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THE ANTI-JEWISH MOVEMENT IN MEXICO: PRESIDENT TELLS EVICTED JEWISH TRADERS THEY WERE EVICTED BECAUSE THEY TRADED WITHOUT LICENCES: CONFERENCE OF JEWISH SOCIETIES IN MEXICO CITY DECIDES TO RAISE FUND FOR VICTIMS: POLISH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN MEXICO CITY TELLS J.T.A. HIS INTERVENTION SO FAR WITHOUT RESULT BUT WILL TRY AGAIN.

Mexico City, May 16th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Jewish market-traders have been evicted from the market places because they were trading without licences, the President of the Mexican Republic, Senor Pascual Ortiz Rubio, has replied to the petition of the evicted Jewish market-traders which was presented to him last week (reported in the J.T.A. Bulletin of the 12th. inst.). A Jewish delegation which went to see the President could not obtain admission, and therefore left the petition for him, drawing his attention to the desperate economic plight of the evicted Jewish traders, and appealing to the President to order the anti-Jewish boycott to be stopped, and to allow the Jewish market-traders to return to their stands.

The President adds that he has forwarded the Jewish petition to the Ministry of the Interior for consideration.

Meanwhile, the Jewish traders who have been driven from the market places are in great need, and a Conference of representatives of Jewish Societies in Mexico City has been held at which it was decided to raise a fund for these suffering Jews.

The Polish Charge d'Affaires in Mexico City, M. Meringer (whose intervention notified to the J.T.A. by the Polish Foreign Ministry in Warsaw has already been reported in the J.T.A. Bulletin of the 15th. inst.) told the J.T.A. representative in Mexico City to-day that he has intervened with the Mexican Foreign Ministry, but he has not obtained any very definite results. He promised that he would take further action on behalf of those Jewish traders who are Polish subjects.

AMERICAN INTERVENTION IN MEXICO: GOVERNMENT RECEIVES REPLY FROM AMBASSADOR: HANDED TO B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT BUT CONTENTS NOT YET DIVULGED.

Washington, May 16th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The U.S. State Department has received a reply from the American Ambassador in Mexico, in response to its telegraphed instructions to him (reported in the J.T.A. Bulletin of the 9th. inst.) to investigate the reports of ill-treatment of Jews in Mexico, with a view to determining whether any American citizens are involved.

The State Department has handed a copy of the reply to the President of the Order B'nai B'rith, which asked the State Department to intervene. The contents have not been divulged, however.

AMERICAN JEWISH DELEGATION TO BE SENT TO MEXICO: AMERICAN
JEWISH COMMITTEE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS B'NAI B'RITH
AND HIAS HOLDING CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER SITUATION.

New York, May 16th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A Conference of representatives of the Order B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (Hias) will be held here on Wednesday to consider the situation in Mexico, with a view to sending an American Jewish delegation there to look into the matter of anti-Jewish discrimination.

DEATH'S HEADS AND ANTI-JEWISH INSCRIPTIONS PAINTED ON SIGNS
OVER JEWISH SHOPS IN VIENNA: FIVE HITLERISTS ARRESTED
AND POLICE LOOKING FOR MORE.

(Vienna, May 15th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Jewish merchants and shopkeepers in the Wiener-Neustadt and in Lower Austria are being subjected to insults and molestation by groups of antisemites. In the Babenbergerring district signs outside Jewish shops and businesses in the main streets have had death's heads painted over them with inscriptions like "Dirty Jews". "Perish Judea".

The police have made enquiries and as a result five Hitlerists have been arrested. The investigations are being continued with a view to further arrests being made.

JEWISH MARKET TRADERS DRIVEN FROM MARKET PLACES IN POLISH
SILESIA: 400 JEWISH SOULS AFFECTED. JEWISH SMALL TRADERS'
ORGANISATION COMPLAINS.

Warsaw, May 16th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

About 400 Jewish souls, the families of 80 Jewish market-traders in Koenigshuette, in Upper Silesia, are suffering serious economic hardship because of anti-Jewish discrimination by the local authorities who refuse to allow any Jews to hold stalls in the market-places, the organisation of Jewish small traders in Koenigshuette complains in a letter received here by the Yiddish daily "Vajer Hajnt". We have already approached every possible quarter for help, but without avail, the letter says, and as a last hope we are turning to the Jewish press, because publicity may do something to put a stop to this anti-Jewish action.

For the last ten years Jews have been allowed to trade in the market places of Koenigshuette without hindrance, the letter explains, but for the last few months the local authorities have been enforcing a law which was issued by the Germans years ago when Koenigshuette belonged to Germany, which prohibits certain articles being sold in certain market places. But it is being enforced only against Jewish traders and in such a way that it is made impossible for Jewish traders to sell anything anywhere, while non-Jewish traders are not interfered with at all. We appeal to Jewish public opinion and to the Jewish organisations in the country to intervene on our behalf against this anti-Jewish discrimination, the letter says.

WILL COMPULSORY SUNDAY CLOSING IN POLAND BE MODIFIED?

Warsaw, May 16th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Collect signatures to petitions calling upon the Government to incorporate in the bill which it is now preparing for regulating the hours of employment a provision for the modification of the Compulsory Sunday Closing Law, with a view to some alleviation of the Jewish economic distress, the Jewish National Council here urges in a circular addressed to all Jewish merchants, shopkeepers and artisans in Poland.

