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ANOTHER SOROCA AFFAIR IN ROUMANIA: JEW SHOT DEAD AND NON-JEWS  
 IN PARTY ARRESTED: PROMISED ESCORT ACROSS DNIESTER BY  
 FRONTIER GUARD WHO THEN BROUGHT PATROL TO SPOT TO WAIT FOR  
 PARTY TO CROSS.

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

Another shooting affair like that at Soroca has occurred at Tighinai, on the Roumanian side of the River Dniester, where it forms the frontier between Roumania and Soviet Russia. A party of four people, one of them a Jew named Abraham Silbermann, and the other three non-Jews, wanted to cross the Dniester into Soviet territory, and arranged with a frontier gendarme to take them across. The frontier gendarme pretended to fall in with their plan, and informed his colleagues, and when the refugees came to the spot where they were to meet him, they found a patrol waiting for them. The Jew was shot dead, and the three others have been arrested.

THREE MORE JEWISH CEMETERIES DESECRATED IN GERMANY.

Berlin, Jan. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Three more Jewish cemetery desecrations occurred in Germany this week. At Ribnitz, in Mecklenburg, two grammar-school students belonging to a Hitlerist family painted the swastika symbol and the "Perish Judea" inscription on all the gravestones in the local Jewish cemetery and smeared dung all over the cemetery. The Principal of the school compelled the two boys to go back to the cemetery and remove every sign of paint and filth.

The second case occurred at Oberoewisheim, where a large number of gravestones in the 500 year old Jewish cemetery have been smashed, and the third case was at Hirschaid, near Buttenheim, in Bavaria, where 67 gravestones have been smashed.

VIENNA UNIVERSITY CLOSED DOWN BY AUTHORITIES BECAUSE OF CONTIN-  
 UING ANTI-JEWISH FIGHTING: DIPLOMATIC PROTEST SAID TO HAVE  
 BEEN LODGED BY DUTCH CONSUL WHO WAS IN AUDIENCE WHEN  
 PROFESSOR KAMINKA'S LECTURE WAS BROKEN UP.

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

Vienna University, including all the institutes connected with the University, has been closed down by the authorities until order is guaranteed, because of the serious anti-Jewish rioting that has taken place there. Bands of antisemitic students went about the University, seeking out Jewish students, and beating them. Some of the Jewish students, realising how they were outnumbered, hid themselves in cupboards and other places, but were dragged out and maltreated by groups of their antisemitic colleagues. Ambulances were constantly removing Jewish students from the University build-

ing to-day to be treated at the first-aid centres. Some of the Jewish students were thrown down a whole flight of stairs by their assailants. Several Jewish girl students were also attacked and injured. Four Jewish students have been bandaged at the police first-aid station for serious head injuries. There is also a non-Jewish student among the injured, the son of City Councillor Speiser, who is of Jewish appearance.

The Presidium of the Vienna Jewish Community has made energetic representations to the Government against the continued anti-Jewish violence.

The Rectorate has issued a statement condemning the attacks by big parties of Nazi students on single Jews as cowardice and announcing that a disciplinary investigation will be made and all guilty students will be suspended. The Rectorate expresses at the same time its regret at the antisemitic attack made yesterday on Professor Kaminka's lecture. It appears that the Dutch Consul here was among the audience at Professor Kaminka's lecture, and lodged a formal protest with the Austrian Government. This diplomatic intervention is said to be responsible for the vigorous attitude adopted by the authorities.

#### JEWS EJECTED FROM LECTURE ROOM IN PRESENCE OF MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND PRO-RECTOR.

Vienna, Jan. 29th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Dollfuss, and the Academic authorities of the Commercial Academy, including the Pro-Rector, did not attempt to interfere while 40 Jewish students were forced to leave one of the lecture halls in the Commercial Academy where Dr. Dollfuss was to deliver an address.

The Catholic Section of the German Students' Union, which had arranged the function, called upon all non-Aryans to leave the hall, and proceeded to carry the demand into effect. Dr. Dollfuss and the academic authorities claim that they were the guests of the Catholic Students' Union and could not interfere in its arrangements.

#### BIG POLICE FORCE OUT IN VIENNA STREETS TO PREVENT RIOTING.

Vienna, Jan. 29th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Big bodies of police are stationed in all the streets in the vicinity of the University to prevent rioting. Police guards are also stationed outside all the various colleges and institutes of the University and no one is admitted without producing his credentials.

The Rectorate will decide on Monday whether it is advisable to reopen the University.

