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LET AMERICAN JEWRY UNITE FOR THE UP-BUILDING OF PALESTINE

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I am glad to have this opportunity to appeal to my fellow-Jews and fellow-Americans on behalf of Palestine. No American, certainly no American Jew, can be indifferent to the call of that great little land of the past, and to the prospect of the great things which seem to be in store for it in the future.

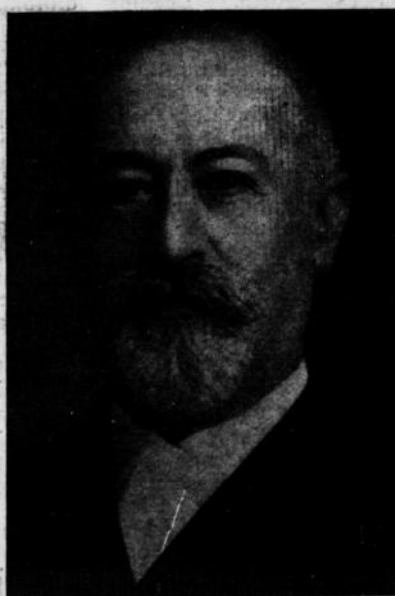
I am not concerned with the political aspects of the question. Whatever the political forms may be under which the Jews in Palestine will live in the immediate and ultimate future, it is sufficient for me that the New Palestine will start its life, and probably continue it indefinitely, under the beneficent protection of Great Britain, a protection which is a guarantee of progress in every realm, spiritual as well as material.

What man or woman, therefore, can possibly see any reason for regret in the prospect of a new community in Palestine, strong in numbers, active, creative and happy, and strong in material wealth and in the wealth of the mind and the spirit? Nay, more, what man or woman can possibly fail to rejoice in this prospect, in the prospect of a beautiful but neglected corner of the earth restored to the civilizing influence of a people prepared to make every sacrifice for its restoration? What American Jew, especially, will not experience a feeling of gratitude and a thrill of pride in the prospect of the welling forth of a new fountain of Jewish spiritual energy from the soil of the old, a new fountain which may refresh the spirit of mankind as did the old? What is it not worth to the American Jews, and to the Jews in every other land, that they and their children can in the future be identified with a community living a happy and dignified collective life and contributing as a community to the civilization of humanity? Will not such an identification add to the morale of Jewry everywhere and to the moral stature of every individual Jew?

But Palestine at this moment possesses another interest to us which is more immediate and pressing. The Jewry of Eastern Europe lies prostrate. It is our duty to lift up our co-religionists and heal their wounds. If we in America do not assume this duty, then

who will? There is nobody else who can. Now, the problem of Palestine forms an integral and important part of the larger Jewish question. The latter cannot be solved without at the same time solving the problem of Palestine. We must no longer delay making earnest preparations for the thorough rehabilitation of Palestine, so that the land will be able gradually to absorb those whose ardent desire it is to emigrate there. And I really think their number is legion.

It is high time that American Jewry forget its differences and join hands in order that, united, it may find a non-political solution for the Jewish ques-



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tion which shall prove satisfactory to all, and of which I verily believe Palestine has become the corner stone.

So that, while the future of a Jewish Community in Palestine, under the protection of Great Britain, opens alluring vistas which make a unique appeal to Jewish idealism, the appeal of the immediate moment is no less urgent to all Jews, and especially to all American Jews, to unite for the up-building of Palestine.

JUDGE MACK WILL OPEN MINNEAPOLIS CAMPAIGN.

Judge Julian W. Mack, chairman of the national Palestine Restoration Fund, is coming to Minneapolis March 20 to open the local drive.

Word of his coming was received today by Dr. Maurice Lefkovits, executive director of the Minnesota campaign, from the national officers of the Zionist Organization of America.

Judge Mack will arrive in Minneapolis on the morning of Saturday, March 20, and will remain in Minneapolis until Sunday night, making two public addresses, one at a banquet Saturday evening and another at a general mass meeting Sunday. Detailed information on the meetings will be announced later.

In all probability Judge Mack will address one of the large civic organizations Saturday noon and will also speak at one of the churches Sunday morning.

Considerable interest will be taken in the proposed visit of Judge Mack, who is generally known to both Jew and non-Jew as an able speaker and student of civic and national affairs. As chairman of the national fund, it is expected, his messages to the people of Minneapolis will do much toward giving the local campaign committee a good start.

The Minneapolis quota has been set at \$75,000, while the state of Minnesota is expected to raise \$205,000. The campaign for \$50,000 in St. Paul and \$80,000 in Duluth and the remainder of the state will follow the Minneapolis drive.

MINNEAPOLIS QUOTA FOR PALESTINE RESTORATION FUND IS \$75,000.00.

Plans for Local Drive Completed and Headquarters Opened in Temple Court.

Minnesota's drive for its share of the \$10,000,000 Palestine Restoration Fund to be raised in the United States will be started with the opening of the Minneapolis campaign on March 20.

Dr. Marice Lefkovits, rabbi of Temple Emanuel at Duluth, who has been named executive director of the Minnesota campaign announced yesterday with the opening of headquarters in the Temple Court building that plans for the Minneapolis drive are fast nearing comple-