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Peace in Community Affairs

On another page will be found a news item reporting the latest development with regard to the differences which have arisen between the Mount Carmel Clinic and the Jewish Endorsation Bureau. We congratulate both sides on what appears to be a very satisfactory outcome to a matter which, during the past couple of years, has become a topic of general discussion in Jewish circles in this city. As far as we are concerned, we feel particularly pleased at this moment because the final results appear to justify completely the position we had taken from the beginning.

It will be remembered that from the very beginning we took the position that a paper such as ours, claiming to be the organ of the better Jewish opinion in this city, should take a definite stand upon matters which affect the general welfare of our Jewish community in this city. Taking this stand, we voiced our sentiments in no uncertain tones, believing as we did then, and as now turns out to be a fact, that our opinion was, not only that of the vast majority of the Jewish people of this city, but also the almost unanimous opinion of those who, had in the past, by their communal activities shown their deep concern in the general welfare.

It will be remembered that we expressed the opinion that a Jewish Endorsation Bureau was a vital necessity in order to do away with the communal chaos which prevails at present, and which should be replaced by some semblance of order and efficiency. We also expressed the opinion that once the Bureau had been established it was the duty of all organizations in this city to become members of the Bureau, and to abide by its decisions in order that discipline and businesslike methods might prevail in communal affairs, just as they do in private business.

In some quarters we were criticized for our opinions, and our editorial statements made sincerely, frankly and with a view to the general good were contorted to mean that we were opposed to the Clinic as such. Nothing could have been further from our thoughts, and it is quite evident now that we spoke in the best interests, not only of the general community, but of the Clinic itself.

The controversy has shown that public sympathy is definitely behind the Bureau; in other words, that the public is desirous of having charitable enterprises in this city definitely under the control of a responsible body, and it will pave the way for the entry into the Bureau of a number of organizations which have remained aloof. However, the Clinic has not been weakened in the slightest. Rejoining the Bureau, it recovers the sympathy of a large section of the public which had been alienated by its action last year. The officers of the Clinic who were responsible for the change of policy certainly were acting in the best interests of their Institution, and are entitled to the fullest credit for their recognition of the situation and their courageous action in bringing about its improvement.

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their children as pledges of protection, that it is eminently clear that in spite of the religious and political agitation, the Arab and Jewish populations continued friendly to each other throughout the difficult period of the rioting.

The third fiction is one invented by the communists and it is to the effect that the Arabs rose against British imperialism which allied itself with Zionist imperialism to enslave the native population of Palestine. Were this the case, Dr. Kaufman argued, the attack would have been directed against the British and an attempt would have been made to destroy the Jewish colonies. The opposite, however, occurred. The rioters confined their attacks to the orthodox element of Jewry living in the towns and cities. They did not attempt to harm the British—(frequently the cry was heard "the government is with us)—and they did not attempt to injure the newer Jewish population, nationally inclined Jewish, those forming the colonists. The inference to be drawn, therefore, is that the riots had no political significance, but were merely instances of mob violence.

Jews a Minority

The Jewish Year Book of 1929 records the Jewish population of the United States as being only 4,288,028. From the vehemence and the passion of some of the opposition which we arouse in certain quarters one would imagine that this figure is grossly underestimated. Perhaps as a cause of dissension and acrimonious controversy one Jew is equal to a hundred non-Jews. It is certainly amazing to note that for such a meagre percentage of the total population of the country (115,000,000) it is necessary to create fences for exclusion about certain industrial establishments, to delimit the number of us registering at certain colleges, to bar others of us from the free social contacts with our peers of other faiths to which we are humanly entitled—in short, to use devastating front-trench gun-fire against an invincible though small "lost battalion" fighting desperately for its right to live. In private life, when a giant intimidates a dwarf, he is called a bully. What shall be said of those who, under cover of numbers and more numbers, and still more numbers, rolling in upon us like a tidal wave, use all the devices of cruelty and persecution which their overwhelming numerical preponderance renders comparatively safe? Fortunately for us, we are accustomed to the unequal struggle and are still enjoying our precarious immortality. Even more fortunately for us we have on our side the choicest spirits of Christendom. Their voices are raised against the constant brutalities to which we are subjected, even as ours are. It is a miracle that we as a people are not given more to self-pity; that we are not avowedly a collection of martyrs, unable to react sweetly and sanely to life. Most of us go about our business bravely, ignoring the temptation

to whine, to lament, to seek a walling wall. We shall attempt no heroics, but we must continue to cherish life because we are protesting minority wherever we are, pleading for a saner outlook, for the brotherhood of man, for peace. And four million teachers of the gospel of humanity can be a tremendous influence.—The American Hebrew.

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New York Letter

By Harold Berman

(Special to the Jewish Post)

That modern Babel called New York always must have its excitement and its hubbub. There is restlessness in its very blood, while clamor and restlessness seem to be the very breath in its nostrils. It craves for them and thrives on them, and would be unhappy without them, as it seems.

