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HUNDREDS FACE PROPERTY LOSS AS REICH BANKS CALL IN JEWS' MORTGAGES

BERLIN, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Hundreds of Jewish realty owners throughout Germany are in danger of losing their property as a result of sudden demands for redemption of mortgages made this week by banks and State-controlled credit institutions, Jewish newspapers reported today.

According to the newspapers, the mortgages have been called for redemption before the end of the year.

The demands, the papers reported, have been motivated by the desire of public banks and credit institutions to terminate relations with Jewish clients.

While a number of the realty owners are in a position to raise funds to meet the sudden demands, it was stated, the majority of them, particularly those living in provincial districts, are not so fortunate.

The newspapers suggest that responsible Jewish organizations do their best to secure credit for the realty holders affected in order to prevent foreclosures. They also offer a plan to mobilize the liquid capital of Jews who have previously been forced to sell their commercial enterprises, utilizing such funds as credits for the property owners.

ART CRITICISM BANNED IN REICH AS "LEGACY OF JEWISH INFLUENCE"

BERLIN, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- All art, dramatic and motion picture criticism was banned today under a decree by the Ministry of Propaganda and Enlightenment on the grounds that it is a "legacy of the Jewish influence in Germany's culture." The press henceforth must confine itself to descriptive notices, the decree states.

Announcement of the ban was made by Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels, addressing the joint annual session of the Reichs Chamber of Culture and the recreation department of the German Labor Front.

Disclosing that the order had already been issued, Dr. Goebbels said it was necessary because "many German critics even today follow the typical Jewish manner" in their criticisms.

"Jewish critics," he charged, "killed many German talents by praising unimportant artists and by crushing really gifted people."

According to Dr. Goebbels, the truly great artist does not need criticism and the false artist is bound to fail.

Announcing that "the process of purifying our culture of Jews has been fully completed," Dr. Goebbels said:

"The argument which had been advanced by many that we wouldn't succeed in eliminating the Jews from our cultural life because we wouldn't have the people to replace them, has been combatted gloriously. We have suffered no difficulties whatsoever from the cultural purification."

ROYAL COMMISSION PROBES SCHOOL SYSTEM, AGRICULTURE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The British Royal Commission turned its attention today to the Palestine school system and agriculture as its investigation of recent Arab terrorism entered its third week.

Questioning by the commissioners drew the admission from Education Director Humphrey Ernest Bowman that the Government has done little to promote Jewish education, its budget providing for it only to a small extent. Mr. Bowman said the Jewish primary schools, supported by Jewish organizations, were efficient.

Asked by Commissioner Prof. Reginald Coupland of Oxford University what the Government has done to bring Arab and Jewish pupils together, Mr. Bowman admitted it had done nothing in this direction. He cited as reasons the opposition of non-Jewish parents and religious differences and emphasized that only few efforts toward this end have been made by missionaries.

Prof. Reginald Coupland, a commissioner, asked why Hebrew, which he described as the official language, was not taught in Government schools. Mr. Bowman quickly corrected Prof. Coupland, stating Hebrew was only one of the official languages of the country, the others being English and Arabic.

M. T. Dawne, director of agriculture, testified that the Government was considering the possibilities of using oranges as a means of industrializing the country. He said it would be hard to sell 25 million boxes of oranges yearly, but that this was possible.

Mr. Dawne pointed out that seven and a half dunams (about two acres) of citrus land had the same value as a hundred dunams of cereal land if properly cultivated, providing a living for their owner. He confessed that he did not know the amount of citrus land still available.

SOVIET BODY SLATES LECTURE SERIES ON HEBREW LITERATURE

MOSCOW, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A series of lectures on medieval and modern Hebrew literature for the Jewish section of the Moscow Pedagogic and Literary Institute was announced here tonight. The lectures will be given under the auspices of A. S. Buoncy, Commissar of Education.

Coming at a time when the All-Union Congress of Soviets was meeting to adopt the new liberal constitution, speculation was aroused as to whether the announcement foreshadowed abandonment of the ban on Hebrew and Zionism.

The lectures, to be delivered by Alexander Chasin, will begin shortly, the announcement said, and will cover Talmudic literature, Hebrew literature of the Middle Ages and modern works, including even those of Chaim Nachman Bialik, the late Hebrew poet laureate and foremost exponent of Zionism in poetry.

It was recalled that the World Jewish Congress which met in Geneva last September decided to negotiate with the Soviet Government for abandonment of the restrictions on the teaching of Hebrew and propagation of Zionism.

AUSTRIA NOT TO APE REICH IN TREATMENT OF JEWS, J.T.A. IS TOLD

VIENNA, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- There can be no question that Austria will follow Germany's example in treatment of the Jews as a consequence of the recent negotiations of Dr. Guido Schmidt, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, with Nazi officials in Berlin, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was reliably informed tonight.

Jewish circles had expressed fears in connection with Dr. Schmidt's conversations with Chancellor Hitler and other German officials on extension of the Austro-German agreement.

