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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.

VATICAN DENIES ANTI-JEWISH CHARGE.

ROME, May 9. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) After exhaustive inquiries the Jewish Telegraphic Agency is in position to state authoritatively that Vatican circles deny categorically the recent American report that the Pope considers Russian Jews directly or indirectly responsible for the persecution of Catholic prelates in Russia.

Inquiry as to the authenticity of the report emanating from Rome that "Israelites" have inspired the Soviet attacks on the church was instituted immediately after its publication in the Chicago Tribune on April 15.

A portion of the dispatch received by the Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service and furnished to other newspapers in the United States, is as follows:

"The Pope is considering making an appeal to all civilized nations to compel the Soviet Government to desist in its war against the Christians. A prominent Vatican personage questioned concerning the Pope's attitude, made the following declaration to the 'Tribune':

"It is reported that some Soviet leaders intend to indict the Pope and condemn him. It is the belief of some Soviet leaders that sooner or later Italy will turn Bolshevik and that the Bolsheviki will be able to execute the death sentence against the Christians, especially Catholics'.

"The Pope feels that the inspiration to this war is carried on by Israelites and he requests that the Israelites of the more enlightened countries, such as Italy and America, who live happily side by side with Christians, to use their influence, show their co-religionists the madness of their acts."

The Pope, it is learned, is uneasy over the recent events in Russia and thinks cooperative action by representatives of all religions is "necessary and useful" in order to defend religious freedom.

ARAB SHEIK NOT TO BE RELEASED.

JERUSALEM, May 9. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Following the refusal of the sheiks to guarantee their maintenance of peace in Petach Tikwah the High Commissioner has declined to release Sheik Aby Kischk, who is serving a 15 year sentence for leading an attack on that community, advices say.

JEWIS REFUSED RE-ENTRY TO POLAND; STRANDED IN MINSK.

DANZIG, May 9, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) As many as one thousand Jewish refugees who are Polish citizens have congregated in Minsk and other cities in Western Russia, and are unable to proceed to Poland because the Polish Consul at Minsk refuses to visa their passports.

Greek Catholics are reported to be discriminated against in the same way. Roman Catholic Poles on the other hand easily obtain permission to enter Poland, it is alleged.

Meanwhile the Jewish refugees are in the direst distress. Many of them have traveled from as far away as Omsk and Tomsk, in Siberia, expecting to be able to return to their Polish homes. They have spent their all on the journey and are now penniless.

JEWISH STUDENTS FLEE VIENNA.

VIENNA, May 9, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Within the last few weeks about 500 Jewish students of the Medical Faculty of Vienna University have obtained transfer certificates and have left for universities abroad.

The Rectorate of the university is greatly concerned over this growing movement among Jewish students, resulting from the anti-Jewish disturbances and the numerous clausus agitation. It is feared that the result will be a severe financial crisis at the University.

POLISH RABBIS PUNDER DISSECTION DEMAND.

WARSAW, May 9, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The Warsaw Rabbinate has had a special meeting in order to consider the question raised by the demand of the Warsaw Anatomical Institute that Jewish corpses should be provided for dissection purpose.

The Rabbis chiefly considered whether it is permitted by the Jewish law to provide Jewish corpses for medical purposes, which make ritual burial impossible. The meeting was attended also by all the rabbis who are deputies in the Polish Sejm. It was decided to adjourn the meeting for the attendance of the rabbis of Ostrowo, Wilna, Lublin and Kalisch.

PAN-GERMANS URGE SPECIAL TAXES FOR JEWS.

VIENNA, April 25, (Jewish Correspondence Bureau) The conference of the Pan German Party in Austria has just been concluded here. A great amount of attention was paid by the delegates to the Jewish question and it was decided to demand that the government should impose heavier taxation on Jewish bankers and Jewish capital as a whole, in order to relieve the burden of the German people in Austria.

A protest was also made against the acceptance of European Jews as residents in the city of Vienna.

COMMONS, BALFOUR AND LLOYD GEORGE IN "GOLDEN BOOK".

JERUSALEM, April 16, (Jewish Correspondence Bureau) An interesting echo of the widespread enthusiasm occasioned by the ratification of the Palestine Mandate is reported by the Head Office of the Jewish National Fund. The Jews of Bessarabia, on hearing the news, called a mass meeting, to celebrate the historic event. Large sums were collected for the National Fund which was requested to inscribe in the Golden Book the British House of Commons which accepted the Mandate, the name of Earl Balfour who signed the famous declaration and that of Mr. Lloyd George, the Premier whose Cabinet adopted it as the British policy. The certificates have been recently forwarded to the recipients who, in acknowledging them, have used very cordial expressions.

The Speaker's Secretary Lt. Col. Ralph Varney writes as follows:

"I have the honour to acknowledge your letter to the Speaker of the House of Commons dated 23rd instant, together with the letter from the Central Zionist Committee in Bessarabia with the certificate of inscription.

"The Speaker desires me to convey his thanks for the above, and to say that the certificate of inscription together with the letter from the Central Zionist Committee has been deposited with the library of the House of Commons."

Earl Balfour himself signs a letter in which he writes:

"I am much obliged to you for your letter of the 21st. enclosing communications from the Mesopotamian Zionist Association, Baghdad, and the Central Zionist Committee in Bessarabia.

"Would you be kind enough to thank these bodies for the honour they have done me in inscribing my name in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund. The Certificates of Inscription have been received safely."

Mr. Lloyd George replied through Mr. Stevenson as follows:

"I am desired by Mr. Lloyd George to thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of the 4th instant, which you forward on behalf of the Jewish National Fund Commission.

"Mr. Lloyd George has asked me to say how much he appreciates the honour conferred upon him, and he wishes me to thank you for sending him the Certificate of Inscription which he is very pleased to possess."

PALESTINE SILITICATE COMPANY RESUMES WPRK.

JERUSALEM, May 9, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The Palestine Siliticat Company, the largest brick company in the Orient, which was established in Tel-Aviv in February 1921, but was compelled some time ago owing to the difficulties encountered by it to close down its works temporarily, has now recommenced its activities. It is stated that the company has received a loan of \$20,000 from the Economic Board for Palestine in London.