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Important Step Towards Abolition of Czarist Restrictions in Poland

Polish Landlord Fails to Secure Eviction of Jewish Lessee; Claimed Jew Cannot Hold Land Under Czarist Laws

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WARSAW, Feb. 21—An important step towards the abolition of the Czarist restrictions against Jews in Poland was made today when the Supreme Administrative Tribunal granted the appeal of a Jewish tenant-farmer against an eviction order made by the Ministry of Agriculture.

The tenant, Wolf Becker, whose family had for three generations held a lease on a farm of ten hectares near Novo Grudki, automatically became the permanent lessee of the property under a Polish law introduced after the war. The new landlord, however, who had acquired the title to the farm, demanded Becker's eviction on the ground that, under Czarist law, Jews were prohibited from leasing farm-land. He argued that, consequently, Becker could not be-

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Jews Lead All Minorities In Lithuanian High Schools

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

KOVNO, Feb. 21—According to official statistics published here, there were in Lithuania at the commencement of the present school year—1932-1933—in all the specifically governmental high schools, 8,529 scholars. Of these, 528 were Jews, who lead all the minority nationalities. There are only 175 Russians, 122 Germans, 22 Poles, 35 Letts and 4 students belonging to other nationalities. The overwhelming number, 7,565, are, of course, Lithuanians.

It is also revealed that there is a much smaller proportion of Jews in the so-called private schools. Of the 3,228 pupils in these schools there are only 212 Jews.

Apart from these institutions there are also the exclusively Jewish high schools maintained wholly by Jews in which there are 2,812 pupils, including one non-Jew.

In the aggregate there are in all the Lithuanian high schools, including a number of professional and trade schools, 10,848 Lithuanians, 3,787 Jews, 641 Poles, 387 Russians, 319 Germans, 40 Letts and 40 belonging to various nationalities.

Executive Committee of Jewish World Congress Concludes 2 Day Session

To Go Direct to Jewish Masses; Not to Depend Exclusively on Negotiations With Individuals or Organizations

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, Feb. 21—The Executive Committee of the Jewish World Congress today concluded a two day session. There were present Meyer Ebner, Roumania; Nahum Goldmann, Berlin; Georg Kareski, Berlin; D. Jochelman, London; Leo Motzkin, Paris; M. Kreinin, Paris; Rabbi N. Nurok, Latvia; Robert Stricker, Vienna; and B. Zuckerman of the American Poale Zion.

Telegraphic greetings were received from Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Bernard S. Deutsch, members of the International Committee of the Jewish World Congress.

The Executive Committee resolved to commence a large scale winter campaign after the Council to be held in August. The campaign would aim at enlightening the Jewish masses regarding the aims of the World Congress. Direct propaganda would be carried out among the Jewish masses and the Congress would not pin its faith solely on negotiations with individuals, organizations or parties.

The Executive Committee had under consideration the scope of the proposed Jewish Economic Conference. In a resolution dealing with the proposed Conference, the Executive declared that a real clarification of Jewish economic problems was possible only in conjunction with an analysis and clarification of the Jewish political situation.

Increased Watchfulness By Vienna Police

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

VIENNA, Feb. 21—Increased watchfulness by the police of Vienna, was ordered yesterday by the Police Department here. This order follows the unusually large number of cases in which Jews, women as well as men, have been molested and attacked in the streets after night-fall.

The police order is evidently directed against the night-prowling by Nazis in certain districts.

Salonica Community Leader Heading Venizelos List In General Elections

Asher Mallah, Leading Zionist, Appointed in Spite of His Refusal; Venizelos to Deliver Electoral Address

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

SALONICA, Feb. 21—In spite of his refusal to stand for election, Asher Mallah, prominent in the Salonica Jewish community and a leading Zionist, has been appointed to head the Venizelos list for the forthcoming general elections. As was previously announced, Mallah had refused to stand for election, but his party has been enabled to put his name on the list by the fact that the election regulations empower the various parties to appoint candidates even without their consent. The second Venizelos candidate is Aron Shaky.

