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## WIDESPREAD OBSTRUCTION OF JEWISH STORES THROUGHOUT GERMANY; NAZI PICKETS COMPEL CLOSING DOWN OF JEWISH SHOPS

Woolworth Store in Essen Hoists Swastika; Nazis Deny Official Responsibility for Campaign Against Jewish Businesses, Claim Nazi Population Refuses to Tolerate Jewish Shops; Carefully Organized Boycott System. Slogans, Posters, and Leaflets

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, March 9—An apparently concerted attack on Jewish stores and warehouses in many parts of Germany has raged since the beginning of the week.

The most ominous feature of these attacks is the extent to which Nazi Troopers are taking the law into their own hands.

The attacks on the Jewish stores reached a climax on Wednesday when in numerous cities in the industrial areas, particularly in the neighborhood of Essen, many Jewish Department Stores were compelled to close down.

According to the reports circulated by the Berlin Telegraph Union, large detachments of Nazi Storm Troopers prevented buyers entering Jewish stores in Essen. Pickets composed of Nazis stood outside the stores, obstruct-

ing the entrances and calling upon Germans to buy only from Germans. Strong forces of Nazis also appeared at the large Woolworth stores in Essen and attempted to institute a boycott. Thereupon, the management hoisted the Swastika emblem which is regarded in Germany as a symbol of sympathy for the Nazi program.

Apart from the vocal demonstrations outside Jewish shops, there was no disturbance of the peace in Essen, and no violence was used.

All the Jewish shops affected by the pickets closed down and submitted their complaints to the local authorities.

Despite the known fact that the Nazis have, for a long time, carried on an agitation against Jewish stores, the Nazi headquarters in the affected areas have issued a statement to the effect that they have issued no order to their followers to close down the Jewish shops. They add, however, that it is the Nazi population themselves, who refused to tolerate the continued existence of the Jewish businesses. The Nazi communique also expresses commendation for the work of individual

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## Jewish Hotel Attacked

By Nazis in Magdeburg

Italians, Swiss, and Germans Injured in Attack

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

MAGDEBURG, March 9—The Hotel Amsterdam, frequented by Jews, was attacked by five Nazis wearing Nazi emblems, announces the police department here.

Details of the affair show that in the course of the attack, hotel furniture was smashed and four Italians, one Swiss, and three German citizens were taken to hospital with injuries.

## Head of Actors' Association's Employment Agency Expelled

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, March 9—The "Voelischer Beobachter", the organ of the Nazis, reports that the National Actors' Association has expelled the superintendent of the Filmboerse — the Association's employment agency — who is a Jew, on the alleged charge of having given preference to Jews in the allocation of employment.

## "I Am Not A Lover of White Papers," Says British Colonial Minister at Zionist Gathering

Request That England Offer Asylum to German Jews, Made by Colonel Wedgwood

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, March 9—"I am not a lover of White Papers," declared Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Minister for the Colonies, when he addressed the Anglo-Palestine Club this evening at a dinner given in his honor.

He revealed that he had been initiated into Zionist problems and ideals by the late Lord Balfour, and had since taken a keen interest in all that happened in Palestine. Touching on the question of present Palestine prosperity, he said, "Palestine is prosperous, not only relatively by comparison with the world crisis, but even in the absolute sense." He referred, in glowing terms, to the progress of Tel Aviv and of the chemical works on the shores of the Dead Sea.

Of particular importance was the Colonial Minister's declaration, "I believe in deeds and not in words." He concluded with an assurance that he,

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## "Double-Faced Nazi Policy" Pointed Out by "Rundschau"

Assurances for Abroad Not Reproduced in Germany

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, March 9—The "Judische Rundschau," the organ of the German Zionist Federation, calls attention to what it describes as "the double-faced Nazi policy of giving calming assurances abroad, while continuing to tolerate anti-Jewish activities at home." The "Rundschau" cites as examples the case of the Thuringian government's statement which opened with the assurance of protection for the Jews, while the press at home carried only that part of the statement which announced the ban on the Central Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith and cast reflections on its loyalty. It also mentions the fact that while the assurances by Minister Goering to the effect that the Jews of Germany were safe was published abroad, this statement was not reproduced in Germany.

## Drive Against Jews in Prominent Positions Unabated

Agitation in German Law Courts; Dismissals and Leave of Absence in Various Fields

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, March 9—The drive against Jews in prominent positions continues unabated. This afternoon a Nazi storm detachment appeared on the Berlin stock exchange in order to support the demand made by Nazi members of the exchange for the retirement of Dr. Mosler, the president.

