

News from all Quarters

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Distress in America

Many Jewish Unemployed.

New York, March 11th.

65,153 meals were served to Jewish unemployed and homeless during January and February by the Department of Sheltering of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society of America, the Hias, at its headquarters, Mr. Isaac L. Asofsky, the General Manager, states in a report issued here.

In 1930 the total number of meals provided was 79,982, and in 1931 it was 156,301, which means that in the first two months of this year nearly as many meals were served by the Hias as in the whole of 1930, and almost as many as in the entire year of 1931.

The number of nights of shelter provided totalled 7,226 in January and February, 1932. In 1930 the number of nights of shelter provided was 12,917, and in 1931 it was 20,075.

The dormitory and dining room accommodation of the Hias have been greatly enlarged in order to meet the increasing demands.

Anti-Jewish Boycott Agitation

Renewed With Approach of Easter.

Warsaw, March 22nd.

The approach of the Easter festival has been seized on by the National Democratic press and agitators to renew their anti-Jewish boycott agitation. The entire National Democratic press publishes an official proclamation issued by the headquarters of the National Democratic organisation which says:

In the present time of crisis every Pole must remember that not one groschen is to fall into the hands of aliens who live among us, and become rich at our expense. Every groschen which goes into the pockets of the Jews is taken from the Polish worker, artisan and merchant. The Jewish question in Poland is coming to a head. There is a new generation in Poland which realises the importance of the Jewish question, and how essential it is for Poland and the Polish people to liberate themselves from Jewish influence in every sphere of activity. The motto for every Pole must be: "Buy Only From Christians."

Wintchevsky Funeral Demonstration

Communist Leaders Injured.

New York, March 21st.

Many thousands of people took part in a big demonstration which was organised to-day by the Communists here in connection with the funeral of Morris Wintchevsky, the "father" of the Jewish Socialist movement and the founder of the Jewish Socialist press and literature, ignoring the desire expressed by the family that the funeral should be private, and that there should be no public demonstrations in connection with it.

The Socialist friends of the family, and the Communists taking part in the demonstration actually came to blows. Kalman Zevi Marmor, the well-known Yiddish journalist (he was at one time a London resident, an active Poale Zionist, and writing in the London Yiddish Press), and other Communist leaders sustained injuries.

Nazi Organisation in Czecho-Slovakia

Order to be Dissolved.

Prague, March 25th.

The Government has decided to dissolve the Nazi organisation in Czecho-Slovakia, as inimical to the State. The wearing and display of the Nazi emblem, the Swastika, has been prohibited. An official decree to this effect will be published immediately after Easter.

2,200 Polish Jews Go To Palestine

For Passover Pilgrimage.

Warsaw, March 23rd.

A third group consisting of about 300 tourists left to-day for Palestine for the Passover pilgrimage and to attend the Levant Fair and the Maccabiade in Tel Aviv; 2,200 Polish Jews have already gone to Palestine from Poland for this year's Passover pilgrimage, and more may go in the next few days.

Shechita Safeguarded in Germany

Part of New Penal Code.

Berlin, March 23rd.

The Central Office for affairs relating to the slaughtering of animals in the German Republic announces that the Reichstag Commission on the Penal Code has added to Paragraph 412 of the new Penal Code on which it is now working, the following clause:

There shall be no penalty attached to the treatment of animals, insofar as it is done for the prosecution of serious scientific purposes, or for fulfilling the requirements of a religious community which enjoys public rights.

The same clause was adopted by the Penal Code Commission in the last Reichstag, and has been taken over by the new Commission without any change.

Successes at Chopin Competition

Two Jews Win First Place.

Warsaw, March 24th.

Jews have made a wonderful showing in the international Chopin Competition which has been held here. Out of the fifteen prize-winners no less than twelve are Jews.

First place was obtained by two Jews, Alexander Uminski, a Jewish emigrant from Russia who is now living in Paris, and a blind Hungarian pianist, Imre Ungar, who is 23 years of age. M. Uminski was eventually awarded the first prize by ballot, M. Ungar being awarded the second prize. The second place, carrying with it the third prize, was obtained by another Jew, Boleslaw Kon, of Poland, and the next prizes were won by Abraham Lufer, a Russian Jew, and Ludwig Kenter, a Hungarian Jew.

Death of Chief Rabbi Ezekiel Lipshitz

President of Union of Polish Rabbis.

Warsaw, March 21st.

Chief Rabbi Ezekiel Lipshitz, the Chief Rabbi of Kalisch, and for many years President of the Union of Rabbis in Poland, died to-day, at his home in Kalisch.

Rabbi Lipshitz, who was 70 years of age, was a renowned scholar, and was held in great respect by Jews and non-Jews alike throughout Poland.

In the interests of Polish Jewry, Rabbi Lipshitz several times visited the United States of America and other countries. Although he was a member of the Agudath Israel, which has not entered the Jewish Agency of Palestine, he himself became a member of the Council of the Jewish Agency when it was formed in 1929, in the same way as did another prominent Agudist, Rabbi Leo Jung, the leader of the Agudath Israel in the United States of America.

At the last Conference of the Union of Rabbis in Poland held in January of this year, Rabbi Lipshitz, as President, was in the chair, and he delivered the report to the Conference on the situation of the Jews in Poland. He was re-elected by the Conference as President of the Union, jointly with Deputy Rabbi Levin, one of the Agudist members of the Polish Parliament.