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NO COALITION GOVERNMENT WITH HITLERISTS IF IT MEANS DEPRIVING JEWS OF RIGHTS: STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT OF GERMAN CENTRE PARTY: "E OF THE CENTRE PARTY TO-DAY END IN FUTURE WILL FIRMLY AND WITH UTMOST DETERMINATION BEAT BACK ALL ATTEMPTS TO MENACE POSITION OF OUR JEWISH FELLOW CITIZENS."

Berlin, May 5th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Centre (Catholic) Party will never join a Coalition Government with the Nazis, if the Nazis demand that Jewish citizens should be deprived of their rights, Professor Ludwig Kaas, Dean of the Cathedral of Trier, the President of the Centre Party, whose Parliamentary leader is the Prime Minister, Dr. Brüning, has declared to-day in a statement made in his official capacity to the "Israelitische Familienblatt".

In the course of its 60 years of existence, the Centre Party, he said, has always stood for the equality of rights of our Jewish fellow citizens, who have contributed so much to German culture and economic life. To-day Christians and Jews stand together in the common fight against the Godless propaganda, and we of the Centre Party, to-day and in the future, will firmly and with the utmost determination beat back all attempts to menace the position of our Jewish fellow citizens.

In November, before the last elections, when there were persistent rumours about the Brüning Government admitting the Hitlerists into a Coalition Government, Dean Kaas declared at a meeting of the Executive of the Centre Party that there was no foundation whatever in the reports that Chancellor Brüning or anyone representing him was conducting negotiations with Hitler or his representatives, with a view to forming a Coalition Government. The Centre Party fights against race-hatred, he said, and there is no likelihood of the Party ever changing its views on this matter. A formal resolution presented by Dean Kaas was adopted by the Executive of the Party at the time, declaring that there could be no coalition between the Centre Party and the Hitlerists.

The Centre Party has repeatedly condemned antisemitism, through its various leaders, the ex-Premier Dr. Marx, at the time he was Prime Minister, the late Minister of the Interior, Dr. Brüning, as well as Dean Kaas, and Dr. Brüning, who is the head of the Government as the representative of the Centre Party in the present Coalition. All the Catholic Bishops and Archbishops in Germany have issued pastoral letters declaring that no Hitlerist can be a member of the Catholic Church, which is tantamount to excommunication, and some Catholic Bishops have refused burial to members of the Hitlerist Party. The Hitlerists retaliate by coupling the Catholic Church with their anti-Jewish agitation, making their slogan "Down with Rome and Judea!"

At the last Reichstag elections Herr Georg Kareski, a former President of the Berlin Jewish Community, stood as a candidate of the Centre Party, explaining that it was mainly but not exclusively Catholic.

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MOSES MENDELSSOHN'S BIRTHTOWN BECOMES SEAT OF HITLERIST GOVERNMENT.

Berlin, May 4th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Parliament of the State of Anhalt, the only State in which the Hitlerists and their Nationalist allies obtained a majority of the seats in the elections held at the end of last month, has elected the local Hitlerist leader, Advocate Freyberg, as head of the State Government.

Thus an antisemitic Hitlerist Government has been established with its seat in the famous town of Dessau, the capital of Anhalt, which is the birthtown of Moses Mendelssohn, the educator and emancipator of German Jewry - he was also known and signed himself as Moses Dessau - to whom it has a monument erected on his centenary, and which was the scene of the Mendelssohn bicentenary celebrations in 1929 (when the then head of the Anhalt Government, Herr Deist, opening the Mendelssohn Exhibition in the Dessau Art Gallery, said that Mendelssohn's idea of toleration was the basis of the German State).

The Jewish Community of Dessau, which has produced many other Jewish scholars (it was also the town from which the Philippsen family, to which the late Mr. Franz Philippsen, President of the Jewish Colonisation Association, ICA, originated) has a long tradition of Jewish culture and activity, and led in the struggle for Jewish emancipation in Germany.

Last January, the City Council of Dessau, with a Hitlerist-Nationalist majority, prohibited Shechita in the city.

AUSTRIAN JEWRY CREATES UNITED FRONT TO RESIST GROWING HITLERIST MENACE: CONFERENCE OF ALL JEWISH PARTIES AND ORGANISATIONS HELD ON INITIATIVE OF VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY.

