

### Keren Hayesod Is Pledged \$50,000 at Omaha Rallies

### Middlewest Jews Greet World Leader and Give to Fund for Rebuilding Homeland in Palestine.

Two overcrowded meetings at the Brandeis restaurant and Brandeis theater Thursday night greeted Dr. Chaim Weizmann, world Zionist leader, with cheers that rebounded from

### High Spots of Doctor Weizmann's Address

Palestine being built rapidly. Three new railway lines constructed. 1,400 houses erected last year. 1,000 persons enter homeland every month. Palestine will save identity of Jews. Jews must carry out pledge to league of nations and build Palestine. Palestine is as fruitful as California. Many miles of roads being constructed and repaired. Palestine will be of credit to American Jews and a place of refuge to Jews of Europe who have no citizenship. Palestine can accommodate 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 inhabitants. Many schools and a university being organized.

will wall and with money, checks and pledges that overshadowed even the fondest hopes of this committee.

Dr. Weizmann, in a calm, logical address, joined by an impassioned plea from Henry Monsky, attorney of this city, brought forth from the large crowd assembled in both meeting places a flow of checks and pledges.

\$50,000 Subscribed. Partial subscriptions totaled last night indicated that \$50,000 in cash was obtained from Omaha donors and representatives of other towns of the district.

"We are confident that the quota will be reached within the coming

two weeks," said J. E. Robinson, member of the local committee.

Representatives of Des Moines and Denver pledged \$10,000 for each city. Council Bluffs presented a check for \$1,000. Waterloo, \$500; St. Joseph, \$600; Sioux City, \$15,000. "We will pledge \$5,000 more," said a Sioux City delegate.

**Have Solemn Contract.** "We have made a solemn contract with the nations of the world that we will redeem our homeland," said Dr. Weizmann. "We now have our chance. Are we going to appear before the representatives of those nations and return to them the solemn contract? Are we going to tell them that our prayers of 2,000 years were mere lip service?"

Dr. Weizmann presented the climate of Palestine to California and said that a representative of Berkeley university plans to visit Palestine to show them how California does it.

"We have the land and the man power to make Palestine a great nation," he said. "More than 1,000 persons a month are entering the homeland. Eighty-five per cent of these people have had a high school education and they are adapting themselves to their new environment. They are breaking stones, building roads, constructing houses and building and so on. They are farmers and bricklayers, teachers and laborers."

"The work of building Palestine is on! If you don't believe us, who are so enthusiastic of the country, peruse the report of the representative of the Chamber of Commerce of New York. He toured the country and saw the miles of roads, the three new railway lines, the many, many houses newly built, more than a million trees, a network of schools, a large industry in the making and many churches."

Dr. Weizmann's talk followed the appeal by the chairman of the meeting, A. I. Kulakofsky, for funds. The Zionist leader took the American Jews of the country to task for being backward in the Zionist movement.

"The Jews have fallen between the wheels of industry," said Dr. Weizmann. "We have lost confidence in ourselves. We are apologetic. We don't even know ourselves anymore. Palestine is the cure for that. Palestine, with its schools, its universities and its libraries, will become the seat of Jewish culture and learning and will permit the Jew to remain a Jew."

**Godsend to Refugees.** "We don't expect a flow of Jews from America, but Palestine will be a credit to the Jews of this country and a Godsend to the refugee Jews

of the foreign countries, where they have no citizenship."

Monsky, mounting a table following Dr. Weizmann's address, appealed to Omaha Jewry to stand by Weizmann in his nation-wide appeal. Thousands of dollars were raised within a few minutes.

Dr. Weizmann was welcomed to Omaha by Mayor Dahlman, representing the city, and Dr. Herman von Schulte, representing the Omaha scientists. Dr. Weizmann is a scientist of the University of Manchester, England.

**Greeted at Theater.** After his address at the Brandeis restaurant, following the dinner tendered him there, Dr. Weizmann went to the Brandeis theater. As soon as he stepped onto the stage the crowded theater of men and women stood and cheered lustily for several minutes. The chairman, A. I. Kulakofsky, obtained order after many minutes of effort.

