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JEWISH RELIEF WORKERS ARRESTED IN ODESSA.

Soviet To Censor All Appeals for Relief.

ODESSA, March 19, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Professor Jacob Schwartzman and Solomon Lazarovitch, a Jewish newspaperman, both of whom acted as representatives of the London Federation of Ukrainian Jews, were arrested here on charges preferred by the "Tocheka", say advices from Odessa. The two will have to face trial before a revolutionary tribunal.

The relief supplies which the Ukrainian Federation possessed have been taken over by the government to be distributed by its agents and organizations it selects for the purpose.

The government of Odessa has issued a decree prohibiting organizations and communities from appealing for relief to organizations abroad without obtaining the government's approval. This, it is believed, will put a stop to appeals from semi-religious and semi-illegal institutions, as it is thought that the government will not approve their appeals.

The government of Crimea has also promulgated an ordinance prohibiting individuals to distribute food parcels purchased abroad. The effect of this law will be the barring of representatives of the small relief organizations from the distributing food without the government's knowledge and approval.

EXEMPT JEWISH PUPILS FROM SABBATH WORK.

BERLIN, March 19, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Jewish school children in Saxony will not be required to attend school on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur and will also be exempted from writing and kindred work on Saturday and other Jewish holy days.

These concessions for Jewish children were obtained following protracted negotiations between the government officials and representatives of the Kehillah.

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DEMAND PROTECTION FOR AUSTRIAN JEWS.

VIENNA, March 19, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Leading Jewish organizations of Vienna have joined in a petition to the government demanding that the government protect the Jewish residents of Austria against the various anti-Semitic moves. Among the signers of the petition are the Bnei Brith, the Vienna Jewish Kehillah, the Alliance Israelite, the Zionist Organization. Jewish members of Parliament also signed the memorial.

ROUMANIAN GOVERNMENT ASSAILED FOR ANTI-JEW STAND.

BUCHAREST, March 19. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Jewish deputies in Roumanian Parliament belonging to both Left and Right wings yesterday condemned the government for its attitude towards the Jews.

Deputy Pistiner, the Jewish Socialist, in particular assailed the government for its attempt to interfere with the Yiddish language and other "mother tongues" of various minority nationalities.

Voicing approval of Deputy Pistiner's stand, Rabbi Zirelson, deputy for Kishineff, said: "Various peoples have tried to destroy the Jew in the course of centuries but their attempts have come to nought. The Jews will survive the Roumania oppressions".

HOOLIGANS WOUNDED, ARRESTED FOLLOWING ATTACK ON JEWS.

BUCHAREST, March 19, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Thirty-five students are in jail at Klausenburg while several are recuperating in hospitals as a result of a mid-night raid on Jews.

The students in mobs entered coffee houses, hotels and theatres beating and ejecting all Jews found there. Some of the hooligans displayed the Swastika emblem, and most of them were armed with sticks. The mob continued the disturbance until morning when police arrested 35 of the ring leaders.

Enraged, the students gathered at the police station and demanded the release of their leaders. Police found it necessary to shoot at the crowd, several nursing their wounds as a result.

JEWISH POLICEMAN EXONERATED OF MURDER CHARGE.

JERUSALEM, March 19, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The Sephardic Jewish policeman, David Behar, who was accused of complicity in the murder of Tewfik Bey, the former Arab police chief, was acquitted of the charge at the court here Thursday. The trial of the other Jews held on the same charge will take place later.

Tewfik Bey was murdered in Jaffa a month ago. Arabs immediately rumored that inasmuch as Tewfik Bey had always been considered an anti-Semite, the Jews were responsible for his assassination. His funeral was the occasion for an attack on Jews by Arabs.

PUBLIC EDUCATION IN PALESTINE AIRED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Zionist School Standards High, Says Ormsby Gore.

LONDON, March 19, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The British administration of Palestine, as it relates to public education, the question of the conformity of the Zionist schools to the general educational system as well as questions relating to the British war time pledges to Arab peoples were aired in the House of Commons yesterday when an unexpected debate developed involving the middle-East policies of the Colonial Office.

