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Austrian Chancellor Seeks to Allay Jewish Fears of Anti-Semitism in New Government

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Vienna, Oct. 3.—In an endeavor to quiet the anxiety of the Jewish populace over the new cabinet, Chancellor Karl Vaugin has issued a statement intended to allay any fears prevalent among the Jews because of the possible anti-Semitic influence that the Heimwehr, Austria's private nationalist militia, might have over the new government because two of the Heimwehr's outstanding leaders are members of the cabinet.

Chancellor Vaugin said that his program is "for the Fatherland and against the Marxists. I respect and welcome all, who out of religious or patriotic love, will join in the fight to maintain the old culture of our people. Hence I am organizing a common election platform which would ensure for Austria and every Austrian devoted to his country the respect of all fellow-citizens. Those, however, who betray Austria in her present hour of need will meet their fate without regard to their religion".

This statement was in reply to the Liberal Wiener Journal which had inquired of Chancellor Vaugin whether he agreed with the attitude of that paper, namely that patriotic Jews are on a par with other patriots and must be protected against persecutions and insults. Dr. Vaugin's reply clearly indicates that the government will recognize

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Wolfgang von Weisl Reported Arrested on Iraq-Persia Border

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Oct. 3.—News reaching here from Teheran, Persia, says that Wolfgang von Weisl, Jewish journalist, Zionist Revisionist leader and one of those who was injured during the 1929 riots in Palestine, was arrested on the Iraq-Persian border in North Kurdistan on September 17. Von Weisl, who was on a journey with M. Brum, a painter from Bruenn, and was accompanied by a Kurdish guide, was mistaken, it is reported, for the mysterious Colonel Lawrence, who is declared responsible for the recent Kurdish revolt.

On September 20, according to the report, Von Weisl was taken to Taebriis, after having been guarded by a special patrol while being detained in the Urmiah American Mission House. He was not allowed to communicate with his employers, the Ullstein publishing house in Berlin, until September 27 when he was taken to Teheran and released. He is still in Persia, according to reports, because of an illness contracted during his detention.

Philip Halsmann to Be Ousted from Austria

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Oct. 3.—Philip Halsmann, young Latvian Jew who was pardoned and released on the eve of Yom Kippur after having been under a four year prison sentence for patricide, will be compelled to leave Austria immediately, according to reports here. Young Halsmann, who for nearly three years had been the victim of an Austrian "Dreyfus" case, will not even be permitted a short stay in Vienna because the local authorities are determined not to allow the controversy over his guilt or innocence to be made an issue in the forthcoming elections.

Tasting free air again almost for the first time since the Summer of 1928 when he was arrested on a charge of murdering his father in the Tyrol mountains, Halsmann, suffering from tuberculosis contracted in prison, plans to go to Meran to take the cure. Pending his departure he will be closely watched by the authorities, it is said. It is impossible to establish whether the order for his expulsion results from the fact that when the Innsbruck court sentenced him at his second trial he was ordered to leave Austria at the expiration of his sentence, or whether the order is due to a decision on the part of Prince Starheimberg, Heimwehr leader and new minister of the interior.

In the meantime Halsmann remains secluded in his room at the Donau-stadt Krems Hotel, only members of his family being permitted to see him while his lawyers are seeking a permit for a short stay in Austria. Failing in this Halsmann will seek a visa to Italy.

Procope Sees Zionism of Great Importance to Humanity

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Geneva, Oct. 3.—"In Zionism I see a movement of great moral value and of great importance not only to the Jewish people but to humanity in general," declared Hjalmar Procope, for the past two years rapporteur on mandates to the Council of the League of Nations and now foreign minister of Finland. In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, M. Procope said that in the two years he had devoted himself to a detailed study of the mandates and had had an opportunity to express his opinion at the recent sessions of the sixth or political commission of the Assembly of the League of Nations when he emphasized the principles and obligations of the British government under the Palestine Mandate.

