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MORE THAN 100 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ATTEND DINNER OF JEWISH AGENCY; BECOMES OCCASION FOR DISCUSSION OF GERMAN JEWISH SITUATION

"It is Well That Jews in Germany Should Know That Full Weight of Enlightened World Opinion, Particularly in England is Behind Them," Weizmann Declares; Representatives of Parliamentary Parties Stress the Fact That Conscience of the World is Aroused Against Racial Persecution; Sir Herbert Samuel, Major Elliot, and Colonel Buchan Stress Palestine Prosperity and Importance of Jewish Development in Transjordan

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, March 3—A dinner given by the Jewish Agency in honor of the Palestine Parliamentary Committee was attended by more than 100 members of Parliament here this evening.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who presided, devoted the greater part of his speech to the German-Jewish situation, which had the effect of making this subject the focus of the speeches and observations uttered during the evening. Dr. Weizmann, in the course of his address, stressed the fact that although Germany was entitled to regulate its own political and social life, yet Jews could not remain silent when the economic and political existence of their brethren in Germany was imperiled by a policy of primitive and medieval anti-Semitism which was becoming daily more intolerable.

Dr. Weizmann went on to say that "We Jews outside Germany counsel courage and endurance for our brethren in their hour of trial. It is well that our fellow-Jews in Germany should know that the full weight of enlightened world-opinion, particularly non-Jewish opinion in England, was solidly behind them in their struggle against the forces of reaction."

Major C. R. Attlee, one of the leading men in the Parliamentary Labor Party, and Under-Secretary for War in the Labor Administration of 1924, gave utterance to the opinion of the

Labor Party on the situation that had arisen in Germany. He expressed the fact that the conscience of the world had been aroused against the racial persecution and religious intolerance which was so prominent a plank in the policy of the men who now found themselves in power in Germany.

A profound impression was produced by the speech of Lord Melchett, who said that the outcome of the concentrated anti-Jewish pressure might have conceivably been either degeneration or extermination. Instead of that, the world was confronted with the remarkable phenomenon of a Jewish spiritual regeneration, signs of which he had met wherever he had come in contact with Jewish groups and institutions during his recent journeys.

Speeches touching more specifically on Palestine problems were delivered by Sir Herbert Samuel, Major W. E.

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Central Union Calls Attention Of Government to Spread of Nazi Agitation Against Jews

Declares Hatred Does Not Halt With
Jews But Poisons German Soul

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, March 3—The Central Union of the German Citizens of the Jewish Faith, today called the attention of the Reich and State authorities to the agitation for violence against Jews which has become so alarming a feature of Nazi meetings and articles in the Nazi press. In its communication, the Central Union refers particularly to the case of Nuremberg where members of the Nazi Storm Troops are openly calling for physical action against the Jews. The communication adds that the hatred which is thus being spread does not halt with the Jews but is "poisoning the German soul and producing an agitation which spreads far beyond the limits of Jewry;" and it is therefore, the moral duty of the government to protect Jews who are faithful to the State and who are eager to share in the process of German up-building.

HIGHEST QUARTERS IN LONDON HAVE PROOF OF INTENDED MASSACRE OF JEWS, DECLARES "LONDON HERALD"; SAYS INTERVENTION IMMINENT

Under Pretext of Communism and Marxism Tens of Thousands of Jews Have
Been Marked Out as Victims of Murder; Vengeance Threatens Every Man,
Woman and Child in the Jewish Community, Says "Daily Herald," Devoting
More Than a Page to the Situation

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, March 3—Today's "Daily Herald," which is regarded as the organ of the Parliamentary Labor Party and the British Trade Union Congress, devotes more than a page to the situation of the Jews in Germany.

In its issue of March 1st, the "Daily Herald" had already reported details of the proposed Hitlerist plot to convert the Nazi torch-light processions ordered for next Saturday evening into a general massacre of German Jewry. In today's issue, the "Daily Herald" says that the murder campaign against Jews has reached a most dangerous stage and it is only a matter of hours when tens of thousands of Jews, under

the pretext of Communism and Marxism may be subjected to wholesale slaughter. It adds that "vengeance threatens every man, woman, and child in the Jewish community."

