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SALE OF DAIRY PRODUCTS BARRED TO POLISH JEWS;
SHECHITA BILL TO BE AMENDED

WARSAW, March 18. (JTA) -- A bill prohibiting Jews from selling dairy products and vegetables in Poland went to the Senate today after passage by the Sejm (lower house), while a proposal to prohibit kosher slaughtering was returned to committee for conclusion of a provision to permit sufficient kosher slaughter for religious needs.

Reports from the provinces on yesterday's strike of Polish Jewry against failure of the Government to check anti-Semitic excesses stated that the demonstrations for the most part were peaceful, being marred only by minor clashes with police. Included in the reports were Lodz, Bialystok, Wilno, Cracow, Lwow and other cities.

Following termination of the strike, the two principal Jewish papers, the Warsaw Haint and the Moment, were confiscated by the police for reasons that have not been made known.

It was learned today that District Commissioner Tremarucek of Radom, where anti-Jewish rioting occurred last week, had called a meeting of rabbis and leaders of the Jewish community, threatening them with "further consequences" unless they signed a statement warning Jews not to participate in the general strike.

With spectators barred from the gallery as a precaution against demonstrations, the Sejm passed the bill on sale of dairy products and vegetables on the third reading.

The bill to ban kosher slaughtering was referred to committee by a large majority after Deputy Premier Eugen Kwiatowski had stated

he did not object to the bill as such, but feared it might be held unconstitutional without a provision for religious needs.

He asked that the Government be given the power of filling religious needs under a numerus clausus system of government concessions.

The committee began consideration of the amendment today under instructions to bring the revised measure in for a vote on Friday.

In introducing the bill, Deputy Rudnitzky, rapporteur for the committee, asserted that prohibition of shechita was not unconstitutional. He read a letter purporting to have been written by a Warsaw Jew named Isaac Koenigsberger to show that Jews favored the bill. It was later established that Koenigsberger is mentally deficient.

In Jewish circles it was declared today that even if Kwiatowski's amendment is included, passage of the bill would mean that kosher slaughtering is officially banned and that thousands of Jews working in kosher abattoirs are deprived of their livelihood.

"ARYAN" CAN'T DODGE MARITAL OBLIGATIONS TO "NON-ARYAN" WIFE
UNLESS DIVORCED, REICH HIGH COURT RULES

BERLIN, March 18. (JTA) -- A significant verdict on the question of intermarriage has been handed down by a German Federal Court in which it is indicated that formal divorce is a requisite before an "Aryan" may renounce his marital obligations to his "non-Aryan" partner.

Attention of legal circles was focussed on the case today when the verdict drew favorable comment in the current issue of the bi-monthly Deutsche Juristen-Zeitung.

The Federal Court had rejected an appeal by an "Aryan" husband against a judgment by a lower court which favored his Jewish wife. In the higher court's verdict, it was ruled that marriage between Jews and Germans, although no longer allowed, impose upon the "Aryan" partner the duties of faithfulness and support.

"Whoever decided to marry a person of alien race," the court declared, "undertook a life contract and as long as he has not been divorced he is not entitled to renounce his obligations because he is feeling the effect of racial inequality. On the contrary, the partners in such a marriage should show greater consideration for each other despite racial differences."

LONDON JUDGE WARNS PRISON TERMS FACE JEW-BAITING FASCISTS

LONDON, March 18. (JTA) -- A warning to Fascists that anyone interfering with Jews would be sent to prison was sounded in Old Street Court today by Magistrate Herbert Metcalfe in sentencing

Ernest Williams, a member of the British Fascist movement, to ten dollars fine or a month's imprisonment for using insulting words to a Jew.

"I am quite satisfied," the magistrate said in passing sentence, "that interference with Jews exists in the East End."

"If there's this sort of baiting going on against respectable people, whether Jews, Gentiles or anyone else," he continued, "it will be stopped. I shall not hesitate in sending straight to prison the first man brought before me for interfering with Jews."

The same court recently heard the Crown Prosecuting Attorney, in pressing a case against a Fascist propaganda officer who had made an anti-Jewish speech, announce that the police were under standing orders to arrest all persons indulging in anti-Jewish talk.

The order was issued by the Police Commissioner of London following an address in the House of Commons by Sir John Simon, Home Secretary, in which he stated that persecution of Jews in London's East End would be suppressed.

JOSHUA ROCKER, EDITOR OF CLEVELAND JEWISH WORLD, DIES AT 72

CLEVELAND, March 18. (JTA) -- Joshua Rocker, editor of the Cleveland Jewish World, and a prominent communal worker, died today after a long illness. He was 72 years old. His son, Henry, who survives him, is manager of the newspaper.