#### HELLDORF DOESN'T ANSWER TO HIS BAIL: ARRESTED IN NUREMBERG AND BROUGHT BACK TO BERLIN.

Berlin, Jan. 29th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Count Helldorf, the leader of the Young Hitlerist storm troops in Berlin, whose appeal against his sentence for being concerned in the anti-Jewish excesses which occurred in Berlin last Rosh Hashanah is now being heard here, failed to surrender to his bail today, and the court consequently did not sit to-day.

Count Helldorf has been arrested in Nuremberg and has been brought back to Berlin, and the trial will be continued to-morrow.

JEWISH COMMUNISTS IN POLISH TOWN SMASH UP ZIONIST LIBRARY AND STAB YOUNG ZIONISTS.

Warsaw, Jan. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Local Jewish Communists have smashed up the premises of the Zionist Library in the township of Laskarzew, in the Warsaw District, wrecking the interior and the furniture, and have stabbed several young Zionists who offered resistance. They also stabbed the owner of the house, a Jew named Schalit, because he had let his house for the purpose of a Zionist library. Many arrests have been made.

AGUDISTS IN WARSAW JEWISH COMMUNITY CARRY THEIR BUDGET WITH 60 PER CENT. OF TOTAL ALLOCATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES: ZIONISTS ABSENT THEMSELVES FROM MEETING IN PROTEST AND FOLKISTS VOTE AGAINST.

Warsaw, Jan. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Executive of the Warsaw Jewish Community, on which there is an Agudist majority, ratified at its meeting today the budget estimates for 1932, amounting to 5,186,000 zlotys, of which 60 per cent. goes for religious activities, including the appointment of new Rabbis, and the building of a new ritual bath.

The Zionist members of the Executive of the Community, who have protested that there is urgent need of big allocations for secular needs, and who are also annoyed because the Executive rejected their demand made about a fortnight ago for a continuation of the Community's subsidy to the Palestine Foundation Fund, Keren Hayesod, the Jewish National Fund and the Beholuz Organisation, absented themselves from the meeting as a sign of protest, and the Folkist members cast their votes against the budget.

RADZYMINER REBBE GOING TO PALESTINE IN SPRING: RECALLS HIS VISIT IN 1928 WHEN HIS EXHORTATION TO PUT UP SCREEN AT WAILING WALL WAS IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF WAILING WALL CONFLICT.

Warsaw, Jan. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Rabbi of Radzymin, who is after the Gerer Rebbe the leading Hassidic Rabbi in Poland, is going to Palestine after Purim to be there in time for Passover.

The Radzyminer Rebbe was in Palestine in 1928, and it was his exhortation that a screen must be put up at the Wailing Wall to separate the men and women worshippers at the services held there on the Day of Atonement that led to the screen being pulled down by Police Inspector Duff, which led to the conflict over the Jewish rights at the "wailing Wall."

GERER REBBE IN PALESTINE: RECEIVED AT HAIFA BY HASSIDIM FROM ALL PARTS OF PALESTINE.

Jerusalem, Jan. 28th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Gerer Rebbe, accompanied by his wife and three sons, his brother Rabbi Alter and his son-in-law, Deputy Itche heir Lewin, the President of the Polish Agudath Israel, arrived this afternoon at Haifa. Hassidim from all parts of Palestine met him at the Palestine-Syrian frontier with six cars to accommodate the Rabbi and his entourage.

The Rabbi is spending the Sabbath in Haifa and is expected to arrive in Jerusalem on Sunday.

MOSLEMS JEWS AND CHRISTIANS LIVE TOGETHER PEACEABLY IN IRAQ LORD  
CECIL URGES BEFORE LEAGUE OF NATIONS COUNCIL WHICH DECIDES  
TO APPROVE TERMINATION OF IRAQ MANDATE.

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

The Council of the League of Nations, which is now in session here, decided to-day that it is prepared in principle to pronounce the termination of the Mandate for Iraq, so that the country will become independent and will be admitted to membership of the League of Nations.

The Council has instructed a special committee to draw up the text of a guarantee to be signed by Iraq, in which it will undertake to carry out certain obligations, including those relating to the protection of its minorities.

Lord Cecil of Chelwood in addressing the Council on this question, said that Iraq was a country in which there was religious tolerance, and Moslems, Jews and Christians live together there peaceably.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S COMMISSION FOR JEWISH  
SETTLEMENT: OLD ADMINISTRATION REMOVED: M. MERESZIN WHO WAS  
AT HEAD OF WORK SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1924 GOES: AGRONO-  
MIST GOLDE AND POLITICAL CHIEF TCHEMERISKI GO WITH HIM:  
RESULT OF COMPLAINTS OF COMZET INEFFICIENCY.

