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U.S. SENATORS ENQUIRE INTO JEWISH POSITION IN POLAND

Warsaw, August 2 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Senator King, of Utah, and Senator Ladd, of North Dakota, here on their way to Russia, yesterday visited the headquarters of the National Council of Polish Jews and conferred over an hour with Deputy Gruenbaum, ranking Jewish member of the Polish Assembly, and M. Frostig, member for Lemberg. The Senators were accompanied by Representative Frear. They evinced considerable interest in the economic position of the Polish Jews, in the problem of emigration as it affects the Jewish population and the relation of the Jewish to the other non-Polish minorities. The question of the Jewish school system in Poland was also discussed.

The Jewish Council attaches great importance to the Conference with the United States Senators who were thus given an opportunity to obtain first hand information about the position of the Jews. The Council has promised to issue an official communique on the subject.

PALESTINE TO ACQUIRE RAILWAY LINE; TO COST \$2,400,000.

Jerusalem, August 2 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Negotiations for the acquisition by the Palestine Government of the whole railway line stretching from Kantara, at the Suez Canal, to Haifa in northern Palestine are in progress now between the British military authorities and the Egyptian Government on the one hand, and the Palestine Civil Administration and the British military authorities on the other.

A total of 480,000 pounds will be required for the acquisition of the line, which is divided into two parts. The former, belonging to the Egyptian government, extends from Kantara to Rafa along the Mediterranean coast. The latter stretches from Rafa to Haifa. The entire line was built by the British army during the "push" beginning 1915 and which ended in 1918 with the virtual annihilation by General Allenby's Army of the Turkish forces. It is understood that the Egyptian government will surrender its part of the line to the British army for 240,000 pounds and that the military administration will sell to the Palestine Government the northern part of the line for a similar amount.

"ARA" AND "JEWISH BOURGEOISIE" SCORED AT "IDGESCOM" EXHIBIT.

Moscow, August 1 (Jewish Telegraphic agency) . The opening of the Idgescom's exhibition here was attended with much festivity, representatives of institutions, public schools, factories, and many Jewish writers being among those present and speaking.

The present position of the Idgescom was characterized as a victory over the "American bourgeoisie" by Merezhin, a leading communist. "Instead of the American bourgeoisie dictating conditions as they did three years ago, we are now doing the dictating through the force of public opinion of the American Jewish proletariat enlisted in our behalf".

Jewish press of America and Poland was attacked and ridiculed by Litvakoff, another communist, for its attitude towards the Soviets.

M. Rashkes, who until lately was head of the New York Bureau of the "Idgescom" characterized America as a "land which could help but does not want to". He sharply assailed the American relief organizations. The American working masses, he said, wanted to help those suffering most, but the American Relief Administration sent the money everywhere, giving the smallest portion to Ukraine and White Russia because they were supposed to be more friendly to the Soviets than the other regions, although the suffering was most intense there, Mr. Rashkes concluded.

The exhibition includes a display of the work of 168 schools administered by the Yidgescom. There is a section showing the destruction wrought by the pogroms and another depicting the reconstructive achievements of the new period. The exhibition will be brought to America in a few months.

FIRES SWEEPED NINETY JEWISH FAMILIES HOMELESS

Warsaw, August 2 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Seventy Jewish families are reported homeless at Rawaruska, a small East Galician town as a result of a fire which swept the town. The synagogue, although saved, suffered damages estimated at a billion marks.

Another fire in the township Ujazed, near Lodz, is reported to have destroyed twenty Jewish houses, also causing much damage.

HOOLIGANS ATTACK JEWS IN DOZ PARK

Lodz, August 2 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The latest anti-Semitic practice of the hooligans of attacking Jews walking the roads and streets is being continued. Saturday, a number of Jews innocently strolling through Sienkiewicz Park were attacked by stone-throwing hooligans. The police finally put a stop to the disorders.

PROGRESSIVE ORDER OF WEST IGNORE FORD AND KLAN

Samuel Epstein re-elected Grand Master.

Washington, July 31 (J.T.A.) A resolution condemning the Ku Klux Klan was reported adversely out of the resolution committee at the convention here of the Jewish Progressive Order of the West. The Committee, acting on the resolution, which was introduced by Dr. Sufrin of St. Louis, expressed the opinion that it is better to ignore anti-Semitic agitation and that "recognition only stimulates its baneful activity". The report of the Committee was received without dissent.

