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## STATE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR FULL REPORT ON GERMAN SITUATION FROM U. S. EMBASSY AND CONSULATES FOLLOWING VISIT BY WISE, DEUTSCH

**Dr. Wise Confers with Under-Secretary Phillips on Persecution of German Jewry to Express Deep Indignation of American Jewry on Events in Germany; Appears Before House Immigration Committee as Congressman Dickstein Prepares Resolution Requesting Free Admission of German Relatives of American Citizens: "If I Could Speak to the President of the U.S., I Think I Would Be Justified in Saying Germany Is Not Making It Easier for Americans to Arrange a Composition of the Problems That Lie Between Germany and Ourselves"**

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22—Important action of the United States Government regarding the Jewish situation in Germany, was taken today as a result of representations made to the State Department and other important officials by Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Bernard Deutsch, accompanied by Max Rhoads, Attorney and Washington representative on behalf of the American Jewish Congress at a conference held this afternoon, and which was arranged by Senator Robert F. Wagner with Under-Secretary of State Phillips.

Following the conference with the Under-Secretary, the State Department issued the following official communication to the press:

"The Department has informed the American Embassy at Berlin of the press reports of mistreatment of Jews in Germany. The Department also informed the Embassy of the deep concern these reports are causing in this country. The Department has instructed the Embassy to make, in collaboration with the Consuls, a complete report on the situation."

It is reliably understood that no action had been taken by the Depart-

ment prior to today's conference, as voluntary reports from Ambassador Sackett and the American Consulates indicated that they were already doing all within their power.

The conference was held with Under-Secretary Phillips, who is next in official rank to Secretary of State Hull, who was occupied at a Cabinet meeting.

The conference was arranged by Senator Wagner, who was also to attend, but was prevented from doing so by an emergency meeting of the Banking and Currency Committee regarding the New York bank situation.

Following the conference, which was a lengthy one, and which reviewed the entire situation, Dr. Wise issued the following statement regarding the representations made on behalf of the American Jewish Congress to Under-

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## Bookshops Raided in Berlin Jewish Quarter

**Shops Attacked in Pirmasens; Chain Stores Set on Fire**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, March 22—The official opening of the Reichstag has served to intensify still further the Nazi rowdism and Jewish disquiet in Berlin. A new feature was the Nazi attacks on Jewish bookshops, which has become quite general. In the Grenadierstrasse, the Jewish quarter of Berlin, Gonzers Bookshop was, on the same day, several times raided by Nazis, who entered the shop, upset the shelves and demanded that Hitler's book, "Beim Kampf", be displayed for sale. Subsequently, when Gonzers, the proprietor, pointed out that a number of the Nazis in the shop were actually carrying Hitler's book, he was severely beaten for daring to touch Hitler's book with his "polluted hands". Gonzers was badly injured, though his life is not considered in danger.

At Pirmasens on Monday, the Epage Chain Stores were set on fire and badly damaged. Other shops had their windows smashed.

In connection with the various reports of violence, the Nazi Party announces that it will take the severest measures against members of the Party

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## ADMISSION TO U. S. OF RELATIVES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS, REFUGEES OF GERMAN PERSECUTIONS, DIRECTED IN RESOLUTION BY DICKSTEIN

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

WASHINGTON, March 22—Congressman Dickstein, Chairman of the House Immigration Committee has introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives requesting the Secretary of State to "direct Consuls to disregard the Presidential order of Sept. 8, 1930, and revert to the provisions of the law in force prior to that date in examining applicants for immigration visas."

The resolution points out that the orders issued to Consuls abroad had led to the arbitrary refusal of admission to relatives of American citizens entitled to enter, resulting in the separation of families, in untold hardship, and in the sending of vast sums of American money abroad in order to maintain relatives so excluded.

The resolution further declares that

among those excluded from the United States under the order of September 1930, are also hundreds of children, wives, and parents of American citizens at present subjected to religious and political persecution in Germany, and who have been compelled to take refuge in other parts of the world, although their American families here are well able to protect and care for them. The resolution concludes:

"Be it resolved that the Secretary of State be and hereby is directed to issue certain instructions to Consular officers abroad which will insure complete justice to any applicant for a visa to come to the United States under the immigration laws without regard to the aforesaid Executive order which was issued by the President on the eighth day of September, 1930."

