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REFUSE TO FINANCE JEWISH MINISTRY IN LITHUANIA

Government Support Withdrawn From White Russian Ministry As Well

JEWISH DEPUTIES VOTE AGAINST GENERAL BUDGET

Kowno, December 24 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Financial support for the maintenance of the Ministry for Jewish Affairs was declined ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ by a vote of the National Assembly rejecting upon the third reading the bill providing for the continuance of the meager subsidy. The Ministry for the affairs of the White Russian population was accorded a similar treatment. This means the abolition of both special ministries which had been in existence, although without portfolios, since the constituent assembly in Lithuania.

The Jewish deputies voted against the entire budget as a protest against the action with regard to the Jewish Ministry.

The move against the Ministry was taken in the absence from the country of Dr. Sampson Rosenbaum, the Minister for Jewish Affairs who is in London. Dr. Rosenbaum is raising funds for the support of the autonomous Jewish institutions in Lithuania. His statements upon the position of the Lithuanian Jews have been very favorable. Speaking before the Board of Jewish Deputies in London, Dr. Rosenbaum asserted proudly that Lithuania was the only country to permit a Jewish Ministry.

FOUR SALONIKA JEWS IN GREEK ASSEMBLY

Salonika, December 24 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The virtual boycott by Jews of the polls during the election last Sunday notwithstanding four Jewish candidates were elected to the Greek Assembly. The boycott was almost 100% effective, most of the Jews refraining from voting in protest against the establishment of the separate election sector. Only 92 Jewish votes were recorded. The four deputies originally nominated and declared elected are Isaak Alhanati, Jonas Jannelides, Josua Lailas, and M. Levy.

The officers of the Kehillah who had agreed to the segregation of the Jewish votes had been obliged to resign.

SAMUEL TO MEET HUSSEIN AT AMMAN

King Of Hedjas May Visit Jerusalem

Jerusalem, December 24 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Sir Herbert Samuel will leave for Amman, the capital of Transjordan, to meet King Hussein of the Hedjas who is expected there shortly to confer with his two sons, the Emir Abdullah from Transjordan and King Feisal of Mesopotamia. It is understood that Sir Herbert will discuss with the Hedjas ruler details of the Anglo-Arab Treaty about to be concluded.

Official notification of the Hedjas ruler's visit to Amman has been sent by the Colonial Office to Sir Herbert Samuel.

Arabs here are making preparations for the possible visit by King Hussein to Jerusalem. It is understood that an envoy of the King, Sheikh Omar Shaker, is expected here in an effort to adjust the differences between the Arab parties.

RICHARD WITTING, BROTHER OF HARDEN, DEAD

Berlin, December 24 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Richard Witting, one-time Oberbuergermeister of Posen and friend of the former Kaiser, is dead. Geheimrat Witting was like his brother Maximilian Harden a noted publicist, a baptised Jew. Their original name was Witkowsky, the Geheimrat taking a name which retained at least some of the elements of the original.

Herr Witting died a radical pacifist and anti-monarchist though in the days of his association with von Buelow he was both a militarist and monarchist.

MOVE TO CREATE "WHITE CHRISTIAN INTERNATIONALE"

Budapest, December 24 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The red internationale of the Communists and the green internationale of the European peasants are to be supplemented by a "White Christian Internationale" if the plans of the anti-Semitic Awakening Magyars do not miscarry.

A general meeting of this body took place here recently when a new Executive Committee was elected. M. Eckhard, a Magyar leader, was elected President. He announced that organizations abroad having aims similar to those of the Magyars would be communicated with in order to create the "White Christian Internationale"

JEW TO FINANCE VIENNA UNIVERSITY; COST \$2,500,000

Vienna, Dec. 22 (J. T. A.) Siegmund Bosel, a Viennese Jewish financier, has undertaken to cover the running cost of the Vienna University, following an appeal by Chancellor Seipel. Dr. Doeller, President of the University, ordered all faculties to prepare budgets to be submitted to Mr. Bosel.

Mr. Bosel, a young man of thirty, has amassed a huge fortune during the last few years, and is today considered the richest man of Austria. He is sometimes called the Austrian Stinnes.

The Viennese papers declare it peculiar that a Jew should support a University where German students try to expel their Jewish colleagues. A semi-official statement declared that there is no danger of any further anti-Semitic excesses.

It is estimated that the cost to Mr. Bosel of maintaining the University will be in the neighborhood of \$2,500,000.

RUMOR ABDULLAH MAY RULE PALESTINE

London, December 22 (J. T. A.) Influential circles intend to solve the Palestine problem by the creation of an independent native Palestinian government under Emir Abdullah, the present ruler of Transjordan, the Morning POST here intimates. According to the paper the Government will function with British aid, a condition precedent to any such arrangement being Abdullah's recognition of the Zionist policy.

FORD ASKED TO BACK MONARCHIST PLOT

London, Dec. 24 (J. T. A.) The well-known Hungarian politician, ex-Prime Minister Friedrich, according to information received by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, negotiated some time ago with Henry Ford, regarding the latter's financial support for the monarchistic propaganda in Hungary, Austria and Bavaria. The negotiations were conducted through the Turkish Minister Ismet Pasha and the American Admiral Chester. In return Ford is said to have been promised important railway and industrial concessions upon the realization of Friedrich's plans.

