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POLISH PARLIAMENT FEARED PLANNING NEW ANTI-JEWISH LAWS IN 1937

WARSAW, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Polish Jewry looked forward to the new year glumly today as the conviction gained ground in informed political quarters that the Sejm, Poland's lower parliamentary house, was preparing new anti-Jewish legislation.

It is known that a number of bills aiming to curtail Jewish political and civil rights will be introduced at the first 1937 session of the Sejm, which opens January 3.

The exact content of the bills is not known. However, great anxiety prevails among the Jews since the present Sejm is the most anti-Semitic in Poland's history. Any bill featuring discriminatory measures against Jews must be conceded the best possible chance of being enacted. Anxiety is especially keen since elements which could organize effective opposition against proposed anti-Semitic legislation are inclined to join in the anti-Semitic Nationalist policy on Jewish questions.

AGUDATH ISRAEL TO SUPPORT NEW WARSAW KEHILLA

WARSAW, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Agudath Israel, extreme orthodox Jewish organization, announced today it will support the Government-appointed administration of the Warsaw Jewish Community, which other Jewish groups have announced they will boycott.

The announcement was made as the Government prepared to appoint a commissar to govern the affairs of the largest Jewish community after its elected council had been dissolved. The Government intends to name an "advisory council" to assist the commissar.

DUELS OVER WAR SLUR OFF, POLISH DEPUTY NOW FACES LIBEL SUIT

WARSAW, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- There will be no duels between Jewish army officers, incensed over an alleged slur against the Jewish war record, and Deputy Budzinski, it was decided today by the principals.

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Instead, there may be a libel suit, instituted by stenographers in the Sejm, Polish lower parliamentary house, against Mr. Budzinski.

In wriggling his way out of the duels, Mr. Budzinski took recourse in an old standby -- "I was misquoted" by the stenographers and the newspapers. The stenographers immediately took exception to being made the goat and announced today their intention to sue the deputy for libel.

Meanwhile, taking advantage of a parliamentary code which provides that a deputy need not give satisfaction if during the course of a speech in parliament he attacks somebody without naming him, Mr. Budzinski ducked out of the duels.

The incident was closed, except for the threatened libel suit, when seconds of both parties signed a protocol declaring that newspapers had misquoted that part of Budzinski's speech alleging Jewish army desertions during the war.

20 POLISH JEWISH FAMILIES HOMELESS AFTER SUSPICIOUS BLAZE

WARSAW, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Twenty Jewish families were homeless today following a fire believed incendiary in origin, which burned to the ground their dwellings in the town of Okuniev. One suspect, a Pole, was arrested.

A delegation from the town reached Warsaw this morning, asking for relief from funds supplied by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

PALESTINE LABOR LEADERS TESTIFY; EQUAL RIGHTS ASKED FOR WOMEN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Equal rights for Jewish women in Palestine were demanded before the Royal Commission of Inquiry today by Goldie Meieron, member of the executive of the Histadruth (General Jewish Federation of Labor) and formerly of America.

Other labor leaders who testified today were Berl Katznelson, editor of Davar, laborite daily, and Dov Hos, vice mayor of Tel Aviv.

Mr. Katznelson denied reports there were 6,000 unemployed Jews in the country, placing the number of jobless at 2,500 at the present time. He said Jews could provide 3,000 enlisted men for the police department if the Government asked for them or gave the Jews an equal share in Government employment.

The labor leader charged the Government with displaying a lack of sympathy for the Jews and said it failed to grant them an equal share in harbor, railway and defense posts. He also charged that the Government granted huge land tracts to the offenders (Arab estate owners) while giving nothing to the Jews.

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Royal Commission to Leave Jan. 12

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Royal Commission of Inquiry announced in a communique today that it is preparing to leave for England on Jan. 12. On returning home it will report to Parliament on its two-month investigation of recent Palestine disorders and the administration of the League of Nations mandate for the Holy Land.

The six-man commission, headed by Lord Peel, was appointed last July 29 and opened its inquiry here on Nov. 12. It has heard Government officials and Jewish leaders. The Arab Supreme Committee has boycotted the hearings.

