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ANNUAL ANTI-PASSOVER CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCED IN MOSCOW: MORE MODERATE THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS ACCORDING TO INDICATIONS SO FAR: WILL AIM AT INTENSIFICATION OF JEWISH SETTLEMENT AND INDUSTRIALISATION RATHER THAN MILITANT ANTI-RELIGION: MOSCOW JEWS BUSY BAKING MATZOTH WITH FLOUR SAVED UP DURING WINTER: LICENSED BAKERIES WORKING DAY AND NIGHT SHIFTS TO COPE WITH DEMAND: SYNAGOGUES EXPECT TO BE PACKED FOR PURIM SERVICES.

Moscow, Feb. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The annual anti-Passover campaign in the Soviet countries, the commencement of which is announced to-day by the Yiddish Communist daily "Emess" here, looks like being much more moderate than in previous years, aiming rather at utilising the campaign period for the intensification of the Jewish land-settlement and industrialisation movement than at militant anti-religious activity.

The anti-religious Jewish youth is urged by the "Emess" to-day to make use of the month still left till Passover for the purpose of carrying on with greater vigour the Jewish colonisation campaign and other campaigns directed towards the migration of Jews from the small towns to the areas of Jewish agricultural settlement in the Crimea and Bureya and the placing of Jews in industry. The "Emess" links up the campaign with the anti-Passover activity by accusing the Jewish clergy of sabotaging the transmigration and productivisation movement among the Jews, but no definite onslaught is made so far on the religious institutions as such.

Meanwhile, Jews in Moscow are baking matzoth from flour which they have saved up for the purpose through the entire winter. The bakeries are charging 40 roubles for baking a pood of matzoth, and official licences have been issued to the bakeries which are working in day and night shifts to enable them to cope with the demand.

There is every indication also of the synagogues being filled for the Purim services and big Purim concerts are being arranged.

Last year the anti-Passover campaign coincided with the storm created all over the world in connection with the arrest of the Minsk Rabbis, and the League of the Godless pointed to this fact in the instructions which it issued to its members with regard to the method of conducting the anti-Passover campaign, urging that on this account the fight against religious sentiments among the Jews in the Soviet countries should be made more aggressive than ever in retaliation for the anti-Soviet campaign of the Rabbis abroad. The "Emess" called upon the Jews to give up voluntarily all objects in their possession intended for religious purposes to the Industrialisation Fund and to resign collectively from membership of the Jewish religious communities in all places where such communities still exist. About that time, however, influenced by the world-wide protest movement against the persecution of religion in the Soviet Union, it is believed, the Central Committee of the Communist Party ordered the discontinuation of the practice of closing down places of worship under the pretext of a fictitious voluntarily-expressed desire of the local population and a slowing-down of the anti-religious movement generally. The Jewish Communists thereupon suddenly dropped their previous aggressive anti-Passover agitation, and the "Emess" for instance

suggested that it would be advisable to stop going about collecting religious articles and to leave it to the owners of these articles to bring them along themselves if they wish. "Make no noise" read the headline over an article appearing at the same time in the "Bezbozhnik" (the Godless), the chief organ of the League of the Godless, instructing its members to refrain from holding anti-religious carnivals, demonstrations or meetings outside the synagogues or churches during Passover or Easter, and to abandon them if they had already been arranged.

When Passover came, the synagogues in Moscow and other towns were packed, and the Seder was celebrated in many homes without being disturbed in any way by anti-religious obstructions or street demonstrations. Hundreds of people stood in queues outside the offices of the Moscow Synagogue during the last few days before Passover to obtain matzoth, which were sold at two roubles a pound to those who could pay and were given away free to those who could not. The "Oktiabr", the Jewish Communist organ in Minsk, published a list of Jewish members of the Communist Party who had been discovered to have secretly bought matzoth. Reports from Minsk, Char-koff, and other cities stated that not only Jewish artisans but also Jewish factory workers and even members of the Communist Party had bought matzoth and were observing Passover.

BUNDIST LEADER ABRAMOVITCH CENTRE OF SOVIET ATTACK IN CONNECTION WITH NEW SOVIET STATE TREASON TRIAL IN MOSCOW.

New York, Feb. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Bundist leader Raphael Abramovitch is the centre to-day of the furious denunciations of the agents of the Second International and of world bourgeoisie, which are appearing in the Soviet papers, particularly the "Pravda" and the "Emess", in connection with the big State trial which opens here on Sunday against fourteen persons (six of them Jews) accused of Menshevik counter-revolutionary activity.

The Second International and world-bourgeoisie, they write, terrified by the success of the Soviet five-year plan, and seeing that foreign intervention is futile, are now trying to bring about intervention from within the Soviet Union. The "Emess" warns Abramovitch that his Menshevik associates inside the Soviet Union have no influence with the masses of the Soviet population, and goes on to complain of the hypocrisy of the Socialists of the Second International, who at the same time pass resolutions demanding the recognition of Soviet Russia by their Governments, and provide funds for financing Menshevik conspirators against the Soviet regime.

