

## Events in Polish Capital

### Hebrew School System in Danger

Warsaw, March 25th.

200 schools of the Hebrew Tarbut Organisation, employing 1,200 teachers and attended by about 40,000 pupils, closed down from to-day owing to lack of funds. The teachers, who receive a very small salary, have not been paid for six months, and many schools are in danger of eviction from their premises for arrears of rent.

### 113-Year-Old Veteran of Polish Liberation

Warsaw, March 21st.

Moses Donaczewski, a Jew, who fought in the Polish Insurrectionary War of Independence of 1863, has died in Grodno at the age of 113. He was given a big military funeral.

### March of Jewish Blind Through Warsaw Streets

Warsaw, March 23rd.

40 Jewish blind marched to-day arm in arm to the Belvedere Palace, the official residence of Marshal Pilsudski, to submit to him a petition that he should help them, urging that they are starving because of the prohibition of begging.

All traffic was stopped along the route of the march. The guard at the Belvedere admitted them without any difficulty. They were received by the adjutant, who informed Marshal Pilsudski of their request, and brought them a promise from the Marshal that he will help them.

### Backhaus Concert Under Police Guard

Warsaw, March 23rd.

INTENSE feeling has been aroused among the Jewish population here over the engagement of the famous pianist, Backhaus, at the Philharmonic Hall here, owing to his identification, together with Furtwangler and Richard Strauss, with the Hitler régime, and his recital there to-night will, therefore, take place under strong police guard.

It was believed that the sharp protests that have been made in many quarters against his engagement would induce the organisers to call off the concert. The German Embassy here and other interested parties are determined, however, to carry it through.

The antisemitic "Gazeta Warszawska" is exploiting the opportunity for its own antisemitic activities, and calls upon its readers to pack the concert, and show that the Jews have no power.

The German Embassy is reported in the Press to be distributing a large number of free tickets in its anxiety to fill the hall. The Federation of Music Teachers, which comprises both Christians and Jews, has unanimously decided to ignore the concert.

### Professor Handelsmann Withdraws Resignation

100 PROFESSORS AND LECTURERS SIGN PROTEST AGAINST ATTACK

Warsaw, March 23rd.

FIVE young men have been definitely identified as having carried out the attack on Professor Handelsmann, after he had spoken at a students' meeting against the Aryan Paragraph. They put forward an alibi, but failed to sustain it.

Over a hundred professors and lecturers have signed a statement appearing in the Press, condemning the attack made on Professor Handelsmann, describing it as a manifestation of savagery, and as a blot on the civilisation of Poland, and expressing their veneration for Professor Handelsmann.

All the National Democratic professors refused to sign the protest. The papers draw attention to this solidarisation of the Endek Professors with the hooligans who attacked their colleague.

Following the publication of the protest, Professor Handelsmann has withdrawn his resignation as Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at Warsaw University.

### Unfortunate Scene at Silberfarb Funeral

Warsaw, March 22nd.

AN unfortunate scene marred the funeral of Dr. Moses Silberfarb, the Polish Ort leader and former Minister for Jewish Affairs in the Ukraine. A clash occurred between the orthodox Jews present and the freethinkers. Feeling was aroused when Zerubavel, the Left Poale Zion leader, removed his hat when delivering an address in the cemetery. Recriminations soon led to physical violence, it being doubtful which party was the aggressor.

Meanwhile Zerubavel finished his address, and concluded with a warning that he was going to see to it that a special cemetery should be provided in Warsaw for freethinkers, and that he himself would in his will provide that he must not be buried among Jews, but among freethinkers.

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