Under the present election regulations, a separate Jewish electoral college has been set up, entitling the Jewish community to two parliamentary seats. There are also two Jews on the Tsoldarist list, ex-Deputy Daniel Allalouf and David Alhanti. In

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Jew in Archaeological Mission to Mesopotamia

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LEGHORN, Feb. 21 — An Italian Archaeological Mission, consisting of Prof. Giuseppe Furlani and Prof. Doro Levi, from the University of Florence, and Count Franco, has left for Mesopotamia. This mission will carry out excavations in Upper Iraq, on the borders of Kurdistan, which forms the site of the castle of the biblical Sennacherib.

The Jewish professor, Doro Levi, is the discoverer and excavator of the ancient Greek village of Harkades, and, in spite of his youth, he is already well-known in the scientific world.

President of Italian War Tribunal Congratulated by King

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

ROME, Feb. 21—On the occasion of his retirement to the reserve forces, Lieut. General Angelo Modena, the Jewish president of the Supreme Tribunal for War, received a letter from the King of Italy recalling in flattering terms the services he has rendered to his country in peace and war.

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Only Jewish Mayor in Dutch East Indies Dies

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AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21—News has reached here of the death in Makassar, Dutch East Indies, of Engineer F. C. van Lier, Mayor of that city.

Engineer van Lier, who was the only Jew filling a mayoralty in the Dutch East Indies, was 54 years old and a member of an old Amsterdam family. Before leaving Holland in 1915 to take up Government service in the Dutch East Indies he played a prominent part in Jewish and general public life in Holland. He had held a position of Inspector of Mines and had been entrusted with important work by the Dutch Government.

In Jewish communal life, the deceased, during his stay in the Dutch East Indies, took the initiative in organizing the Jews of Java and neighboring Dutch settlements. It was through his efforts that the Dutch East Indies Society for Jewish Interests became an important and effective institution in the Far East.

Chicago to Have First Purim Frolic

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

CHICAGO, Feb. 21—For the first time in the history of Chicago Jewry a "Purim Frolic" will be held on Monday, March 13, at the Tel Aviv Kosher Restaurant. The Frolic is being presented by the Pens, Pins and Pots Club of Chicago.

The purpose of the affair, it is explained, is that once during the year, we should "see ourselves as others see us." The invitations which were sent to a selected group of men and women leaders among Chicago Jews, bear the inscription, "Those who are not blessed with a sense of humor and cannot ap-

Chief Medical Inspector of British Education Board Dies

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, Feb. 21—The death at the age of sixty-three of Dr. A. Eichholz, C.B.E., M.A., removes one of the most prominent communal workers in Jewish life in England.

Alfred Eichholz was born in Manchester and had a brilliant career at Cambridge University. He was one of the first two Jewish Fellows of Cambridge University.

After spending a few years as lecturer in Natural Sciences at Cambridge, he was appointed University demonstrator in physiology. He was subsequently appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Board of Education and later became Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. Eichholz played a leading part in Jewish social work both as a vice-president of the Jewish Health Organization of Great Britain and as Chairman of the Central Committee for Jewish Education. He was married in 1895 to Ruth, second daughter of the late Chief Rabbi, Dr. Adler.

He was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1919, in recognition of his services during the war and of his educational work.

Association of Descendants of Rashi in United States Founded

An attempt is now in progress to establish an association of the descendants of the great biblical and talmudical commentator, Rashi, who flourished in France from 1040 to 1105.

It has been known for some time that there are in the United States a number of families claiming descent from Rashi and the present project aims at uniting them in a definite organization.

Rashi, whose name is formed from the Hebrew initials of his full name, Rabbi Solomon bar Isaac, is the subject of many legends. There are also throughout Europe thousands of families claiming descent from him. He had no sons, but the various genealogies constructed by the numerous claimants trace their descent through the various branches of his family descended from his three daughters.

At a private meeting held last week the first step was taken here towards the organization of a convention aiming at attracting the various families claiming descent from Rashi. The society, which is to be known as Association of the Descendants of Rashi has its offices at present at 320 Grand Street, New York.

precipate a little 'kibitz' shall refrain from making reservations."

H. L. Meites, editor of the "Chicago Jewish Chronicle," is chairman of the arrangement committee. Other members of the committee are David F. Hirsch, Charles Freeman, Solomon F. Harrison, James B. Loebner, Morris Mason and Joel David Wolfsohn.

Director of Berlin State Theatre to Retire

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, Feb. 21—Professor Leopold Jessner, the famous chief director of the Berlin State Theatre, will definitely retire from his post by the end of March.

