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Emerson Before Grand Jury Investigating Spanknoebels' Activities in This Country

Colonel Edwin E. Emerson, one time member of the Roosevelt Rough Riders, prisoner of war in Turkey during the World War, creator of the Friends of Germany Movement, and at present correspondent for German newspapers and disseminator of Nazi literature, yesterday was brought before the Federal Grand Jury by George Z. Medalie, United States District Attorney.

While the proceedings were kept secret it is believed that Emerson was questioned regarding his connections with the Hitler Government. His name has been mentioned frequently in connection with the development of Nazi organizations in the United States.

Emerson was a writer for the Continental Times, a journal published in Amsterdam during the World War. The paper was regarded as unfriendly to the allied cause.

Besides Mr. Emerson, five others were called to testify before the Grand Jury in their investigation of Nazi affairs at yesterday's session.

Dr. I. T. Griebel, who resigned as president of the League of Friends of New Germany on Monday, presented a statement to the Grand Jury together with a letter from Heinz Spanknoebel, in which the Nazi agent announced his intended departure from the country despite the fact that a warrant for his arrest had been issued.

Bernard Kleinschmidt, former president of the United German Societies, was literally carried into the examination room in a state of collapse. He was accompanied by his wife and infant daughter. Dr. F. R. Silver described Kleinschmidt as suffering from nervousness and hysteria.

Hans Holterbusch, Carl Nicolai, chairman of the United German Societies, and Deputy Police Inspector George Heinzmann, were called to the hearing.

In the meantime Representative Samuel Dickstein, who is conducting an investigation into Nazi affairs for the House of Representatives, declared yesterday he had ample evi-

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German Jews Seek Solution To Reich Election Dilemma, Leaders Confer with Gov't

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The Reichsvertretung der Deutschen Juden, the All-German Jewish representative body, in a proclamation yesterday urged Jews to vote in the affirmative on the question of the approval of the Hitler foreign policy in the election to be held on November 12.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, Oct. 31—Interested Jewish leaders today approached representatives of the German government, seeking some means to permit German Jews to participate in the Nov. 12 Reichstag elections. At the present time, it would be impossible for Jews to participate since one of the questions asked every prospective voter is whether he approves the government policy. It is obviously impossible for the Jewish citizen to answer this in the affirmative because by so doing he would voice approval of the government policies towards the Jews which have reduced the Jews to a second-class citizenship or worse.

On the other hand, for Jews to abstain from voting and signifying approval of the Nazi regime's policies—since, in this election, the voter has

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German-American Conference To Study Boycott Attack At Meeting Here Tonight

Whether or not the weight of the powerful German-American Conference, composed of 23 federations and more than 300 vereins, will be thrown against the boycott of German goods is expected to be decided at a meeting of the organization tonight at Liederkranz Hall.

In some circles it was believed that the German-American Conference will launch the first important drive against the boycott of German goods in the United States. Allegations have been made that New York public schools are being used by Jewish instructors as a rostrum to propagandize the boycott of Germans and as a pillory upon which to embarrass German pupils before

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Colonial Office Pledges Mandate Observance; Palestine Is Quiet

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

LONDON, Oct. 31—Great Britain will discharge its mandatory duties in Palestine "without fear or favor", but law and order must be preserved, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Colonial Secretary, said today.

The Colonial Secretary spoke very plainly to the people of Palestine in an exchange of messages with the High Commissioner, Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, on the occasion of the opening of the new Haifa harbor.

"There is under the mandate an obligation to facilitate the establishment of a Palestine national home for the Jewish people," Sir Philip said. "At the same time there is an equally definite obligation to safeguard the rights of all the inhabitants of Palestine. Both obligations will most carefully be observed."

Wauchope Has Dictatorial Powers

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31—Palestine remained quiet today under proclamation by Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, the High Commissioner, of the Palestine Order in Council of 1931, vesting in him virtual dictatorial and military power, and under a rigid censorship of the press aimed to prevent publication of inciting inflammatory material.

Under the terms of the Order in Council, the High Commissioner has the widest powers to secure public safety by arresting and deporting offenders against the public peace and also to set up court-martials to try offenders.

Although tension is still high everywhere in Palestine, the day passed off quietly. Sporadic rifle fire was heard in Jerusalem last night where snipers fired on troops stationed on the roofs of government buildings. The troops did not return the fire.

The Old City is being patrolled by troops and shots were heard there. Patrols in the Old City find their work extremely difficult because of the narrowness of the streets.

Chalutzim Crossing Egypt

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German-American Trade Body Protests Boycott

The boycott against German-made products and services was condemned in a resolution made public yesterday by the Board of Trade for German-American Commerce. The executive committee of the organization, which adopted the resolution a week ago, sent copies to President Roosevelt and other federal officials.

