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FRONTIERS OF HOPE

An interesting book has been written by Dr. Horace M. Kallen, American-Jewish pedagogue and philosopher, after a year's study of Jewish conditions in Palestine, Russia and Poland. He calls it "Frontiers of Hope" and his conclusion is that Palestine and Russia offer the two avenues of Jewish salvation, the first because it can provide a spiritual stimulus to all of world Jewry, and the latter because it will eventually afford an opportunity for a large section of the Jewish population to assume productive occupations.

In Dr. Kallen's view, Palestine is progressing satisfactorily though slowly. He is a Zionist of old standing, and as he confesses he was prepared to discount much that was said about Palestine by enthusiastic workers. However, he tells how greatly impressed he was with the type of Jews to be found in that country, and though he would have wished to see quicker progress, he comes to the conclusion that in view of the great difficulties, the Jews have done as well in Palestine as may be reasonably expected.

Of Russian colonization, Prof. Kallen says, "Every effort is being made as swiftly and as happily as possible to gather Jews together in a large area of contiguous territory, and to organize them into a Jewish autonomous state. The homeland of Israel, say the Russian Jewish communists, is where collective Israel can hold land and build themselves homes." He says nothing about the hundreds of thousands of Jewish artisans and former tradesmen left without occupation by the revolution, but a spirit of hopefulness runs throughout the book that these will settle down to productive work, and that a great many will become colonists.

Of Polish Jewry, Prof. Kallen has much to say, and that in a very pessimistic tone. Poland is not one of the "Frontiers of Hope." Rather it is a land of despair. Unity is lacking among the Jewish population. There are nine distinct political parties, each divided into numberless 'lefts,' 'rights' and 'centres.' Luftmenchen abound. Economic conditions are well-nigh hopeless. "Out of the Polish Depths" is the caption of this part of his book, and the excerpt from the 130th Psalm, with which he starts the chapter. "Out of the depths have I cried unto thee,

O, Jehovah, Lord hear my voice: Give ear to the voice of supplication," is very appropriate.

JEWISH WEALTH

A report recently published by the Jewish Communal survey of New York shows an encouraging decrease of poverty among the Jewish people in that metropolis. It is estimated now that the rate of dependency is only ten per thousand in New York and four per thousand in Brooklyn. The reason for the decrease, it is stated, is the growth of Workmen's Compensation benefits and other forms of industrial insurance. As provision by the state or the people themselves against injury and sickness grows, demands upon charitable organizations naturally decline.

In view of the millions of dollars spent each year by Jewish charitable organizations upon their own people, it is strange that the saying "as rich as a Jew" still persists. Were an accurate survey made of the wealth possessed by Jews throughout the world, it would show a small number of very rich, but it would also show, in all likelihood, that Jews possess a very low per capita wealth. The millions of poverty-stricken Jews in Europe would bring down the average to a very low level. Even if the poverty among American Jews is decreasing, it would only be a drop in the bucket against the destitution and wan to be found in Russia, Poland and other parts of central and Eastern Europe. "As poor as a Jew" would be a far more accurate expression than the saying which now exists.

At one time it was the proud boast of Jews in the United States ANTI-SEMITISM that their country was TISM IN THE FREER of anti-Semitism U.S.A. than any other country in the world. To-day conditions are vastly different. Every-

where discrimination exists against Jews primarily because they are Jews. Various occupations and callings are entirely closed to them; in others they are very grudgingly admitted. Colleges, hospitals, hotels, labor unions—in every sphere of life they have to overcome difficulties because of their race.

If anti-Semitism is a wave, it has not reached the crest as yet, according to N. Herman, who reports on the situation in the Chicago Sentinel. After making a survey of conditions he comes to the gloomy decision that anti-Semitism is increasing rather than decreasing in the United States. So serious is his view of the

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New Address

Commencing this issue, The Jewish Post changes its address of publication from 321 McDermot Ave. to 736 Sherbrooke St. (corner Notre Dame Avenue). To facilitate the task of our printers and to assure the paper coming out on time we have found it necessary to fix Wednesday, 6 p.m., as the "deadline," for the receipt of social and personal items, news, announcements, etc. Anything received later must go over to the next issue. The paper goes to press on Thursday and will be issued early Friday morning. Social items may be phoned in to the Society Editor, Miss Zoe Isaacs, No. 71871, or phoned direct to us, No. 21636.

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