The paper reports that the highest quarters in London have received proof to the effect of the seriousness and the reality of the threat, and that intervention is imminent, although it is not yet clear what form such intervention would take. It also makes mention of the utter powerlessness of British Jewry at this juncture, as any act on their part might serve as a signal for the commencement of the slaughter.

Thuringian Government Buys From Christian Firms Only

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, March 3—The Thuringian government, one of the first of the German states ruled by a Nazi Government, has ordered the Government offices to entrust the provision of supplies to Government departments, exclusively to Christian middle-class firms.

This official boycott of Jewish contractors is pointed out as being contrary to the German Constitution, and it is probable that Jewish firms will contest the ordinance in the courts.

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Baltimore Jewry to**Honor Isadore Apfel**

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BALTIMORE, March 3—A reception in honor of Isadore Apfel, Jewish communal leader of New York, and Grand Master of the Independent Order Brith Abraham, is to be held here Sunday afternoon, March 5th, at the Brith Sholom Hall.

The Independent Order Brith Abraham is one of the largest Jewish fraternal orders in America. The Order recently launched a movement to create a Scholarship Fund to enable the sons of the members of the Order to pursue their studies at the Yeshiva College, the only college of liberal arts and sciences under Jewish auspices.

Mr. Apfel, who is also the Vice-President of the American Jewish Congress and the Yeshiva College, will discuss the situation of the Jews in Germany and other European countries. The reception will be addressed by Judge Leon Sanders, Louis B. Siegal, First Deputy Grandmaster; Max Gotsegan, Chairman of the Reserve Board and Harris L. Selig, Executive Director of the Yeshiva College.

Charities Benefit Under**Will of Jacob Leitner**

A number of charitable institutions benefit under the will of the late Jacob Leitner, who died on January 10th.

Mrs. Leitner, who receives a life interest in the residuary estate, after several other gifts, is empowered to give half of the principal of the remainder to charity.

The Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies is to receive one-fourth; and a one-twelfth interest is to go to the Hospital for Joint Diseases, the Bronx Hospital, and a corporation to be formed "for the betterment of the physical and moral conditions of poor children."

More Than 100 Members**Of Parliament Attend****Jewish Agency Dinner**

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Elliot, Minister of Agriculture in the present administration, and Colonel John Buchan, the well-known novelist and one of the leading spirits in the Palestine Parliamentary Committee.

All three speakers dwelt particularly on the subject of present Palestine prosperity, which they expressed themselves as due to the establishment of a condition of peace and security in the country. Their speeches created a profound impression particularly in view of the reference to the opening of Transjordan to Jewish settlement and development which, they declared, would bring about a further improvement in Jewish-Arab relations.

An incident which somewhat marred the atmosphere of the evening was the fact that the members of Parliament, who had accepted invitations to this evening's dinner, had received printed slips addressed to them in Parliament, and bearing the words, "We warn you not to be present at a banquet given by enemies of this country." This was signed with the words "Imperial Fascist League," an organization which has no connection with the movement headed by Sir Oswald Mosley.

In conversation, the threatening tone of these slips was widely commented upon by members of Parliament during the evening.

Story of Jewish Bankers Who Gave Nazis Fifty Million Marks

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, March 3—Attention has been given here to a sensational story published in the "Toronto Daily Star" of February 23, in the form of a cable from its Berlin correspondent, to the effect that a group of bankers, described as Jewish and named as Baron von Schroeder, Louis Hagen, and Salomon Oppenheim, had put fifty million marks at the disposal of Hitler. The correspondent stated that the money was advanced on the condition that Hitler and Von Papen agreed to collaborate in bringing about the fall of von Schleicher.

It is curious that without going into any of the other details of the story, none of the persons mentioned is Jewish. Neither Baron von Schroeder nor his firm is Jewish or of Jewish origin; Louis Hagen was dead when the supposed deal was effected, while Salomon Oppenheim, despite his name, is not a Jew.