Leopold Jessner who is a Jew, has held his position for the past 13 years with great distinction. He was recently suspended from his position, following bitter attacks against him by the Nazi press, as part of their campaign against Jews holding posts in German cultural institutions. Although Professor Jessner had not been reinstated, he was, nevertheless still formally a state servant. His retirement is now certain owing to the fact that his contract terminates at the end of March and is not to be renewed.

B'nai Brith to Participate in Conference of Fraternal Orders

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

CHICAGO, Feb. 21—Participation of the B'nai Brith in the first annual conference of the Union of Jewish Fraternal Orders of Illinois on March 26 at the Hotel Sherman, was assured with the announcement that representatives of the grand lodge of the district will attend as observers.

In addition, Alfred M. Cohen, grand master of the B'nai Brith, and Dr. I. M. Rubinow, grand secretary, both of Cincinnati, have been invited to attend and address the conference.

Similar invitations have been sent to Isadore Apfel, Grand Master of the Independent Order of Brith Abraham, and Max L. Hollander, both of New York City; A. D. Bearman, of Memphis, grand master of the Progressive Order of the West, and Morris Shapiro, grand secretary of the Order, who is from St. Louis; Henry A. Rocker, of Cleveland, supreme commander of the Knights of Joseph, and D. J. Zinner, also of Cleveland, the Supreme Secretary of the order, and A. S. Kancengiser, of Philadelphia, grand master of the Independent Order B'nai Sholem, and Martin O. Levy, Philadelphia, grand secretary.

Announces Contribution To Rabbinic Theology

Dr. Cyrus Adler, President of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, announces the publication "of an important contribution to Rabbinic theology" by Dr. Max Kadushin of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Wisconsin.

The book which is entitled "The Theology of the Seder Eilahu Rabbah," has as its fundamental aim the systematization of the various theological statements of the Rabbis. The book was accepted as a thesis for the degree of Doctor of Hebrew Literature by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and has been published by the Bloch Publishing Company.

Fifteen Members of Klan Who Attacked Jewish Family Are Refused New Trial

Judge Allows Opportunity for Application for Probation

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21—The fifteen members of the Ku Klux Klan upon whom sentence was to be imposed on Monday, were refused a hearing for a new trial by Superior Judge Scott. The fifteen who were found guilty of criminal assault upon a Jewish family at Long Beach face prison terms ranging up to ten years and fines not exceeding five thousand dollars. They were part of a group of fifty who, dressed in the regalia of the Ku Klux Klan, attacked the home of a Jewish tailor, David Milder, on November 16.

Superior Judge Scott, while refusing the hearing for the new trial, allowed them to file application for probation on March 6th.

Whispering Campaign Against Australian Governor-General

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

CANBERRA — Considerable annoyance is felt here at the disclosure that a whispering campaign has been in progress, for some time against Sir Isaac Isaacs, Governor-General of the Australian Commonwealth.

It appears that among the exclusive English set resentment is felt at the social precedence which must be accorded to the Jewish Governor-General. They feel it difficult to grow accustomed to the fact that the Governor-General is no longer a scion of one of the British noble houses. As part of the campaign against him, a rumor has been circulated that Sir Isaac Isaacs is to be succeeded by a British Peer and it is even suggested that the Jewish Governor-General may retire before his term is up.

A number of names prominent in Australian politics have also been mentioned as associated with the whispering campaign. Nevertheless, when this was brought to their notice, they immediately dissociated themselves from the vendetta.

International Conference for Progressive Judaism in August

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON — The next international Conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism will be held in Germany, in Hamburg, from August 5th to 7th. Special services will be held in the historic Hamburg Temple, and leading Progressive Jewish scholars from America, Germany, England and France will contribute papers discussing "Progressive Judaism and Modern Thought."

J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

Twentieth Anniversary of Induction of
Chief Rabbi of British Empire

By Our London Correspondent

LONDON.—The Chief Rabbi completes this month twenty years as Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British Empire.

He was elected to that position, in succession to the late Dr. Hermann Adler, at a meeting of the Electoral College of British Congregations held on February 16th, 1913, under the chairmanship of the late Lord Rothschild. The induction ceremony was on April 14th of that year at the Great Synagogue.

