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GERMAN GOVERNMENT MOVES AGAINST HITLERIST MENACE: STORM TROOPS PROCLAIMED ILLEGAL AND THEIR BARRACKS SEALED BY AUTHORITIES: ATTACKS MADE BY STORM TROOPS ON JEWS AS LAST ROSH HASHANAH IN BERLIN UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN IN MIND OF GOVERNMENT IN SPEAKING IN DECREE OF EXISTENCE OF STORM TROOPS BEING CONSTANT SOURCE OF ANXIETY TO CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PEACEFUL POPULATION: COUNT HELLDORF LEADER OF BERLIN STORM TROOPS WHO WAS TRIED FOR HIS PART IN ROSH HASHANAH EXCESSES DISAPPEARS: "WE ARE FIGHTING JEWISH CORRUPTION" INSCRIPTIONS FOUND ON WALLS OF HITLERIST STORM TROOP BARRACKS.

Berlin, Apl. 13th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Re-elected on Sunday by an absolute majority of the electors as President of the German Republic, Field Marshal von Hindenburg has to-day made use of the emergency powers given to the President in the Constitution, by issuing a decree declaring the Hitlerist storm troops illegal and ordering the authorities to suppress them immediately.

All over the country the police have in accordance with the decree closed and sealed all Hitlerist storm troop barracks and all other buildings in which the storm troops carried on activities.

One paragraph in the text of the decree explaining the suppression of the Hitlerist storm troops by saying that their existence was a constant source of anxiety to certain peaceful sections of the population, has reference, the J.T.A. is given to understand, to the attacks on Jews made at various times by the storm troops, notably last Rosh Hashanah in the Kurfuerstendamm district in Berlin, and the danger of such attacks being repeated if the Hitlerist storm troops were allowed to continue their activities.

It is stated in this connection to-day that Count Helldorf, the leader of the Berlin Hitlerist storm troops who was put on trial on the charge of having directed the anti-Jewish excesses in the Kurfuerstendamm, and other Hitlerist storm troop leaders, whose homes were visited by the police as part of the move for the suppression of the storm troops, have disappeared.

Inscriptions reading - "we fight Jewish corruption and we are against the Jews", and "Bruening and Severing, your soft heads will be rolled in the dung", have been found on the walls of the Hitlerist storm troop barracks by the police.

The Prussian Prime Minister, Herr Otto Braun, speaking on Monday at a meeting held in Berlin in connection with the Prussian Parliamentary election campaign, foreshadowed the suppression of the Hitlerist storm troops, declaring in the course of his speech that "the Republic in conjunction with Prussia must see to it that Hitler's private army should disappear as soon as possible, for a people that is fighting against itself cannot have the confidence of foreign opinion, which is essential, politically and economically. The material

concerning the activities of the storm troops seized by the police leave us in no doubt about the treasonable character of the organisation. In the interests of the security of the State, I cannot, however, say anything more on this subject at present".

NOT TOO SOON LONDON "TIMES" COMMENTS: DANGER IS IT MAY BE TOO LATE TO PREVENT SERIOUS DISORDER.

London, Apl. 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The German Government's decision to suppress the semi-military organisations of the National Socialists has not been taken too soon. The danger, indeed, is that it may have been taken too late to prevent serious disorder, the "Times" declares in its editorial to-day. A year or two ago, it continues, before it attained its present strength, the Nazi army - it is nothing less than that - might have been dissolved with no greater difficulty than was the Red Fighting Front of the Communists in 1929, but it has now grown into a highly organised body of between 300,000 and 400,000 men, modelled down to the smallest detail on the Old Imperial Army and supported by a party which was able to poll over 13 million votes at the presidential election. To people outside Germany it has been a matter for wonder, the "Times" says, that the Government has hesitated so long to meet the flagrant challenge to its authority. The reactions to this necessary and courageous step will be anxiously awaited, for they will show whether or not the Government possesses the strength, as it clearly possesses the will to govern.

For years past, the "Daily Telegraph" editorial says, the storm troops and other formations of the Hitlerite army have been growing in numbers, in efficiency of organisation and in contempt of authority. They are a trained force far exceeding in strength the army of 100,000 men permitted to Germany by the Treaty of Versailles. All the elements of a disastrous civil conflict have long been present in Germany. It remains to be seen whether the action now taken has been taken in time.

