

APPEAL OF ANTI-SEMITIC LEADER IN WARBURG LIBEL TRIAL COMES UP IN HAMBURG TOMORROW

Theodor Fritsch Made Ridiculous Charges; Sentenced to Three Months' Imprisonment (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Hamburg, Jan. 13.—The trial of an anti-Semitic leader for libelling Max Warburg will begin again tomorrow, when the appeal brought by ex-Deputy Theodor Fritsch, the 71-year old anti-Semitic leader in Leipzig against a sentence to three months' imprisonment comes up. Herr Fritsch was sentenced on December 6th of last year.

In his periodical "Der Hammer," and in a number of leaflets Fritsch alleged that Max Warburg, who was Germany's financial expert at the Peace Conference of Versailles, had been acting with his brothers, Paul and Felix Warburg, to betray Germany to the Allies.

Herr Fritsch admitted in his evidence that he had no actual proofs of anything that he had alleged in his articles. But it was his conviction that what he said was "true." He was convinced that "Max Warburg was training annually 500 Jews as bank officials, giving them also a diplomatic training, for the purpose of entering them in the various diplomatic services, this all being part of the plot to secure the Jewish world domination."

Max Warburg, addressing the court on his own behalf, said that he had been called in as financial expert at the Versailles Peace Conference to advise the German representatives on financial matters and he had done his duty in that respect as a loyal German. During the war, Herr Warburg declared, he had not seen his brother, Paul M. Warburg, of the United States, who was the Governor of the American Federal Reserve Bank.

Herr Max Warburg published an open letter in the "Deutsche Zeitung" denying that at the same time that he was acting as Germany's financial expert, his brother, Felix Warburg was acting at the Versailles Conference as financial expert for the Allies.

THE JEWISH ARTISAN CLASS IN POLAND FACES STARVATION, INVESTIGATION SHOWS

Poland's Former Flourishing Industries Perish (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Jan. 13.—The effects of the economic crisis upon the Jewish population in Poland were brought out by an investigation made by the central organization of Jewish Artisans here. The Jewish artisans in the city of Warsaw are facing a catastrophe, according to figures obtained by the organization.

Of the 2,800 shoe-making establishments, 2,060 are closed; the rest are working only two days a week. The situation is even worse in the knitting industry which has a four months season. Two hundred and fifty workshops in this industry did not open this year. In the men's tailoring industry, which is comprised of 3,000 workshops, 2,550 are closed. Tailors who worked for men's clothing stores have been out of employment for several months. Sixty percent of the 180 embroidery shops have been closed for many months. Fifty of the 100 brush factories are closed. Three hundred cabinet makers have closed their shops.

These figures are only for Warsaw; similar alarming reports arrive from other centers.

SATURDAY TWO-HOUR TRADE CONCESSION TO JEWS MAY WRECK POLISH COALITION GOVERNMENT

Polish Socialist Deputies Oppose Relief Measure, Threaten to Leave Cabinet (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Jan. 13.—The Polish coalition government, formed by Count Alexander Skrzynski to cope with the economic crisis in the country, may be wrecked because of the projected concession, allowing Jewish storekeepers to keep open for two hours on Saturday evening, as a concession for the compulsory Sunday rest.

This concession, which was one of the points of the Polish Jewish agreement, was granted by the former Grabski government, with the participation of Count Skrzynski, then Foreign Minister, on the condition that the P. P. S., the Polish Socialist party, which was responsible for the enactment of the stringent Sunday rest law, would offer no objection to the concession.

The concession was planned, not through legislation which might cause conflict in the Sejm, but through an administrative measure. Mr. Ziemiencki, the Labor Minister in the coalition cabinet, representing the Polish socialist party, objected to the ordinance.

The "Robotnik," the official organ of the Polish socialist party, attacked the projected ordinance. It was declared that in connection with this opposition a closed meeting of leading members of the Polish socialist party group in the Sejm considered this question and it was decided, according to a report, to definitely oppose this ordinance. Should this ordinance be issued despite their opposition, the P. P. S. will withdraw from the coalition government, it was declared.

