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SEMI IN UPROAR AS JEWISH DEPUTIES ARE PHYSICALLY ATTACKED

Warsaw, April 18 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The session yesterday of the National Assembly broke up in disorder after the Jewish deputies walked out in a body and were attacked by nationalist deputies who tried to block their exit.

The scene followed the rejection by a majority of anti-Semitic deputies of the Jewish proposal calling for immediate consideration of the recent racial outbreaks in Warsaw and other places in Poland, in consequence of the execution and trials of Catholic prelates in Warsaw.

The urgency of the question was stressed by Jewish deputies who demanded that the Diet proceed to discuss it regardless of other business. Deputies representing the minority nationalities and the socialists supported the plea, which was stoutly resisted by the Center and other nationalist deputies.

Accusing the national democratic press of having fomented the recent disturbances, Deputy Hartglass, a leading Jewish member, appealed to the Assembly to sift the causes of the recent outbreaks in which scores of Jews were injured and much property destroyed. Jewish deputies, seeing their hopes of a full discussion frustrated, walked out in a body as a protest. It was at this point that the disturbances began. Nationalist deputies stationed themselves at the doors to prevent the Jews' departure. As the latter sought to force their way out, nationalists with uplifted fists fell upon them and a free-for-all fight ensued. After the Jewish deputies had left the hall Peasant Party and other liberal deputies came to the defense of the mistreated Jews, scoring the nationalists for their behavior.

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WARSAW JEWS STRIKE AS PROTEST AGAINST EXCESSES

Work in all factories where Jews are employed was suspended and all Jewish shops were closed yesterday during the demonstration called by the Jewish Deputies Club, to protest the recent disturbances in Warsaw, and elsewhere throughout Poland, in connection with the agitation against the Soviet execution of Vicar General Butchkevitch.

Jews who habitually keep themselves aloof from the Jewish community joined the protest, owners of stores that are kept open on Yom Kippur, were closed on this occasion.

The halls where the protest meetings were held were packed to overflowing. Crowds jammed the streets in the vicinity of one theatre, blocking the traffic and necessitating suspension of the trolley service. Plenty of police were on hand to prevent trouble.

The principal meeting was addressed by a number of Jewish deputies and presided over by Senator Josias Thon. A resolution of protest prepared by the Executive Committee of the Jewish Community was adopted, calling on the Jews to resort to self-defense if the authorities fail to shield them from attacks.

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#### JEWISH COMMUNISTS TRIED FOR PASSOVER OFFENSES

Riga, April 17 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Twenty Jewish communists of Witebsk are to face trial for having baked matzoth secretly, says a Witebsk report.

Witebsk was the scene of the so-called "Chometzdige" Seder, during which a special anti-religious pamphlet was recited in lieu of the Hagadah.

According to reports from other centers in Russia the Jewish Communist section organized different kinds of passover celebrations and "sedorim". An international seder took place in Odessa on March 31 with the participation of Jewish and non-Jewish communists. On the same day the passover ceremonial was placed before a public mock trial. A similar mock trial was staged in Nikolaiev

It is reported from Moscow, that owing to the confiscation of the Taganke synagogue, Jews who habitually worshipped at that synagogue conducted services at the Baptist Church.

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#### RUTENBERG LOSES LIBEL ACTION AGAINST ARAB PAPER

Jerusalem, March 26 (J.T.A.) P. Rutenberg, the author of the Palestine electrification scheme has brought a libel action against the editor of the Arab anti-Zionist newspaper in Jaffa, the "Felestin". The "Felestin" alleged that Mr. Rutenberg was on the verge of bankruptcy and urged that no contracts for electricity should therefore be entered into with his undertaking.

Mr. Rutenberg was represented by Mr. Harry Sacher, who asked for £20 damages. The editor of the "Felestin" pleaded that he had only criticised the Rutenberg concession. He produced cuttings from English newspapers, also criticising the Rutenberg concession. The court found that the criticisms in the "Felestin" did not constitute an illegal act, and acquitted the defendant. Mr. Sacher has lodged an appeal against the decision.