The "Daily Express" suggests that in spite of the suppression of the Hitlerist storm troops, Hitler may yet live to be the "chosen ruler of Germany". The outside world, it says in its editorial to-day, will watch events in Germany in the next few hours with anxious but fascinated eyes. The courage of Hindenburg's move is magnificent. Nor can the justice of it be denied. Whether the country be Germany, or Italy, or Ireland, the existence of independent armies not under the control of the State is an open challenge to constituted authority. But it is easier for a millionaire to part with his last penny than for a would-be dictator to disband his army. If Hitler can disband his army and retain its loyalty, if he can acknowledge the power of the State without conceding his convictions, then, the "Daily Express" says, he will live to be the chosen ruler of Germany.

The "News Chronicle" takes the view, however, that hundreds of thousands who supported Hitler at the polls on Sunday have no real liking for his "theatrical political methods". The storm troops already exist no more, it says in its editorial. Resistance would in any case have been useless, but the ease and completeness with which this apparently powerful organisation has allowed itself to be snuffed out seems to show that it had no real roots in popular favour.

CUZISTS AND HITLERISTS AMONG GERMAN MINORITY IN ROUMANIA JOIN FORCES; WILL STAND AS UNITED PARTY AT NEXT ELECTIONS AND PROFESSOR JORGA MAY BE WITH THEM SAYS NEWSPAPER REPORT.

Bucharest, Apl. 13th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The antisemitic organisation in Roumania headed by Professor Cuza has concluded an agreement for the formation of a united antisemitic party with the Hitlerist organisation formed in Transylvania by some of the German minority there, according to a report in the "Zara Noastra", the organ of the new party founded by M. Octavien Goga, who was Minister of the Interior in the Averescu Government, and who, though he pursued an antisemitic policy himself while in office, is now seeking to obtain Jewish support for his new Party.

Professor Cuza's son, Deputy George Cuza, the paper says, has met at Timesvar the leader of the Transylvanian Saxon minority, M. Fabricius, who is at the same time the President of the Transylvanian Nazi Party, and it has been agreed as a result of the meeting to form a united Cuzist-Hitlerist front in Roumania. The two parties will stand together at the next elections. A joint programme has been drawn up, clause 4 of which provides for a campaign "to bring about the triumph of the Pan-Aryan idea".

The paper suggests that the agreement has received the approval of the Hitlerist headquarters in Germany, and it goes on to assert that Professor Jorga, the Prime Minister, is not unaware of what has been going on, and that at the next election he and his followers will join the Cuzists and the Nazis of Transylvania in a united party.

I am unreservedly an adherent of Hitler, Professor Cuza declared in a speech which he delivered in the Roumanian Parliament in December. There is an intimate association between the programme of the Roumanian League for the Protection of Christian National Interests and that of Hitler, he proceeded, and nothing can prevent co-operation between me and Hitler, who will assuredly assume the German leadership in the spring.

In December, too, a special delegation of Hitlerist students came from Germany to attend the Conference of the Christian Students' League of Roumania, a Cuzist organisation, which was held that month at Sibiu (Hermannstadt) in Transylvania. The Hitlerist students were led by Carl Motz, who in his speech predicted that very soon Germany would be governed by Hitler and Roumania by Cuza. The President of the Conference, a student named Tanasescu, welcomed the leader of the Hitlerist delegation, Carl Motz, as the representative of Hitler, and amid great applause from the gathering thanked them for coming from Germany to help them in Roumania in working out a solution of their vital problems. Carl Motz, in his reply, said that the Roumanian people were fighting the same fight as Hitler in Germany and he urged the Roumanian students to engage in the same kind of activity as the National Socialists in Germany, to hasten the coming of the Cuza Government in Roumania, as there was soon going to be a Hitler Government in Germany.

Messages of greeting were sent by the Conference to Cuza and Hitler.

Professor Cuza has several times boasted that the Prime Minister, Professor Jorga, is in agreement with him, and in a speech which he delivered in Parliament in December, he said: Between Professor Jorga and myself there is only a difference of methods, but in essentials we are at one, and by the spring there will be a Cuzist regime in Roumania.

In February the Bucharest daily "Lupta" reported that Professor Cuza had in conversations with Deputies of various parties boasted: "We two, I and my friends, and Jorga and his friends, will come out together against you (the other Parties) and we shall show you what we can do.