## Polish German Consulate Grants No More Visas to Polish Jews

**Polish Government Lodges Protest,  
J.T.A. Learns**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WARSAW, March 22—The J. T. A. learns from reliable sources that the German Consulate here has discontinued the granting of visas to Polish Jews desiring to proceed to Germany, even on a brief visit. It is understood also that the Polish Government has lodged a protest against this form of discrimination between different classes of Polish citizens, declaring it to be contrary to international law and practice.

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## Movement of Protest Against Hitlerism Gathering Momentum Throughout the United States

### Jewish War Veterans in Protest Parade This Morning; To Be Received by Mayor O'Brien

The protest movement against Hitlerism is gathering momentum with remarkable rapidity throughout the U. S. Hundreds of Jewish organizations and communities in every state in the Union, have in the past few days met and framed resolutions which they had submitted to their representatives at Congress.

The first actual public demonstration in connection with the German situation will be held this morning by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States. A general order has been issued by J. George Fredman, Commander-in-chief of the Organization, calling upon all affiliated branches to concentrate at 10 o'clock this morning at St. Mark's Place for a march to the City Hall, where the Veterans are to be received by Mayor John P. O'Brien, who is to be presented with a scroll, soliciting the Mayor's moral support against the barbarities committed upon Jews in Germany.

Headquarters of the Jewish War Veterans report that hundreds of communications have been received from sympathetic organizations throughout the country, Jewish and non-Jewish, pledging support, and joining in the protest.

The parade, which will proceed via Lafayette Street, will be headed by numerous bands and accompanied by a police escort. No banners other than those of the organization will be permitted.

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secretary of State Phillips.

"We tried to present the situation that obtains today in Germany with respect to its Jewish people. The facts seem incontrovertible. We feel that our Government ought to inform itself fully with regard to the facts. We think it will not be long before our Government will have authentic data with respect to the indignities and outrages on the part of the Hitler Government against the Jews in Germany.

"We take it for granted that while the information may come through our representatives in Germany, the Embassy will not rely on official sources which can hardly be expected to be self-incriminatory. In addition, we are supplying the State Department with information in our possession.

"We made clear to the Department that the leading figures in the intellectual, the literary, and the artistic world of Germany are in hiding; men like Dr. Theodor Wolff, Editor of the "Berliner Tageblatt"; Dr. Georg Bernhard, Editor of the "Vossische Zeitung"; Max Reinhardt, and Alfred Kerr.

"We called to the attention of the State Department the pressure under which we have been to give opportunity for the expression of the deep indignation of American Jewry, a great part of which is included within the American Jewish Congress. I cannot remember Jewry being so wrought up against anything happening to American Jews as the sudden reversion on the part of a great and cultured and liberty-loving people to practices which may mildly be characterized as medieval.

"It isn't Jews alone who feel a sense of indignation and resentment. I have been in touch with some of the most distinguished figures in the Christian life and leadership in America, and within a few days they will express their sympathy with us and American Jewry. Apart from the American people's deep interest in every problem of human relations, we were not the first to have called to the attention of the State Department that at this moment the Government of Germany is doing everything possible in order to make the way of the Administration difficult in dealing with problems of common German-American concern."

Earlier in the day, Dr. Wise made an indictment and protest against Hitler outrages in Congress itself, before the House Immigration Committee, at the invitation of Chairman Dickstein. The Committee was assembled for its first meeting of the present session. Congressman Dickstein had announced to the Committee that he was considering introducing a resolution to admit free of the quota restrictions all German Jews related to American citizens fleeing from persecution in Germany. Dr. Wise said he was opposed to such a bill

because the Hitler Government must understand that the Jewish situation in Germany must be solved in that country and not by asking for special amendments to American immigration laws. However, he informed the Committee that without reference to the German situation, but purely with respect to the general immigration restrictions, he heartily favored and urged the Committee "as part of President Roosevelt's new deal" to take necessary steps for revoking ex-President Hoover's Executive order to American Consulates drastically cutting down issuance of visas to all immigrants. Congressman Dickstein adopted Dr. Wise's suggestion and later introduced in the house a bill in conformity therewith.

