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NOTES - SISYPHUS-ARBEIT UNDATED

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[Trips not financed by org. ∴ B.P. was free to do as she pleased but had no one to carry out her suggestions + plans unless they saw fit to do so]

Sisyphus - Arbeit vol. I

I Purpose in writing these letters down:

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" — nicht Geschlecht, nicht Alter, nicht Konfession, noch Partei dürfen ein Grund sein zu schweigen.

Von Unrecht wissen und schweigen, macht mit-schuldig." Trips to study weibliche Fürsorge + Mädchen ^{handl.}

II Trip to the Balkans + Palestine; march - May, 1911

A. Vienna

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1. B.P. saw station where milk was handed out to infants along with medical care

a. B.P. found it very primitive in comparison to Frankfurt

1. No printed formula recipes for mothers - mothers had to copy down formulae

2. No detailed medical records kept for infants

3. Non-comprehensiveness of Viennese questionnaire so filled in for foster children.

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2. Could not get Jewish clergy to help in launching a program against white slavery

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3. Work with Org. for Fighting White Slavery -

a. B.P. worked with Catholics + Jews to see if there could be some supervision of river boats to fight white slavery

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4. Visited Rochus hospital in Vienna for V.D

a. 140 Beds for females only

b. All filled with prostitutes - poorly cared for + poorly clothed, treated as though they were insane criminals aged 16-30

1. Looked after only by police

2. 1/3 Jewish girls in hosp.

3. B.P. was 1st Jewish social wrk. to enter this home + condemned Rabbi's Jews for not wanting to know about this problem

B. Belgrade, Serbia

- P. 19
1. B. P. saw houses of prostitution with very few Jewish prostitutes but very wide spread V.L.
 - R a. Influences people to expose conditions by writing newspaper articles
 - b. Suggested that Jewish Lodge found a hospital with women on the board.

P. 21 C. Sofia

1. Tells women reward given by Weibliche Fürsorge to one who uncovers white slave trade case & has it brought to court
- P. 22 2. B. P. is told that of 300 girls leaving the city to look for work each yr., ~~some~~ are never seen again - most probably caught up in white slavery
- P. 25 3. Abortion, syphilis, insect were very wide spread in Sofia
4. Gov. encouraged prostitution & made money on trade by building the houses of prostitution
 - a) Found no Jewish prostitutes.
 - b) Dr. did not use salvarsan to cure syphilis - they used some cheaper drug to save money - cure not effective.
 - c) Prostitutes not considered worth saving by Dr.

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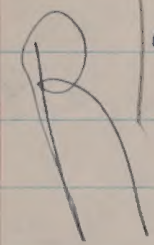
5. Despite existence of foundling home & lying in hospital many abandoned children were found in the street

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R 6. Found Jewish women lacking in child care, handicraft & small machine operation training - B. P. laid down plans for schools which could train women in this work & make them self supporting thru women's work.

D Turkey

- P. 34 1. In Jewish school where there are 1200 boys + 600 girls nothing is done to train girls for jobs
- P. 37 2. Rabbis who had blacklists of immoral girls used poor pedagogy
 - a. Threatened to punish girls if they were "bad"
 - 1. Paint their faces with indelible ink
 - 2. Cut off their braids
 - 3. Publicize their photographs
 - b. Rabbis promised reward of a husband on 2 yrs. good behavior
 - c. B. P. explained to Rabbi that girls are cases of neglect rather than criminals -
 - 1) Adequate housing + care for these girls, who were mostly 17 yrs or less, was suggested by B.P.



P. 42 E Greece - Salonika

- 1. Thousands of children from 10 yrs on work in factories + are thus physically + morally corrupted
 - a. There are 1000 Jewish prostitutes ^{some} _{→ threat to life}
 - b. Children in Jewish schools were "bad" + expelled
B. P. blames school + not children

P. 43 2. Jewish hospital

- a. Modern architecture + kept clean
- b. B. P. understood nature of hosp. administrator who was not a trained nurse + to prevent rivalry she did not recommend a trained nurse to the administrator

√ P. 40 3. Many Jewish girls in 100 houses of prostitution in Salonika

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4. B.P. met Sister Augusta, head of a Fr. order who told her that about 4 times a month foundlings are left in yard of institution - These infants are brought to Jewish wet nurses who bring infants in for inspection every 2 wks.

