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All Britain Indignant Against Hitlerism Says Montefiore

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LONDON, May 15—Indignation against the Hitler regime in Germany is not confined to British Jewry but is shared by the British public of all classes and opinions, Leonard Montefiore, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, told members of the Board of Jewish Deputies yesterday afternoon.

"We also enjoy the sympathy of the British Government, but the Government has other problems like disarmament and the World Economic Conference," he pointed out. "Nevertheless, Dr. Alfred Rosenberg realized the universal condemnation of British opinion."

The Archbishop of Canterbury has promised to speak at a public meeting in London if it is arranged as really representative of the country, Mr. Montefiore announced.

He declared the statement that Jewish soldiers in the war and Jews whose sons were killed in battle were exempt from dismissal from their positions in Germany was "pure camouflage. I met men possessing the Iron Cross debarred from the courts by administrative chicanery," he said.

The Joint Foreign Committee, which was organized by the Board of Deputies and the Anglo-Jewish Association to conduct foreign affairs, was urged by Simon Marks,

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League Rejects Pleas

To Aid Silesian Jews

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WARSAW, May 15—The petitions of the parliamentary clubs of Jewish deputies of Poland and Czechoslovakia regarding persecution of the Jews in German Silesia to the League of Nations are not acceptable on formal grounds, it was learned today from the League secretariat at Geneva.

The Polish-German convention which governs in situations arising in the plebiscite areas provides that petitions are to be received only from residents of Silesia and not from foreign organizations.

Jewish political circles expressed themselves as shocked that the League of Nations is not considering the facts of the situation; but only the formalities involved.

Jews Can't Give Shaves Or Sell Cigarettes Under New Nazi Regulations

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, May 15—A plan to expel Jewish barbers and tobacconists from their positions was initiated here today. The move against the Jewish barbers was introduced under the pretext of "hygienic control" giving Nazi commissars both the power and opportunity to shut down "undesirable" shops—meaning Jewish.

At the same time, the Union of Tobacco Retailers resolved to prohibit the trade by Jews of cigars and cigarettes at retail.

A new strike broke out in the offices and plant of the Ullstein firm, one of Germany's greatest newspaper publishing organizations, when a majority of the Jewish employees who had been dismissed on Nazi demands suddenly returned to work because a consultation following their discharge ascertained that,

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Jewish Official Commits Suicide

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

HAIFA, May 15—The Jewish public works official, Vilbushevitch, who was well-known in Jewish youth circles here, has committed suicide. He had been in ill-health for some time.

Jewish Doctors Targets Of Nazi Socializing Aim

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, May 15—Measures to make it altogether impossible for Jewish doctors and dentists to continue in practice were discussed today in the medical press, foreshadowing government intention to "socialize" the medical profession. Under these measures, everybody would be obliged to belong to a sick fund and be treated by doctors retained by the sick funds or at hospitals from which all Jews have been ousted.

If this plan is carried out, not only would all Jewish doctors suffer, but the entire Jewish population also, since the Jewish patient would not be regarded as a welcome visitor at the state-controlled sick fund headquarters or the municipal hospitals.

Six thousand Jewish children are registered in the Berlin Jewish community, whose parents wish Jewish elementary schools organized. The community has submitted an official memorandum to the Government asking permission to open these schools at the expense of the Jewish community. The community received in reply a government order for the submission of a full list of its employees with the various details of their past records, particularly their political activities.

LARGE-SCALE BOYCOTT MOVE AGAINST NAZIS GETS UNDER WAY FOLLOWING CONFERENCE HERE

Plans to organize and concert activities leading to a complete boycott here of products of German manufacture until the Hitler regime in Germany restores the political and civil rights of the Jews of the Reich and "until all the anti-Jewish laws, edicts and policies have been renounced," were under way here yesterday. New York City is being divided into fourteen regional districts, each of which will have a chairman and boycott committee to further the work within its area. A national council, composed of the delegates of the 288 Jewish organizations which were represented Sunday afternoon at the boycott conference called by the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights, will work through trade and industrial groups. The boycott will be conducted along lines similar to

those employed in England by the group headed by Lord Melchett.

Justification of the boycott as a defensive weapon was voiced by Samuel Untermeyer, James W. Gerard, former Ambassador to Germany; former Representative Fiorella H. LaGuardia, Henry T. Hunt, former Mayor of Cincinnati; Col. Morris Mendelsohn, head of the Jewish War Veterans; Louis Lipsky and others who addressed the conference. Jewish leaders who objected to use of the boycott were severely criticized.

