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HITLERISTS TROUNCED IN REICHSTAG BY GENERAL GROENER FOR ABUSE OF HINDENBURG: THESE GOEBBELS LADS WHO KNOW WAR ONLY BY HEARSAY DARE CLASH SUPREME SOLDIER OF WAR WITH DESERTERS: FIRST CONDITION OF NAZIS BEING ADMITTED TO ARMY IS THAT THEY MUST FIRST BREAK OFF ALL ASSOCIATION WITH NAZI PARTY HE DECLARES EXPLAINING HIS LIFTING BAN AGAINST ENROLLING NAZIS IN ARMY: HITLERIST DEPUTIES SUSPENDED FOR INTERRUPTING GENERAL GROENER BY SHOUTING "JEW TRAITORS".

Berlin, Feb. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Hitlerists were given a trouncing in the Reichstag to-day by General Groener, the Minister of Defence and the Interior, when he rose to deliver a sharp rebuke to Deputy Goebbels for his abuse of President Hindenburg yesterday, because he is being supported by Jews in his presidential campaign.

These Goebbels lads who know of the Great War only by hearsay, the General said acidly, dare to get up here and class Field-Marshal von Hindenburg, the supreme soldier of the War, with deserters.

General Groener dealt in the course of his speech with the objections raised in democratic quarters to his recent action in removing the ban that had existed against members of the Nazi Party being enrolled in the Reichswehr. The first condition, he explained, before any Nazi is allowed to enter the Reichswehr, is that he must break off all association with the Nazi Party.

The Hitlerist Deputies tried to shout down General Groener, keeping up a cry of "Jew traitors", "Jew profiteers", until the President of the Reichstag, Herr Loebe, had to suspend the sitting for a time. Several Hitlerist Deputies were named, and excluded from the remainder of to-day's sitting.

GERMAN PRIME MINISTER DEFENDS DR. CARL MELCHIOR GERMANY'S JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AGAINST HITLERIST ATTACK: GERMANY OWES A DEBT TO THIS BRAVE AND CAPABLE MAN WHO HAS A RECORD OF GREAT SERVICES TO OUR COUNTRY HE SAYS: REPEATS GENERAL GROENER'S ASSURANCE THAT HITLERISTS WILL BE ADMITTED TO ARMY ONLY AS LONG AS THEY OBSERVE OATH OF LEGALITY TAKEN BY HITLER: IF THEY CONTINUE WILD ACTS OF INCITEMENT NO HITLERIST WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Berlin, Feb. 25th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Dr. Carl Melchior, the Jewish banker, partner in the Hamburg banking house of Max Warburg and Company, who has acted as Germany's representative on the Reparations Commission, on the Financial Commission of the League of Nations, on the Basle Bank of International Payments, and other international bodies, was vigorously defended to-day in the Reichstag by the Prime Minister, Dr. Bruening, against an attack made on him by a Hitlerist, Deputy Rosenberg.

Dr. Melchior represented Germany masterfully at the various international conferences, in which he acted as our representative, Dr. Bruening said, and Germany owes a debt of appreciation to this brave and capable man who has a record of great services to our country.

(The Hitlerist chief organ, "Voelkischer Beobachter", launched a vicious attack on Dr. Melchior while he was acting in December as the German representative on the Special Advisory Committee meeting in Basle, where he defended Germany's case that she is unable, owing to the economic situation, to continue to meet her reparations obligations. The German people seems incapable of appointing a tribute negotiator, it said, without selecting an international Jewish banker, whose business interests prevent him representing the interests of the German people.)

(Then the Advisory Committee of Financial Experts presented its report, finding unanimously that Germany is unable to pay reparations, Dr. Bruening sent a message to the German delegation, giving first place to Dr. Melchior as the head of the delegation, and paying high tribute to him for the clarity and conviction with which he had presented Germany's case, so that it had been unanimously adopted by the international experts, and expressed to him the gratitude of the German Government and nation).

The Prime Minister also followed up to-day the statement made by General Groener, the Minister of Defence and the Interior, explaining the removal of the ban which had existed against Hitlerists joining the Reichswehr.

Nazis, he said, are allowed to join the Reichswehr only on condition that members of the Nazi Party respect the oath taken by Hitler, to respect and observe the principle of legality, and to do nothing that is outside the law. If members of the Nazi Party continue their wild policy of incitement and agitation, no Nazis will come into the Reichswehr, he declared.

HITLERIST SLOGAN "PERISH JUDEA" PAINTED ON PORTALS OF ESSEN SYNAGOGUE.

Berlin, Feb. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

"Perish Judea!" the Hitlerist slogan, has been found to-day painted during the night in gigantic lettering on the portals of the Great Synagogue in Essen, one of the largest and finest synagogues in Germany.

JEW DIES IN BERLIN HOSPITAL OF INJURIES INFLICTED BY HITLERIST WHO ATTACKED HIM SHOUTING "NOW I'VE GOT YOU ALONE, DAMNED JEW."

Berlin, Feb. 25th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Gerhard Hopp, a Jewish shopkeeper of the town of Stegers, who was attacked by a Nazi shopkeeper of the same town, named Schmidt, who ran up to him shouting: "Now I have got you, you damned Jew", has died of his injuries to-day in hospital in Berlin, after being detained there for a number of weeks.

DANGER TO JEWISH PRIVATE SCHOOL SYSTEM IN POLAND: GOVERNMENT BILL CARRIED AT THIRD READING BY EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION OF PARLIAMENT; ALL OPPOSITION MOTIONS DEFEATED: JEWISH SPOKESMAN COMPLAINS MEASURE IS VIOLATION OF MINORITY RIGHTS GUARANTEED IN CONSTITUTION.

