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Lord Robert Cecil Rejects Excuse That Atrocities Due to State of Revolution in Germany, Declares Such Events Prove Necessity for National Jewish Existence When Jews Could Intervene in Behalf of Their Own Nationals; Mrs. E. C. Dugdale, Lord Balfour's Niece, Says British Jews Can Arouse World's Moral Opinion; Belgian Statesman Expresses Indignation at German Excesses in Paris Protest Meeting; Canadian Premier Bennett Instructs Representative in London to Prepare Report on German Situation, in Response to Jewish Delegation; Protest Demonstration to Be Held in Mexico

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, March 24—The dedication of the new premises of the Anglo-Palestine Club here, was made the occasion of a powerful protest against the treatment of the Jews in Germany. Lord Robert Cecil, who has held important posts in British Cabinets, and repeatedly represented it at the League of Nations, was the guest of the evening and officiated in the unveiling of a portrait of the late Lord Balfour. Talking on the German situation, he declared that he had been assured that day by the German Ambassador that the reports of atrocities were exaggerated. Moreover, the German Ambassador had added that the disturbances have already ceased. Commenting on this statement, Lord Cecil, addressing the members of the Club, rejected the excuse that the atrocities were due to a state of revolution in Germany, and could be justified by it. He declared that he expected that a cultured nation like the German, would not descend to the depths to which they have actually descended. He went on to say that such things could occur, testified to the

urgent necessity for a national Jewish existence, so that Jews, like England, as a nation, might intervene on behalf of their Jewish nationals when occasion arose. He drew an analogy between the successful British intervention in the case of the four arrested Englishmen in Russia. "In the case of Jews," said Lord Cecil, "Jews would be able to exercise only indirect pressure in such circumstances. Actual corporate Jewish action would be impossible because Jews were of different nationalities and their Jewishness would have to come after their respective citizenships." History had shown that nations which oppressed the Jews,

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Two Jews Brutally Murdered In German Provinces

Anti-Jewish Pamphlets Distributed in Streets; Nurseries, Schools Closed; Dismissals Continue Unabated

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, March 24—The murder of two Jews in the provinces has become known today. They are Oswald Laufer of Wuppertal-Elberfeld, and Otto Selt of Straubing.

Oswald Laufer, 26, was arrested at Wuppertal-Elberfeld, allegedly for his own protection. He was later released from jail, but was followed home from prison and shot down when he was entering his parent's house.

Otto Selt, 46, a cattle dealer in Straubing was dragged out of bed last Wednesday, and spirited away in a motorcar. Subsequently, he was found on the road dead, with two bullet holes in his body and with his skull battered. In neither case have the murderers been discovered.

In Berlin, the anti-Jewish agitation is continuing unabated. Pamphlets, bearing the title, "The Jews Demand Hitler's Murder", are freely sold in the

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OPINION IN LONDON FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENT OF CABINET DICTATORSHIP IN GERMANY

Prospect Seen as None Too Happy Though Not Unrelievedly Gloomy

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, March 24—Opinion here is busy estimating the influence on the position of German Jews, of the new Constitutional situation created by the Enabling Act, which the Reichstag passed yesterday. In particular, informed circles weigh the probable course of Nazi anti-Jewish activities, in view of a state of affairs which is regarded as politically stable, for the time being.

From the Jewish point of view, the passage in Hitler's speech dealing with the State's relation to the German denominations, though it did not refer specifically to the Jews, is considered most important. He declared "in the true Christian confessions, the Government sees the most important factors for the preservation of our individuality as a people. Their rights shall not be touched. . . . The Government will meet all other confessions with objective justice, but will not tolerate that adherence to a certain confession or

membership of a particular race should be interpreted as dispensation from legal obligations or as a license to commit or tolerate crimes."

This passage is taken as referring particularly to Jews and as foreshadowing a definite policy in which members of the Jewish faith and race are to be reduced to a status lower than that of members of the Christian confessions.

