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VIENNA MAYOR ATTACKS JEWS; REFERS TO PHOENIX INCIDENT

VIENNA, March 31. (JTA) -- Fears that the financial difficulties of the Phoenix Life Insurance Society would be used for anti-Jewish purposes were justified today when it was learned that Burgomaster Schmitz, in addressing the Catholic Association last night, made a bitter anti-Semitic speech in which he used the Phoenix affair as a springboard.

The insurance firm, largest in Austria, was headed by Dr. Wilhelm Berliner, a Jew, as chairman of the board. Dr. Berliner died more than a month ago and was succeeded in his post by an "Aryan." When irregularities in the conduct of the concern were made public last week by the Government, it was feared in Jewish circles that anti-Semitic forces would try to capitalize on them in view of the current anti-Jewish feeling in Austria.

Concern over the Burgomaster's speech centered around its official character, since Schmitz holds office by appointment of the Government.

CONCHITA SUPERVIA TO RECEIVE JEWISH BURIAL

LONDON, March 31. (JTA) -- Conchita Supervia, famous Spanish prima donna who died here yesterday in childbirth, will be buried tomorrow in the Jewish Liberal Cemetery.

Mme. Supervia was converted to Judaism after her marriage to Ben Rubinstein, London timber broker and fruit farmer. She was 37 years old.

5,000 IN PARIS PROTEST POLISH EXCESSES

PARIS, March 31. (JTA) -- A resolution protesting the anti-Jewish excesses in Poland was adopted by acclaim last night by a conference of 5,000 persons which was addressed by outstanding literary and political leaders.

The conference, sponsored by the Federation of Jewish societies of France, was presided over by the well known writer, Pierre Paraf. Among the speakers were Deputy Berthon, Israel LeCache, president of the League to Combat Anti-Semitism, and Israel Efroykin, president of the Federation of Jewish Societies.

SALONICA'S CHIEF RABBI WIRES PROTEST ON POLISH DISORDERS

SALONICA, Greece, March 31. (JTA) -- A protest against recent anti-Semitic excesses in Poland was cabled to Warsaw today by Zvi Hirsch Koretz, chief rabbi of Salonica.

The Ladino newspaper El Mensajero demanded the resignation of the Polish consul in Salonica, Alber Nehama.

U.S. JEWS INCREASE PASSOVER AID TO POLAND

WARSAW, March 31. (JTA) -- American Jews contributed more funds and food for use of Polish Jews during the forthcoming Passover than in previous years, it was announced here today. The contributions from the United States exceeded those made by Palestine Jews, which fell off from the preceding year.

LONDON PHYSICIANS ASK INQUIRY ON INFLUX OF REFUGEE DOCTORS

LONDON (JTA) -- An inquiry into the number of Jewish physicians who have come to England from Germany has been asked by Dr. A. Welply, general secretary of the Medical Practitioners' Union, in view of the claim "that they are competing strongly against our own doctors," the Evening Express reports.

The British Medical Association's attitude, the paper says, has been that the problem is not acute enough to warrant action. The association estimates that about 200 foreign doctors have arrived in England.

Dr. Welply, whose organization claims a monopoly on the right to practice medicine, said that the situation was "really serious," adding, "My council has asked the Home Office for information concerning the number admitted since 1933. Most of these arrivals are German-Jewish doctors."

BATH TUBS GAIN IN PALESTINE - WATER TO FILL 'EM IS PROBLEM

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Native antipathy to bathtubs is being overcome and they are fast becoming standard equipment throughout the Near East. The only trouble is that frequent there isn't enough water to fill them.

A Haifa firm, the Palestine Foundries and Metal Works, is turning out tubs at the rate of 10,000 a year and is confident that there is an ample market for them.

The bathtub industry is forging ahead apace, now that a price war which disrupted the market in Palestine has been brought to an end by an agreement of the International Bath Association, the trade cartel, which gives the Palestine concern preference in the Holy Land and Syrian markets.

JESUIT PREACHES ANTI-SEMITISM WHILE HIS BISHOP CONDEMNS INTOLERANCE

VIENNA, March 18. (JTA -- By Mail)-- Social and economic ostracism of Jews and introduction of a numerus clausus against converts were demanded tonight by Jesuit Father Pilchmaier, Catholic leader, addressing a crowded meeting at the Austrian Technological Museum. Among those who attended the meeting were Chief Rabbi Feuchtwang and Cardinal Innitzer.

Another speaker was Bishop Hudal, rector of the Institute for the Promotion of Christian Science in Rome, who spoke more moderately. While declaring there can be no doubt that racial facts exist, he contended that race is not everything and held the Nazi race theory incompatible with Christianity.

Father Pilchmaier also rejected race theories and disclaimed any intention of furthering persecution of Jews, but asserted that Christian culture was too much under Jewish influence. He demanded removal of Jewish influence from the theatre, cinema, schools and economic life and urged limitation of Jews in high public positions.