Warsaw, Feb. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Education Commission of the Sejm passed to-day at the third reading the Government bill for the reorganization of the private school system, rejecting all the motions introduced by the Jewish Deputies and the other opposition groups for removing the dangers which they see in it to the unhampered existence of the schools of the minorities.

Deputy Sommerstein, speaking in the name of the Club of Jewish Deputies, read out a declaration, in which he repeated the arguments which he used against the bill, during the consideration of the bill by the Commission (given in the J.T.A. Bulletin of the 24th. inst.), contending that the Government bill as adopted by the Commission constitutes a violation of the rights of the minorities guaranteed in the Constitution.

THE BURDEN OF TAXATION ON POLISH JEWRY: NO AMNESTY FOR OLD ARREARS OF TAXES GOVERNMENT DECIDES AGAINST DEMAND BY JEWISH SPOKESMAN: GOVERNMENT BILL ONLY EMPOWERS MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO GIVE CERTAIN RELIEF BUT NO INDICATION HOW POWERS WILL BE USED AND HOW TAXPAYER WILL BENEFIT.

Warsaw, Feb. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The question of the crushing burden of old arrears of taxation which is lying heavy on the Jewish merchant and shopkeeping classes of Poland, without any possibility of their ever being able to pay it off, was raised by Deputy Rothenstreich, as the spokesman of the Club of Jewish Deputies at the meeting of the Finance Commission of the Sejm, during the consideration of the Government bill empowering the Ministry of Finance to give certain relief to taxpayers in respect of old arrears of taxation.

As far back as December 1930, shortly after the election of the present Sejm, the Club of Jewish Deputies introduced a motion to give relief to tax-payers in arrears, Deputy Rothenstreich said, and only now, 17 months after, had the Government found it advisable to put this question on the agenda of the Finance Commission.

The Club of Jewish Deputies, as the representative of the Jewish population, he went on, had long ago demonstrated that it is impossible for the taxpayer to pay off all the accumulated arrears of taxation because of the severe economic crisis in the country, which is threatening to deprive him of all opportunity of earning his bare livelihood, let alone pay these huge sums in arrears to the State.

The present Government bill, he complained, is formulated very vaguely and it is difficult to tell what it is aiming at. We do not know from the bill, he said, what relief will be given to the taxpayer and how it will benefit him. We are simply asked to give certain powers to the Ministry of Finance. How these powers will be used we are not told.

The Vice-President of Finance, M. Zawodski, said that the Government bill was intended only to give the Ministry power to prolong the period for the payment of tax arrears, but it must not be interpreted as an amnesty.

The Rapporteur on the bill, Deputy Ulrich, of the Government Party, also said that the proposal of the Club of Jewish Deputies, to wipe out the old arrears of taxation, could not be entertained by the Government.

On being put to the vote, Deputy Rothenstreich's resolution was lost, and the Government bill was accepted by the Commission.

MR. FELIX M. WARBURG RELINQUISHES CHAIRMANSHIP OF JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE WHICH HE HELD SINCE IT WAS FORMED IN 1914: BECOMES HONORARY CHAIRMAN AND IS SUCCEEDED BY MR. BAERWALD FORMER TREASURER.

New York, Feb. 24th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Felix M. Warburg, who has been Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee since it was formed in November 1914, for the relief and rehabilitation of the war-stricken Jews of Eastern Europe, Palestine and elsewhere, has relinquished the position after holding it for over 17 years, and he has been succeeded as Chairman by Mr. Paul Baerwald, who has been Treasurer of the Joint Distribution Committee also since its formation in 1914.

Mr. Warburg continues to be actively associated with the Joint Distribution Committee and has been elected Honorary Chairman at the last meeting of the Executive Committee.

The annual meeting of the National Council of the Joint Distribution Committee will be held in New York on March 26th., and 27th.

PALESTINE CITRUS FRUIT LEVY DROPPED.

Jerusalem, Feb. 16th. (J.T.A. Mail Service).

The High Commissioner, General Sir Arthur Wauchope, has after a long discussion with a deputation of the Citrus Fruit Committee announced that the proposed levy on citrus fruit will not be proceeded with, and that the present arrangement whereby owners of infected groves pay the cost of the necessary fumigation will be continued for the present. Representatives of the Department of Agriculture will confer with representatives of the industry to decide on future procedure.

BRITISH FORCES IN PALESTINE: QUESTION OF POLICY CANNOT BE DISCUSSED BY WAY OF QUESTION AND ANSWER SIR PHILIP SASOON SAYS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Feb. 25th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Palestine and Transjordan form one command for defence purposes and the British Force consists of two R.A.F. squadrons, one R.A.F. armed car company and two British infantry battalions, Sir Philip Sassoon, the Under-Secretary of State for Air, said in the House of Commons to-day in reply to a question by General Spears who wanted to know what was the composition of the British Forces in Palestine. The R.A.F. armoured car company consists of headquarters, and four sections of armoured cars. In addition a company of the Transjordan Frontier Force, a locally recruited force, is recognised. The Air Officer commanding in Palestine and Transjordan is in operational command of all military operations in the two countries. The armoured car company belongs to the Royal Air Force, he added.

In reply to a question whether the whole of the cost is to be paid out of British funds, or part out of Palestine funds, Sir Philip said: I should like notice of that.

Major Attlee (Labour) then asked whether this is the beginning of a larger experiment, and whether there is to be a complete recognised force in the Royal Air Force separate from the Army, and to this Sir Philip Sassoon replied: That is a question of policy, which cannot be discussed by way of question and answer.

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