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NEW CITIZENSHIP CURBS ASKED IN RUMANIAN PARLIAMENT

BUCHAREST, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A bill barring automatic citizenship to foreign women marrying Rumanian subjects was introduced in Parliament today by a group of anti-Semitic deputies headed by Dr. Octavius Goga.

The bill also would amend the Naturalizations Law of 1924 to grant Rumanian citizenship only to women whose husbands are "of Rumanian ethnic origin." A clause provides that foreign wives of Jewish Rumanian citizens must reside in the country ten years before acquiring citizenship.

Before the amendments can be passed, however, they must be reviewed by the Legislative Council, comprising Rumania's foremost legal experts. The Council has the right to veto laws it considers in violation of the constitution. Since the constitution does not discriminate between sections of the population on racial or other grounds, the council's action on the amendments is expected with interest.

The Council meanwhile has been considering a bill, before Parliament since Dec. 17, which would order revision of citizenship lists in territories annexed after the World War.

The Council has recommended that Parliament defer voting on the bill until the Ministry of the Interior has submitted data proving it necessary. It further recommended that investigations of fraudulent naturalizations be conducted, with the ultimate decision on revocation being left to the courts.

A report published abroad that the Council had declared the bill unconstitutional were authoritatively denied.

Newspapers reported today that 3,000 persons, mostly Jews, in the city of Kishineff, Bessarabia, alone were marked for loss of citizen-

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ship. The reports said the city's Jewish population was in a state of panic, since the revision commissions work secretly and none knows whether or not his citizenship is under scrutiny.

KISHINEFF GETS WORD ZIONIST FUNDS BAN LIFTED

KISHINEFF, Rumania, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Zionist office has announce today that it expects shortly to renew collections for the Jewish National Fund and the Falestine Foundation Fund, discontinued for weeks as result of an order prohibiting such collections without special permits.

According to the announcement, the expectation is based on information that the Minister of Interior had wired instructions to the local authorities permitting resumption of the collections. Activity will be resumed, it was stated, upon receipt of written confirmation of the instructions which is expected soon.

12 JEWISH STUDENTS WOUNDED IN NEW WARSAW RIOTING

WARSAW, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Twelve Jewish students were wounded today, three of them seriously, in a resumption of anti-Semitic ricting by Nationalist students at Warsaw University and the Polytechnic Institute.

The Nationalists blockaded entrances to the school buildings, barring both Jewish students and lecturers. Jews in front of the buildings were attacked with sticks.

Police dispersed the rioters, but made no arrests.

Leaflets urging students to "be brutal and show no mercy" to Jews to "teach them to clear out of Poland," were distributed by Nationalists in all Warsaw higher schools without interference by the authorities.

KAHN, SCHWEITZER ARRIVE IN WARSAW FOR POLISH SURVEY

WARSAW, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Bernhard Kahn, European director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and David J. Schweitzer the committee's financial administrator, arrived here today for a survey of the Polish-Jewish situation and to confer on ameliorative plan

It was estimated here that approximately one-third of the entire Jewish population of Bialystok, or about 15,000 persons, will require charity for the Passover holidays.

Simultaneously, it was reported that the mortality rate among Jews in Lodz has doubled in recent months. A total of 21 Jewish funerals took place last Sunday alone,

RADEK'S MOTHER IN WARSAW TO PUSH MERCY PLEA TO STALIN

WARSAW, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Klara Sobelsohn, 72-year-old Galician mother of Karl Radek, arrived here today to press her battle to save the life of the noted Soviet aditor who is on trial in Moscow as an alleged Trotskyist plotter.

The Soviet Embassy, which yesterday had refused to transmit her pleas for mercy to Josef Stalin, rejected her request for an interview. Mrs, Sobelsohn thereupon sent a 300-word wire directly to Stalin, Soviet dictator, which read in part:

"Verging on the grave, an aged mother begs of the most powerful man in the world to spare the life of a son who since the age of 18 has been devoted to the cause of labor."

Mrs. Sobelsohn previously had wired and written from her home in Tarnow, Galicia.

SO. AFRICAN ALIENS BILL GOES TO SENATE

CAFE TOWN, Union of So. Africa, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The aliens bill, setting immigration quotas for all but British-born persons, passed its third reading in the House of Assembly today and was sent on to the Senate for final action.

WAUCHOPE REPORTED LEAVING FOR LONDON TODAY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- El Liwaa, Arab daily, reported today that High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope will leave for London tomorrow upon urgent request of the Colonial Office. The Government press office refused either to confirm or deny the report.

A large quantity of explosives were stolen during the night from military stores in Haifa,

Deny Wauchope Has Been Summoned

LONDON, Jan, 28. (JTA) -- The Colonial Office officially denied today a report in Jerusalem that it had summoned High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope to London. It was stated, however, that Sir Arthur may be coming to London on an ordinary leave of absence.

