

LODZ GHETTO BEHIND BARBED WIRE

Report on a Visit to Poland

Stockholm, January 16th.

HOW the Jews in Lodz live in a ghetto under armed guard and behind a barbed wire fence two metres high, is described in the "Nya Dagligt Allehanda" in a series of articles by Erik Arrhen who has just returned from a visit to Poland.

Jews now wear a caste badge (the Magen David) sewn to the right breast and also on the back below the right shoulder, he adds, and comments that "there is something unpleasant in meeting these people so ostentatiously outcast from society." He notes, however, that in Lodz as in Warsaw and Cracow, where the distinguishing mark is an armband with a blue or green star, the Jews wear it "with a certain pride."

Jewish labour is utilised by the Germans, the report states. For instance, Jewish tailors in Brzeziny are employed in making uniforms for the German Air Force, working twelve hours a day and receiving "maintenance and a small money wage."

Jews in the Lodz ghetto have their own police, says Arrhen, as well as forty-six doctors and four apothecaries.

DEATH OF FAMOUS PIANIST

Mischa Levitzki

New York, January 17th.

MISCHA LEVITZKI, the famous Russian pianist, has died as a result of a heart attack at his New Jersey home, at the age of 42.

Levitzki, who was born in Kremenchug, Russia, made his debut in Berlin in 1914. He toured Belgium, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Scandinavia, England, France, Holland, Italy, Australia, New Zealand and the Orient, making his New York debut in 1916. He was a composer of piano pieces as well as an executant.

PROFESSOR EINSTEIN AND HEBREW UNIVERSITY

New York, January 16th.

PROFESSOR Albert Einstein will act as Chairman of the National Council of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, which is now being organised. The Council will consist of leaders throughout the country who will sponsor the University in their respective communities.

Lord Harlech's Interest for South African Jewry

A STAUNCH SYMPATHISER WITH JEWISH AIMS



THE appointment of the Right Hon. Lord Harlech, G.C.M.G., as His Majesty's High Commissioner for Basutoland, the Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland is of particular interest to the Jewish community in this country who are aware of his friendship for the Jewish people and his unwavering sympathies with the Zionist movement.

Lord Harlech, perhaps better known as William George Arthur Ormsby-Gore, is a distinguished politician and Colonial expert. He has held many positions of importance in the British Cabinet, including that of Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies from 1922-24 and from 1924-29, and

of Colonial Secretary in 1936 in succession to Mr. J. H. Thomas. In these capacities he was in the closest touch with the work of Zionist upbuilding in Palestine, and was deeply impressed by the results of Jewish idealism and enterprise.

In a speech delivered at a dinner in London in 1927 to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, he said: "The world has realised that Zionism means not only a home for Jews, but is of great spiritual value for humanity. What is the reason that inspires me, a Gentile, to support the movement with all my might? It is the thought that from this wonderful land there has come forth a great and historical force. The ideal side of human nature and inspiration is not only for the Jewish faith, but for the human race. Zionism may again produce such wonders. It may not be for the first, or second, or third generation, but the soil of Palestine may bring again healing for humanity."

He has participated in many of the debates on Palestine in Parliament, and has at all times proved a staunch supporter of the Zionist cause.

DIAMOND CLUB FORMED IN ENGLAND

London, January 12th.

DIAMOND merchants who escaped from the occupied countries of Europe gathered on Tuesday for the inauguration of one of the most exclusive clubs in the world — the London Diamond Club.

It will be run on lines similar to the Antwerp and Amsterdam exchanges, and will be a place of business for refugees. British diamond merchants will use it as a trade club.

Mr. Neville Laski, K.C., opening the club, said that the permission given to trade in this country was in the long line of English tradition. The Spitalfields weavers, the Huguenots and the Jews had all been permitted to come to England, and had given to the country, as well as received from it.

ARMY CONTRACT FOR JEWISH BLIND

Washington, January 10th.

THE New York Guild for the Jewish Blind has been awarded a 22,708-dollar contract to make pillow-cases for the Army. The work will be done by the blind with material supplied by the Government.

**UNITED STATES AND EUROPEAN REFUGEES
Conflict Between State Department and President's Advisory Committee**

Washington, January 16th.

THE question of United States aid to refugees is receiving an increasing share of attention here.

Mr. Avra M. Warren has been appointed head of the Inter-Departmental Committee which will decide upon the fate of all political refugees seeking haven in the United States. This appointment is likely to bring into the open an undercover controversy that has been going on between the State and Interior Departments on the entry of political refugees into the Virgin Islands. It is also likely to expose the friction that has existed between the State Department's visa division and the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees. Mr. Warren has been blamed, whether rightly or not, for blocking recommendations for entry of political refugees into the United States after they had been approved by the Advisory Committee.

Between May and September thousands of Europeans, including scientists, men of letters, statesmen and artists, begged the Advisory Committee to approve them for entry into the United States. Of these, the Committee approved 561, but only twenty of them received visas to enter the country, it is learned. Clarification of this aspect of the situation is expected in a State Department statement.

The Advisory Committee, faced with the State Department "blockade," appealed to President Roosevelt for aid. The President recommended the formation of a "super-committee" to pass upon the qualifications of political refugees after they had been approved by the Advisory Committee.

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