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The Jewish Telegraphic Agency (J.C.B.) will be glad to answer inquiries for further information about any of the news items contained in this Bulletin.

EXPECT ABOLITION OF MARTIAL LAW IN WARSAW.

WARSAW, Jan. 4, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Martial law, which was declared in Warsaw following the assassination of President Narutowicz, will be abolished if Poland continues as quiet as it has been during the last fortnight, authorities announce.

Pronounced feeling against the Jews continues unabated and the nationalist press, as a rule, condones the anti-Semitic agitation. Thus, the "Dwa Grosze" refers to the recent attacks on Jews in the district of Posen and to the boycott against Jews in Lemberg as "a wholesome struggle for the elimination of the Jew".

A letter threatening the Jews against continuing "their present policy" has been addressed by the Rozwoj party to the Jewish members of the Sejm, the letter having been sent to Deputy Apolinary Hartglass, in care of the Jewish Sejm Club.

A typical instance of how some Nationalist judges look upon the anti-Jewish agitation was furnished yesterday in a Civil Magistrate's Court when Idel Fuks was arraigned and sentenced to a week's imprisonment for removing a placard of the Rozwoj party urging violations on the Jews. The magistrate declared that the Jew had shown a spirit of intolerance towards Poland in removing the placard.

ROUMANIAN COMMUNITIES FORBIDDEN TO HAVE CONNECTIONS ABROAD.

SUCHEAREST, Jan. 4, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The Roumanian law regulating the functions and conduct of religious communities prohibits contact by any religious community in Roumania with similar bodies abroad, it is learned, the reason given by the authorities being that such contact would subject the Roumanian communities to foreign influence. This ruling, it is understood, applies also to funds contributed from organizations abroad for those in Roumania, and vice versa, unless special permission had been obtained from the Government.

JEWS BEATEN IN NEW YEAR RIOT.

RIGA, Jan. 4, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) In a riot against Jews at the railway station of Rezica on New Year's Day, a large number of Jews were severely beaten. Police intervention restored order.

UKRAINE JEWS UNEASY AS NEW BANDS APPEAR.

MOSCOW, Jan. 3, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Considerable uneasiness is reported to be felt in Jewish circles in the Ukraine as a result of the reappearance of the robber bands said to have been newly equipped and organized on Polish soil. Vestiges of the last bands were reported stamped out throughout the Ukraine, but it appears that despite the incessant warfare waged against them by the Government, remnants of the bands succeeded in mustering more forces.

Ample protection against attacks are said to have been provided, but the Jews are in a highly nervous state. The Ukrainian Government has sent a note to the Warsaw Government protesting that the bands were allowed to cross into the Ukraine.

MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF UKRAINE ORPHANS BY AMERICAN JEWS.

MOSCOW, Jan. 3, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Information is being gathered in most of the Jewish children's homes in the Ukraine as to whether the inmates have friends and relatives in America, and if the latter prefer to help the children in Russia or bring them to America. It is expected that a movement will soon begin to induce American Jews to adopt Ukrainian orphans, as was done in the case of Jewish orphans from Poland.

NEW ELECTIONS PROBABLE IN LITHUANIA.

KOWNO, Dec. 18, (Jewish Correspondence Bureau) In view of the difficulties encountered in the formation of a new Ministry and the election of the President of the Lithuanian Republic, rumors have gained ground among the Christian Democratic Party, the most powerful party in the country, that the recently elected Sejm will be dissolved soon and fresh elections held.

The minority nationalities have taken up the rumor and are discussing it in earnest. In the event of the ruling interpretation of paragraph 76 of the Electoral Law remaining in force, the minority nationalities in Lithuania will form a bloc on the lines of the minority nationalities bloc at the last election in Poland. In this way the minorities will be sure of obtaining more than the minimum number of seats to entitle them to proportional representation under the present ruling, and will prevent their present under-representation, on account of which they are boycotting the sittings of the Sejm.

PARIS, Dec. 22, (Jewish Correspondence Bureau) French public opinion has shown considerable interest in the conflict which took place between the Lithuanian Government and the minorities in that country. Leading newspapers such as "Le Temps", "L'Information", "Le Journal des Debats", "Poslednia Novosti", and others devoted detailed notices and articles to that question.

In a long article which appeared on December 12, the "Journal des Debats" writes for instance:

"..... By the reasonable policy which it adopted towards the national minorities forming its population, the small Lithuanian republic has succeeded, at first, in gaining the sympathy of the League of Nations, supreme Judge in political matters of Lithuania. But unfortunately, this remarkable period of wisdom seems to have ended all of a sudden, as soon as it struck the first serious experiment in the political life of the young republic."

KOWNO JEWISH DAILY FINED.

KOWNO, Dec. 18, (Jewish Correspondence Bureau) The local Jewish daily, the "Yiddische Stimme", has been fined a sum of 1,000 Litass (about \$100) for criticising the Government. The "Yiddische Stimme" has been in trouble with the authorities before, having been fined an enormous sum because of an article protesting against the Election Commission's interpretation of the Electoral Law.

PALESTINE LABOR COOPERATIVE REPORTS PROFIT.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12, (Jewish Correspondence Bureau) The annual balance sheet has been published here of the "Hamashbir", the cooperative supply association of the Jewish Labor Federation, with branches all over the country. The income during the last year was \$2110,000, the gross profit about \$28,800 and the net profit \$22,800.

The "Histadruth Haovdim" at its last executive meeting considered the question of publishing a daily Labor newspaper. The idea has met with much enthusiasm and the scheme will be put for final ratification to the prospective conference of Labor organizations in Palestine.

DAY AND NIGHT SHIFTS ON RUTENBERG SCHEME.

JERUSALEM, (J.C.B. by Mail) All necessary arrangements have now been completed to enable the electric power station for the Jaffa and Tel-Aviv district which is being constructed by Mr. P. Rutenberg, to be available for electric and power purposes by May 1923.

The building of the power station is being carried out by the Jewish Labor Co-operative Association, but certain work in connection with this is being put into the hands of Arab workers. The work is being done with greatest possible expedition, day and night shifts being employed for the purpose.

The power station will contain two 500 h.p. Diesel engines with provision for a third in reserve. There will be reserve stations erected also at Haifa and Jerusalem. Contracts for the supply of current are expected to be concluded shortly with the municipalities of Jaffa and Tel-Aviv.