AMERICAN ART EXHIBITED IN MOSCOW; DESTINED FOR BUREYA MUSEUM

MOSCOW, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A collection of 300 paintings, sculptures and etchings contributed by more than 200 American artists was on exhibition here today preliminary to being sent to the Jewish autonomous territory of Biro-Bidjan in Soviet Siberia.

The works were sent by the American artists, including Jews and non-Jews, in response to an appeal for exhibits to be placed in the Biro-Bidjan Art Museum. The exhibition here was opened yesterday by Frank Kirk, an American artist who left Russia 26 years ago because of Tsarist oppression.

The works will remain on exhibition here a month, after which the collection will be forwarded to the Jewish territory as the nucleus for the museum which the Government is constructing.

BRITISH FASCISTS ACCEPT BAN ON UNIFORMS

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The British Union of Fascists tonight announced it would forbid its members to wear uniforms at any public demonstrations under Britain's new public order law, the Havas News Agency reported.

Ordinary black shirts worn with neckties under ordinary suits are permissible under the law, the statement declared, however.

CUBAN PRESIDENT HELD "SYMPATHETIC" TO SIROVICH REFUGEE PROJECT

HAVANA, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- President Federico Laredo Bru is "very sympathetic" toward plans to establish a colony of 25,000 German Jews in Cuba, according to William Sirovich, who discussed the project with Bru late today, the Havas News Agency reported.

The plan contemplated calls for the introduction of the Jews into Cuba over a five year period, and an investment of from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 in industrial and scientific enterprises.

Sirovich said the immigrants would include well-known scientists and wealthy business men who will "make Cuba a chemical and cultural center of the world."

"They will not compete with the Cubans, but will cooperate to fight against unemployment and further scientific progress," Sirovich declared.

Agreement has been reached for a commission from the United States to visit Cuba in February to see if the climate and conditions are favorable for the project, which Sirovich first discussed with ex-president Miguel Mariano Gomez last July.

NAZI PAPER REBUKES HOLLAND FOR INSULT TO SWASTIKA

BERLIN, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Netherlands Government and Prince Bernhard Von Lippe-Biesterfeld, betrothed of Princess Juliana of Holland, were taken sharply to task by the National Zeitung of Essen today for alleged hostile demonstrations against swastika flags in Holland, the Havas News Agency reported.

The newspaper, which frequently is held to reflect the views of Col. Gen. Hermann Goering, said the demonstrations occurred during recent ceremonies connected with the forthcoming marriage.

Indignation was expressed by the newspaper over the fact the German national anthem had not been played during the ceremonies. It expressed astonishment the Prince had not considered it his duty to protest.

"We cannot but reproach the Netherlands government for having let the Marxist press pursue for four years a campaign of hate against Germany," it said.

Even though the Prince eventually becomes a "good Hollander" he must not forget before his marriage that he was born a German, the newspaper said.

The Prince formally gave up his German citizenship recently to become a Netherlands subject.

MANY HERE LISTEN TO PALESTINE ORCHESTRA BROADCAST

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Palestine Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Arturo Toscanini, was heard in the United States for the first time today in a broadcast from 2:50 to 3:40 p.m. on the WJZ network of the National Broadcasting Company.

The NBC program department reported that reception was "bad to fair" because of "cross-talk" and "surging" and that it would have cut the program off the air were it not for the importance of the event. Earlier reports said reception was excellent.

Nevertheless, many organizations held "listening parties" to hear the music from Jerusalem. The national board of Hadassah interrupted its bi-weekly meeting to listen in, sending congratulations to Toscanini and Bronislaw Huberman afterward.

The second half of the program was broadcast here, including Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony," Mendelssohn's Nocturne and Scherzo from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and Weber's "Oberon" overture. The broadcast was introduced by a talk in Hebrew. Toscanini received a great ovation after the second number.

HISTADRUTH IVRITH PLANS TO ESTABLISH HEBREW SCIENCE ACADEMY

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for establishment of a Hebrew academy for Hebrew sciences to meet annually and publish a quarterly journal was adopted at the seventeenth annual convention of the Histadruth Ivrit of America over the weekend.

