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ROUMANIAN UNIVERSITIES NEARLY ALL CLOSED.

Anti-Jewish Disturbances and Demonstrations End In Disorganization Of All Seats of Higher Learning.

Bucharest, December 26. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The situation in the Roumanian universities is growing steadily worse in consequence of the continued anti-Jewish disturbances. The campuses of Bucharest, Jassy and Klausenburg Universities are as disturbed as they were towards the end of the first semester last year. The universities present the unusual picture of having police and military stationed in the courtyards and lecture rooms, ready to intervene in the event of disturbances. Some of the professors have refused to lecture in the presence of the military and in consequence many lectures have been abandoned.

The Commercial Academy of Bucharest remains closed, the authorities insisting there will be no lectures unless the students allow Jews to attend.

The University of Jassy is practically closed, most of the Departments being in a disorganized state.

The Academic Senate of the Bucharest University has asked the Government to prohibit the student demonstrations on the streets. The Government has been asked also to expell students participating in demonstrations. The Senate insists the question of the number of Jewish corpses for dissection is a matter concerning the Senate alone. In a statement issued by the Senate, it is declared that the authorities of the University are compelled to agree that the gendarmes and soldiers remain in the lecture halls and university buildings until there will be no further danger of disturbances.

FRENCH IN SYRIA GREET HUSSEIN.

Jerusalem, December 26. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). A delegation of nine officers will represent the French authorities in Syria at the exercises to welcome King Hussein of Hedjas at Ammon where he will confer with his two sons, Abdullah and Feisal, and High Commissioner Samuel of Palestine on the proposed Anglo-Arab Treaty.

ARAB DEMAND REJECTED.

Jerusalem, December 26. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Control of the government schools in which Arab children are educated will not be vested in an autonomous Arab body, according to the decision of the Government refusing the demand of Arab representatives for control of the educational system. The schools are almost entirely supported by the government.

UKRAINIAN POGROM LEADER EXECUTED.

Moscow, December 26. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The bandit leader Kuprenko, operating under General Petlura, has paid with his life for the many lives he has been guilty of snuffing out during the pogrom wave in the Ukraine. Kuprenko was tried by the District Court sitting in Kiev and he was sentenced to death for the shooting of a Jewish family in a village in Kiev district. Witnesses described the terrible pogrom scenes under Kuprenko's participation and orders. The death sentence was executed by a firing party.

PALESTINE CITIZENSHIP HARD TO ACQUIRE.

Jerusalem, December 26. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The Government is considering a draft of a naturalization law wherein provision is being made for the automatic naturalization of Ottoman subjects. Residents other than former Ottoman subjects may be naturalized only two years after filing an application. No special facilities are offered Jews who in the main are not citizens of the former Ottoman Empire. New Palestinian citizens, leaving the country during five years, will lose their citizenship, according to the present draft of the law.

JEWISH FOOTBALL TEAM TO PLAY IN PALESTINE AND EGYPT.

King Fuad Invites Hakoah to Cairo— Team To Be Samuel's Guests In Jerusalem.

Vienna, December 26. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The Hakoah football team which scored recently in a match in London with the Westham team is proceeding to Palestine and Egypt to play the local teams. King Fuad of Egypt has invited the team to attend the gala performance of the Milanese acotrs, The Scala troupe which is now playing in Cairo. The King is acting as patron to the Egyptian Reception Committee for the Hakoah team. In Cairo, the Hakoah will play against the Egyptian team which represented Egypt at the Paris Olympiad.

A mixed committee consisting of Arab and Jewish representatives is being formed in Palestine to receive the Hakoah team which will be the guests of the High Commissioner, Sir Herbert Samuel during its stay in Palestine.

DECLINE TO RETURN SYNAGOGUES OF CHARKOW AND BEALOSTOCK

Kiev, Dec. 24 (J. T. A.) The Executive of the Ukrainian Soviet has rejected an application of the Jewish communities of Charkow and Bialostock to return the synagogues which had been confiscated last year and converted into x theatres.

JEWISH AGRICULTURISTS IN RUSSIA INCREASE 50%

Moscow, Dec. 5 (J. T. A. Mail Service). The number of Jews engaged in agriculture in the territory comprising the Russian Soviet Republic has increased, according to the latest figures compiled by the O. R. T., from 50,000 in 1913 to 76,000 in 1923. There are about 140,000 desyatin of land in the possession of Jewish land workers. In the province of Odessa alone there are 23 Jewish colonies owning 57,084 desyatin of land with a population of 21,543; 128 collective farming groups owning 11,083 desyatin of land with a population of 5,272; and 935 ~~xxxx~~ single farms owning 6,336 desyatin of land with a population of 4,090 -- a total of 74,503 desyatin with a total population of 30,905.

In the western district (provinces of Witebsk, Homel, Smolensk and White Russia) the part of the Jews in Agricultural work since the Revolution has ~~xxxx~~ grown to more than twice the former proportions. On the right side of the Ukraine the number of Jewish agriculturists has grown more than six times ~~ixx~~ since the Revolution and is still growing rapidly. Thus in March of the present year, there were in that section of the country 54 collective farming groups comprising 14,408 persons; in October there were 100 such groups comprising 30,000 persons.