Exhibition of Jewish Studies**Under Menorah Auspices**

An exhibition of Jewish studies by Lionel Reiss, who has spent two years in Jewish centers in Europe and Palestine, has been arranged by the Menorah Society of the Washington Square College of the New York University. The Exhibition which will last for two weeks, opened Friday.

Montreal Talmud Torahs**Reopen Though Financial****Situation Is Still Critical**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

MONTREAL, March 3—The local Talmud Torahs, which have been closed for the past seven weeks by a teachers' strike will be re-opened on Sunday, although the demands of the teachers have not been granted fully and they have received no guarantee that salaries will be paid regularly in the future.

The financial situation of the Talmud Torahs continues critical. The settlement of the strike was delayed by the desire of the directors to see the outcome of negotiations between the Jewish Community Council and the Schochtim to make possible subsidies to educational institutions. The Schochtim, however, refuse to permit part of their income to be used for educational purposes.

The conflict has not yet been solved and the Community Council may ultimately drop the Schochtim, in order to insure full control of the Kosher meat income.

Austrian Nazis Ordered to**Cooperate With Hitlerites**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

VIENNA, March 3—The Austrian Nazis have received an order from Munich to send Nazi detachments to the Austro-German frontier in order to prevent refugees from Germany, particularly Jews, crossing into Austria. The order requests explicitly that no exceptions should be made in the case of Jews.

It is alleged here that the Austrian Nazis are collaborating closely with the German Nazis in their activities against the German Jews. So that while the Hitlerist Government is unable, on political grounds, to legislate officially against Jews, they are seeking the aid of the Austrian Nazis in putting into effect a virtual ban on German Jewish refugees.

Correspondence School**For Rural Children**

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3—Under the direction of Rabbi Elliot M. Burstein, of this city, District Grand Lodge No. 4 of the B'nai Brith has launched a training school by correspondence for children in rural communities who have no other religious educational opportunities.

While the course has just been started, a highly encouraging response has been received, Dr. Burstein reports.

The course is designed for the benefit of children from grammar to high school ages and is open to residents of the entire territorial jurisdiction of District Grand Lodge No. 4, which comprises all of the western states and British Columbia.

Jews Without Passports Are Not Permitted to Proceed to Bira Bidjan

Existence of Jewish Collectives Threatened More Than Non-Jewish Collectives

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

MOSCOW, March 3—Jews who are compelled to leave the cities because they cannot obtain passports must not under any circumstances be permitted to proceed to Bira Bidjan, according to instructions issued to its local branches by the Ozet, Jewish society for settling Jews on the land and in agriculture.

The only exceptions are to be made in rare cases for workers who were unable to obtain passports only because they did not have their own dwellings.

The Ozet points out further that the existence of Jewish collectives is threatened even more than that of the non-Jewish collectives, because the former now have large numbers of declassified in their midst, who have not passed through the Soviet melting pot. Should their number be further augmented, it would be more than the collectives could carry, the Ozet says.

Report Attempted Suicide In Prison of Noted Lawyer

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, March 3—It became known today that Alfred Apfel, the noted lawyer, who was arrested together with those taken into custody immediately after the Reichstag fire, has attempted suicide in prison.

Alfred Apfel, one time president of the Zionist Organization in Berlin, is known to have had no affiliations whatever with Communism, and it is suspected that his arrest is due only to the fact that he had appeared, in his professional capacity as lawyer, in defense of a Communist.

Among the new arrests are also Victor Schiff, foreign editor of the "Vorwaerts," Councillor Ahrens, and Alexander Santo, Liberal member of the Federation of the Jewish Congregations in Prussia.

It is understood that the report of the arrest of Friedrich Stampfer, editor of the "Vorwaerts," was premature, and that the police are still searching for him.

