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HIAS FIGHTS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWISH WORKMEN

Warsaw, Sept. 25 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Dr. Joseph Skoretzki, General Secretary of the Hias, left for Paris today for the purpose of effecting an arrangement in order to prevent further discrimination against Jewish workmen by the French agents who are at present in Poland recruiting workmen for the re-construction work in the devastated areas of France.

The French Bureau in Warsaw makes it a practice to reject Jewish workmen, declaring that they do not have the necessary qualifications for the work in France.

Dr. Skoretzki will confer with Jewish organizations, in order to effect the diversion of part of the Jewish Polish emigration into the devastated areas of France and will take the necessary steps to change the tactics of the French Recruiting Bureau in Warsaw.

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POLICE SEARCH STEIGER'S HOME

Lemberg, Sept. 25 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The police today searched the home of Stanislaw Steiger's parents in connection with the new investigation which has been ordered by the authorities against Steiger, accused of having thrown the bomb at the Polish President, Wojciechowski, during his recent visit to Warsaw. The police, according to an official statement issued today, were unable to find anything suspicious.

Nevertheless, Steiger is still under arrest and has been placed under even stricter surveillance. Private food is not permitted to him, in spite of his health which is unsatisfactory. Steiger's lawyer, Grek, has received many anonymous threatening letters.

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JEWISH POLITICAL PRISONERS IN POLAND ON TRIAL
FOR ATTEMPTING TO BREAK PRISON; DEATH PENALTY PROBABLE

Warsaw, Sept. 25 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) A number of political prisoners in Slonim are on trial before a court martial there on the charge of attempting to escape. Among them are eleven Jews, Samuel Okulka, Solomon Alpert, David Lev, Moses Schwartz, Simcha Shevson, Pavel Kasieko, Daniel Adamowitz, Michael Sovchuk, Wolf Epstein, Michael Jeksherek and Getzel Mostkov. It is expected that they will be sentenced to death.

More than one-third of all the Political prisoners in Poland are Jews, according to official statistics made public today by the Ministry of Justice. Of the 1419 political prisoners 487 are Jews, 425 Poles, 299 Ukrainians, 145 White Russians, 36 Lithuanians, 16 Germans and 1 Czecho-Slovakian.

THE JEWISH BACK-TO-THE-LAND MOVEMENT IN RUSSIA;
WILL THE JEWS STAY ON THE LAND?

Moscow, Sept. 3 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service) The attitude of the sceptics with regard to the Jewish Back to the Land Movement in Russia is discussed in the Yiddish Communist daily here, the "Emess".

The Jews will not stop on the land the sceptics say, it writes. At the first opportunity, they tell us, the Jews will go back to trading. This is a question which cuts at the root of the whole movement. Let us see, therefore, what an authoritative non-Jew has to say on the subject.

The head of the Agricultural Department for the District of Odessa, M. Tcherbakov, has been investigating the conditions among the Jews who have come from various parts of the Soviet Republics to take up agriculture in his district. He has visited practically all the settlements and studied conditions on the spot. He is concerned with the question purely from the technical point of view as an expert on agriculture. In his report submitted to his Department, he says:

"Conditions among the Jewish transmigrants on the land in the Odessa District are highly critical. They are suffering extreme want. They are the most poverty-stricken section of the land-working population, and they have other than material difficulties to contend with. Yet there is no panic among them; no feeling of despair. On the contrary. They are hard-working people, and have already achieved a great deal. They have come to work on

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the land as a permanency. It is not a passing phase with them. I have seen them at work. They love the land, they do their work with greater devotion and diligence than the peasants. The collective settlements of many of these transmigrant groups are already despite the difficulties, among the fairest and most productive in their district. It is hard to believe that these are all people, until very recently spent their lives in a huckstering atmosphere as peddlers, shopkeepers, middlemen and artisans. They have acclimated themselves completely to the peasant type. Their whole concern is the land. I cannot imagine that they will ever leave it.

"The peasants in certain places are not altogether sympathetic with the Jewish transmigrants. Some are even hostile to them. It is the old feeling of prejudice against the Jews. They fear the Jews will not till the land with their own hands, but will want to exploit the peasants. It is a prejudice which has been fostered by the counter-revolutionaries who see the land which they hoped would one day go back to the land-owners, distributed among the poor Jews who are devoting themselves in earnest to a life of toil on the land. I am convinced that the Jews are settling down to agriculture in a spirit which leaves no doubt that they intend to remain on the land always."