Speculation is also rife as to Hitler's intentions with regard to Paragraphs IV and V of the Nazi program, which formed so prominent a feature of the Hitlerist agitation during all the election campaigns. The paragraphs in question are:

"Paragraph IV—Only a member of our people may be a citizen. Only those are regarded as members of our people, as are of German blood, without regard to confession. No Jew can, therefore, be a member of our people."

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Jewish Department Store Owners Expelled from Union

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, March 24—Georg Bernhard, former editor of the "Vossische Zeitung", and one of the Executive Directors of the Union of Proprietors of Department Stores, and his co-Director, G. Bach, both Jews, have been dismissed from their posts, following the resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the Union.

The Union, moreover, passed a resolution dismissing the Executive and replacing it by an Emergency Committee. It also requested Georg Tietz and Zalman Schocken, proprietors of two of the largest department stores in Germany to resign from the organization.

Zalman Schocken is prominent in Zionist activity in Germany.

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Wedgwood Asked MacDonald Regarding Rumored Slaying Of 1,400 in Hamburg

Leaders of Christian Churches in
England Join in Protest; Boycott
Movement Spreads

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, March 24—A rumor that 1,400 persons have been slain by Nazis in Hamburg received wide publicity today as a result of a question put to Premier Ramsay MacDonald by Colonel Josiah Wedgwood. In reply the Premier said that the question would have to be referred to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The press here continues to devote a great deal of space to German excesses, and much sympathy is expressed with Jewish sufferers. In particular, leaders of the Christian Churches have expressed their indignation publicly. Of special importance is the statement made by Archbishop Downey, the Catholic Prelate of Liverpool, who declared: "I, for one, shall do everything in my power to protest against this exaggerated pseudo-nationalism."

Of special significance is the growing movement to boycott German shops in London and German goods. In the East End of London, the Jewish quarter, posters have been pasted up bearing signs "Boycott German Goods." In addition, numbers of Jewish firms have announced the cancellation of orders from Germany.

One of the most impressive protest actions promises to be a delegation representing 100,000 British school-teachers, which proposes to call on the German Ambassador in London in order to express their indignation.

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he proclaimed, concluding his address, soon realized their mistake.

Mr. James de Rothschild, who presided, also described the sufferings of Jews in Germany, a country which they had so well served.

Mrs. E. C. Dugdale, a niece of the late Lord Balfour, urged that British Jews should not imagine that they were unable to exercise sufficient influence to put a stop to the German excesses. On the contrary, British Jews could arouse the world's moral opinion and become a powerful leader in the situation.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

PARIS, March 24—Violent protest and an expression of disgust and indignation was made here by the well-known Socialist leader, M. Emil Vandervelde, formerly Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs and at present a member of the Belgian Cabinet, at a great protest meeting tonight. Deputy Bracke presided.

M. Emil Vandervelde condemned, in powerful language the German excesses. He declared that the Jewish question would be solved on the one hand by giving Jews possibilities of a national existence in Palestine, and by the advent of socialism throughout the world which would make possible peaceful Jewish existence in the Diaspora.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

OTTAWA, March 24—Jewish members of the Canadian House of Commons, S. W. Jacobs, A. A. Heaps and Samuel Factor, waited on the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, Premier and Minister of External Affairs, in connection with the situation in Germany. They asked on behalf of Canadian Jews that steps be taken to ascertain the nature of the mistreatment suffered by German Jews under the Nazi rule.

How to Prevent Hitlerism Spread Subject of Conference Of Christians and Jews

How to forestall spread of Hitleristic hysteria to other countries, entered into the two-day Conference of Christians and Jews including townspeople and college people in Central, Pa., yesterday. Five departments in Bucknell University joined in the two-day parley on religion and social trends. Two rabbis and three ministers were brought in as leaders, and professors joined 400 students in ten sessions of discussion covering March 22nd and 23rd.

A committee of Christian students is preparing a resolution on Nazi accusations and acts of violence against Jews, and this statement is to be sent to the National American Christian Student movement, to the faculty and students in German Universities.