Asserting that the boycott menaces the program of the national recovery administration and will act as a "two-edged sword," the resolution emphasizes need for harmonious relations between America and Germany. Figures published since the accession of Hitler to power call attention to the increase of exports and imports in Germany.

"Germany is one of the best buyers of raw materials and manufactured products in the United States," says the resolution. "American investments in Germany which are outstanding are well in excess of \$2,000,000—the payment of interest and amortization of which may be seriously endangered by an extended decrease in German exports."

American Composer Refuses To Direct Berlin Orchestra

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
BERLIN, Oct. 31—The refusal of Werner Janssen, American composer, to act as guest leader of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra in December on account of the Nazi atrocity program, has evoked warning from the management of the orchestra that it will "make trouble" for him. On account of the recent refusal on the part of other famous artists who have declined invitations to appear in Germany, Mr. Janssen's action has caused consternation among musicians here.

Cuzists in New Anti-Jewish Disorders in Roumania

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
BUCHAREST, Roumania, Oct. 31—Anti-Semitic disturbances broke out in Bucharest yesterday in connection with the meeting of the Cuzist congress, which is composed of Roumanian Nationalist, anti-Semitic groups headed by the notorious agitator, Professor Alexander Cuzza.

The Cuzists smashed windows in Jewish shops and molested Jewish passersby on the streets of Bucharest. The police intervened energetically, but the anxiety of the Jewish population continues, in view of the sharp rise of anti-Semitism in Roumania in recent months.

The Roumanian government today announced the dismissal of several high officials, because they collaborated with Nazi agitators.

The conservative daily, Vionta, openly charges that the German propaganda department is responsible for the growth of anti-Semitism in Roumania, lately concentrating its entire activities in this direction.

Three German Jews Ousted

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
BERLIN, Oct. 31—Three noted German Jews have lost their posts. Dr. Ludwig Hollander, vice-president of the Central Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith, was expelled from the German press association. Professor Martin Buber, world famous author, was dismissed from his post at Frankfurt University. Professor Pick, member of the executive of the Berlin Jewish community, was expelled from the librarianship of the Berlin State Library.

New York Hadasah Opens Drive.

The New York Chapter of Hadasah opened its campaign for \$50,000 for medical work in Palestine at a tea at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel yesterday afternoon. Dr. Stephen S. Wise spoke on "A Light in Darkness—Palestine and Germany." Mrs. Herbert H. Lehman is honorary chairman of the Hadasah campaign and Mrs. Samuel Goldstein presided at the meeting.

Education Week Widely Observed

"Jewish Education Week," designated by the Jewish Education Association to stimulate interest in Jewish religious education, was observed at scores of parents meetings throughout the city, according to a statement issued by Bernard Semel, honorary president of the Association. The meetings were held under the auspices of Hebrew schools and congregations and, it is believed, resulted in a substantial increase of registration in the Jewish religious schools.

16 Religious Jews Reported Imprisoned by Russian GPU

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
Orthodox Jewish organizations in the United States yesterday were preparing to take steps in an effort to aid 16 religious Jews in Soviet Russia, now in the hands of the GPU, Russian secret police.

According to a letter received recently by the Chief Rabbi of Vilno, Chaim Ozer Grodzinski, from one of the Jewish communities in Soviet Russia, on which an appeal to orthodox Jews here is based, a group of religious Jews, including three aged rabbis, ten rabbinical students and three Jewish laymen, were seized by the secret police on the charge that they were planning to leave the Soviet Union illegally. The normal punishment for this offense is six months imprisonment, but the sixteen were sentenced to three years imprisonment at hard labor. After being kept in Batum, Georgia, for some time, the entire group has now been sent to Tashkent, Soviet Turkestan, to serve their sentence, according to the report.

Rabbi Grodzinski and the Chief Rabbi of Palestine, A. I. Ha'cohen Kook, appealed to Orthodox American Jewry to save "these men of the Torah from their dreaded exile."

New Boycott Committee Formed in Chicago

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
CHICAGO, Ill. Oct. 31 — Germany's withdrawal from the League of Nations and the disarmament conference indicates that the Nazis are seeking war, according to Salmon O. Levinson, eminent attorney, who addressed a mass meeting in the Douglas Park Auditorium. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a new committee which will foster a boycott of German-made goods.

Other speakers included Norman Thomas, New York City Socialist leader; Rabbi Solomon Goldman and Samuel H. Holland, an attorney, who was named chairman of the boycott committee.

