

Attempt to Exclude Polish Jews from Relief

Scheme to Revive "Red Mogen David"

Paris, November 30th.

THE American Red Cross has encountered difficulties with the German authorities over the Nazis' attempt to exclude Jews from extension of Red Cross relief in Poland.

IT is now learnt reliably that after prolonged negotiations in Berlin, a compromise has been reached. According to this compromise, the American Red Cross will not be allowed to provide food for the population, but must restrict itself to the provision of clothing and medicaments. It is, furthermore, to conduct its work in occupied Poland through the German Red Cross. The actual distribution of the clothing and medicaments sent by the American Red Cross is to be made by separate local relief committees — Jewish, Polish and Ukrainian — each nationality having its own committee composed of local people, and the German Red Cross is to co-ordinate the activities of these sectional national committees which are to have nothing to do with each other.

The entire American relief work in Nazi occupied Poland will thus be practically in the hands of the German Red Cross, from whom the local Jewish relief committees, when established, will have to obtain all they need.

It is understood that the Quakers' Relief Organisation in Poland will also have to accept similar conditions.

LABOUR CAMPAIGN IN U.S.A. FOR REFUGEES

New York, November 20th.

A CAMPAIGN to raise 500,000 dollars for the relief and rehabilitation of the victims of totalitarian persecution abroad has been launched at a meeting of 2,000 delegates representing labour and fraternal organisations, held under the auspices of the Jewish Labour Committee.

HOW THE LAW WORKS IN VIENNA

Geneva, November 29th.

IT is reported here from Vienna that a Jewess, Marian Sara Leichter, who is serving a term of imprisonment for being the secretary of a Labour Union under the previous Austrian regime, has had her term increased by seven months for asking an "Aryan" girl friend to take care of her children while she was in prison.

The matron of the prison was sentenced to ten months' imprisonment for delivering the message and the "Aryan" girl was sent to prison for two months for agreeing to take care of her friend's children.

TO what extent the Jews in the Nazi occupied territory of Poland will benefit from such an arrangement remains to be seen. It is pointed out here, however, that so far the Nazi free soup kitchens in Poland still refuse to give any meals to Jews.

Since the arrangements made by the American Red Cross and the American Quakers are not considered as adequate by the interested Jewish relief organisations, negotiations have now been started in Switzerland with the International Red Cross for the revival of the "Red Mogen David," which existed during the last war as a Jewish section of the Red Cross and was recognised by the representatives of the belligerent countries in Switzerland.

It is understood that the International Red Cross is not averse to recognising the "Red Mogen David," whose headquarters are expected to be in Zurich. Dr. Erlanger, who was chairman of the Red Mogen David during the last war, is expected to be chairman of the new Red Mogen David.

IGNAZ FRIEDMAN TO SETTLE IN NORWAY

Oslo, November 28th.

THE famous Polish Jewish pianist, Ignaz Friedman, has now obtained permission to settle in Norway. It is understood that the well-known Norwegian writer, Bjoern Bjoernson, intervened with the authorities on behalf of Ignaz Friedman.

PALESTINE CERTIFICATE FOR PROFESSOR SCHORR

Paris, November 27th.

THE daughters of Professor Moses Schorr, former Chief Rabbi of Warsaw, have now received a telegram from their parents in Lwow. They have also been informed that Palestine certificates have been procured for Professor Schorr and his wife.

FAMOUS POLISH BOXER KILLED

Stockholm, November 29th.

IT is learnt that the famous Polish Jewish feather-weight champion, Szepsel Rotholz, who represented Poland at many international boxing matches, was killed fighting in the Polish campaign.

THE HORROR OF THE LUBLIN RESERVATION

Paris, November 29th.

THE fear in which the Lublin reservation is held by the Jews in Germany is illustrated by a telegram received by the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee here from the Jewish community of Vienna through a neutral country. They appeal urgently for 200,000 dollars to enable the emigration of several hundred Vienna Jews, many of whom have American visas and who are now faced with the alternative of either emigrating or being sent to Lublin. The very word "Lublin" is synonymous with "inquisition" to the Jews in Germany, and especially in Vienna.

JEW FORBIDDEN TO BUY SHOES, CLOTHES OR WHITE BREAD

Geneva, November 29th.

ACCORDING to reliable information the Nazis in German occupied Poland have forbidden the Jews to buy shoes, clothes, or white bread. Jewish bakers are allowed to buy rye flour only and Jews are allowed to buy only rye bread.

Jewish shopkeepers and manufacturers are permitted to carry on with their businesses, but are forbidden to purchase raw materials and their stocks are being gradually depleted. German soldiers, particularly young soldiers, are continually plundering the Jewish shops.

A DUTCHMAN'S SCHEME FOR A JEWISH COLONY IN ETHIOPIA

Rome, November 29th.

FRANK GILDEMEESTER, a Dutch Protestant banker who heads the International Organisation for Assistance of Jewish Refugees, is discussing with the Italian Government a plan for the establishment of a colony of 5,000,000 Jews in Ethiopia, to be financed by floating 5,000,000 dollars worth of shares in North and South Africa.

In Washington it is officially stated that President Roosevelt will ignore Gildemeester's message asking for aid in floating the bond issue. Gildemeester's record and his alleged connections with the Gestapo in Vienna are well known to the State Department, it is said.

LODZ JEWRY ON VERGE OF EXTINCTION

Position Worse than in Warsaw

Vilna, November 27th.

THE Jewry of Lodz, the second largest city in Poland which has been annexed by the Germans and renamed Neu Braunau, is on the verge of extinction, it is learnt reliably. Of the former Jewish population of 230,000, only half are left. They are deprived of every possibility of earning a livelihood in general their position in many respects worse than the position of the Jews in Warsaw since the German laws, including the Nuremberg laws, are in force in the annexed Lodz district.

The Nazis in Lodz have already introduced a ghetto for the Jews. Jews are prohibited from occupying flats in the quarters of the town, including a section of the main business centre, the Piotrkowska Street as well as the Srodmiestna, Third May, Zeromski and other streets.

Jews have been forbidden to pass through the Piotrkowska Street without a special permit for which the military authorities charge 12 marks.

Moshe Broderson, the famous Jewish poet, it is learnt, succeeded in escaping from Lodz to Bialystok.

FAMOUS LIBRETTIST COMMITTED SUICIDE

London, November 30th.

ACCORDING to reliable information received here, Dr. Loehner-Bedas, the famous librettist of Franz Lehár, has committed suicide in the Buchenwald concentration camp.

Dr. Loehner-Bedas was born in 1883 in Bohemia. He was well-known as a humorous writer. He was an active Zionist and founder of the Jewish Sports Club, "Hakoah." He was arrested by the Nazis after the occupation of Vienna and accused of taking part in Monarchist plots.

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