He stated that only a faithful Christian could be regarded as a thoroughly loyal citizen of a Christian state, adding that converts who had not been baptized at an early age should be treated with caution and be put through a period of probation.

Bishop Hudal said it would be a concession to materialism to make race the pivotal point of human values. It would be very deplorable, he declared, if the German people were to lock themselves up permanently in a race ghetto. Old Germany had no fear of mixing races, he added.

WARSAW PAPER ATTACKS JEWISH FISH "MONOPOLY"

WARSAW, March 31. (JTA) -- An alleged Jewish monopoly of the fish trade was the target of an attack today in the newspaper "A.B.C." which declares that the sale of seafood is entirely in Jewish hands and that "not a single 'Aryan' face is visible in the fish markets."

According to the paper, this city alone consumes between 100,000 and 200,000 kilos of fish weekly, of which Jewish wholesalers sell not less than 70,000.

The newspaper accuses Jews of maintaining unsanitary and unhygienic conditions in the conduct of their business and charges them with having set up a dictatorship to control it.

Following publication of the charges, a sanitary inspector from the Warsaw department of health appeared in the fish market accompanied by a photographer whom he instructed to take pictures of the Jewish fish traders.

JEWS CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING EMIGRANTS TO BUREYA

WARSAW, March 31. (JTA) -- The authorities discovered today an alleged gang of smugglers who were charged with illegally transporting emigrants to Biro-Bidjan, Soviet autonomous Jewish territory. Among those arrested as Abe Wissenberg.

6 JEWS WOUNDED IN NEW POLISH RIOTS

WARSAW, March 31. (JTA) -- Six Jews were injured today in disorders that broke out in Warsaw, Lodz, Karczew, Bialyok and Kriniza, near Krakow.

A Jewish glazier, Isalah Sklowoski, and a tailor, Aaron Broker, were given medical attention here after they had been attacked by anti-Semites.

Three Jews were beaten up in Lodz. They were Melech Teifel, who suffered a concussion of the brain; Natan Dyerman, who sustained knife wounds, and Moshe Sommerstein, wounded in the head.

In Karczew, members of the anti-Semitic Nationalist party picketed Jewish shops, refusing admittance to Christian customers. They smashed windows of Jewish houses and injured 70-year-old M. Kaufman with a knife.

Bialystok anti-Semites smashed windows of the offices of the local Jewish community and of a home for the aged. In Kriniza, rioters smashed windows of Jewish houses. Krakow police arrested five Nationalist leaders after searching the offices of the party.

ENDEK LEADERS GET JAIL TERMS IN GRODNO

GRODNO, Poland, March 31. (JTA) -- A group of Nationalist (Endek) leaders were today sentenced to serve six months in jail for participating in an illegal meeting of the anti-Semitic organization.

It was testified at the trial that when the police arrived, the Endeks were shouting: "In Poland, the Government is in Jewish hands. The wives of the Polish ministers are Jewesses."

At a general meeting of lawyer members of the Endek Party, a resolution was adopted urging bar associations in Poland not to accept Jewish members and to introduce the numerus clausus in the juridical faculties of universities. Other resolutions demanded that rights of Jews in Poland be restricted by legislation and urged Christian lawyers to sever relations with Jewish attorneys.

REICH CURBS EMIGRATION OF YOUNG JEWS IN PREPARATION FOR WAR

BERLIN, March 31. (JTA) -- Preparing itself "economically and militaristically" for war, the German Government today issued an order prohibiting Jews of military age from emigrating without obtaining special emigration permits from both the military and civil authorities, although Jews are barred from the army.

Simultaneously new anti-Jewish measures were announced, prohibiting Jews from leasing drugstores, ousting Jewish pharmacists from the Druggists' Association and providing that when a Jewish druggist with a permanent license dies, his widow must lease his license to an "Aryan."

Another official announcement stated that the problem of eliminating the "Jewish influence" from German jurisprudence will be taken up at a special conference of the Nazi High Court some time in the Fall.

Meanwhile, Fuehrer Hitler, evidently anticipating that the anti-Nazi boycott might be expanded by European powers into complete isolation of the Reich through economic sanctions for his repudiation of the Locarno treaties, was quoted by Herr Keppler, his personal adviser on economics, as declaring that the German people need not worry if sanctions are proclaimed.

"We do not want economic isolation," Keppler asserted in Hitler's Voelkischer Beobachter, chief Nazi Party organ. "If, however, we are compelled to face such isolation, there is no reason to worry about the future."

This optimism was explained by the claim that Germany can now produce synthetic goods.

The decree on Jews of military age followed a Government order stating that although Jews are barred from the Reichswehr in peacetime, they will be drafted in case of war and assigned under present military regulations to "Military Reserve No. 2."

While young Jews are restricted in emigration, the Government has given Jewish veterans of the World War permission to leave the country after the Jewish War Veterans' Association had notified the Government that the Jewish Exservicemen's League of England had offered to aid Jewish veterans in emigrating from the Reich.