In the province of Odessa the number of Jews engaged in agriculture has increased by several thousand in the last two or three months, owing to the influx of Jewish agricultural ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ workers from other parts of the country, for whose settlement the State has set aside an area of 60,000 desyatin. Altogether, since the Revolution there are about 300 fresh Jewish collective settlements in the various provinces, with a total area of 25,300 desyatin.

GERMAN JEWS WHO ARE EQUAL TO TEN ANTI-SEMITES

Berlin, December 10, (J.T.A. Mail Service). The local group of the Central Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith in the district of Frankenstein has sent out an official communique to all the newspapers in the province of Silesia, declaring that the German Jews have nothing in common with the foreign Jews who are buying currency under the rate of exchange, and that they will be heartily glad if the Public Prosecutor will treat these elements in the way they deserve as undesirable aliens.

One of the anti-Semitic organs, the "Volksbote", which appears in Strehlen, adds a footnote to the communique in which it says that the German Jews are mistaken if they think to save themselves by deserting their foreign brethren and vilifying them in the German Press.

A Jewish reader, writing to the Democratic weekly, the "Welt-am-Montag", complains that the Union of Jewish Ex-Soldiers has written to the anti-Semitic daily in Bruhn denouncing the East European Jews as harmful elements and boasting of the control exercised by the Union in prohibiting certain kinds of Jews from visiting the German health resorts. The "Welt-am-Montag" in an editorial on the subject, vigorously condemns the Union of Jewish Ex-Soldiers for its "cowardly attitude", and concludes, "There are some Jews any one of whom we could cut up into ten anti-Semites."

ZANGWILL A "WOBLER" A VOICE FROM INDIA

London, Dec. 12 (J. T. A.) Mail Service) The Indian Press of the last week of November just arrived here has a deal to say about Mr. Israel Zangwill's address to the American Jewish Congress.

The "Simla Times" calls it a long and bitter address, and thinks that Mr. Zangwill does not overdraw his gloomy picture. The "Bombay Chronicle" writes: Mr. Zangwill, who wobbled on the subject at the critical juncture when the present chaotic and unjust system of Palestine rule was being hatched, is now apparently flat-footed against Palestinian Zionism once again. He is in the United States to wage an anti-Zion fight against the wealthy and influential American Zionists. All to the good. Every little helps.

YIDDISH CEASES TO BE AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IN UKRAINE

Moscow, Dec. 4 (J.T.A. Mail Service). The language question in the Ukraine which on account of its complicated nature has been causing constant difficulty, has now been finally regulated by the recognition of Russian and Ukrainian as the two official languages of the country. Formerly Yiddish, too, was one of the official languages.

Correspondence between the All-Ukrainian Executive Committee and the central and local institutions will be carried on exclusively in Ukrainian. In the law courts, however, both official languages will be employed. In the elementary schools the general language of instruction will be Ukrainian, but in those districts where the majority of the population is non-Ukrainian, the language of instruction will be Russian, Yiddish, Polish or German according to the circumstances.

ZANGWILL EXPLAINS CHURCH CONFLICT AS "WE MODERNS" OPENS.

Washington, December 24. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Israel Zangwill in a curtain speech at the opening performance of his new play, "We Moderns," at the National Theatre tonight, referred to the current conflict in the Christian Church after he wished his audience A Merry Christmas. Speaking on Christmas Eve, Mr. Zangwill said it was not theology that distinguished Christianity but its spiritual content. The Madonna, he said, represents motherhood, and Christ, sacrifice.

There was a good-sized audience at the opening of the play, including a considerable proportion of Jews. The play was warmly received and Mr. Zangwill who was obviously the chief interest of the audience, was applauded until he was obliged to respond. He recalled that he was in the same theatre 15 years ago when his Melting Pot was produced, during which Theodore Roosevelt was present.

JEWISH CHATAUQUA IN THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Washington, December 26. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The 32nd annual conference of the Jewish Chatauqua Society opened here Sunday night with delegates from 32 cities and 18 states present. Dr. Henry Harkowitz of Philadelphia who founded the Society in 1893 ~~xxx~~ received the tribute of nearly all the speakers.

Miss Jeannette Miriam Goldberg, Secretary, spoke on the progress the Society has made and explained the Society's work which included the sending of lecturers to speak about the Jews' work at leading universities and summer schools. Miss Goldberg also told of the Correspondence School for training religious school teachers and the publication of religious text books, and of the establishment and direction of study circles in Jewish subjects.

The conference will continue until December 27th.

DR. WISE ATTACKS MILLIONAIRE LEADERSHIP OF JEWS.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise Says Young Jews Are Products of Zionism--
Raps Jewish Fraternities.

