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DR HENRY BERKOWITZ, NOTED PHILADELPHIA RABBI DIES SUDDENLY

Philadelphia, February 8 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Dr. Henry Berkowitz, Rabbi Emeritus of the Congregation Rodoph Sholon ~~Congregation~~ Philadelphia, died suddenly in an Atlantic City Hotel Thursday.

Dr. Berkowitz, who was 67 years of age was nationally known as an author, a Jewish communal leader and sociologist, as well as the most eminent Reform Rabbi in Philadelphia, where he officiated at the Rodoph Sholon Temple for the past thirty years. When Dr. Berkowitz was made Rabbi Emeritus in 1922 he was the first to receive such honor in Philadelphia.

Dr. Berkowitz was born in Pittsburgh and held degrees from the universities of Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and also from Cornell University, as well as from the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, of which he was Governor. He studied in Cornell for two years and was graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1881. He received his rabbinical training at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and entered the Rabbinate in 1885. His first congregation was in Mobile, Ala. where he remained for five years, after which he went to the Bnai Jehuda Congregation in Kansas City, remaining there for four years. Dr. Berkowitz was among the founders and was the first secretary of the Central Conference of America Rabbis in 1889, and since 1893 has been a member of the Publication Committee of the Jewish Publication Society of America. In 1893 he organized the Jewish Chautauqua Society of which he was Chancellor. In 1904 he visited England to address meetings at Ramsgate under the auspices of the Union of Jewish Literary Societies of Great Britain. Correspondence schools for the study of Jewish subjects and the education of Jewish teachers were instituted by Dr. Berkowitz in 1912. In the same year he was appointed by the Mayor of Philadelphia to be a member of the Vice Commission and made an official visit during the summer of 1912 to England, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Germany, following which he presented a learned report embodying the results of his investigation.

RUSSIA WILL DISCOURAGE RE-EMIGRATION FROM AMERICA

Moscow, February 8 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Re-emigration from America to Russia will not be encouraged following the decision of the Immigration Committee of the Labor Council, which has been considering the question. The Committee has come to the conclusion that except in the cases of certain highly skilled workers, experts and individuals, re-emigration from America as such will be frowned

upon. The Russian colony in America will be warned that all immigrants to Russia must be prepared for hard and continuous work, many privations and sacrifices because of the economic condition of the country, which is still unfavorable.

SIR HERBERT SAMUEL IN LONG CONFERENCE WITH KING HUSSEIN

Jerusalem, February 8 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Direct negotiations between King Hussein and Sir Herbert Samuel, British High Commissioner of Palestine, regarding the proposed Anglo-Arab Treaty, are reported by the Jerusalem correspondent of the London Daily Mail. The report states that during two days at Amman Commissioner Samuel was in almost continuous conference with the Hedjas King.

SMYRNA AUTHORITIES ORDER FRIDAY CLOSING OBSERVANCE

Smyrna, February 8 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) A communique has been issued by the authorities of the Smyrna district to all factories, workshops, offices, banks, shops and agencies, demanding that they close for twenty-four hours on Fridays. Non-observance of the order will call forth heavy penalties, the communique states.

ANGORA FOREIGN SCHOOLS IN TURKEY MUST INSTRUCT IN RELIGION

Angora, February 8 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The Turkish Minister of Education has circulated a memorandum to all schools in Turkey maintained by foreign societies to the effect that they must devote more time to religious studies instead of devoting their entire time to modern secular education as at present. No tolerance will be shown, the circular warns. All schools ignoring the order will be immediately closed. Directors of education throughout the country have been warned that punishment will follow any compromise in this matter.

MODERATES WARN AGAINST PROCLAIMING HUSSEIN CALIPH

Jerusalem, February 8 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The Arab Moderate Party has issued a proclamation warning the Arab world against raising King Hussein of Hedjas to the Caliphate without the consent of the rest of the Moslem world which is against the pan-Arabic Confederation because Syria is not included.

Palestine received 390 immigrants during the month of January.

PICK'S RESIGNATION CAUSES SURPRISE IN JERUSALEM

Jerusalem, February 8 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The resignation of Dr. Herman Pick for the reason that the Mizrahi budget had been reduced, has resulted in considerable surprise here.

The Mizrahi budget was decreased proportionately with all other bodies in accordance with the decision of the Executive to reduce all expenditures in Palestine.

BUKOWSKA, WONDER RABBI SPENDS DAY IN JAIL

Vienna, February 8 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Rabbi Chaim Pinter, wonder rabbi from Bukowska, Galicia, was sentenced to spend a day in jail or to pay a fine amounting to \$4.50 of American money when he returned to Vienna ignoring the fact that he was expelled from that city.

Rabbi Pinter fled from Galicia during the World War because of the Russian invasion. On his way to Vienna both his feet were frozen necessitating amputation. Early in 1923 he sailed for England where he was in a hospital for six months and where he was given artificial legs.

Rabbi Pinter returned to Vienna because he had left his wife and seven children there. He was arrested and sentenced upon his arrival.