WEIZMANN HESITATES ON SAILING FOR U.S.

LONDON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, scheduled to address the National Conference on Palestine in Washington on Feb. 6, is hesitating on whether to proceed to the United States, it was learned tonight. Dr. Weizmann, at present in Paris, will come to London for the weekend where it was stated the matter would be decided.

JABOTINSKY INVITED TO TESTIFY BEFORE COMMISSION IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The right-wing New Zionist Organization announced today that the Royal Commission has informed it that the commission, now on its way to England after a two-month investigation in Falestine, is prepared to hear in London testimony by Vladimir Jabotinsky, world leader of the organization. The Palestine Government recently refused to issue a visa to Mr. Jabotinsky to enable him to testify in Jerusalem.

ACTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MAY BE POSTPONED UNTIL MAY

LONDON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A meeting of the Zionist General Council scheduled for the middle of April may be postponed by the Zionist Executive until after the recommendations of the Royal Commission of inquiry are published, it was learned tonight. Zionist circles believe the recommendations will be issued early in May.

LEAGUE SCORED FOR 'ABANDONING' DANZIG JEWS

LONDON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Manchester Guardian today criticized the League of Nations for what it called abandoning the Danzig Jews to the mercy of Poland.

"No polite words and guarded phrases can conceal the fact that the League has surrendered Danzig to the Nazis," the Guardian said.

JEW JAILED FOR VOTING IN GERMAN ELECTION

BERLIN, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A Potsdam Jew was sentenced to three months? imprisonment today for having violated the Reich's anti-Semitic legislation by voting in the Reichstag elections of last March, the Havas News Agency reported.

DR. ECKSTEIN, PALESTINE FUND DIRECTOR, DIES IN VIENNA

VIENMA, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Eckstein, director of the Palestine Foundation Fund in Austria, died yesterday following a long illness. He was 56 years old. Dr. Eckstein was among the first followers of Dr. Theodor Herzl, father of political Zionism.

BETTER BUSINESS AIDS WELFARE PLANNING, INSTITUTES HEAR

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Improved business conditions should afford an opportunity for more adequate planning and financing of human welfare needs, speakers agreed today at opening sessions of institutes conducted by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds at the Benjamin Franklin Hetel for about 100 welfare specialists.

Meetings were also held by social service groups. The institute sessions are preliminary to the fourth annual assembly of the Council, which opens Saturday.

A special committee of the vocational service section of the Council to study trends in employment services recommended use of scientific methods in job adjustment. Harry Greenstein, director of the Associated Jowish Charities of Baltimore, explained that Jewish vocational guidance agencies would work in cooperation with public employment agencies sot up under the Unemployment Insurance Act.

Sidney Hollander, of Baltimore, urged organized Jewish philanthropic groups to keep abreast of changed conditions. Frances Taussig, director of the Jewish Social Service Association, asked wider community support of private welfare agencies.

"The aim of the family welfare agency is to aid the needy to rise beyond the aid of need," she said. "Many people believe relief is the chief job of the family agency, but the social worker finds that relief plays a small part in family rehabilitation. All sorts of sociological and psychological factors enter into the work."

JEWISH MEMBERS OF POLISH PARLIAMENT TO VISIT U.S. IN APRIL

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A delegation of Jewish members of the Polish Parliament will visit the United States early in April to acquaint the public with the situation of the Polish Jews, it was announced to-night at a dinner of the American Committee Appeal for the Jews in Poland at the Hotel Astor. The delegation will include Senator Isaac Rubinstein and Deputy Emil Sommerstein.

More than 600 persons attended the dinner and it was stated that over \$12,000 had been nected. It was announced at the dinner that \$6,500 had been received from Toronto as the first part of the drive in Ganac for the Polish Jows.

The dinner was a testimonial to Arthur E. Littman by the committee's dress industry division, which has taken a \$20,000 quota in the \$1,000 000 campaign. The speakers' list included Mr. Littman, L.C. Rosenblatt, the toastmaster, former Judge Jonah Goldstein, Benjamin Winter, David Dubinsky, Rabbi Louis I. Newman, Abraham Goldberg and Zelig Tygel.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION ASKS AID FOR POLISH JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Resolutions asking aid for the Jews in Po. and and supporting Jewish immigration to Palestine, and covering several other social and economic issues, were adopted yesterday by the Fedoration of Jowish Women's Organizations at its seventeenth annual business meeting and luncheon at the Hotel Astor.

The 2,650 delegates heard Dr. Stophen S. Wise call the plight of the Jows in Foland "one of the most critical hours of one thousand years in Jowish history." Other speakers included Dr. William E. McGrady, James G. McDonald and Mrs. Margaret Sanger.

Mrs. David E. Goldfarb, president of the foderation for the past ten years, giving the annual report, said the federation had employed the "channels of education, legislation and community action" to accomplisits purposes.