Replying to the query by Sir Charles Yeats, whether the Zionist schools were treated by the government as in the same category as the government schools, Ormsby Gore, first Secretary of the Colonial Office replied that the Jewish Hebrew schools were supported in the main from private sources. Government aid, he explained, was granted to the various groups not in proportion to the number of schools, but according to the proportion to the general population. As the Zionists long ago started a chain of schools in Palestine, the number of Jewish school children was many times larger than the number of Art children. The proportion of the government aid the Zionist schools received, Mr. Gore declared, constituted only a small part of the amount necessary for the maintenance of the elaborate Jewish school system.

This aid, too, Ormsby Gore said, was conditioned on the Zionist schools being officially registered and subject to government inspection.

As to the curriculum of the Zionist school, Ormsby Gore declared, the government is making no effort to direct this phase of the schooling, believing that the standard of the Jewish schools there is as high as possible.

Answering the question by Mr. Lorimer as to whether Britain was keeping its war time pledges of independence for the Arabs, Gore said that as far as possible this was being done. British promises to the Arabs, however, he added, did not include Palestine, which he declared had "special and international interests" which had to be considered.

Inasmuch as Palestine is not a British colony, Mr. Harris challenged the jurisdiction of the Colonial Office over the country. It should be administered by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, he suggested. Gore replied that Palestine was being governed under the authority of the Mandate of the League of Nations and was hence a proper object of administration by the Colonial Office.

Sir E.S. Henderson asked Ormsby Gore how it was expected to erect a constitutional government in Palestine composed of Jews, Moslems and Christians when "all of the Arabs" had boycotted the elections for the Legislative Council.

Gore replied that thus far, 126 Mohammedans, 90 Jews and 27 Christians had been returned at the primary election and that the elections had been prolonged for two or three months. It is premature to say, Ormsby Gore contended, that there had been any real boycott of the elections.

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DIFFICULTIES IN FEEDING JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF UKRAINE ELIMINATED.

MOSCOW. March 19, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The difficulties which threatened for some time to interfere with the ARA feeding of the Jewish population of the gubernies of Kiev, Chernigov, Podolia and Vohlynia have been settled satisfactorily, Colonel Haskell of the ARA informs the J.T.A. correspondent. The government has now recanted its refusal to pay the expenses of the food shipments. The ARA by the new arrangements will not have any local branches in the gubernies concerned, but will send all its food from one Kiev central warehouse. It will now be possible, according to Col. Haskell to tide over the feeding of the Jewish population until the summer harvest.

The Ukraine government's refusal to permit the establishment of branches in the several gubernies is believed to be due to its intention to concentrate military forces there and its reluctance to have any foreigners witness the manoeuvres.

JEWISH CHESS PLAYER LEADS

NEW YORK, March 19, (Jewish Correspondence Bureau) Edward Lasker of Chicago is leading in the contest for the national chess championship of the United States.

Lasker defeated Marshall, the present champion, Saturday afternoon, gaining two successive victories over the present title holder.

JUDGE HOLDS CHRISTIANITY IS PART OF COMMON LAW.

Thinks Picture by Christian Outrages Public Decency.

NEW YORK, March 19, (Jewish Correspondence Bureau) The exhibition of a picture painted by a Christian, in which Bryan and Volstead were depicted as protesting against Christ turning the water into wine was held as unlawful and outrageous of public decency by Magistrate Moses R. Ryttenberg.

In rendering his decision, Ryttenberg held that "Christianity is regarded as part of the common law of the land." "It is well settled" he said "that public profane swearing as well as blasphemy, is an indictable offense at common law, because among other reasons, of its tendency to undermine the foundations of Christianity which is regarded as part of the common law of our land." After reviewing several authorities the Magistrate continued:

"In view of the fact that Christian religion is regarded as part of the common law of the land and that millions of the inhabitants are sincere and devout in their belief in this faith, can it truthfully be said that the painting in question, depicting as it does the Christian Saviour in the manner pointed out, does not seriously offend the religious beliefs and sensibilities of the adherents of that faith, and that such offence, with its tendency to undermine and weaken religious and moral restraints, does not constitute such an outrage of public decency as brings the act of exhibiting the picture within the provisions of the Penal Law?"