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Impartiality an Offence with German Judges.

Official instructions to German judges which would prevent them from giving impartial judgments in cases in which Jews are involved, were made public by the "National-Socialistische Parteikorrespondenz."

The instructions were issued by Reichsminister Frank, head of the legal section of the Nazi Party, at a conference of judges and jurists held here. The conference had been called "for the purpose of erecting a protective barrier against false and anti-Nazi interpretations of the independence of a judge in the Third Reich."

Issued as "a line of guidance" to judges, the instructions provide that "the basis of judgments henceforth issued by the courts in the Reich should be founded on the Nazi viewpoint as formulated by the Nazi Party programme and as expressed by the Fuehrer in public utterances." They further provide that verdicts should not be issued on the basis of legal precedents established before the Nazi revolution, if the application of these precedents would be tantamount to a rebuke to the "present healthy sensitiveness of the German people."

New Measure Against Jews of Foreign Citizenship.

A new measure directed against Jews of foreign citizenship in the Reich was taken in spite of the energetic protests foreign diplomatic representatives have made in connection with other discriminatory decrees affecting their Jewish nationals.

An order was issued by one of the departments of the Ministry of Propaganda, instructing Jews of foreign citizenship owning printing plants or publishing houses in the Reich either to liquidate their enterprises or to sell them to "Aryans" of German citizenship.

The order is similar to those issued by the Reich Chamber of Culture, which forced all Jews in the Reich to dispose of cinema houses, book stores and lending libraries. Among the presses affected by this order are plants with inventories valued at over a quarter million marks. Some of the publishing houses affected by the order have an international reputation, others are widely known for their scientific publications.

Urgent representations made to the authorities by foreign consulates whose citizens are directly affected by the new order elicited the reply from the Nazi authorities that the laws against Jews must be applied to all the Jews in the Reich without regard whether they are German or foreign.

Aroused by discriminations against the Jewish citizens which are being extended into commerce, diplomatic representatives of countries which have manifested their desire to protect the interests of their Jewish citizens in Germany are now considering measures how to force the German Government at least to permit foreign Jews affected by Nazi measures to take their capital out of the Reich after the forced liquidation of their enterprises.

Position of Jewish Commercial Travellers.

Permitted to use their own discretion as to whether or not to renew the licences of Jewish commercial travellers for the new year, German police authorities are now compromising between the order they received from the Ministry of the Interior not to renew the licences and the internal instructions given to them by the Ministry of Economics, to place no difficulty in the way of Jewish salesmen in the question of renewal of licences.

A survey made by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in Berlin discloses that the police authorities have so far been renewing the licences of those Jewish salesmen who have a clear police record, but refuse to issue licences for 1936 to those who have been sentenced even to the smallest fine. This includes fines for exceeding the speed limit, or for any similar offence. About 1,000 Jewish commercial travellers have been refused licences for 1936 on these grounds in Berlin alone. In the provinces the same policy of compromise is being followed by the police authorities, except in Franconia, Herr Streicher's territory, where Dr. Schacht's order is absolutely ignored.

Stern Conservatory of Music Taken Over by City of Berlin.

The well-known Stern Conservatory of Music, a Jewish school which has existed for eighty-five years, passed into the ownership of the City of Berlin, according to an order issued by Dr. Lippert, Nazi Commissar for Berlin.

The Conservatory has been under the supervision of a Nazi Commissar for the last six months. It went on employing Jewish instructors however and accepting Jewish students, because it was considered a Jewish institution. At a recent meeting of "Aryan" music teachers and students, however, it was demanded that this institutions should be "Aryanised" "for the sake of Germany's younger generation."

Training of Youth for Settlement in South America

With the movement for emigration to South American countries steadily gaining impetus among the Jews in Germany, a conference of leading central Jewish organisations here has decided to start the training of Jewish youth for emigration and settlement in South America along the same lines as the Hachshara training of youth for Palestine settlement.

The conference decided to establish a model farm and a model artisans' training centre at which the first 125 Jewish youth will be trained for agricultural work and artisanship adapted to the requirements of South American countries.

Upon completion of training, these youths will be assisted by the Jewish Colonisation Association (Ica), the Hilfsverein der Juden in Deutschland and other Jewish organisations to settle in the Argentine, Brazil and other South American lands as qualified immigrants.

Advertising Agencies Not Under Propaganda Ministry

The Ministry of Economics scored one of its infrequent victories over the Ministry of Propaganda, when it was decided that advertising agencies in the Reich are no longer to be under the supervision of the Propaganda Ministry as an affiliated branch of the press, but are to be under the supervision of the Ministry of Economics as purely commercial enterprises.

This decision automatically cancels the order of the Ministry of Propaganda under which Jews who owned advertising agencies were to transfer their concerns to "Aryans," as Jewish book-sellers and cinema proprietors were compelled to do.

Addressing the Chamber of Commerce and Industry at Stettin on the occasion of the inauguration of the Chamber of Economics for Pomerania, Dr. Schacht expressed himself strongly against "the theoretical differences of opinion which exist regarding the position of Jews in commerce between himself and the Nazi extremists.

"There is only one economic policy in Germany, which every German must obey," he declared. He emphasised that the opposition of some Nazis towards his toleration of Jews in commerce "is creating the impression abroad that there exist views in opposition to the Fuehrer and his collaborators."

Ban Against Jewish Accountants.

An order eliminating Jewish accountants from German business life was issued here by the Ministry of Finance. The order prohibits Jews to act as accountants on the ground that only "reliable elements" of the population may act as comptrollers in matters concerning taxes.

According to official data, there are about five hundred licensed accountants of Jewish origin in the Reich.

Dr. Adler-Rudel Deported.

No stay in the order of deportation of Dr. S. Adler-Rudel, head of the emigration department of the Hilfsverein der Juden in Deutschland, having been granted, Dr. Adler-Rudel left Germany.

Dr. Adler-Rudel had resided in Germany for many years and had been an active figure in German-Jewish social welfare work. He intends to settle in Palestine.—J.T.A.

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