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SEEK TO OPEN POLISH ROUTE FOR UKRAINE EMIGRANTS.

MOSCOW. Feb. 26, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Negotiations are being conducted by the Charkov government with Poland with a view to making it possible for Ukrainian emigrants to pass through the Ukrainian-Polish frontier. At present, all emigrants from the Ukraine are forced to go on the long route via Moscow and Latvia.

Many emigrants have fallen victims of swindling agents who promise to "steal" them safely over the Polish frontier, but who leave them hopelessly stranded on the frontier.

Americans are urged by Jewish relief agencies, pending the negotiations for the opening of the Polish route to all emigrants, not to encourage their emigrant friends to attempt to pass illegally by the Polish route.

BIGOTS AND BRITISH LINERS BEHIND IMMIGRATION MOVE, IS CHARGE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Charges that the proposed House immigration bill is deliberately framed to discriminate against Italian and Jewish immigrants in favor of English immigrants and that the Department of Labor is "susceptible to British influences" were made in a letter sent yesterday by Congressman-elect F.H. La Guardia to Representative Frank W. Mondell, majority floor leader of the House.

"The proposed law", Mr. La Guardia wrote, "is no doubt the result of an alliance between the bigoted and narrow-minded, nursing religious and racial hatreds, and the British steamship companies. Such a change would immediately throw a large passenger trade to the northern ports now entirely controlled by the British steamship companies. With the present makeup of the Department of Labor susceptible to British influences, it can be readily seen how the mathematics of the bill was worked out in order to bring about the desired result."

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CHARGES SOVIET TURNS JEWS INTO ATHEISTS.

LONDON, Feb. 25, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The rising generation of Jews in Russia is in serious danger of growing into a mass of atheists, and the entire structure of Judaism in the Soviet realms is being "perilously threatened", as a result of the persecution of the Jewish faith being waged by the Soviet government. This is the substance of a sixteen page statement published today by the Joint Foreign Committee of British Jews in reply to one by the Soviet government explaining its attitude to the Jewish religion.

Pious Jews, the Joint Foreign Committee declares, have been compelled to organize secret classes to instruct their children in the "tenets of their ancestral faith". Many have been sent to prison for nothing more than imparting to their children this religious instruction.

The infractions against religious liberty are comparable to the edicts of the Spanish inquisition, the statement continues. Reviewing such incidents as the invasion of the synagogues by agents of the Soviet on Yom Kippur, the "anti-God Campaign" carried on with the alleged connivance of the government, the Committee concludes that in the face of such occurrences, it is "impossible to place any credence in the assurance of the Soviet Commissariat that any real liberty of conscience exists in Russia today".

The statement also cites the burlesquing of the Jewish high holidays by substituting carnivals and so-called "scientific propagandizing". It denies vigorously the contention of the Soviet that the mass of Jews of Russia approve the "atheistical" policy of the Bolsheviks, and affirms that the great body of Russian Jews are as "averse to their theology as they are to their economics." "There are some Jewish renegades as there are some Christian renegades, but their number is comparatively small", it is contended.

The correspondence dealing with the religious situation was carried on between Lucien Wolf, secretary of the Joint Foreign Committee and political representative of the Jewish Board of Deputies, and the assistant official agent of the Russian government in London.

Orthodox rabbis of Eastern Europe last summer ordained a fast day throughout Jewry as a protest to the Soviet's battle against Judaism, the statement recalls. Following this, the Soviet government forwarded a statement to the Jewish Board of Deputies in which the claim was made that the Russian religious decree had been helpful rather than harmful to the Jews.

JEWISH SCHOOLS MAKE SUNDAY THEIR REST DAY.

WARSAW, Feb. 26, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The movement for making Sunday instead of Saturday the official rest day for the Soviet schools attended by Jewish pupils is gaining headway. Following the discarding of the Saturday rest day by the Jewish teachers of Kamenetz-Podolsk, a conference of Jewish instructors of Witebsk Gubernia decided on a similar course.

RESIGNS AS PROTEST AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM.

BUCHAREST, Feb. 26, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Following a lengthy audience with King Ferdinand and as a protest against the Roumanian government's apathy towards the recent anti-Semitic outbreaks in the Roumanian Universities engineered by Professor Cuza, Adolph Stern, President of the Jewish National Federation sent in his resignation to that body.