Have we really come to a political understanding between Cuza and Jorga, the "Lupta" commented. Will the Prime Minister and Cuza stand together on the same election platform? Jorga was present at the conversations which Cuza had with the Deputies, it said, and Cuza's assertion sounds very plausible when we consider that Jorga only smiled when he was asked whether it was true.

TO SAVE JEWISH ECONOMIC POSITION IN ROUMANIA: CONGRESS BEING CONVOKED BY UNION OF ROUMANIAN JEWS: PAST CONGRESSES BEEN DEDICATED TO EMANCIPATION OF JEWISH CITIZENS AND EQUALITY OF JEWISH FAITH BUT COMING CONGRESS MUST BE DEVOTED TO ECONOMIC REHABILITATION CONGRESS CALL SAYS.

Bucharest, April 13th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Union of Roumanian Jews has decided to convoke a Congress of Jews throughout Roumania at which it will launch a vigorous campaign for alleviating the serious economic situation among Roumanian Jewry. All local branches of the Union have been asked to call local economic conferences, at which resolutions are to be adopted for consideration later by the All-Roumanian Congress.

Loyal to our tradition of developing Jewish life inside the country, the call issued by the Union says, the Union of Roumanian Jews is convoking a Congress of all its organisations. The past congresses of the Union in the post-war period were dedicated to the emancipation of the Jews as citizens, and the emancipation of the Jewish faith, to place it on an equality with the other religious communities in our country. But the coming Congress must be devoted to the economic rehabilitation of Roumanian Jewry.

Dr. Filderman, the President of the Union of Roumanian Jews, spoke in an interview with the J.T.A. representative in Bucharest last November (published in the J.T.A. Bulletin of November 5th.) of the serious economic position of the Jewish population in Roumania.

On top of all the previous economic distress among the Jews of Roumania, we are now facing the economic destruction of our old-established wealthy Jewish big bourgeoisie, which had almost been untouched and was therefore able to help the others, Dr. Filderman said.

In the last few months a number of big banks and big industrial enterprises directed by Jews have closed down one after the other. The destruction of this wealthier Jewish class will inevitably increase the already heavy unemployment among the Jewish population and will mean the end of a great number of independent small Jewish enterprises which were maintained largely by the credits they obtained from the organisations with which these wealthy Jews were associated. In the same way their elimination will spell the end of our Jewish relief organisations and will thus add to the extent of Jewish misery.

The general economic position in Roumania is no worse than in the other States of Europe, Dr. Filderman went on. The world crisis is endured more easily in Roumania, if only for the reason that 80 per cent. of the population are peasants who are able to provide for their needs out of their own little farms. The wealth of the country in natural re-

sources and the small extent of its indebtedness to the foreign world also make for a strong measure of resistance to the consequences of the economic world crisis.

But the position of the Jewish population is extremely serious, he continued. The coming winter will be one of the most severe which Roumanian Jewry has ever experienced. The Jews are a town population, and the economic crisis, therefore, does not merely affect any one section of the Jewish population, as in the case of the other sections of the population, but it hits the entire Jewish population. The Jews are almost exclusively engaged in trading and industry, both branches of economic life which are worse hit by the crisis than any other. Big financial institutions have closed their doors. No credits can be obtained. Thousands of Jewish officials are already unemployed. Thousands more will soon have to share their fate. Tens of thousands of Jewish souls are in danger of being utterly wiped out, unless extraordinary relief measures are taken.

The trouble is so much the worse, Dr. Filderman said, because we see no possibility of solving our problems now by our own efforts inside the country. "We have never before appealed for help to the Jews abroad. I fear that it will soon have to come to that,

The Jewish big bourgeoisie has been literally swept away by the recent financial occurrences. Hitherto, the rich Jews have fulfilled their normal function of helping out their Community. What will happen now that they are no longer available we can hardly imagine.

SALONICA TRIAL GOES ON; VERDICT UNLIKELY BEFORE FRIDAY; PUBLIC PROSECUTOR REPUDIATES CHARGES OF DISLOYALTY AGAINST MACCABEE JEWISH SPORTS ORGANISATION; DENOUNCES GREEK NATIONALIST PAPER "MAKEDONIA" FOR PUBLISHING LIES ABOUT JEWS.