In the law courts, too, the campaign against Jewish officials was proceeding with the utmost energy. In the Berlin courts, numerous leaflets were today distributed by Nazi lawyers demanding

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## Story of Jewish Attack On Hitler Untrue, States Breslau Police Department

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BRESLAU, March 9—The police department here has issued the following announcement: "With reference to the report of an alleged contemplated attack on Hitler by a Breslau Jew by the name of Neumann, the authorities concerned are unaware of any such incident."

The official communique goes on to say that as rumors of "the contemplated attack were current in Breslau during Herr Hitler's recent visit here, the authorities duly instituted an investigation into the rumors. It has now been established that the rumor is wholly baseless."

In Jewish quarters here the hope is expressed that this official announcement will finally dispose of a most dangerous rumor which might have had serious consequences for the Jewish population of Breslau and the neighborhood.

## Consternation Over Appointment Of Notorious Anti-Semite

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, March 9—Consternation was raised over the appointment of Dr. Best, author of the notorious Boxheim documents, to the command of the entire police force of Hessen. He has also been appointed Assistant Commissaire for Hessen.

Although it is believed by some that official posts such as these may induce in him a more responsible attitude towards Jewish questions, this hope is not borne out by the campaign against Jewish traders, which is being carried on under the toleration of the authorities.

## Zionist Organization to Help American Travelers in Palestine

Rothenberg Urges Jewish Agency to Prevent "Taking Advantage" of American Tourists Owing to Bank Situation

An offer to American travelers in Palestine to aid them in the present banking situation in this country and to protect their interests if they have checking accounts here or if they have travelers checks was contained in a cable sent today to the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem by Morris Rothenberg, President of the Zionist Organization of America.

Indicating that the Zionist Organization of America is anxious that all American tourists in Palestine shall be protected from possible exploitation because of a misunderstanding in Palestine of the banking status in the United States, Mr. Rothenberg made public here the cablegram addressed to the Jewish Agency headquarters in Palestine.

The "Jewish Daily Bulletin" of March 8th, carried telegraphic advices from Palestine to the effect that several hundred American Jewish tourists who had arrived in Jerusalem this week, were severely handicapped by a shortage of cash. It was added that the Palestine banks had definitely refused to cash American checks.

## Tribute to Henrietta Szold in Current Issue of "Opinion"

This month's "Opinion" pays a graceful tribute to Miss Henrietta Szold on the occasion of her relinquishing her work in Palestine.

"Miss Szold has been far and above the most significant personal contribution of America to the upbuilding of the Jewish Homeland," says the editorial.

"It is testimony to the meaning of Henrietta Szold's influence that has all but ceased to be thought of as only the creator and moving spirit of Hadassah. That she was, and in relation to the beneficent and abiding work of Hadassah she will be remembered.

"In more recent years, Miss Szold pursued still another great task, that of co-ordinating, if not federating the philanthropies of Palestine. This task must not go undone. It must, now that she has left Palestine, find servants touched with something of her patience and consecration and strength. Henrietta Szold leaves behind her in Eretz Israel a record of loftiest devotion to the loftiest ends of her people's life. Her fellow-Jews in our own land will welcome her back with gratitude and reverence as one of the truest and noblest Jewish servants of her age."

Among other features in this month's issue of "Opinion" are: "I fear Hitler," by John Haynes Holmes; "Henri Bergson's Testament: an Interpretation,"

## Attempt to Institute Boycott Against Famous Berlin Store

Firm Stigmatizes as Forgery a Facsimile Letter Published by Nazi Organ

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, March 9—Following the reproduction in the Nazi "Voelksicher Beobachter" of a facsimile letter showing that the Tietz firm had contributed to the Communist election fund, Nazi storm troopers attempted to institute a boycott against the firm this afternoon.

Nazis erected a megaphone outside the famous Jewish department store on the Doehnhofplatz and filled the neighborhood with cries and shouts, calling upon the crowds not to buy from the Jews. The police endeavored to pacify the crowds and to induce the Nazis to disperse.

With reference to the facsimile letter in the "Beobachter," the firm of Tietz has issued a statement stigmatizing the document as a complete fabrication and a forgery.

