

this crisis by blaming a race or a religious group, we weaken ourselves and make it easier for the enemy to conquer us.

Since reading your letter I have again gone very carefully through Beatty's second chapter. It contains many references to other books, but all of them are secondary sources and there is no reference to any first-hand authority on the statements about the Khazars. In order to judge as to the accuracy of the various statements, I would have to examine all of the books referred to, in order to see what authority they offer when dealing with matters that did not come within the first-hand experience of their writers ... I have found no proof that any sizable number of present-day Jews are descendants of Khazars, or that the Jews as a group are in any way implicated in the communist conspiracy. A statement can hardly be accepted as evidence, simply because it has been printed somewhere. I have had a lifetime of training in going to primary sources trying to be sure of real evidence for every view that I adopt.

It is sometimes said that if an idea is repeated often enough it will attain acceptance. In this second chapter Beatty keeps on about "the Jewish Khazars" or "the Khazar Jews". Actually, the evidence that he gives that any sizeable number of Jews have Khazar blood is practically nil. About all that we know about the Khazars is that they were a group of people who had a powerful kingdom for a few centuries in what is now South Russia, and that some of their kings became Jews. Beatty, himself, after speaking on p.16 about the king and "about 4000 Khazars" being circumcised, goes on to say: "it was only by degrees that the Jewish teachers gained a foothold among the population." Since a few centuries later visitors found great numbers of mosques all through the area, we must require definite evidence before accepting as fact the idea that Jewish teachings ever made any great inroads among the Khazars.

There is considerable evidence that those Khazars who had become Judaized fled to Spain and other countries after the conquest of the area. We know from Roman sources that long before the coming of the Khazars there we already know about Jews in this area.

It is my observation that the Jews train their children to work hard in school, and to endeavor to get ahead in the world. They are given to understand that they should not expect the