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JEWS NOT GIVEN EQUAL RIGHTS, SOMMERSTEIN CHARGES IN SEJM

WARSAW, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The charge that the Jewish population is "far from having equal rights in Poland" was made on the floor of the Sejm today by Dr. Emil Sommerstein, Jewish deputy from Lwow.

Discussing a bill that would give the Government far-reaching powers, Dr. Sommerstein declared that the nation's laws and the execution of those laws were definitely influenced by economic anti-Semitism.

The bill was passed by the Sejm immediately after the discussion.

Continued persecution of the small trader, a class largely composed of Jews, was leading to unemployment, consequent dire need and a feeling of hopelessness among the entire Jewish population, Dr. Sommerstein stated.

Demanding that the Government abandon its course of "etatism" (state-controlled monopoly), Dr. Sommerstein voiced his faith in the good will of the Government.

Also voicing confidence in the intentions of the Government, Deputy Laibel Minzberg of Lodz announced that he would withhold comment on Jewish affairs until the Government's principal policies were made known.

A demand for equal treatment for all Polish citizens regardless of political or religious convictions was made by Deputy Lubelski, a Catholic Priest.

BRUNDAGE ISSUES PAMPHLET IN DEFENSE OF OLYMPICS PARTICIPATION

CHICAGO, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- A pamphlet defending American participation in the Berlin Olympic games and denouncing the movement for withdrawal was issued today by Avery Brundage, chairman of the American Olympic Committee and president of the American Olympic Association, after authorization by a mail poll of the committee's 62 members.

The pamphlet, entitled "Fair Play for American Athletes," declares, "Full courtesy and hospitality in Germany are assured to Olympic athletes and visitors, no matter what race, creed or color." It divides the agitation against the Olympics into three groups: (1) Those attempting to use the games for their own ends, (2) The sincere persons who have acted without hearing both sides of the controversy and (3) Those identified with athletics who have succumbed to pressure by the first group.

Changing the scene of the games is held "impractical." It is pointed out that the games were awarded to Berlin, not to Germany, and Mr. Brundage declares participation could not be regarded as endorsement of Nazism. He goes back to George Washington for an exhortation against meddling in foreign affairs.

Mr. Brundage warns that if the United States does not compete, it may be disciplined for violation of the International Olympic Code.

In a paragraph headed "Jewish Opinion," Mr. Brundage says, "Many leaders of the faith believe much harm to the Jewish race has been done by this agitation, which in some instances has attempted to use the Jews for ulterior purposes. Jewry suffers from the radicalism and self-seeking of a few in its ranks who put personal advantages before the welfare of the race." No names of the "many leaders" are given.

Among the other arguments Mr. Brundage advances are:

The American team will be selected without regard to race and Jews will be eligible.

The chairman of the Berlin organizing committee is of Jewish descent.

It is too late to change the venue of the games. "They will be held in Berlin in 1936 or not at all."

MOSHE TEITCH, WRITER, DIES IN MOSCOW AT 53

MOSCOW, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Moshe Teitch, well known Jewish newspaper man, short story writer and lyrical poet, died here yesterday at the age of 53.

Teitch was born in Wartazi, in the Wilno district of Poland. From early youth he was active in the affairs of the Bund, Jewish workers' party. In 1901, he was arrested for political activities. He had lived in Moscow since 1918 and was associate editor of the Emess, Yiddish Communist daily here. In addition he acted as correspondent for the Freiheit, New York City Yiddish Communist daily, and the Presse, Argentine newspaper.

SALESMEN IN HAMBURG MUST HAVE "NAZI VIEWS" OR LOSE JOBS

HAMBURG, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Jewish salesmen in this city, if they are to continue to hold their positions, must henceforth prove that they are "imbued with Nazi views," according to the local Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber issued an order yesterday stating that all salesmen must undergo special examinations "to prove not only that they possess commercial ability but that they are also imbued with Nazi views." A special board representing the Chamber of Commerce, the Labor Front and the Hitler Youth will examine prospective salesmen.

USED BLOND SALESMEN, JEWISH WINE DEALERS JAILED BY NAZIS

BERLIN, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Because they allegedly used fifty blond Jews as salesmen in order to deceive potential customers, the brothers Karl and Heinrich Heymann, wine dealers, were yesterday arrested by the authorities of Mainz. The brothers are accused of concealing the Jewish ownership of their firm by using the "Aryan" name of one of their employees.

ATTACK ON JEWS BREAKS UP FOOTBALL GAME IN POLAND

WARSAW, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- A football match between a Maccabi club and a Polish Olympics team at the city of Kolo ended in a riot yesterday when a mob of 500 attacked the Jewish team and Jewish spectators.

The riot was precipitated when Lipnowski, a member of the Maccabi team, was shoved by a player on the Polish squad. Several Jews were wounded, at least two of them seriously, in the ensuing free-for-all. The police restored order finally, making many arrests. Efforts to resume the game were abandoned.

4 "ARYANS" JAILED FOR ROBBERING JEWISH MERCHANT

DUSSELDORF, Germany, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Four "Aryans" were sentenced by a court here yesterday to serve from two to five years in prison for invading a Jewish shop and, as Nazis, forcing the proprietor to open his safe and give them 1,800 marks. The robbery was committed under the pretext that they were seeking concealed Communist literature.

REPORTS OF EXCESSES IN POLISH CITIES PARTLY CONFIRMED

WARSAW, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Partial confirmation of reports of anti-Semitic excesses in certain Polish cities was obtained by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

According to information supplied by the office of the Jewish Community in Minsk Mazowiecki, a gang of rowdies in nearby Dobro on the night of October 19 attacked Jews returning from synagogue where they had attended Simchat Torah services.