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

M. Abraham Mereszin, who has been the actual head of the Government Commission for Jewish Settlement (Comzet) for the past seven years, since the day of its formation in 1924, is resigning from his post, and with him are resigning M. Golde, the chief agronomist of the Comzet, and M. Tchemerisky, who was the Secretary of the now dissolved Yevsekziés (Jewish Sections of the Communist Party), and who conducted the political side of the Comzet work.

M. Mereszin's retirement, according to reliable information, is the result of the complaints of incompetence made against the Comzet in respect of its conduct of the migration work and of the various forms of Jewish economic settlement, which are now to be carried on on a bigger scale demanding more rapid activity and bigger organisational scope than that of which M. Mereszin and his colleagues have shown themselves capable. During the past year, the Jewish Communist press has been constantly attacking the Comzet leaders, accusing them of failure to carry out their job. About a fortnight ago, on January 14th., the Yiddish Communist daily "Emess" published an editorial in which it made a violent attack on the leaders of the Comzet, declaring that they were endangering the whole of the migration campaign for the coming spring, and even the carrying out of the decision of the Government for the formation of a Jewish national autonomous unit in Bureya. The leaders of the Comzet were accused of bureaucracy, opportunism, incompetence, dilly-dallying and complete lack of system.

The editorial was aimed chiefly at M. Mereszin, and it was suggested at that time that big changes in the apparatus of the Central Comzet must follow. M. Mereszin has also met with powerful opposition of late inside the Comzet itself, from M. Dimantstein, M. Weinstein (Rachmiel) and other leaders, with the result that his position has become untenable and his resignation could not be avoided.

Will Be Succeeded By M. Boris Trotsky.

M. Mereszin's place will be taken by M. Boris Trotsky, an agronomist, who is a member of the Communist Party and used to work in the dairy centre in Moscow, and has now been working in the sugar centre in the Ukraine.

The Comzet apparatus will be reorganised. The Comzet administration will be extended. The plenary body of the Comzet will be enlarged, including representatives of those Government Commissariats with which the Comzet is associated in its work, such as the Commissariats of Agriculture and of Finance, and representatives of the Collective Farm Centre. The plenary body will meet several times in the year, and will lay down the general lines of work. The executive work will be carried on by a board of seven members headed by M. Smidovitch, the Vice-President of the Soviet Union, who remains Chairman of the Comzet.

ANOTHER GROUP OF JEWISH SETTLERS FOR BUREYA ARRIVES FROM LITHUANIA.

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

Another group of 70 Jewish migrants from Lithuania have just passed through Moscow on their way to Bureya. The entire group comes from the township of Anikst. They will work in Bureya in the forests and on house-building. Most of them are young people of good physique.

About a hundred Jewish transmigrants have also passed through Moscow during this month on their way to Bureya from various towns in the Soviet Union, and several more groups have gone direct to Bureya without touching Moscow. The Central Administration of the Ozet in Moscow also claims to have received a report that 14 Jews have left Los Angeles, in California, for Bureya, by way of Japan. All of them are stated to be building workers ready to become permanent residents in Bureya.

CODREANU'S FATHER TO JOIN HIS SON IN ROUMANIAN PARLIAMENT?

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

The death of the former Minister of Justice, M. Hamangiu, has created a vacancy in his constituency at Tutova, and Zelea Codreanu, the father of Corneliu Zelea Codreanu, the leader of the Iron Guard, who was returned as a Deputy in a recent by-election, is standing as the candidate of his son's antisemitic party. There is no possibility of his being elected, unless, as is thought likely, he receives support from other quarters. The "Curierul Israelit", the organ of the Union of Roumanian Jews, hints at this possibility, writing that if the father gets the same support as his son, that is, from the Government, it will not surprise anyone to find the Iron Guard securing a second seat in Parliament.

SIR FREDERICK COWEN 80. London, Jan. 29th. (J.T.A.).

Sir Frederick Cowen, the famous composer, completed his 80th. birthday to-day. He was born in Kingston, in Jamaica, on January 29th., 1852, and was brought by his parents to England at the age of four. He composed his first opera when he was 8, and made his first public appearance at the age of 11. Besides his operas and oratorios, Sir Frederick has composed over 200 songs. Great musicians like Sir Edward Elgar, Mr. Edward German, and Sir Landon Ronald have paid tribute to Sir Frederick as their teacher and their greatest influence in music.

Sir Frederick retains close association with the Jewish Community, and last year he delivered a lecture on music at the West London Synagogue.

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