"We are definitely opposed to all projects which jeopardize the eight hour working day achieved by the Polish laboring class," the "Robotnik" declared in an editorial several days ago. "We will strongly oppose all attempts to carry out the Polish Jewish agreement at the price of the eight hour working day and the Sunday rest," the editorial declared.

Warsaw, Jan. 13.—A deputation of Jewish merchants, headed by Senator Trusker and Deputy (Continued on Page 4)

COMMUNIST SPEAKER IN PALESTINE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HISSED BY DELEGATES

Assembly Takes Up Internal Questions of Palestine Jewry (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 13.—Stormy scenes were witnessed in the newly elected Jewish National Assembly of Palestine in its second session held here yesterday.

A heated discussion developed following the report of Ben-Gurion, leader of the Jewish labor party, Achduth Ha'avodah, on the autonomic organization of the Jewish settlement in Palestine. One of the speakers, representing the extreme Left group, urged the assembly to fight "against the capitalistic and imperialistic regime," declaring that "the national question can be solved only under a system similar to that in Soviet Russia" and that "autonomy is impossible under a capitalistic regime."

The delegates listened to the speaker's arguments, but when he declared "the workers have (Continued on Page 4)

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IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE BEGINS HEARING ON HOLIDAY DEPORTATION BILL

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Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—Assistant Secretary of Labor Robt Carl White and Commissioner General of Immigration Harry Hull appeared at a hearing before the House Immigration Committee yesterday in connection with the Holiday Deportation Bill now pending before the Committee.

In response to a question by Congressman Dickstein, Secretary White declared he fully supported the proposal of the bill abolishing the present five year limitation period on deportation, asserting that the Labor Department should have authority to deport all aliens who have entered America irregularly, regardless of how long they have been here. When Congressman Dickstein pointed out what extreme hardship this might entail to aliens who have been here many years, have raised families, established businesses and whose children, by virtue of birth in this country, are American citizens, Secretary White said that instead of making deportation mandatory, discretion should be given the Department as to whether or not to deport such aliens in each particular case, admitting that some cases were worthy of sympathetic consideration. The bill of Congressmen Holaday, however, vests no such discretion, but makes deportation mandatory.

Both Secretary White and Commissioner Hull described to the Committee the present deportation work and machinery of the Labor Department and complained of the lack of funds for deporting aliens under the present law, stating that the deportation work has been almost suspended since last May because of shortage of funds.

Chairman Albert Johnson said today that it would be some time before the Committee is in a position to act on the many pending bills that seek to amend the act of 1924.

PALESTINE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

The sum allocated for the Hebrew University Fund in the \$5,000,000 budget of the United Palestine Appeal is \$250,000, not \$150,000 as was reported yesterday. In addition, \$75,000 is assigned to the American Jewish Physicians' Committee for the Medical Department of the University. The allocations in full are:

Keren Hayesod, \$3,000,000; Jewish National Fund, \$1,000,000; Hadassah, \$300,000; Hebrew University Fund, \$250,000; Mizrahi, \$90,000; American Jewish Physicians' Committee, \$75,000; Junior Hadassah, \$43,000 and contingent funds, \$42,000.

DAILY DIGEST OF PUBLIC OPINION ON JEWISH MATTERS

[The purpose of the Digest is informative: Preference is given to papers not generally accessible to our readers. Quotation does not indicate approval.—Editor.]

Sees Danger in Compromise on Alien Registration Question

Criticism of a Jewish organization of New York whose president expressed his willingness to endorse the alien registration bill if declarants would be allowed to bring their wives and children here, is voiced by S. Dingol in the "Day" of Jan. 13.

Mr. Dingol warns against any compromise on the part of the friends of the immigrants in the question of immigration and alien registration.

