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TO SEPHARDIC JEWS SPAIN HAS ALWAYS BEEN MOTHER COUNTRY
ABRAVENEL'S DESCENDANT WRITES IN MADRID DAILY: ALL
SEPHARDIC JEWS WILL BE HAPPY TO RETURN TO LAND OF OUR
GREAT GRANDSIRE HE SAYS.

Madrid, May 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Senor Paul Abravenel, a distinguished Sephardi of Salonica, who now lives in Paris, has written to us, says the "Libertad" here, the leading Liberal daily in Spain, pledging his support to our movement for the solemn abrogation of the decree of 1492 under which the Jews were expelled from Spain. Your movement for the return of the Sephardic Jews to Spain and their re-incorporation into the life of the country is deserving of all support, he writes. Although centuries have passed since the edict of expulsion issued by the Catholic Sovereigns of Spain in 1492, the Jews have remained loyal to Spain, preserving the Spanish tongue, in spite of the natural tendency to assimilate to the languages of the countries in which they now reside, and although there have been difficulties in the way which seemed almost insuperable they still to-day proudly continue to call themselves Spanish Jews.

I am myself, Senor Abravenel proceeds, a direct descendant of Don Isaac Abravenel, who was Treasurer, or Minister of Finance in Spain from 1484 till the expulsion in 1492, and thus belong to one of the oldest and most distinguished of Spanish families, tracing its descent back to King David.

Eighteen years ago, in 1913, Senor Abravenel goes on, I entered the service of Spain, as a Secretary to the Spanish Consulate in Salonica, finally becoming Secretary of the Chancellery. I was a member also in Salonica of the Joint Hispano-Hellenic Committee which examined the claims to Spanish nationality of the Jews of Spanish origin living in the city, which were disputed by the Greek Government, and I finally succeeded in obtaining official recognition from the Government in Athens for about 400 families who were overjoyed.

I was happy to be able to serve Spain in these capacities and in other offices which I held subsequently, because both to myself and to my fellow-Jews of Spanish origin (Sephardim), Spain has always been the mother country, the beautiful land which we all love, Senor Abravenel says. There is not one single Sephardic Jew who does not feel proud to call himself Spanish. With unbounded joy, with burning desire, with overwhelming love, and with all the strength of our soul, all we Sephardic Jews respond to the movement for our return to the country of our origin, to our beloved Spain, the land of our great grandsires. I do not know how to express to you sufficiently all the gratitude which I feel for the initiative your paper has taken in this matter. I place myself completely at your disposal, and you may call upon me.

to do anything in my power to help to carry out this great work, under the aegis of the new constitutional era, Senor Abravenel concludes.

The Republic will realise the hopes and wishes expressed by Senor Abravenel, of that we are convinced, the "Libertad" comments.

JEW'S GLOATING OVER SPANISH CHURCH AND MONASTERY DESTRUCTIONS
HITLERIST PAPER ALLEGES: MARRANO MINISTERS IN SPANISH
REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT ACCUSED OF RESPONSIBILITY: WARNS
GERMAN BISHOPS WHO ARE FIGHTING AGAINST HITLERISM SIMILAR
FATE WILL OVERTAKE COLOGNE AND ULM CATHEDRALS IF BOLSHIEVIK
JEWS GAIN ASCENDANCY IN GERMANY.

Berlin, May 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Jews all over the world are gloating over the destruction of Church property in Spain, where the Jewish Marranos have taken control of the Government, and are looking on passively while the mob burns down monasteries and nunneries and destroys Christian sanctities, the Hitlerist chief organ, the "Voelkischer Beobachter" alleges.

What does the Catholic Prime Minister, Dr. Bruening, say to it, the "Beobachter" asks. He and his Catholic Party are standing together with the Jews against the Hitlerist movement. We want the Catholic Bishops who have excommunicated members of the Hitlerist Party to tell us whether they are still going to support the Jewish Reds against us until their own Bishops' Palaces in Breslau, Munich and Mayence lie in ashes and the Cathedrals of Cologne and Ulm are destroyed.