5. Charity in Saloniki is not well organized & is often wasted

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6. "Cercle des sabbatines" = Jewish club for social work - has 400 members - men

a. ults work

1. Clothes children

2. Feeds the sick

3. Vaccinations & disease prevention

4. Health Ed for its members

b. To cultivate Turk's respect for Jews, they send kid to Turkish schools & try to assimilate

1. Anti Zionist tendencies

2. Met B.P.'s approval

c. Planned to make similar club for women

1. This is hard since it is against social customs to let women do anything particularly together with men.

2. B.P. suggested women's opening a Kindergarten with school & after school care

3. Jewish schools were Zionist - taught in Hebrew not Turkish & adaptation to present problems of everyday life - they were a preparation for immigration to Israel

p. 52 Constantinople

P. 51 i. 90% of white slavery was Jewish women + mostly Jewish traders - girls were 14 + 15 yrs. old

P. 52 a. Jewish girls in white slave trade never applied to god. for fear they might be repatriated to their homeland (Russia etc.) where they could never be accepted if people learned that they had been prostitutes.

P. 51 b. High percentage of Jews in ~~the~~ white slave trade was due to Jewish assimilation to Turkish Bagan customs

P. 53 c. Catholics were not equipped to deal with the problem
d. Synagogue in Constantinople for white slave traders
e. Alliance schools all over Balkans were not so good

P. 54 f. 1 Orphanage for 20 kids in all of Konstan- tinople + 1 Jewish hosp.

P. 55 g. In Jewish homes ^{institutions} children were treated with much more love than in other Christian homes
e. B.P. could not see all she wanted of prostitutes since even her male guides were unwilling to risk trips to the slums + B.P. could not find her way alone.

P. 58-59 2. Am. Consul's wife to Russia helped to found institution in Constantinople where girls in white slavery could free themselves - later Russians said that once girls took up trade in Turkey, they were Turks + ∴ institution became inactive. B.P. tried to get them Jewish org. to support institu. to keep it from closing down

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3. Gov's attitude: a few Jewish, Catholic + Greek girls are not worth a lot of bother. ∴ nothing was done about white slave trade

a. B.P. felt Gov. could only be moved from this position by threat to expose the conditions + thus Turks would lose the reputation of culture in rest of the world which they valued highly

b. Legally little could be done to repatriate child prostitutes since they were Turks as soon as they came.

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c. Gov. fostered prostitution + white slave trade + protected people in both professions to get their taxes + benefit from them

d. B.P. was not successful in establishing a League for fighting white slavery

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5. Jewish hosp was very dirty + unsanitary

6. The orphanage was very poor + B.P. requested Gem. Weibliche Fürsorge to send director, personell + money to this home to improve it

G. Smyrna

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1. Jewish section

a. Overabundance of children

b. Girls + women do not work

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c. No hosp. facilities for 50,000 Jews - Jews were very poor

1) Cholera hit death toll of 60% despite relative

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cleanliness in Jewish homes + Jews obedience to Dr's orders
 d. There is separate women's hosp. for V.D. where fees are very high
 ∴ hosp. is inaccessible to many
 (crowded hospital)

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- e. Many houses of prostitution - very young girls
 - 4) Dr. cure prostitutes & try to marry them if when ever possible

P. 95 H Jafa

1. Jewish schools - hebrew speaking, vocd, shop training

P. 98 I Rehavoth - colony

1. Women who own land have rt. to vote

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2. Kindergartens are very progressive

P. 99 J. Jerusalem

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1. Adequate facilities for homeless kids to avoid missionizing & moral corruption - supported by European Zionists
 - a) Metelchenheim
 - b) Girls Orphanage

P. 107 2. Distin's Orphanage - eastern European -

a) 300 orphans

b) Poor housing & ed (only Jewish subjects)

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3. Rothchild school that made lace as small industrial undertaking as well as for training girls in lace making

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4. Dr. explain low occurrence of extra marital pregnancy & V.D. rate thru true religious piety & encouragement of early marriages
5. Shave Zedeck hosp. was excellent
6. Alliance schools are O.K. but for huge budget they had B.P. felt they could have been better

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7. Due to lack of poverty social problems were not as serious

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- a) The poverty that did exist was among Jews who were religious to be bad

H. Tiberias

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1. B.P. was astounded to see 15 yr. old girls teaching in alliance schools & using corporal punishment

