus.

Led to Outrages in Russia and Germany.

This infamous forgery led to numerous massacres in Russia, and to shameless anti-Semitic persecutions in Germany. To it the Russian reactionaries charged the people's demand for a Constitution and a Douma, and the Black Hundred made it the reason for their Kishineff and other pogroms. On account of it Jews are held responsible for the rise of Bolshevism, and extracts from it were circulated by the Czarists in the armies of Deniken and Kolshak, which incited to the shedding of much innocent Jewish blood.

Republished in England and in the United States.

Next, we hear of the republication of these *Protocols* in England, under the title of *The Jewish Peril*. Lastly, we have liberal excerpts dished up to us in the columns of Ford's *Dearborn Independent*.

Motive Underlying Charges.

It is not difficult to account for the republication in England and in the United States

of the infamous forgery, of *Protocols*, or Minutes, of an international conclave that never took place, of Elders of Zion who never existed, of activities resolved upon that were never as much as dreamed of. As a result of the recent war, the world has, to a considerable extent, become democratic. Czars and emperors, kings and princes, have been brought low, and people from the ranks have been raised to positions of trust and leadership. Among these are a number of Jews, their elevation, despite deep-rooted prejudice against them, having been due, in such a country as Germany, for instance, to intellectual, moral, and patriotic fitness. Already embittered by their own fall, the Czarists, militarists, junkers, and other reactionaries, resent especially their being placed under authority of Jews, and are determined to rid themselves of it. Frequent use has acquainted them but too well with the weapon that is most baneful to Jews, the weapon of calumny, forgery, malicious invention. And this weapon they have been using without stint. With it they have caused a welter of Jewish blood in Russia, Poland, Hungary. With it they have started anew in Germany

anti-Semitic persecutions exceeding those that raged in that land a quarter of a century ago. They have introduced it in England, where it has already found a number of misguided disciples.

How Ford's Co-operation Was Probably Won

They have brought it at last to the United States. Looking for a paper or a periodical in which to carry on their nefarious propaganda, and for large funds to meet the expense, they naturally thought of the multimillionaire, Henry Ford, and his periodical, and his former effort at ending war, and saving the world, by means of a Peace-Ark. And they thought well. Their appeal to his credulity and vainglory, their assuring him that, by publishing to the world the conspiracy of the Jews against the governments of the earth, and against Christianity, he will save both from being overthrown by the arch-enemy of mankind, manifestly met with the desired result. He obviously has placed his paper and his purse at their disposal. Thanks to his liberality, the governments of the earth will not be overthrown, nor will Christianity be annihilated by the wicked and conspiring Jews. They will be lowered to the dregs

of the earth, while he will be elevated to the stars as the Savior of the World.

Ford Doomed to Disappointment.

If such was Ford's expectation, he is doomed to disappointment. The average American is far from being as dense and credulous and vainglorious as he. Given the choice between the characterization of the Jew by Dr. Purvis, a Methodist clergyman of this city, and that given of him in the columns of *The Dearborn Independent*, it is not hard to tell which of the two the general run of American people will select. The Jew is not a stranger to the American people. He was one of the discoverers of this continent, one of the first who set foot upon it. He arrived upon Manhattan Island but thirty-five years after the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth Rock. He fought in the American Revolution, in the Mexican and Civil Wars. He furnished a larger percentage of men to the American contingent of the world-war than his numbers required. His industry, thrift, initiative, brain, brawn, helped greatly in building up the prosperity of our land.

And his usefulness is far from being exhausted. He has still much work to do. And he will do it. For that, God has chosen him. For that, God has preserved him from enemies far more powerful than Henry Ford. Let Ford ask the ruins of ancient Egypt, Babylonia, Syria, Assyria, Greece, Rome, and they will tell him. The Jew sets up no claim to perfection. He is neither superman nor underman. As Dr. Purvis says: "The Jew has his faults and also his virtues. They are both surprisingly like the Christian's."