"Just now," he emphasizes, "there is a danger that in the haste and eagerness to carry through the 'good' bills (Congressman Perlman's and Senator Copeland and Wadsworth's) we may overlook the danger of the other two bills (Congressman Aswell and Holaday's) and agree to undesirable compromises with the fathers of the alien registration and deportation proposals.

"One Jewish organization of New York has already made such a false move. Its president wrote to Congressman Johnson that he has no objections against voluntary registration of immigrants if immigrants who are declarants will be allowed to bring their wives and children here.

"This was an ill-considered and dangerous step. The interests of seven million immigrants cannot be sold for the privilege of bringing here the wives and children of several thousand declarants."

Mr. Dingol also calls attention to the fact that whereas the alien registration bill is fought by all liberal-minded people in America the immigrants will have little support in their fight for the bills looking to a humanization of the immigration laws and he suggests as one way of more effective action that instead of several separate pro-immigrant bills in the Senate and House of Representatives their sponsors should get together on one bill in the Senate and one in the House.

"Our Republican and Democratic Congressmen," Mr. Dingol urges, "must not use the immigration question to make capital out of it for their party politics."

Contents Colleges Discriminate Against Jewish Students

The impression prevalent among many that the unpopularity of the Jewish students in the American colleges dates from 1920, with the World War psychology, the Ford propaganda and the Klan activities, is not correct, according to Nathaniel Zalowitz who writes on the subject in the "Forward."

"Twenty years ago," Mr. Zalowitz informs us, "Dr. Nathaniel Shaler, Professor of Geology in Harvard University and Dean of Lawrence Scientific School, published 'The Neighbor,' which contained a remarkable 60-page chapter, 'The Hebrew Problem.' At least half of that chapter was devoted to a discussion of the unpopularity of the Jewish student in Harvard.

"What interests me in Prof. Shaler's statement is not his alleged reasons for the unpopularity of Jewish college students but the astounding fact that as long ago as the beginning of the present century the Jewish student was made to feel out of place in Harvard."

At the annual meeting of the board of the American Jewish Association for the Blind, Thursday night, the Building Committee announced tentative plans for the erection of a Jewish Orthodox home for blind men. The committee met Friday at the office of Alderman Louis J. Wronker, President of the association, to confer on a site. R. N. Shaffer was installed as treasurer.

OUR DAILY NEWS LETTER

Jaffa Chamber of Commerce Finds No Reason for Fear in the Present Economic Depression in Palestine

(By Our Jerusalem Correspondent)

Jerusalem, Dec. 10.—That Palestine's present economic depression following on a period of unusual activity during the first half of 1925, offers no grounds for fear, that it is only temporary and confined largely to Jaffa and Tel-Aviv, is the opinion of the Jaffa Chamber of Commerce. At its last meeting held on November 23, the Jaffa Chamber of Commerce discussed the condition of business and industry, particularly in Jaffa and Tel-Aviv, and has since published a resume of its opinion as formulated at the meeting.

The statement points out that Jaffa and Tel-Aviv are in an exceptional position economically. "Haifa and Jerusalem," it is noted, "did not experience the feverish development during the first half of 1925 which Jaffa and Tel-Aviv went through and they are likewise not subject to the depression prevalent in the latter two cities. As for the colonies there is no change at all to be noted in their condition.

"As regards industry, it is to be noted," the statement proceeds, "that those industries which succeeded in gaining a solid foundation during the course of the foregoing year are in a healthy state now too and are not aware of any unusual difficulties.

"As for the building supply business, which constitutes the chief branch of Jewish industry it is to be observed that the large concerns which import their materials direct from foreign countries have succeeded in adapting themselves promptly to the present situation. They do not expect any large shipments from abroad during this winter. It is true that some of them had to ask for an extension of credit but this will no doubt be granted them without much difficulty with the aid of the banks.

"In general it should be said that lately in the building supply business altogether too much credit has been extended, even by the smaller concerns, and these are now carrying a heavy burden.