2. Hilfverein had kindergartens where kids learned Hebrew + thus became too far advanced for Alliance sch.

L. Haifa

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1. Alliance sch. uses old-fashioned teaching techniques

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M. Ramleh near Alexandria

1. White slavery fought by civil groups

a. Traders were said to be Greek + Italian

b. White slaves " " " Arab women + children

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c. Police caught some 1700 ^{in 1 year} girls who were prostitutes + white slaves, took them away from their trade + later released them knowing they would return to prostitution

d. Police tried to prevent girls below age ^{from} entering the houses of prostitution (police caught girls from 4-20 in these houses)

1) B. P. felt these nos. could be multiplied by 10

2) there were 64 girls who were not allowed to immigrate because they were not 17 age + came unsheltered - They were shipped to another port where they were exposed to the same perils as they were spared from in Ramleh

- B. P. felt this was very inadequate fight against wh. slavery

- 64 girls were mostly Jewish

3) Kraft prevent Gov. from really taking effective stand against white slavery

2. Jewish Community

a. School for 2000 kids - tuition free + kids get food + clothing

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Girls learn needle trades & can learn more in extra sch. after they finish reg. sch.

3. Houses of Prostitution

a) After B.P. spoke to one of the prostitutes who wanted to be released from this trade B.P. & her interpreter overheard another Arab girl say to the one who spoke with B.P.

summary

"Sie (B.P.) soll gesund und gesehnet sein und ihre ganze familie, denn sie ist die erste solche Frau die mit uns gesprochen hat"

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4. Jewish Hosp.

a. Clean

b. No trained nurses - no one to train them &

1) 15 yr. old girls shy away from nursing trade

2) 17+18 yr. old are already getting married.

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5. "Liga" was only a Gov.'s protection to keep dependent below aged girls out of the country

a. B.P. suggested:

1. Founding of girl's shelter & orphanage

2. Build for youth rather than for the aged

3. That people who go to ships to help girls who cannot land, should be made aware of what it means for a Jewish girl to be repatriated to Russia

II Trip to Galicia

April - June 1912

P. 142 A. Breslau

1. B.P. writes of her concern for the new Hoop. director of Frankfurt's Jewish Hoop. He wanted to reduce nurses & head nurse to housekeepers

a) B.P. felt this would be lowering status of nurses

b) B.P. felt a woman - the head nurse - was as able to train nurses as a male director if not more able

P. 144 B. Lodz -

1. Jewish population 130,000

2. Many factories & mills affording thousands of jobs for women

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* a) At first no Jews were employed in factories

b) After revolution when there better schooling, democratic thought, & the Jewish press, Jews were better looked upon, they got work in smallhos.

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3. Jewish women are vulgar & uneducated & badly behaved from the adult to kids

a. Poverty is only a minor cause of prostitution

b. Women sell their children without the "bat Jan eyelash"

c. Diff. between Christian & Jewish women

1) Christians can marry even if they are not virgins & if they have illegitimate kids - ∴ most girls are not virgin when they marry

2) Most Jewish girls are virgin when they marry
Girls who have O.W. kids get rid of them through abortion or right after birth. - This is done since outward

manifestations of girls loss of virginity would make it impossible for her to marry

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- 1. Jewish school - 1000 boys
- a) 100 learn trades - others only religious subjects

C. Warschau

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- 1. Catholic welfare org. - missionary work
 - a. should have been non sectarian but Cath. director made it Cath.
 - b. Women's protection is particularly hard
 - 1. Jews steal children + women + sell them
 - 2. Police is bribed by these Jews not to expose them
 - c. Jews + Christ. can't work together to remedy this situation because they don't trust one another
 - c. ~~the~~ Cath. soup kitchen
 - d. B.P. felt Jews could use this org. as a model.

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- 2. Jewish Mädchen- und Frauenschutzverein.
 - a. Facilities
 - 1. Employment agency
 - 2. Home for needy working girls - some ed. facilities
 - 3. Home for young prostitutes who wish to stop being prostitutes
 - 4. Registration + investigation of sold, seduced, stolen, + eloped girls + returning them
 - b. Problem they had to cope with
 - 1. Jewish unwed mothers had abortions or if child was born, they sold it to the church
 - 2. Wide spread wh. sl. etc.
 - 3. Women who ran Jewish shelter give new born or infants to church since there is no possibility of retaining them Jewishly.

