

Editorials

A Party of Non-Partisans

Shortly before the New Year it was reported in Winnipeg that Alderman Jack Blumberg would be nominated for the position of chairman of the most important committee of the City of Winnipeg Council for the year 1956. He was to replace veteran Alderman Simonite as head of the finance committee who retired last year from his aldermanic post. The report concerning the nomination from Mr. Blumberg came from Civic Election Committee circles, which usually decide at their own caucus who are to be chairmen of the various committees, for they control a majority vote in council that enables them to elect their own nominees.

In view of his seniority and certainly because of other qualifications, Mr. Blumberg undoubtedly deserved this nomination. Winnipeg citizenry at large would have heartily approved such a choice, but at the first meeting of the new council last week, the Civic Election Committee both nominated and elected Alderman Walter Crawford for the post of chairman of the Finance committee. Mr. Crawford may have very high qualifications for the position, but he is also a comparative newcomer to civic administration and does not have the experience and the knowledge of civic financial matters that is possessed by Mr. Blumberg.

Civic Election Committee members justify their action because Mr. Blumberg is a member of the C.C.F. party and they feel his chairmanship of this committee "would have damaged the credit of the city." That is a very foolish justification of what can only be termed an unfair act. In the past Winnipeg has had mayors who were members of the C.C.F. and who for years did not damage our credit standing. Moreover our next door neighbor, Saskatchewan has a C.C.F. government and certainly their credit rating has always maintained a high position, as has that of the Socialist government that was in power in Great Britain for many years.

Everyone knows Mr. Blumberg as a moderate man, and one who is dedicated to the interests of the city. It is certain he has greater experience in municipal affairs than anyone else in council today. To declare his chairmanship of the finance committee would damage the credit of the city is utter nonsense.

However, we have reason to suspect that the true reason behind this act is far different from this and much simpler. It appears to us that the C.E.C. retains all the important positions for its own supporters and offers them as rewards to its faithful members.

The Civic Election Committee was originally organized years ago "to combat partisanship" in municipal administration, a principle which was aimed chiefly at the C.C.F. which was accused of bringing the spirit of partisanship into Winnipeg city council. In the end, however, the C.E.C. itself became a party—a party of non-partisans, as it were—which believes in the old political maxim, "To the victor belongs the spoils."

The C.E.C. distributes committee positions through its own caucus and a caucus is in itself the negation of non-partisanship. The distribution of posts has thus become the means by which members are disciplined, rewarded for faithfulness, and punished for being unfaithful. The positions are distributed not necessarily as the interests of Winnipeg dictate, but for the benefit of the party of "non-partisans." The truth of this was clearly displayed once again in connection with Mr. Blumberg's loss of that nomination.

Instead Mr. Blumberg was given the position of deputy mayor, which he once held with distinction. According to his seniority this post has belonged to him but was not opened to him until now because he was not a member of the privileged group. However the return of this position to him does not serve to right the wrong committed by the C.E.C.—and against the welfare of the city of Winnipeg—when the chairmanship of the finance committee was not given to Alderman Jack Blumberg.

Israel Pays Its Debts

On January 1, 1956, coupon number four of State of Israel Development Bonds became due and payable to the thousands of bond holders throughout Canada and the other countries of the free world. As it was announced in this newspaper, all bond holders could cash these coupons in any chartered bank in this country.

Since her establishment, the State of Israel has paid all debts and the interest on them with punctuality. Whatever the situation, the means with which to pay creditors has always been found by Israel and though there may be difficulty in finding the means with which to repay other debts, such is not the case regarding the Development Bonds.

At the present time Israel has sold bonds to the sum of some 200 million dollars, 12 million dollars in Canada alone. These sums were spent entirely for the economic development of the country—for agriculture, irrigation, the power industry, for bringing forth the natural resources within the land, and such. All of these investments have already brought forth huge dividends so that all of the projects pay the bond dividends as they come due, and will, when the bonds mature, also meet the principal.

Those who have bought Israel bonds and those who will buy them in the future should bear these things in mind. For in so far as investments in general can be secure, Israel Bonds are among the most secure, and their contribution to the economic development of the State of Israel is immeasurable.

Congratulations

Two prominent Jewish barristers were among the nine Manitoba lawyers honored at the New Year with the title of Queen's Counsel. They are A. Montague Isaacs and Chaim N. Kushner. These men occupy a high place in both the life of their own Jewish community and in the general life of the city of Winnipeg. Their selection for this honor will certainly find widespread approval.

The Jewish community of Manitoba feels especially proud about this distinction awarded to two of its outstanding members. We see in it a recognition of the ever-growing contributions of members of the Jewish community to the common well-being of the city and province.

To Mr. Isaacs and to Mr. Kushner, we extend our congratulations. We are certain that the title accorded them will inspire them to further endeavors on behalf of the Jewish community, the city of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba.