Premier Bennett received the delegation sympathetically and undertook to communicate with Dr. Oscar Skelton, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, who is at present in London, requesting him to prepare a report on the German situation.

The delegation took the view that Germany, being a member of the League of Nations, one of whose functions was the safeguarding of racial and religious rights, it would be appropriate for Canada, as a member of the League, to take action in protection of Jewish rights.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

MEXICO CITY, March 24—Under the auspices of the Zionist Organization here, a protest demonstration has been arranged for March 29, in order to draw public attention to the persecution of Jews in Germany.

This action has been taken by the Zionist Organization in Mexico in response to the urgent requests that have come in from all parts of the country.

Swelling Volume of Protests in United States

Tomorrow's Great Protest Demonstration
at Madison Square Garden

In addition to the list of speakers already announced, headed by former Governor Alfred E. Smith, Bishop William T. Manning, William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, Senator Robert F. Wagner, Bishop Francis J. McConnell of the Council of Federal Churches, the monster protest meeting in Madison Square Garden will be addressed by Governor Herbert H. Lehman. Governor Lehman informed the leaders of the rally that he will deliver a personal address at the meeting if affairs of the state permit, and that in any case, should he be unable to leave the Capitol, he will appear at the Albany protest meeting scheduled for the same evening, where his speech will be transmitted by telephone to New York and rebroadcast at the Madison Square Garden meeting.

The Federation of Hebrew Schools in Greater New York, of which Rabbi Gabriel is Executive Secretary and Isaac Allen is President, has issued a call to all Talmud Torahs and Yeshivas to suspend classes at six o'clock on Monday evening and to march their pupils to their respective assembly halls, where the principals and the teachers will address the children on the dangers threatening their co-religionists in Germany and will together offer prayers to the Almighty for their safety and at the completion of the ceremonies will march in bodies to Madison Square Garden. The Federation com-

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American League for Human Rights Constituted

The Constituting meeting of the American League for Human Rights, was held last night at Hotel Commodore. Dr. Frederick B. Robinson, President of the City College of New York, presided.

Dr. Robinson, in his opening address, outlined the program of the League. Speaking of the objective which the League had set for itself, he said, "It will be the purpose of this League to ascertain the truth, to be the tool of no asceral nor the dupe of any despotic authority, and to set forth clearly the circumstances of systematic disregard of essential human rights."

The meeting also heard a report on the German situation presented by David L. Podell, who outlined the series of events, commencing with the initial agitation of Hitlerism and leading down to the present state of affairs.

A resolution, based on the report, was submitted by Oswald Garrison Villard, publisher of "The Nation".

After the meeting, a symposium on the protection of human rights was broadcast over Station WEVD by Dr. Frederick B. Robinson, Judge Proskauer, and Michael Williams, publisher of the "Commonweal".

Among the members of the Committee of the League are: Dr. Henry Goddard Leach, Roger W. Straus, Father Gillis of the "Catholic World", George Gordon Battle, Professor John Dewey, Felix Frankfurter, Dr. Mary E. Wooley, Simon Bergman, B. W. Huebsch, Jacob Landau, Managing Director of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Emily Greene Balch, and Sarah F. Brandes, Secretary.

The address of the League is at 17 Lexington Avenue.

German Excesses Confirmed in Letter to Embassy Official

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, March 24—The J.T.A. learns that a member of the British Embassy at Berlin, at present in London, today received a private letter from Berlin in which it is pointed out that the atrocities on the Jews are being continued systematically. The letter declares that it is a mistake to confound or to couple the atrocities on Jews with the acts of violence against Socialists or Communists, as most of the Jewish victims are members of the middle class, and because Jews have suffered physical violence to a much greater degree than many of the partisans.

"Berliner Tageblatt" Rumored

Sold to Government

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, March 24—A rumor is persistently current here that the "Berliner Tageblatt" has been sold to the Government. In any case, the name of Theodore Wolff, hitherto Editor-in-Chief, no longer appears in the paper as Editor.