Attack on Jews Likely to Prove a Boomerang.

Ford's unprovoked, undeserved attack on the Jews, at a time when a grief-stricken world is busy with healing wounds which the war has struck, with reuniting bonds which malice and hatred have severed, is likely to prove a boomerang. As the hatred of Pharaoh had for its reward a watery grave for the flower of his army, and that of Haman, a gallows, so is the attack of Henry Ford likely to have for its reward the scorn of the peace-loving, clear-thinking, fair-minded, patriotic, loyal, American people.

SLANDERING A RACE

The Public Statement Issued by the National Jewish Organizations of America in Protest Against the Extensive Campaign of Anti-Jewish Propaganda Now Being Carried on Here and Abroad.

NEW YORK, November 30, 1920.

A CONFERENCE to discuss the widespread campaign of secret anti-Jewish propaganda in the United States was called by the American Jewish Committee. This conference was participated in by the foremost national Jewish organizations, and authorized the issuance of a public statement in which the so-called "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion" now being circulated in large numbers by secret agencies are condemned as a forgery, and the charge that Bolshevism is part of a conspiracy of Jews and Freemasons to secure world domination is denounced as a malicious invention inspired

by foreign reactionary forces for the purpose of breeding suspicion and hatred of the Jews and Freemasons in the United States in order to discredit "free government in the eyes of the European masses and thus facilitate the restoration of absolutism in government."

The signatories of the declaration, which is addressed "To Our Fellow Citizens," include the following representative Jewish organizations: The American Jewish Committee, the Zionist Organization of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, the United Synagogue of America, the Provisional Committee for an American Jewish Congress, the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and the United Orthodox Jewish Rabbis of America. The complete address follows:

Text of the Address.

To Our Fellow Citizens:

During the war, by secret agencies, a document variously called "The Procotols of the Elders of Zion," "The Protocols of the Meet-

ings of the Zionist Men of Wisdom" and "The Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion," was clandestinely circulated in typewritten form, among public officials and carefully selected civilians, for the purpose of giving rise to the belief that the Jews, in conjunction with Freemasons, had been for centuries engaged in a conspiracy to produce revolution and anarchy, by means of which they hoped to attain the control of the world by the establishment of some sort of despotic rule. Some months ago this document was published in England. More recently it has appeared in print in the United States, and thousands of copies have been circulated with an air of mystery among legislators, journalists, clergymen and teachers, members of clubs, and indiscriminately to the general public. The London *Morning Post* has given out a series of articles as a commentary upon the Protocols, in which the charge of an unholy conspiracy between Jews and Freemasons is elaborated, and Bolshevism is characterized as a movement of, for and by the Jews and is declared to be a fulfilment of the Protocols. These articles, whose authorship is not disclosed, have now appeared in book form un-

der the title *The Cause of World Unrest*. During the past six months there have been sent forth weekly in Henry Ford's organ, the *Dearborn Independent*, attacks of extraordinary virulence upon the Jews. These assaults upon the honor of the Jewish people are all founded on the Protocols and on the discredited literature of Russian and German anti-Semitism, inspired by the minions of autocracy. Parrot-like, they repeat the abominable charges that can only appeal to the credulity of a stunted intelligence—charges long since conceded to be unfounded by all fair-minded men. Ford is employing his great wealth in scattering broadcast his fulminations, regardless of consequences.

When the Jews of the United States first learned of these malevolent prints, they deemed it beneath their dignity to take notice of them, because they regarded them as a mere recrudescence of mediæval bigotry and stupidity, showing upon their face their utter worthlessness. These publications have, however, been put in circulation to such an extent that it is believed that the time has come, humiliating though it be to them, for the Jews to make answer to these libels and to the un-

worthy insinuations and innuendoes that have been whispered against them.

Protocols a Forgery.