Vienna, May 5th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

A preliminary Conference of all Jewish Parties, organisations and lodges has been held here on the initiative of the Board of the Vienna Jewish Community to create a united Jewish front to resist the growing menace of Hitlerism, as demonstrated by the last elections. The Hitlerist successes have also had the effect of intensifying the antisemitism of other political parties, which are now emphasising the antisemitic points in their programmes much more, to meet the Hitlerist competition. This has happened, for example, with the Christian Socialist Party, which, in the recent elections, lost heavily to the Hitlerists, and with the Heimwehr organisation.

The Social Democratic Party, at the same time, alleges that the Hitlerists are receiving large sums towards their funds from Jewish capitalists, intent only upon smashing the workers' movement.

A second Conference is to be held shortly, which will proceed to the organisation of a Jewish defence movement in Austria.

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VIENNA JEWS UNEASY OVER HITLERIST THREAT TO ATTACK ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE MARCH ON SUNDAY TO DR. HERZL'S GRAVE: MANY WILL STOP IN CEMETERY FOR GOOD SAYS HITLERIST PAPER: POLICE AUTHORITIES ASSURE ZIONIST LEADERS THEY NEED NOT FEAR: WOMEN AND CHILDREN MAY MARCH IN PROCESSION AND NO ONE WILL BE HARMED

Vienna, May 4th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

All the Zionist Parties and groups in Austria have had an extraordinary meeting here to consider what steps to take in view of the threats made by the Hitlerists that they will organise a pogrom during the annual pilgrimage march next Sunday to the grave of Dr. Theodor Herzl, the founder of the Zionist Organisation, to commemorate his birthday (72nd.), which occurred last Monday.

The chief Hitlerist organ here went so far as to say that many of the marchers to Herzl's grave would stop with him in the cemetery for good.

The meeting decided unanimously that the march will take place under all circumstances, because if the Jews showed that they were intimidated, the Hitlerists would only become more aggressive. If the police would not do their duty of keeping order during a Jewish pilgrimage to the grave of the Zionist leader, the Zionist youth organisations would undertake themselves to maintain order.

Representations in this sense were made to the Vienna Police Presidium which has in reply assured the Zionist leaders that the police will guarantee absolute order in connection with the march on Sunday to Dr. Herzl's grave. The entire resources of the police force will be drawn upon to make it impossible for any hostile demonstration to occur and the Jewish population, it is stated, may arrange their march without any fear. Women and children may join in the procession, and no one will be allowed to come to any harm.

The firm tone adopted by the police authorities has put a stop to the Hitlerist threats, and some of the Hitlerist papers deny that there had been any intention to disturb the Herzl pilgrimage.

HITLERIST OUTBURST IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN PARLIAMENT AGAINST PRESIDENT MASARYK FOR PUBLISHING ANTI-HITLERIST INTERVIEW: GOVERNMENT MAKES NO REPLY: SAID TO BE ANXIOUS NOT TO BRING ABOUT COMPLICATIONS WITH GERMANY IN CASE HITLERISTS JOIN GOVERNMENT: PRESIDENT MASARYK'S OFFICE ALSO SILENT: SUGGESTED THAT HE SPOKE AS GREAT INTERNATIONAL FIGURE BUT NOT AS PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC.

Prague, May 4th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

An interview given by Professor Masaryk, the President of the Czecho-Slovakian Republic, to Dr. Ernst Benedikt, the publisher of the Vienna "Neue Freie Presse", and reprinted from there in many other papers, in which he denounced Hitlerism, as a movement without any positive aim, and intent only on negative things, has led to a furious attack being made on the President in the Czecho-Slovakian Parliament by the Hitlerist Deputies.

Hitler and his movement have no programme except enmity and hatred against the Jews, the French, the Poles and the Czechs, President Masaryk said in the interview, and the German masses follow him only in the way they would follow a man walking about the streets naked. No one knows what Hitler does want, he went on. We only know what he does not want - no Jews, no French, no Poles.

