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which polled 100,000 votes at the last municipal elections, has adjusted its organisation to the five-States formation of the Second Republic. Separate sections were set up in Bohemia, Slovakia and Carpatho-Russia, each with its own administrative machinery.

The reorganisation of the Jewish Party coincides with the general reshaping of political organisations now progressing throughout the country. How far Jewish voting strength will be affected under the new circumstances cannot be foreseen until the voting laws of the autonomous States are decided upon. In Bohemia the foreshadowed merging of four of the State's five largest parties indicates centralisation of the anti-Semitic strength inasmuch as three of the four are definitely anti-Jewish.—J.T.A.

**THE NO-MAN'S LAND REFUGEES FROM CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.**

Prague.

Local authorities have tentatively approved a plan to permit the removal of the Jewish refugees in No-Man's Land to an abandoned factory building near Brno. The factory, owned by a Jew, has already been placed at the disposal of Jewish welfare organisations for that purpose.

A survey made by the J.T.A. indicates that about 100 persons, half of whom are women and children, are living in the temporarily non-demarcated territory on the Czecho-Slovakian borders. The largest group, comprising 62 souls, are at Kosice. There are 15 more at Hrascey, about half a dozen in Landsdorf and a final group of 15 at a point near Brno.

This survey, however, is not complete.—J.T.A.

**JEW TO CONTEST MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN POLAND.**

Warsaw.

The Jewish parties in Poland are making feverish preparations to contest the municipal elections which are to take place in Warsaw on December 18th. All attempts to unite the Jewish parties proved unsuccessful and a bitter election fight is expected between the different Jewish parties, which will probably result in splitting the Jewish vote. It is estimated that under favourable circumstances the Jewish electors could obtain in Warsaw not more than 20 mandates out of a total of 100. The Jews form approximately 35 per cent. of the total population of 1,300,000.

The anti-Semitic parties, namely, the National Democrats (Endeks), the National Radicals (Naras) and the Fascists (Falanga) will all run independent candidates, although all of them are united about their chief demand of "freeing the capital of Jews."

The pro-Government Camp of National Unity is also expected to press the anti-Jewish part of their programme.—J.T.A.

**GHETTO BENCHES IN POLISH HIGH SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES.**

Warsaw.

Anti-Jewish excesses have again occurred at Warsaw University where Endek students attacked the Jewish students who

refused to occupy the "ghetto benches." Several Jewish students were badly beaten up.

A number of democratic Polish students protested against the warning to Jewish students issued by officials of the University threatening disciplinary action against them if they continued to refuse to occupy the "ghetto benches."

Several heads of the Warsaw high schools are endeavouring to force the Jewish students to submit to the ghetto regulations and occupy the seats allotted to them on the left side of the lecture rooms.—J.T.A.

**LEADING RUSSIAN JEWISH COMMUNISTS IMPRISONED.**

Warsaw.

According to reports in the Jewish Press here, mass arrests of Jewish Communists are taking place at present in Russia. Among the arrested is reported to be Simon Dimantstein, for many years President of the Ozet, as well as the Jewish historian, Israel Zinberg. The "Emes," the Moscow Yiddish daily, is reported to have suspended publication. The well-known Jewish Socialist leaders, who became Communists after the Russian Revolution, Esther Frumkin and Moses Litvakov, former editor of the "Emes," are reported to have died in a Moscow prison.—J.T.A.

**PRO-PALESTINE CONFERENCE IN WARSAW.**

Warsaw.

The Polish Pro-Palestine Conference held here was addressed by Mr. Daniel Auster, Vice-Mayor of Jerusalem, and by Mr. David Remez, the Palestine Labour leader.

Mr. J. M. Lewin, who spoke on behalf of the Agudath Israel, declared that organised orthodox Jewry would go hand in hand with the Zionists in regard to the Palestine question.

A speech by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who had intended to be present at the meeting but was unable to do so, was read to the Conference.

"In spite of all obstacles," Dr. Weizmann said in his speech, "we are facing the future with confidence. Jews will never agree to become a permanent minority in Palestine. We do not want to dominate anybody, but we refuse to be dominated. We will never and under no circumstances renounce our right to carry on with our expansion of the Yishub through immigration."

A resolution reaffirming the historic connection between the Jewish people and Palestine was unanimously carried.—J.T.A.

**POSITION OF JEWS IN ROUMANIA.**

Bucharest.

Dr. Wilhelm Filderman, President of the Union of Roumanian Jews, has submitted new memoranda to the authorities on the position of the Jews in Roumania.

Dr. Filderman was received by the Roumanian Minister of Labour, M. Ralea, to whom he pointed out that the recent labour regulations had placed the Jews in the same category as foreigners. He urged that these regulations were contrary to the provisions of the Roumanian Constitution.

In pre-War Roumania, he said, the Jews, although they were not Roumanian citizens, enjoyed the same rights as Roumanians both in industry, commerce and handicrafts.

M. Ralea promised Dr. Filderman to examine the matter and to attempt to find a just solution.—J.T.A.

**PABLO CASALS CANCELS CONCERTS IN BERLIN AND VIENNA.**

Madrid.

Pablo Casals, the famous cellist and conductor, stated in an interview with journalists here that in view of the barbarous treatment meted out by Germany to such famous Jewish musicians as Bruno Walter and Klemperer, he had decided to cancel his concerts in Berlin and Vienna this year.

Casals is to undertake a concert tour in the Near East shortly. He will give concerts in Tel-Aviv and Cairo. After that he will go to England.—J.T.A.

**DANISH NAZIS ARRESTED.**

Copenhagen.

The notorious leader of the "Danish Socialistic Party," one of Denmark's Nazi parties, Wilfred Petersen, who has led many anti-Jewish attacks in the past, has been arrested with a few of his followers and charged with blackmailing a large number of Jewish and non-Jewish firms.

Petersen is alleged to have obtained thousands of kronen from these firms by threatening to publish defamatory statements about them in his weekly, "Stoer-men." Quite recently an agitation started by Petersen against a new departmental store led to the deportation of a German Jew who was a director of the firm. Many more arrests of Petersen's adherents are expected.—J.T.A.

**CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS.**

New York.

At the opening of the three-day's conference of the American Jewish Congress under the shadow of the tragedy of the mass deportations of Polish Jews from Germany, the 550 delegates from 30 States pledged themselves that oppressed Jewry will not surrender.

"We shall never sign a Munich Pact with their destructive oppressors," the conference stated in a declaration.

This attitude was also taken in their opening speeches by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, President of the American Jewish Congress, and Mr. Louis Lipsky, the Zionist leader, and it was reaffirmed by a declaration adopted by the conference at the close of the session. The declaration bids the Jews not to despair and predicts that the day of freedom and fraternity will return. It expressed the conviction that "mankind will overcome the evils of Hitlerism, and we shall again find our roots as a free people in a world of freedom."—J.T.A.

**SIX MONTHS' SENTENCE FOR ANTI-JEWISH POSTER.**

New York.

Magistrate Dreyer sentenced a certain Joseph Bono, aged 35, to six months in the Workhouse for pasting up a poster in the subway caricaturing the Statue of Liberty and urging a boycott against the Jews.—J.T.A.