NEARLY ANOTHER 20 JEWS INVOLVED.

Moscow, Feb. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Nearly another 20 Jews are involved in the trial in addition to the six whose names appear in the Act of Indictment. There is no actual indictment made against them, however. Two of these Jews, Stern and Levinson, died during the year, it is announced, to explain why they are not being put on trial.

ABRAMOVITCH SWEARS HE WAS NOT IN RUSSIA IN 1929 AS ALLEGED IN ACT OF INDICTMENT: NOT PUT MY FOOT ON RUSSIAN SOIL SINCE NOVEMBER 1920.

Berlin, Feb. 27th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

I swear that I was not in Russia in the summer of 1929, as the Act of Indictment against the accused in the new Moscow trial alleges, Mr. Raphael Abramovitch, the famous Bundist leader, who is a member of the Executive of the Socialist (Second) International, declared here to-day.

I have not put my foot on Russian soil since November 1920, he said. Everyone who knows the facts, he added, will readily see that the accusations made in Moscow are nonsense.

.. Abramovitch who had been living in Switzerland went back to Russia after the 1917 Revolution and took an active part in the political life of the country, as the leader of the Jewish Socialist Party "Bund", and one of the leaders of the Russian Social Democratic Party. He fought against the Bolsheviks. He left Russia in November 1920 and settled in Berlin. He was one of the founders of the Second Socialist International and he is one of the chief leaders of the Russian Mensheviks. When he was in America a year ago, he took the occasion to issue a warning to the American people that they should not take too seriously the endeavours of the Communists to organise big unemployed demonstrations in America. No better service, he said at the time, could be rendered to the Soviet Moguls in Moscow than to take seriously their efforts to realise their shattered ambitions to provoke a world revolution.

TROTSKY AT POINT OF DEATH SAYS REPORT FROM CONSTANTINOPLE.

Berlin, Feb. 27th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Leon Trotsky is critically ill, at the point of death, it is feared, at his home in the Isle of Prinkipo, near Constantinople, where he took up his residence after his exile from Russia, says a telegram received here to-day from Constantinople.

ROUMANIAN ANTISEMITISM ON TRIAL: WHY PROSECUTE CODREANU AND HIS FRIENDS FOR ACTS AND IDEAS WHICH ALMOST ENTIRE ROUMANIAN YOUTH SHARE COUNSEL FOR DEFENCE ASK.

Bucharest, Feb. 27th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

We are leading a patriotic national revival movement by legal methods and not by means of terrorism and anarchy, Codreanu, Danila, Totu, Motza, Lofter (said to be a natural son of Professor Cuza), and the other leaders of the antisemitic organisations, the Iron Guard and the Archangel Michael insisted to-day, when the trial was opened against them here, on a charge of plotting to overthrow the Government by force of arms and to establish an antisemitic dictatorship. It is possible, they admitted, that exaggerated language is used in some of our pamphlets, but we repudiate the accusation of anarchy brought against us.

Constantin Dumitrescu, the student who is under arrest for attempting to murder M. Socor, the editor of the "Adeverul", was called as a witness and made a similar declaration.

The Public Prosecutor, M. Procop Dumitrescu, contended in the course of a long statement, however; that there is no ground whatever for doubting the guilt of the accused. They had committed a breach of the Marzescu Law (known as such because it was enacted by M. Marzescu when he was Minister of Justice in the Bratianu Government), which makes it a punishable offence to engage in incitement likely to lead to a breach of the peace, thus endangering the security of the State. He demanded that the court should find them guilty, and sentence them according to the gravity of their crimes.

JEWISH MACCABEANS ALSO WEAR UNIFORMS AND WORK FOR REVIVAL OF JEWISH NATION SAYS PROFESSOR ANTONESCU: WHY SHOULD ROUMANIAN STUDENTS BE PROSECUTED FOR SAME THING.

Bucharest, Feb. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Why are these proceedings taken against only Codreanu and his friends, because of acts and ideas shared by most of the Roumanian youth, including the advocates, Advocates Garneatza, Ricci, and Georgescu, who are appearing for the defence, asked when the trial was continued to-day.

Professor Antonescu, a well known jurist who has not been known as sympathetic to the antisemitic movement, appealed to the court-to-day for an acquittal, urging that the accused are idealists, and should therefore be given exceptional treatment. Referring to the charge against them that they wore uniform and regarded themselves as a militarist organisation, he said that the members of the Jewish Sports Organisation, Haccabee, also wear uniforms. He had nothing against these Jews working for the renaissance of the Jewish nation and he could not understand why Roumanians should be prosecuted for wanting to do the same thing for the Roumanian nation. Professor Antonescu complained of the activities of the Jewish Press abroad, which is spreading alarm without any real reason, he said.

On leaving the court, Professor Antonescu was cheered by a crowd of students, but a number of other people attending the trial wanted to know how it was that a reputed sympathiser with the Jews should come to defend Codreanu.

The trial has been adjourned till next week, when the verdict will be announced.

#### CUZIST CONGRESS PASSES OFF QUIETLY.

(Bucharest, Feb. 27th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).)