New York, December 26. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Declaring he had no deep respect for Jewish fraternities, Dr. Stephen S. Wise of the Central and Free Synagogue, speaking yesterday morning before the Conclave of the Alpha Mu Sigma, a Jewish Fraternity, at the Hotel Martinique, attacked the "leadership of Jewish millionairessdom" and said the present young-Jews were the products of Zionism, whether they realized it or not.

Dr. Wise compared the present life of Jewish students in American colleges to that that existed in his day when he went to Columbia in 1892. Then there were only two other Jews in his class.

In those days, he said, the Jew in the American college was a rarissima avis, rather than a "rah-rah." Then the Jews were under the influence of Darwinism and the internationalism of 1848 and were inclined to regard their evolution not as a hypothesis but as a dogmatic, new revelation. At that time there was a tendency to a belief that the Jews were not a race but a religion.

These factors, he said, led to a tremendous conflict between the younger and the older generations, and the younger generation was impatient of the methods of their elders. He said that the present young Jews, whether they realized it or not, were the products of Zionism and that the aim of Zionism had been "to convert Jewish youngsters into real young Jews."

Dr. Wise said he had no deep respect for Jewish fraternities. He charged them with ~~xxxx~~ not having meant anything in American or Jewish life. They were not, in his opinion, finely or serviceably Jewish. The Jewish problems in American life were baffling, and leadership was needed. The tendencies in the earlier day had been for the educated Jew to live on the Jewish community.

"To supplant the leadership of Jewish millionairessdom with the Leadership of the Jewish mind and spirit, that is the task for American Jewry," he said.

For the American Jew the problems of Palestine and other wrongs of the Jews in Eastern and Central Europe were not so great a problem as the problem of leadership. The American Jews were doing nothing for Zionism and the vast majority of them were indifferent to the problems of their race.

"They don't know enough to care and they don't care enough to know," he said.

The immediate problem for Jewish leadership in America ~~was to~~ raise the stigma of shame that was resting upon the Jews today, Dr. Wise said. Formerly Dr. Wise never read the crime stories in the newspapers, but now, he told his audience, he read the story of every homicide and robbery that appeared in order to see whether Jews were involved.

DR. WEIZMANN SEES HADASSAH AS PEACEMAKER IN PALESTINE.

Dr. Ruppin Praises Work of Hadassah Medical Organization.

New York, December 26. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, was the guest at a reception last night at the Hotel Astory, by the Hadassah, the woman's Zionist organization. Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, Executive Secretary of the Jewish Societies, and Mrs. Edward Jacobs, Acting Chairman of the National Board of Hadassah, welcomed him in addresses.

Dr. Weizmann pointed to the importance of Hadassah as a factor for peace and understanding between the population of Palestine. A hospital in Palestine is a much better diplomatic means of bringing Jew and Arab together than all diplomatic papers. The Zionist leader told of his meeting with the first Medical Unity of Hadassah in 1918. He hoped the Jewish women of America would make it possible for Hadassah's activities to continue.

In the course of his address, Dr. Weizmann predicted that the Jews of the world would have to continue to bear the burden of Palestine upbuilding for another ten years. The burden, he said, must be borne by all Jews, announcing that his efforts in bringing together the representatives of the various classes of American Jewry upon the platform of the Jewish Agency were successful.

Dr. Arthur Ruppin, member of the Zionist Executive and leading economic expert, told of the first nursing sisters sent by Hadassah to Palestine before the war. He praised the sanitation work of Hadassah, showing how its hospitals and doctors were combatting successfully the inroads of malaria and trachoma.

Miss Elizabeth Gutman of Baltimore gave a rendering of Yiddish folk-songs.

DR. SCHULMAN MADE RABBI OF BETH-EL FOR LIFE.

Beth-El Votes to Merge With New Synagogue.

New York, December 26. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The Rev. Dr. Samuel Schulman who will complete 25 years on January 5th as Rabbi of Temple Beth-El, Fifth Avenue and 76th Street, has been elected rabbi for life, and a document setting forth the facts will be presented to Dr. Schulman on his silver jubilee. It was voted to honor the rabbi thus at a special meeting of the congregation at the temple Saturday afternoon, with Ben Altheimer, President of the congregation, in the chair. Among those who spoke in favor of honoring Dr. Schulman was Felix M. Warburg, a son-in-law of the late Jacob H. Schiff.

In the last half century Beth-El has had only three rabbis. The first was the late Rev. Dr. David Einborn. The second was the Rev. Dr. Kaufmann Kohler, President emeritus of Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, and honorary rabbi of Beth-El.

At the same meeting a merger was effected with the New Synagogue, and this will take effect at once. At the same time the New Synagogue voted to consolidate with Beth-El, coming over to the latter bodily. The New Synagogue will turn over to the trustees of Beth-El its charter, its community house at 312 W. 89th Street, and its cemetery. The New Synagogue has never owned a place of worship and has held services in the Manhattan Congregational Church at Broadway and 76th Street. It is now without a rabbi, since the Rev. Ephraim Frisch has gone to Galveston, Texas.