Samuel Epstein of Chicago was re-elected Grand Master at the closing session today. The other nominee, Samuel Kransberg of St. Louis withdrew from the race. Morris Shapiro of St. Louis was re-elected Grand Secretary; Carl Subinsky of St. Louis, First Vice Grand Master, Joe Schiller, Chicago, Second Vice Grand Master; J. E. Goldberg, St. Louis, Grand Treasurer; Wm. H. Goldman St. Louis Endowment Treasurer; Harry Feldbaum, St. Louis, Grand Counsellor, Kansas City was chosen for the next convention.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed the Organization numbered ninety-three lodges, with 12,493 members in twenty-nine cities.

The last day of the convention was featured by an address by Dr. Julius Sonderling, of Hamburg, representing the Keren Hayesod. Rabbi Oscar Levine of Philadelphia also spoke. He urged that Jews cease answering the anti-Semites but instead "devote our energies to constructive work for our internal problems and the reconstruction of our national existence in Palestine".

SYNAGOGUES OFFER PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF PRESIDENT

President's Favorite Psalm Is Read At Services.

New York, August 1 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Synagogues in New York joined the many other houses of worship in offering prayers for the recovery of President Harding. At the Institutional Synagogue at the suggestion of ex-Congressman Isaac Siegel, President Harding's favorite psalm, the 121st, was read by Rabbi Herbert Goldstein and repeated by the Congregation. During Mrs. Harding's illness the President repeatedly read this psalm.

As bulletins brought word of the serious turn in President Harding's condition prayers were begun in the orthodox synagogues. The first was at the Poale Zedek Anshe Elia Synagogue of which Rev. Moses Balshkin is rabbi.

The United Synagogue of America and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations both dispatched telegrams of sympathy and hope for the recovery of the President and Mrs. Harding.

FIVE OF NINE "HONOR" ASSEMBLYMEN ARE JEWISH

New York, August 2 (J.T.A.). Senator Nathan Straus, Jr. has the best voting record of any senator from New York City in the State Senate, and five of nine Assemblymen from New York City whose records are meritorious are Jews.

These facts are gathered from the report of the legislative Committee of the Citizens' Union - a non-sectarian, non-partisan organization which studies the records of all the members of the New York Legislature.

In the Assembly, the highest praise went to Assemblyman Joseph Steinberg, Republican member from the 15th Manhattan District. Two other Republicans, Assemblyman Sol Ullman and Assemblyman Victor Kaufman, and two Democrats Assemblymen Maurice Bloch and Samuel R. Ripsman were also placed on the honor list.

In speaking of the record of Senator Straus, the report says:

"Senator Straus of all the Senators from the city made the best record of votes and introduced legislation of the highest character. Of sixty-six roll calls analyzed by the Citizens' Union on bills of importance, he was credited with fifty-seven votes in the public interest and nine against it. Allowing for the fact that he was doubtless recorded for some bad bills on short roll calls which he would have voted against had he been present, this is an unusual record".

Senator Benjamin Antin of the Bronx was also accorded honorable mention for his voting record.

"HABIMAH" ACTRESS ARRIVES IN AMERICA

Weinberg and Zolotkoff Return From Abroad.

New York, August 2 (J.T.A.). Miriam Elias, the young Jewish actress who assisted Zemach in his Moscow "Habimah" Theatre, arrived in America yesterday. Another notable arrival was Colonel J.B. Barron, O.B.E., former director of the Palestine Department of Health.

Morris Weinberg, publisher of the "Day" of New York, who was abroad on an official mission to study immigration, returned after having visited a number of countries. Leon Zolotkoff, prominent Jewish editor returned from Palestine, where he spent over six months looking into the printing industry.

Colonel Barron, who is Chairman of the Committee on Liquidation for the Orthodox Patriarchate in Jerusalem is here to confer with the American Committee for the Preservation of Holy Places in the Holy Land. Bishop Manning is Chairman of the Committee.

A study of the immigration at first hand sources convinced him that the much assailed immigrants of Eastern Europe are as good as the best immigrants of other countries, Mr. Weinberg