- P. 159
- a) Orphanages would not take O.W. kids
 - b) Jewish community failed to stop women from giving O.W. kids to farmers
 - c) Only choice "Tod oder Taufe"
- P. 162
3. Jewish population 256,00
- a. Many rich Jews who give a great deal of charity
 - b. Jewish Hosp., children's hosp., children's shelter, schools
Home for aged, feeble minded, orphanage.
 1. Boys 7/12 + girls 7/14 have to leave home to make room for others
 2. Homes must fight with gov. to give kids in homes a less than minimum ed.
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- c. Jews, Cath + Prot. work together for Frauenscheitz
 - d) B.P. encouraged them to work together regularly
 - a) Cath have friends among police
 - b) Jews can track down many wh. sl. traders who are mostly Jewish
- P. 164
- c) B.P. felt animosity between Jews + Cath was on a social not religious basis since Jews were a lower social class.
- P. 165
4. Jewish owners of houses of prostitution owned 3 or 4 or 5 such houses but had an honorable trade + lived far away from these houses.
- D. Vilna
- P. 166
1. Orphanage of Jewish kids was relatively good but still very poor + primitive
 2. Health stations - mostly attended by male kids - perhaps because more attention was placed to them

3. Non sectarian org. to fight white slavery soon excluded Jews + Jewish girls only got help Poles wanted to give the girls

P. 171 Ext. Petersburg

- 1. Orphanage - Jewish - 50 boys + 50 girls
 - a. Poorly organized went through there are adequate funds available
 - 1. Poor personell - ^{good} personell is hard to get
- 2. Jews refused to org. + give money to fight wh. sl. tr. they felt gov. should make adequate provisions

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- 3. Jewish population 30,000
- 4. Girl's shelters modeled after that of Stockholm
 - a. Home for working girls
 - b. With or without meals - completely kosher
 - c. Low rental adjusted to ability to pay
 - d. Nice living quarters
 - e. B.P. wanted to have some type of home in Germany

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5. Zoning laws forbid creation of houses of prostitutes around a church or school. Officials say that there are only houses of prostitutes around the outskirts of city.
 In reality prostitutes live in hotels under cover of transient guests - 3000 are registered

F. Moscow -

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- 1. Jews could not study law
- 2. Even though women were allowed to study in university level they were not admitted to men's colleges
- 3. Population = 1,500,000 - Jews 3000

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4. General shelter for respectable farmers who come to city to look for work.
- a) This charitable org. does not care for indiv. needs of farmers - only for food & lodging
 - b) Only for adults
 - c) Managed by 1 one (narrow minded) rich f
 - d) Established to counteract bad, unhygienic shelters built for the same purpose but promoting crime through their bad org.

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- 1) 4000 people in such shelters who drank & lived immorally in mobs & gangs & could easily be influenced to start programs

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- 2) People had to come to good shelter voluntarily - they were not helped to change their way of life
5. Foundling home is huge - women can give birth there
- a. Women can stay with their infants only as long as they nurse their own & other kids -
 - b. Children get no. # or name of asylum if they are not named.
 - c. Foundlings are sent to country soon after birth - mortality rate is very high.

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G - Brody

1. Jewish school for 1,200 - coed
 - a) 6 classes with 16 teachers
 - b) Kids attend sch. to age of 12
2. Large feather industry where Jewish girls work for very low pay
3. V.D. + T.B. wide spread among Jews as well as gentiles

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- a. T.B. epidemics spread in feather industry
- b) B.P. suggests kin. women org. should find some sanitary

precautions for girls working in leather industry.

H. Tarnopol -

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1) Jews were in 3 camps (Zionists, liberal, Chasidim) + it was impossible to start an org to fight wh. sl. tr.

