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ELLIS ISLAND OFFICERS WANT RELIEF FROM "WEIRD" IMMIGRATION LAWS

NEW YORK, June 4, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Unless the short session of Congress, convening in December, finds time and inclination to amend the immigration law, Ellis Island will again next year be the scene of daily tragedy, in the opinion of the immigration authorities here, according to an article in today's issue of The SUN AND GLOBE. Needless sufferings, the officials assert, is inflicted on immigrants through weird workings of the law which the immigrant is unable to foresee and which the authorities at Ellis Island are often powerless to ameliorate, with the best will in the world to do so.

With regard to the policy of restricting or selecting or letting in all immigrants the officials as such hold no opinion. They want quick relief, however, from those features of the law which have nothing to do with the policy, but which, nevertheless, inflict upon the people of the island the unpleasant duty of separating the members of families, making decisions obviously in conflict with common sense and ordering the deportation of many an applicant who they know would make a useful citizen.

Robert E. Todd, commissioner in charge at Ellis Island, believes that a better way of determining nationality could be applied.

"The case of place of birth determining nationality, is illustrative of the lack of coordination abroad that ought to be remedied. Even where a consul may know that the quota of his country is not full, he has scant means of knowing whether the quota of some other country is full, and the natural inclination is to grant a visa to all the members of a family if the heads of the family are eligible. Then they come here and we have no option, often, but to reject some members and admit others.

"We are not the ones who actually break up the families, however. The immigrants themselves do that. In the case of children being refused admission on medical as well as other grounds, it is not infrequent for the parents to chose to come into the country without the rejected child."

Commissioner Todd believes that the nationality of the head of the family should determine the eligibility for admission of all its members accompanying him, so far as the quota law is concerned. He admits that it would be subject to such abuses as marriage for the sole purpose of passing the Island. But these abuses could be eliminated by the hardening now inflicted.

KOWNO POLICE BREAK UP JEWISH CHILDREN'S OUTING.

KOWNO, June 4, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Seventy Jewish children were detained, 15 are still under arrest, and a number of teachers taken into custody, all because the outing which the children held outside of the city was arranged without due notification to the police. The picnic was surrounded by a body of district police who demanded the children show their passports, a number of them being beaten in the course of the search.

B'NAI BRITH WON'T GO TO WORLD CONGRESS.

BERLIN, June 4. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The Executive Committee of the B'nai Brith does not intend to take part in the proposed Jewish World Congress, according to Professor Ehrmann, Grand President of the Austrian B'nai Brith Lodge, in a statement here.

Professor Ehrmann declares he had inquired of the B'nai Brith executives in America as to their attitude towards the proposed world gathering which is to be called to consider Palestine problems and had received a reply in the negative.

GERMANS IN PALESTINE INVOKE JEWISH RULE.

JERUSALEM, June 4, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Soronna, the German Colony outside Jaffa founded by the Templars in the early '80s, has, by its own request, been included in the jurisdiction of the municipality of Tel-Aviv, the self contained Jewish community.

Soronna's choice lay between Jewish Tel-Aviv and the municipality of Jaffa, which is predominately Arab, and the Germans chose the former.

PEACE BETWEEN ARABS AND JEWS OF PETACH TIKVAH.

JERUSALEM, June 2, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Peace between the Jewish colony of Petach Tikvah and the neighboring Arab villages was concluded here yesterday amidst brilliant oriental exercises, including peace offerings from both sides and the slaughtering on the part of Arabs of sacrificial lambs.

The covenant marks the end of ill-feeling culminating in the Arab raid on the Jewish village in June 1921, when the colony was sacked and many of its inhabitants killed in the defence. The formal inauguration of the peace was exacted by Sir Herbert Samuel as the price for the release of Sheik Abu Kisek who was serving a fifteen years sentence following his conviction as leader of the Arab hosts which raided the village.

Representatives of the Palestine Government, of the Zionist and other Jewish organizations took part in the ceremony held outside of Petach Tikvah.

GRUENBAUM CHARGES VIOLATION OF POLISH CONSTITUTION.

Witos Has Majority of 55 In First Test Vote.

WARSAW, June 3, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The Center and Right parties in the Polish Sejm are seeking to set aside the present election laws, which made possible the election of so large a number of deputies representing the minority nationalities, and establish a "purely Polish" majority, violating the rights guaranteed under the Constitution. Deputy Isaac Gruenbaum charged in his speech Saturday opposing the vote of confidence for Premier Witos.