Among those who were on the stage with Dr. Weizmann and at the speakers' table at the dinner were A. I. Kulakofsky, Rabbi Frederick Cohn, Dr. Garry August of St. Joseph, Mo.; Bernard Stone of London, secretary to Dr. Weizmann; Mrs. A. Silverman, Mayor and Mrs. Dahlman, Mrs. R. B. Howell, Rabbi Samuel Sale of St. Louis, J. J. Friedman and Frank Deo. Others there were Harry Wolf, Henry Monsky, William Holzman, Harry Lapidus, Dr. Irving Cutter, Dr. Herman von Schulte and Dr. Victor Levine.

**Sensation of Meeting.** D. Garry J. August, a young rabbi from St. Joseph, Mo., was the sensation of the Brandeis theater Zionist meeting prior to the appearance of Dr. Weizmann, the chief speaker of the evening.

Rabbi August called upon all Jews of every shade and opinion to unite in the interest of Zionism.

"It's high time," said Dr. August, "that we cease defining the kinds of Jews we are. In the face of a great emergency, there can be only one, and that 'kind' is which, no matter what its affiliations, tries to help any Jewish cause and follow any Jewish dream."

"The greatest danger to the Jew is not from without; it is from within. The Jew who attacks another group, which honestly seeks to solve the Jewish problem, is a Jewish anti-Semite; the Jew who puts obstacles in the paths of those who attempt to realize their dream of Jewish life, is an enemy to his people."

"In the final analysis, the noblest badge that we can wear as Jews and as Americans is that of our B'nai B'rith, which pledges all Jews to aid and love one another in whatever conduces to the welfare of the Jewish people."

"And this, I wish to declare to you all, reform or orthodox, Zionist or non-Zionist, religious or non-religious; and on that platform I stand; all Jews are my people; all Jewish hopes, my hopes; all Jewish dreams, my dreams."

Many other rabbis from nearby cities spoke at both the Brandeis theater meeting and at the Brandeis restaurant prior to the address by Dr. Weizmann.

### Grover Cleveland Bergdoll Reported in Lower California

Los Angeles, April 27.—Reports that Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, sought by federal authorities for years as a draft dodger, is in the northern part of Lower California and spends his time between Escondido and Tijuana, were brought today to Los Angeles by private individuals.

### 'Wild and Woolly' Island Raided

### 'Native' Arrested and 40-Gallon Still Seized by Federal Dry Sleuths.

A wild, unexplored country where law and taxes are unknown was discovered Thursday night less than 25 miles from Omaha by five federal prohibition agents from U. S. Rohrer's office.

One of the "natives," C. A. Cook by name, was arrested, a 40-gallon liquor still was confiscated and 300 gallons of mash were destroyed.

This strange, exotic land is a large island in the Missouri river, five miles above Calhoun.

"We were nearly drowned getting across to it in a boat in the darkness," said Group Chief Bob Anderson. "We found the still concealed in a cave dug in the side of a hill and hidden in a veritable jungle."

"The night was weird, the moon shining occasionally through the clouds only increasing the effect, and the howling of coyotes filled the night. We might have been in Timbuctoo or Tibet."

"The island comprises about 2,000 acres and is inhabited by some squatters. The principal means of livelihood seem to be moonshining, crude farming and stock raising."

Cook was arrested on the mainland late in the afternoon. In his automobile the officers found two gallons of whiskey. He is charged with illegal possession. He guided the officers to the moonshine cave on the island, but insisted that it does not belong to him.

The boat in which the officers crossed the whirling waters between mainland and island was old and leaky and, for a time, it seemed they would not be able to keep it afloat.

The officers returned to Omaha at 2 this morning.

### Call Special Election.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., April 27.—The city commissioners set June 19, as the date for the special election to vote on the city manager plan and black Bros. Mills company lighting contract.

### Road Conditions

(Furnished by the Omaha Auto Club.) Lincoln Highway—East: Roads fair to Marshalltown, just fair east to De Witt. Lincoln Highway—West: Roads fair to Fremont, detour west of Valley somewhat rough, fair to Schuyler. From Schuyler the roads are muddy and bad clear through to North Platte. O. L. D.—Roads fair to good to Lincoln, fair to Fairmont, muddy west to Holdrege. Meridian Highway—Roads fair south, muddy north. Cornhusker Highway—Roads fair. Highland Cut-off—Roads rough. Black Hills Trail—Roads just fair to Scribner, muddy to Norfolk. Washington Highway—Roads fair to Tekamah, muddy and rough north to Sioux City. Omaha-Tulsa Highway—Roads fair to Topeka. Topeka Highway—Roads just fair, still pretty rough. King of Trails—North: Roads fair to Missouri Valley, poor north to Sallis. King of Trails—South: Roads fair to Plattsmouth, fair to good south to Hiawatha. River-to-River Road—Roads fair to good. White-Way "H" Highway—Roads fair to good to Adair, rough Adair to Carey, good to Des Moines, good to Grinnell, rough in stretches to Iowa City. T. O. A. Shortline—Roads fair. Weather reported cloudy at all stations.