Lord Rothermere Attacking Jews Advises Hitler to Eliminate Anti-Semitism from Program

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Oct. 3.—Advising Adolf Hitler, leader of the German Fascists, to follow the example of the founder of Fascism and eliminate anti-Semitism from program because "Jew-baiting is a stupid survival of medieval prejudice." Viscount Rothermere, publisher of the Daily Mail and sponsor of universal Fascism "as an antidote to Bolshevism" attacks British Jewry and the Jews throughout the world in a long signed article in yesterday's Daily Mail. This article is considered to be the definition of the attitude of British Fascists toward the Jewish question.

In a previous article, favoring the National Socialists, published immediately after the Hitlerites' election victory, Viscount Rothermere carefully avoided any mention of the National Socialists' anti-Semitism, which led Edgar Wallace to comment in the Daily Mail that Viscount Rothermere disagrees with the National Socialists on this point. The sharply worded criticism levelled against Viscount Rothermere by the German Democratic press and the entire English press, which generally does not treat him very seriously so far as politics are concerned, led him to publish this second article on the Hitlerites in the course of which he attacked the Jews.

He said, "I freely admit that the Jewish race has shown conspicuous political unwisdom since the War. Prominent British Jews have brought great unpopularity upon their community because of clamorous persistence in pressing for maintenance, at the expense of the hard-driven taxpayers, of the Jewish National Home in Palestine, which no

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Civil Case Involving Jews Tried in Austria on Yom Kippur

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Oct. 3.—A civil case involving two Jewish litigants was disposed of in Vienna civil county court yesterday, Yom Kippur, marking the first time that a Jewish civil case was tried on Yom Kippur in an Austrian court. One of the litigants had asked for a postponement of the case since the Austrian legal code explicitly takes into consideration the religion of parties to a legal dispute in determining the date of a process. The judicial senate, however, rejected the appeal because it said that the request for a postponement should have been submitted before the trial was scheduled.

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Yom Kippur Exams Conflict at Harvard Avoided as Jewish Students Dictate Answers

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Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 3.—The Jewish seniors of Harvard University who were required to take divisional examinations in romance languages yesterday were each provided with a proctor to whom the Jewish students dictated their answers to the examination questions, thus partly overcoming the difficulty arising from the conflict between the examinations and Yom Kippur. This concession by the University authorities was expected by them to clear up the strenuous objections voiced against what was said to be a discriminatory attitude against Jews.

The difficulty became known on the eve of Yom Kippur when the Jewish seniors were faced with the alternative of violating the precepts of Judaism by taking the examinations or suffering a year's delay before they could obtain their degrees should they fail to take the examinations. The Harvard University officials maintained that the dates for the examinations were set last Spring and no objection was voiced by the Jewish students until it was too late to change the dates.

Leaders of Jewish student opinion here, however, point out that this is no excuse as the Harvard administrative offices have been supplied with a ten-year Jewish calendar sent out by the Synagogue Council of America. It is evident, however, that few, if any of the Jewish students were aware of the conflict at the time the examination dates were set. There is no ill-feeling on the part of the Jewish seniors, some of whom pointed out that some high Catholic fast days are not observed by Catholic students either.

Yom Kippur Uneventful in Palestine; Holiday Marred by Communists in Poland

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Oct. 3.—Yom Kippur in Palestine was uneventful except for a minor incident caused by the zeal of a young Jew who insisted that the shofar be blown at the Wailing Wall. He loudly announced that the government was not entitled to interfere with religious practices. A Jewish police officer first tried to calm the young man pointing out to him that Chief Rabbi Kook had accepted the government's ruling. The police officer then ordered the man's detention. He was released after an hour.

Only government officials and Arab notables were at the railway station to welcome High Commissioner Chancellor home from his leave. The Jews were absent because of the holiday.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Oct. 3.—In Warsaw and Lodz the Communists made unsuccessful attempts to hold anti-Yom Kippur demonstrations. The kitchen of the Jewish Socialists near the Tlomaski Synagogue remained open and when Yom Kippur service began the Poale Zion and the Bund held workers' meetings in their headquarters.