The way things are going now, the "Beobachter" says, we shall have the Jewish Marranos of Germany in the Republican Government sitting by calmly and ordering the German army and police not to do anything to stop the burning of Church property in Germany, as the Jewish Marranos of Spain, Zamora, Maura and de Los Rios, are doing now in Spain.

∴ The Vienna "Reichspost", the organ of the Catholic (Christian Socialist) Party in Austria made a similar allegation last week (reported in the J.T.A. Bulletin of the 15th. inst.), accusing the Marranos in Spain "who have taken control of the Republican Government" of being "behind the burning down of churches and monasteries there now". The descendants of the Marranos are now members of the Republican Government, it said. They brought about the Revolution; they are the victors now. The crypto-Jews who we thought were dead are trying again to dominate Spain as they did in the fifteenth century, when their activities made it necessary to establish the Inquisition to curb their power. The Marranos have been plotting underground for nearly 500 years, laying their plans carefully and quietly. People thought that in all these centuries they had become assimilated, and merged with the rest of the population, but now it is clear that they retained all along their peculiar beliefs and characteristics, waiting for their opportunity. What is happening now in Spain, the "Reichspost" concluded, is an object lesson for the entire Catholic world.

HITLERISTS ATTACK AND BEAT JEWS IN DANZIG.

Warsaw, May 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Repeated attacks on Jews were made in Danzig yesterday by Hitlerists. One Jew, a shoemaker named Tennenzweig, was seriously injured and had to be taken to hospital, and three Jewish traders, Markowsky, Bloch and Frenkel have sustained injuries. A group of young Zionists returning in the evening from an excursion on the sea were attacked by a band of Hitlerists in a motor lorry and 40 of the young Jews have been injured, some seriously.

NO MODIFICATION OF POLISH SUNDAY CLOSING LAW CATHOLIC CHURCH AGENCY DEMANDS: 90 PER CENT. OF POLISH POPULATION IS CHRISTIAN AND IS OPPOSED TO ANY MODIFICATION.

Warsaw, May 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Catholic Press Agency, the official news agency of the Catholic Church in Poland, has issued a communique today denouncing the reported intention of the Government, according to certain newspapers, of modifying the Compulsory Sunday Law. 90 per cent. of the Polish population is Christian, the communique says, and is opposed to any change being made in the Law.

This communique is a weighty pronouncement, the Jewish press comments, and may be considered as decisive. In addition, the Federation of Polish Small Traders has declared itself against any modification of the present Law, and any intention which the Government may have had of modifying the Law may now be regarded as abandoned. The pressure against modification is too great. The only point, the Jewish press adds, is that while non-Jewish shopkeepers have been able till now to do business on Sundays if they wish without encountering much difficulty, because the vigilance of the authorities has been directed almost exclusively to watching the Jewish shopkeepers to see that they keep closed, will now find themselves watched just as carefully.

The Minister of the Interior is expected to issue orders now that no businesses are to be allowed to be open on Sundays without any distinction whether they belong to Jews or Christians. When the Polish traders feel the effect of this order, they may join with the Jewish shopkeepers in an effort to secure a modification of the Law.

The Government is drafting a bill for the amendment of the present Law fixing the hours of work and trading, the appeal issued by the Club of Deputies of the Jewish National Council (briefly reported in the J.T.A. Bulletin last week) says. The effect of the present law is to force us to keep from doing any work or business on Sundays, even if we close on Saturday, and the same thing on Christian festivals, even if we close on Jewish festivals. The Jewish representatives in all the Parliaments have repeatedly demanded the abolition, or at least the alleviation of the law under which we Jews are compelled to keep closed on Sundays and Christian festivals, but our appeals have gone unheeded. For 12 years we Jews have been suffering under this edict; for 12 hard and bitter years, during which we have had to adapt ourselves to the new economic conditions created after the war; for 12 years Jews who do not wish to desecrate their own religious and national day of rest have had to stop work and business for two days in the week, and when there is a Christian festival, for four or more days in one week. This year, for instance, this is what happened at Passover, when Easter came the same week, and what is going to happen again at Pentecost, when Whitsun comes in the same week.

