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HITLERITE MURDER, TORTURE AND BOYCOTT METHODS TOLD

(By a Staff Correspondent)

BERLIN, April 29—A casual visitor here might easily pass through the city, or even spend two or three days, without remarking anything unusual. Certainly, he would see no excesses, nor would he hear anything tending to suggest that the placid German has during the past few weeks reverted in the eyes of the world to the character portrayed in so many of the War cartoons.

Arriving in Berlin on Good Friday, early morning, I found the streets still asleep. Here and there a solitary policeman lolled and yawned, very much like the policemen of New York or London on a holiday morning.

Friedrichstrasse, with its famous shops and its display of splendor, seemed hardly aware that its signs and the legends posted over its windows had become of interest to the greater part of humanity.

It needed but a few steps, however, to be confronted with something new, something surely a part of the present troubled state of affairs. A shop draped in brown, its windows crowded with strange new uniforms, armulets, bands of black, blue and yellow, revolver pouches, belts and all the paraphernalia of swastibuckling and militarism. All this was so arranged as to radiate from a central point, the single focus out of which it seemed to grow—a large photograph of Adolf Hitler. There were many such shops along the Friedrichstrasse, and in the neighboring side streets.

As the day grew older, and the streets filled with people, one noticed the unusually large proportion of Germans dressed in uniform. Everywhere the brown shirt predominated, some with the dreaded S.A. armulet, members of the Storm Detachments which have been responsible for so much of the physical violence in Germany during the past few weeks.

It was noticeable also, that most of the Brown Shirts were quite young men, some of them mere boys, no more than eighteen or nineteen. On occasion one found Brown Shirts doing duty in the streets side by side with the police and even individually.

It is not easy to pierce down

through the peaceful skin of Berlin. The yellow mediaeval blobs pasted up on April 1st have been removed from the Jewish shops. In the West End and other fashionable quarters where tourists congregate, the insulting anti-Jewish posters have been scraped from the walls and the official poster stations. Occasionally, however, such posters are pasted up in the wrong places by enthusiastic Nazis. Such was the case with a poster around which I found an interested German crowd in the Kurfurstendamm. It was an appeal to German Christian students, calling on them to help cleanse German culture and literature from the Hebraic taint.

Not only in the streets is it difficult to break through the apparently quiet exterior. In private houses and in conversation there is a painful reticence. Men and women are afraid to talk. There is a law prohibiting giving expression to any view or information, true or untrue, which might be regarded as harmful to Germany abroad.

Fear for Families

There are cases of men whose names I am not at liberty to divulge, (Continued on Page 2)

American Jewish Congress Goes On With Parade Plans

Instructions to proceed with plans for a march on May 10 in protest against the Hitlerite anti-Jewish policy in Germany on the occasion of the auto-da-fé of books by Jewish authors which the Nazis will carry on throughout the Reich on that date, were issued yesterday by the American Jewish Congress and other organizations associated with it in the protest movement.

In a statement reiterating its intention to continue its demonstrations against the Jewish policy of the present regime in Germany, the American Jewish Congress declared that it would adhere to this policy despite criticism levelled at it by other Jewish groups.

"The rank and file of our people, millions of them," the statement said, "stand in solid formation behind the policy of public protest and demonstration uttered through the American Jewish Congress."

"In line with the pledge made on April 19 by 1,500 delegates representing 600 Jewish organizations, the American Jewish Congress calls upon their constituencies numbering millions, to continue their preparations for the protest march on May 10. In solid formation American Israel will reply to the calumny of Hitlerism, the degradation of the Jewish people and the discrimination against them," the statement declared.

Proclaim Day of Fast In Orthodox Synagogues

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

PRAGUE, April 29—The first of May, which the Nazi government of Germany has proclaimed a day of celebration and demonstrative rejoicing, has been set aside as a day of fasting and prayer in all Czechoslovakian synagogues by the order of the Orthodox Rabbinate of Pressburg, it was announced today. The services are to be directed against the persecution of Jews in Germany. The rabbis have asked that the prayers of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, be repeated on May 1.

