

Prague Jews Besiege Palestine Office

Application of Anti-Jewish Decrees

London, July 9th.

IT is reported here from Prague that the Palestine Office there is being besieged by hundreds of Jews following the return of Mr. Jacob Edelstein, head of the office, from Palestine. Mr. Edelstein succeeded in obtaining certificates for 250 "capitalist" families from the present schedule for the Czech Protectorate.

Altogether it is estimated that 1,500 people will be able to enter Palestine from the Czech Protectorate as a result of Mr. Edelstein's negotiations with the Jewish Agency authorities in Jerusalem, as well as with the "Hitachduth Olei Czechoslovakia" and other organisations.

A "Stuermer" box has been put up in the centre of Prague in the U Cerne Ruze Street. The display box is similar to the "Stuermer" display boxes in Germany except that it has an additional notice reading: "Jews are forbidden to stop before this box." There are several shops and one Jewish cafe in the same street.

The Prague Municipality has issued a new regulation for its employees demanding that, before receiving permission to marry, these should provide the Municipal authorities with evidence that their brides are of "Aryan" origin. This is the first concrete application of the recent anti-Jewish decree.

Death of Boris Tomashevsky Pioneer of Yiddish Theatre

New York, July 10th.

THE death has taken place here of Boris Tomashevsky, the well-known Jewish actor and producer and one of the first pioneers of the Yiddish theatre in America.

Tomashevsky was born in May, 1868, in Zlatopolski, near Kiev. In 1881 his family emigrated to New York, where he organised a Jewish company of actors, and later he became the first director of a Jewish theatre in Chicago. In 1892 he returned to New York, where he became the producer of the People's Jewish Theatre and soon earned the reputation of the best Jewish actor in America. It was he who brought over to America a large number of Jewish actors and playwrights. He himself wrote a large number of plays which were very successful. He produced King Richard III. in Yiddish.

Prominent Jewish

Artists Dismissed

Budapest, July 7th.

AMONG the prominent Jewish singers and actors dismissed under the Jewish law from the State Opera House are Herr Anton Fleischer, the famous conductor who was a member of the Opera House for 24 years, the famous Mozart singer, Gita Halasz, the opera singer, Gabrielle Relle, the opera singer, Dora Barsony (the niece of the former Jewish Minister of Justice), Dr. Wilhelm Vazsony, Andor Lendvai, the famous baritone, and the singers, David Ney and Edith Diosi.

The Jews dismissed from the National Theatre include Professor Julius Gal, who has been an actor for 57 years and a member of the National Stage for 39 years, Julius Bartos, a well-known Shakesperian actor, and Tibor Rubinyi.



Miss Helen Hadassa Levinthal, is the first woman to have graduated from New York's Jewish Institute of Religion, of which Rabbi Stephen Wise is the founder and president. She is the daughter of Dr. Israel Levinthal, Rabbi of the Brooklyn Jewish Centre, and a grand-daughter of Rabbi B. L. Levinthal, Orthodox Chief Rabbi of Philadelphia.

Lord Baldwin Fund Passes £500,000

London, July 6th.

THE Lord Baldwin Fund for Refugees has now passed £500,000 and will be closed on July 31.

IMPOVERISHMENT OF DANZIG JEWRY

Danzig, July 5th.

THE Danzig Jewish Community has opened a soup kitchen for impoverished middle class Jews. At present there are 2,000 Jews left in Danzig. They are all being strictly supervised by the Gestapo.

Fifty per cent. of the Jews are entirely dependent on the relief received from the philanthropic organisations abroad, chiefly the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The rest are still able to eke out an existence from the sale of their personal belongings. Only 160 Jews who are engaged in the export of timber, grain, etc., have not yet received the order to emigrate because their presence is still necessary for Danzig economic prosperity.

The Danzig Rabbi, Dr. Weiss, has delivered his last sermon before his emigration.

SEIZURE OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION

Jerusalem, July 10th.

IT is officially stated that between the 1st September, 1938, and 1st July, 1939, the following arms in the possession of Arab terrorists were seized by the authorities: 1,505 rifles, 404 pistols, 150 shotguns, 85,000 rounds of ammunition.

THE CATHOLIC FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM IN U.S.A.

Gene Tunney Joins Committee

New York, July 9th.

THE first of 200,000 copies of "The Voice," published by the Committee of Catholics to Fight Anti-Semitism, was presented to Mayor La Guardia at the World's Fair City Hall by Mr. Gene Tunney, retired heavy-weight boxing champion and member of the committee.

The paper contains condemnations of race-hatred by individual Catholics.

In making the presentation Mr. Tunney said: "I loathe public controversies and run taking sides as I would from plague. But the question of anti-Semitism is no longer a matter of individual opinion or public controversy; it has become an actual movement, spreading across our country with the rapidity of a prairie fire scorching everything it touches. It is like a flame out of hell, its unholy and devastating powers apparently were conceived in hell."

DEATH OF KOZIENICE RABBI

Warsaw, July 10th.

THE death has occurred here of the popular wonder rabbi of Koziernice, Jacob Shapiro, at the age of 54. The Koziernice wonder rabbi is the grandson of the famous Rabbi Isaac Koziernice, known as "the Koziernicer Magid," a great Talmudist and Chassidic leader. A street in Koziernice is named after him as Ulicia Magid.