

UKRAINIAN JEWS AIM TO STOP POGROMS

**Commission to Visit Europe and
Prepare a Memorandum for
President Wilson.**

LANSING GIVES PERMISSION

**Mass Meeting Hears That 127,000
Jews Have Been Killed and
6,000,000 Are in Peril.**

The Federation of Ukrainian Jews in America, an organization said to represent three-quarters of a million Ukrainians in this country, decided at a convention yesterday that the massacre of their brethren in Eastern Europe must finally be stopped, and, to bring about this peace, the aid of the United States Government will be utilized. Secretary of State Lansing, it was asserted, has already given the consent of the State Department for the federation to send a commission to Ukraina to investigate the conditions of the Jews there, and to establish direct connection between them and their relatives in America.

The convention was held at the Broadway Central Hotel, at Broadway and Third Street, and was attended by more than 800 persons, representing 300 branches of the organization in this country and Canada. Joseph Seff, the President, was Chairman. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. M. Kanewsky, Rabbi Z. Masliansky, Jacob Adler, Herman Bernstein, Dr. Samuel Bucher, Rabbi Meier Berlin, Mordecai Danzis, the Executive Secretary of the society, and others.

Tales of massacres in which 127,000 Jews had either been killed or wounded during the last six months were told by the speakers, and all of them, speaking in English, Yiddish, Polish, or Russian, pointed out the disgrace of these pogroms upon twentieth century civilization.

The matter of relief was taken up, and it was decided that the Federation of Ukrainian Jews request this Government to lift the blockade so that food and funds may be sent to their destitute relatives in Eastern Europe. The President reported that there were 3,000,000 Jews in Ukraina and a like number in Poland, all of whom were in need of assistance from America.

Before Ukraina should be recognized by America or any of the other allies, it was said that she should first desist from her persecutions of innocent Jews. Until the commission which is to be appointed shall have reported that the Jews are actually receiving equal rights, friendly relations should not be made. It was urged.

The commission, which will probably consist of ten of the leading Ukrainians in America, is to work out a memorandum of the conditions in Eastern Europe, which will be sent to President Wilson, Secretary Lansing, and to all Senators and Congressmen.

An information bureau will also be established by the organization to take care of the reports of the commissioners on the other side, and to send the facts to the press of this country. The Federation also aims to act as the link joining the Ukrainians in this country with their relatives and friends in their native land.

Demonstration mass-meetings similar to the one which took place at Madison Square Garden some time ago will be held in every important city in the United States, as the beginning of a protest movement to put an end to the pogroms across the seas.

When the question of appointing a commission was proposed Reuben Fink, the representative of the society at Washington, said that he had seen Secretary Lansing during the week and that he received Mr. Lansing's consent that the delegation be sent over.

"We come out now before the world with the determined slogan, 'Those pogroms must stop,'" said the President in his annual message. "It is only a question of holding these facts continually before the civilized world; we must not permit the world to slumber. This fact that the population of 6,000,000 souls in Ukraina and in Poland have received notice through action and by word that they are going to be completely exterminated—this fact stands before the whole world as the paramount issue of the present day."

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