We had no sooner gone through the sacred holiday and holiday season, with their screaming announcements of world famous "Chazanim," who were to "perform" for us in every imaginable and unimaginable places of temporary and permanent worship, than we came upon the blatant and the clamor of the mayoralty campaign. This is not an exclusively Jewish concern, it is true, but of interest to all the several million inhabitants of our great city. But with two million Jews living in the greater city, every one of whom is politically conscious and quite vociferous, with a respectable number of Jewish candidates for important office on all the three tickets, the Jewish residents of our city are head over heels absorbed in this great and recurring indoor as well as outdoor sport.

The political campaign being waged in our city this year is a lively one indeed. A three-cornered fight is being waged for the mayoralty between the present incumbent, who is a democrat; Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia, Republican-Fusion, and Norman Thomas, who is a Socialist, and both of the leading parties have nominated quite a number of prominent Jews for several important offices.

But, as is usual in all three-cornered fights, there is not a little breaking down of, or jumping over, party-fences. A striking instance is the occurrence of Sunday last when Dr. Stephen Wise, always a straight Democrat in his party adherence, issued a long statement in which he applied the tar-brush to both old party candidates and pledged his allegiance to Norman Thomas in the present race. What the wealthy and fashionable members of his Free Synagogue will have to say in the matter, if at all, remains to be seen.

Dr. Chaim Zhitlovsky, a well-known radical Jewish publicist, in an article in a recent issue of "The Day," proposes the calling of a world conference of Jewish workers to consider the question of obtaining a new territory for Jewish settlement somewhere on the face of our long-portioned globe. He does not care whether this territory is situated in Turkestan, Biro-Bidjan, Uganda (once before offered to the Jews by Britain and declined with thanks), Angolo (which is a Portuguese colony in Western Africa), or anywhere else. He feels sure that the

driven and harassed Jews would flock to any territory, no matter how remotely situated or howsoever unfavorable for settlement and development by the Jews. This conference he wants to be called by no other organization than the "Arbeiter Ring," a Jewish workers' benevolent order, which up to the present has not at all been identified with any constructive or national Jewish movements outside of its own particularly chosen field. As was to be expected, this proposal has brought forth not a little of discussion in the Yiddish press.

A SOUND CIVIC ENTERPRISE

Ratepayers of Winnipeg should make sure of the success of the by-law for extension of the steam-heating plant.

This extension is not for the interests of the few score of business houses that will actually become customers of the steam-heat utility. It is in the interests of City Hydro and the ratepayers at large.

When the steam standby plant was erected by the City Hydro it was for insurance against a break-down in the transmission system from Pointe du Bois. City Hydro could not afford the possibility of a break-down. To retain its customers a steam standby plant was essential. In carrying charges this represented \$75,000 a year, which, if there were no return, would be a considerable burden on the Hydro, and might have resulted in increased rates.

How to make it pay its way was the question. A steam-heat utility was decided upon, and the wisdom of the decision is borne out by the results. This year the steam-heat will pay the carrying charges on the standby plant. It will pay City Hydro \$100,000 for off-peak power used for making steam—two-thirds of the steam having been produced by this otherwise waste power. It will also return a small profit, about \$25,000, to the city.

In other words, City Hydro has the steam standby it required for insurance of service; it has a market for \$100,000 worth of power otherwise wasted; and it has a profit of \$25,000 annually on the whole transaction. This \$125,000 is "found money," with the insurance feature thrown in. That is good business, surely.

When the steam mains were installed they were made as large as would ever be required to distribute steam in the area to be covered, in accordance with sound engineering practice. But also in accordance with sound engineering cordance with sound engineering practice, the number and capacity of the boilers in the standby plant were limited to the immediate prospective demand for steam. Provision was made for enlarging the plant if conditions warranted it. Now conditions do warrant it. The market for additional steam heat is available.

The bylaw is to provide the additional boilers and space to contain them.

When they are installed the carrying charges will be higher, but more steam will be sold and more power used. The Hydro's revenue from off-peak power—power that would otherwise be wasted as water going over the spilldam at Pointe du Bois, will be approximately \$200,000. The operating profit will be correspondingly increased.

Even when the Pointe du Bois and Slave Falls plants are fully loaded, as they will be in a few years now, there will still remain the off-peak power to use. City Hydro's revenue

from this source is all "velvet," and it will help to hold electric light and power rates down.

Still another saving will be achieved. The one-third of the steam-heat sold produced by burning powdered coal will be made by western coal alone. The importation of several thousand tons of American coal annually is thereby prevented, with advantage to the west and to the Dominion.

It is a sound civic enterprise, a profitable and desirable business venture. The ratepayers will do well to make absolutely sure that neither apathy nor hostility defeats the bylaw.

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To the Electors:

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Do you realize how many by-laws, after being voted on, have been ignored in the last few years?



Do you realize what happened last year? You voted for an Exhibition, and to be at Kildonan Park. You are now told you cannot have Kildonan Park.

If for some reason that place is impracticable for an Exhibition, does it not emphasize the blunder the Council made in submitting it to the people?

What will happen to this year's by-laws after being voted on if you do not insist on their fulfillment. If your vote and wishes are to mean anything, they must be supported by the Council, or voting becomes a farce. Do not let it become such a thing, as it is far too important to you.

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