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prises 250 schools and 12 Parochial Schools and Yeshivas with the enrollment of over 60,000 pupils and a staff of over 15,000 teachers.

Final plans for the protest meeting throughout the country were completed at a luncheon at the Hotel Commodore last Thursday evening, convened by the American Jewish Congress. Committees were appointed to take charge of the various activities and to care for the record crowd expected to storm the doors of the Garden. Arrangements have been made for overflow meetings in the vicinity, where the proceedings inside will be relayed by means of loud speakers.

National Federation of Orthodox Congregations Swells Protest

The National Federation of Orthodox Congregations, with a membership of over one thousand congregations throughout the country, will participate in the protest demonstration in Madison Square Garden, Monday, March 27th, and in numerous cities throughout the U. S.

Their resolution reads: "The reported atrocities inflicted upon our fellow-Jews in Germany without any provocation on their part, has shocked the enlightened public opinion of the world. That a cultured people like the Germans should permit such inhuman actions by official and unofficial representatives of the government, was thought impossible.

"Public spirited men of all religions have protested against the injustice and violence toward the Jews in Germany. As Jews, we call upon you to participate in the demonstrations arranged throughout the country, to express the deep indignation of American Jewry. We must stay the hand of destruction."

500 Brith Abraham Lodges to Protest Throughout U. S.

Isidor Apfel, Grand Master of the Independent Order Brith Abraham, the largest Fraternal Order in America, has issued a call to the 500 lodges affiliated with the Order throughout the United States, to participate in protest demonstrations arranged throughout the country, against the wave of anti-Semitism in Germany.

N. Y. and Brooklyn Ministers' Resolution on German Persecution

The New York Board of Jewish Ministers and the Brooklyn Jewish Ministers Association, passed a resolution, expressing dismay and profound sorrow at the reports of outrages against the Jews of Germany. The resolution declares:

"We cannot believe that these excesses against the integral element of the German nation and culture are condoned by the German people. We are, therefore, heartened by the eloquent and forceful appeal by American Christians to the German people to disobey every act or policy which robs Jews of their fundamental human

Chicago Plans Demonstrations To Coincide With New York

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

CHICAGO, March 24—At a meeting attended here by 500 delegates from various Chicago organizations, it was decided against a small minority, to hold a monster protest demonstration next Monday. Though the time and place are to be fixed tomorrow, it is hoped to make the demonstration coincide with that in New York, and arrange for a broadcast from New York of the speeches by Governor Herbert H. Lehman, former Gov. Alfred E. Smith, Mayor O'Brien and others.

A minority at the meeting had proposed that the demonstration should be postponed in order to see if it would be possible to merge it with one which is being planned by non-Jews here.

In the meantime, numbers of influential Jews, non-Jews, and individual organizations are sending messages of protest to officials in Washington.

Among those who have communicated with Washington is Charles West, President of Rogers' Park Civic League, who has urged that the Illinois Senators and Representatives speed up the efforts of the State Department to put an end to the Jew-baiting in Germany. The South Town Hebrew Congregation, too, has wired the State Department requesting intervention on behalf of German Jewry.

rights and fosters discrimination against them."

Rabbi Max Brod is President of the New York Board of Jewish Ministers, and Rabbi Moses J. S. Abels is head of the Brooklyn Jewish Ministers Association.

Protest Meeting at City College

A protest meeting against Hitlerism was held at City College on Thursday afternoon, under the auspices of the Menorah Association.

Morton Gottschall, the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, presided at the meeting. Many prominent professors of the College were present, including Morris Rayfield Cohen, of the Philosophy Department, Edwin Roedder, head of the German department, Prof. Mankiewicz and Prof. A. O. Hansen, both of the Educational department and many other distinguished professors were present.

The main speaker was Rabbi Joshua Goldberg, head of the Astoria Jewish Center.

