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ANTISEMITISM IS CONTRARY TO CHRISTIANITY: CHRISTMAS BROADCAST BY CATHOLIC PRIEST IN VIENNA.

Vienna, Dec. 25th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

On this festival of peace, the Catholic Church calls upon all Christian people to abandon hate and to repudiate the teachings of antisemitism directed against the Jews, God's Chosen People, Father Bichlmair, a famous Catholic preacher here said in a Christmas message broadcast to-day by the Austrian Government wireless. The Jewish people have given the Christian world our Saviour, he went on, and the attitude of Christian people should therefore be one of gratitude and love to the Jews. Antisemitism is contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church, he declared, and a constant source of grief to the Pope, who has repeatedly called upon Christians not to harbour feelings of enmity against the people from whom the Saviour sprung.

KING CAROL OF ROUMANIA GIVES CHRISTMAS GIFT TO JEWISH WELFARE INSTITUTIONS OF BUCHAREST JEWISH COMMUNITY.

Bucharest, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

King Carol has sent a Christmas gift of 10,000 lei to the Jewish Community of Bucharest for its welfare institutions. An accompanying message written by the Court Chamberlain, M. Iliescu, explains that the King wishes the money to be utilised for the benefit of the Jewish poor of the capital.

POLISH STUDENTS ARRIVING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS PAINT GRODNO GREEN WITH ANTI-JEWISH BOYCOTT CALLS.

Warsaw, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Hundreds of students who have come to Grodno from the various Universities to stay with their families over the Christmas holidays have been going about in parties painting the city green, the colour of the anti-Jewish boycott movement. Jewish shop signs have been obliterated with green paint. Green anti-Jewish boycott proclamations have been posted up in the streets, and in some places even the pavements have been covered with green paint. Boycott leaflets were also distributed among the worshippers going to and from Church.

The Jewish population is angry that this has been allowed by the police to go on without hindrance, and the Administration of the Jewish Merchants' Federation in Grodno has made representations to the police authorities and to the District Chief against the passive attitude of the police.

ON EVE OF CHRISTMAS POLISH MINISTER OF FINANCE STOPS ANNULMENT  
OF JEWISH LICENCES FOR TOBACCO AND SPIRIT TRADE: LIVELI-  
HOODS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWISH FAMILIES SAVED.

Warsaw, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

On the eve of Christmas the Minister of Finance has given the Jews of Poland a Christmas gift by agreeing on the intervention of the Jewish representatives not to withdraw any more tobacco or spirit trading licences from Jewish holders with the coming of the new year, the Yiddish daily "Najer Pajnt" reports to-day, hailing the decision as saving the livelihoods of thousands of Jewish families.

The Jews have been in a great state of anxiety over the prospect of many of the present licence-holders being refused a renewal when the new licences are issued for the new year, and the Jewish representatives have been busy trying to induce the Government to allow for an automatic prolongation of all the existing licences, pointing out that in the present critical economic period it would be disastrous to deprive thousands of Jewish families of their livelihood, when there is no possibility of any of them obtaining openings elsewhere, so that they would be rendered destitute. The Minister of Finance accepted the conclusions of the Jewish representatives and ordered that there should be no withdrawal of licences this year.

The prospect of a withdrawal of licences for the sale of alcohol and tobacco, which are Government monopoly articles, has been causing anxiety to Polish Jewry for a number of years, being most acute in 1925, when a bill withdrawing all existing licences for dealing in Government monopoly articles in order to reissue them to ex-soldiers was passed in the Sejm, amidst a storm of protest by the Jewish Deputies, who were finally suspended for creating a disturbance. Deputy Hausner, who afterwards became the Polish Commercial Representative in Palestine, read out on behalf of the Club of Jewish Deputies a declaration protesting against the policy of economic extermination of Polish Jewry embodied in the bill, which it was claimed would deprive about 30,000 Jewish families of their livelihood. The bill was officially gazetted in July 1925, but has been kept back each year from being put into operation. Under the Polish-Jewish Agreement which was negotiated between the Government of the time and the Club of Jewish Deputies the same year, it was arranged that in any case the Act would not enter into force for five years, which brought it up to the summer of 1930.

JEWISH SCHOOLS IN TURKEY MAY CLOSE ON SATURDAYS: MINISTER OF  
EDUCATION ANNULS PREVIOUS ORDER DECLARING IT WAS ISSUED  
BY OFFICIALS WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE.