Religious Schools to Aid German Relief Fund

One hundred and fifty Jewish religious schools have already arranged to have special collections on Sunday, Nov. 26, for the benefit of the Jewish youth of Germany, the junior division of the Joint Distribution Committee, announced yesterday. These include the schools of Reform, Orthodox and Conservative congregations in many parts of the country, and it is anticipated that the number of schools participating in this campaign will be greatly increased within the next two weeks.

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their classmates as "offspring of Hitlerites." Some action by the conference is expected on these charges.

During the heat of discussion at the last meeting of the conference, the sentiment of Germans in this country being affected by the boycott of their wares was expressed in an angry vein of feeling against Jewish boycotters, it is learned. A tirade laid down before the Jewish attendants of the meeting dealt with the "persecution" of Germans and Americans of German descent living in this country.

The meeting broke up after it was decided to take a week for consideration of issues involved.

Other questions which will come up for action at tonight's meeting are those dealing with the attitude of the conference during the present crisis brought about by Nazi agents in the United States.

Action Against Propaganda

The conference tonight is to decide whether or not to take action against alleged anti-German propaganda in the United States. Anti-German propaganda, which has taken a sharp rise since the recent flooding of this country with Nazi literature, brought forth a spirited discussion from delegates at the last meeting.

In a series of appeals to the conference, members of the group demanded that they be guided through the present crisis by American principles of democracy. Whether or not all federations embraced by the conference will be obliged to declare loyalty to these American principles will be discussed tonight; and at the same time the problem of bringing into the conference and its American policies all Americans of German descent will arise.

As yet no action has been taken by the organization regarding the United German Societies, which has been judged by many German elements to have enrolled in the Hitlerite cause in the United States. It is believed that the question of the federation's deportment will come up in tonight's discussions. At the close of the last meeting it was said that should the German-American community contemplate holding a German Day celebration, the United German Societies, traditional sponsors of the affair, would be placed in charge of arrangements. It was emphasized, however, that the occasion must be rid of all political elements.

The celebration planned for last Sunday was banned by the mayor on the grounds that the United German Societies planned to make the affair a Nazi fete.

United German Societies Meeting.

Rid of their Nazi agent leaders, the United German Societies met on Monday night at the New York Turnhalle.

During a brief meeting the organization reviewed the events of their former meeting, at which it protested against the mayor's ban on the projected German Day celebration and ousted Bernard and Victor Ridder, publishers of the New Yorker Staats-Zeitung, from their group.

While neither the press nor unauthorized members of the German community were allowed to attend the meeting, it is learned that Mayor O'Brien became the target for a severe denunciation for his "insult to the German community" and that the organization would work to prevent his re-election next week. Those present asserted that the mayor's ban on German Day had caused the German bloc to shift its support to Joseph V. McKee in the mayoralty race.

At the door of the Turnhalle, agents of the American Silver Shirt organization passed out pamphlets calling to their ranks, "all men over eighteen years of age of sound health and not afraid to risk life and limb for country." The action is obviously a bid for unity between the anti-Semitic American Fascist organization and Nazi elements.

Virtually powerless without the guidance of their imported Nazi leaders, the United German Societies found themselves unable to act until new leaders had been elected to the positions held by those who reportedly have left for Germany.

Nazi leaders of the United German Societies were found absent from the meeting whose roll call revealed a sorry tale of disintegration within the United German Societies. Rev. William Popcke, who held the chair at the last stormy session and who made representations for that organization for the celebration of German Day, was not to be seen. He resigned shortly after his request for the celebration had been denied. His withdrawal from the chairmanship of the organization was attributed to his "desire for fair play and lack of racial discrimination."

Following in the footsteps of Rev. Popcke, Dr. Ignatz T. Griebel, head of the League of Friends of New Germany, resigned from his position after he was brought before the Federal Grand Jury on Monday to testify to the activities of Heinz Spanknoebel and the Friends of New Germany. He gave as the reason for his resignation the fact that he was getting "too much publicity for the good of his profession."

Nicolay Temporary Chairman

Carl Nicolay, despite the with-

drawal of his organization, the Gesellschaftsverband, from the United German Societies, was elected temporary chairman of the latter group.

Anticipating trouble, more than a dozen police gathered at the Turnhalle before the meeting but there was no disorder of any sort. The meeting was orderly, and during the half-hour session little argument between delegates arose. The only approach to commotion came when, before the meeting was called to order, members lined the stairways leading to the convention room, closely scrutinized the credentials of all delegates, and firmly ousted all persons without plenary delegate powers. Those ejected from the meeting lingered at the door until adjournment was voted. Among those stopped from entering the meeting was Dr. Fritz Schlesinger, formerly a Jewish delegate and fiery debater, who had challenged the authority of the society to oust him at the last session.

