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POLISH GOVERNMENT MUST HAVE OUTSIDE AID TO OVERCOME ECONOMIC CRISIS PRIME MINISTER WRITES TO J.T.A.: GOVERNMENT DOING ALL IT CAN BUT TASK TOO MUCH FOR GOVERNMENT ALONE: PAYS TRIBUTE TO WORK OF JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE OF AMERICA AS FINE EXPRESSION OF HUMAN SOLIDARITY.

Warsaw, Mar. 30th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The campaign to overcome the economic crisis and to alleviate its effects, which have hit very hard the economically weaker populations all over the world, cannot be a task for the Government alone, but must be undertaken by the entire public, the Prime Minister, Colonel Slawek, says in a message addressed to Mr. Jacob Landau, the Managing Director of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, who is now staying in Poland, transmitted through the Chief of the Press Bureau of the Prime Minister's Office.

On the instructions of the President of the Council of Ministers, Colonel Valery Slawek, I have the honour to transmit to you the following statement by the Prime Minister, the Chief of the Press Bureau writes.

The Polish Government is carrying on this campaign with vigour and determination, the Prime Minister's message continues, but at the same time it welcomes every expression of positive social initiative taken along this direction. The relief activity, which is conducted on behalf of European Jewry by the Jewish public of the United States, finding its most visible expression in the work of the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee of America, is well known to me, and I have the utmost respect for it. It stands not only as a model of positive social activity, but also as a fine expression of humanity and of human solidarity.

POLISH GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO REVIVE TRADITIONAL FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TO JEWS SAYS VICE-MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS: NOT POSSIBLE TO DO IT OVERNIGHT BUT START BEEN MADE: ANTISEMITISM BOTH POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SUBDUED: MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE JEWISH ECONOMIC POSITION WHICH ADMITTEDLY DIFFICULT.

Warsaw, Mar. 30th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

In seeking to bring about fraternal relationship between the Polish people and the Jewish Community, the Polish Government is really reviving an old tradition, Colonel Joseph Bek, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs said in an interview with Mr. Landau. In trying to solve the various difficult problems confronting the State, we find our line of guidance in the past history of our people. In no country in Europe has friendship towards the Jews been so pronounced as in Poland, which invited the Jews to come here in medieval days.

Antisemitism, Colonel Bek said, is really foreign to our national character and has never taken strong roots in our country. The Government is earnestly endeavouring to revive this traditional attitude towards the Jews. Of course, it is not possible to do it overnight, but the foundation has been established. Antisemitism, both political and psychological, have been subdued. The Czarist restrictions have just been abolished. New measures will follow to improve the Jewish economic situation, which, is, indeed, difficult. I hope, he concluded, that you will take away with you the impression that the Jewish situation really engages the serious attention of the Government.

HOW CAN GOVERNMENT TALK OF IMPROVING JEWISH SITUATION WHEN HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS IN WARSAW ALONE, BEGGING FOR FOOD  
JEWISH PRESS COMMENTS: CZARIST RESTRICTIONS ABOLISHED BUT  
WHAT ABOUT EASING JEWISH BURDEN OF TAXATION MODIFYING SUNDAY  
CLOSING LAW AND EMPLOYING JEWS IN GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS:  
80,000 JEWS REGISTERED FOR PASSOVER RELIEF.

Warsaw, Mar. 30th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

How can the Government talk glibly of improving the Jewish situation when hundreds of thousands of Jews in Warsaw alone, to say nothing of the provinces, where the situation is much worse, are being forced to beg for charity in order to have food for Passover, the Jewish press asks in commenting on the Government statements to the J.T.A., particularly the reference by the Prime Minister to the efforts of the Government to improve the Jewish situation.

The Government has abolished the Czarist restrictions, which in practice amounts to nothing, the papers say, but what about relieving the Jews from their heavy burden of taxation, modifying the Compulsory Sunday Closing Law, or giving employment to Jews in Government institutions?

The number of Jews in Warsaw who have applied for Passover relief has now increased to 80,000 (a few days ago, in announcing that 2,600 applications for Passover aid had been registered by the Warsaw Jewish Community, it was stated that such a figure had never before been approached in Warsaw).

In making public this total, the Jewish press gives grim details of the extent of the impoverishment existing among the Jewish population of Warsaw, stating that many Jews who have been really wealthy, have been pledging their last valuables in the pawnshops in order to provide food for Passover. The Jewish Community and the various Jewish charitable organisations here are besieged by thousands of people, most of them old people, standing in the lines for hours to obtain a few zlotys.

IMPOVERISHED JEWS DRIVEN TO SUICIDE AND BAPTISM: FOUR SUICIDES IN  
LODZ IN ONE DAY: WOMEN COLLAPSING IN WARSAW STREETS TAKEN TO  
HOSPITAL AND FED: SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF JEWISH FAITH  
ISSUES URGENT APPEAL TO FIGHT AGAINST CONVERSIONIST EPIDEMIC.

Warsaw, Mar. 30th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The growing economic distress is leading to an alarming wave of suicides and baptisms among Polish Jewry. In Lodz there were to-day four cases of Jews committing suicide, because of starvation. They had had no food for days, it is stated.