Speaking as representatives of the Jewish people, familiar with the history of Judaism in its various phases and with the movements, past and present, in Jewish life, we say with all solemnity:

The Protocols are a base forgery. There has never been an organization of Jews known as The Elders of Zion, or The Zionist Men of Wisdom or The Wise Men of Zion, or bearing any other similar name. There has never existed a secret or other Jewish body organized for any purpose such as that implied in the Protocols. The Jewish people have never dreamed of a Jewish dictatorship, of a destruction of religion, of an interference with industrial prosperity or of an overthrow of civilization. The Jews have never conspired with the Freemasons, or with any other body, for any purpose.

From the time of the destruction of the Temple at Jerusalem by Titus, the Jews have had no political state. For centuries they were forced to wander from land to land, to

flee for refuge wherever they might find it, against bitter persecution. They were pent up in ghettos, were deprived of even the shadow of civil or political rights, and were made the objects of every possible form of discrimination. It is little more than fifty years since the Jews of Western Europe became politically emancipated. Until the outbreak of the World War the Jews of Eastern Europe, constituting a majority of all the Jews of the world, were not even permitted to exercise the rights of citizenship in lands where they and their ancestors had dwelt for generations. The great mass of Jews were hampered in every way in their efforts to earn a livelihood. Far from desiring to govern the world, they were content with the opportunity to live. Numerically they constitute less than 1 per cent. of the population of the earth; and more than one-half of them are on the verge of starvation. The suggestion that, in their feebleness, they have been planning in secret conclave to seize absolute power and to dominate the 99 per cent. non-Jews upon the globe, is a ridiculous invention than which even madness can conjure nothing more preposterous.

Questions Unanswered.

Where is the habitat of these so-called Elders of Zion, by whatever name they may be called? Who are these hidden sages? Whence do they come? What is the nature of their organization? The distributors of the protocols are silent on that subject. Whence come these pretended protocols? There have been various versions. One Serge Nilus, of whose identity little is known, a Russian mystic and an ardent supporter of Czarism, claims to have received them in Russia, in 1901, in manuscript form, from a Russian officeholder, who stated that the manuscript had been originally obtained by a lady, whose name is not given, and who, he said, obtained them in a mysterious way. In what language they were written is not stated. Where that manuscript now is does not appear. Nilus asserts that he submitted the Protocols to one of the Russian Grand Dukes, who, after examination, returned them with the despairing message, "Too late." Apparently there was no room for them in the Russian archives, and they suggested no task for the Czar's ubiquitous police to perform. In 1905 Nilus published at Tsarskoe Selo a second edition of a mys-

tical book entitled *The Great in the Little*, the first edition having been published in 1901. Into this later edition he incorporated for the first time the Protocols, which he claimed to have had in his possession for four years. In January, 1917, he published another book under the title *It Is Near, at the Door*, purporting to foretell "the coming of the Anti-Christ and the Kingdom of the Devil on Earth." In his book he announces that he had only then learned authoritatively from Jewish sources (what they were is not explained) that these protocols were nothing other than a strategic plan for the conquest of the world, of putting it under the yoke of Israel, "the struggler-against-God," a plan worked out by the leaders of the Jewish people during the many centuries of their dispersion, and finally presented to the Council of Elders by the Prince of Exile, Theodor Herzl, at the time of the first Zionist Congress summoned by him at Basle in August, 1897. He declared that the Protocols were signed by the Zionist representatives of the thirty-third degree of initiation; that they were secretly removed from the complete file of protocols that pertained to the first Zionist

Congress; that they were taken from the secret vaults at the main Zionist office, which, it is said, "at present is located in French territory."

No Signatures to Protocol.

