

Ruin and Rehabilitation of East European Jewry.

(Communicated by local Ort-Oze-Emigdirect Committee.)

Last week the second edition of the brochure "Eastern European Jewry, Its Ruin and Rehabilitation," was issued in Johannesburg. In the preface, the publishers declare that "many new facts and more up-to-date figures have come to hand from Europe and there is a desire to place these before the South African public."

Especially interesting is the new information about the work done by the Ort for the German Jews in vocational training and the new picture of young German Jews working at the Ort trade school in Kovno.

Very instructive also are the modern forms and methods of assisting the Jews of Poland and Russia to enter into industry, by which more than 35,000 declassed Jews have become self-supporting, healthy industrial workers.

Encouraging news in this brochure is the fact that, thanks to the moneys received from South Africa until December last, twenty-one trade schools of the Ort (which had been closed down owing to lack of funds) could be reopened.

From the last yearly report of income and expenditure of the Ort Organisation, it is seen that the total amount received was 554,651 dollars, of which 60,300 dollars, *i.e.*, 10.8 per cent., have been spent on the upkeep of the administration, for campaign expenses and advancements. The Oze has received 286,602 dollars, while the administrative expenses of the Central and Local Organisations and collection expenses amounted to 28,509 dollars, *i.e.*, 9.9 per cent.

If the moneys spent on scientific and popular literature is added to the above expenses, the total percentage of expenses will amount to 11.9 per cent. and 10.9 per cent. of the sums received by Ort and Oze respectively. The new brochure has an attractive appearance and includes many new pictures, which lead into the inner life of the institutions established and upheld by Ort, Oze and Emigdirect.

The Lithuanian Artisan Decree.

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In connection with the new artisan law which has recently been passed in Lithuania, a desire for vocational training is noticeable among the Jewish masses. This law is in various respects less severe than the Polish one, but contains serious dangers for the Jewish artisans in the future.

The Ort Committee of Kovno has already taken the necessary steps to meet the situation by arranging special classes for artisans and apprentices in order to suit the requirements of the new law.

In view of the large number of applicants for these classes, it will be necessary to establish a larger net of such institutions. The Ort Committee in Mariampol has also arranged short term courses for this purpose.

Cantor Chagy's Explanation.

"A SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS."

To the Editor,

S.A. Jewish Chronicle.

Sir,—I have read with interest the letter penned by S.L.G. also the so-called explanation by Cantor Berele Chagy. I cannot comment upon the latter as it is neither an explanation nor does it afford any enlightenment on the unpleasant incident.

It is a sad state of affairs when people will travel for miles to hear a "Cantor" perform, and yet will not go a matter of yards to attend service at their own Synagogues on Friday nights. It would seem that our places of worship are being reduced to the levels of music halls, and if we wish to fill them it is necessary to get some artist to draw the multitudes. In many of the smaller towns, although there are Synagogues, months elapse without holding Friday night services due to the fact that the necessary "Minyan" cannot come down to do their duty, with the consequent and inevitable result that the youth of the present generation is being estranged from the traditions that have bound and cemented us together for thousands of years.

It is time parents, members of congregations and responsible communal authorities woke up to their obligations and realised the responsibilities they owe to themselves and Jewry in general.—I am, etc.,

H. A. POSNER.

The "Campaign of Hate" in Roumania.

NEW PREMIER'S STATEMENT.

Bucharest.

The new Roumanian Prime Minister, M. Tartarescu, has declared in a statement to a pressman that he is determined to put an end to the campaign of hate that is being carried on by misguided youths, and by youths incited by the enemies of Roumania, who seek to disturb the peace of the country and to damage the international prestige of the Government.

"The Government," he said, "will take urgent and drastic measures to restore and to maintain order throughout the country."

M. Dina Bratianu, who was Minister of Finance in the Duca Government, and has decided not to accept office in the new Cabinet, has been elected leader of the Liberal Party, in succession to M. Duca, who was party leader as well as Premier.

Professor Cuza, the leader of the Parliamentary anti-Semitic Party, has in an interview condemned the Duca murder.

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