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JEWS IN LITHUANIA ECONOMICALLY, POLITICALLY WELL PEACED

Minister Rosenbaum States Lithuania While Not A Paradise Jews In His Country Enjoy More Freedom And Autonomy, Suffer Less Persecution Than In Other East-European States.

London, December 14 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The economic position of Lithuanian Jews was adversely affected by the disorganization of Poland, Germany and Russia, Dr. S. Rosenbaum, Lithuanian Minister for Foreign Affairs told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on arriving here to obtain support for Jewish institutions in Lithuania.

Never a paradise economically Lithuania after the armistice enjoyed a period of comparative prosperity, Dr. Rosenbaum declared. But there has been a steady decline since owing to the economic collapse of the neighboring countries. He expressed the hope that the recent Lithuanian-British trade agreement may improve the position of the Jews who are the majority of the Lithuanian traders. Dr. Rosenbaum showed that the Jewish Central Bank extends credit to the Jewish cooperatives at 8 per cent. whereas the general banking rate is from 72 to 100 per cent.

The political position of the Jews, he said, was "not so bad" as in all of the East-European states. It cannot, however, be compared to the position of the Jews of England and America, because the whole social structure and the political conditions make the Jewish problem in East-European countries different.

Jews in Lithuania suffer no discriminations and although they constitute 50 per cent. of the students at Kowno University, there is no agitation in favor of the numerus clausus. On the other hand there are many Jewish professors and numerous Jewish officers. Jewish schools where Hebrew and Yiddish are languages of instruction are supported by the State, the instruction there being on the same footing as the Lithuanian schools.

Dr. Rosenbaum stated that internally the Jews of Lithuania are ~~better~~ well-organized. There is the Jewish Ministry and the Jewish communal councils in every town, the Jewish Assembly and the Jewish Council. He indicated that a bill is shortly to be introduced in the Sejm recognizing the Assembly as the supreme body of Jewish autonomy.

There were some drawbacks unfavorably affecting legislation because the Jewish deputies are numerically weak and are thus placed between the other parties and often are attacked by all.

The fact that there are hardly any Jews in the civil service Dr. Rosenbaum ascribes to their failure to enter service when the State was first established. Few vacancies have occurred since.

"There is undoubtedly considerable anti-Semitism since it is impossible that of the whole world Lithuania alone should escape", Dr. Rosenbaum said. "Besides, many Lithuanian officials ~~were~~ previously held offices in the Russian regime, and it is too much to expect that they ~~all~~ had had a change of heart."

Dr. Rosenbaum, however, dismisses most of the reports of anti-Semitism as exaggerated. He minimizes the importance of obliteration of Jewish signs, saying that the authorities everywhere arrested the perpetrators who were always found to be the same small group of secondary school students.

COMPULSORY SUNDAY LAW FAVORED BY LITHUANIAN SEJM

Kowno, December 14 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Jewish schools as well as mercantile establishments will have to close Sunday as well as Saturday, should the bill just introduced in the Sejm regarding compulsory Sunday closing become a law. The bill was passed on the first reading in the Sejm yesterday.

GREECE TO ADMIT JEWISH EXILES FROM TURKEY

Athens, Dec. 14 (J. T.A.), Jewish refugees who have either fled or been expelled from Turkey will probably be admitted into Greece following the appeal by the Chief Rabbi of Greece to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Minister promised to take under favorable consideration the request.

100,000 REFUGEE CHILDREN FROM RUSSIA IN EUROPE

Paris, Dec. 14 (J. T.A.) One hundred thousand children of Russian refugees are scattered throughout Europe, according to a report of M. Hanotaux at the meeting of the Council of the League of Nations. Paris alone, he said, has over 4,000 refugee children attending schools. There are in addition 15,000 Russian students in Western Europe, including a thousand in France and 3,000 in Germany.

GERMAN DEMOCRATS DECRY ATTACKS ON JEWS

Berlin, Dec. 14th (J.T.A.) The "un-christian" agitation against the Jews is decried in a resolution adopted at the convention of the German Democratic Party in which leading Ministers of religion and prominent industrialists participated.