## Support for Palestine Emigrants, Warsaw, Russian Passover Relief, From Warsaw Communal Funds

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WARSAW, March 9—The Warsaw Community Council has allotted out of the Jewish communal funds, a sum of 25,000 Zlotys for the support of Polish Jews undergoing preparation for settlement in Palestine.

It has also allotted 100,000 Zlotys for Passover relief in Warsaw, and 800 Zlotys for the provision of matzos for Jews in Soviet Russia.

## Drive Against Jews in Prominent Positions Unabated

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the "cleansing of the courts of judges, lawyers, attorneys, and other elements like the Jews Loewenthal, Alsbarg, and Bernard Weiss." The leaflets call for the economic strengthening of the German legal profession by the elimination of Jews.

From Stuttgart the "Nazi Courier" reports that on Wednesday the South German Radio Company prohibited its Jewish employees from entering the radio building. The certificates of employment were also withdrawn from the Jewish manager of the Radio Entertainment Department, Dr. Maier, who was informed that it was inadvisable for him to come to the Radio House any more.

From Breslau, it is reported that Karl Wolff, the internationally famous dramatist, and Engel, the Dresden Opera director—both Jews—were given unlimited leave of absence, a graceful method of dismissal.

"Freud's American Ambassador," a Semitic Silhouette of Dr. A. A. Brill by Henry W. Alexander, and "An Avignonesse Purim," by Cecil Roth.

## Two More Jews Released Without Trial After Arrest For Murder of Grotkowski

One Jew Still in Prison, But Expected to Be Released; Regarded as Complete Unmasking of Baseless Charges

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LVOV, March 9—After three and a half months' imprisonment the two Jews, Sper and Tunc, accused of the murder of the Christian student Grotkowski, were released today without having been put on trial.

Originally, four Jews had been arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the murder. Of the other two, Keller was released in the middle of February, while Katz is still in prison. It is expected that Katz, too, will shortly be released.

It is pointed out here that no charges have even been preferred against the arrested persons, but that this complete lack of evidence did not prevent the widespread agitation against the Jews and the consequent excesses. The general comment is that the whole baselessness of the charge is now completely unmasked.

It was on the night of last November 26-27 that six Christian Polish students were involved in a drunken brawl in which one of them, Jan Grotkowski, received a wound from which he died. This incident was followed by serious anti-Jewish excesses in Lemberg as well as in other parts of Poland where the arrest of the four Jews above referred to, on the charge of complicity in the death of Grotkowski, was used by the anti-Semites as material for pogromist agitation.

## Jewish Veterans' Unions Established in Poland

Bear Jabotinsky's Name, and With Jewish State Program

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WARSAW, March 9—Jewish Veterans' Unions have been established in a number of provincial cities throughout Poland.

This is part of a definite organization which is being initiated in connection with the Polish tour of Vladimir Jabotinsky, President of the Revisionist Organization.

The Unions which bear the name of Jabotinsky, have, as their program, the promotion of the Jewish State in Palestine.

Mr. Jabotinsky's Polish tour is part of an extensive propaganda campaign which opened at the end of February, and is to include Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and the Balkans.

## J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

The Special Palestine Issue of the London "Financial News"

By Our London Correspondent

LONDON—For the first time in its history, the "Financial News" of London, one of the most important and conservative newspapers dealing with finance, has devoted a special number exclusively to the subject of Palestine. This step is in itself a striking tribute to the growing economic importance of the country.

A message from General Sir Arthur Wauchope, High Commissioner for Palestine, which serves as a foreword to the special issue of the "Financial News," says:

"Commercially, Palestine has possibilities which are only beginning to be realized," the High Commissioner says. "The citrus fruit industry expands year by year; the yield of potash from the Dead Sea has begun and is now commercially profitable; electric power is produced by the waters of the Jordan."

"The new harbor at Haifa is one of the finest in the Eastern Mediterranean, and the largest ships will soon be able to use it in all weathers. Haifa, too, will be the terminus of the oil pipeline from Iraq, so that it may well be termed a new gateway to the East."

"All these and other developments," he proceeds, offer great opportunities to British capital and industry, in a country where new factories are being established, where revenue is increasing and where confidence is high. "It is in the hope of binding closer the links which join Palestine with Great Britain and with the Empire that I commend this supplement to all readers of 'The Financial News'."

"One explanation, and one only, will suffice for the inclusion of a special number on Palestine," says the editorial, headed "Prosperous Palestine."