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Named Chairman of Federal Farm Board

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

WASHINGTON, March 3—It was announced last night by President-elect Roosevelt that Henry Morgenthau, Jr., had been chosen to succeed James C. Stone as Chairman of the Federal Farm Board.

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., is the son of Henry Morgenthau, noted diplomat and lawyer, who was United States Ambassador to Turkey from 1913-16.

J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

Jewish Deputies of the Government Party Paint Misery and Despair Among Polish Jewry

By Our Warsaw Correspondent

WARSAW—A distressing picture of the extent of the misery and despair that exists among Polish Jewry has been painted in Parliament by two of the Jewish Deputies of the Government Party, Deputy Jaeger, of Lvov, and Deputy Minzberg, the President of the Jewish Community of Lodz, and one of the leaders of the Polish Agudath Israel.

The system that has been pursued by the Government in economic life hitherto must be radically changed in many directions, said Deputy Jaeger. In trading and artisanship one must now speak not only of a crisis, but of complete liquidation. This is so particularly in Jewish trading and Jewish artisanship, on which two million Jews are dependent for their living. The twelfth hour has already struck for them. Only the ruins are left, and if the Government wants to do anything to help them it must not lose one minute, or it will be too late.

In travelling through the townships of Galicia, Deputy Jaeger went on, I have come into personal contact with the plight of the small traders and the small artisans, and I am really seized with horror when I think how these people live. From every part of the country there is a cry of woe going up—a vast prayer for help, and from all that I have seen I am convinced that this cry for help is but a pale reflection of the terrible reality. There is no longer any material left for a study of the Jewish question in Poland. We are now faced with the immediate necessity of salvaging millions of broken lives.

There are in Poland today two million starving Jews, who till recently were still trading and working.

In dealing with their problem, we must not think for one minute of the fact that these starving people are Jews. Above all, the State must not think of that. It must not look on with indifference while tens of thousands of trading and artisan licenses held by Jews are lapsing, depriving of every means of existence immense numbers of people who have always distinguished themselves by their capacity and industry, with considerable advantage to the State. Something must be done. Something immediate. A real program to be carried into effect at once; no waiting for reports, no appointment of commissions of inquiry. We must put a stop instantly to this process of pauperization of the Jewish population, because it creates a grave menace to the State as a whole.

I do not doubt the goodwill of the Government in regard to the Jewish

Aliens Coming to U. S. Will Be Fingerprinted; Also Affects Returning Residents

Vigorous Protest Entered by Hias Against Order Issued by Immigration Bureau

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

WASHINGTON, March 3—An order requiring the fingerprinting of aliens coming to the United States to stay has been issued by the Immigration Bureau in Washington, it became known yesterday.

This is regarded here as unprecedented change in the immigration regulations. It is also understood that even returning residents who have resided here for many years, would be subjected to fingerprinting on return from visits abroad.

The new order has aroused a great deal of comment in circles connected with immigration and the welfare of immigrants.

Branding the order as entirely unwarranted, un-American and as offering a gratuitous insult, the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society (Hias), of New York City, through

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question, Deputy Jaeger went on, but the differences between the Centre and the Wings of the Government Party result in hitting the Jewish population. The extermination policy which is being applied against Jews, the withdrawal of licenses from Jews who have grown grey at their work in the tobacco, alcohol, salt and other concessions, that is certainly not the intention of the Government.

The taxation policy is killing trading and pauperizing the entire Jewish population, and yet there are plenty of demagogues who go about trying to make the Jews the scapegoat for all the difficulties in Poland. And they are not content even with that. They carry on a subterranean campaign of incitement to outbursts against the Jewish population.

It is essential, cried Deputy Jaeger, to take in hand at once a big plan of shifting the structural strata of the Jewish masses. Part must be diverted to agriculture, part to the factories, and part into other productive occupations. The Jewish Communities could draw up such a plan in conjunction with the Government and local authorities. A conference should be called forthwith of representatives of the Jewish Communities, the authorities and the economic organizations.

The Jewish population believes, Deputy Jaeger concluded, that the Government in which it has confidence will carry out its wish.