SOLOWEITCHIK QUILTS ZIONIST EXECUTIVE

London, Dec. 24 (J. T. A.) Dr. Solowitchik, former Minister for Jewish Affairs in Lithuania, has resigned as member of the Zionist Executive, owing to disagreement between him and other members of the Executive on question relating to the establishment of the Jewish Agency. In particular, Dr. Solowitchik's resignation ~~is intended as a protest~~ is intended as a protest against Leonard Stein, the political Secretary of the Zionist Organization who in Weizmann's absence has been conducting negotiations with representatives of English Jewry concerning the Agency.

JEWSH CONGRESSMEN MOVE IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS ON IMMIGRATION.

Representative Sabbath Adds "Relative" Clause To His Quota Bill, ~~and~~ Perlman Moves Against Quota And Dickstein Remains "On The Fence".

Washington, Dec. 24 (JTA) Congressman Sabbath has introduced another immigration bill following close upon the first, introduced a few days ago. His new bill differs from the first measure in that instead of proposing a ~~litteralized~~ quota law it is in effect simply an ammendment of the present law, whereby certain close relatives would be exempted from the quota restrictions. In other words it is exclusively a "relative" bill.

The procedure provided by Sabbath is for a petition to be filed by the American relative with the Commissioner General of Immigration, which, if granted, entitled the alien relative to admission free from any quota restrictions. The bill makes the granting of the petition mandatory ~~xxxx~~ upon the Commissioner if he finds to be true the facts required in the petition, such as relationship, nationality, willingness and financial ability to provide for the alien, etc.

In the absence of Congressman Sabbath from the city, it is impossible to ascertain from him an explanation for the introduction of this second bill. One hypothesis which may be made is that he may have realized he made at least a tactical blunder in introducing a quota bill -- which was the form of the first measure, although it proposed liberal improvements.

Meanwhile, Congressman Nathan Perlman of ~~Newark~~ New York, in the extreme opposite position from Sabbath and his quota bill, has introduced a bill to entirely repeal the present quota law, and another bill for repeal of the literacy test. These distinct measures reveal the decided difference of opinion existing between the two Congressmen as to the policy to be pursued by Jewish pro-immigrationists. Sabbath evidently believes more can be gained on behalf of liberalizing the immigration restrictions by recognizing the inevitable -- that it is impossible to prevent continuance of the quota plan as a general system of immigration, than in "backing" the restrictionists. In other words, Sabbath considers himself a "realist". On the other hand Perlman is uncompromising on the general principle that there should be no restriction, refuses to capitulate, and would fight step by step -- herhaps offering ammendments as the restrictionists' bill came up ~~fixx~~ for actual consideration, but never adopting the quota idea as a voluntary piece of legislation. Sabbath apparently considers Perlman as an impractical idealist.

Congressman Dickstein, who with Sabbath are the only Jewish members of the Immigration Committee, has not yet fully decided between these two opposing views, but seems to incline toward Sabbath.

JEWISH IMMIGRANTS AFFECTED BY MEXICAN REVOLUTION

Chicago, December 24 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Immigrants arriving at the port of Vera Cruz are experiencing great hardship because the port has been cut off from Mexico City through the revolution in Mexico.

The fifteen Jewish families in Vera Cruz are unable to cope with the situation and require funds to aid the arriving immigrants, says a statement by Leon L. Lewis, Secretary of the Bnai Brith here:

"We have today sent forward sufficient funds to relieve the situation for the present and are awaiting further reports," Mr. Lewis declared. "Future necessities will be effected, of course, by the extent and duration of the present trouble in Mexico. The funds are to be used for those immigrants who have no relatives in the United States. Where arriving immigrants have relatives in America our local representative is cabling them to provide the necessary financial help"

DR. KRASS SAYS JESUS WOULD BE AT HOME IN TEMPLE EMANU-EL

New York, Dec. 24 (J. T.A.) The life of Jesus as interpreted from a Jewish viewpoint was the theme of the sermon by Dr. Nathan Krass, Rabbi of Temple Emanuel, which he called "A Jewish Christmas Sermon, with Special Reference to Some Recent Biographies of Jesus". The rabbi said that the general Jewish attitude toward Jesus was that of a great moral and religious teacher and that he was the "most popular Jew that ever lived". He would be more at home today at Temple Emanu-El, said Dr. Krass, than in any of the Fifth Avenue churches.

Dr. Krass pointed out that the recent biographies of Jesus, some by Christians and some by Jews, with many different views of his personality, showed the great interest being taken today in the question of the value of Jesus for our own time. Answering this question from his own viewpoint, Dr. Krass argued that the fourth Gospel, by John, which pictures Jesus as divine, was written at least 100 years after the death of Jesus and is not accepted by Christian scholars today as an authentic story.

"For a biography of Jesus, therefore, we must go to the first three Gospels - by Matthew, Mark and Luke," Dr. Krass went on. "The ~~amazing~~ purpose of these three Gospels is to prove that Jesus was the Messiah, but inadvertently they reveal in addition what Jesus thought of himself. This of course is very interesting to us today, particularly in view of the fact that this is the Christmas season, when the atmosphere is redolent with Christmas spirit and when Jews as well as Christians ought to know something that is authentic with regard to the celebration of this festival!"