People are collapsing in the streets of Warsaw for want of food. Several women who fainted to-day in the street, overcome by hunger, were taken to the hospital where they were brought back to life by being given food.

Many Jews are being driven by hunger into the arms of the conversionists, says an appeal issued by the Society for the Protection of the Jewish Faith, calling for organised effort to fight against the increasing activity of the missionary bodies. The crisis is being exploited by the missionaries who are at work in the Jewish towns, the appeal says, especially in Vilna, where they have opened seven mission houses. Thousands of impoverished Jews, waging a desperate fight against starvation and losing all hope of any improvement, are committing the terrible action of taking their own lives, while others are allowing themselves to be ensnared by the soul-snatchers. Something must be done, the appeal says, to put a stop to this growing epidemic of suicides and conversions.

RAY OF HOPE FOR POLISH JEWS SEEN IN RESIGNATION OF VICE-MINISTER OF FINANCE: REGARDED AS ABANDONMENT OF ETATISM WHICH REGARDED BY JEWISH LEADERS AS AMONG PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF JEWISH DISTRESS: MEANT GOVERNMENT TAKING OVER INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND DIS-LODGING JEWS.

Warsaw, Mar. 30th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The so-called policy of "etatism" under which the Government took over various industrial enterprises as State monopolies, displacing tens of thousands of Jewish industrialists and Jewish workers employed in industry, is proclaimed a failure to-day in the Polish press, in its comments upon the resignation of the Vice-Minister of Finance, M. Starzynski. M. Starzynski is a pillar of "etatism" and his resignation is consequently interpreted as the abandonment of this policy, owing to its non-production of results. The policy has failed to provide any increase of Government revenue, it is stated, and at the same time it has brought about a big drop in taxation, by putting a large number of traders out of business. The Club of Jewish Deputies and Jewish leaders in all branches of Jewish life have repeatedly demanded the abolition of etatism, contending that it is one of the principal reasons for the present catastrophic economic situation of the Jewish population. M. Starzynski's resignation, it is confidently believed, will be followed by a substantial modification of the etat policy.

An instance of the manner in which "etatism" operates to the detriment of Jewish workers was furnished in a resolution adopted by the Polish Tobacco Workers' Conference held a short time back, in which the non-Jewish workers protested against the boycott of Jewish workers in the tobacco industry, one of the industries taken over by the Government monopoly. The figures submitted to the conference showed that the once powerful Jewish tobacco trade proletariat in Poland has now practically disappeared with the single exception of the town of Grodno, where there are still a couple of hundred Jewish tobacco workers. In other towns there are hardly any left at all. In Warsaw, for instance, which at one time had large numbers of Jewish tobacco workers, there were only two left.

Dr. Bernhard Kahn, the European Director of the Joint Distribution Committee, in a report which he presented a few years ago, said that the economic crisis was aggravated by the strongly antisemitic tendencies of the Government. Some time ago the Government had brought about the tobacco, salt and match monopoly. In these three types of industries there had been mainly Jews working, especially many Jewish women, war widows and adult orphans. By this governmental monopoly the Jewish workers had been forced out of all these occupations. The Jews were discharged and Polish workers had taken their place. Shops licensed for these monopolised goods had also been taken away from Jewish hands and turned over to Poles. In this manner over 30,000 Jewish families had been rendered resourceless and were swelling the army of unemployed Jews and intensifying Jewish distress.

LODZ JEWISH COMMUNITY ELIMINATES BUNDIST AND POALE ZIONIST MEMBERS: QUOTES THEIR DESCRIPTIONS OF THEMSELVES AS KONFESSIONSLOS.

Warsaw, Mar. 30th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Jewish Community of Lodz, which has an Agudist majority, Deputy Minzberg, one of the Agudist leaders being its President, has made use of Paragraph 20 of the new Jewish Community election regulations enacted by the Government in order to take away the right of membership and of standing for re-election from all the Bundist and Poale Zionist members of the Board of the Community, in each case quoting occasions on which they had described themselves as Konfessionslos, to justify its action.

OUT WITH THE JEWS FROM BESSARABIA AND CONFISCATE THEIR POSSESSIONS FOR BENEFIT OF PEASANTS CUZA CRIES IN PARLIAMENT DURING FESTIVE SITTING TO CELEBRATE BESSARABIA'S ANNEXATION FROM RUSSIAN RULE: REPRIMANDED BY PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER WHO REFUSES TO ALLOW HIM TO CONTINUE.

Bucharest, Mar. 30th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The League of Christian Defence will expel all the Jews from Bessarabia and will expropriate their possessions for the benefit of the peasants, Professor Cuza cried from the tribune of the Chamber, when he mounted it to speak in the special festive sitting held in celebration of the anniversary of the Bessarabian liberation from Russian rule and its annexation as part of Greater Roumania.

M. Popp, the President of the Chamber, reprimanded Deputy Cuza, deploring his action in bringing up such impossible questions on the day of national festivity, and he refused to allow him to continue his speech.

