

# ACCUSE HENRY FORD OF LIBELING JEWS

## Rabbis Silverman and Schulman Denounce Attempt to Foster Anti-Semitism Here.

### NO WORLD MASTERY PLOT

#### Nothing in Common Between Jews and Bolshevism, Says Dr. Schulman at Beth-El.

Anti-Semitism in America was the theme of sermons delivered yesterday by Rabbi Joseph Silverman in Temple Emanu-El, Fifth Avenue and Forty-third Street, and Rabbi Samuel Schulman in Temple Beth-El, Fifth Avenue and Seventy-sixth Street.

Dr. Schulman called anti-Semitism "a slimy serpent from across the sea which has crept into America." He described recent happenings as "insidious and subterranean" attacks.

"We must therefore face the anti-Semitism which a few misguided men are seeking to import into this country with an attitude worthy of our holy heritage as upholders of a religion for which thousands have been willing to lay down their lives, and we must face it with fearlessness worthy of American freemen," declared Dr. Schulman.

"Essentially, anti-Semitism is an importation. It faces us in the form of two publications. It was a shock to our self-respect or the fair play of Americans to observe that one publishing house in Boston could reproduce what bears on the face of it all the insignia of a forged document with respect to whose authenticity the publishers themselves are in doubt.

"This is a reproduction of the so-called Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion, a cryptic document, originally published in Russia in 1905. It is a plain piece of propaganda manufactured to instill hatred in the minds of Christian peoples against the Jews.

#### "The World Unrest" Denounced.

"Another publishing house in this city has published a book entitled 'The World Unrest.' It, too, bases itself upon these same documents, and the argument of this book is that the Jews and the Freemasons are in a great conspiracy to achieve world mastery. The book itself hesitates to affirm these documents as authentic. But there are constant insinuations that they might be taken as true.

"In addition to these two publications there have been a series of articles published in an obscure provincial journal whose financial support is derived from a well-known manufacturer, Mr. Ford, who, I would say in charity, has been misled into spending his money upon this futile but material project even as he was led to enter upon the quixotic enterprise of taking the boys out of the trenches during the World War.

"I know nothing about Freemasonry because I am not a Mason, and I suppose the Masonic organization will be able to take care of itself. But I do know that the idea of there being a secret power among the Jews which governs Jewry all over the world is a pure lie."

Speaking of the Bolsheviki, Dr. Schulman said:

"These men are traitors to everything Jewish. They have trampled under foot every Jewish sanctity. There is as much in common between a real Jew and a Bolshevik as there is between a Christian and a Hottentot."

#### Dr. Silverman Attacks Ford.

Dr. Silverman said that "the vile and diabolical accusations and insinuations of the protocols and Henry Ford and other anti-Semites stand condemned," and he declared that Mr. Ford and other anti-Semites stand convicted of forgery, of libel, of spreading falsehoods and calumny against the Jewish people.

"For the purpose of record, he continued, "I wish to state emphatically that these charges are severally and collectively a base libel against the Jewish people.

"There is no international secret political organization of Jews, and neither the protocols nor Mr. Ford has furnished any evidence that there is such an organization. And since the first premise, on which all the other charges are based, is absolutely false, all the accusations are equally false.

"There being no secret or public political international Jewish organization, there is no attempt on the part of Jews for world domination. The charge is a monstrous lie that has been foisted upon the world and that is being used for sinister and selfish purposes by unscrupulous publishers, writers, speakers and politicians.

"It is easy, as has been done by these anti-Semites, to collect a few names, like Karl Marx, Rosa Luxemburg, Herzl, Trotzky and others, and cull a few sentences of their writings, divorced from their contexts, and thus show that the Jews are individualists, Socialists, Bolsheviki, Zionists and what not, who care only for the overthrow of all Governments in order to establish their own.

#### Mass of Jews Against Bolshevism.

"These anti-Semites entirely ignore the fact that the Zionists, Socialists and Bolsheviki who happen to carry Jewish names are only a handful in comparison to the great bulk of Jewish people throughout the world who are not only not in sympathy with Zionism, socialism, Bolshevism, but who actually denounce these attempts at separate forms of governments. And the anti-Semites also ignore the fact that 99 per cent., if not more, of all the radicals who seek the overthrow of established lawful Governments are non-Jews.

"The most vehement writers, teachers and leaders of Socialism and Bolshevism have repeatedly averred their disbelief in God and religion. They do not claim, when they are sincere, to be either Jews or Christians, and it is therefore the grossest malice for the anti-Semites to class them as Jews, and then to libel all Jews because of the revolutionary writings and ideals of a few who themselves repudiate and denounce all affiliation with Jews; nay, who like Trotzky and others make war upon the very Jews who are condemned for their doings."

Rabbi Silverman declared that there would never be a Jewish nation or a Jewish army or navy with which to dominate the world. "And Mr. Ford and other anti-Semites must have poor vision if they see red wherever they behold a few Zionists," continued Dr. Silverman.

"But it is claimed that Jews seek to dominate the world politically and financially and thus make themselves masters. Not a scintilla of evidence is advanced for such a proposition. All facts point to the contrary.

#### No Nation Has "Jewish Vote."

"In no nation of the world is there a Jewish vote.

"In America political leaders are constantly in a quandary as to 'the Jewish vote.' They cannot figure on it, and it is well known that Jews vote for the man whom they prefer, often voting against a Jew if they do not favor his political views.

"We never seek to get a Jew into office and frown down upon any attempt of any one to deliver a so-called 'Jewish vote.'

"To claim that the Jews seek financial domination is just as absurd as to charge that they seek political control. Jews in many countries belong to the poorest of the poor, for they are constantly suffering through robbery, privation and persecution.

"The Jews, far from seeking financial domination of the world, would be content with a competency and peace. The motto of the Jews is 'Live and let others live,' based on the golden rule of Moses, 'Thou shalt love thy fellow man as thyself.'"