

### Anti-Passover Campaign.

Moscow.

The annual anti-Passover campaign in the Soviet countries, the commencement of which is announced by the Yiddish Communist daily "Emess," looks like being much more moderate than in previous years, aiming rather at utilising the campaign period for the intensification of the Jewish land settlement and industrialisation movement than at militant anti-religious activity.

Meanwhile, Jews in Moscow are baking matzoth from flour which they have saved up for the purpose through the entire winter. The bakeries are charging 40 roubles for baking a pood of matzoth, and official licences have been issued to the bakeries which are working in day and night shifts to enable them to cope with the demand.

### Growing Anti-Semitism in Paris.

Paris.

Anti-Semitic scenes are becoming more frequent in Paris than they have been for years, precipitated by the Dreyfus affair play at the Nouvelle Ambigue Theatre. "Down with the Jews" is heard very often these days in Paris, not only in the streets in the immediate vicinity of the theatre, but also in other parts of the city, and not only in connection with the Dreyfus play.

Anti-Semitism is beginning to assume a form unknown here since the days of the Dreyfus affair, and the Camelots du Roi, aided by groups of hooligans anxious to make use of any pretext for stirring up trouble, are exploiting every opportunity of starting anti-Jewish demonstrations. Every public announcement of Jewish activities seems to be able now to bring together a group of anti-Semitic demonstrators.

It is possible that the Government will be asked to take measures. In some Jewish quarters, however, it is felt that the manifestations are worked up by small groups of people who have no real support and that to take them seriously would be the best service that could be paid to the movement, which, if it finds itself ignored, will soon collapse.

### America Shuts Her Doors.

Washington.

The Bill cutting down immigration to the U.S.A. for the next two years to ten per cent. of the existing quotas, sponsored by the U.S.A. Secretary of State, Mr. Stimson, has been passed by the House of Representatives by 295 votes against 86.

The Bill goes to the Senate, where an effort is to be made to rush it through. There may be some opposition there, however, which will hold up its adoption until Congress is to adjourn until December, in which case the Bill would be shelved for the time being.

### A Matter for Congress and Agency.

New York.

Acceptance or rejection of the results of the Conference between the Jewish Agency and the British Government is exclusively a matter for the Zionist Congress and the Council of the Jewish Agency, says an official statement issued by the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organisation of America in regard to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's recent letter of interpretation of British policy in Palestine. The particular reference is to Dr. Weizmann's reply that the statement has re-established, in his opinion, the basis for co-operation with the Mandatory Power.

Mr. MacDonald's letter is an improvement over the White Paper in tone and in the appraisal of the Jewish achievements in Palestine and the recognition of the relationship of the entire Jewish people with Palestine, the statement of the American Zionist Administration declares. But the letter omits much that should be made explicit, it proceeds, adding that final judgment can be rendered only when the conclusions on other phases of British policy are laid before the Zionist Congress and the Council of the Jewish Agency.

### Author of "Eili, Eili" Dies in Obscurity.

New York.

Jacob Koppel Sandler, the author of the words and music of "Eili, Eili," the famous Yiddish song describing the fate of the immigrant Jewish masses in the early days of Jewish mass immigration to America, has died in complete obscurity. Sandler, who was 74 years of age, came to America 43 years ago, acting for a time as a music teacher and a choirmaster. He wrote "Eili, Eili" as part of a Yiddish play called "Sons of Moses," which was a complete failure. The song was lifted by someone afterwards and became a great success. Sandler had not copyrighted it and he went about complaining that other people were making fortunes out of its sale. In 1925 he brought a legal action to establish his claim to the authorship, fixing the value of the song at half a million dollars, but nothing could be done then.

### Arab Executive Not Consulted.

London.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, made the following statement in the House of Commons in reply to Colonel Howard-Bury, who had addressed a question to him as to whether the Arab Executive was in any way consulted or an agreement reached with them before he had written his letter to Dr. Weizmann:—

"The letter deals only with the interpretation of certain passages in the statement of policy presented to Parliament in December last which at once became the subject of misconception. It was not in the circumstances considered necessary to take the Arab Executive into consultation in explaining and elucidating the policy already announced by His Majesty's Government.

### Mizrachi Adhere to Withdrawal.

London.

The Mizrachi members of the Actions Committee (General Council) of the Zionist World Organisation, have decided after an exchange of views, to adhere to their decision respecting the Mizrachi members of the Executive, the Zionist Executive has been informed, says an official communique issued by the Central Office of the Zionist Organisation.

The reference is to the resignation at the meeting of Rabbi Mayer Berlin and Mr. Lazarus Barth, the Mizrachi representatives, from the Zionist Executive, and the appeal made to the Mizrachi by the Actions Committee that it should reconsider its decision by virtue of which they resigned so that the coalition Executive elected at the last Congress should continue intact until the next Congress.

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