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## FOREIGN and DOMESTIC NEWS

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### ANTI-SEMITIC POSTERS DECORATE WARSAW STREETS.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) A large, printed poster entitled "Bolshevik Freedom" has been plastered along the streets of Warsaw. It bears the figure of Trotsky, sitting on a pile of skulls, grotesquely drawn, with a large beaked nose, a revolver in one hand, a bayonet in the other, and the whole painted in red.

These posters attract big crowds. Anti-Semitic agitators are usually on hand to capitalize the first impression made and to incite the mob further. Jews that have had the temerity to approach the posters have on many occasions been severely beaten.

It has been reported that the same inciting posters have been displayed in the eastern districts of Poland and in military institutions long before they appeared on the streets of the capital.

### JEWISH RESORT FOR CONSUMPTIVES IN SWITZERLAND ASKS SUPPORT.

Davos, Switzerland: (By I. J. P. B.) In its annual report for 1919, the Society for the Jewish Consumptives in Switzerland appeals to the Jews of other lands for support. At its asylum in Davos, a place well known as a health resort, Jewish consumptives not only of Switzerland but of other lands, also, find relief. As a result of the war conditions and of the influenza, consumption has become more widespread than ever. The resources of the Society, however, are limited and if it is to bring relief to these unfortunates, its funds must be increased. From June to the end of December 1919, only 68 new patients have been received at the hospital at Davos, and 118,995 francs expended. Very many afflicted Jews must be turned away because of the lack of means to aid them. The entire capital of the society is 190,580 francs, a trifling sum for the great number in distress.

### NEW ANTI-JEWISH LAWS IN HUNGARY.

Budapest: (By I. J. P. B.) The present Hungarian regime is employing all its intelligence and ability in the clever formulation of laws which while never mentioning the name

"Jew" would nevertheless, be directed against the Jews and the Jews only. Several measures have already been adopted which strike with fatal accuracy the very heart of Hungarian Jewry, and which not even a child could mistake inspired by euphemistic terms. One of these is that only those whose names are on the lists of the Hungarian volunteers may be admitted to the universities of Hungary. Since no Jews are accepted in this army, the apparently "patriotic" clause of the above measure is merely an officious way of saying that NO JEWS may be admitted into the Hungarian Universities.

For the high schools no such diplomatic clause could be found, and so the authorities had to resort to one somewhat clumsier. A reform was simply introduced, requiring all applicants for high school to pass a special examination. Until now, a diploma

from the public grammar school, or its equivalent was sufficient. But should some Jewish children succeed in safely swimming this cataract, a dam was provided to catch all these undesirable fish; the new law gives every individual teacher the privilege of excluding any pupil under him for any or no reason. No explanations from the teacher are required. This means, of course, that the high schools of Hungary have also been closed to the Jewish citizens of that God forsaken country.

But reactionary ingenuity does not limit its scope to the educational field. Why should Jews be permitted to make an honest living? A few laws here might help. So one was passed, a very stringent law, obviously to reduce the high cost of living and to catch profiteers. It carries extremely heavy money fines, long terms in prison and public whippings. From its

very formulation, it is obvious that the law is not intended to decrease the cost of living. Under its provisions the real profiteers, the great land barons and the industrial lords cannot be touched. The middleman will be directly and adversely affected by it. It is plain enough that this law aims only at the Jews who form the merchant class of Hungary.

A second law strikes not only at the Jews handling life commodities, but all Jewish merchants without exception. This law has revoked all the trading licenses extant, and decreed that all traders must apply for new ones. The government relegates to itself the exclusive right to withhold licenses from whomsoever it pleases without stating the cause. This means that even merchants who have traded all their life-time, and have spent many weary years in building up a business, may be denied a license and may be absolutely ruined through the whim or prejudice of any petty governmental official, without even the privilege, dictated by common decency and the most fundamental laws of humanity, of demanding why the right to an honest livelihood should be withheld from them.

To be rid once and for all of Jewish officials who could not be coerced to resign by less direct methods, a third law was put on the statute books. Heretofore, government officials could only be discharged by action of the courts. Now the government has received the right to discharge any official without making any explanations or stating any reasons. The first victims of this new policy will undoubtedly be the Jewish officials.

### GERMAN COLONIAL SOCIETY PROTESTS ANTI-SEMITIC CLASSIFICATION.

Berlin: (By I. J. P. B.) The executives of the German Colonial Society have protested against the classification of the organization among the Anti-Semitic national organizations in the German Year Book. Whether the publishers will heed their protest and remove the German Colonial Society from the list of "German National Societies" is at yet unknown.



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