

# Częstochowa Chronicle

## Open platform

### A Religious Gmina or a Nation Gmina

If the Jewish Gminas in Poland are not up to the task, it is because the groups, which have led it thus far, have not understood the proper role of a Gmina as an organ of the Jewish National Self-Government.

Although formal regulations have given these institutions an exclusively religious character, the actual compositions of gminas' councils and boards of management give them their **proper appearance and development of the gmina system**.

Zionist groups, completely absorbed in Palestine work, have neglected – we must say with regret – diaspora problems.

As a result of which various pan-Jewish institutions among them gminas, were totally taken over by the spheres of **clerical orthodoxy** and **"non-partisans"** or **"democrats"** and other professional activists, totally **opportunistic** elements, easily susceptible to **external pressure**, ruling these institutions at their own "whim" for the petty interests of their clique and its adherents.

It is high time for the Jewish community to realise that "apoliticality" is not a licence for the holding of communal positions in today's responsible times.

In these difficult moments, when the fate of Jewry is being decided, we must demand, from the people who claim to lead Jewry, a **clear ideological physiognomy and appropriate communal sophistication**.

The Revisionist Organisation, as a national and people's movement *par excellence*, is now faced with the need to go the elections under the slogan of **nationalising the "kehilla", in accordance with the principles of Herzl Zionism**.

Revisionism calls for the activation of the broad Jewish masses for the activity of Jewish revival, for the radical reconstruction of the foundations of the abnormal existence in all diaspora stages.

We are a nation, not a religious community, and that is why the bodies of our self-government/gminas, must have a **national character**.

The gmina must be rebuilt so that, from a religious institution, it becomes **something representing Judaism in a given locality**.

We do not deny the religious tasks of the gmina.

We not only have a positive attitude towards religion, but we consider the sanctity of the Torah to be indispensable canon for national revival, as clearly stated by the N.O.S. Constituent Assembly in Vienna.

Religion however, is only one of the areas of a gmina's work.

There remains a whole, huge **social and cultural area, encompassed in a national spirit** – e.g., **expansion of Jewish education**, especially **vocational education for young people preparing for emigration, support for physical education**, etc.

However, we are of the opinion that, in the current condition of aggression against the Jewish religion and nation, we need a **central representative factor** in every city and town. Local Jewish gminas are suitable for this role and, at a further stage, for the development of the **National Association of Jewish Communities**.

The only point is that these representations should carry high the banner of **Jewish honour** and that the following should be alien to them: submitting and yielding to

opponents, resignation, pettiness and weakness.

And that is why it is necessary to eliminate the elements which have reduced the authority of gmina councils and that we permit people, **with a declared ideological face**, to speak, people whose beliefs and previous activities guarantee that they are worthy to hold positions in Jewish national self-governing bodies.

If our national parties, claiming a leading role in our lives, will abandon their narrow **party interests** and constant fight, it will be possible to create **platforms of cooperation and ideological competition, within the gmina territory, for the benefit of the Jewish masses**.

Eng. H. Szpitz.

## It is all the fault of the Jews

From the meeting of the Assoc. of Polish Merchants

An extraordinary meeting of the Częstochowa Association of Polish Merchants, was held on Sunday during which, among other, mgr. Topolnicki, from Warsaw, delivered an extensive lecture, from which we quote (according to "Goniec") a passage of particular interest to us Jews:

"There used to be a belief among us, said Mr Topolnicki, that Poles were supposedly unsuited for trade and this suggestion was maintained by the Jews, our fierce competitors, in order to exclude us from trade and also by **teaching us their evil, dishonest methods**.

"Therefore, we must make Christian trade as transparent as other areas of work. Then everyone will treat the merchant differently – as a community worker.

"After discussing the technical and organisational aspects of trade in setting up stores and the resultant difficulties, the speaker outlined the benefits that merchants gained from establishing Christian wholesale stores and interest-free funds, freeing them from the hands of Jewish wholesalers.

"Other issues to look out for include unfair competition, overselling, stealing from competitors, gossiping and humiliating a competitor and not respecting a merchant's time. These should have no place in the career and profession of an honest Christian merchant."

We believe that Mr Topolnicki's attacks do not require special comments – they are merely a reflection of the slogans proclaimed by Jewish-hating circles.

## Relocation of the hospital

In the near future, the Internal Medicine Hospital will relocate from ul. Waszyngtona to the newly-completed building on ul. Barbary.

This building was constructed a few years ago, but has only just been finished and adapted to the needs of the hospital.

## The draft budget

On 21<sup>st</sup> of this month, the City of Częstochowa's draft budget was made available for public review for a period of seven days.

The draft budget can be viewed daily, in the Finance Department, between 11:00am and 1:00pm, including holidays, until 27<sup>th</sup> March.