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Deputy Krebs, one of the Hitlerist Deputies, said that Hitlerist Germany surrounded Czecho-Slovakia on three sides, and in the Czecho-Slovakian Republic itself the Hitlerists were the strongest German Party. If President Masaryk wanted to know what the Hitlerists did not want, he could tell him that it was Germanic race purity, and the destruction of the influence of foreign races on the German people and on German State life. Above all, they were out to destroy the Liberalist Jewish spirit. Only pure German blood would create a pure German State policy. The doctrine of race purity, he claimed, had been adopted also in America, where immigration was now regulated in such a way as to assure that the immigrants should be of Nordic stock.

The Government spokesmen did not reply to the attack, to defend the President, and no comment has been made on it by the President's Chancellery. It is claimed in some quarters that the Government is silent because it is anxious to avoid any possibility of complications with Germany in case the Hitlerists should join the Government. It is suggested in the same quarters that President Masaryk's Chancellery has made no comment in order to show that the interview was given by him as a great international figure, but not in his official capacity as President of the Republic.

In Democratic and Catholic circles in Czecho-Slovakia, however, President Masaryk's denunciation of Hitlerism has given great satisfaction.

SERIOUS FOOD SHORTAGE IN JEWISH COLONIES IN UKRAINE: AGROJOINT SENDS TEN CARLOADS OF FLOUR TO RELIEVE NEED: BETTER SITUATION IN CRIMEA: JEWS WHO LEFT LAND TO GO INTO FACTORIES NOT CLAMOURING TO GO BACK TO LAND IN CRIMEA.

Berlin, May 4th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Ten carloads of flour have been sent by the Agrojoint into the Jewish colonies of the Cherson and Krivoyrog districts in the Ukraine, in order to relieve the distress caused by the shortage of food there, according to information received here to-day, despite the fact that the Agrojoint has not been working in these regions for the past two years. The flour was bought in Russia with the aid of the Comzet, the Soviet Government Commission for Jewish Settlement, the Agrojoint agreeing to pay for it in valuta in order to guarantee sufficient food for the Jewish colonists until the new crop is available.

The only region where the Jewish colonists are not suffering from a shortage of bread is the Crimea. In the entire Ukraine, however, both Jewish and non-Jewish peasants have no food. The shortage of food, which is affecting not only the villages in the Ukraine, but also the cities, is driving hundreds of Jews from the Ukrainian townships into the Crimea, anxious to obtain facilities to go into the colonies there, because there is sufficient food in the Crimea.

Among those who are now deserting the townships are many Jews who were already on the soil previously, but left the colonies when the industrialisation movement started and went back to their home-towns to work in the factories there. Now they are invading the Comzet offices, asking to be sent back to the land.

TEN JEWISH CONSULS IN PALESTINE REPRESENTING FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

Jerusalem, May 4th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Mr. Moses Sheloush, head of the Palestine-Bulgarian Institute, has been appointed Bulgarian Consul in Palestine, with his seat in Tel Aviv.

This makes the seventh Jewish foreign Consular representative in Tel Aviv, not counting ex-Deputy Bernard Hausner, the Polish Commercial Representative in Palestine. The others are Mr. M. Dizengoff, representing Belgium, Dr. S. Rosenbaum, Lithuania, Mr. Hoofien, Holland, Mr. Rokach, Roumania, Mr. Tadros, Norway, and Mr. Litvinsky, Esthonia. In addition Mr. Van Vriesland is Dutch Consul in Jerusalem and Mr. A. Rosenfeld is Belgian Consul in Haifa.

FOREIGN TRADE DELEGATIONS TO LEVANT FAIR IN TEL AVIV GIVEN
FAREWELL RECEPTION BY PALESTINE GOVERNMENT DIRECTOR OF
TRADE.

Jerusalem, May 4th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Director of the Government Department of Trades and Customs, Mr. K. W. Stead, presided this afternoon at a farewell reception given to the Foreign Trade delegations who have been in Palestine attending the Levant Trade Fair at Tel Aviv. Speeches were delivered by the heads of the various delegations, including the head of the Soviet delegation, Mr. Kayorove, paying tribute to the Levant Fair as having contributed to the increase of interest in their own countries in Palestine industry.

PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITS JEWISH COLONIES IN VALLEY
OF JEZREEL AND EXPRESSES ADMIRATION OF JEWISH WORK:
CHATS IN HOSPITAL WITH VICTIMS OF LATEST SHOOTING OUTRAGE.