### Nurse Denies Part in Bandit's Escape



Miss Coralea Ramey, nurse in Athens, Ga., hospital, from which Gerald Chapman, mail bandit, escaped, told federal officials she was innocent of the fact if she aided Chapman to escape.

### Grocers Urge Sugar Strike

### California Organization Advises Consumers' Check in Buying Would Cut Prices.

Los Angeles, April 27.—A "consumers' strike" is urged by the Certified Grocers of California, an organization of 60 or more dealers, as the quickest means pending possible government action of reducing the price of sugar. In resolutions adopted by the organization, it was declared, "The high price of sugar is the result of speculation and not of shortage, and speculation in an essential food product should be stopped."

The government was asked to stop such speculation, in a telegram the organization sent to Washington.

### Annual Festival of Music Will Be Held at Falls City

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Falls City, Neb., April 27.—Falls City's second annual Festival of Music will be held Wednesday and Thursday of next week at the City park auditorium. Arrangements are being made to accommodate a crowd of 2,000 for each of the four programs. The Kansas City Little Symphony orchestra of 20 pieces will furnish the musical program and will feature Brown Schoenheit, native of Falls City, flute soloist.

### Neihardt Reads From Lyrics

### Nebraska Poet Laureate Appears at University of Omaha.

"We must develop a culture of our own to justify the great wealth and power we are getting, for without a culture of its own a nation will not become truly great," John G. Neihardt, Nebraska's poet laureate, said yesterday.

Mr. Neihardt is on a short tour, reciting at universities in Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska. He read from his lyrics last night at the University of Omaha and on May 11 he will appear before the Schoolmasters' club of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Commenting on the work of his epic cycle of five fables, covering the whole period of western development from 1820 to 1920, he explained that he has completed about half of this great undertaking, having been at the work 10 years, one year of which was given to writing a prose work of the historical background of the cycle. He will be nearly 10 years more on this work.

"There was a great mood of courage developed in the west during the 19th century and many of those now alive have forgotten or have not learned of this historic development," Mr. Neihardt added. "I and others are endeavoring to record this great historical period. I mention Sandzen, the Kansas painter; Allen True, the Denver artist; Skilton, the composer; Wilka Gather and others."

Mr. Neihardt is living in the Ozarks, near Branson, Mo. He explained that he regarded his stay in the Ozarks as a prolonged vacation. His heart is in Nebraska and he avers that he will never permanently separate himself from Nebraska.

"I have four acres of land and a cow in the Ozarks and it is quiet where I am located," he said. He expects to finish "The Song of the Indian Wars," during the fall of 1924 and anticipates that it will be published during the early days of 1925. He explained that a year to a poet is not a long period of time. For nearly 25 years he just "practiced" writing verse before he began his big work, which, when completed, will be an epic cycle, requiring nearly 20 years to complete.

On Wednesday night he appeared before the Third district meeting of Women's clubs at Albion, Neb.

### Ball Player Injured.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Pawnee City, Neb., April 27.—Glen Wenzel, member of the high school baseball team at Steinauer, had his leg broken while practicing for a coming game.

### Mayor of Rulo Is Freed on Election Law Charge

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Falls City, Neb., April 27.—Mayor Homer D. Kirk of Rulo was freed by County Judge Fullon on the charges of violating the election laws of the state in connection with the municipal election at Rulo.

Mayor Kirk had been accused of opening one of the ballot boxes during the course of the voting in order to correct the name of one of the

candidates, a married woman, who had been entered under her maiden name. The judge ruled that no offense had been committed and dismissed the case.

### Women's Klan Marches.

Michigan City, Ind., April 27.—More than 100 white-robed women, members of the Kamella, marched in a parade of the Ku Klux Klan here. Nearly a thousand robed marchers were in line and were headed by a cavalcade.

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