"In a world of depression, of unemployment, of unbalanced budgets, of derelict agriculture and profitless industries, Palestine stands out as an exception. It is a small country—roughly the size of Wales—but it is a prosperous one: and offers, therefore, an expanding market and a growing field for investment at a time when Great Britain, at least, can ignore no country, however small, which will buy its wares."

"The home and the birthplace of three great religions, Palestine has always been a Holy Land to millions of people: and the magnet, therefore, of religious pilgrims and travellers. But its post-war development has now given it an economic importance which is only being slowly recognized. As Sir Arthur Wauchope, the High Commissioner, points out in his introduction to our special number, Haifa will shortly provide a new gateway to the East; and it will strengthen communi-

## Says Definite Assurance Of No Discrimination Against German Jews

British Home Secretary Replies to Suggestion That German Jewish Refugees Be Excluded

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, March 9—Definite assurance that no discrimination will be practised against German Jews desiring to settle in England, was given by the Home Secretary, Sir John Gilmour, in the House of Commons, today, in reply to a question by E. Doran, Conservative member of Parliament for Tottenham.

E. Doran had asked whether the Home Secretary contemplated measures to prevent alien Jews from Germany entering England.

Strong protest against the form of the question, was uttered by G. Buchanan, a Labor member, who objected to the term "alien Jews" as un-Parliamentary. Nevertheless, the Speaker of the House allowed the question to stand in that form.

In his reply, the Home Secretary declared that no disability of any kind would be imposed on immigrants because of their religion or racial origin. He added that the principle governing the administration of immigration was that "England's interests must predominate over other considerations and that the law provided sufficient power for protecting the country against any undesirable influx."

The latter part of E. Doran's question, which was in the form of a threat that "if we are asking for an English Hitler, we shall soon get one," was ignored by the Home Secretary.

## Polish Anti-Semitic Paper Ridicules Board of Deputies

Says Center of Jewish Politics Now in New York

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WARSAW—The center of Jewish world politics has been shifted after the War from London to New York, declares the anti-Semitic "Gazeta Warszawska," in an effort to discredit the Joint Foreign Committee of London. The observation had reference to the recommendation of the Board of Deputies of British Jews to consider the possibility of sending a committee of advisers to Poland to investigate the position of Polish Jewry.

The Joint Foreign Committee, the paper declares, is merely "the relic of an epoch when the center of Jewish world politics was in England. English Jews cannot forget their former hegemony, and retain the semblance of a Jewish embassy. They work through their own people who have seats in the British Government."

cations with a hinterland where British enterprise is already developing new  
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## "I Am Not A Lover of White Papers," Says British Colonial Minister at Zionist Gathering

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on his part, would do all in his power, expressing hope that economic cooperation between the Jews and the Arabs would help to allay mutual political suspicions.

James de Rothschild, who presided, drew attention to the need of security in Palestine. He also touched on the invitation extended by Arab chiefs for Jews to settle in Trans-Jordan, as evidence that Arabs are beginning to acknowledge the beneficent effect of Jewish activities.

Proposing the toast of the "Jewish National Home", Colonel Josiah Wedgwood, M.P., referred to the Jewish position in Germany where nationalism has run amuck. He expressed the hope that England would offer an asylum to the persecuted Jews of Germany, and that Jews in England would extend their support to their stricken Jewish brethren.

Dr. Nahum Sokolow, President of the Jewish Agency told of what he had seen on his recent visit to Palestine and the great progress evident throughout the country. He paid a tribute to the High Commissioner, who, he said, had a good appreciation of the real meaning of the Balfour Declaration. He revealed in the course of his speech that Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister would shortly pay a visit to Palestine.

Lord Melchett described the eagerness of Polish Jews to go to Palestine and the Zionist enthusiasm which he had witnessed during his recent visit to Poland.

A rare speaker at a Zionist gathering was Hannen Swaffer, the well-known English journalist, who humorously invited the Colonial Minister to bring back with him from his proposed visit to Palestine a lesson on how Britain itself should be managed.

## American Jewish Congress

### Executive to Meet on Sunday

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

The National Executive Committee of the American Jewish Congress will meet on Sunday, March 12th, at 2:30 o'clock at the Commodore Hotel.

The meeting has been convened by the Chairman, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, and among those who will participate are Professor Max Winkler, Dr. Samuel Margoshes, Dr. Mordecai Grossman, Abraham Goldberg, Zelig Tygel, Israel N. Thurman, Sidney Jacoby, Charles A. Cowen, Nathan D. Perlman and Bernard S. Deutsch, President of the Congress.

