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MISSIONARY CATHOLIC CIRCLES IN LONDON AWARE OF HANS HERZL'S  
CONVERSION.

Hans In Hiding In Catholic Convent; Leader of Which Is Also  
Baptized Jew.

Conversion May Have Been Act of Spite Work, It Is Revealed.

London, August 14. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The fact that Hans Herzl, only son of Dr. Theodor Herzl, went over to the Catholic Church is known in the headquarters of the Catholic Guild of Israel here, the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. Officials of the Catholic Guild, however, declared that they cannot make any official statement at present. Hans Herzl is in London but it is impossible to trace him. There is a suspicion that he is at the Guild's headquarters which are located in the Convent, Our Lady of Zion.

The chairman of the Catholic Guild of Israel, Hugh Angress, it was learned today, is himself a converted Jew. In an interview, he declared that when a Jew becomes a Catholic he still remains a Jew and does not lose his nationality. If he does, it is not the fault of the Catholic Church, but of the Jews, he stated.

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Vienna, August 14. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). That the conversion of Hans Herzl to Catholicism may have been an act of spite work against the Zionists was disclosed here, in well-informed circles. It was made known that Hans Herzl had a controversy recently with the Zionist Organization concerning financial matters in connection with the proposed publication of his translation of his father's Diary from German into English. Young Herzl demanded that a new publication of his father's Diary in his translation should be issued in the full text, not allowing the Zionists to change a single word. He also demanded for his work a huge sum of money which could not be granted him. Young Herzl was consequently piqued.

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London, August 14. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Mahan Sokolow, noted Jewish writer and Chairman of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization, when asked today for his opinion on Hans Herzl's conversion to Catholicism, refused to issue any statement on the matter, declaring that it was the act of a deranged mind and without any significance. Hans was an irresponsible person and any folly could be expected of him.

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Vienna, August 14. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). In his letter to Deputy Engineer Robert Stricker, noted Zionist leader in Austria, Hans Herzl notified him of his joining the Catholic Church and asked him whether he would still continue the negotiations concerning the publication of his translation of his father's Diary.

The fact that Hans Herzl deserted Judaism and became a Catholic was known on the same day of its occurrence to the family of Engineer Johann Kremenetsky, close friends of the Herzl family. Johann Kremenetsky is a well-known Jewish manufacturer of Vienna. The fact of Hans' conversion was however kept secret in the hope that Hans would yet be persuaded to return to Judaism. When asked why he did not have consideration for the memory of his father Hans replied excitedly: "This is my private affair; and besides, I acted according to my conviction. My soul now finds rest."

Close observers of the Herzl family here, after the death of the great Zionist leader, did not express any surprise over Hans' action. It is stated that the mother of the three children implanted in them a contempt for the Zionist movement, for Judaism, and disregard for their father. It is now revealed that one of Theodor Herzl's daughters, a divorcee, resident during the war in Graz, would publicly laugh at her father's limitless devotion to the Zionist cause and caused public indignation by mistreating the picture of her late father.

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#### CHARGES THAT PARIS ROTHSCHILD BOUGHT VOTES FOR ELECTION.

Paris, August 14. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) That Morris Rothschild, member of the well-known banking firm, obtained his election through corrupting the voters, having spent for that purpose 2,000,000 francs, was the charge made by his rival, M. Battu.

Rothschild was recently elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Gilbert Planche, son of the well-known radical French deputy.

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FATHER SCHLESSINGER, BAPTIZER OF HANS HERZL, IS UNIQUE TYPE OF JEWISH APOSTATE; TELLS HIMSELF "CHRISTIAN NATIONAL JEW;" IS ZIONIST.

Vienna, August 14. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Interesting information concerning the mysterious figure of Father Schlessinger who converted Hans Herzl to Catholicism was disclosed here today by men who have an intimate knowledge of the priest. He represents a unique type among Jewish apostates. According to his conception and definition he is what he terms a "Jewish Christian." He is proud of his origin and propagates a theory which lends itself to the creation of a type of Christian National Jew. He even declares himself to be an ardent Zionist. Schlessinger is a brother-in-law of the well-known German poet, Hugo von Hoffmannsthal, who is living in Vienna, the author of the libretto of Richard Strauss' "Rosenkavalier."

It is further revealed today that Hans Herzl had intended two years ago to settle in Palestine but the Zionist Organization advised him not to do so. During the time of Hans' residence in Vienna he led a lonely existence, mingling mostly with his mother's family which belongs to the class of Jewish bourgeoisie in Vienna which keep themselves aloof from Jewish communal affairs. Hans grew to be a proud, self-centred, distrustful and conceited fellow. He suffered greatly on account of his not inheriting his father's greatness. He even at one time bore resentment against the Zionist Organization which did not offer him a leading position in the movement.