I Lemberg + Podkarpacze

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1. Wh. sl. tr. -

a) When girls come from USSR - they are made to miss trains & then taken to houses of prostitution - The money changers or tr. conductors are often the wh. sl. traders

b) could be remedied by traveler's aid society + police inspection at train terminals

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2. Antisemitism of Poles is very bad

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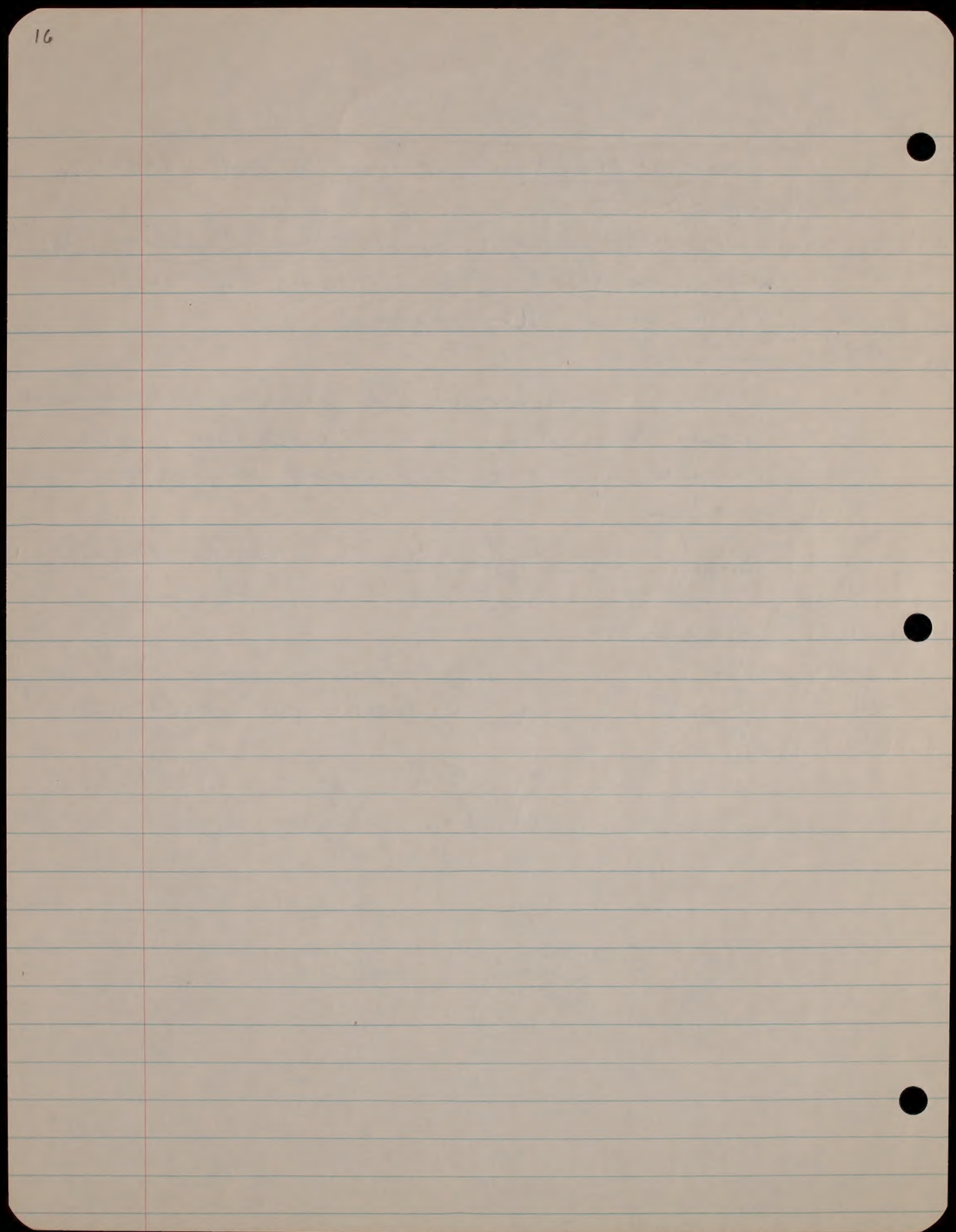
J Stanislaw

1. Kindergarten folded up because of lack of good personell - B.P. tries to get people thru German Jewish employment agencies

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K. Czernowitz

1. "Liga" for fighting wh. sl. tr. was founded 8 yrs ago by B.P. + was still in existence in 1912



P. 221 Report to Jewish International Congress To Fight Wh. Sl. Trade
by B.P. London, April 1910

1. "Eine jüdisch internationale Konferenz zur Bekämpfung des Mädchenhandels ist ein Bekenntnis und zugleich ein moralischer Sieg. Einerlei, welche praktischen Erfolge er zeitigen mag, der Umstand, dass wir von führender Stelle zusammenberufen sind, um frei und offen das traurigste Kapitel der jüdischen Sittengeschichte zu besprechen ist bedeutsam"

