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DEMANDS POLAND END ECONOMIC ANTI-SEMITISM

WARSAW, Oct 27. (JTA)--A demand that the Polish Government end the economic anti-Semitism rampant in Poland was voiced in the Sejm yesterday by Dr. Emil Sommerstein, Jewish deputy from Lwow.

Dr. Sommerstein, charging that "the cancer devouring Jewish economic life" has begun to destroy the entire economic system in Poland, called on the Government to take action in accordance with the famous proclamation issued by Prime Minister Kazimier Bartel in July of 1926 designed to end economic anti-Semitism. The Bartel proclamation, Dr. Sommerstein declared, has to this day not been put into effect, since anti-Semitism is today a political weapon gaining favor as a result of foreign influences.

Dr. Sommerstein's statement was made before a committee which is considering granting to President Moscicki legislative powers.

Equal treatment for all categories of tax payers was also demanded by Dr. Sommerstein, who emphasized the displeasure felt by the Jewish deputies of the Sejm that none of them was coopted for service on the tax commission. Dr. Sommerstein was invited by the commission as a guest-expert to sit in on its deliberations. He does not enjoy voting power on the tax body.

Bartel's proclamation was made to the Sejm on July 19, 1926, in his first statement of Government policy to that body after having been made Prime Minister. He declared that economic anti-Semitism was harmful to the Polish State and that questions of taxation and credit must be decided on their merits and not along religious lines.

DR. MICHAEL ZHYTLOWSKY DIES IN WILNO AT 61

WILNO, Oct 27. (JTA)--Dr. Michael Zhytlowsky, brother of the noted American-Jewish writer and philosopher, Dr. Chaim Zhitlowsky, died here yesterday at the age of 61. He was well known in the field of social welfare work.

ARAB STRIKE PASSES QUIETLY, ONLY PARTLY EFFECTIVE

JERUSALEM, Oct 27. (JTA)--The Arab general strike against alleged Jewish arming, which was to have caused 900,000 Arabs throughout Palestine to cease all activities, was only partially effective yesterday.

The day for the most part passed quietly except for a minor disturbance at Nablus where some 400 Arab youths threw stones and smashed windows in the Shomronim quarter of the ancient city. No one was wounded, according to reports.

Many Arab shops and restaurants refused to close their doors in defiance of the orders issued by Arab party leaders who had called the strike earlier in the week. The strike also failed to cripple transportation lines as was expected, since many of the buses continued to operate throughout the day.

Credit for the peaceful outcome of the strike, which was the first important nation-wide Arab demonstration against the Jews since 1929, the year of the riots, was given to the elaborate precautions against disturbances taken by the police.

The Palestine police had been ordered to wear protective helmets and the British police force carried guns. All night patrols were set up around the cities where disturbances were considered likely.

U.S., BRITISH ENVOYS PROBE NAZI ASSAULTS ON JEWS IN COMMERCE

BERLIN, Oct 27. (JTA)--Under instructions from their respective Governments, the American and British diplomats here are compiling statistics relative to the ousting of Jews from commerce and the forced liquidation of their property, it became known here today.

Foreign diplomats here have no hesitation in expressing the opinion that what is happening in Germany is not liquidation but confiscation of Jewish property.

It is understood that the diplomats are submitting conclusions to their respective governments to the effect that since the anti-Jewish economic measures are also affecting the economic stability of Germany, the question arises whether under such conditions the Reich is to be trusted with foreign credits.

According to authentic reports from many cities, "advisory offices" have already been established by the Labor Front to help "Aryans" take over Jewish businesses. It is understood that these offices are sending threatening letters to Jewish business men, demanding that they arrange to transfer their property immediately to "Aryans" through the mediation of the Labor Front offices. The mediation consists of the offices fixing prices for the business owned by Jews usually ten or fifteen percent under actual value.

Through such methods, hundreds of Jewish stores and buildings have passed into "Aryan" hands in the past few weeks and the process is continuing on an increasingly large scale.

There are cases on record where Jews have been arrested several times until they were forced to sell out to "Aryans". Thus, Aron, the Jewish owner of a large radio concern, "Nora", was taken into custody of the Nazis three times. Finally he had no other option but to sell out.

When firms are purchased under such conditions--or, for that matter, under any conditions whatever--the "Aryan" purchasers are under strict instructions to dismiss at once all Jewish employes no matter what the length of their employment.

That such dismissals are being legally supported is seen in the decision by a labor court in Frankfurt-am-Main which dismissed the complaint of a Jewish employe who had been discharged after fifteen years of service merely because he was a Jew. The court held that no firm was responsible for the dismissal of Jews from its service.

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FEAR FOR RELATIVES SPURRED MISS MAYER'S ACCEPTANCE, IS BELIEF

BERLIN, Oct 27. (JTA)--That Helene Mayer, famous German-Jewish fencing star now living in Oakland, Cal., was forced to accept the invitation of Dr. Theodor Lewald to participate in the Olympic games out of fear that her relatives in Germany would be held as hostages if she refused, was the opinion being widely expressed here today.

Dr. Lewald's announcement that he had received Miss Mayer's cabled acceptance of his invitation did not appear in the German press.

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