Dr. Wise in his address to the Committee said, "I need hardly say to you, as Americans, and as Jews, we are very much disturbed over what seems like nothing less than an attempt, if not physically, to destroy, at least economically, and morally to exterminate the Jewish people, or great numbers of the Jewish people in Germany.

"May I be permitted to point out two things? One is that the present Chancellor of the German Reich, or Republic—and no one seems to know whether it has again become an Empire, or whether it remains a Republic—the present Chancellor of Germany has been a citizen of Germany for a period of one year. He became a citizen by fiat. That is not my business, and perhaps you would say that it is the business of Germany.

"But I wonder whether you happen to know that sixteen or seventeen years ago, Jews celebrated the one thousandth anniversary of the beginning of the written records of Jewish life in Germany. That means, it goes back to 916. That was seventeen years ago.

"Without arguing the case with you, I know how deeply the Chairman of this Committee is disturbed because, apart from everything else, 12,000 Jewish citizens of Germany have lived, served, fought and died each year in Germany for a thousand years.

"I need not point out to you the names of Jews, like Mendelssohn, the greater composer of music; Lasker, Bamberger, Heine, Boerne, Wasserman, a great physician, and Ehrlich, and Albert Einstein, of German birth; all names of men who have made for the enrichment of German culture and the enhancement of worth while values of German life.

"If the Chairman is disturbed, I can sympathize deeply with him, and I am sure you will sympathize with the motivation that lies back of his hope that something may be done to make life a little more tolerable for those who find themselves under the neces-

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## Nazi Group Organized On S. S. "Europa"

Reply to J.T.A. Inquiry by Resident  
Director of North German Lloyd

A Hitlerist cell has been established on the North German Lloyd liner Europa, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns.

The organization recently held a meeting in the New York Hitler headquarters, at 309 East 92nd St., which was well attended, when the Europa docked in New York, according to a report appearing in the March issue of the "Deutscher Beobachter", a National Socialist paper in German published in New York.

Mr. H. Schuengle, Resident Director of the North German Lloyd Line, replying to an inquiry by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, addressed a telegram to the Agency, which states: "Replying to your telegram of even date, the formation of political organizations of any kind on North German Lloyd steamers has always been and is now forbidden by rules of the Company. The Company is not aware of party membership or political views of individual employees of whatever rank or capacity. Considering that our crews represent a cross section of the whole German population, one should expect their political views or affiliations to show distributions among all parties approximately the same as the entire German electorate, as indicated by the election returns."

## Anti-Semitic Disturbances At Vienna University

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

VIENNA, March 22—New anti-Semitic disturbances have broken out in the Technicum of Vienna University today. A number of Jewish students were injured during the outbreak at the Technicum, and others were ejected from the College. The Technicum was eventually closed.

A heavy force of police is guarding the University buildings and the neighborhood.

## Mrs. Ida Ratnoff Dies At Age of Seventy-six

Mrs. Ida Finger Ratnoff, died at the age of seventy-six at the Beth Israel Hospital, where her son, Dr. Nathan Ratnoff is medical director.

She is survived by two other sons, Dr. Hyman L. and Charles Ratnoff, and a daughter, Mrs. Sarah Pomerantz.

For the first time in the history of Allentown, Pa., a Jew was named to head the annual Community Chest campaign.

The honor fell this week to Henry B. Friedman, well known lawyer and president of the Jewish Community Center, who was elected as president of the Community Chest unanimously. He succeeds General Frank D. Barry.

Attorney Friedman has been active in numerous fields in this city.

## Mrs. Roosevelt's Portrait Torn By Nazis in Feuchtwanger Home

Feuchtwanger Refers to "Barbarism as  
Unprecedented Since Thirty  
Years War"

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, March 22—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's portrait, hanging in the study of Feuchtwanger's Berlin house was torn up during the search by Nazis last week, it is revealed in an article by Lion Feuchtwanger published in the London "Evening Standard".