"We have arrived at the conviction that the other branches of business and industry are suffering in the first place because of the present standstill in the building industry and because of the further circumstance that Jaffa and Tel-Aviv have no room for so many stores and shops as have sprung up in the past year.

"It becomes more and more apparent," the Jaffa Chamber of Commerce further points out, "that it is by no means the intention of the banks to withhold credit from their reliable, well established clients, but on the contrary it is the desire of the banks to come to the aid of their clientele in this time of economic depression.

"It is not likely that business and industry will again attain the same high level as in the first half of 1925. On the other hand, however, it is clear now that a period of normal work can be expected with a revival of business activity in the spring of 1926. All those present at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce were of the opinion that there is not the slightest ground for the fears expressed in certain quarters. The present situation has in large measure led to the strengthening of many weak points in the realm of Palestine business activity."

LORD READING MAY VISIT PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 13.—The Earl of Reading, viceroy of India, will visit Palestine on his way to London, according to a report received here. This information has not been confirmed.

COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE AMERICAN BRANCH OF AGUDATH PALESTINE FUND FORMED

A committee to organize an American branch of the Keren Ha'yishub, the Palestine settlement fund of the Agudath Israel, the Orthodox Jewish world organization, was formed under the presidency of Dr. Solomon Ehrmann, representative of the Agudah headquarters in Frankfort, who came to America for this purpose.

The purpose of the Agudah Palestine fund is, as was declared in an appeal issued, to help the up-building of Palestine in the spirit of the Torah. The committee consists of Mr. Albert Hershkovich, treasurer, Mr. Levy Horowitz, assistant treasurer, and Joseph H. Cohen, president of Beth Israel Hospital, Julius J. Ducas, William Fishman, Harry Feuerstein of Boston, E. C. Rothstein, Abraham Goldstein, B. Landau, L. Guttermann and Wolf Siegle.

The Keren Ha'yishub was established at the Congress of the Agudath Israel in Vienna in 1923. The fund was chartered in London and is headed by many prominent European rabbis, including Dr. Solomon Breuer of Frankfort, Rabbi Abraham Underwyser of Amsterdam, Rabbi Chaim Ozer Grodzinski of Vilna, Rabbi Israel Meer Ha'Cohen, the author of "Chofetz Chaim," Rabbi Abraham Mordecai Alter (Chassidic Rabbi of Poland), Rabbi Israel Friedman (Chassidic Rabbi of Czortkow) and Rabbi Joseph Chaim Sonnenfeld of Jerusalem.

PALESTINE EMIGRATION OFFICES IN RUSSIA WILL BE LEGALIZED, AGRO-JOINT NOT ASKED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY, DR. ROSEN CABLES

A denial of the report from Berlin that the Agro-Joint was asked by the Soviet Government to assume responsibility for the Palestine Emigration Offices in Soviet Russia was made by David A. Brown, national chairman of the United Jewish Campaign, following an inquiry directed to Moscow.

Mr. Brown made public the reply of Dr. Rosen, head of the Agro-Joint, which read:

"Replying to your cable of the eighth, the information is incorrect. Palestine Emigration Offices will probably be legalized, but matter not definitely decided yet. The Agro-Joint has not been asked to take care of these offices."

Rabbi Joseph Silverman has been elected honorary rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, Brooklyn, N. Y., where he occupies the pulpit on Friday nights.

Rabbi Silverman is rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu-El, New York City.

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CHARLES EDWIN FOX ELECTED DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN PHILADELPHIA

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Philadelphia, Jan. 13.—Charles Edwin Fox was elected District Attorney for Philadelphia County by the Common Pleas Judges yesterday by vote of eight to six.

Mr. Fox is the first Jew elected District Attorney here. He is President of the Congregation Rodeph Shalom and of the local Big Brother Association. He is Vice President of the International Big Brother and Sister Assn. and a member of Jewish philanthropic and educational societies. His activities include the vice-presidency of the Pennsylvania Child Labor Association, and presidency of the Board of Managers of Glen Mills Reform School.