The Congress of the League of Christian National Defence, of which Professor Cuza is President, was held to-day at Suoro-Jinetz, a large number of peasants from neighbouring villages being present, including many Ukrainians and Germans. . George Cuza, Professor Cuza's son, a priest named Illutz, and other speakers appealed to the members of the Christian minorities in Roumania to enter the Cuzist League. They did not intend to kill or rob the Jews, they said. They only wanted an opportunity of free development for the Christians, and they wanted capital to be distributed among the peasants in the same way as the land was distributed among them after the agrarian reforms.

No incidents have occurred in connection with the Congress. Professor Cuza and the other leaders of the League had pledged themselves that order would be maintained, and in addition the Government had provided for all eventualities by drafting strong forces of police and gendarmerie into the district to show that they were prepared and were strong enough to put down any disturbances.

#### POLISH SENATE PASSES BILL FOR ABOLISHING CZARIST RESTRICTIONS: SLIGHT DELAY IN ENTERING INTO FORCE BECAUSE MINOR CHANGES INTRODUCED BY SENATE MUST GO TO SEYM FOR APPROVAL: JEWISH SENATOR MENDELSON EXPRESSES THANKS OF JEWISH POPULATION TO GOVERNMENT.

(Warsaw, Feb. 27th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).)

The Senate, as was anticipated, passed to-day in plenary session the Government Bill for the abolition of the Czarist restrictions. Owing to the fact that a few slight changes have been made by the Senate in the text of the bill, it cannot enter into force immediately, as it would have done had the bill been passed without amendment. It will now go again to the Sejm to obtain the approval of the Lower House to the Bill as it now stands. This is expected to be done in the next few days, and no difficulty is looked for in this quarter, so that probably by next week the Czarist restrictions in Poland will have ceased to exist.

Senator Mendelsohn, a prominent member of the Agudath Israel, who was elected as a member of the Government Party, and is the only Jew in the present Senate, delivered a speech in which he thanked the Government for its energetic action in proceeding immediately it had obtained an independent majority to bring about the abolition of the Czarist restrictions against the Jews.

BRITISH POLICY IN PALESTINE: PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER TO DR. WEIZMANN  
INTERPRETING WHITE PAPER RECEIVED BY LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Geneva, Feb. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The League of Nations Secretariat has received from the British Government copies of the letter addressed on the 13th. inst. by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald to Dr. Weizmann constituting the official British interpretation of the Palestine White Paper issued in October, of the British policy in Palestine, for distribution among the members of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations and of the League of Nations Council, the J.T.A. representative here learns.

There will be no doubt of the official character of the letter, Mr. MacDonald said in the House of Commons on the eve of its publication. It will be communicated to the League of Nations and embodied in the dispatch as an instruction to the High Commissioner.

In consequence of the decision of the last session of the League of Nations Council held in January not to summon an extraordinary meeting of the Mandates Commission, the White Paper and the Hope-Simpson Report will not come up before the Mandates Commission until its next ordinary meeting in June, and the members will by then have had ample time to study the new Government letter of interpretation, where in the case of the White Paper itself it had to postpone its consideration because it had been received by the members of the Commission only "a few days before the opening of the session, too late for their perusal".

The fact that the Government letter of authoritative interpretation of the White Paper will already be available for the members of the Mandates Commission at the same time that the Commission will be considering the White Paper relieves the members of the Commission of the task of interpreting the White Paper for themselves.

EMIR ABDULLAH OF TRANSJORDAN PLEASSED WITH PROGRESS OF DEAD SEA WORKS.

Jerusalem, Feb. 27th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Emir Abdullah of Transjordan, accompanied by the Transjordan Prime Minister, Khaled Pasha, inspected the Dead Sea Works, yesterday and expressed to Mr. van Vriesland his satisfaction with the progress of the works.

BAPTIZED HUNGARIAN JEW EDITING HITLER'S CHIEF ORGAN "VOELKISCHER  
BEOBACHTER": DISCOVERED BY HUNGARIAN JOURNALISTS VISITING  
MUNICH: THE MAN WHOSE ALLEGED INTERVIEW ONCE CAUSED ARREST OF  
CHIEF RABBI LOEW OF SZEGEDIN.

Vienna, Feb. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Adolf Hollaender, a Hungarian Jew, who some years ago became baptised, adopting the name of Alexander Hollosi, has been discovered by a party of Hungarian journalists visiting Munich acting as one of the editors of the chief Hitlerist organ there, the "Voelkischer Beobachter".

Hollosi came into notoriety about ten years ago, when he published an alleged interview with Chief Rabbi Emanuel Loew of Szegedin, who is now one of the two representatives of the Jewish Faith in the Hungarian Upper Chamber, in which he reported the Rabbi to have made treasonable statements against the Hungarian State, as a result of which Chief Rabbi Loew was kept for some months a prisoner in his home. It was finally proved, however, that Hollosi had invented these statements, and he soon afterwards disappeared from the country.

The Hungarian papers are making a good deal now of his discovery as one of the chief editors of the leading organ of Hitlerism.

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