A fourteen-year-old boy, Joshua Frum, was seriously wounded by the gangsters and had to be taken to a hospital in Warsaw. The hooligans smashed windows of the synagogue and Jewish houses in the town.

Upon intervention by a Dobro delegation, led by the rabbi, the Governor of Minsk ordered the District Commissar to arrest the assailants. Results of the investigation are as yet unknown.

The executive of the Jewish Community of Minsk stated, however, that except for the Dobro excesses no others had occurred as far as they could learn. It was stated that there was no basis for reports circulated abroad that pogroms had become a daily occurrence.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency established, however, that on the same night Moishe Sabiburski, a Hebrew teacher in Dublin, had been attacked by rowdies and died three days later as the result of his wounds. It has not yet been established whether the attack on Sabiburski was of a political or criminal character.

Here in Warsaw usually well-informed sources disclaimed knowledge of reports, printed in Yiddish papers abroad, of pogroms in half a dozen towns. Jewish members of the Sejm, the Jewish press and the Central Merchants Association informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that they had no knowledge of the reported pogroms. The Merchants Association, however, stated it had received reports of anti-Jewish boycott agitation in Lublin, Plock, Wloclawek and Siedlce.

Meanwhile, an official of the Ministry of the Interior, was investigating complaints today of anti-Semitic activities by rowdies in the towns of Kloback and Traskalas, near Czestochowa.

REICH EXPORTS TO PALESTINE EXCEED ENGLAND'S

JERUSALEM, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Palestine imported approximately \$90,000 more of Germany's products in the month of June than it did from England, official figures released by the Government disclosed today.

Imports from Germany in that month totalled £173,718, or about \$868,590, against England's £161,530, or about \$807,650. American products to the value of approximately \$700,925 were imported to Palestine in the same period.

Palestine exports in June suffered a sharp decrease, dropping from \$507,375 a year ago to \$346,845 this year.

SHOLEM ASCH PROPOSED FOR NOBEL PRIZE

LONDON, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The Manchester Evening News in an editorial today proposes that the Nobel Prize for Literature be awarded this year to Sholem Asch. If the suggestion is heeded, Asch would become the second Jew in the history of the Nobel awards to receive the prize for literature. Henri Bergson, noted French Jewish philosopher, was awarded the coveted prize in 1927. All of Asch's work has been written in Yiddish. Among his works translated into English, in which language they have attained enormous circulation, are "Salvation," "Three Cities," and "Mottke the Thief."

MIZRACHI TO START FUND DRIVE IN U.S., BRITAIN

JERUSALEM, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The World Mizrachi Organization, orthodox Zionist group, today announced that it is shortly sending delegations to England and the United States to start a fund-raising campaign for Mizrachi colonization activities in Palestine.

PALESTINE STARTS DRIVE AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The Government authorities today launched a determined campaign against immigrants who entered the country illegally. Arrests are being made even of persons who have been living in Palestine for some time.

NAZI PAPER ATTACKS AMERICAN RACE TOLERANCE

BERLIN, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Racial equality and tolerance of minorities as practiced in America are the targets of a strong attack in today's issue of Der Schwarze Korps, official organ of Hitler's favorite troops.

In a full-page article devoted to the subject, the publication exclaims in horror that "it is theoretically possible for a Negro to become president of the United States."

Continuing its attack against the Jews of America, Der Schwarze Korps alleges that they play the chief role in Wall Street and that the "synagogue and Tammany Hall are working hand in hand."

Another article in today's issue of the paper demands that German firms sever their relations with Jewish representatives abroad and replace them with "Aryans."

The article states that in Rumania, Egypt and other countries, 50 per cent of the goods imported from Germany is under Jewish control. Jews are doing Germany more harm than good by representing German firms abroad, the article contends.

That the demands were inspired by official sources is revealed by the fact that other newspapers simultaneously published similar demands, urging that representation be taken from Jews and handed over to local Germans especially in the Baltic States.

The same publication bitterly reprimands the German Academy of Munich for daring to include Heinrich Heine's works in a symposium of thirty-six German poets. The paper demands that Heine's work be eliminated because he was a "non-Aryan."

That the world-wide boycott against Germany is relaxing is the statement made in today's edition of the Frankfurter Zeitung, which bases its contention on figures released by the foreign trade department of the Rhine District which show an alleged increase in exports.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS TO BE CONVOKED BEFORE END OF 1936

PARIS, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The Committee of Jewish Delegations decided today that the projected World Jewish Congress will be called before the end of 1936. Present at the meeting at which the decision was adopted was Abraham Goldberg, New York journalist and Zionist leader.

Mr. Goldberg, who arrived in Paris en route to New York from Palestine, was instructed to inform American-Jewish leaders that the European Jews would not insist on democratic elections for delegates to the world congress.

The idea of a congress representing Jews throughout the world is being pressed by the Committee of Jewish Delegations under the leadership of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York.

NUREMBERG LAWS TO BE USED AGAINST FOREIGN JEWISH CITIZENS

BERLIN, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Insofar as they affect German blood and German honor, the Nuremberg laws will apply against Jews of foreign citizenship, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today in connection with the case of Rudolf Selz, British Jew who was arrested in Munich on charges of "rassenschande" (racial defilement), released upon protests by the British Embassy and immediately rearrested yesterday.

Selz, it was learned here, will be deported as an undesirable alien. The "rassenschande" charges will be dropped because the German Government is unwilling to create an incident involving Great Britain particularly since details of the law have not yet been promulgated and its legal status has not been clearly defined.