P. 222 2. Jews participated in 2 types of wh. sl. tr.
a. "Aussenhandel - girls are coaxed thru devious means to leave home + become prostitute in a strange land"

- P. 223
- 1. Traders are often people who feign to do honest business + really become rich on wh. sl. tr.
 - 2. Police often covers up for traders
 - 3. Jewish communities were not willing to admit or see that this breach of ethical living existed

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b. Innenhandel

- 1. Agents + owners of houses of prostitution are often Jews
- 2. Provided constantly new groups of girls for places of amusement - ^{girls} changed them to attract more people
- 3. Wh. sl. tr. was rampant in all parts of world. In E. Europe the vices were not covered up for as much as in the enlightened countries of W. Europe. ∴ W. Europe had no reason to shake finger at any other country.
- 4. What type of girls are prey to wh. sl. tr.

h. antisemitism promoted poverty which promoted wh. sl.
jeans could not enter other professions (law, med.)

g. Poor ed. ^{of youth} & disintegration of family life

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a. Girl who is purposely kept ignorant about the facts of life by men

b. " who is led astray by immoral literature

c. " " gives way to her lust & desire out of curiosity or feelings of rejection & ~~an~~ insecurity

d. Feelings of inferiority of women who cannot get an ed. & an occupation & who are taught that they are created only to be wives & mothers

e. Assimilation to ways of the non-Jewish world
& antisemitism - no gov. protection for Jewish women

P. 226, 5. Cath + Protestant clergy had recognized problem & organized groups to fight wh. sl.

a) Rabbis should take example from them

P. 227 6. Thru changing times women's duty, which is rooted in religion, "Die Hüterin der Familie", has not changed.

a) The means by which women attain their goals & the methods they have to use may change with the times

b) "Mit feinen Sinnen hat sie aufzunehmen, mit Klugheit und Takt hat sie zu benutzen und zu verwerten was das Leben draussen an Erfahrungen darbietet, denn sie ist die Erzieherin der Kinder, der Knaben und der Mädchen".

2) So wie in die Hand und unter die Verantwortung der jüdischen Frau die Ausführung von Ritualgesetzen gelegt worden waren, die das Haus "koscher" erhalten sollten, so liegt es auch in der Hand, das heisst in dem Willen und dem Verständnis der Frau, durch Festhalten an den Moralgesetzen das Haus und die Familie für die höchsten Ziele der

Fortentwicklung faugleich zu gestalten.

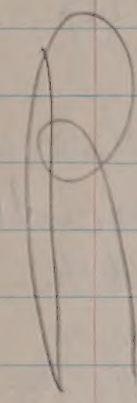
P.228 7. Principles on which purposes of this conference should be based

a) "Es genügt nicht, kein Unrecht zu tun, man darf auch nirgends Unrecht dulden"

b) the biblical commandment ^{אין} ^{לעולם} ^{לא} ^{אכזר} [Love Thy neighbor as thyself. - This can be carried out in 2 main ways.

1) To make social provisions for endangered, threatened girls & girls deprived of legal protection etc.

2) To explore the problems whose significance & protuberance cleanses them of that superficiality & sloth that would otherwise cling to these girls



of interest to Jews.

P. 228 Report of 5th International Congress for Fighting Wh. & S.
by B.P. London, June + July 1913

P. 229 1. Man who goes to prostitute may be more to blame than the prostitute.

a) He spreads V.D.

b) He can live immoral life secretly + still be approved of socially

c) He takes advantage of ignorant women + helpless children

P. 231 2. Repatriation of "Ausländerinnen schlechten Charakters" (most Jews) was quest. that of interest to Jews at the Congress.

a) B.P. differed with Eng. reps on this score

1) she claimed police measures alone will not remedy situation - spiritual quest. must be tackled

2) Girls who are repatriated + labeled as prostitutes or suspects of prostitution could never return home + be accepted.

a) The home communities often have no funds for rehabilitating these girls.

b) Girls who leave U.S.S.R., Rumania + Poland could never be repatriated since legally they were not allowed to leave their birthplace + on return they would be jailed, punished etc.

1) This suggestion of Eng. reps. is round about way of dealing with Eng. immigration problem

2) B.P. said sending girls out of Eng would be more humane than forced repatriation

- supported by Claude G. Montefiore

3. Another item of interest for Jews was failure of head of Congress Mr. Cook failed to distribute article prepared for all nations by Jewish Congress for fighting wh. & S.