Constantinople, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Minister of Education has annulled the order issued by the Ministry a few days ago under which the minority schools in Turkey were notified that they would not be allowed to close except on Friday, the Turkish day of rest, so that Jewish schools would have been compelled to keep open on Saturdays and Christian schools on Sundays. The Minister of Education explains that the order had been issued by certain officials in the Ministry without his knowledge.

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JEWISH NATIONAL HOME WILL GROW IN STRENGTH LORD READING TELLS  
JEWISH SETTLERS IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem, Dec. 26th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Addressing the Jewish settlers in the Jordan Valley at a reception given in his honour to-day in the Jewish colony of Dagania, Lord Reading said that the National Home will grow in strength as it has been growing and the settlers and also their children will enjoy the security which they richly deserve.

Dr. Arlossoroff, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, welcomed Lord and Lady Reading in the name of the Jewish Agency. Mr. Joseph Baratz, speaking on behalf of the Palestine Workers' Organisation, complained that there was no assurance that the Jewish effort in Palestine could continue without fear of being undermined and subjected to attack, his reference being to the anti-Jewish incitement during the recent Moslem Conference in Jerusalem.

DR. ARLOSSOROFF VISITS EGYPTIAN EX-KHEDIVE NOW IN PALESTINE:  
SAID TO BE CLAIMANT FOR THRONE OF SYRIA.

Jerusalem, Dec. 26th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Dr. Arlossoroff called yesterday on the ex-Khedive of Egypt, Abbas Hilmi Pasha, who has arrived in Palestine for a few days. The ex-Khedive, is believed to be here in connection with a claim to the throne of Syria, in the event of the French Government deciding on a modification of the Mandate. He is accompanied by Dr. Ahmud Azim, a well-known Egyptian journalist and a Judophile, who is acting as his political adviser.

UNITED PALESTINE FUND CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED IN AMERICA NEXT  
MONTH.

New York, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

After a series of conferences in which Mr. Emanuel Neuman, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, took part, between representatives of the Zionist Organisation of America, the non-Zionist members of the Jewish Agency, the American Women's Zionist Organisation Hadassah, and the Jewish National Fund, an agreement has been reached for a joint campaign for funds in America, which will include all these bodies.

The campaign will be publicly announced at a National Conference to be held in New York on January 17th., at which Mr. Nahum Sokolov, the President of the Jewish Agency, who is now on his way to the United States, will be the chief speaker.

DR. WEIZMANN LEAVING NEXT MONTH TO HEAD SOUTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

London, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Keren Hayesod campaign in South Africa, which will be conducted by Dr. Ch. Weizmann together with Dr. Alexander Goldstein, will be inaugurated on February 8th. Dr. Weizmann is leaving England on January 22nd. Dr. Goldstein will precede him, sailing for South Africa on January 1st.

I TAKE-OFF MY HAT TO NATIONALIST JEWS SAYS LEADER OF HITLERIST DELEGATION TO ROUMANIAN STUDENT CONFERENCE: NATIONAL SOCIALISM DOES NOT WAR AGAINST SUCH JEWS: CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER FOR MINORITIES WHO IS LEADER OF GERMAN MINORITY IN ROUMANIA: REPORT SUPPLIED BY MINISTER TO JEWISH DAILY.

Bucharest, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Herr Karl Motz, the leader of the Hitlerist student delegation which came from Germany to attend the recent Conference of Roumanian students held at Sibiu, has had a conversation with Dr. Rudolph Brandsch, the Under-Secretary of State for Minorities in Roumania, who was previously one of the leaders of the German Minority Party, in the course of which the Jewish question in Roumania was discussed.

According to an authorised statement on the conversation handed by Dr. Brandsch to the Jewish daily "Uj Kelet", which appears in Cluj, Herr Motz asked what was the position and the attitude of the Jews in Roumania. In reply to this question, Dr. Brandsch said:

The Jews of Roumania are nationalistically inclined. They have their own culture; they have their own newspapers and their own school system, which they demand should be maintained by the State. They do not seek to bring any influence to bear upon the other minorities in the country or on the majority population. They do not want to assimilate, but they do wish to take part in the general culture of the country and in the life of the State as a minority, within the bounds of their citizenship rights.