At the famous chassidic center of Ger, Communists placed a red flag in front of the study of the Gerer Rebbe. When the police removed the flag the Communists began a meeting on a vacant lot between the rabbi's study and the synagogue. While the Rabbi was at prayer unknown persons sought to photograph him. The Rabbi's followers energetically opposed this action. The strangers then began shooting, causing an uproar which resulted in two of them being injured and then arrested.

In Lemberg, serious street fights occurred between Communist and Jewish worshippers. The Communists entered a synagogue and began tearing the prayer shawls off the worshippers and sought to desecrate the ark containing the Torah scrolls. The police were called in and arrested 12 of the invaders, many of whom required medical attention.

Swiss Jewish Jurist Dead Socialists Boom Brother of Farbstein for His Post

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berne, Oct. 3.—Kamil Guggenheim, Jewish lawyer, Socialist leader and a member of the highest Swiss court, died here today at the age of 36. Noted in the framing of legislation he was elected to the Bundesgericht last December. To replace him the Swiss parliamentary Socialist group will propose Dr. David Farbstein, brother of Deputy Herschel Farbstein of the Polish parliament, a member of the Swiss Socialist national council and judge of the court of appeals at Zurich.

Dr. Farbstein took an active part in the first Zionist Congress at Basle and has been active in Jewish affairs. He was a delegate to the recent World Congress for Palestine Workers.

Jewish Upbuilding Work in Palestine Progressed During Year, Elias Epstein Reports

That the Jewish upbuilding work in Palestine continued to progress during the Hebrew year 5690, was related by Elias M. Epstein, General Secretary of the Jewish National Fund Head Office in Jerusalem who arrived here this week, preparatory to the forthcoming visit of M. M. Ussishkin, international Zionist leader and head of the Palestine Land Fund which is the largest single Jewish land owner in Palestine.

Contrary to prevailing impressions the development of Palestine has steadily continued during the year following the anti-Jewish Arab riots of August, 1929. The pace of progress was also continued by the Palestine Land Fund, Mr. Epstein stated, adding that during the year the Jewish National Fund had acquired 12,000 additional dunams of land and has contracted for a further area of 60,000 dunams, bringing the total of Jewish National Fund holdings in Palestine to more than 300,000 dunams. "The August riots had the curious effect of stimulating Jewish activities in various directions, principally along the lines of building new residential and commercial quarters," Mr. Epstein stated. "Exports in the first five months of the current year increased from £676,000 to £989,000. Progress in the orange plantation zone has been matched by a revival of viticulture. The area devoted to grape cultivation has jumped from 1300 dunams in 1924 and 5600 in 1927 to 8,000 dunams in 1930. Another promising culture is that of banana growing," Mr. Epstein concluded.

Jewish Hurrican Victims Appeal to Hias for Help

The Jews of Santo Domingo have sent an appeal to the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of America (HIAS), for immediate help, having lost everything as a result of the recent hurricane.

In a letter to the Society signed by M. Goldowski, Mendel Freedman, Isaac Wengar and Wolf Sheftel, representing forty Jewish families living in Santo Domingo, it is stated that the Jews are absolutely penniless and are suffering privation. "We have lost everything," the writers say. "We ask you, the Society which aids Jews everywhere, not to forget us. The businesses of Jews have been wiped out. We beg of you to help us immediately, otherwise we do not know what is going to happen to us."

Bund in United Bloc With Independent Socialists

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Oct. 3.—A united bloc for the forthcoming parliamentary elections has been created between the Jewish Socialist Labor Party (Bund) and the Independent Socialists, under the leadership of J. Kruk. There is a possibility that the Right Poale Zion will also join this bloc.

Jaffa Christian and Arab Moslems Also in Conflict

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jaffa, Oct. 3.—District Commissioner Campbell has been obliged to intervene between the Moslem and Christian Arabs of Jaffa in order to avoid conflict between them such as has arisen between the Christian and Moslem Arabs of Haifa. The Jaffa dispute has also grown out of the shooting of an editor, this time a Moslem, Abdullah Kalkilleh, editor of the Seraat El Moustakem, who was shot by a Christian Arab early this week.