"To the few timid, credulous, well-intentioned souls among the American Jews who have no defensive plan whatever to offer but who are unwilling to commit themselves to a boycott," said Mr. Untermeyer, whose appearance was greeted by

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Barbusse to Speak Here Against Hitlerism

Henri Barbusse, world-famous author, editor of L'Humanite and militant pacifist, will visit this country next month to lecture against the Hitler Fascist regime in Germany. His trip will be under the auspices of the American Committee Against Fascist Oppression in Germany which yesterday revealed his forthcoming visit.

"Barbusse is coming here expressly to help focus the attention of America upon the Fascist menace and definitely fix in the minds of the public the horror of Hitlerism," Ella Winter, secretary of the Committee, said.

"Our Committee was organized to help in every possible way all the dissenters from the Nazi rule who have fallen victims to a terrorist campaign of oppression and persecution, as well as to collect and make public the truth about Nazi atrocities and excesses, much of which is trickling through the rigid censorship imposed by the Hitler government.

"The Committee is non-partisan. It protests against the terrorist activities directed against the Jews, the Communists, the Social Democrats, the Reichsbanner, the labor unionists of Germany, in short, against the assaults on all the dissenters from the barbaric Hitler rule, without regard to creed, religion, political belief or race."

Miss Winter also declared that the German author, Thomas Mann, whose books are included among those burned by Nazi students, in Germany, had also been invited to come to America with Barbusse, but that as yet he was uncertain whether he would be able to do so.

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an ovation, "I repeat the question: If not a boycott, what are you going to do? Are you going to sit idly by whilst your brethren in Germany are humiliated, degraded, deprived of their rights of citizenship and kicked out of their professions and employment and left to starve by this Austrian upstart and his band of ruffians?"

"That is not my conception of your right and duty. You are no more peace-loving than the rest of us. The only difference between us is that you lack the will and courage to fight. It is so easy to counsel 'peace', when there is no peace. What you recommend is virtually a counsel of despair and surrender to the most inhuman forces that have dominated government in centuries."

Question of Humanity

Mr. Gerard pointed out that the question now transcends the question of relief for the Jews of Germany and has become a question of humanity and civilization.

"This question that now confronts the world," he said, "is higher than any question of relief. It is a question of humanity and civilization."

"I want you to know from me as a Gentile that there is only one kind of Jew the Gentile despises and that is the Jew that denies that he is a Jew. If I were a Jew, whether a Sephardic or Ashkenazi with all your tradition and history behind you, I'd be damned proud of it. I lived in Germany for four years and I saw during the World War the cold, calculating cruelty of Prussianism and that it was something new, that is, since the old Germany."

Mr. Gerard stressed the need of unity among the Jews and warned that "the important thing is not to make the word Jew synonymous with Communist." He said that Jews would have the support of the rest of the country in their fight against Hitler.

"We are in this fight for humanity," he declared, to cheering from the audience, "but first of all your people will have to hang together. You have to show your power and you have to do it in an economic way. The Gentiles of this country are for you."

He severely criticized some "wealthy American Jews" for sailing on a German ship. "The only good thing about it," he commented, "is that they may convert some of the Germans to humanity."

Boycott a World Service

Both Mr. Gerard and Mr. LaGuardia were roundly cheered and applauded when they insisted the fight against Hitlerism was more than a fight for the protection of a

number of Jews but was an alignment of the forces of civilization against a menace.

Mr. LaGuardia, citing the League of Nations covenant, said that boycott action was provided for there and that effecting a boycott on a national and international scale would "render a great world service."

"I am here not as a Jew, not as a 'goy' but as an American to join in a world movement for the purpose of putting Adolf Hitler out of power," he said. The "American people can by their action protest against this menace to world peace."

It is a question of whether world peace will be destroyed, Mr. LaGuardia said. "There is but one way we can get the people of Germany to realize that we are willing to help them rid themselves of the menace of Hitlerism. While the civilized governments of the world are making up their minds as to what they are going to do about this menace, we are here today to launch a boycott against all German goods. I am sure if this boycott is successful in the United States it will be followed in other countries. This is the first opportunity the peoples of the world themselves have had to smash a menace to world peace. You are fighting for a just cause, for every mother who does not want to see her sons die in another war."

Methods of procedure were discussed by Mr. Untermyer, Jacob de Haas, Dr. S. Margoshes, Dr. A. Coralnick, who opened the conference, Isaac Allen, grand master, Order Sons of Zion, who presided, and others.

Can Be Effective

"This boycott can and must be made so effective that it will strike at the very foundations of the campaign that is being waged against the Jews in Germany," Mr. Untermyer asserted.

"To those of you who are familiar with the records made by the elements now in power in Germany, the books and pamphlets they have written, the speeches they have made in Parliament, and the platform of the Nazi party, it must be apparent that there is nothing left for us in decency, for the preservation of our self-respect and the protection of our brethren who are threatened with annihilation, but to strike back with such lawful weapons and with all the force at our command."