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markets. Sir Robert Waley Cohen and other contributors discuss in greater detail the progress that has been achieved in the citrus industry, in electrification, in the development of mineral resources, in transport and in scientific marketing; and hand in hand with this progress have gone an improved standard of living, the development of home industries, balanced budgets and a sound banking machinery.

"Clearly Palestine offers a market worth watching and worth cultivating. No one pretends that it is an easy market. There are three official languages: and in Jerusalem alone twenty-four different spoken languages. There is a large Europeanized community, and Western ideas are gradually being imposed on indigenous habits of living and working, although the demand is still large for staple commodities of a non-luxury kind. But competition is keen, and there is no room for haphazard salesmen. As with trade, so with finance.

"There is ample scope for investment in agriculture, in building, in the further development of natural resources, and in commerce at favorable rates and with an ample margin of security." But Palestine has no more room for the frenzied financier than for the careless salesmen.

"Still economically a young country, its further development will bring profits only to the careful investor and the inspired and hard-working trader. Fortunately, the prosperity that has come to Palestine in recent times has modified the political differences which two or three years ago led to bloodshed and rioting. Some of the worst economic effects of the political partition of the old Syria have been evaded by the Customs Convention between the new Syria and Palestine.

"In spite of the greater political freedom already granted to less highly developed neighboring communities, no undue haste is being shown in solving the 'algebraical equation governed by a variable'—as the British Mandate has been called—by the imposition of a Legislative Council on a country with an active non-co-operative community. Greater care is being taken of the rights of the Arab fellahin.

"Economic differences still exist in Palestine, as they do elsewhere," the editorial concludes, "and they will continue to exist. But so long as they are a reflection also of economic progress, there is some hope that they will soothe the fears of the more nationalistic Arabs, restrain the fervors of the more challenging Jews, and bring profit to all."

The issue contains a number of articles, including "No Unemployment and no Debts" by Sir Robert Waley Cohen, "Oranges the Staple Export" by Mr. S. Hoofien, "Future of the Citrus Industry" by Mr. S. Tolkowsky and "Progress in Electricity Supply" by Mr. Pinchas Rutenberg.

## Widespread Obstruction Of Jewish Stores Throughout Germany

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Nazis who had effected the closing down of Jewish stores without creating any uproar.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, March 9.—While the appointment of a new police chief at Es and his promise to ensure the opening of the Jewish shops, even under police protection, gives some promise of relief — the contagion continues to spread. Thus, at Bottrop and Muelheim, all Jewish stores have been blockaded by Nazi pickets and have been compelled to close down. There, too, the entrances were obstructed and Nazi crowds stood outside shouting "Don't buy from Jews! Support the German middle-class."

Although, in most cases the Nazis officially disclaim responsibility for the organized action against Jewish stores, it remains a fact that they have perfected special machinery for that purpose. In numerous cities, they publish lists of firms from which Nazis may buy. These lists also carry slogans such as "See to it that Christian Festivals are not desecrated by Jewish knick-knacks"; "Middle-class people, your house burns"; "Join the fight for the salvation of the German middle-class."

In addition, the Nazis are responsible for the distribution of vast numbers of hand-bills and posters with texts calling for boycott of Jewish businesses. In this campaign, the National Socialists have stigmatized department stores as a diabolical Jewish plan to destroy the German middle-class. The effect of this agitation and of the supervision exercised over Nazi purchases is shown by the fact that they even issue a special form in which those accused of having bought from Jews may make a signed declaration denying this fact. There are also forms in which persons who may have charged other Nazis with having bought from Jews, may make an official retraction if their charges are shown to be baseless.

According to the Hamburger "Familienblatt" the boycott of Jewish shops took a serious turn at Bornplatz, where the synagogue as well as numerous Jewish shops were attacked.

The attackers of the synagogue, who were unidentified, demolished all front windows and destroyed framed notice-board. In the same neighborhood, numerous Jewish shops were broken into, and the goods displayed in the windows destroyed and scattered. Uniformed Nazis also penetrated a Jewish house and forced the denizens into the street, when regular police arrived and the Nazis departed.

At Oberhausen the windows of five Jewish shops were smashed. The Committee of the local community who visited the police, was assured that protection would be provided for Jewish citizens.

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