The Protocols as published bear no signatures. The identity of the Zionist representatives by whom they are claimed to have been signed is left untold. The location of the main Zionist office and of the secret vaults from which the Protocols were secretly removed remains a secret. It is, however, a matter of history that the first Zionist Congress was publicly held by Jews who came from various parts of Europe for the purpose of considering the misery of their brethren in Eastern Europe and of enabling them to find shelter in the Holy Land. Theodor Herzl was a distinguished journalist, a man of true nobility of character. He presided at the Congress, all of whose deliberations were held in the light of day. The insinuation that there was a thirty-third, or any other, degree of initiation in this organization is merely a malicious effort to bring the Jews into parallelism with the Freemasons and thus to

subject them to all the fanciful and fantastic charges that have from time to time been laid at the door of Freemasons, oblivious of the fact that fifteen Presidents of the United States, including Washington, and many of the leading statesmen of Europe and America, have been members of that order.

Nilus and his associates belonged to the Russian bureaucracy. In 1905, through the Black Hundreds, that body sought in every way to crush the Jews and to prevent the liberalization of the Government. The time was propitious for the perpetration of a political forgery by a Government that habitually resorted to the employment of *agents provocateurs*, a Government which only a few years later, against the protest of the enlightened clergy of the world, ineffectually sought to convict Mendel Beilis on the charge of ritual murder. It is significant that one of his prosecutors has been active in distributing manuscript copies of the Protocols throughout the United States.

What an Analysis Shows.

Irrespective of this history, bristling with suspicion, an analysis of the Protocols shows

that on their face they are a fabrication and that they must have emanated from the bitter opponents of democracy. They are replete with cynical references to the French Revolution, and to the conceptions of liberty, equality and fraternity. They uphold privilege and autocracy. They belittle education. They condemn religious liberty. They assert that political freedom is an idea and not a fact, and that the doctrine that a Government is nothing but a steward of the people is a mere phrase. These are the very doctrines that one would expect from the protagonists of autocracy. Nothing can be more foreign to Jewish thought and aspiration than these brutal theories of reaction. That the Jews, whose very life has been a prayer for the blessings of liberty and equality, should hold them in contempt is unthinkable.

The document throughout is farcical in its absurdities. In the Russian original there is a passage, significantly omitted from the translation, to the effect that the English are the descendants of the Lost Tribes of Israel, and the British Government is violently attacked for its liberalism. If climax there be to all this folly, it lies in the idea set forth

in the Protocols that "the world ruler is to spring from the dynastic roots of King David," and that "the King of Israel will become the real Pope of the Universe and the Patriarch of the International Church," whatever that may mean.

It is needless, however, to elaborate, when one considers that the editor of the *London Morning Post*, in his introduction to *The Cause of World Unrest*, himself doubts the genuineness of the Protocols, and that the anonymous author of that book, after using them as his text, is unable to give them any higher certificate than that they may or may not be genuine. Indeed, he goes so far as to say:

"We have said that this document flashes a blaze of light, and so it does, but whether this document is genuine or not, whether the blaze of light is true or false, can only be judged by internal evidence and probabilities. We may say at once that Nilus advances nothing in the nature of real evidence to prove the document, and that his account of how it came into his hands consists of assertion only, without evidence to support it."

Indicts an Entire People.

And yet a document, thus discredited by its sponsors, is made the basis of an indictment against an entire people.

The contention that the genuineness of the Protocols is established by the outbreak of Bolshevism in Russia twelve years after their publication, and that Bolshevism is a Jewish movement, is absurd in theory and absolutely untrue in fact. As well might it be said that a forged deed is genuine because twenty years after its date a relative of the person whose name is forged is falsely charged with being a disturber of the peace.

To say that the Jews are responsible for Bolshevism is a deliberate falsehood. The originators of Bolshevism were exclusively non-Jews. While it is true that there are Jews among the Bolsheviks, notably Trotzky, they represent a small fraction of the Jews and of the followers of Bolshevism. Lenin, who belonged to the Russian aristocracy and has not a drop of Jewish blood in his veins, was the creator, as he has been the motive power, of the Soviets. Tchicherin, who has conducted their foreign affairs; Bucharin,

Krassin and Kalinin, all non-Jews, are, with Lenin, the brains of the Communist Party.