Luncheon Will Benefit Israel Polio Centre



MRS. H. TOWÉ
... luncheon chairman.

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U.J.A.

in Europe, Morocco and Israel. "With success in our 1956 U.J.A. campaign goes an assurance of continued joint effort, not only in fund-raising, but in the building of positive Jewish life."

Aaron Feld, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Fund, reported that through "Phase B," last year "we raised as much in 1955 as in 1954 and arrested the steady downward trend in giving ... although we did not get back 'the Best Years of Our Lives' (the peak \$541,000 raised in 1950)."

Of education, Mr. Feld noted that the responsibility of parents to assume their maximum share of the cost of the education of their children had been emphasized and "we expect tuition collections to go up by about \$6,000 over last year."

"During the past year we have tightened up in every area possible, and have effected every possible economy," he stated, "and we think that we will be able to finance our local program in 1956-57 at approximately the same cost as in 1955-56 in spite of the normal rise in salaries and minor increases in program."

Abie Simkin, member of the new campaign chairman, expressed gratitude and determination for a successful 1956 campaign, frankly pinch-hitting for Saul Frank Newman, of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, reviewed briefly the history of Welfare Funds on this continent up to the present day.

Treasurer Harry Walsh presented the financial report revealing 1954 pledges of \$469,200 with \$370,113 collected up to October, 1955. Chairman of the nominating committee presented the new slate of eight new nominees to the new Board of Directors as follows: E. J. Aronovitch, I. Brotman, Jerome Cohen, Dr. N. I. Corne, I. J. Droman, W. Goldberg, Joe Margolis and S. L. Morantz.

Rabbi Milton Aron gave the invocation. "During the past year we have tightened up in every area possible, and have effected every possible economy," he stated, "and we think that we will be able to finance our local program in 1956-57 at approximately the same cost as in 1955-56 in spite of the normal rise in salaries and minor increases in program."

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PRELATE

He pleaded with the then Roman Catholic Bishop of Berlin, Cardinal Count Freysing, to secure the Pope's approval. As the end of his sentence approached, he again sought to prevail upon the Nazi authorities to let him go to Lodz.

"The Nazis did not release him when his jail sentence was concluded. Instead, they shipped him to Dachau concentration camp. Wracked by sickness as he was, his body could not stand the rigors of the transport. He succumbed upon arrival at the camp.

"The community," in its letter, thanked the Catholic Church in the name of Jews and Nazi victims. Paying tribute to the memory of Father Lichtenberg, it expressed the hope that the ideals of this heroic churchman would remain alive.

RABBI

dom of God was the power of love. It was this divine spirit within him which healed the sick, gave comfort to the distraught, and wiped the scars of evil from the human heart. I pray with men of every creed and tradition that this blessed spirit embodied in the life of the Christian savior may spread to embrace the soul of all humankind, washing the world clean of hatred, fear and uncertainty, that God's holy reign may be born upon earth.

Members of the congregation murmured kind words to the rabbi after the sermon as they thanked him for his message.

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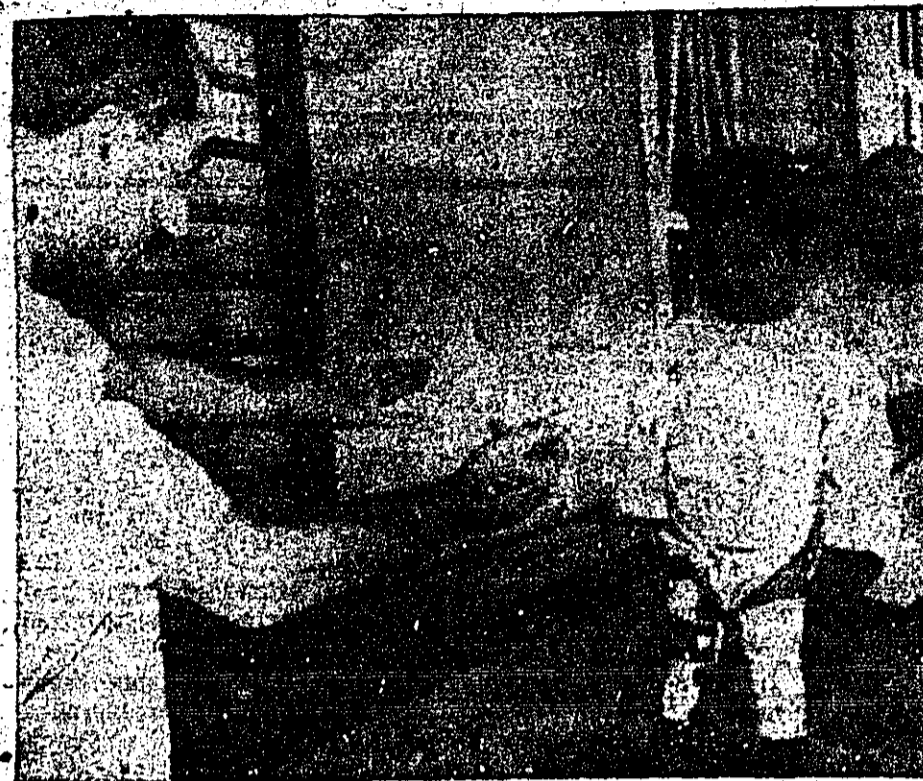
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This Is Your Community

Each week The Israelite Press features commentaries and views on methods of improving the situation of local institutions and agencies to remind every member of the community of their obligations and duties towards them.