Rabbinical Assembly Resolution on Nazi Excesses

The Executive Council of the Rabbinical Assembly in America, of which Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan is President, passed a resolution yesterday, expressing horror at the German atrocities, and the fervent hope that the eyes of Germany may be opened to the sins she is committing against herself and the world.

The Rabbinical Assembly of America represents about 300 congregations throughout the United States.

Opinion in London Following Establishment of Cabinet Dictatorship in Germany

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"Paragraph V—Those who are not citizens should reside in Germany only as guests and must be subjected to alien law."

Although the Enabling Act set up an actual Dictatorship in Germany, it is not regarded as creating, as had previously been feared, an actual Nazi Dictatorship in the person of Hitler. On the contrary, there are a number of safeguards in the Enabling Act to which due regard should be paid.

In the first place, the Dictatorship is vested in the Cabinet of eleven members, of which three are Nazis; Hitler, Goering and Frick. The remaining members are either Nationalists or persons directly appointed by President von Hindenburg. The actual majority in the Cabinet is held by followers of Von Papen and Hugenberg.

The chances of any interference with civil and religious rights of Jews are dependent just as much on the attitude of the President and the followers of von Papen and Hugenberg, as they are on those of Hitler. It had previously been hoped that the provision in the Constitution calling for a two-third majority for any law deviating from the Constitution would serve as a sufficient buttress against any law aiming at depriving the Jews of their rights of citizenship, particularly as the combined Hitler and Nationalist parties commanded only 52% of the Reichstag votes.

With the passage of the Enabling Act empowering deviation from the Constitution, however the maintenance of Jewish rights becomes more than

ever dependent upon the goodwill of the President, von Papen, and Hugenberg. In the case of von Papen there is no real record of systematic anti-Semitism, or any avowedly anti-Jewish platform in any of his previous election addresses. It may be said, also, that even Hugenberg, although his party propaganda endeavored at times to compete with that of the Nazis, has not carried the Nationalist credo to the Hitlerist extreme. He has certainly lent himself to anti-Jewish agitation, but he has a reputation for worldliness and discretion, which make it reasonable to anticipate that he may act as a brake on the unbridled anti-Semitism of his Nazi colleagues in the Cabinet.

The place of President von Hindenburg, however, in the new scheme of things in Germany is one of the utmost importance. Article II of the Enabling Act specifically leaves untouched the prerogatives of the President. He thus still retains the right to appoint and dismiss the Chancellor, a power which may prove of extreme value in the case of a Cabinet which is unequally yoked, and in which the Nazis have only three seats. As against this, it is not overlooked that the Enabling Act gives to Hitler the power of issuing decrees which may become effective without the approval or the signature of the President. Much is held to depend upon how this power will operate in actual practice.

On the whole, though opinion here regards the prospect as none too happy for German Jewry, it does not see it as unrelievedly gloomy, or as holding no prospect of resistance to the realization of the Nazi anti-Jewish program.

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streets. The first page of the pamphlet reproduces an article from last week's "Voelkischer Beobachter" alleging that "as Jews compare Hitler with Haman, they are planning to murder Hitler in the same way." It also quotes other passages from the Jewish press in which an analogy is drawn between Hitlerism and the events of Purim, and the downfall of Haman. It is significant that none of the newspapers has hitherto dared to point out the dangerous consequences that must follow from this public incitement and agitation.

Nor is there any diminution in the volume of Jewish expulsions from employment and official positions. The press publishes daily long lists of Jews already dismissed from municipal office, as well as names of Jewish firms enjoying Government contracts and against whom action is being taken by the Government for alleged fraud. It should be mentioned that this practice of accusing non-Nazis abroad has become quite common as a means of agitation, and has even been directed against such personalities as Severing and Bruening.

The press also announces the closing down of Jewish children's nurseries, children's homes and musical schools "until a different spirit is introduced."

Taking as his topic, "The Position of the Jew in the World Today," Mr. Morris Rothenberg, President of the Zionist Organization of America and Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency, will deliver a radio address today over Station WMCA at 12 o'clock noon.

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