

Printing House on trial for infringing Race Libel Law.

Boston.

The Rapid Service Press here has been put on trial on charges of violating Massachusetts' race libel law by allegedly printing anti-Semitic literature in its plant. The complaint was issued by the police after several students at North-eastern University had reported that the firm was printing "vile poems" maligning the Jews.

Under the Race Libel Act, anyone found guilty of publishing "any false written or printed material with intent to maliciously promote hatred of any group of persons in the commonwealth because of race, colour or religion" can be fined up to 1,000 dollars and jailed for a year. The case is being watched with interest by Jewish and Labour groups who see in the race law means of halting the spread of scurrilous anti-Semitic material.

"The King of Lampedusa."

A NEW YIDDISH MUSICAL COMEDY.

London.

A musical comedy in Yiddish by the well-known journalist S. J. Charendorf, entitled "The King of Lampedusa," is attracting large audiences to the Yiddish Theatre, Grand Palais, London. The play is based on the story of the Jewish sergeant pilot to whom the Italian garrison of the island of Lampedusa surrendered during the campaign in North Africa, an exploit which earned him the nickname of "King of Lampedusa" among his comrades.

Against this background the author pictures in a humorous dream phantasy the hopes of the Jewish people for national restoration in the post-war world, and proclaims its right to participate as a people in the war.

The play was produced by Mr. Myer Zelniker, leader of the troupe, who at a gala performance for the press publicly thanked the author for having given a new topical play to the Yiddish theatre at a time when the creative powers of Yiddish literature have been silenced in Europe.

Jewish Young Women's Residence

The above Home is now completely renovated and refurnished and the Committee will be glad to receive applications from intending residents.

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Bible Reading in Jewish Home.

The Chapters to be read during the week commencing Saturday, 8th April (15th Nissan) are Judges, chapters 8 to 13.

Restoration of Jewish Cultural Life in Europe.

PLAN FOR CREATION OF INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION.

New York.

A plan for the creation of an international commission of Jewish scholars and educators to act as an advisory body to the United Nations on Jewish aspects of European cultural rehabilitation was outlined here by Dr. Theodor H. Gaster, Executive Secretary of the Conference on Jewish Relations, addressing a meeting of the Conference. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing measures by which American Jews may help to re-establish Jewish cultural life and institutions in Europe after the war.

The functions of such a commission, Dr. Gaster said, would be fivefold: (1) To advise on the rebuilding of such institutions as have been destroyed and on the restoration of confiscated libraries, museums, and similar institutions. (2) To serve as a temporary Board of Trustees to take charge of cultural institutions formerly owned by communities now dispersed. (3) To serve as assessors in the presentation of claims for indemnities in respect of Jewish cultural properties. (4) To assist in the reconstruction of the Jewish school system and in the re-establishment of centres of Jewish higher education, such as seminaries and university courses. (5) To supervise the presentation of Jewish material in text books and curricula, which may be introduced into European countries by the United Nations in connection with programmes of re-education.

Dr. Gaster stated that certain aspects of this programme were already engaging the attention of American Jewish scholars, and that proposals of kindred nature had also been advanced in Great Britain. It was hoped, he said, that in time all efforts in this field would be united. At the same time he warned against any notion of merely restoring the pre-war status quo. Jewish cultural life, he said, must disavow parochial isolationism, and be integrated in the patterns of a new Europe. It must be prepared, if necessary, to undergo racial transformation.

Others who addressed the meeting were Dr. Bernhard Kahn, who described methods of Jewish cultural rehabilitation after the last war, and Dr. Max Weinreich, Director of the Yiddish Scientific Institute, who described the nature and function of European Jewish institutions.

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GREAT SYNAGOGUE CHILDREN'S SERVICE

A Special Pesach Children's Service

will be held in the GREAT SYNAGOGUE

on

SUNDAY, 9th April, 1944, at 11 a.m.

Rabbi Abrahams will address the Children.

Death of Professor Leon Brunschvicg.

Geneva.

The death occurred at Evian-les-Bains of Professor Leon Brunschvicg, the famous French Jewish philosopher, following an operation at the age of 75.

Professor Brunschvicg held the chair of modern philosophy at the Paris Sorbonne from 1909 until his dismissal under the Vichy anti-Jewish laws. He was one of the leaders of the intellectualist movement in French philosophy, opposing both scholastic rationalism and the intuitive and anti-intellectualist theories of the Bergson school. He has published a great number of philosophical works, including "Spinoza and his Contemporaries," "The Stages of Mathematical Philosophy," "Reason and Religion," and others. He also edited the works of Pascal. His last book on "Pascal and Descartes" appeared in 1941.

Professor Brunschvicg was a member of the Academie des Sciences Morales and of many foreign learned bodies. He was also a member of the Central Committee of the League for Human Rights.

Death of Philip Max Raskin.

NOTED JEW POET.

New York.

The death occurred here of Mr. Philip Max Raskin, the well-known Jewish poet, at the age of 63.

Raskin was born on December 24th, 1880, in Sklov, Russia. He received a traditional education and later studied mathematics and political economy at the Zurich Polytechnic and Leeds University. For several years he lectured throughout England on Jewish and literary subjects. In 1915 he came to America and toured the United States and Canada lecturing on Zionism. He published several volumes of songs in English and Yiddish as well as an "Anthology of Modern Jewish Poetry." He also translated Shmarya Levin's "Out of Bondage" from Hebrew into Yiddish. For two years he edited the "American Weekly Jewish News." He was a delegate to several Zionist Congresses and took a prominent part in Zionist fund-raising activities in the United States as an official of the Keren Kayemeth.

London.

Marshal Badoglio has reinstated Jewish officers of the Italian Army who were dismissed for racial reasons during the Mussolini regime.

CAPE JEWISH ORPHANAGE

The Annual General Meeting of SUBSCRIBERS and DONORS

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