

A Cry for Brotherhood

A Protest Against Hitler's Persecution of the Jews

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the People," etc.

*They came from old night with Asia in their blood,
Out of the mystery before the Flood,
They saw old Egypt join the ruined lands,
The sculptured scarlet East turn to grey hands,
The star of Greece arise and fade to dream,
Rome's wolf draw suck beside the yellow stream,
Then roar on the world with jaws that did not spare,
Then darkly die upon his ancient lair.*

*Through all these years this people carried chains;
Had dark Assyrias and darker Spains.
They were the tribes of sorrow who were fed
From wells of hate and exile's bitter bread.
They built the tombs of Pharaohs in old years,
Mixing the bricks with tears.
They own but had no houses of their own;
They heard their dirge and Babylon their moan.*

*And now in Germany we see again
The old hard hand laid on those women and men;
And yet this wondrous race has given birth
To genius and a glory on the earth.
Out of this people came
The Book of books and many a glorious name—
Moses who stood once in the holy place
And gazed upon Jehovah, face to face;
Then standing on the cliffs of Sinai,
He heard the wisdom of the upper sky,
And handed down the Decalogue to be
A law for men on every land and sea.
It was a wisdom-word
That centuries and continents have heard;
And never a man of earth has added to it—
This wonder-wisdom from the Infinite.*

*And Judah had other sons—Isaiah, he
Whose voice was like the thunder of the sea—
Had David, too, whose heaven-enkindled psalm
Has breathed on earth a high unwordly calm—
Had also great Maimonides,
Who touched supernal keys,
Who saw the world, God's sweet caress,
Was made for man, and man for happiness.
Then her Spinoza lifted a lighted hand,
Which still is flashing light from land to land.
Behold, the wisdom of her poet sages
Has left eternal glory on the ages.*

*Yes, from the trembling lips of many a seer
The whole wide world has heard, and still can hear
The Psalms, the Torah, and the Talmud speak
Protection for the plundered and the weak.
Shall not this race whose gifts have been so great
Have some protection from the tooth of hate?
They have not yet their safe place in the sun,
They who knew Egypt, who knew Babylon.*

*Protest this cruel wrong
In thunders of the sermon and the song.
Let cries go forth in shrill tempestuous note!
As if they rose from Tempest's roaring throat.
Let there be thunders in the world; let be
A protest that will shake the ruler's knee.
Let there be protest till the happy hour
When justice shall unclot her arm of power.*

*Let there be thunders in the world—yes, more;
Let there be Brotherhood in every shore.
Let all men rise into the higher place
Where they can see God's face in every face,
Let there be Brotherhood; let this long cry
Be heard on earth and under every sky.*

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Universal Encyclopaedia in Yiddish

A PLEASANT affair took place at the Elgin Hotel on Wednesday last, when some 130 people assembled to celebrate the appearance in Paris of the first Volume of the Universal Encyclopaedia in Yiddish.

Mr. R. Feldman, Chairman of the Local Committee, opened the proceedings, and dwelt upon the significance of the occasion. The Yiddish language, after receiving its "Magna Charta" at the historic conference in Tchernowitz, had gone on the way of development and progress until the present day when it would possess an Encyclopaedia worthy to take its place among the famous Encyclopaediae of the world. This was indeed a happy day for those who loved and honoured the mother tongue of the majority of Jews the whole world over.

Mr. W. Rybko referred to the significance of Yiddish as a binding force of the Jewish people, and the importance of the Encyclopaedia as a source of enlightenment to the people.

Mr. A. Ovedoff dealt with the fact that in spite of the many black prophecies for the future of Yiddish, it was now the living tongue of the masses. The Encyclopaedia meant the Jewish assertion of their faith in reason and its ultimate triumph over the present period of woeful retrogression.

Mr. L. Melamed, hon. secretary of the Committee, briefly described the scope of the Encyclopaedia, and appealed to the audience to help in the great enterprise which was being attempted with considerable self-sacrifice by workers and lovers of Jewish culture.

Mr. D. Jager, the last speaker, closed the proceedings with a call to assist in the work of the publication of the Encyclopaedia, which was a vital necessity to the Jewish intelligentsia, as well as the masses. The publication of the Encyclopaedia meant that Yiddish "had come of age," that it had reached a stage of maturity and equality among the European tongues.

In the course of the evening Cantor B. Chagy sang a selection of modern Yiddish songs, which were enthusiastically received.

Mr. Maurice Lipper, a young and highly gifted violinist, rendered most successfully some solos. The accompanist of both artists was the well-known pianist, Mr. Hyman Sachs.

Mr. I. Dunsky and Miss Julia Ziehook rendered items in Yiddish. The whole function was a great success, and resulted in some 30 people undertaking to buy shares, or the published volumes of the Encyclopaedia.

600,000 Signatures for Revisionist Petition

Jerusalem, August 13th.

SPEAKING at a Revisionist press conference held here this afternoon, Dr. von Weisl said that 600,000 signatures had been obtained on the Revisionist Petition, exclusive of seven major countries.

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