Large Nazi Bloc

The League of Friends of New Germany, a comparatively new group which has succeeded in bringing the United German Societies under their control, sent a large bloc of delegates to the meeting, although without their leaders.

It was learned that the Friends of New Germany have increased in numbers as much as 800 a week during the last year. In as much as one delegate may be sent for every 25 men in organizations composing the United German Societies, it was not long before the Friends of New Germany gained control of the larger federation and "gleichschaltet" it with the policies of their imported Nazi leaders.

No definite information was given the delegates as to the future course of the United German Societies. It is believed that no action will be taken nor will policies of the group be restated until the League of Friends of New Germany has provided itself and the federation with new leaders. For this purpose the Friends of New Germany met last night.

When the United German Societies will meet again was not determined. The Monday meeting adjourned without a day set for reconvening. Members expect to be informed of the next meeting through the mails.

The possibility of holding a belated celebration of a belated German Day was discussed briefly by delegates before and after the meeting. The impression prevailed that any other attempt will be made to hold the fest with the German Singing Society sponsoring it.

Cadman Urges Catholics And Protestants to Defend Persecuted German Jews

A plea for an official proclamation that should be issued by Catholicism and Protestantism in defence of "persecuted Jewish brethren" in Germany was made by the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, of the Federal Churches of Christ in America and pastor of the Congregational Church in Brooklyn, in an address at a meeting of the Christian Ministers Federation of the Metropolitan Area Monday.

"No amount of our enthusiasm for the Jew will serve us unless we organize for the purposes which are at stake," he said. "It is the duty of every Christian pastor, Catholic priest and Jewish rabbi to take civilization to heart in its deeper unity in the realm of the holy spirit."

Dr. Cadman said that anti-Jewish atrocities are a negation of God. He called German churches "mere agencies of the State's political organization." He said that unless persecution of minority peoples ceases, the results to mankind will be "plainly disastrous."

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no other course—spells danger for them since refraining from voting would label them as enemies of the present government. This would be especially dangerous in the provinces, where failure to vote could be easily traced.

While the Jews of Berlin will be left to decide for themselves what course to pursue in connection with the approaching plebiscite, some of the Jewish leaders are concerned over the predicament of the Jews in the provinces and are seeking to find a solution for them.

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South African Govt. Urged To Check Hair-Dresser's New Nazi Organization

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

CAPETOWN, Union of South Africa, Oct. 31—Unanimous condemnation by the press greeted the first anti-Semitic Nazi meeting here. The meeting was organized by a hair-dresser named Weicherdt and voted to form the South African Gentile Nazi Association.

The South African government is being urged by Jewish leaders to step in to prohibit the influx of propagandist pernicious literature brought in on German ships.

It is also being urged to take some action in regard to the many underground Nazi organizations established in Johannesburg and elsewhere, which are attempting to spread anti-Semitism.

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hundred Jews proceeding to Palestine to settle there, were permitted today to debark from the Gdynia-America liner Polonia at Port Said and proceed to Palestine overland.

Most of the passengers on the vessel, which makes the run from Constanza to Haifa, Palestine, are from Poland. The ship had been ordered to anchor at Port Said instead of Haifa by the Palestine authorities who feared that the landing of a large number of Jewish immigrants at Haifa, which was the scene of Arab rioting Saturday, would lead to new disorders.

The Egyptian government had refused to permit the Palestine immigrants to debark at Port Said for two days until, today, it received the assurances of the Palestine government that all of the party would be admitted to Palestine and would not remain on the hands of the Egyptian government.

McKee Prejudice Charges Deplored by Bronx Jews

Mayorality candidate Joseph V. McKee was absolved from charges of religious prejudice which have been his bugaboo for three weeks, by a memorial bearing the signatures of eighty-six leading Jewish residents of the Bronx.

The signers declared they are "aghast at the spectacle of this unspeakable attempt to besmirch the good name" of Mr. McKee.

Carl M. Loeb, former president of the American Metal Company, in a letter to the McKee campaign committee, said: "I hope that New Yorkers of the Jewish faith in casting their vote at the coming election will permit no consideration other than fitness for the office."

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dence of German merchant seamen distributing Nazi propaganda in the United States. He said this literature attacked the United States Government.

"I have learned that German seamen during their stay in port and during periods of sixty days leave of absence have been sent ashore in the United States for the purpose of winning sympathy for Hitler. They have gone so far as to threaten German Americans with violence if they do not subject themselves to Nazi politics," the representative said.

Representative Dickstein said he has definite information to the effect that Heinz Spanknoebel left the United States for Canada and that during the last two days six of the men about whom he has information have left the country for Germany.

Offices of the Hamburg American and North German Lloyd lines yesterday denied that they were active in Nazi conspiracy and that they had dismissed Jewish employees.

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