The Democrats declared that the murder of Rathenau disgraced Germany's name throughout the world. It is the duty of the State to defend or protect Jewish rights in the same measure as it devolves upon Jews to serve Germany's interests and ideals, the resolution adds.

SAY MUNICH CARDINAL AVERTED BAVARIAN POGROMS.

Munich, Dec. 14th (J.T.A.) The timely protest recently by Cardinal Faulhaber, Archbishop, of Munich against Bavarian anti-Semitism in his letter to former Premier Stresemann, averted pogroms throughout Bavaria, plans for which had been carefully laid.

This statement is made by the Central Committee of the Bavarian Catholic Union to the Bavarian authorities. It is the duty of the Bavarian Government to protect the Catholic Church on penalty of arousing the opposition of the entire Catholic community, the Central warns.

Cardinal Faulhaber's intercession in behalf of the Jews which averted pogroms, was upon his own initiative, it is declared, and was not inspired by the Vatican.

The suggestion that the Cardinal received money from Jews for the support of the Munich Church in consideration of his action in their behalf, is indignantly repudiated.

HUNGARY DEPLORES ATTACK ON JEWISH STUDENTS

Budapest, Dec. 14th (J. T. A.) The attack by anti-Semitic students at the University here resulting in the severe injury of several Jews is explained in an official report just issued. The "ostensible ground" for the attack was the stabbing of a drunken soldier a few days before the attack by a Jewish poultry dealer, it is declared. During the soldier's funeral Christian students assailed their Jewish compatriots. A Socialist deputy raised the question in Parliament and Premier Bethlen's representative said the Government deplored the occurrence and had taken vigorous measures to prevent further disturbances and to arrest the ring leaders. If the Rector is unable to maintain order the Government will close the University, it is announced.

FOURTEEN MILLION DOLLAR RELIEF CAMPAIGN STILL A MILLION SHORT

New York, Dec. 13 (J. T.A.) Cash collections amounting to \$13,006.60 in the \$14,000,000 Campaign has just been announced by Henry H. Rosenfelt, National Director of the American Jewish Relief Committee.

There still remains a substantial sum owing by delinquents in various Cities throughout the country and vigorous efforts are being made to obtain payments. In many communities, lawyers have been retained to bring suit against individuals who are well able to pay but ~~xxxxx~~ arbitrarily decline to do so. In New Jersey, Harry Steiner, Esq., a prominent lawyer has succeeded in obtaining over \$15,000 by suit or compromise.

During the remaining weeks of the present year local committees will send out workers in a final attempt to collect the subscriptions before turning the records over to the lawyers. Mr. Rosenfelt estimates that a major portion of the money due will be obtained without legal assistance.

FELIX M. WARBURG ENTERTAINS JEFFERSON MEMORIAL LEADERS

New York, Dec. 13 (J. T.A.) Felix M. Warburg of Kuhn, Doeb & Co. was the host at a dinner yesterday to Edward F. Albee, President of the Deith's Theatres Company, who is at the head of the national campaign to be conducted by the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation for the establishment of Monticello, Jefferson's home, as a permanent memorial.

Among the guests were Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, President of the University of Virginia, which Jefferson founded; William H. Woodin, President of the American Car and Foundry Company; Dr. Nathan Krass, Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, George Gordon Battle and Jesse L. Lasky.

A REFORM TEMPLE IN CHICAGO'S "GHETTO"

Chicago, Dec. 13 (J. T.A.) An event of importance in the history of ~~xxxxx~~ Liberal Judaism in America is the dedication Sunday December 16, of the newly completed Temple Judea in the Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago. This dedication comes as the culmination of a ten year's struggle to establish a liberal house of worship in the most thickly populated Jewish neighborhood of this city. There are some 75,000 Jews living within the square mile of territory which is called Lawndale, which has been the center of orthodoxy.

The rabbis of the congregation, first Dr. A.J. Messing and after him, Dr. Rudolph I. Coffee, labored sacrificingly for the cause until they were called away to other fields. Finally under the leadership of Rabbi Leon Fram, who came to Temple Judea immediately upon his graduation from the Hebrew Union College in 1920, the congregation began to labor anew for the completion of its Temple.