Other resolutions provide for a special committee to unify Hebrew education, the calling of a convention of Hebrew teachers to discuss publishing literature in Hebrew for children, and steps to be taken for integration of the study of Hebrew in public high schools.

Abraham Goldberg, of New York, was unanimously re-elected president, and the following other officers were named: Dr. I. Effros, Buffalo, Menachem Ribalow and Rabbi S.K. Mirsky, New York, Rabbi S. Blumenfeld, Chicago, and Dr. Levinson-Levy, Boston, vice-presidents, Dr. S. Bernstein, secretary, and A. Spicehandler, treasurer.

In regard to Palestine, the convention praised the heroism of the Jewish community in the face of recent disorders and demanded that the Royal Commission take no steps detrimental to the Jewish position. The convention was attended by delegates from Hebrew societies, educational institutions and Zionists groups and heard addresses of leading Hobraists.

BRANDEIS, CARDOZO HEAD "THE NATION'S" 1936 HONOR ROLL

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Louis D. Brandeis and Benjamin B. Cardozo, associate justices of the Supreme Court, are among the first of a group named by The Nation, a liberal weekly, in its 1936 Honor Roll. They are cited, together with Justice Harlan F. Stone, for maintaining in a crucial year and against heavy odds the best traditions of the court."

MAILAMM TO PLANT GABRILOWITSCH GROVE IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A grove of eucalyptus and pine trees is to be planted on Jewish National Fund land in Palestine as a memorial to Ossip Gabrilowitsch, the famous composer, according to a plan formulated by Mailamm, the American Palestine Music Association.

To raise the necessary funds a concert has been arranged, under the auspices of Mailamm for Feb. 24 in Carnegie Hall with Albert Spalding, violinist, and Harold Bauer, pianist, as the soloists.

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE PLANS RALLY ON 4TH ANNIVERSARY OF HITLER REGIME

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League announced today plans to organize a large meeting on Jan. 30, the fourth anniversary of the Nazi rise to power in Germany. It will be simultaneous with a Nazi Government-sponsored celebration in Germany.

DUKE OF WINDSOR REPORTED PLANNING BOOK ON JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Universal Service, in a copyright dispatch from Enzesfeld, Austria, under the by-line of Alfred Tyrnauer, reports that according to confidential information Edward, Duke of Windsor, has decided to write a book in defense of the Jews and that Baron Rothschild, his host, has placed his library at Edward's disposal.

The dispatch stated that Edward was said to have ordered several reference volumes on Nazi anti-Semitism and that he told his friends the motto of the work would be "Ich Dien" (I Serve). To the question of whether he thought such a book was expedient at present, Universal Service quoted Edward saying:

"To know what is the right thing to do and not to do it is cowardice."

DEPRESSION IN CHILE AIDED ECONOMIC POSITION OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Economic depression in Chile, now apparently drawing to a close, has resulted in the absorption of many Jewish peddlers into more productive occupations, HIAS reported today. Chile's Jewish population numbers about 20,000, including approximately 3,000 immigrants in the past five years. Of the recent immigrants, about 1,000 are German refugees.

The HIAS-ICA Emigration Association has established a local Jewish immigrant-aid committee at Santiago with a branch at Valparaiso, to maintain permanent contact with the Chilean Foreign Office and Labor Department and to facilitate settlement of Jewish immigrants.

GERMAN DENTISTS BARRED FROM USING GOLD FOR FILLINGS

PARIS (JTA) -- New Year resolution for the German dentist -- I must not fill my patients' teeth with gold.

For the Reich Dental Chamber has issued a decree, says the Pariser Tagezeitung, prohibiting the use of gold for dental purposes from 1937 on. Germany needs gold for more important things. It is estimated that German dentists have been using no less than 4,000 kilograms of the precious metal annually.

Then what, asks the dentist in the Third Reich, may I use to fill the cavity in my patient's teeth? One answer comes in the announcement that the Hanover Platinum Refinery has brought out a substitute in which the principal element is Palladium. Although it must also be imported, it is cheaper than gold and lighter. By using the new substitute for gold the Tageszeitung estimates, Germany will save about 9,000,000 marks a year.

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