Dr. Margoshes called on Jewish governors and congressmen and others to participate in the fight against Hitlerism. In this struggle,

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Large Palestine Crowds Celebrate Lag Ba'omer

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, May 15—Lag Ba'omer, traditional festival day, was celebrated by large crowds throughout the entire country yesterday, and particularly in Jerusalem. Large banners with inscriptions bearing the reply of the Jewish National Home to the burning of Jewish books in Germany were a feature of the celebration.

Banners were unfurled paraphrasing the biblical story of the burning bush, "The book is in flames but it is not consumed."

Emanuel Neumann, American member of the Palestine executive of the Jewish Agency, in a speech here, declared that "Jewish Palestine welcomes home the spiritual creations of Jewish genius, even those hitherto denied association with the Jewish people."

Clashes in Warsaw

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WARSAW, May 15—Serious clashes resulted here yesterday between Zionist Revisionists and Communists, members of the Jewish Workers party (Bundists) and left-wing Poale Zionists, when members of the latter groups sought to interfere with the Revisionists' parade in honor of Lag Ba'omer, traditional festival day. Several injuries were reported on both sides.

Belgian Jews Petition the League to Aid German Jews

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

ANTWERP, May 15—A petition signed by all the Jewish organizations in Belgium was sent to Geneva today to the League of Nations requesting in the name of Belgian Jewry that the League of Nations take necessary steps to reinstate the Jews of Germany in their full civil rights. A huge mass-meeting was held at Ghent in connection with this petition, the speakers including Louis Pierard, chairman of the Belgian PEN Club, and representative churchmen and statesmen who joined in the demand for League intervention. Three thousand people attended the meeting.

Students Offer Relief

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

PARIS, May 15—The International Student Service Assembly here has voted to engage in widespread relief activities for the dismissed professors and students of German educational institutions. The assembly also voted to continue its traditional policy of combatting anti-Semitism.

German Jewry Inwardly Strengthened by Trials Liberal Organ Declares

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

BERLIN—The Jewish community in Germany has been much strengthened inwardly by the really difficult and historically fateful events of these days, the Juedische-liberal Zeitung, organ of the Federation of Liberal Jews in Germany, writes in the editorial in its current issue, urging the abandonment of the general pessimism about the Jewish situation in Germany.

"We all feel now," it says, "that each of us depends upon the other. With the result that the Jewish community and the Jewish organizations are finding that people who had hitherto stood aloof are offering their services, proud of the fact that they have never exploited their Judaism. There are also many who were baptized, or are the offsprings of mixed marriages, who, whether the fault was their own, or that of their parents, stood altogether outside, and now by no wish of their own, very often against their own wish, are being counted as part of us. Now, when they can find no admission to any other community, they feel themselves compelled to stand together with our Jewish community, and they are becoming active participants in our work. These are all gains which we could not have foreseen.

"We are being badly buffeted spiritually and materially, but we are not cowed, and we are not lost, and we must not abandon hope. We are not without hope. The situation is not without hope.

"This is not merely facile optimism. There is no room nowadays for merely facile optimism. Our situation is unspeakably hard, and a solution of the newly-constituted Jewish question is at the moment not in sight.

"It is true that we are now stronger in numbers, it is true that our common lot has brought us more closely together, but we still do not know what to do to assure our future in a more practical way. There is the danger that if we seek new means of livelihood, we shall find ourselves again concentrated in one or in a few occupations, and that there will again be the outcry against the over-plus of Jewish elements. And what will happen to those who will not be able to make any further use of their previous training?

"We are beset by difficulties and hardships, and there are many trials still in store for us; but we have learnt that things turn out in the long run differently than reason can foresee. History's solution cannot be arranged, but it will come. Jewish fate has always been

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No Discrimination Against Jews by German-Americans

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 15—German-American societies, meeting here yesterday behind closed doors, agreed that the present situation in Germany would not be reflected here in their attitude toward Jews of German extraction. It was agreed that Jews from Germany would be considered as differing from other Germans only by religion.

Professing no attitude toward the Hitler regime, the delegates who yesterday organized a new State Verband of German language societies, also adopted no stand on the anti-Hitler protests which have been carried on in this country.

Very little publicity was given the conference which was held at Liederkrantz Hall under the auspices of the United German Societies of Syracuse. P. K. Heldman, president of the group, presided as chairman. Delegates were present from New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, Utica, Troy, Albany and Binghamton. The next state assembly of the newly-organized state body will be held here in July.