The Sejm Club of the Jewish National Council has again approached the Government on this matter, but things must not stop there. The entire Jewish population, and above all, the merchants and artisans must raise their voices. The Ministers who are preparing the amendments to the law, the Minister of Trade and the Minister of Labour, must hear the suffering, despairing, victimised Jewish trading and artisan masses. The Government must learn through thousands of telegrams, and tens of thousands of Jewish signatures on petitions, how terrible our economic position is, and that it is desperately vital that a first step, at least, should be taken to

alleviate the distress by abolishing, or, at least, alleviating the decree which compels us to rest two days or more in the week. The Government assures us that it is seriously concerned about our catastrophic economic condition, and that it will find ways and means of helping us. The Government is even approaching foreign relief organisations on this question. Tell the Government that abolishing, or at least alleviating to some extent the oppressive Compulsory Sunday Closing Law would be the first and most effective step it could take in this direction. Do not allow the opportunity to pass. Demand your rights. Demand that this great injustice which is ruining the Jewish population, which is breaking up Jewish economic life, should be done away with. Demand the abolition of Sunday closing.

THE JEWISH ECONOMIC CRISIS IN POLAND AND THE ICA.

Paris, May 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The economic crisis in Poland is affecting the entire Jewish social activity there, the headquarters office of the Jewish Colonisation Association (Ica) is informed from Warsaw. The professional schools which are under the supervision of the Ica see their receipts dwindling; the parents of the pupils are unable to pay the school fees, the subventions promised by the municipalities and the Jewish communities are difficult to obtain, and donations are almost unknown now.

In spite of this really desperate situation, the schools are not breaking off their activity; some are even endeavouring to expand. The school at Lodz, for instance, has started on the construction of an iron foundry, and the school at Bialystock is now completing the installation of its electro-technical laboratory. The evening courses for apprentices conducted in private workshops are generally in a better financial position than the professional schools. The subventions of the Ica cover about 60 per cent, of their budget and this enables them to weather the crisis without much difficulty. The Ica is now establishing a new preparatory course in Lodz for Jewish foremen to enable them, in conformity with the law, to present themselves for their examinations to obtain the right of continuing to work at their trades.

In spite of the general economic depression, which reveals itself in agriculture in the very low prices obtained for all kinds of agricultural products, the greater part of the Jewish colonists assisted by the Ica find themselves less affected by it than was at first thought. In fact, the good harvest of this year, enabled them by selling big quantities to recoup themselves in that way for the losses which they suffered on account of the low prices. Their position is, therefore, much better than that of the village population. A certain advance has been noticeable recently in the market for agricultural products.

In those districts where the Ica has not been long at work the position is altogether different. The Jewish agriculturists there are poor, the quality of their produce is much inferior to that of the old districts. Following the visits of inspection made to 25 of these new places by the Ica's agronomists, the Central Direction of the Ica has covered the credits necessary to meet their more urgent needs.

Mention should be made of the bee-breeding activity introduced by the Ica recently among the Jewish agriculturists in Eastern Poland. This industry is expanding wonderfully. The colonists, who at first regarded it with distrust, are now beginning to appreciate its results and its rapid development. Over a hundred farms are already provided with hives; another 400 hives are being put in, and the work is going on.

As in previous years, the agronomist service of the Ica has taken measures to provide the Jewish colonists with vegetable seeds and forage plants of the best foreign varieties. It has made some very important purchases, particularly in Holland, and thanks to this enterprise those concerned have been able to obtain the seeds at a price less than half of that obtaining in the trade.

THE PALESTINE IMMIGRATION SCHEDULE: 500 CERTIFICATES INCLUDING 300 FOR WOMEN SAYS ANNOUNCEMENT PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

Jerusalem, May 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The "Official Gazette" publishes to-day the Labour immigration schedule for the half-year April 1st. to September 30th., giving a total of 500 immigration certificates, including 300 for women.

The Executive of the Jewish Agency (as reported yesterday) had applied for 1,415 immigration certificates for the half-year.