Moslems throughout the country are expressing their sympathy for Kalkilleh who is reported in a serious condition. The Arab paper Falastin says that neither the assailant nor his motives are known, but hints that the shooting was in retaliation for the murder of Jamal Bakhri, the Christian-Arab editor of Haifa.

Alfred Mack Named to Common Pleas Bench in Cincinnati

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Cincinnati, Oct. 3.—Governor Myers Y. Cooper of Ohio has just appointed Alfred Mack, law partner of Alfred Cohen, president of the B'nai B'rith, to fill the unexpired term of the late Edward M. Hurley, Common Pleas judge, on recommendation of the Hamilton County Republican Committee.

Mr. Mack, who is 68, was active in entertaining B'nai B'rith delegates at the recent international convention here. He will run as the Republican candidate at the November election voters being required to write in his name on the ballot.

600 Prominent Jews Aid San Francisco Drive for \$265,000

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

San Francisco, Oct. 3.—Six hundred of the foremost Jewish men and women of San Francisco are engaged in a city-wide campaign for the Jewish National Welfare Fund, which opened its sixth annual appeal on Monday, September 29. The drive will continue to October 10 by which time it is hoped that the goal of \$265,000 shall have been attained. Reports thus far predict a successful result.

Embraced in the Jewish National Welfare Fund of San Francisco are 38 Jewish national and international institutions of religious, educational and charitable nature which before the creation of the fund made independent appeals to the community for financial help.

This year's campaign opened with a rally on Sunday evening, September 28 in the Temple House of Temple Emanuel. Speakers included Judge M. C. Sloss, president of the fund, and Richard E. Gutstadt, campaign director.

Mrs. Henry Harris and Walter A. Haas are vice-chairmen of this year's campaign organization. Mrs. Eva S. Schwabacher heads the women's division.

Gives New Facts on Napoleon's Role in Jewish Emancipation

New facts about the role played by Napoleon in the emancipation of European Jewry at the beginning of the nineteenth century are revealed in an article in the current issue of *The American Hebrew*. The article is written by Prof. F. N. Kircheisen, who is regarded as the world's leading authority on Napoleon and his times.

The reason why Napoleon suddenly dissolved the Great Sanhedrin soon after he had convened it, is explained by Prof. Kircheisen as follows:

"While the Great Sanhedrin was convening in Paris, Napoleon happened to be dining one day with one of his intimate friends. As they dined they were talking of various things, even of religious matters, in the gayest and most jovial of manners. Suddenly Napoleon's uncle, Cardinal Fesch, grew very serious so that the emperor, becoming inquisitive, asked him what was wrong. 'It is easy enough to understand what is the matter with me,' said the cardinal. 'However, it appears that you want the end of the world to come about.' 'How so and why do I?' the emperor asked in amazement. 'Well, then,' Fesch, 'Do you not know that the Sacred Scripture predicts that the end of the world will take place as soon as the Jews are recognized as a nation?'"

This, according to Prof. Kircheisen, led Napoleon on the next day to order the Sanhedrin dissolved. Another reason which he gives is as follows:

"Since Prussia, after its defeats in Thuringen, was absolutely unwilling to make peace, Napoleon had to proceed to Poland with his army in order to seek out the Russians who were allied with Prussia and annihilate them. The land which he traversed and which was inhabited by Poles had made the most unfavorable and disadvantageous impression upon him, but still more so the numerous Jews who lived there in the greatest degradation. This regrettable circumstance determined the emperor's future attitude towards a race of high rank which he wished to liberate and which he desired to make into an integral component part of the land in which it was dwelling."

Shiels Arrives to Confer With Arab, Jewish Leaders

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Cairo, Oct. 3.—Saying that his visit to Palestine had no specific purpose, Dr. Drummond Shiels, British under-secretary for the Colonies, told the *Egyptian Gazette* that he desires to acquire a direct knowledge of local conditions and to come into personal contact officially with the chief leaders and the government. His visit, he said, is in accordance with the general policy of the British government to establish closer connections between the Colonial Office and the governments under its supervision. For the same reason, Dr. Shiels, pointed out, he is also going to Cyprus.