The specific conditions of Jewish life in Poland are such, said Deputy Minzberg, that with the best will in the world the speeches of the Jewish representatives must be mingled to a

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**Aliens Coming to U. S.
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President, Abraham Herman, has registered a strong protest against the reported ruling of the Department of Labor that all incoming aliens as well as returning residents shall be fingerprinted on board ship upon their arrival.

In a telegram to William N. Doak, Secretary of Labor, expressing the above views Mr. Herman says that this fingerprinting will stamp the aliens as well as long settled American citizens the equal of criminals. No purpose can be served by this except to cast an ignominious reflection upon decent and law abiding people. Moreover, foreign governments will regard it as an insult to their nationals and undoubtedly impose similar regulations on Americans going abroad. Mr. Herman calls for a rescinding of the order.

A similar telegram was sent by Mr. Herman to Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor Designate in the new administration, appealing to her to nullify the order if it should still be in force on assuming office.

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very large extent with bitter complaints.

"I declare here that the Jewish population is in addition to the general crisis suffering from a specific crisis, for the specific ways of life of Polish Jewry make our distress more acute. Trading and artisanship, the principal sources of Jewish economic life, are weighed down tenfold more than any other branches of economic activity in this time of general catastrophe. Polish Jewry has recently been reduced to total ruin. About a hundred thousand trading enterprises have been shut down. The economic crisis and the policy pursued by the guilds have caused large numbers of artisan workshops to close down. If you add to this several hundred thousand Jewish unemployed workers, you will find that there are a quarter of a million Jews in Poland who are earning nothing at all. That means more than a third of the entire Jewish population in the country. Under such conditions there should in a normal society be a complete reorganization of the economic structure of the Jewish population. The process of pauperization and declassification of the Jewish masses is making rapid strides, and there seems no hope of improvement.

"There are people who say that there are a great many Jewish merchants, and look at them with envy. The National Democrats always talk of the rich Jewish merchants in their anti-Jewish boycott propaganda. But in a normal society Polish Jews should be proportionally represented in the other branches of economic activity, into which no Jews are permitted to enter. We cannot even dream of such a thing. On the contrary, we hear that the Jews ought to be driven out of Poland altogether. Or we are told that beating Jews is the way to regenerate Polish youth.

"There was a time when the creator of National Democratic ideology told the world that there was an international power, and to break their power Jews should be beaten and boycotted.

"Now the Grand Mandarin of the National Democratic Orders says that the Jews have ceased to be an international power. So again, beat and boycott the Jews because they are not powerful enough to retaliate. Whatever you do, beat and boycott the Jews.

"What are we Jews to do? How are we to obtain the money to pay the enormous burdens of taxation that you impose upon us? Things with us are bad, so bad that we can no longer endure them."

There is one other matter, which even at this moment of utter desperation we have the courage to declare, said Deputy Minzberg. It concerns the political relationship towards Jews as citizens, and we say that we will rather have in this respect the lean

years which follow the Pilsudski regime since May 1926, than the fat years which preceded it.

But the Government must realize the economic distress. For no less despairing than the situation of those merchants and artisans who have been ruined is the situation of those merchants and artisans who have still managed to keep their heads above water. The policy of etatism and monopoly of production and trading strangling the whole of the merchant class, and most of all the Jewish merchant class.

What is the attitude of a section of the tax officials towards the ruined taxpayer. Let me illustrate. On a Thursday night, about 4 a.m., a tax official breaks into a Jewish bakery while they are in the midst of baking Chalas for the Sabbath, and levies a distraint for arrears of taxes. He seizes the whole of the flour there, and the business is ruined. This is not a solitary case. It is the system carried on by some tax officials who are ruining industry and trade, and the result is that it hits the Government revenue. How can people go about their work when at any moment all they have may be seized by distraint, and their business ruined?

The only traders who are safe are those who have nothing left to distraint. And the tax offices keep shouting that there isn't enough revenue coming in. How can there be if you destroy the source?

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