- 4. Claude Montefiore spoke about role of Jews as according to our religious teachings in guiding other nations on such questions as wh. sl. tr.
- 5. Underdone Antisemitism
- 6. Resolution of Jewish gr. — To fight systematically & exhaustively against wh. sl. tr.

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7. Resolutions of congress which B.P. helped to formulate — not to her satisfaction

1) "We ask that when a woman is considered to be a subject for repatriation, & before the official decision is taken the officials charged with the duty should accept the services of a lady, authorized by the National Committee of the country, to visit the woman & ascertain in the most sympathetic manner whether it is possible to help her, and if so in which way it can best be done."

2) "The visitor should be empowered to take a statement from the woman as to the cause of her original downfall, whether it took place in the country of origin or in the country of domicile with a view if possible, of obtaining reliable data, as to the actual cause of the trouble & whether any, & if so, what remedial measures would help to reinstate her in her former social position."

P. 234 Report of a discussion of Jewish reps at World Congress against immorality. Graz (Yugoslavia) Sept, 1929

1. Participants in Congress (Jews)

a) Warsaw - Mrs. Hopfenblum + Silberminz + L. D. [unclear]

b) London - Mr. C. Montefiore Mr. S. Cohen

c) Frankfurt - Miss P. + Miss Eismann

d) Lodz - Mrs. T. Wajchmann

e) Berlin - Mrs. H. May

2. B. P. spoke on role of Jews as Jews at this congress

a) Jews were on reps of national committees even though Jews were spoken of as a group + ∴ should have been represented as 1/2

b) Goals of Jews.

1) To publicize Jewish work done to fight wh. sl.

2) To fight Jew. wh. sl. leaders outside of gov. organs

3) To form international Jewish Com. to fight wh. slavery

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3. Silberminz - Jews were not allowed to join Bahnhofsmission + were discriminated against by gov.

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4. Wajchmann -

a) wh. USSR. Communism helps to loosen family ties

b) Social problems in USSR are such that Jews can't cope with problem alone

5. B. P. suggested to invite Dr. Rabbin, + women who were acquainted with issues + who were willing to work to join the Jew. wh. sl. Com. for fighting wh. sl.

Volume II

I Introduction - written in 1929

p. 4 A. Purpose of these letters is not to give a full + comprehensive description of the problem of wh. sl. but to show + convince people that the problem exists + that the Jewish community must act to remedy the problem + reduce it

p. 5 B. League of Nations

"Für uns Juden habe ich in Wort und Schrift den mir einzig gangbar scheinenden Weg vorgeschlagen und ihn ^(conspicuo) begründet. Doch glaube ich, dass auch die gesamte Welt-Öffentlichkeit das stärkste Interesse daran hat, dass das Material beim Völkerbund nicht in Geheimakten verstaubt bleibt, sondern dass praktische Erkenntnisse daraus geschöpft werden.

Im Oktober 1930 wird in Warschau wieder ein internationaler Kongress zur Bekämpfung des Mädchenhandels stattfinden, und ich hoffe, dass diese Versammlung so vorbereitet sein wird, dass sie einstimmig die Bearbeitung des Völkerbundmaterials als eine Kulturverpflichtung der Nationen und Konfessionen verlangt."

C. This fight against wh. sl. was to be waged thru Welt-sammelvormundschaft thru such an agency as Joint or Jewish Agency Mädchenhandel

II

p. 7 A.B.P. asks rep to Jüdischen Welt-Hilfskonferenz to be rep at League of Nations + introduce problem of wh. sl. as rep of Jewd. Frauenbund

