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CONSTRUCTIVE RELIEF AID FOR POLISH JEWS MAPPED AT WARSAW PARLEY

WARSAW, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Constructive relief measures for Polish Jewry, involving readjustment to new economic conditions resulting from Government ordinances and organization of a Jewish export trade, were taken up today at a conference of American-Jewish relief leaders and the Jewish Economic Committee of Poland.

The committee comprises representatives of the Jewish Merchants Association, the Jewish Artisans Association, the Small Traders' Union, the Engineers' Union and similar bodies.

Members of the committee presented to Dr. Bernhard Kahn and David Schweitzer of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee a detailed picture of its achievements in consolidation and organization of Jewish economic forces.

Describing the situation prevailing among the groups they represented, they submitted recommendations on steps deemed necessary to prevent complete economic collapse of tens of thousands of families.

Factual evidence was offered at the conference that it was possible to adjust artisans to the new conditions and to educate merchants to conform to new measures imposed by the Government.

Proof was adduced, supported by facts and figures, that it was possible to organize export of commodities produced by Jews, to the advantage of Polish Jewry. A recommendation to put the proposal into effect was submitted.

Dr. Kahn, expressing satisfaction at the "practical, solid approach" to their problems exhibited by the organization, predicted an end of the present difficulties "after deciding factors in the Polish nation become convinced that the economic stability of each section of the population is beneficial to the entire country."

Touching on the export proposals, Dr. Kahn warned against linking the charity spirit with them. He said a solid organization would have to be established in Poland, with a subsidiary abroad, for the conduct of export activities,

"Much needs to be done abroad," he declared, "for creation of a suitable spirit for the purchase of Jewish-made goods. It is also important that the goods be produced under expert supervision,"

Dr. Kahn cautioned against creating a large, expensive administrative system which the Joint Distribution Committee, as a social institution would not be able to support.

He concluded with the promise, on behalf of the J.D.C., to support all activities which might lead to the strengthening of the Jewish economic position in Poland and to cooperate in that respect with the proper Jewish organizations.

Dr. Kahn's positive attitude, coupled with the practical suggestions offered at the conference, left a strong impression upon all those present.

WILL NOT YIELD TO PRESSURE OF JEWS ABROAD, POLISH PREMIER SAYS

WARSAW, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Premier Skladkowski, replying to protests of American Jews against treatment of their co-religionists in Poland, declared today the Government would not "yield to pressure from Jews ish organizations abroad seeking to influence us."

His address came at the conclusion of a debate in the Senate during which Senator Malinowski had asserted that anti-Senatic disturbances in Polish universities were "already echoing in America," The remarks were taken as an answer specifically to the conference of Jewish organizations in New York last Sunday called by the American Jewish Congress which indicted the Polish Government for its treatment of the Jews.

Premier Składkowski said that "Count Radziwill is right in declaring the Jewish problem can be solved partly by the @overnment, however, also partly by society." He continued:

"Beck (Foreign Minister Josef Beck) has already declared the Jewish problem is not based on racial and religious hatred, but is exclusively an economic affair. We must have a free hand. Both sides must not be nervous.

"We practiced calmness in the Bialystok district and applied against organizers of anti-Jewish excesses the same measures as against organizers of general excesses. We sont their leaders to Kartuz-Bereza (the Government concentration camp) and warned other leaders they would be personally responsible for excesses."

POLISH PEASANTS PARTY SNUBS ENDEK BID FOR ANTI-SEMITIC AID

WARSAW, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Nationalist efforts to enlist the aid of the Polish Peasant Party in their anti-Jewish campaign were snubbed sharply today by the Zielony Sztandar, official organ of the party.

In a caustic editorial reminding the Nationalists that "Hit the Jews, is not our slogan," the paper declared:

"The Polish Peasant Party does not intend to compete with the Endeks (Nationalists) in anti-Senitism, in breaking windows, demolishing Jewish stalls and closing universities."

13 WHO CLOSED SHOPS AS PROTEST AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM JAILED IN POLAND

WARSAW, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Thirteen Jewish merchants in the town of Vladimir-Wolynsk today were under sentence of two weeks' imprisonment each for having kept their shops closed June 30 last in observance of the Jewish day of protest against anti-Semitism in Poland.

NAZIS TO ISSUE BOOK ON GUSTLOFF CASE

BERLIN, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Nazi Party announced today early publication of a book with the title "The Jew Has Killed," which will deal with the assassination last year of Wilhelm Gustloff, Swiss Nazi agent by David Frankfurter, Yugoslavian Jewish medical student who is serving an 18-year term in Switzerland for the crime. According to the announcement, the book will also deal with "the forces behind Frankfurter." The first anniversary of the assassination was marked with ceremonies yesterday at Schwerin.

"ETHNIC ORIGIN" MADE TEST FOR RUMANIAN BANK JOBS

BUCHAREST, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Labor started today to compile data on the racial origin of employes of banks and commercial enterprises to carry out a proposal that sixty per cent of their personnel be of "pure Rumanian ethnic origin."

PALESTINE-GREECE TRADE PACT SIGNED

ATHENS, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A Palesting-Greece transfer agreement has been concluded, it was officially announced today.

GOV. EARLE REBUKES "PATRIOTIC" SOCIETY" PROTESTING POST TO JEW

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5. (JPA) -- Gov. George H. Earle today sharrly rebuled the "Patriotic Order of Sons of America" for a protest it had registered with him against the appointment of a naturalized citizen, Albert M. Greenfield, as chairman of the committee to celebrate the sesqui-centennial of the Constitution.

In a retter to State Secretary Unaries B. Helms of the society, signer of the protest, the Governor declared that all American citizens, whether they were natives or naturalized, were equal.

Stating that he need not apologize to anyone for the appointment, Gov. Earle listed Mr. Greenfield. qualifications for the post and emphasized that race and religion should play no role in the life of the American people.

Gov. Earle's stand in the matter received the endorsement of Federal Judge Johnson, former national president of the society.

RABBI ABRAHAM SCHWARTZ, BALTIMORE ORTHODOX LEADER, DEAD AT 65

BALFINORE, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Rabbi Abraham N. Schwartz, leading orthodox rabbi of this city, who died yesterday at the age of 65.

Rabbi Schwartz was among the founders and leading members of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, and had served as vice president and chairman of its executive committee. He was also a member of the Agudath Israel. Since 1908, he had held the post of rabbi of Congregation Mishmereth Hakodesh. He was founder of the Hobrow Talundical Seminary and Parachial School. His eldest son, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, is executive director of the Brooklyn Federation of Jowish Charities.