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## TO CONSOLIDATE FREE AND CENTRAL SYNAGOGUES

Dr. Wise to be Rabbi of Proposed Federation.

New York, April 18 (J. C.B.). The trustees of the Free Synagogue, which worships Sunday mornings in Carnegie Hall, and the trustees of the Central Synagogue, Lexington Avenue and Fifty-fifth Street, have prepared a plan for a federation of the two congregations, which will be submitted soon to each congregation, according to a report in the New York Times Monday. The ultimate aim is consolidation.

If the federation plan is adopted the Rev. Stephen S. Wise of the Free Synagogue will become the rabbi and a younger man will be called as his assistant. Central Synagogue is without a rabbi, the Rev. Dr. Nathan Kross having been elected rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, succeeding the Rev. Dr. Joseph Silverman, now rabbi emeritus. Dr. Wise, it is proposed, will continue to preach in Carnegie Hall Sunday mornings, and will conduct services every Saturday morning and on holidays in the Central Synagogue.

When the two congregations finally consolidate, it is planned to erect a synagogue which will be one of the largest and costliest in America.

Dr. Wise preached his first sermon in Central Synagogue about thirty years ago. Central Synagogue is eighty years old.

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## NEW YORK PLANS JEWISH CONGRESS ELECTIONS.

New York April, 18 (J. C.B.). Several hundred delegates of Jewish organizations of New York met on April 15 in the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society Building, 425 Lafayette Street, to make arrangements for the election of delegates to the second session of the permanent American Jewish Congress. The meeting was called by the New York Jewish Council of which Judge Aaron J. Levy is Chairman.

The city was divided into districts and special committees were named to arrange nominating conventions in each of these districts. The Jews of the city will elect, by popular vote, 100 representatives to the Congress. Each Jew and Jewess in the city 21 years of age, will be entitled to a vote.

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## HONOR MEMORY OF SABATO MORAIS ON CENTENARY

New York, April 18 (J.C.B.). The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Sabato Morais is commemorated today at the Mikveh Israel Congregation in Philadelphia, by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America of New York which he had founded, and during the week in many pulpits in the land. Sabato Morais was born in Leghorn, Italy, on April 13, 1823, descended of a Portuguese family which fled to Italy to escape the terrors of the Inquisition.

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## LOGEN, REINHARDT AND WARBURG AMONG ARRIVALS IN NEW YORK

New York, April 18 (J. C. L.). Dr. Boris Logen, representative of the Joint Distribution Committee in Russia, Max Reinhardt, famous German theatrical producer and Professor Otto Warburg, former President of the World Zionist Organization were among the arrivals yesterday on the white Star Liner "Majestic".

Dr. Logen, fresh from Moscow, declared he had come to consult the heads of the Jewish relief movement regarding the Joint Distribution Committee's future plans for aid of Russian Jews. Conditions in Russia are steadily improving, Dr. Logen stated, promising to make a fuller statement shortly as to conditions among the Jews in the ~~Russian Republic~~ Joint Distribution Committee's field operation.

Herr Reinhardt has come to study the American theatre and to determine whether he will produce some of his plays, including "The Miracle", a spectacle which requires a cast of 2,000. A committee headed by Morris Gest, who, with Otto H. Kahn, persuaded Professor Reinhardt to come to America, were at the pier to greet him. Lilibel Ibsen, who married a grandson of the playwright, also was in the welcoming party.

Professor Reinhardt said that the theatres in Berlin get more patronage than before the war, principally as a result of the inauguration of the subscription plan of selling tickets, which reduced the price.

While not intending to make a public appeal for funds for the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Professor Warburg hopes to gain the cooperation of influential Jews in America in the establishment of the University. Professor Warburg, who is here for the second time, having spent several months in the United States in 1922 as a member of the Zionist Delegation, headed by Nahum Sokolow, is interested especially in the agricultural college of the University. He comes from Germany, where he stopped on the way from Palestine. In Palestine Professor Warburg directs the Agricultural Experiment Station maintained by the Zionist Organization. Professor Warburg stated he is anxious to see the beginning of certain of the departments launched by next spring on Mount Scopus.

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