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Jews present. The children are not brought up in a Jewish spirit, as there are no Jewish schools. Materially, however, the majority of the 5,000 Jews of Warsaw are in a good position.

In Lodz there are 20,000 Jews, and here Jewish communal life is flourishing. There are many institutions, organisations, parties and societies and a very fine Yiddish theatre. There are Jewish newspapers and magazines. In Lower Silesia the Jewish community is about 50,000 and also enjoying free life. There are many institutions, organisations, etc.

Development of Co-operatives

Mr. Nahari spoke very highly of the development and advancement of Jewish co-operative enterprises in Poland. The Jewish co-operative society, "Solidarnosc," is the second biggest in the country, next to the largest co-operative, "Spolem." It comprises over 200 factories and workshops and employs some 20,000 Jews. The co-operative builds its own machinery and produces an enormous variety of articles, including textiles, timber, the finest furniture, chemicals, hardware, silk and hand-painted silk. Included in the management are Dr. Parnes, the well-known Zionist, and Mr. Zaricki, a prominent member of the Workers Party. "It is amazing to see this wonderful organisation built up in so short a time. It is exporting many articles to all parts of the world and has a big future. The Polish Government gives every assistance to the co-operatives and to private enterprise. It has done everything in its power to root out anti-Semitism in the country and Jews enjoy complete equality in all aspects of social, economic and political life.

Asked about immigration from Poland, Mr. Nahari said that owing to shortage of working hands, he understood the Government was not keen on allowing people to leave the country, but no obstacles were made to those who applied for emigration to Palestine before March 31, 1948, and those would be able to proceed to Palestine before the end of March, 1949.

Mr. Nahari has been connected with trade between South Africa and Poland for some time past. He said that during the last year Poland bought hides, skins and wool from South Africa to the value of £1,500,000. It has sold to South Africa goods to the value of £100,000, but this will be increasing. Poland is able to sell South Africa cement, which is in short supply here.

Mr. Nahari hoped that if such sales are carried out Poland will send its own boats to the shores of this country, which would be in a position to take back hides and skins. He represents the firm Polimex, which is in a position to sell building materials, baths, pipes, fittings, etc., which are in short supply here, also other firms like Poliglob, Estrex, etc., that are in a position to supply all other articles manufactured in Poland.

Chief Rabbi of British Empire

RABBI ISRAEL BRODIE received a unanimous call to become Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British Commonwealth and Empire at the Chief Rabbinate Conference in London, on Sunday, May 30, 1948. He was born in Newcastle-on-Tyne on April 4, 1895.

Educated: Newcastle-on-Tyne schools; Jews' College and University of London, 1912, B.A. (Hons.). London University, 1915; Alfred Louis Cohen Scholarship to Oxford, 1916 (1917-1919). Chaplain to the British forces, 1919-1921; Oxford, taking B.Litt. degree 1921.

Appointments: 1921-1923 Social Service East End London; June, 1923, Rabbinical Diploma, Jews' College, 1923-1937, Rabbi, Melbourne Hebrew Congregation and President Melbourne Beth Din, Australia; 1938 Lecturer in



RABBI ISRAEL BRODIE

Preaching, Jews' College, London; 1940-1944 Chaplain to the British forces, 1944 to date Senior Jewish Chaplain to H.M. Forces with rank of Lt.-Col.; 1944, Mentioned in Despatches for distinguished services.

Jewish Chorus In Film

THE children's chorus of the West Adams Jewish Community Centre, Los Angeles, Calif., was recently employed by M.G.M. for the film "Big City". The children appear in the film with Danny Thomas and Margaret O'Brien.

Sigi Acclaimed In South America

SIGI WEISSENBERG, the brilliant young pianist, who visited South Africa recently, may pay another visit to this country next year, according to a letter from Sigi's mother, received by Mrs. A. Senior.

Sigi is at present touring South America, where his playing has been acclaimed by the critics. One leading Cuban newspaper, "Diario De La Marino," wrote: "Because of his impassioned temperament, Sigi Weissenberg is a real genius . . ."