- 1) Because the whole world was laying the blame with the Jews
 2) Purpose
 a) To bring about all out war against wh. sl.
 b) To initiate a more detailed study of the program
- P. 8
- P. 10 B. B. P. get request from Rabbi J. Horowitz for material on wh. sl. so that he can write an expose to be delivered at the ^{1st} Welthilfskonferenz
- P. 11 1) B. P. answers that it is up to Jews + world orgs. to find this material + compile it as 1st. step in dealing with problem of wh. sl.
- P. 15 E. B. P. activates groups fighting wh. sl. in foreign countries
 (ex. Eng - Ass. for the Protection of Girls + Women
 a) B. P. urged them to compile a definition of Mädchenhandel for world org - giving all phases of term, wh. sl., + its implications
 b) Win over internal Police force to fight wh. sl.
- P. 19 D League of Nations issued report where detailed role of Jews in wh. sl. is described
- ~~P. 20~~ 1) Report had antisemitic tendencies
 2) Report was compiled without the help of 1 Jew
 3) Part of report was kept secret so that Jews never had a chance to evaluate it - obviously it was antisemitic
- P. 21 2) At Genf meeting U.S. commission was asked to study condition + extend of wh. sl. in Europe + Jews never had opportunity to evaluate findings + explain them as the other religions were allowed to do - ∴ untrue report resulted
- P. 22 3) Report was to be made according to nations - but there were more references to religious groups than to nations

c) Report uses Hebrew terms & trivializingly -> antisemitic (Klaffen Schnorer, Schachchen)

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4) B.P. suggested to Montefiore that report should be examined & corrected by well & truly informed persons

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b) Standing committee of Jews to resp. Jews in such & social action issues should be formed - to activate.

- 1) Rabbis all over
- 2) Teachers in influencing students
- 3) Women's orgs
- 4) Doctors - To deal with hygienic problems & take premarital exams very seriously
- 5) Emigration orgs. to deal with illegal immigrations etc.

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6) The gress
7) Lawyers to represent ~~the~~ citizenless subjects (mostly illegally emigrated girls), repatriation etc.

8) Willkommenskommitee

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5) Montefiore said that part II of report was not nearly as bad as B. P. said

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a) Interference from non-members of the committee doing the study would have made members suspicious of Jews & they might have thought that Jews are trying to hide something

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"We shall not complete the work, but we shall not fail altogether. We shall add one thing to another, "here a little & there a little", & much good will gradually

be achieved in the future, even as a fair amount of good has been achieved in the future, even as a fair amt. of good has been achieved in the past.

6) B. P. was opposed from all sides in combating League of Nations report.

III Weltsammelvormundschaft - Schutzzentrale

P. 61 A. For: abandoned, neglected, dependent children

B. Types of children for whom this protection is needed

1. Transient emigrants

2. Permanent residents of a place to whom the gov. provisions do not apply & to children who cannot be adequately helped by local Jewish institutions

3. Children of needy pregnant mothers + pregnant mothers

P. 77 C. B. P. tried at first to get ^{sammel} Weltsammelvormundschaft idea introduced in League of Nations

1) When this failed B. P. tried to interest separate member countries in the idea

P. 78 D. Importance of Weltsammelvormundschaft

1. The death rate in Germany was greater than birth rate & there were deaths, need to raise healthy & many kids was greater & of world importance

P. 80 E. Part of Jewish Community

1. Promote marriages, fee weddings, encourage child bearing

2. Gifts for bride, insurance, & scholarships for children

3. Tax exemption for families with kids

4. Housing & sickness help

Sisyphus Arbeit

Purpose in making these trips:

1. To start orgs. to fight wh. sl. tr.
 - a. Orgs. should be of local significance
 - b. Orgs. should be formed in such a way that they can eventually be linked to an international league to fight wh. sl. tr.
 - c. Orgs. should protect stray & lonely girls & expose gov. & social evils promoting wh. sl. tr. & try to remedy these evils
2. To help orgs. which were in process of forming to get on their feet
3. To make local orgs aware of similar orgs around them & of need to help & cooperate with one another
4. To evaluate the problem & see extent of wh. sl. tr.
5. To evaluate what was being done to meet the problem
 - a) Gov. level
 - b) "Sectarian"

Zionism seemed to stir up problem of antisemitism in every land
Meaning of Sisyphus Arbeit

[Susman, m. "Mädchenhandel"]

1) "---- als eine Sisyphus Arbeit, als ein unendlich mühseliges schweres, immer wieder vergebliches Tun müssen wir das Werk dieser Frau, (B.P.) die auf ein Leben voll grossartiger sozialer Arbeit zurückblickt, trotz der ausserordentlichen realen Leistungen, die sie vollbracht hat, in diesen Briefen allerdings erkennen."

2) Broader meaning: quoted from m. Susman "Mädchenhandel"
a) "---- 'Von Unrecht wissen & schweigen macht mitschuldig,' introduction 7. d. 1.