A TIMELY CALL... At the annual dinner meeting of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Winnipeg last Tuesday, the newly appointed chairman of the 1956 campaign called on the younger generation to take the heavy burden from the shoulders of the Jewish community's "elder statesmen."

"This was a timely call indeed, for the people who built our Jewish community and established it as one of the foremost centres of Judaism on this continent, cannot carry the burden much longer. It is time that the younger generation got into action and assumed the responsibilities now when they can still benefit from the advice, wisdom and leadership of our distinguished 'pioneers.'"



THE ROAD TO RECOVERY is a long one for this Israeli youngster, victim of polio, as he regains use of his afflicted limbs at the Sarafand Post polio Rehabilitation centre. Funds to further equip the centre with latest scientific equipment, and staff its facilities, which include the only hydrotherapy pool in the Middle East, will be raised at the annual \$10 Medical Aid Luncheon on Jan. 24, at the Royal Alexandra hotel. In Israel, severely hit by polio epidemics for two successive years, over 1,200 youngsters still require post-polio care.

Start Preparations For Pioneer Bazaar

Bargain hunters, lovers of Yiddish macholim, and entertainment seekers will welcome the news that Pioneer Women's annual two-day Monster Bazaar will be held Sunday and Monday, Feb. 19 and 20, at the Hebrew Sick Benefit hall.

Sparked by a door prize of a G-E Electric Mangle, the bazaar will prove the traditional prize-fest, with frequent awards, made Monday afternoon's highlight will be a Baking Contest. The bazaar opens Sunday with the traditional family dinner, featuring traditional Jewish delicacies prepared by Pioneer Women's culinary experts. Bazaar chairman is Mrs. S. Steele.

REMEMBER! YOUR BLUE BOX

R. KLIFFER, president of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society, Western region, who will preside over the annual meeting of the organization which will take place at the Talmud Torah hall, Matthews and Powers, Sunday, January 22, at 2 p.m.

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- GARRICK—Guys and Dolls, Marlon Brando, Frank Sinatra, Jean Simmons, Vivian Blaine. (Adult)
- GRAND—The Eternal Sea, Sterling Hayden, Alexis Smith, Dean Jagger, The Twinkle in God's Eye, Mickey Rooney, Colleen Gray. (Adult)
- LYCEUM—The Wayward Wife, Gina Lollobrigida, Silvana Mangano. (Adult)
- ODEON—Doctor at Sea, Technicolor (General), Dirk Bogarde, Brenda De Banzie, James Robertson Justice.
- BEACON—Anthony Steel, Sheila Sim, West of Zanzibar, color by Technicolor, Richard Rober, Christine Lawson, The Well. (General)
- COLLEGE—Betty Grable, The Champions, Three for the Show, Cinemascope, Rory Calhoun, Corrine Calvet, Powder River, color. (General)
- PALACE—Robert Mitchum, Susan Hayward, White Witch Doctor, color, George Montgomery, Battle of Rogue River, color. (Adult)
- ROXY—Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart, Sabrina, Phil Carey, Audrey Totter, Massacre Canyon. (General)
- TOWER—Marilyn Monroe, Robert Mitchum, River of No Return, Cinemascope, Sea Around Us. (Adult)
- TIMES—Clifford Webb, Dorothy McGuire, Three Coins in a Fountain, Cinemascope, George Montgomery, Joan Vohs, Fort Ti. (General)
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Named Deputy Mayor of Beach

Samuel Heft was appointed deputy mayor of the Town of Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba, for a third term at the first 1956 meeting of council Jan. 3, when committees for the year were appointed by Mayor C. Irving Keitt, Q.C., and approved by council. The mayor and councillors Heft, T. C. Greschuk, Q.C. and J. Zelinsky took the oath of office.

Committee chairmen were named as follows: Lawrence Tapper, finance; Samuel Heft, building and zoning; T. C. Greschuk, Q.C. health; J. Ferler, public works; C. Banker, protection; and J. Zelinsky, parks. W. P. Fillmore, Q.C. was appointed solicitor; Ken Porter, secretary-treasurer; John Newhouse, assessor, and Carl Dem, fire chief.