Berlin Brith Trumpledor Severed from World Union

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, April 29—The German unit of the Brith Trumpledor, Revisionist Zionist organization, denies reports of its dissolution. Headquarters here state that the organization has severed its relations with the world union of Brith Trumpledor, and is now an independent Jewish Youth organization.

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Rabbinical Assembly

In 33rd Annual Meeting At Seminary This Week

More than 150 delegates from 75 American and Canadian cities will attend the 33rd annual Rabbinical Assembly Convention of the Jewish Theological Seminary which will open Tuesday morning at the Seminary, 331 West 123rd St. The convention will end next Thursday afternoon.

The session will open in the library of the Teachers' Institute of the Seminary with a message of greeting from Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the Seminary. Additional greetings will be voiced by Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, president of the Rabbinical Assembly and Louis J. Moss, president of the United Synagogue of America.

Rabbi Kaplan will deliver the keynote address of the opening session. This will be followed by a report of the Committee to Study the Type of Organization Needed to Represent American Jewry, rendered by Rabbi Eugene Kohn of Bayonne, N. J., and a report of the Committee on Social Justice by Rabbi Israel Goldstein of Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

Tuesday evening will be devoted to a social program, the principal feature of which will be a concert of Jewish music. Rabbi Abraham Heller of Brooklyn will be chairman of the evening session.

The third session will open Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Rabbi Leon S. Lang of Newark will report as chairman of the Education Committee, to be followed by an address by Rabbi Eugene Kohn on "Objectives in Jewish Education." Discussion on Rabbi Kohn's paper will be led by Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan and Rabbi Arthur H. Neulander.

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who have suffered grievous bodily harm but dare not open their mouths lest their families fall victims to the Nazi terror. I learned also that this pathetic reticence extends even beyond the German borders and that fugitives who have run away from Germany after mishandling by the Nazis are afraid to open their mouths even in such free places as Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Holland and France. Their families have been left behind in Germany and have become veritable hostages under the watchful eyes of Hitler's myrmidons. In many cases the reticence inside Germany has even given place to a curious insistence by victims themselves that there have been no excesses, no attacks, that everything is quiet and peaceful. Many such victims have gone so far as to send cables to their friends abroad asserting that Germany is being maligned. One such instance came to my notice owing to the strange fact that I had come across both sides of the picture. A denial of excesses had reached New York from a Rabbi of the Orthodox Community on the eve of the great Madison Square Garden meeting. Since then I have learned, while in Berlin, that the same Rabbi had actually been attacked by Nazi hooligans and was one of the Jewish deputation forced to sign an official denial of the excesses.

Use Hebrew on Phone

Private citizens, ordinary Jews in trades and professions, avoid a foreigner like the plague, particularly if he has any association with journalism. They politely take your address and promise to telephone, but you learn after a day's stay in Berlin that they tear up your address immediately they leave you, for fear it may be found in their possession. People use the telephone guardedly. Strangely enough, Hebrew has come into its own among those who know the language. More than one acquaintance in Berlin made it a condition of conversing with me on the telephone, that I would use only Hebrew.

Jewish organizations are in a sorry plight. Day by day news comes to them from many quarters of sufferings and injustices. But they dare not even file the information. The offices of the Central Verein, once busy with ringing telephones, are silent. The various relief organizations, such as the ORT and the OZE, finding that they can not function properly in this atmosphere, are preparing to move and transfer their offices to more congenial soil. They have been gagged as effectively as if their throats had been stuffed with cotton wool.

The terror in Germany which ap-

pears to have been systematized, commenced promptly on March 6th, and was part of the searches and attacks made on communists, democrats and Jews. Particularly savage were the attacks on Polish Jews, from whom the passports were taken so as to deprive them of immediate official protection.

Raids on Synagogues, Institutions

There have been a number of raids on synagogues, notably that reported in the J.T.A. report of the raid on the Grenadierstrasse district. The effect has been that Jews in Berlin are now afraid of congregating in their usual haunts and institutions of a public character cannot function as they are afraid of attracting Nazi attention.