Joseph Littau to Head Omaha Symphony Orchestra

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 3.—Joseph Littau, musical director of the Roxy Theatre, will succeed Sandor Harmati as conductor of the Omaha Symphony Orchestra for the next season. The appointment of Mr. Littau to the post of conductor is one of the few outstanding indications where an American-born conductor has been engaged to conduct an American symphony orchestra.

Mr. Littau was born in New Jersey, and save for a year spent in Berlin where he studied under Marquadt, he is a thorough product of American education. He studied the piano under the guidance of Joseph Horodes, organ under Alfred D. Fohs, and theory with Mortimer Wilson, the American composer.

The new conductor of the Omaha Symphony Orchestra had served his apprenticeship in Roxy's orchestra many years ago as a pianist, later as assistant conductor of the Boston Opera Company, and for a number of seasons at the St. Louis Majestic Theatre. Within recent years his broadcasting over the radio has done considerable towards introducing standard symphonic works to radio audiences.

St. Paul Dedicates \$100,000 Jewish Community Center

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 3.—St. Paul's new \$100,000 Jewish Educational Center was dedicated here before a large audience. The new building will serve as a center of St. Paul's Jewish educational and cultural work, social activities, physical training and philanthropic and communal activities. Civic activities, aiming toward the improvement and betterment of the city of St. Paul, through co-operation with other groups, will also find active support in the new center. Robert Markwitz is the executive director of the Center.

Rabbi H. S. Margolis of Temple Mt. Zion presided at the dedication ceremonies. Rabbi J. B. Hurvitz of the Sons of Jacob Congregation then pronounced the Shehecheyonu, the traditional Jewish prayer over new fruits and other things come to life. The key of the building was presented by A. I. Shapira, chairman of the Building Committee, to Dr. William Ginsberg, president of the Center Association. Rabbi Herman Cohen of Temple Aaron delivered the dedicatory address and Rabbi Herman Simon of the Sons of Zion Congregation recited the benediction.

Few Jewish Applicants Admitted to Warsaw U. Medical School

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Warsaw, Oct. 3.—Of the 380 applicants for admission to the school of medicine in the Warsaw University, only 28 were admitted. A total of 127 out of 130 non-Jewish applicants were accepted.

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Jews above the charity line want at all.

"Those on the inside of public affairs feel furthermore a good deal of resentment against the activities of wealthy Jewish individuals and organizations who try by every means—financial, social, political and personal—to influence British Government Departments and members of parliament for ends serviceable to Jewish interests.

"Tactlessness always has been one of the outstanding defects of the children of Israel. British Jews do not err in this respect nearly as much as their kinsmen of the Continent. Nevertheless, they would do well to remember that the fact of leadership of the Bolshevik campaign against civilization and religion being almost entirely in the hands of men of their blood has done inevitable and incalculable harm to the reputation of the Hebrew race in every country of its adoption."

Viscount Rothermere's article has created a storm in Anglo-Jewish circles because his advice to the Hitlerites to eliminate anti-Semitism from their program is believed to be more than over-balanced by his vigorous attack on British Jewry. While the Daily Mail was known as not very friendly to the Jews such an outspoken attack was entirely unexpected.

Rabbi's Plea Prevents Passion Play Showing in Washington

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, Oct. 3.—The Freiburg Passion Play will not be presented here next month. It was learned yesterday that the contract between the Freiburg Passion Players and the Organized Bible Class Association has been cancelled after Rabbi Abram Simon, leader of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, had protested against the presentation of the play on the ground that it might create ill-will between Jew and Christian.

Rabbi Simon appeared before the committee of the Organized Bible Class Association which was sponsoring the presentation of the Passion Play in the capital and stated his viewpoint. The committee, which consisted of the Rev. Dr. Homer J. Conzoler and Mr. Page Mck. Etchison, listened very earnestly to his plea. As a result the committee annulled its agreement with Adolph Fassnacht, owner of the Freiburg Passion Play.