SEJM COMMISSION POSTPONES SCHECHITA DISCUSSION

Warsaw, February 8 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). As a result of the intervention of the Board of Orthodox Deputies, the Sejm Commission has postponed the discussion of the Schechita question, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns. The Roswoj had entered a bill forbidding schechita.

HONOR MISS ADA STERLING AUTHOR OF "THE JEW AND CIVILIZATION"

New York, February 8 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Miss Ada Sterling author of "The Jew and Civilization" was tendered a testimonial dinner by prominent ~~antisemitic~~ Jews at the Ritz Carlton Hotel Thursday evening. The book was held to be an authoritative presentation of the facts concerning the Jews' contribution to civilization and much gratification was expressed by all, that the author, Miss Sterling, should have written such a work as a non-Jewess.

Herman Bernstein, editor of the Jewish Tribune, speaking as toastmaster, said that tens of thousands of Jews in this country were suffering as a result of unjust discrimination and that attacks upon Jews were undermining the foundations of American liberty and justice.

Most of the speakers were agreed that the problem of anti-Semitism was not only a Jewish problem but one that had to be solved by Christians as well.

An opposite view was expressed by Adolph S. Ochs, the publisher of the TIMES, who was inclined to minimize the anti-Jewish situation, styling himself an optimist with regard to it.

"I have no apprehension about ~~Zionism~~ anti-Semitism", Mr. Ochs said. "There is no more anti-Semitism today than ever before. All of Henry Ford's attacks are a re-hash of old stories. There is nothing new in it. This is nothing more than a pinprick. There is no prejudice against the Jewish religion. We are the very founders of religion. We gave the world the Bible".

Louis Marshall, scheduled to deliver the principal address was unable to attend and sent a message which was read:

"She (Miss Sterling) has proved the frenzied antipathy of Houston Stewart Chamberlain, the shallowness of Belloc, the ignorance of Hendrick, the inanities and stupidities of Ford and the criminality of the protocols in such a fashion that no dispassionate mind, after reflecting on the avalanche of proof which she has presented, can regard the vaporing of these foes of civilization as worthy of further notice".

Dr. Joel Blau thanked Miss Sterling for not having made her book a paen of praise but rather an understanding of the Jewish contribution to civilization.

Other speakers were Mrs. Rebecca Kohut, Dr. Samuel Shulman, Dr. Harry Moshkowitz, Rabbi Clifton Harby Levy, Jonah J. Goldstein, S. C. Lamport. Many laudatory messages were received from Nicholas Murray Butler, Colonel Edward M. House, Dr. Sidney Mezes and George W. Wickersham.

REPUBLICANS FEAR NEWYORK VOTE DROP BECAUSE OF IMMIGRATION BILL

Washington, February 8 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Republican political leaders of the House of Representatives have dropped the Johnson Immigration Bill which the House Immigration Committee has been preparing. The bill, which aims to encourage Nordic immigration in preference to immigration from Southern and Eastern Europe, and contains a provision to stop immigration from Japan, has suddenly come to be regarded by the Republican leaders as dangerous. Protests from Japan are said to have contributed to the decision of the leaders, but the most important reason was the influence of Republican leaders of New York who unhesitatingly voiced the opinion that if the bill were passed the Republican Party would lose great numbers of votes in New York City at the next presidential election.

CURRAN PLEASSED WITH IMMIGRATION BILL CHANGES PROPOSED BY HIMSELF

New York, February 8 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Immigration Commissioner Henry H. Curran has returned to Ellis Island from Washington where he has been present at the hearings of the House Immigration Committee. Mr. Curran announced himself as pleased with two changes which he has proposed for the immigration bill. Both changes have to do with the quota certificates which it is proposed should be issued to prospective immigrants abroad through American consuls. The first change is in the period of validity of these certificates which Commissioner Curran would have reduced from six months to two months. The second change would limit the number of immigrants each month to 10% of the total quota, eliminating the possibility of an excessive influx of immigrants during any one period of the year.

"The law should state not only how many aliens shall come to our shores", he said, "but when they shall come".

SIX THOUSAND EUROPEAN JEWS WILL MIGRATE TO CANADA

Toronto, Canada, February 8 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Canada expects six thousand Jews from South Europe within the next three months, forming the greatest immigration movement under the direction of a single organization to affect Canada.

The movement is controlled by the Affiliated Jewish societies of all Canadian cities. Two large contingents have already arrived in Toronto. Most of the immigrants will go on the land, it is stated.

MENORAH JOURNAL CONGRATULATED ON TENTH ANNIVERSARY

New York, February 8 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). American Jewry is felicitating the Menorah Journal, which with its February issue enters its decennial year. Modestly begun to provide a student organ for the Intercollegiate Menorah Association, The Menorah Journal has ~~grown into a~~ developed into a Jewish periodical of international reputation, which has been characterized by Israel Zangwill as "by far the best organ that English-speaking Jewry possesses". In its decade of existence The Menorah Journal has printed the work of all the most famous writers on Jewish life and interests in Europe and America, and has, moreover, been instrumental in bringing out many new writers hitherto unknown to the Jewish public.