The article which is under the caption of "I Warn Jew-Baiters", describes the situation in Germany "as of a barbarism unprecedented since the Thirty Years War". He throws the entire responsibility on "Hitler and Goering, who have armed 600,000 Nazis and made them believe that they would one day see the heads of people they have been taught to regard as opponents rolling in the dust, and lamp posts decorated with their dead bodies."

## 1,800 Congregations of Union Of Orthodox Congregations to Join Nation-wide Demonstration

At a special meeting of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations held yesterday, William Weiss, the President, presiding, it was decided to "call upon all the 1,800 congregations affiliated with the Union to range themselves behind the protest of the American Jewish Congress on Monday, and to cooperate with the meetings arranged for Monday evening."

They also sent a telegram to Secretary of State Hull, asking that the Executive order of Sept. 8, 1930 be rescinded.

## Further Expulsions and Dismissals in Germany

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, March 22—The expulsion of Jewish officials continues in full force, the Nazi press reports.

At the Moabit Hospital in Berlin, the Jewish doctors as well as the ambulance volunteers have been ejected. Similar expulsions are taking place in the various departments under the Berlin Municipality. Thus, in the Youth and Exhibition Departments, Drs. Lowenstein, Kotoschiner, Behrend and Tolcheoasky, all Jews, have been dismissed from their posts.

At Oels, where the ex-Crown Prince has an estate, all Jewish lawyers were ordered to leave the court building. They were forbidden to enter the building again under threat of arrest.

At Frankfurt, the Nazi Commissioner of the city, has ordered the expulsion of Kronacher, Superintendent of the Variety Theatre, as well as Turnan and Steinberg, respectively Superintendent and Conductor of the Frankfurt opera.

## Gruesome Details of Ferocities in Saxony

Eye-Witness Describes Indignities and  
Tortures

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

PARIS, March 22—The "Pariser Haint", a Yiddish daily published in Paris, reproduces a letter initiated by the writer, who had just arrived from Saxony. The author of the letter says, "What I saw for three days while visiting Chemnitz surpasses imagination. Twenty Jews were, without reason, murderously beaten, then carried off to an unknown spot, where they were kept for two days. Subsequently, several of them were released, after being forced to sign a declaration to the effect that they had been well treated."

The author of the letter goes on to say, "Last Tuesday, other Jews were arrested, dragged through the streets, and compelled to sweep the streets, while surrounding Nazis beat them incessantly. Even greater ferocities were committed at Zwickau, near Chemnitz, where every Jew was arrested and the local Schochet, by the name of Glazer, had his beard set on fire; he died several days later in terrible agony."

The Glazer referred to in the story has a son in Paris by the name of Mottel Glazer, who states that he has received no replies regarding his inquiries touching his father's death, and that all his communications have remained unanswered.

The "Haint" also reports the experiences related to it by a refugee from Breslau, who tells that the Nazis dragged out a shoemaker by the name of Tenenbaum from his shop, tore his coat and braces from him, and compelled him to walk half-naked, holding his trousers with one hand, and a statuette of Hitler in the other. He was also chased through the main squares of the city and made to shout, "Hail Hitler".

The refugee also declares that those Jews are fortunate who do not possess Jewish features; others are confined to

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## Fifty-five Arrested in Raid On Havana Jewish Sport Club

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

HAVANA, March 22—At eleven at night, the special political police here carried out a search of the Jewish Sport Club and arrested fifty-five Jews who happened to be on the premises.

Without any investigation, the arrested persons were escorted to prison and put at the disposition of the military commandant of Havana. In answer to an inquiry by the J.T.A. correspondent, the police declined to give any statement to the press regarding the arrests.

The Jewish Sport Club in Havana was founded three months ago. Its membership consists mainly of young working men.

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sity of escape in Germany. But the question as to the Jews in Germany must be settled without opening any doors outside of Germany. That question must be solved in Germany; the right thing must be done in Germany, by the German Government, and by the German people. And however gracious and hospitable America, England, France or Switzerland may be, the 600,000 Jews in Germany must find their places in the German sun, and be assured of the maintenance of their political, legal, and civil rights.