"There is room for sincere congratulation to Dr. Hertz," the Jewish Chronicle writes in an editorial article, "though fortunately this is not the moment at which to appraise his work for the Community. This much, however, can be said, and, in fairness, should not be omitted. There will always be critics who lament that this or that public man, or this or that institution, does not live up to past examples — to which the immortal answer, given by a famous editor when he was told that his paper was not as good as it once was, is not inappropriate — 'it never was!' It would be easy to point to things which might have been done, but were not, or to others which were done but might better have been left undone. But that would only be to say again what has been said many a time before—that the object of the criticism is only human, and the Jewish, like any other Community, is not fruitful in supermen. The Chief Rabbinate is not a bed of roses. We imagine that there has been hardly an incumbent of the office who has not regarded it as the reward of ambition rather than the gift of good fortune. It demands the possession of many signal qualities—scholarship, tact, courage, energy and invincible patience—such as are not often found faultlessly combined in a single individual. And it demands a flock to match! It may truly be said that if we have not secured the ideal Chief Rabbi, neither is British Jewry the ideal Community. And if we still want to know how exacting the position of Chief Rabbi is, we have only to recall how difficult it is to fill it whenever it falls vacant.

"Of more importance, however," it goes on, "is it to take a glance at the office itself. As an institution, the Chief Rabbinate is an anomaly. Its existence has no justification in Jewish tradition. There is nothing really comparable with it among Jewries abroad. And it does not really measure up to its somewhat grandiloquent title. 'Chief' suggests a number of secondaries, all acknowledging the chieftaincy. But we all know well

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Delegation from Bulgarian Communities Visits Ministry To Discuss Anti-Semitism

Demand for Measures to Counteract
Anti-Jewish Agitation

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

SOFIA, Feb. 21—A delegation representing the Jewish Consistory in which the Jewish population of Bulgaria is organized, today visited the Minister of the Interior, Alexander Girginoff, in order to discuss with him the anti-Semitic developments in Bulgaria. The delegation called attention to the incessant anti-Jewish propaganda being carried on, particularly by the newspapers "Ataka" and "Rodna Zastchita," published by anti-Semitic organizations bearing the same names as the papers. The delegation cited examples of recent attacks on Jews and even maltreatment of Jewish children. They demanded that the Ministry of the Interior should take steps to prevent the agitation leading to the widespread disturbances which may follow unless immediate and effective action is taken.

The Minister, who received the deputation sympathetically assured them that immediate instructions would be issued to provincial governors to provide increased protection in the event of disturbances. He also promised to take effective action both against potential disturbers of the peace and against those responsible for press incitement in the future.

The anti-Semitic campaign, particularly virulent in Widdin, Bulgaria, was reported at the beginning of this year to be conducted under the leadership of a Government official named Sarailieff.

Under Sarailieff's direction, the National Socialists proclaimed that they were undertaking a "war to the end" against the Jewish population whom they made responsible for the post-war difficulties of Bulgaria. Posters, patterned after the Nazi posters in Germany, branding the Jews as criminals and traitors, were placarded throughout the neighborhood. Although little importance was originally attached to this agitation, it has since spread into other neighborhoods and has gained the support of various political groups with press organs at their disposal.

Marriage Brokers Not Entitled To Commission in Palestine

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

TEL AVIV—According to a decision of the court here, marriage brokers, or (shadchoniim), are not entitled to any commission in Palestine. This ruling was given in a case brought before the court by a marriage broker against a young couple. The court ruled that since there is no such thing as a special license for practicing marriage brokerage in Palestine, the case should be dismissed.

Important Step Towards Abolition of Czarist Restrictions in Poland

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nefit from the Polish law under which he sought protection. Both the Ministry of Agriculture and the High Court endorsed the claim for Becker's eviction which has been quashed by the Supreme Administrative Tribunal which today upheld Becker's claim to protection under the Polish law.

The Administrative Tribunal's judgment is considered, in principle, as a decision that Czarist laws cannot in the future be applied against Polish Jews.

The Czarist restrictions have been the subject of numerous interpellations in the Polish Sejm and of general Jewish complaint against the Polish Government. The restrictions, numbering hundreds, formed a part of the pre-war Russian legal code and affected every possible phase of Jewish life, residential, professional, educational, etc.