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MACDONALD GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO INTERVENE AGAINST COMPULSORY SUNDAY REST FOR GREEK JEWS.

London, August 14. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The Macdonald Government has declined to intervene with the Greek Government in the matter of the compulsory Sunday rest law recently passed by the Greek Parliament, by which the Jewish Community in Greece is seriously affected.

The request for friendly representations to the Greek Government was made by Mr. Lucien Wolf, Secretary of the Joint Foreign Committee, representing the Board of Jewish Deputies and the Anglo-Jewish Association, who asked that the Jews in Greece be given the possibility of observing Saturday as the Sabbath. The reply of the British Foreign Office to the request was that the British Government do not consider this question a matter for intervention as it is of a purely domestic nature.

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CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN EMERGENCY COMMITTEE ON JEWISH REFUGEES  
WILL BE HELD.

New York, August 14. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The Conference of the American Emergency Committee on Jewish Refugees was called for Sunday, August 17th, at the Hotel Astor, New York, for the purpose of completing the forming of the organization which was decided upon at the first conference held on June 22nd. The participation of all national Jewish organizations is expected.

Reports on the refugee situation will be submitted and plans for the future work decided upon.

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REFUGEES, AMERICAN VISA HOLDERS, WILL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE IN  
QUOTA, IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER-GENERAL DECLARES: ACTION FOR  
STRANDED REFUGEES URGED.

New York, August 14. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). That American Jews should start action on behalf of the several thousand Jewish refugees who are stranded in various European ports and in possession of American visas, was urged by B. C. Vladeck, manager of the Jewish Daily Forward and member of the Hias Delegation to Europe which just returned, at a meeting held yesterday at the National Theatre, Second Avenue, New York.

Mr. Vladeck argued that moral responsibility rests with America for the plight of these refugees. They have left their homes, sold their property, and have received visas from the American consuls in the hope of settling in the United States. It is not only a Jewish question, it is an American question, Mr. Vladeck concluded.

It is planned to urge the House of Representatives to pass a resolution admitting these refugees who are stranded through no fault of their own.

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Washington, August 14. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). The State Department has issued instructions to all consuls abroad to give preference in granting new visas to all those immigrants holding visas issued previously to the enactment of the new immigration bill, according to Immigration Commissioner-General W.W. Hushard in a conference here today with Mr. Joseph Barondess, Vice-President of the American Jewish Congress.

Mr. Barondess called upon the Immigration Commissioner-General to discuss with him the situation of the several thousand Jewish refugees holding American visas stranded in various ports abroad. Mr. Barondess reminded the Immigration Commissioner-General of his promise given at the International Immigration Conference in

Rome to a Jewish Delegation that he would see to it that special consideration be given to these unfortunate refugees. In reply, Mr. Husband stated that with the exception of the resolution, adopted by Congress for those immigrants who had actually embarked previous to the enactment of the law, Congress has made no provision for the other stranded refugees. The Government is now powerless to do anything in the matter unless Congress, when it reconvenes next December, will adopt a resolution making special provision for these stranded immigrants. In order to bring this situation to the attention of Congress, Immigration Commissioner-General Husband promised to make special reference to this matter in the annual report of the Department of Labor which will be issued in November. He also called attention to the fact that according to the new law, all those stranded immigrants who are either wives or children under eighteen of American citizens are exempt from the quota and can obtain admission without difficulty.

In an interview with the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Immigration Commissioner-General Husband said, however, that whether Congress will take action to relieve the situation is very conjectural, in view of the restrictive attitude already manifested. He thought, however, that a great deal depends upon the number of those affected and the information which would be furnished to the authorities. So far there is no official record of the situation of the refugees. He said that the delegation in Rome told him they possessed a list of 7,159 Russian immigrants alone, not all of whom were Jews, who obtained visas during the past year but were prevented from proceeding because of the quota being exhausted. Part of this list has been transmitted to him, Mr. Husband declared, and he has gone over it. This reveals that there are very few close relatives, the majority of relatives being restricted to uncles, cousins, nephews and a few brothers and sisters. One difficulty, he said, that will have to be faced in any proposed relief legislation will be the fear that not only those holding visas will ask for such relief, but also those who hold prepaid steamship tickets, especially on United States lines. One steamship company informed him, Commissioner Husband stated, that they had sold fifty thousand prepaid steamship tickets which could not be used because of exhaustion of the quotas. These prospective immigrants are now demanding refunds and this particular steamship company had asked Mr. Husband for remedial legislation to admit these aliens. He had no information yet with regard to the extent to which the Government-owned steamship lines were affected. Mr. Husband pointed out that the argument of those holding government steamship tickets would be still stronger as they had paid the United States Government the money.

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