The Bolshevist Cabinet, known as the People's Commissars, consists of twenty members, of whom Trotzky and Sverdlov are the only Jews, and they are Jews merely by birth. Of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, including Trotzky, there are four Jews out of thirteen. The so-called Extraordinary Commission, whose function it is to suppress opposition to the Bolshevist régime from within, is directed by a triumvirate consisting of a Pole and two Letts, none of whom is of Jewish origin. Although Trotzky is the head of the War Department, his General Staff is composed exclusively of non-Jews.

In *The Cause of World Unrest*, a list of fifty names is given, most of whom are classified as Jews and Bolsheviks, in order to establish the thesis that "nearly all of the Bolshevist leaders are Jews." An examination of the list shows that ten of the Jews included in the list are the leaders of the anti-Bolshevist movement in Russia; that a number of those who are classified in the list as Jews are not Jews at all; that a large pro-

portion of those classified as Jews are men who are so obscure and hold positions so inconspicuous that whether or not they are Jews is not only uncertain but unimportant. They are certainly not leaders.

Foes of Bolshevism.

On the other hand, the leaders of the Mensheviki who are the sworn foes of Bolshevism, are to a large extent Jews. Among the chiefs of the Constitutional Democratic Party of Russia, who are strongly opposed to the Soviets, are Vinaver, Sliosberg, Pasmaik, Kaminka, Landau, and Friedman, all prominent Jews. Among the leaders of the People's Socialist, the Socialist Revolutionary and the Menshevik section of the Social Democratic parties, bitter opponents of the Bolsheviki, are a large number of Jews. The leading anti-Bolshevik newspapers, which of necessity are published outside of Russia, have Jews upon their editorial staffs. An overwhelming majority of Russian Jews have been ruined by the coercive measures of the Soviets. They have submitted to the confiscation of their property and are undergoing unspeakable hardships. The Orthodox Jews, whose

numbers preponderate, remaining loyal to the faith of their fathers, regard the Bolsheviki as the enemies of all religion, and, therefore, hold the doctrines of Bolshevism in abhorrence. With comparatively few exceptions the Jews are looked upon by the Bolsheviki as belonging to the hated bourgeoisie and as favoring capitalism. The Zionists, who constitute a numerous and important element of the Jews of Russia, have been denounced by the Soviets as counter-revolutionary, and many of them have been cast into prison and threatened with death—Zionists, we repeat, who are the followers of Herzl.

If the Jews are to be condemned because of a Trotzky, who has never in the slightest degree concerned himself with Judaism or the welfare of the Jews, then there is not a people that has ever lived that might not with equal right be condemned because in its membership there were men who are alleged to have advocated hateful doctrines. The Jew has traditionally stood for religion, law, order, the family, and the right of property. It is, therefore, the height of cruelty to charge him with responsibility for Bolshevism, when its doctrines, should they prevail, would in-

evitably lead to the destruction of Judaism. It is especially a brutal charge when one considers all that the Jew has suffered from the oppressive and discriminatory laws of Russian autoeracy and from its effort to suppress every aspiration that the Jew had for freedom.

Tribute to Patriotism.

It is a great tribute to the patriotism of the Russian Jews that, in spite of the indignities that they had to undergo, hundreds of thousands of them fought under the banner of the Czar, loyally and gallantly, and in large numbers laid down their lives in the Allied cause. The rosters of the army and navy of the United States contain the names of tens of thousands of Jews born in Russia who served so faithfully under our colors that they gained the unqualified approval of their officers, and proportionately many of them were awarded decorations of honor by a grateful country.

We have refrained from commenting on the libels contained in the *Dearborn Independent*. Ford, in the fulness of his knowledge, unqualifiedly declares the Protocols to be genuine and argues that practically every Jew is

a Bolshevik. We have dealt sufficiently with both of these falsehoods. It is useless in a serious document to analyze the puerile and venomous drivel that he has derived from the concoctions of professional agitators. He is merely a dupe.