"I believe it is possible for us, as the neighbors and friends of Germany, to bring such an understanding to the heads of the Government of Germany that they may see that they cannot afford, in the state of the world, suddenly to recur to a mediaeval barbarism in a land which is one of culture and love of liberty."

Congressman Martin Dies of Texas, asked Dr. Wise, "There is one question I would like to ask you which I am sure may be of interest. Do you have definite information that the German Government is preparing to persecute and drive out the Jewish citizens of Germany?"

To this Dr. Wise replied, "I have no definite information that the German Government is preparing to drive out and persecute them, but I have very reliable information that the most ruthless methods of persecution are being practised today in Germany. If the Hitler Government undertakes to curb the Communists or the Marxians, as they call the Socialists, that is a political question. But the Jews are not a political group. The Jews belong to all groups. So I am speaking to you of the Jews. I can only say to you that a large number of the most distinguished Jews in Germany have had to escape from Germany. And Professor Einstein is not going back to Germany."

Congressman Dies further asked: "Is that because of their race, or because of any political activities they have engaged in?"

To which Dr. Wise replied: "These men are not menacing any political activities. Einstein is innocent of any such activities. It is directed against Jews as members of the Jewish race."

Congressman Crowe then asked: "What do you recommend that our Government or our country could do to eliminate those troubles in Germany?"

Dr. Wise replied: "It would seem to me, Mr. Chairman, and gentlemen, in answer to that question that that is a matter which the State Department and the Administration must together very carefully consider."

"If I could speak to the President of the United States, I think I would be justified in saying this to him: Germany is not making it easier for the executive or the legislature by its present conduct; it is not making it easier

for Americans to arrange a composition of the problems that lie between Germany and ourselves, including the whole problem of war debts and reparations because indirectly we are creditors of Germans. I think it would be far more difficult for the Administration to arrange matters and work out a right sort of composition and adjustment as a result of a tremendous uprising of public opinion which I need not tell you is not limited to the Jews of America.

"You will see in tomorrow morning's paper—it came to me from a distinguished Republican, that tomorrow, the Interfaith Committee, made up of all denominations of Protestant Churches, beginning with the Episcopalians and going down to the smallest of the Protestant denominations, will speak out in protest and in indignation against this incredible reversion of Germany today in its barbaric treatment of the Jews. It is simply incredible. One is tempted to believe that the present Government of Germany has ceased to be sane, and it raises all sorts of questions.

"I think the friends of the Administration ought to move on the Administration to warn Germany of the dangers and of the risks which she runs in bedeviling the relations between the German people and our own and lessening the growing good-will of America toward Germany."

Congressman Higgins then inquired: "You are interested only so far as applies to Jews?"

Dr. Wise answered: "No, that would not be accurate. We know the Latin saying 'Ubi bene ibi patria'—Where there is good there is my country. I cannot help feeling, and I have always felt that wherever things are hard with men, there is my country.

"I think if there were no Jew living in Germany, I would feel very deeply over the treatment of the political opponents of the Hitler regime. As to any political moves against non-Nazis, whether Marxians or Communists, it is none of my business.

"But as an American, however, I deeply deplore such a policy toward any subjects of Germany. These Jews are attacked as Jews. Hitler seems to be a German, who, with his lieutenants, and perhaps his lieutenants more than he, are determined to rid Germany of the Jews. Naturally, when 600,000 Jews of the world, 4% of the Jews of the world, are living in Germany, we are greatly aroused."

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who will be proved to have taken part in the attacks. In view of the fact that agitation has in no way subsided in the Nazi press, this announcement has in no way relieved the Jewish anxiety throughout Germany.

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their houses. He said that most of those who are able would have escaped by now, were it not that present restrictions make it impossible to take more than two-hundred marks (\$50) with them. He adds that the Hitlerists are collecting money in the streets, playfully pretending it to be for the building of a road to Palestine.

Among prominent people attacked during the last day or so is a Chassidic rabbi, who has been dangerously injured and taken to the hospital, the J.T.A. learns.

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