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Wyslicki, called on the Polish Minister of Commerce Osicki to confer with him concerning the projected concession to Jewish storekeepers.

The concession would be applicable not only to Jewish, but also to non-Jewish storekeepers, the Minister declared.

The deputation pointed out that the concession would be of practically no value to the Jewish merchants during the summer and that it would therefore be necessary to permit the Jewish storekeepers to open their stores on Sunday for three hours during the summer months instead of two hours on Saturday evening. The Minister pointed out that the question of permitting Sunday trade is a matter which must be submitted to the Sejm. He stated he would consider taking this up, but it is hardly certain, he said, that such a measure would be passed, while the Saturday evening concession could be brought about by a government ordinance. He promised to submit the wish of the deputation to the cabinet.

Deputy Wyslicki submitted to Professor Edwin Kammerer, the Princeton University economic expert before his departure from Warsaw, a memorandum expressing the viewpoint of the Jewish merchants on the economic situation in Poland and the possibilities for the stabilization of the Polish currency.

POLISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL GOES TO STUDY CONDITIONS IN PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Jan. 13.—A representative of the Polish Government accompanied the group of Jewish emigrants who left for Palestine several days ago.

Mr. Klawnski, of the Polish Emigration Office, was designated to accompany the group for the purpose of studying the employment possibilities for Polish emigrants to Palestine.

2,750 IMMIGRANTS ENTERED PALESTINE DURING DECEMBER

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Jan. 13.—Two thousand seven hundred and eighty immigrants entered Palestine during the month of December, according to figures made known here today.

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NO UNEMPLOYMENT IN PALESTINE, DELEGATION OF LABOR LEADERS DECLARES

That there is no unemployment in Palestine now, was the statement made by a delegation of Palestine Jewish workers who arrived in New York yesterday on the Majestic. The delegation, which represents the Histadruth Ha'oydim, the central organization of Palestine Jewish workers' unions, is composed of the three Palestine labor leaders, I. Ben-Zvi, David Remez and I. Baratz.

"The talk about unemployment in Palestine arises out of the fear that there will be unemployment in the country if certain measures are not taken," the delegation declared to a representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "Unemployment is feared, first because of the change in the character of the immigrants who entered the country recently. Those entering now are eager to become laborers and not traders. Secondly, because we now have a list of 7,000 Jewish workers in Poland and other countries, who have already received certificates to emigrate to Palestine. Measures must be taken to provide work for them."

"The central organization of the Palestine Jewish workers' unions is now considering measures to prevent unemployment in the country. We have sufficient workers' institutions through which unemployment can be prevented," they stated. "We have the cooperatives, the Workers' Bank, the 'Sole Boine' contracting agency and many others. However, we need help from our fellow workers in America in order to carry on these institutions and to extend our activities. For this reason we have come here, having been invited by the United Hebrew Trades in America, which will launch on Sunday their quarter of a million dollar campaign to aid our institutions in Palestine."

The delegation was met at the pier by representatives of many New York Jewish workers' organizations.

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nothing in common with the rest of Jewry." the deputies of the Center and of the Right made violent protests and hissed the speaker. He was compelled to leave the platform amid cries of "Go to Moscow! Chekist!"

Dr. Gluckson, editor of the Ha'aretz, submitted a report to the assembly on the relations between the Jewish population of Palestine and the Zionist Executive. He demanded that two representatives of the Palestine Jewish population be appointed to the Zionist Executive.

Messages of greeting to the Assembly were received from Dr. Chaim Weizmann, from the Arab Mayor of Jerusalem, Nashashibi, and from the Educational Department of the Palestine Government. Attorney Weinshall was elected to the praesidium of the Assembly instead of Mr. Rosoff to represent the Zionist revisionists. One Yemnite Jew was also elected to the praesidium.

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