I SHALL NOT YIELD SAYS AUTHOR OF DREYFUS AFFAIR PLAY: WILL PRODUCE IT NOT ONLY IN PARIS BUT IN ALL BIG CITIES OF FRANCE BELGIUM AND SWITZERLAND.

Paris, Mar. 30th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The police are responsible for the withdrawal of the Dreyfus Affair play, M. Jacques Richepin, its author, said to the J.T.A. here to-day in commenting on the position. The police showed themselves inactive in putting down the disturbances, he said, but they were able to exercise pressure upon the manager of the theatre, who yielded to them. I shall find another manager, and I shall produce the play not only in Paris but in all the big cities of France, Belgium and Switzerland. I shall not yield, M. Richepin said.

Meanwhile, the threats contained in the Royalist papers which were published to-day, before they knew of the withdrawal of the play, show that a more violent move than the disturbances which took place so far had been intended in order to compel the withdrawal of the play. The manager of the theatre and M. Richepin are personally threatened, and a suggestion is made from which it appears that there was a plan to blow up the theatre by means of a bomb.

DR. WEIZMANN'S VISIT TO EMIR ABDULLAH IN TRANSJORDAN CANCELLED BECAUSE TIME SUGGESTED UNSUITABLE: DENIES EMIR REFUSED TO RECEIVE HIM OR GOVERNMENT HAD REFUSED TO PERMIT HIM TO VISIT TRANSJORDAN.

Jerusalem, Mar. 30th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The visit which Dr. Weizmann was to have made to Amman, the capital of Transjordan, has been cancelled because the Emir Abdullah is unable to receive him at the time suggested, owing to another appointment. Dr. Weizmann told a gathering of newspaper men held this afternoon at the Keren Hayesod offices, denying that the Government had refused to permit him to visit Transjordan or that the Emir Abdullah had refused to receive him.

The second part of the negotiations with the British Government will commence on April 13th., Dr. Weizmann repeated. The negotiations, the J.T.A. learns, will be conducted with a Committee consisting of the Lord Advocate for Scotland, Mr. Craigie K. Aitchison, the Premier's son, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, M.P., and one representative each of the Colonial Office, the Foreign Office and the Treasury.

Dr. Weizmann declared that he has not had any negotiations with the Arabs, all rumours to this effect being only intelligent anticipation. He went on to dismiss as fantastic the statement

made by Shaukat Ali, the Indian Moslem leader, during his stay in Palestine, that he (Dr. Weizmann) had told him that the Jews would penetrate over the whole of Arabia. He had only expressed the hope, he said, that the Jewish influence would radiate over the entire East.

Speaking of the Keren Hayesod, Dr. Weizmann said that the distinction between national and private initiative is artificial. He described the Keren Hayesod as the financial Chalus, without which business enterprise would have been impossible. Anyone belittling the Keren Hayesod is belittling the foundation of the Palestine work, he said. Throwing mud at the Zionist Civil Service will cease, he added, when the present vandalism in Zionism is uprooted.

Mr. Leib Jaffe Says Jewish Masses Appreciate Importance Of Keren Hayesod Contributing Last Mite: Million Jews Unemployed In Poland But Continue To Be Loyal To Renaissance Fund.

Mr. Leib Jaffe, the Director of the Keren Hayesod, who presided, welcomed Dr. Weizmann as the premier Meshulach. The Keren Hayesod is only beginning, he said. The Jewish masses appreciate the importance of the Fund and contribute their last mite to it, as in Poland, where a million Jews are unemployed but continue to be loyal to the fund of the Jewish renaissance movement. The Keren Hayesod worker is engaged in a tragic mission, he said, labouring under an atmosphere of suspicion, the result of fruitful incitement largely from Palestine. Difficulties notwithstanding, Mr. Jaffe said, the budget would have been covered but for the American crisis, yet the American crisis, he claimed, is as nothing compared with the crisis in Poland, Galicia, and Lithuania, which are, nevertheless, furnishing their quotas.

AMERICAN JEWRY RAISING FUNDS FOR BUYING LAND IN PALESTINE.

New York, Mar. 30th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Various communities all over the country have pledged themselves to provide an area of 8,000 dunam towards the total of 200,000 dunam in Palestine, for which funds are to be raised in America under the five-year plan of the Jewish National Fund, it was reported at to-day's session of the Jewish National Fund Board of Directors.

These 8,000 dunams are in addition to the area for whose redemption funds were raised before Mr. Ussischkin left New York on his return to Palestine, making now a total of 40,000 dunam, apart from New York City, for which the figures are not yet available.

HAIFA-BAGHDADA RAILWAY PROJECT: SURVEY REPORT EXPECTED BY END OF THIS YEAR DR. DRUMMOND SHIELS STATES IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Mar. 31st. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

No date has yet been definitely fixed for the completion of the survey of the proposed railway from Haifa to Baghdad, Dr. Drummond Shiels, the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, said in the House of Commons to-day in reply to Sir Arthur Steel Maitland (Conservative), former Minister of Labour and an ex-Colonial Under-Secretary, who had asked if he would state when the survey of the Haifa Railway would be finished.

The consulting engineers hope, Dr. Shiels went on, that most of the field work will be completed early in the Autumn and that their report will be ready by the end of the year.

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