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Head of New Philadelpha Liberal Temple Is Well Known in Perth Amboy

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Perth Amboy, N. J., Oct. 3.—Rabbi J. Gerson Brenner, who, according to a recent Jewish Telegraphic Agency dispatch, is to assume the leadership of the Liberal Temple in Philadelphia, is well known in this city, having served as pastor of the Temple Beth Mordecai from 1925 to 1929. His father, Nathan Brenner, is an orthodox rabbi and resides in Philadelphia, where the Liberal Temple, "a non-denominational institution dedicated to Youth" will, according to the announcement, "preach but one day a week and practice during the other six."

At the dedication ceremonies of the new Temple Beth Mordecai on April 19, 1927, at which Rabbi J. Gerson Brenner presided, Rabbi Nathan Brenner pleaded with the Jewish people to continue to practice the Jewish traditions and customs. The late Louis Marshall, who was the principal speaker on that occasion, delivered a fiery address during the course of which he said, "The Jews have to live their Judaism. It should be on their lips three hundred and sixty-five days in the year and it should be taught to their children in the homes."

Although affiliated with a conservative temple here, Rabbi Brenner was considered to be extremely liberal and un-orthodox both in his views and religious practices. He was greatly interested in the Red Cross, Boy Scouts and other civic organizations, and is an eloquent speaker.

Since leaving here he has served as Rabbi of Temple Emanuel at Spokane, Washington, a Reform temple, and has visited Palestine. More recently he has been devoting his time to the lecture platform, his favorite topics being "Jehovah, Allah and Christ in the Holy Land," "Crime Against Criminals" and "Has Religion Failed?"

Schiff Heads Opening Dinner Committee of Federation

Mortimer L. Schiff, philanthropist and partner in the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb and Company, is chairman of the Opening Dinner Committee for the 1930 campaign of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies. The campaign, which will formally open on October 19 with a dinner at the Hotel Commodore, will have as its aim the raising of \$2,221,000 in this city for the maintenance of the ninety-one social agencies comprising the Federation, it was announced by Dudley D. Sicher, president. This sum represents the deficit on a budget of \$5,499,000, the remainder having already been secured, according to Sicher.

Four hundred and fifty-one leaders of the philanthropic, business and professional groups of New York will serve with Mr. Schiff on the committee.

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only those citizens who will join the fight against Marxism.

Prince Ernest von Starhemberg, Heimwehr leader and minister of interior in the Vaugin government, on taking over his new duties, informed his subordinates that it is his duty "to represent the principles of the Heimwehr in my new working sphere." This statement makes the future situation of the Jews even more indefinite as Prince Starhemberg avoided any reference to his stand on the Jewish question as minister of interior. He had previously been known as an anti-Semite and a close friend of Adolf Hitler, leader of the German Fascists.

It is impossible as yet to say with any certainty whether the Christian-Socialists or the Heimwehr will be the more influential group in the new government. The true character of the present cabinet and its possible anti-Semitic leanings will probably be revealed in the course of the forthcoming election campaign. In addition to Prince Starhemberg, the new minister of justice, Franz Huebers, is also known as an active anti-Semite. He is said to have rid his native town, Mattsee, a Summer resort, of all Jews.

While the entire Liberal press is now opposed to the new government, the Warheit, organ of the Austrian Jewish Union, today expressed the fear that the Jewish question will form the chief issue in the coming elections. The paper bases this fear on a speech of Prince Starhemberg last Summer in which he was reported to have said, "I will have great pleasure in giving the order for shooting the flatfooted Jews who stand prominent in the ranks of the opposition."

National Socialist Leader Kills Self in Berlin

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, Oct. 3.—M. Ganzert, a young National Socialist leader, 24 years of age, committed suicide on his way home today. Speaking to some of his friends before he killed himself, young Ganzert said, "If Hitler's third Reich looks like this I have no desire to live any longer."

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