Since the prohibition of Kosher slaughter, the orthodox Rabbis have issued a ban against the eating of any meat. The Central Verein and the Gemeinde are attempting to arrange the import of kosher meat from abroad. This will, however, make the meat very dear as there is a tax of 50 pfennig on all imported meat. In addition, the German Government has made it a condition that the business of import of kosher meat should be through a Nazi firm.

At present the Jewish authorities are endeavoring to arrange the import of kosher meat from Lithuania. There is, however, a great deal of Jewish opposition to importing meat so long as the business is compelled to go through a Nazi firm.

Jewish Economic Situation

In individual businesses, Jewish proprietors have in several cases simply been driven out by threats. Such was the case of the large cinema in Kantstrasse. The Nazi cells demand the dismissal of Jewish workers under threat of the arrest of the proprietors.

By now, Jews have been eliminated from most of the businesses in Berlin. This applies equally to the A. E. G. founded by Walter Rathenau's father; the Epage chain stores, the Karstadt stores and the Wertheim stores. Also from the Jewish firms of Leiser, and Michels.

Jews have also now been completely eliminated from all theatres, film undertakings, and music halls.

Marz, the owner of the Scala, the largest music hall in Berlin, left his theatre and fled when he was threatened with death if he did not dismiss his Jewish employees.

I am in a position to confirm, despite all denials, that the old Louis Ulstein was under examination for three hours by Nazis before his death. It is also quite untrue, despite all denials, that his death was due to an operation for gall-

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12 Trumpledor Followers**Arrested for Hurling Eggs
At Ben-Gurion in Riga**
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

RIGA, April 29—Twelve members of the Brith Trumpledor were arrested for hurling stale eggs and other missiles at David Ben-Gurion, Palestine labor leader, upon his arrival at the station here today. A general fracas took place at the station between the members of the Brith Trumpledor, a Revisionist youth organization, and the Zeire Zion, a youth Zionist organization.

One of the eggs struck the eye of a member of the Ben Gurion party. He is reported seriously injured. A member of the attacking Trumpledor group was bloodily beaten by the Zeire Zionists. Police attempting to arrest the Trumpledorites were resisted until reinforcements were called. Twelve of the attacking group were then taken into custody, charged with hooliganism.

David Ben-Gurion is a member of the Executive Committee of the Histadruth, the General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine. A demonstration of Trumpledorites circulation, which has been falling.

Nazi Jail Four Jews**For Atrocity Stories**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, April 29—Prison sentences for several Jews arrested for "spreading atrocity reports" were announced by Nazi courts today. The Hessian court condemned Herr Alzey, a Jewish merchant, to three months imprisonment for saying that a Jewish shop-keeper of Worms, officially announced as a suicide, had in reality been beaten to death by Nazi storm-troopers.

The court declared that the Worms shop-keeper had been taken into "protective custody" and been well-treated by the Nazis, and repeated that his death was a suicide and not a murder.

The Jewish merchant Martinheim was sentenced to fifteen months imprisonment by the Berlin court for having been heard to say that the morgue was packed with Jewish corpses.

Emil Mandelkow, a Jewish newspaper vendor, was given eighteen months in jail for stating that a rabbi died of a beating received from Nazi hands near Schoenhauser, and that he had seen another Jew with the Nazi emblem, the Swastika, branded on his forehead. Mandelkow had also alleged that government authorities had bribed several witnesses of the beating and the branding not to report what they had seen.

Martin Helm, a German Jew, was sentenced to fifteen months imprisonment on the charge of repeating atrocity tales.

**Three State Governors,
Score of Leading Jews on
Chicago Fair Committee**

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

CHICAGO, April 29—The list of honorary chairmen named to the national committee for Jewish Day at the Century of Progress to be held here on July 3, as announced today, reads like a "Who's Who in American Jewry."