What is the motive of those who have set in motion this new onslaught of anti-Semitism? It is the motive that again and again has actuated autocracy and its adroit supporters—that of seeking a scapegoat for their own sins: so that they may be enabled under the cover of a false issue to deceive the public.

It is an attempt to drive into the solidarity of the citizenry of our country that has been its pride and its strength the wedge of discord, by arousing suspicion and inciting to overt acts not only against those of Jewish origin, but also against Freemasons, in the hope of discrediting free government in the eyes of the European masses and thus facilitate the restoration of absolutism in government.

Manufactured in Russia.

The Protocols were manufactured in Rus-

sia under the bureaucracy, and the ammunition with which the campaign is conducted has been furnished out of the arsenal of imperialistic Germany and by those who are seeking to restore the Hapsburgs, the Hohenzollerns and the Romanoffs on their former thrones. Ancient hatred and unreasoning prejudice and a failure to understand and know what the Jew really is, are likewise responsible for the readiness with which these falsehoods have been accepted by those who are ever willing to believe evil of their fellow men.

We have an abiding confidence in the spirit of justice and fairness that permeates the true American, and we are satisfied that our fellow citizens will not permit the campaign of slander and libel that has been launched against us to go unreprieved. There is enough for all of us to do in the great task of building up our common country and of developing the principles on which it is founded. Let not hatred and misunderstanding arise where peace and harmony, unity and brotherliness, are required to perpetuate all that America represents and to enable all men to know that within her wide boundaries there is no room for injustice and intolerance.

[Signed]

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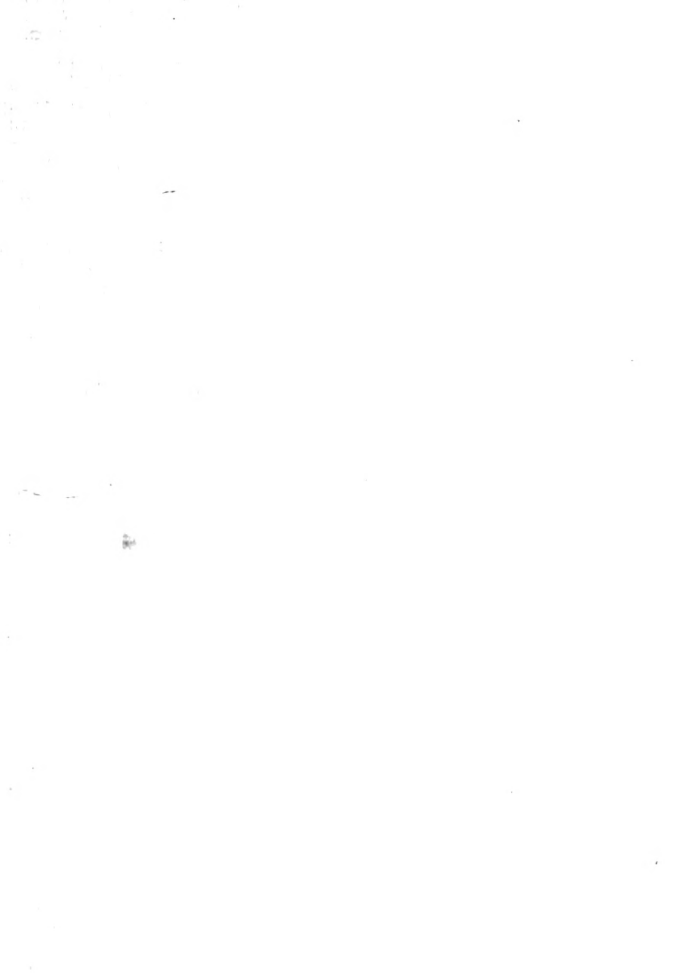
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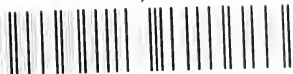
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