832 JEWS ENTERED PALESTINE IN MARCH AND 13 LEFT COUNTRY DURING SAME MONTH.

Jerusalem, May 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

916 immigrants, 832 of them Jews, entered Palestine in March, while 110 emigrants left the country during the same month, only 13 of them being Jews.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT EXCEEDS INCOME FOR 1930 BY £146,659.

Jerusalem, May 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The expenditure of the Palestine Government for the year 1930 has exceeded its income by £146,659, according to an official statement issued by the Government here to-day.

ELECTIONS TO JEWISH AGENCY.

London, May 19th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Executive of the Jewish Agency is engaged in preparing the elections for the Council of the Jewish Agency, the second ordinary meeting of which will open at Basle on July 14th., it is stated officially by the Jewish Agency head office here.

The elections for the Council will take place in England on June 7th., it is stated, and will be carried out, as was the case two years ago on the occasion of the constituent meeting of the Council, by the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

In Germany, the elections will take place on June 14th. at a Conference convened by the Organising Committee of the Jewish Agency, and will be carried out on the same lines as the elections for the constituent meeting of the Council. The elections in the Bukovina will take place on June 20th. at a Conference to which all the Jewish communities and the Committee of the Keren Hayesod will send delegates, and will likewise be along the lines of the elections in 1929.

REVISIONISTS GOING TO ZIONIST CONGRESS READY TO CO-OPERATE WITH FELLOW ZIONISTS AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEADERSHIP IF NECESSARY: MR. GROSSMAN DENIES AT PRESS CONFERENCE REVISIONISTS BEAR ANY ANTI-PATHY TO LABOUR SECTION IN ZIONIST MOVEMENT OR ARE ANTI-ARAB.

London, May 19th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The failure of the Jewish Agency was now apparent, Mr. M. Grossman said at a press conference at the offices of the Revisionist World Union to-day. It had produced neither political influence nor money, and had but magnified the confusion. The Revisionists would press for a reform of the Jewish Agency to democratise it and make possible its control by the Jewish masses. The present system of appointing notables who represented none but themselves, would have to be abolished.

The Revisionists would go to the 17th. Zionist Congress prepared to co-operate with their fellow-Zionists and ready to assume the responsibility for the leadership, if necessary, Mr. Grossman said. They had full confidence in their powers. They had a programme, the men, and the backing of a vast and growing following.

Mr. Grossman took that opportunity of denying emphatically that the Revisionists bear any antipathy to the Labour section of the Zionist Movement. They recognised, he said, the right of every section to its own ideas, so long as they did not interfere with the tempo of Jewish work and the attainment - in the shortest possible period - of the Jewish majority. Nor was there any truth, he said, in the allegation that they were anti-Arab. That calumny had long been denied and disproved. It had been invented originally as an anti-Revisionist electioneering device and it had a habit of re-appearing before Congress elections. Indeed a Congress Court had actually reprimanded a Zionist writer who had circulated that allegation for the purpose of besmirching Revisionism among Zionist electors and the non-Jewish world interested in Zionism. It was sufficient to study the Revisionist scheme of land reform, Mr. Grossman said, to see that they took into equal account both the Arab population of Palestine and the Jewish settlers and immigrants.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL COMMUNITIES AT FUNERAL OF DR. WEIZMANN'S NIECE AT HAIFA.

Jerusalem, May 18th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The funeral of Dr. Weizmann's niece, Mrs. Betty Law, who was killed near Tiberias, took place at Haifa this afternoon. Government officials, the Mayor of Haifa, and representatives of all Communities were present. The El Male Rachamin and the Kaddish were recited. Mrs. Law was only 27 years of age. She was married in 1927.

CHURCH FUNERAL RITES FOR PROFESSOR MICHELSON.

Pasadena, May 11th. (J.T.A. Mail Service).

The funeral service for Professor Albert Michelson, who died on Saturday afternoon, will be conducted on Tuesday evening by Dr. Theodore G. Soares, pastor of the Union Liberal Church. The service will be for the members of Professor Michelson's family and a few intimate friends. Dr. Soares was an intimate of the great physicist and a fellow faculty member of the University of Chicago. The burial will be at Altadena, near Pasadena,

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