I have every respect for Jews who hold such views, Herr Motz rejoined, and I take my hat off to them. National Socialism (Hitlerism), he added, is not directed against such Jews and it is not against them that we wage our war.

VAYDA-VOYVOD'S "ANTISEMITE" SENT TO PRISON FOR FRAUD: CONFIDENTIAL CHIEF DE CABINET WHO KEPT ROUMANIAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR IN CONTACT WITH ANTISEMITIC STUDENT LEADERS.

Bucharest, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

George Taslăceanu, the antisemitic student leader, who was Chief de Cabinet to M. Vayda-Voyvod, when he was Minister of the Interior in the Maniu Government, acting as his means of contact with Codreanu and the other antisemitic student leaders, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment by the Bucharest Tribunal for fraud. He was found guilty of using funds which he collected for a theatre, called "The Carol II Theatre", which he had founded for purposes other than those for which they were intended, by the subscribers.

BUREYA JEWISH REGION: SOVIET CENTRAL EXECUTIVE RATIFIES DECISION TO ESTABLISH JEWISH TERRITORIAL UNIT THERE BY END OF 1933.

Moscow, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The All-Russian Central Executive Committee, the highest legislative body in the Soviet Union, which is now meeting here, has ratified the decision adopted by its Presidium on September 30th. to create a Jewish national territorial unit in Bureya by the end of 1933.

With this ratification the decree enters into full force. The Far Eastern Regional Executive Committee and the Comzet are instructed in the decree to prepare and submit to the Council of People's Commissariats a plan of economic and cultural measures for the further development of the Bureya region.

EXHIBITION OF JEWISH UPBUILDING IN BUREYA IN CZAR'S MOSCOW PALACE.

Moscow, Dec. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

An exhibition of the Jewish transmigration and settlement work in Bureya has been opened in the Georgiewska Hall, one of the finest halls in the Kremlin, the former Palace of the Czar, as part of an economic exhibition of the developments in the Far East that is being held in connection with the session of the Central Executive Committee of the Soviets. In this hall, in which the walls are covered with the names of the chevaliers of the Order of St. George, the highest award for bravery on the battlefield under the Czars, there are now arranged exhibits and diagrams illustrating the natural wealth of Bureya, and the plans and prospects for the development of the region. There are one or two big maps of Bureya as it is now, and as it will look after all the present plans of industrialisation and agrarianisation are completed. The lettering on the maps is in Yiddish.

Among the exhibits are all the decrees and decisions of the Soviet Government with regard to setting aside Bureya for Jewish settlement, its development as a Jewish territorial unit and other decisions affecting the Jewish work in Bureya. There are also photographs showing the progress of the work, beginning with the settlers starting out from their old homes in White Russia and Ukraine, and in Latvia, Lithuania and the Argentine, ending up with their occupation of the houses which have been built for them in the Region. There are diagrams showing the rate of settlement, as follows: 750 people emigrated to Bureya in 1928, 1,200 in 1929, 1,400 in 1930 and 3,800 in 1931, and it is planned that 19,000 will be settled there during 1932. There are exhibits of the flora and fauna of the region; diagrams of the climatic conditions, the growth of mechanisation and the development of co-operatives, working models of factories and specimens of their products, specimens of coal, asbestos, copper, and other minerals found in Bureya, and of vegetables and cereals produced there, as well as diagrams and photographs illustrating the development of cultural life and educational facilities in the region.

DEATH OF ERNST H. SCHIFF.

London, Dec. 25th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Ernst H. Schiff, one of the leading Anglo-Jewish communal workers, died here yesterday at the age of 50. Mr. Schiff, who was a member of the famous Schiff family of New York bankers, and a brother of Mr. Otto M. Schiff, the President of the Jews' Temporary Shelter, was President of the Jewish Religious Education Board, and Chairman of the Foreign Appeals Committee of the Jewish Board of Deputies. He was also Warden of the Great Synagogue.

The funeral took place to-day, and a memorial service will be held on Monday at the Great Synagogue.

ANGLICAN BISHOP IN JERUSALEM DIES IN ENGLAND.

London, Dec. 27th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Dr. Rennie MacInnes, since 1914 Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem, who has been lying ill at his home at Dykesfield, near Carlisle, has died there. He was 61 years of age.