In Lima, where he was to have given three concerts, he had to give ten, so great did his popularity prove to be. Several were given with the National Orchestra of Lima.

A keen Zionist, Sigi gave a concert in Lima in aid of Haganah funds and also addressed a number of Zionist meetings there.

Israelis or Israelis?

MR. DAVID DAINOW, former editor of the "Zionist Record," who is at present in South Africa in the interest of the Palestine Emergency Fund, has made a suggestion in regard to the name by which citizens of the new State of Israel are to be known throughout the world.

Mr. Dainow feels that the name "Israeli" would not quite fit the bill. It means that possibly Jews throughout the world would be known as Israelis, as would those in the State of Israel.

Just, therefore, as there are Austrians, Canadians and Australians, so the suggestion is made by Mr. Dainow that the citizens of the new State of Israel be known henceforth as "Israelians."

Israelians would be Jews who are living in the State of Israel and are citizens there.

Indians Return The Compliment

IN an Indian reservation in Colorado in the American Far West, the Indians have established one of the most beautiful children's camps to be seen in the United States.

A well-known Jewish communal worker, on visiting this camp, was amazed to find that the various buildings bore such names as Chaim Nachman Bialik Library, Theodor Herzl Recreation Hall, Yehuda Halevi Lodge, Max Nordau Guest House, and so on.

The visitor turned to his guide in perplexity and asked for an explanation, and was told the following story:—

"When we first decided to erect this camp we wanted it to be as complete and as perfect as possible. Upon inquiry we learned that many of the finest children's camps in the country are sponsored by Jews, operated either as private commercial enterprises, or under the auspices of Jewish Centres and Y.M.H.A.'s. Accordingly, we dispatched a committee to visit a dozen or more of these model camps and to make care-

ful note of the various ideas which we could incorporate into our project. "It was not long," the Indian continued, "before our committee discovered to their gratification and surprise, that it is the custom in such Jewish camps to name the buildings somewhat as follows: Iroquois Lodge, Mohav Athletic House, Seminole Library, Pawnee Boat House, Nava Mess Hall, Choctaw Dormitory and so on. Our committee was deeply touched by this obvious expression of esteem and friendship for our people, and so you see he waved his hand at the buildings on the shores of the Indian lake—"we have decided to return the compliment."

"You Stoop to Milk a Cow"

ONE of the great rabbis of the last century was Rabbi Tzvi Charif, of Slonim. Affectionately known as "Reb Izele," he was a man of great wisdom, insight, knowledge and warmth. When he went to collect funds for the needy, his requests were met with dignity and pride. Yet was rumoured that when he went to collect from the town's wealthiest person, he bowed and scraped. The townspeople found it hard to believe that their "Reb Izele" would have stooped before the famous skinflint, "Berele Chazar Berele, the town "gevir", he earned the name of "Chazar" because of his miserliness. Well then, should the proud and dignified Reb Izele bow for a contribution from the town's unsavoury characters?

So the townspeople asked Reb Izele: "Why is it that you stoop with dignity in front of the greatest scholars and finest people of our town, yet you bend when you seek a contribution from Berele Chazar?"

Reb Izele's reply is of classic proportions: "When you seek contribution from a man," he said, "you stand up straight. When you go to milk an animal you have to bend over."

Morton Rosenbaum, in "Jew Outlook," Pittsburgh, Pa.

Roosevelt's Reply

THE following tale about late President Roosevelt is worth retelling:—

A story was circulated that FDR was descended from Jews. The editor of the "Detroit Jewish Chronicle" wrote the President, who replied: "All I know about the origin of the Roosevelt family in this country is that branches bearing the name apparently descended from Cl Martenssen Van Roosevelt, who came from Holland some time before 1648—even the year is uncertain. Where he came from Holland I do not know, nor do I know who his parents were. There was a family of the same name on one of the Dutch islands in Holland as lately as thirty-fourty years ago, but, frankly, I have never had either the inclination or the inclination to establish a line on the other side of the ocean before they came over here nearly 300 years ago . . . In the dim past they may have been Jews, or Catholics or Protestants—what I am more interested in is whether they were good citizens and believers in God—I hope they were both."