The honorary national chairmen are Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the American Jewish Committee; Mrs. Arthur Brin, president, National Council of Jewish Women; Meyer L. Brown, president, Jewish National Workers' Alliance of America; Alfred M. Cohen, president, Independent Order of B'nai B'rith; Bernard S. Deutsch, president, American Jewish Congress; Rabbi Wolf Gold, president, Mizrahi Organization of America; Mrs. Samuel Halperin, president, Hadassah; Abraham Herman, president, HIAS of America; Mrs. Rebecca Kohut, president, World Congress of Jewish Women; Charles P. Kramer, president, National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods; Herbert H. Lehman, governor of New York; Louis Lipsky, chairman, American Palestine Campaign; Judge Julian W. Mack, honorary chairman, American Palestine Campaign; Julius L. Meier, governor of Oregon; Louis J. Moss, president, United Synagogue of America; Rabbi Morris Newfield, president, Central Conference of American Rabbis; Morris Rothenberg, president, Zionist Organization of America; Arthur Seligman, governor of New Mexico; Mrs. Hannah G. Solomon, honorary president, National Council of Jewish Women; Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, president, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods; B. C. Vladeck, president, ORT Reconstruction Fund; Ludwig Vogelstein, chairman executive board, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Felix M. Warburg, honorary chairman, American Palestine Campaign, and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, honorary president, American Jewish Congress.

Professor Kills Self

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

MARBURG, April 29—The name of Professor Hermann Jacobsohn is added to the growing list of martyrs to Nazi anti-Semitism. Prof. Jacobsohn, who held the chair of Indo-Germanic Philology at the University of Marburg, was forced to resign because he was a Jew. As a result, he has become another of the "suicides through force of circumstance" that are growing so frequent among German Jews. He threw himself under a train yesterday. Prof. Jacobsohn was 53 years old.

**Berlin Correspondent
Of 'Morning Journal'
Held On Filing Cable**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, April 29—Samuel Meislish, acting correspondent of the Jewish Morning Journal of New York, was arrested here today two hours after he had filed a cable containing excerpts of a speech by Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, to his paper.

Meislish, who is well known as a journalist and novelist, was taken to an unrevealed place of detention. Since he is legally a "man without a country," and is not a member of the foreign correspondents' association here, there is no one to make representations to the government in his behalf.

The excerpts from the Goebbels speech which Meislish cabled included the statement that the German Jews were proven to have power to have anti-Hitler propaganda and agitation discontinued in the world outside Germany. These portions of his speech were also carried by the larger press associations, but no action has been taken on that account against their correspondents here.

The "Jewish Morning Journal" has appealed to Secretary of State Cordell Hull to intervene in the case, it was said at their offices yesterday.

Noted Editor Dies

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, April 29—Laurie Magnus, a leading critic of literature, director of the publishing house of George Routledge and Sons, Ltd., for many years editor and publisher of the "Jewish Guardian" and until last year editor of the "Jewish Standard," died here last night. He was sixty years old.

Mr. Magnus was the author of numerous literary and historical works, among them "English Literature in its Foreign Relations," "Dictionary of European Literature, 2nd Edition," "The Third Great War in relation to Modern History." He was a member of the Council of the Royal Society of Literature.

Serving in the Royal defence corps throughout the war, he attained the rank of Major, and was twice decorated for valuable services.

At one time Mr. Magnus was the head of the anti-Zionist movement in England, but recently his views on Zionism had considerably changed, and he became a supporter of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Belgian Catholics Assail Nazi Terror

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

ANTWERP, April 29—The racial theory upon which the Hitler program of persecution of the Jews in Germany is allegedly based, was ridiculed today by Camille Haysmans, Lord Mayor of Antwerp, addressing five thousand residents of this city demonstrating against the Nazi Jewish policy.

A promise that the Belgian Government would continue to give favorable consideration to the admission of German Jewish refugees was made by Liberal Deputy Baelde. The Flemish Nationalist leader, Sijmmermans, expressed the solidarity of the Flemings with the persecuted Jews, and speaking for the Catholics, Senator Lebon joined in the protest against the "barbaric violence" of the Nazis which he said is in violation of the Christian spirit. Representatives of all the Belgian political parties participated in the demonstration.

Jewish "Day" Scores Anti-Parade Stand

Severe criticism of the stand taken by the American Jewish Committee and its affiliated organizations regarding the scheduled demonstration for May 10, is made in an editorial in the Jewish daily "The Day", of April 29.