## Judgment in the case regarding the incident in front of the Labour Fund premises

After two days of deliberation, the District Court announced its verdict in the case of eleven defendants who took part in March incidents in front of the Labour Fund premises.

six months suspended sentences, Zygmunt Januszek was sentenced 8 months, not suspended. Marja Turen was found not guilty.

## Protest rally

Edmund Straszak and Lucjan Pietras were sentenced to 18 months jail. Marja Jani, Teodor Woszczyzna to 12 months jail, Józef Juszczak and Henryk Madziejewski to 8 months jail. Józef Dudek, Aniela Wiecezorek and Stanisław Wojasik were given

On Saturday, at 7:00pm, the Maritime and Colonial League is organising a protest rally at Pieracki Sq. against German partition and the anti-Polish speech, at the League of Nations, by Gdańsk Senate President Geisler.

Former assistant eye clinician in Czech Prague

## Dr. M. Librowicz

Eye illnesses and surgery

Hours from 10am to 1pm and 4pm to 7pm.

Częstochowa, al. Kościuszki No.14

(on the 2nd floor)

## Częstochowa sports week

In the last week, serious changes have taken place in Częstochowa sports, which may become decisive in the further development of sports in Częstochowa.

Firstly, the Advisory Committee to the Kielce OZPN Commissioner is Mr Krassowski, following the resignation of Mr Kanus, who could not agree with the views of Mr Krassowski. The new people are Mr Szmekiel, former vice-president of the Kielce OZPN and Mr N. Scherer, former president of the Kielce OKS.

Mr Szmekiel, together with Cpt. Wołowicz, will run the W.G. and Kielce Prov. Agencies, while Mr Scherer with run finance and the secretariat.

Commissioner Krassowski told us that, with such a selected team of people, the messy relations in the Kielce District football can be repaired.

Following the liquidation of the Częstochowa-Zaglebie boxing sub-district in Sosnowiec, which had brutally alienated both the Częstochowa clubs and the Śl. OZB, serious people, who care about the development of boxing, last Saturday gathered for a joint meeting at the Brigade's premises, where they decided to establish the Kielce OZB Organising Committee, aimed at setting up a boxing district covering activities in the entire Kielce Province.

The committee comprises Capt. Wołowicz, Eng. Grzywa, Messrs. Szor and Hejm on behalf of the Brigade, Dr Asz, Eng. Wajnszok, Messrs. Scherer and Wajs on behalf of Makkabi. The working of the Organising Committee is moving a fast pace.

Last Sunday, in Częstochowa, in front of representatives of city authorities and government, a heavy struggle took place between the local Brigade team and Łódź's Ł.T.G.S. for entry into the State League.

Brigade deservedly won the game 1:0 (1:0), showing a great zeal and boundless ambition. The heroes were Krzyk, Głogowski, Głowacki and Bień for Brigade and Ł.T.G.S. goalkeeper Lass.

At the same time, while Brigade was laying a foundation stone for a place in the State League, Częstochowa Orla lost miserably in Radomsko 3:8 (1:3).

This was a match for entry into Class A of the Częstochowa Subdistrict.

Such a heavy defeat, once and for all, ruined Orlęcia's chances for promotion into Class A and opened the way for Naprzód, whose match with Wysoka in Łazy, will undoubtedly be decided in its favour.

Polish Football Association travelling coach, Lt. Spojda, has been in Częstochowa for a week. He has been training Częstochowa footballers twice daily: in the morning, 12-15-year-old juniors, in the afternoon, older, advanced players.

Training takes place on the municipal pitch and the Marshall Piłsudski Stadium. Both students and the football authorities are very satisfied with the Lt. Spoda's effective teaching method. He has gained great recognition.

The board of K.S. "Turyści" has suspended its Kielce District attacking player, Cichecki, for spreading false news and acting to the detriment of the club. This sensational news made a great impression of Częstochowa's sports world. Apparently, some factors have caused the intervention, in this matter, of the PZPN board in Warsaw.

It is worth noting that Cichecki intended joining Brygada in the coming day. The epilogue to this case will be very interesting.

Bosta.

## From TOZ

Next Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of next month, a talk on current issues of social medicine will be held at the TOZ premises (ul. B. Joselewicza 3). Admission is free.

## Launch of the "Mottów Factory"

In the first half of last June, the management of the "Mottów" factory closed down the factory for five weeks in order to carry out necessary renovations. Staff were given holidays,

We have now learned that, in the coming days, the factory is set to reopen.

## To increase the number of working days.

On municipal public works, staff work for only four days per week.

In order to increase the number of working days, a delegation of workers has left for Kielce Provincial Office.

They were accompanied by the Municipal Lay Judge Kaźmierczak.