Salonica, Apl. 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The trial of the accused in connection with the anti-Jewish excesses in Salonica last July, which has been in progress for several days at Verria, will not be concluded to-day as was expected. The Public Prosecutor has not completed his closing speech, and will continue it to-morrow. It is unlikely therefore that the verdict will be handed down before Friday night.

The Public Prosecutor denounced in his speech to-day the Salonica Greek Nationalist paper "Makedonia", for exciting the population by deliberately spreading lies about the Jews.

Dealing with the allegations that had been made in the paper about the Salonica Jewish sports organisation Maccabee being in league with the Macedonian insurrectionaries in Bulgaria who were seeking to detach Salonica from Greece, he said that the authorities know that the Maccabee is loyal to the State, and that no representative of this organisation took any part in the Bulgarian Congress of the Macedonian insurrectionaries.

As for the report in the "Makedonia" that Jews had attacked Christians before the disturbances had occurred in the Campbell Jewish quarter, he said, the police reports are all unanimous in declaring that the Jews were the first to be attacked.

JEWISH SHARE OF EMPLOYMENT ON PUBLIC WORKS IN PALESTINE; PRIME MINISTER'S UNDERTAKING IN HIS LETTER TO DR. WEIZMANN RECALLED BY COLONIAL SECRETARY IN HOUSE OF COMMONS; PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ENDEAVOURING IN CONSULTATION WITH JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE TO DEVISE SUITABLE FORMULA FOR DETERMINATION OF JEWISH SHARE OF EMPLOYMENT ON PUBLIC WORKS HE SAYS AND MEANWHILE STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO INCREASE NUMBER OF JEWS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS.

London, Apl. 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. David Adams (Labour member for Poplar) asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies in the House of Commons to-day if he would state what additional numbers of Jews had been employed on public works in Palestine in fulfilment of the promise made by the Prime Minister to Dr. Weizmann in his letter of February 13th., 1931, that Jews would be employed according to their proportion.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, the Colonial Secretary, replied:

I would remind Mr. Adams that the actual wording of the Prime Minister's undertaking to Dr. Weizmann was as follows: "With regard to public and municipal works falling to be financed out of public funds the claim of Jewish labour to a due share of the employment available, taking into account Jewish contributions to public revenue shall be taken into consideration".

The Government of Palestine, he went on, is endeavouring in consultation with the Executive of the Jewish Agency to devise a suitable formula for the determination of the Jewish share of employment on public works and in the meantime steps have been taken to increase the number of Jews employed on public works,

Except, however, in the case of the Haifa Harbour works, where 340 Jews were employed at the 31st. December 1931, as compared with 183 at the 31st. December 1930, no figures are available.

NUMBER OF ARAB TRADE UNIONISTS IN PALESTINE AND PALESTINE LABOUR LEGISLATION.

London, Apl. 14th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Adams also asked the Colonial Secretary to-day whether he was able to state the number of Arab labourers in Palestine who are members of Trade Unions, and if he was now in a position to state when the Committee of Enquiry into Labour Legislation in Palestine was likely to submit its report.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister replied that the only Arab Trade Unions in Palestine in respect of which figures are available are the Christian (Orthodox) Labour Union and the Arab Carpenters' Union. The first has a membership of about 300 and the second of 150. No figures are available with regard to the membership of various other Arab Trade Unions, he said, or of the number of Arabs who may belong to Trade Unions not organised on a racial or religious basis.

On the subject of Labour Legislation, the Colonial Secretary said: I am unable to furnish any definite information, but I understand that there is some prospect of the Committee being in a position to present an interim report towards the end of May.

40,000 SOULS IN RUSSIA RECEIVING PASSOVER FOOD PARCELS THROUGH LONDON FEDERATION OF JEWISH RELIEF ORGANISATIONS.

London, Apl. 13th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

You will rejoice with us to know that 10,000 Jewish families, comprising 40,000 souls, in Russia alone will be receiving food parcels this Passover as the result of our efforts, says a report which the Federation of Jewish Relief Organisations here has sent to the President of the Federation, Chief Rabbi Dr. J. F. Hetz. The Federation allocated £2,000 for the purchase from the Soviet Government stores under its agreement with the Soviet Government of food supplies and in addition collected from relatives of Jews in Russia in this and other countries a sum of £7,200 with which further food supplies were purchased and distributed.