The caption of the editorial is "When Fear Parades as Diplomacy". The leaders of the American Jewish Committee are taken to task for their "policy of fear and silence", and their "back-door diplomacy".

"What do Messrs. Adler and Cohen propose?" the editorial asks. "Silence, and nothing else! They will not succeed. The demonstration will take place in a manner as great, as imposing and as worthy as befits a people that is determined to fight for its very life.

"The voice of the masses will be heard throughout America and will reach Washington where they will have to lend an ear to the voice of the four and a half million Jews in America.

"Not through back-doors do we wish to conduct our diplomacy but openly, freely and courageously as the times and our honor demand."

Limit New Farmers In Bira-Bidjan to 660

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

MOSCOW, April 29—Only 660 Jewish immigrants will be settled in the farm collectives of Bira-Bidjan this year, due to the housing and food shortages in that district, the Far Eastern executive announced today.

Rabbinical Assembly In 33rd Annual Meeting At Seminary This Week

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Rabbi Julius Greenstone of Philadelphia will preside during the third session.

Rabbi Greenstone will deliver a report as chairman of the Committee on Interpretation of Jewish Law during the fourth session Wednesday afternoon. An address on "Jewish Nationalism" by Rabbi Simon Greenberg of Philadelphia will be followed by a general discussion led by Rabbi Ira Eisenstein. Rabbi Morris Silverman will report on the results of a survey conducted by him on the liturgies of the synagogues of this country and Canada. Election of officers for the ensuing year will be the final event of the Wednesday afternoon session, which will be presided over by Rabbi Benjamin Birnbaum.

The fifth session to be held Wednesday evening will consist of a symposium on "Economic Justice" to be participated in by George Soule, editor of The New Republic; Edward L. Bernays, public relations counsel, and Rabbi Israel Goldstein. The members of the rabbinate attending the convention have been asked to bring lay members of their congregations to this session.

The Thursday morning session will open with reports from the treasurer, Rabbi Louis J. Schwefel of New Rochelle; Rabbi Alexander Basel of the Jacob Schiff Center in the Bronx, chairman of the Membership Committee and Rabbi Schwefel and Rabbi Elias Margolis of Mt. Vernon, co-chairmen of the Placement Committee. Additional reports will be rendered by Rabbi Simon Greenberg of the Rabbinical Assembly Committee; Rabbi Leon S. Lang of the Publication Committee and Rabbi Louis Finkelstein for the Seminary and Symposium Volume Committees. Rabbi Moses J. Abels will preside during this session.

During the seventh session Thursday afternoon, the convention will act on the reports and recommendations of the Resolutions and President's Message Committees.

The Rabbinical Assembly is composed of the graduates of the rabbinical department of the Jewish Theological Seminary and has a membership of approximately 350. Its officers are Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, president; Rabbi Elias Margolis, vice-president; Rabbi Louis J. Schwefel, treasurer; Rabbi Israel M. Goldman, recording secretary and Rabbi Henry M. Rosenthal, corresponding secretary.

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stones. Both Louis Ulstein and his son, Heinz, were arrested and interrogated for three hours.

Although no definite law has been promulgated, in practice Jewish businesses are already suffering serious disabilities.

Jewish businesses no longer receive credit from the banks. Demands for taxation which are now being made are executed with the utmost ruthlessness against Jewish concerns. In practice no appeal, postponement or concession is made to Jewish firms.

Jewish firms are compelled under threat to donate to Nazi party funds.

During the past week Nazis, who were raising a fund in honor of Hitler's birthday, concentrated on Jewish stores. In many cases, the same Nazis who stood on guard during the boycott came to the same shops to collect for the Hitler fund.

The goods of Jewish firms are subjected to serious difficulties on the railways.

Can't Collect Debts

In practice Jewish firms cannot collect their debts through the courts.

Day by day scores of Jewish shops exhibit notices announcing that they have passed under new management (German Christian).

In the University

In Berlin University an office of the Nazi Storm Detachment has been opened. Here there are brought Jews who are caught in the university or in the university library.

From April 1 to April 3, many Jews were dragged from the library, brought to the Nazi office in the university and beaten.

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