Seaboard Zionist Region Reelects Rabbi Israel

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

NORFOLK, Va., May 15—Rabbi Edward L. Israel of Baltimore was reelected president of the Seaboard Zionist Region which is holding its eleventh annual conference here at the Hotel Monticello.

Morris Rothenberg, president of the Zionist Organization of America, delivered the principal address at the opening sessions of the assembly yesterday. A quota of \$53,000 for the Keren Hayesod, was adopted and important resolutions dealing with national and international Zionist problems were considered.

A meeting protesting Nazi persecution of the Jews in Germany was held last night. Sessions of the conference will continue through today. The Hadassah and Junior Hadassah are holding their conventions simultaneously with the annual Zionist assembly.

"Reb Moishe" Dead in Warsaw

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WARSAW, May 15—Moishe Gershon Feldsten, whose writings were known to a large public, died here today at the age of 55. He was a contributing editor to the Hajnt, Warsaw Yiddish daily, and to Haze-frah, Hebrew publication. Most of his comment and writing was under the pseudonym of "Reb Moishe."

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in accordance with the Government decree regarding civil servants, they belonged to non-dismissible categories such as war veterans and pre-war employees.

The management of the concern welcomed their return gladly since in their absence, there had been a noticeable let-down in the work. The Nazi employees, however, vigorously demanded the departure of the Jewish workers, and when this was not acceded to, they called out a Nazi storm brigade which surrounded the Ullstein offices and forced every Jewish employee to leave. The Ullstein newspapers, consequently, were delayed in reaching the streets.

The Nazi cell is now considering a plan for the Nazification of the Vossische Zeitung and the Frankfurter Zeitung, only two national newspapers in Germany which as yet are not completely under Nazi control. Both papers have been leading Democratic organs.

Says Jews Provoke Attacks

Admitting that uniformed Nazis are still beating up Jews in the streets of Berlin, the Arische Rundschau, a leading Nazi party organ, in a lengthy article, claims these Nazi acts are due to "Jewish provocations". Under the sub-heading "Jews Provoke Our Storm Troops", the paper claims that any Polish Jews who have been beaten by Nazis obtain free tickets to Poland from the Polish consul here. Many Jews, therefore, provoke the Nazis to beat them, in order to avail themselves of this Government service, the paper asserts.

It has lately become a usual occurrence for Eastern Jews, particularly Polish Jews, to behave provocatively in the streets, this paper charges, until Nazi patience is broken down. When the Jews are beaten, they immediately rush "with swollen faces" to the Polish consul where they are given free tickets to Poland.

The paper ignores, of course, that the majority of the Jews who have suffered beatings up at the hands of the Nazis do not escape with swollen faces and that their injuries are usually far more serious. In fact, the paper comes to just the opposite conclusion, saying "the Jews utilize everything to gain a material advantage."

Seek to Raise German Question in Washington

Members of Congress will be asked to raise the question in Washington of protection of the Jews in Germany. It was decided here Sunday by delegates from its lodges to a conference of the Independent Order B'nai Abraham at the Hotel

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solved, and the trials, the measures that appeared to be leading straight to Jewish annihilation turned out in the end to be the instruments and the means for Jewish preservation. We are sure that this will happen also in the present instance. From this we derive our hope, and this conviction will make it possible for us, both individuals and the leaders of the community, to go on with our work, confident that we shall achieve fruitful results."

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who has been prominent in Zionist fund-raising activities, to ask the aid of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, former president of the World Zionist Organization, "in conducting the wider political work ahead." In reply, Nathan Laski declared that the Joint Foreign Committee had consulted Dr. Weizmann several times but that the organization cannot hand him the leadership, which, he said, would be abdication. He said the committee has also been in contact with Lord Reading and Sir Herbert Samuel.

Large-Scale Boycott Move Against Nazis Gets Under Way Here

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he said, everyone would have to take sides. "They will have to be either with us or against us," he exclaimed.

Mr. de Haas declared the struggle was no longer one of aiding or protecting the body of German Jews who, he said, were largely responsible for their own downfall, but of protecting world Jewry against the forces of Hitlerism.

Mr. Allen pointed out that the boycott did not apply to German-Americans resident and doing business here, with whom, he declared, the Jews wish to continue to live in amity, but only against importations from Germany.

United States Senator Royal S. Copeland was unable to deliver a scheduled address but sent a letter expressing his sympathy with the movement. Similar messages were received from Governor Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania, and Jacob Fishman, managing editor of the Jewish Morning Journal.

Pennsylvania. The action was proposed by Israel Apfel, grand master of the fraternity. Max L. Hollander, Nathan D. Perlman, Harris L. Selig and Rabbi Bernard Stolper also addressed the meeting which voted support of the HIAS efforts to aid German Jewish refugees.

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