It was pointed out that there was little likelihood that Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg would attempt to renounce Austria's minority obligations to the League of Nations.

It was expected, however, that Jewish problems in social and cultural spheres would become more acute as a result of the cultural agreement between Austria and Germany which gives the Reich freedom to spread Nazi cultural ideals in Austria.

REPORTED ARREST OF BIALIK KIN DENIED IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The report of the German News Agency that General Jan Gamarnik, brother-in-law of the late Chaim Nachman Bialik, Hebrew poet laureate, has been arrested for Trotzkyist activities is absolutely without foundation, it was authoritatively stated tonight.

WORLD PARLEY OF RELIEF GROUPS URGED BY ORT HEAD

WARSAW, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- An international congress of Jewish relief organizations to coordinate their work was proposed tonight in an interview with newspapermen by Dr. David Lvovitch, vice-president of the World ORT Federation, organization for Jewish vocational retraining.

He expressed hopes that the conference could be held next Summer with the participation of the ORT, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Jewish Colonization Association, the HTAS-ICA Emigration Association and other groups.

The conference would "greatly facilitate the working out of a general constructive plan for the next few years," Dr. Lvovitch said.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC ORDER BILL REJECTED

LONDON, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- An amendment to the Government Public Order Bill which would make racial attacks an offense was defeated in Commons yesterday on the ground that a clause prohibiting use of insulting and threatening language covers the situation.

CRIPPLE, CALLED ANTI-POLISH AGITATOR, GIVEN 2-YEAR JAIL TERM

WARSAW, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A crippled Jew, Salman Greenzweig, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the Warsaw District Court on a charge of incitement against Poles.

The prosecutor declared that "Jews come out of the ghetto to attack and provoke Poles so that later they can protest to the world of being persecuted."

BILLION MARKS SPENT YEARLY TO PUSH ANTI-NAZI EXPORTS

BERLIN, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The German Government is spending 1,000,000,000 marks annually to break down resistance to German exports abroad, it was stated here by Ministerial Councillor Hunke at the opening session of the Continental Advertising Congress.

BAN "ARYAN" ACTORS WED TO JEWS

BERLIN, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- "Aryan" actors having Jewish wives will henceforth be considered Jewish and not be permitted to appear in German plays or films, according to an order issued today by the Reich Culture Chamber. The order also applies to foreign productions intended for exhibition in Germany.

SAID ROBERT LEY WAS BORN LEVY, CZECH JEW JAILED IN REICH

BERLIN, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A Czechoslovakian Jew, Leo Raugenhoth, has been sentenced by an Essen court to eight months' imprisonment, it was reported today, for stating in a private conversation that the name of Dr. Robert Ley, head of the German Labor Front, was originally Levy.

NO MORE JEWISH ARTISANS IN BAVARIA

BERLIN, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The Lower Bavarian Chamber of Commerce declared in a statement today that "artisanship in lower Bavaria has now become completely 'judenrein'" (free of Jews).

TRANSCAAL NATIONALIST PARTY EXCLUDES JEWS

JOHANNESBURG, Union of So. Africa, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The Transvaal Nationalist Party has voted unanimously to ban Jews from its ranks. The party's Federal Council, it was announced, will be asked to include the ban in the party constitution.

\$1,500,000 RAISED FOR PALESTINE LABOR, GEWERKSHAFTEN PARLEY TOLD

NEW YORK, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The sum of \$1,500,000 has been raised to date by the Gewerkshaffen campaign for Palestine labor, it was reported tonight at the opening here of the twelfth annual convention of the organization. The convention, which will last three days, will set a quota for the forthcoming year.

Joseph Baratz, representing the Palestine General Labor Federation, gave a report on the recent Arab disorders and the investigation being conducted by the British Royal Commission.

Mayor LaGuardia, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and David Finski were among the scheduled speakers Saturday afternoon.

EINSTEIN CO-INVENTOR OF NEW CAMERA USING PHOTO-ELECTRIC EYE

NEW YORK, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Prof. Albert Einstein was revealed today as the co-inventor of a new camera which will enable amateur photographers to get good results without worrying about time exposure.

The camera employs a photo-electric "eye" which, when a button is pressed, admits the proper amount of light. Dr. Gustav Bucky, specialist in use of the X-ray as a curative medium, is Prof. Einstein's collaborator.

Patent experts predict the new camera, which has been patented, will be practically and commercially important in the next few years.

TO CENSOR FASCIST FILMS IN MEXICO

NEW YORK, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The Confederation of Workers of Mexico has announced it will pass on all films to keep Fascist propaganda -- including pictures of Hitler and Mussolini -- off Mexican screens, the Associated Press reported from Mexico City.

CORRECTION

A Jerusalem dispatch in the J.T.A. News of Nov. 23 incorrectly stated that a new lecture-room building will be opened at the Hebrew University with funds donated by the late Solomon Rosenbloom. According to the American Friends of the Hebrew University, Mrs. Rosenbloom contributed the funds in her husband's memory.