The Official Polish News Agency, Pat, announces that there is no basis for the rumours in the press (the antisemitic "Gazeta Warszawska" wrote last week - reported in the J.T.A. Bulletin of the 12th. inst. - that the Government under Jewish pressure was going to modify the Sunday Closing Law) that the Government has any intention of modifying the Sunday Closing Law. The Government does not contemplate, it says, any action along these lines.

(IMPRISONMENT FOR JEW WHO REFUSED TO TAKE OATH BECAUSE HE DOES NOT BELIEVE IN RELIGION: APPEAL COURT ANNULS SENTENCE AFTER PROMINENT ZIONISTS GIVE EVIDENCE ON HIS BEHALF.)

Warsaw, May 16th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Ex-Deputy Dr. Abraham Insler, editor-in-chief of the Polish language Jewish daily "Nowe Słowo", ex-Senator Davidson, ex-Deputy Gruenbaum, ex-Deputy Schipper, and Mr. Abraham Goldberg, members of the editorial staff, gave evidence to-day before the Appeal Court in Vilna on behalf of Leibel Weinstein, a prominent member of the Jewish Socialist Party Bund, who was sentenced last week to a fortnight imprisonment because he refused to take the oath when he appeared as a witness on behalf of a group of young Bundists. The Appeal Court decided to annul the sentence.

Weinstein told the judge in the lower court that he did not believe in religion and therefore refused to take the oath. When the judge asked him what community he belonged to he replied that since there is no community of "Religionslose" in Poland, he belongs to the Jewish Community. The judge directed that he should take the oath as a Jew. Weinstein refused to do this and the judge thereupon passed sentence of a fortnight's imprisonment, and he was arrested on the spot.

EDITOR OF WARSAW JEWISH ORTHODOX DAILY SENT TO PRISON FOR INSULTING EX-DEPUTY FARBESTEIN.

Warsaw, May 16th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Samuel Isaac Rotstein, the editor of the Orthodox daily "Juedisches Togblatt" here, the organ of the Agudath Israel, has been sentenced to a fortnight's imprisonment and a fine of 350 zlotys for insulting ex-Deputy Farbstein, the leader of the Polish Mizrahi and President of the Warsaw Jewish Community.

After the elections to the Sejm last November, when Deputy Farbstein was defeated, but insisted that he had a claim to the second seat obtained by the Zionist bloc in the elections, which should be resigned in his favour, Mr. Rotstein wrote in his paper about him that "if someone spat in his face, he would say it was raining".

NEW TURN IN ROUMANIA: ELECTION PACT BETWEEN UNION OF ROUMANIAN JEWS AND GOVERNMENT BREAKS DOWN: UNION DECIDES TO FIGHT INDEPENDENTLY: GOVERNMENT MAY ENTER INTO PACT WITH JEWISH NATIONAL PARTY.

Bucharest, May 16th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The election pact concluded between the Union of Roumanian Jews and the Government has definitely been broken off. The Union of Roumanian Jews is disappointed by the attitude taken up by the Government with regard to its demands on Jewish rights and therefore has refused to accept the eight seats offered to its representatives in the Chamber and Senate, and has decided to retain its liberty of action in the elections.

Meanwhile, the Government is continuing negotiations with the Jewish National Party for a cartel in the elections to the Senate. The Government is offering the Jewish Party two seats in the Senate, and the Jewish Party insists on three.

LORD PASSFIELD TO RESIGN?: MR. PHILIP SNOWDEN SPOKE OF AS COLONIAL SECRETARY: MRS. SNOWDEN DENIES ANY INTENTION TO LEAVE CHANCELLORSHIP HOWEVER.

London, May 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

I understand that Lord Passfield has notified the Premier of his intention to resign as Colonial Secretary at the end of the present session, and that the portfolio, with a peerage, has been offered to Mr. Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Political Correspondent of the "Sunday Express" writes to-day.

Rumours that Mr. Snowden will take a peerage and retire to the House of Lords are altogether premature, the "Sunday Dispatch" Political Correspondent counters, but he adds that it is highly probable that Lord Passfield may not continue in office after the end of the present session. He is 72, and feels the strain of an office which has become increasingly busy of late years. It has been known for some time that he wants to retire. It is unlikely, however, he says, that Mr. Snowden would accept this office in the event of his giving up the Chancellorship.

Mrs. Snowden, the wife of the Chancellor, describes the report as an invention. My husband, she has told the press, is not resigning from the Chancellorship, and reports that he may be given a peerage are pure fabrications.

ALL OVER COUNTRY SIGNS CAN BE FOUND OF BERNHARD BARON'S BENEVOLENCE MR. LANSBURY SAYS: PROUD OF HIS RACE BUT CITIZEN OF WORLD HOME SECRETARY DECLARES.

London, May 17th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

All over the country there could be found signs of Mr. Bernhard Baron's benevolence, Mr. George Lansbury, the Minister of Works, said when the new pavilion in Regent's Park presented by Sir Louis Baron in memory of his father, the late Bernhard Baron, was opened yesterday by the Home Secretary, Mr. J. R. Clynes.

Mr. Baron was proud of his race, Mr. Clynes said, but he was a man of international mind. He was a citizen of the world, and none of the narrowness which had done so much harm all over Europe attended his actions or conduct.

DAVID BELASCO BURIED WITH JEWISH RITES: MEMORIAL SERVICE AT CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE IN NEW YORK.

New York, May 16th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The funeral of David Belasco, the Dean of the American Stage, will take place to-morrow (Sunday) with Jewish religious rites, beginning with a memorial service at the Central Synagogue, of which he was a member, conducted by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise. Tributes are pouring in from all over the country and from Europe, praising Belasco as the greatest theatrical producer of his day.

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