Stern is a prominent B'nai Brith leader and the ranking Jewish member of the Roumanian Parliament.

Fresh outbreaks against the Jews had occurred at Galatz and Temesvar despite the assurance of the government that they would be stopped, officials of the National Jewish Federation declare. A direct appeal to the political parties of Roumania to take up the fight in behalf of the Jews has been decided on by the Jewish organization. Protests are also being registered against the draft of the revised constitution, which does not contain the promised clauses for the complete enfranchisement of the Jews in Old Roumania.

POLES INTERFERE WITH OF AMERICAN CONSUL'S VISAS.

DANZIG, Feb. 26, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Despite the fact that they have been summoned by the American Consul at Warsaw to come for their visas which have been approved, many Russian Jewish emigrants, who had filed their applications for visas with the American Consulate at Warsaw and had left for Danzig, where they had been stopping while awaiting action by the Consulate, have now been forbidden entrance into Warsaw by the Polish government.

The Jewish relief organizations have submitted a proposal to the Polish government, providing for a guarantee of \$100 for each of these emigrants, to be forfeited if any one of them failed to leave Poland after obtaining their visas.

UKRAINE JEWS PLAN RELIEF FOR 50,000 HOMELESS CHILDREN.

MOSCOW, Feb. 26, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) A "self-help" month has been proclaimed by Ukrainian Jewry for the benefit of the thousands of Jewish orphaned and homeless children of the Ukraine. These children, who are commonly referred to as "Bedouin" by reason of their homeless and wandering status, number no less than fifty thousand. Suffering the pangs of hunger, and unprovided with any of the restraining influences of home or school, many of the children have turned to crime to obtain their sustenance. A number of them have even resorted to murder.

Realizing that their plight constitutes one of the gravest menaces to the future of the Ukrainian Jewry, there has been wide response to the appeal for their relief. Collections are being taken up in all the villages, students volunteering for the work. In Vinitzia, the JDC has opened a home accommodating an additional hundred of these waifs of the street.

SAMUEL DORF, GRAND MASTER ORDER BRITH ABRAHAM, DEAD

New York, February 25 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Samuel Dorf, for the past 32 years Grand Master of the Order Brith Abraham, died suddenly Sunday at his home on Riverside Drive. Mr. Dorf was 65 years old.

Dorf was born in Tarnow, Galicia, and came to the United States at the age of fifteen. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Congress, an official of the Federation of Jewish Charities and was closely identified with a large number of other Jewish organizations.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 10:30 at Temple Emanu-El. Internment will be at Mt. Carmel cemetery, Brooklyn.

OVER FIFTY MILLIONS SPENT IN EUROPE RELIEF BY "JOINT"

New York (J. C. B.). A sum in excess of 50 millions has been expended by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee for relief work in European countries. Of this amount 13 millions have gone to Russia. Altogether, the amount collected by the Joint Distribution Committee has aggregated 58 millions.

These figures were made public by James N. Rosenberg, Vice-Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee in an appeal for more funds to carry on the work.

The total expended in European relief by the Joint Distribution Committee, the American Relief Administration, the U. S. Government and other American agencies makes a grand total of 850 millions.

Mr. Rosenberg in his appeal denied a newspaper report that \$1,500,000 had been contributed to the American Jewish Relief Committee in honor of the seventy-fifth birthday of Nathan Straus. "Such a contribution would have been a fine tribute to a great citizen" declares Mr. Rosenberg, "but unhappily no such contribution was made. The funds of the J. D. C. are getting uncomfortably low", says Mr. Rosenbeßg in his appeal.

HELD AND LEWIN-EPSTEIN TO REPRESENT "HIAS" IN EUROPE

New York, Feb. 26 (J. T. A.). E. W. Lewin-Epstein, prominent Zionist, will take charge of all work of the transmission of money from individuals here to friends in Europe, sent through the Hebrew Sheltering & Immigrant Aid Society (Hias). Announcement of the appointment was made today.

Adolph Held has consented to return to Europe as "Hias" Commissioner, to take charge of the general immigration activities.