Deputy Gruenbaum was chosen by all minority groups to make the opposition speech preceding the first test vote since the assumption of office by the Witos Cabinet. The vote was 226 against 171, giving Witos a majority of 55. The National Democrats, Christian Nationalists, and the Peasant Party deputies helped to swell the vote favoring Witos, while the Socialists and all minority deputies opposed.

CHARGE RABBI'S APOSTATE SON HELPS STINNES FINANCE HAKENKREUZLER.

VIENNA, June 4, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Deputy Dannenberg, Socialist, speaking in Parliament on the ramifications and sources of financial power of the Hakenkreuzler, declared that Castiglioni, an apostate son of a rabbi, was participating with Hugo Stinnes, the German magnate, in financing the anti-Semitic movement.

The Austrian Hakenkreuzler are closely linked with the National Socialists of Germany, M. Dannenberg asserted, and both are receiving financial support from Stinnes and Castiglioni.

APOSTATE WHO RENIGS MAY LEAVE CHRISTIAN WIFE, COURT IN INDIA RULES.

CALCUTTA, May 1, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) In the Judicial Commission's Court at Karachi, Justice Kennedy and Madgackar, forming a High Court Bench, discharged an injunction involving an interesting question relating to Jewish and Christian marriage laws.

Abraham Benjamin, the appellant, had been converted to Christianity in early youth and married Lakshmi an Indian Christian. Two years ago Benjamin reverted to Judaism and married a Jewish woman and his religion did not recognize a Christian wife. Lakshmi filed a suit for declaration that her marriage held good. Mr. Raymond, Additional Judicial Commissioner, allowed a temporary injunction which the Judge, Mr. C.A.H. Aston, later on confirmed.

Counsel for Benjamin argued that the rights of the Christian wife after the appellant had reverted to Judaism comprised merely the power to apply for a dissolution of marriage, and the issue of an injunction was contemplated only in cases where there was a breach of an obligation. In the present case no such breach was involved.

The High Court, agreeing with counsel held that there was no authority to issue an injunction in the circumstances of the case and set aside the former orders.

C.J.W. LEADER ATTENDS INTERNATIONAL SUFFRAGE MEET.

NEW YORK, June 1, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Mrs. Nathaniel E. Harris, of Bradford, Pa., Chairman of the Council's Committee on Foreign Relations, who served as one of the delegates to the Conference of American and European Jewish Women at Vienna, also participated in the Ninth Congress of International Woman Suffrage Alliance, held in Rome, Italy.

Mrs. Harris represented the National Council of Women of the United States, of which organization she is the first Vice President.

SAYS RUSSIANS DON'T FEEL LIKE RECONSTRUCTION.

GENEVA, June 4. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) "If you have been living on roots and herbs for nine months and then are given a very insufficient daily dole of food, it may be assumed that you will not feel like reconstruction work immediately", Mr. Kers Sund, of Norway, says in a report to the Nansen Relief Mission here. The effects of the Russian famine will not disappear altogether this year, no matter what the results of the harvest may be. The fight against rickets among the children has not even been begun, and should be begun at once.

"Many of those who have received rations from the Nansen Relief Mission are still very feeble and far from recovering their normal state. Our hospitals are full of patients suffering from dysentery, typhoid, malaria and other diseases. There are many people suffering from swollen hands and feet from having eaten grass...

"The hospitals for children often lack the most necessary articles. There are almost no bedclothes. I have seen sick children with only bare planks to lie on, and where there is any thing to serve as a mattress, it is frequently merely bits of cloth sewn together covering bare planks.

Cases of dysentery and typhus are placed side by side, for lack of room. There are neither glasses nor cups, and empty condensed milk cans serve as drinking glasses, while flour sacks are used for bedding."

JEWISH UNIVERSITY PLANNED FOR KISHINEFF.

BUCHAREST, June 4, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The erection of a Jewish University in Kishineff is proposed by the "Alliance Israelite", according to reports to Jewish newspapers here. The reports add that leading Roumanian Jews in America are interested in the project and are preparing to aid it financially.

Officials of the Alliance Israelite are understood to be seeking the consent of the Roumanian Government, and Roumanian diplomats in foreign countries are said to be in favor of the plan.