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THE NUMBER OF JEWISH TEACHERS IN WHITE RUSSIA

London, Sept. 13 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service) There are 14,000 teachers in White Russia, reports the "Russian Information and Review", an official publication issued here by the London Soviet Delegation. Of these, 7,764 are White Russians, 3,198 Russians, 1,888 Jews, and 1,050 Poles and others. 800 of the teachers belong to the Communist Party and 500 to the Young Communist League.

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RITUAL MURDER AGITATION IN GERMANY DAILY NEWSPAPER; ANNOUNCE PUBLICATION OF OFFICIAL RECORDS OF RITUAL MURDERS

Berlin, Sept. 11 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service) The publication of a series of official records of ritual murders committed by Jews, written by M. Liebermann von Sonnenberg, with commentaries revised and annotated by Arthur Herbert Wolnziehn, is announced in the "Neue Zeitung", the daily newspaper published by Deputy Richard Kunze, the notorious anti-Semitic agitator, known popularly as "Knuepfel" Kunze.

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As a sort of introduction, the "Neue Zeitung", tells the story this week of a 27 year old Jewish toy-dealer who suddenly appeared in the town of Perleberg and took his stand near the school. He did all sorts of things to gain the confidence of the children. Finally, he disappeared, taking with him a twelve-year-old boy named Gert Rueger, belonging to a prominent local family. There is no trace of the Jew or the boy, the paper concludes, adding the query, "another ritual murder victim?"

JEWS SUFFER AFTER FLOOD OF LENINGRAD

Riga, Sept. 25 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Many Jews have suffered from the flood which devastated the city of Leningrad. Chaos reigns throughout the city, according to reports which reached Riga today. Many houses were inundated.

The Government has proclaimed martial law to maintain order.

JOSEPH DEUTSCH DONATES \$600,000 TO BIRTHPLACE

New York, Sept. 25 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) A contribution of \$600,000 cash to poor families of Zeline, Czechoslovakia, the town of his birth, and provision for founding a hospital and synagogue there were among the charitable enterprises of Joseph Deutsch, a furniture merchant, during his recent four months' trip to Europe, he informed more than 200 of his employees at a dinner in his honor last night at the Hotel Biltmore. Mr. Deutsch said he regarded conditions in Germany with optimism.

Employees of the chain of stores conducted by Mr. Deutsch and his brother, Adolph Deutsch, gave the dinner in the former's honor. Joseph Deutsch came to New York in 1887 at the age of 12. Hard work and thriftiness gained him success in the furniture business, he said, though he was penniless when he first came here.

HARRY M. GOLDMAN APPOINTED SECRETARY OF ORTHODOX UNION

Mr. Harry M. Goldman has been appointed executive secretary of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. Mr. Goldman is a graduate of the College of the City of New York. He has been associate director of the Educational Alliance of Baltimore and has done social work in the Educational Alliance of New York and the Hebrew Educational Society of Brooklyn.

PALESTINE TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY DESPATCHESDR. WEIZMANN ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM

Jerusalem, Sept. 25 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Dr. Chaif Weizmann arrived in Jerusalem today.

HEDJAS AND PERSIA SEEK TREATY

Jerusalem, Sept. 25 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Il Katib, Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Hedjas Government arrived in Amman today on his way to Teheran where he will negotiate a Hedjas-Persian Treaty.

ARAB PAPER EXPRESSES SATISFACTION WITH KADOORIE SCHOOL

Jerusalem, Sept. 25 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service) "Lissan el Arab" expresses its satisfaction with the Government's decision to divide the Kadoorie bequest into two parts, using half of the £100,000 for Jewish education and half for establishing an Arab Agricultural School at Tulkarem.

The paper points out that agriculture is the chief basis of Palestine economics and all fellow associations requested the Government to open such a school. The program of agriculture would mean the progress of Palestine.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND ACQUIRES LAND

Jerusalem, August 27 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service) Forty thousand dunams of land have been purchased by the Jewish National Fund in the Plain of Jesreel, in the vicinity of the Jewish settlements there.

The total land estate of the Jewish National Fund amounts to 150,000 dunams. Of these, 117,000 are in the Valley of Jesreel.

DEATH OF RABBI TOLEIDANO

Tiberias, Aug. 28 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency Mail Service) Rabbi Yehuda Toleidano, President of the Sephardic Community for many years, died at the age of seventy-eight.