With the establishment of the Polish Republic, after the war, it was held that the Polish code did not perpetuate the Czarist restrictions, although no special enactment was introduced to abolish them. As a result it was found in practice that they continued to be enforced in all parts of Poland. It was only in September 1930, after considerable agitation, that the Czarist restrictions were finally abolished by law. Even then many of the restrictions continued in force.

Home for Orphans and Aged to Be Dedicated

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 21—Formal dedication of the new Jewish Home for Aged and Orphans will take place March 12 according to announcement from officials of the Home today. Dignitaries from all over the state have been invited to attend the ceremonies. It is expected that Governor Ely will attend the formal opening.

The new Jewish Home, built at the cost of \$125,000 is the second largest of its kind in the state of Massachusetts. It houses at the present time 23 orphans, and 17 aged people.

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enough that that is not the case with our Chief Rabbinate. The name is meant to imply a sort of primacy over spiritual leaders in this country and even in the Dominions beyond the seas. But there is a Chief Rabbi in South Africa, another in Ireland, and another in Scotland, while we do not know how many others have set up as Chief Rabbis with indifferent success! Nor does the writ of Dr. Hertz run freely among all the numerous congregations in this country. The Federation of Synagogues does not acknowledge it, and its authority in many other quarters is weak.

"In fact, if we are honest with ourselves, we will admit that the holder of the office is more nearly Chief Rabbi of the United Synagogue than anything else—and even here his powers by no means go unchallenged. Every attempt to enlarge these powers provokes a shrill outcry on the part of those who resent what they call the setting up of an episcopacy in the Community, or of those who believe their rights and liberties threatened. In the case of the Slaughter of Animals Bill, the original intention was to make the Chief Rabbi the sole licenser of Shochetim, but it had to be abandoned in face of opposition. In short, the Chief Rabbinate is no 'chief', and its powers are fettered.

"Does all this mean," the 'Chronicle' asks, "that the Chief Rabbinate is a useless anachronism, and that English Jewry will have seriously to consider the question of its continuance when the occasion arises? We think not. The office has assuredly served its purpose—many purposes—to a considerable extent, despite its handicaps. It does give religious direction to many who are ready to hearken to it. It is a cohesive and unifying religious force, up to a point, and could be made more so. It does perform many routine functions, such as giving ruling on religious questions, engaging in work on the Beth Din, opening new Synagogues, visiting country congregations, adjusting congregational difficulties, and so forth.

"And it does act as Jewry's ecclesiastical representative to other communities, enabling us to take our place side by side with others in various departments of national activity. It is convenient that the nation in general should know where to turn for Jewish cooperation.

"The object to be pursued, in short, is not to scrap the office—we cannot afford to sacrifice any important religious agency in these times—but to strengthen it. At present, it is overloaded with a swarm of minor duties, release from which would set it free for what is the major purpose of our time, the preservation of Judaism in these islands. A Chief Rabbi launching us on new roads to this vital end, and doing so with inspiration and vigor, would soon add to the stature of his office, even if he could not always com-

Salonica Community Leader Heading Venizelos List

In General Elections

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addition there are several Jewish independent candidates. It is believed, however, that by the time of the elections on March 5th, the independents will withdraw, leaving the field clear for a direct contest among the National parties.

Although there is a general Jewish desire for a single Jewish list which would obviate Jews being drawn into the political strife, success has not hitherto attended efforts in this direction.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

SALONICA, Feb. 21—The great majority of the leaders of the Jewish population of Salonica are maintaining an attitude of expectation with regard to the approaching general elections, which have been fixed for the 5th of March. The new Governor General of Salonica is attempting to win over part of Jewish public opinion to the Venizelist party by pointing out all that the Prime Minister has done for the Jews on various occasions.

M. Venizelos is coming here to deliver an important political speech. He will also probably avail himself of this opportunity to make clear the attitude which he intends to adopt towards the Jews.

\$1,000 Gift to New York Chapter of Hadassah

Through the efforts of Mrs. Nathan D. Perlman, wife of the past grandmaster of the Independent Order Brith Abraham, that organization has contributed one thousand dollars to the New York Chapter of Hadassah, toward its annual donor luncheon, which will take place on March 20th at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

mand universal assent. Indeed, our ecclesiastical system should be taken firmly in hand, and reorganized in such a way that the Chief Rabbi should become the apex of a symmetrical and country-wide organization with all the prestige and power that that would confer."

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