Born in Gorlitz, Galicia, in 1891, Mr. Rocker came to Cleveland in 1891. Seven years later he founded the first Jewish printing press in Cleveland. In 1908 he started this city's first daily Yiddish newspaper under the name Jewish Daily Press. He combined this with Dor Stern, a weekly, as the Jewish Daily World.

He wrote several books on Talmudic and Chassidic lore, and was known as an active Zionist since the Basle Zionist Congress.

ARAB EMPLOYERS TOLD NOT TO HIRE JEWS

JAFFA, Palestine, March 18. (JTA) -- Arab employers were today warned by the Arab Workers' Union not to employ Jews. The warning contained an implied threat of reprisals against the employers unless the warning was heeded. The employers informed the police of the warning and asked for special protection.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE HOLDS RABBIS MUST ESPOUSE SOCIAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, March 18. (JTA) -- A resolution expressing the view that discussion of social and economic problems properly belongs within the synagogue was adopted by the biennial convention of the United Synagogue of America, which closed last night. It added

that it was not only the right but the duty of the clergy and laity to espouse all causes which, in their opinion, further the ends of social and economic justice.

The convention urged synagogues, in another resolution, to discourage distinctions based upon social differences among its members and encourage the laboring masses to enter the synagogue and participate in the management of its affairs.

The Rabbinical Assembly's proposed reform of marriage regulations in an effort to solve the problem of the "agunah," or deserted wife, was hailed as "a measure calculated to preserve in modern life the spirit of fairness and equality in the relation between husband and wife to enhance reverence for Jewish law and obedience to its precepts." The organization pledged cooperation with the assembly in giving effect to the reform.

Further resolutions were adopted protesting the projected prohibition of shechita in Poland, this protest to be forwarded to the Polish Embassy, and endorsing the campaigns of United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the HIAS.

War was condemned as a means of settling international disputes and further appropriations for increased military forces opposed. The convention supported the Wagner-Costigan Anti-Lynching Bill in another resolution.

The Executive council was instructed to appoint a committee to plan a twenty-fifth anniversary celebration to be held in 1938 at which the memory of Professor Solomon Schechter, founder of the United Synagogue, would be honored.

SENATORS PITTMAN, GLASS SCORE PERSECUTION OF JEWS

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- Persecution of Jews was condemned in telegrams from Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and Senator Carter Glass, which were made public today by the American Jewish Congress in connection with an emergency conference called for Sunday to take action on protecting the Polish Jews.

Senator Pittman was quoted as follows:

"Like every American citizen, I deeply abhor tyranny and persecution, both governmental and individual. Such persecutions are incomprehensible. Today peoples and those in control of many governments seem to me to be approaching hysteria bordering upon what appears to be a form of governmental insanity. Democracy today exists in very few countries. Queer ideas of nationalism, of the right of nationals and their liberties and the administration of government seem to be cropping up throughout the world. We think democracy is the best form of government and we cannot understand why peoples in many places have turned to some form of arbitrary, cruel and uncontrolled dictatorships."

Senator Glass's telegram stated:

"I have repeatedly gone on record as utterly opposed to all persecution of Jews, whether in Poland or Germany or elsewhere, and I sympathize with every movement in behalf of justice to them and in condemnation of discrimination against them."

VENIZELOS DIES IN EXILE; WAS EQUIVOCAL ON ANTI-SEMITISM

PARIS, March 18. (JTA) -- Eleutherios Venizelos, former Greek premier, who at various times avowed and disclaimed anti-Semitism on the part of his political party, died in exile today. He was 71 years old. The power of the Republican leader was broken last March when a revolution attempted by his adherents was quelled.

In September, 1934, he declared in a newspaper article that his party had become anti-Semites because the Jews had opposed it in the elections. Later he was quoted as saying, "I do not wish the Jews to vote for me. I desire only Greek votes."

In January of the same year, he had expressed regret that there had been "changed relations" between his party and the Jews, and expressed himself ready to intervene personally to bring about a reconciliation.

TARIFF REVIVES PALESTINE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A tariff of twenty-five cents on each pair of ladies silk stockings brought into the Holy Land has revived an industry which had considerable American capital invested in it and which had been threatened with complete collapse because of Japanese dumping competition.

Evidence of the tariff's effectiveness was made available with the reopening of the Meshi Silk Mills which had been forced to close down about six months ago because of inability to compete with Japanese prices. The mills, owned by a former American Jew, operate 68 looms.

The High Commissioner for Palestine, in fixing new tariffs on silk and artificial goods at double the old duties, has averted what appeared to be the death of the country's infant textile industry. A number of the mills, many of them with American capital behind them, had closed or been threatening to close because of the ruinous Japanese competition. The new duties will make it possible for these mills to compete against the low-cost Japanese wares and give employment to several hundreds of skilled workers whose jobs had been in jeopardy.