Jerusalem, May 4th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Palestine High Commissioner, General Sir Arthur Auchepo, visited to-day a number of Jewish settlements in the Valley of Jezreel, and everywhere expressed admiration of the Jewish work.

At Afuleh the High Commissioner chatted in the hospital there with Mr. Freud, the Jewish colonist of Kfar Yehezkel, and Mr. Hershkovitch, an official of the Zionist Agricultural Experimental Station, who were wounded at Kfar Yehezkel last Saturday night by shots fired by an unknown assailant into Mr. Freud's house, and who were taken to the hospital at Afuleh.

PRESS ATTEMPT TO WORK UP MOSLEM FEELING BY EXPLOITING STORY
OF JEWISH WARDER KNOCKING KORAN OUT OF HAND OF MOSLEM
PRISONER: OFFICIAL STATEMENT SAYS PRISONER WAS INSUBORD-
INATE AND OFFICER HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED.

Jerusalem, May 4th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The Arab press has during the week been conducting an agitation on the basis of rumours to the effect that a Jewish policeman, acting as warder in the Jerusalem Prison had beaten a Moslem prisoner, who was reading the Koran, and had thrown the Koran to the floor. It has now been established that the warder was not aware that the book was a Koran, and that he beat the prisoner for refusing to do the work which had been allotted to him. A police communique has been issued to-day which states that the Police Commandant, as the result of an enquiry, has established that the warder under provocation "temporarily lost his temper while dealing with an insubordinate prisoner, and acted in an improper way, and that he has been severely punished and is being transferred".

NEW YESHIBAH IN JERUSALEM...

Jerusalem, May 4th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

The cornerstone was laid to-day for a new building for the oldest Yeshibah in Jerusalem, the Yeshibah Hayeiolam. The new building will include also a Talmud Torah and a kitchen for feeding orphan children. Chief Rabbis Kook and Jacob Meier were present, as well as many high Government officials.

DEATH OF FAMOUS JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST IN GERMANY: CELEBRATED
85TH. BIRTHDAY RECENTLY AND WAS CONGRATULATED BY PRESIDENT
HINDENBURG.

Berlin, May 4th. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

Herr Herrmann Abraham, the famous philanthropist, who was the pioneer of child welfare homes and other welfare institutions in Germany, died here to-day. As recently as March, Herr Abraham celebrated his 85th. birthday, receiving messages of congratulation from the President of the Republic, Field Marshal von Hindenburg; the Federal Prime Minister, Dr. Bruening; the Prussian Prime Minister, Herr Braun; the Minister of Public Welfare, Dr. Hirtzsiefer; the Berlin Police President, Herr Grzesinski; the Lord Mayor of Berlin, Dr. Sahm, and many other prominent personages. On your 85th. birthday, President von Hindenburg wrote to him, I want to congratulate you on the many years of service that you have rendered the country in your quiet, unobtrusive and tireless way, in providing feeding facilities for our school children, in maintaining food kitchens for the middle-class and for officials during the war, and in opening after the war your numerous children's seaside and mountain homes, a work which will never be forgotten. I send you my most cordial wishes for your continued health and for many more years in the evening of your life.

The Berlin Jewish Community, too, sent him a message, in which it said: On the occasion of your 85th. birthday, we are happy to be able to offer you our heartiest wishes. You have for decades given your life to social welfare work, helping the unfortunate and the suffering and making their road easier for them. The heads of the Government, and leading men and women in all branches of public life have expressed to you their recognition of your work. You have opened important institutions which have done an incalculable amount of good to children of all faiths by giving them their most important weapon in the struggle of life - health. In many of the excesses against Jews in the East you were the first to come to their aid and to alleviate their distress. During the war, when there was widespread distress in the country, you helped the sufferers. Even now, at your advanced age, confined to your sick bed, you have not ceased to carry on your work of helping others. You still personally supervise your great work which has won the recognition of Jewish and non-Jewish people everywhere. You can look back on a long life of doing good and of bringing blessings to thousands upon thousands. We hope that you will live for many years yet to see your work grow and continue to benefit humanity.